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## ONE DAY EACH WEEK MUST GO TO PAY TAXES

Babson Says There is No Way of Dodging Burden Now Upon World

### ONE SIXTH TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED

Evading Tax Collector Will Prevent Anyone From Paying Because Taxation is Now in the Overhead.

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass., Jan. 6. (Special).—How much of your productive time during 1922 was used in paying taxes?

Roger Babson, the statistician answered the question, today, in a statement that shows the equivalent of one day each week spent to meet the direct and indirect taxes that nation, state, county and city levy. "One hour and twenty minutes of each business day—or one entire day a week—is demanded of every able-bodied person in the United States to maintain government," says Mr. Babson. "That is the lesson of a recent analysis showing that one-sixth of our national income goes for taxes, federal, state and local. The amount divides almost equally between national taxation and the expenditure for state and local purposes. The question is not, therefore, one of any particular party politics.

#### Costly Method.

"This habit of getting the government to do something about it" is one of the most costly and wasteful ideas that we Americans have developed. It has grown upon us since the war. We became accustomed to things then that would not have had consideration before. Now we are exceeded by one nation only, Great Britain, in our cost of being governed. There the "unemployment doles" and other legislation put forward by a stronger labor vote have exceeded anything attempted here as yet. But this tendency must be checked abruptly if American business is to survive in the competition which it faces over the next five to ten years.

"Because any one individual does not see the tax collector, he thinks perhaps that he does not pay, but he does pay just the same. Taxation costs represent all items of overhead in everything that any one buys, consumes or uses in process of working up to a finished product. The tax burden is inevitable. There are a certain number of potential labor hours represented in the individuals making up any community. The number of these labor hours which it takes to protect his property, make safe his home and educate his children are just so much taken away from the possibility of establishing that surplus of wealth upon which the community thrives.

#### Same as Road Work.

"The truth of this situation was perfectly clear in the old days when every man in the community was called on for five days' work on the roads a year in lieu of taxes and when the 'night-watch' was maintained by periodic service of the townsmen. How would you like to go out and patrol a police beat one day each week, year in and year out? Or how would you like to take your turn as a member of the fire department one day in every six? This would be our lot if we paid our taxes in the old way today. Or, applying it to road work—nearly sixty days' service on the roads would be required instead of five.

"What wonder living costs are high when this toll comes out ahead of the productive capacity for benefit of the community. The actual taxation does not tell the whole story. Costs of collection, particularly under our system of Federal taxation, sometimes treble the amount actually received by the government. Any move to restore excess profit taxes or special classified levies on trade is bound to make the situation worse.

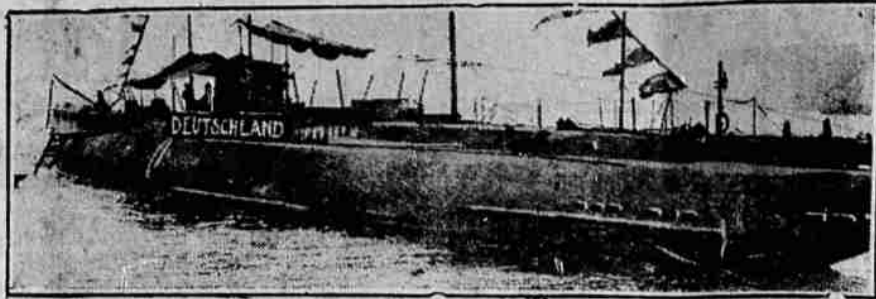
#### Fads Cost Money.

"We should be able to make the people understand that fads and frills all cost money. It is all right to be progressive in our ideas but it is not right to be progressive in our ideas but it is not always true that 'progressive' legislation means an improvement over the old way of tending to our business at home. The country was swept by the cry for 'more business in government' and 'less government in business.' We have not as yet succeeded in edging government very far toward the door of the business office.

"A step toward remedying the condition of burdensome taxation which now hampers business would be to let everybody know when they are paying taxes and how much."

General business as reflected in the index of the Hulsehart shows activity at 1 per cent below normal—an improvement of 1 per cent over last week.

## Famous Deutschland Sold for \$800



The historic submarine which eluded the blockade and reached America has just been sold at auction in London for \$800 to a French concern which will use it for exhibition purposes.

## BAKER COUNTY AGENT COMING

BAKER, Jan. 6.—County Judge Dodson today received the following wire from Paul V. Mavis, director of the state extension service. "W. L. Kaddery, assistant county agent leader, will arrive in Baker Saturday, with Paul Carpenter, selected to fill the position of county agent in Baker county." The county judge and commissioners, who previously expressed their disapproval of the county agent plan, were unanimous in saying that they intended to assist in every way possible and sincerely hoped Mr. Carpenter would accomplish much for the county.

The county court announced that the Lockhart-McEwen section of the Sumpter market road, was complete at a total cost of \$88,029.56, of which \$51,692.78 was paid for yardage removal; \$11,497.79 was paid for engineering, right of ways, and damages to the Sumpter Valley railroad. \$24,838.99 was paid by the United States Fidelity & Guaranty company. The county court today completed the contract with the fidelity company and announced that the dealing with G. B. Eckles, manager of the company, had been of a most satisfactory nature.

**PENDLETON HOOP SCHEDULE**  
Jan. 26—The Dalles at The Dalles.  
Jan. 27—Hood River at Hood River.  
Feb. 2—Walla Walla at Pendleton.  
Feb. 7—Athena at Athena.  
Feb. 9—Milton at Milton.  
Feb. 10—La Grande at Pendleton.  
Feb. 16—Walla Walla at Walla Walla.  
Feb. 17—Athena at Pendleton.  
Feb. 24—La Grande at La Grande.  
March 2—Athena at Pendleton.  
March 9—Milton at Pendleton.

### DADDY'S CAR

By "Bat"

If you hear an awful smash,  
—It's Daddy's car;  
If you hear a frightful crash,  
—It's Daddy's car;  
In the alley, drive or street,  
It's not safe upon its feet—  
Other cars are bound to meet  
—Daddy's car.  
If you'd be right up to date,  
—Bump Daddy's car;  
If your car will not steer straight,  
—Bump Daddy's car;  
Jam his fenders—that's the fashion,  
Rub his paint off—then dash on,  
It's destruction is the ruling passion,  
—Daddy's car.

Rufus Ward, 46, a bachelor, whose home was near New Plymouth, died recently at a hospital in Ontario of a mysterious form of rabies, the origin of which is not known. He suffered greatly and barked like a dog.

## FRANKIE DEAN WILL BATTLE ALLIE NELSON

Pueblo Lightweight to Appear Against Boise Man on Boxing Card Here Next Thursday.

One of the fastest lightweight cards that Eastern Oregon has seen in some time will be presented to the fans of La Grande by the boxing commission at the Eagles hall on Thursday night, January 11. Allie Nelson, of Boise, and Frankie Dean, of Pueblo, Colorado, will be the punchers in question, both men being near the top in their class. Manager Ford promises an even better card than the one held Thursday evening, which was acknowledged by local fight followers as being a "cracker jack."



FRANKIE DEAN

Frankie Dean is there with the hills and an ample proof a western sports writer declares that he "can step with any 135 pounder on the coast." He appeared against Lee Morrissey, who K. O'd Sailor Manning here Thursday night, in Boise recently and the match resulted in a ten round draw. Dean claims a record of 60 fights with seven lost decisions, in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah principally. He has appeared on major events in the larger cities in the west many times and has met with approval from the ringside wherever he goes.

Allie Nelson, of Boise, Neils Fast Man, is known throughout the north-

west as a game, hard hitting wielder of the gloves. Like Dean, his record contains many fights with very few defeats. Both boys are credited with plenty of knockouts and after Dean's showing against Morrissey in the Idaho capitol city, fans throughout the Inland Empire are hoping to see him in action.

The semi-final and preliminaries for Thursday's event has not been announced to date but Manager Ford promises that they will be good.

**SPORTSMEN INVITE PIERCE**  
MEDFORD, Jan. 6.—Governor Pierce has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the Jackson County Game Protective association at its annual spring meeting and banquet here February 2. The association has sent invitations to prominent sportsmen and those interested in game protection in the state. Managers of the state game commission and the state game warden will also attend.

**HEN MAKES RECORD**  
ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—Union scales and regulations are unknown to a White Leghorn pullet which recently laid 29 eggs in 25 days in a trap nest during the later part of December. Why the hen selected Christmas day for the extra breakfast "fruit" is not known. One egg was found in the nest that morning and another in the evening. The ambitious fowl is the property of Mrs. W. D. Booth.

**MUSIC**  
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## GROCERY STOCK TO BE REMOVED

UNION, Jan. 6.—Frank Connor is putting on a special January sale in his cash store, Connor's Inc. A Portland sales company is handling the sale. All his grocery department is being transferred to the Union Cash Grocery which establishment recently bought out his stock of groceries and at the same time sold out to Connor their dry goods. Hereafter the Cash Grocery will handle only groceries while Connor will confine his trade entirely to the dry goods department. Union was quiet during the holidays. Most of the business houses

were doing their invoicing and getting ready for the spring trade. Miss Eula Watkins returned Sunday from Alice to be on hand for the opening of the schools Tuesday morning. A watch party was held in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. The Epworth League services were held at nine, the regular preaching at ten and after having lunch and waiting for the midnight hour to ring in the New Year, the young and older people went home. Mrs. Ray Duncan's little boy, who has been ill for several days with a case of pneumonia, is reported as much better at this time. The local fire department held a New Year's night dance at Smith's hall. All the proceeds above necessary expenses were donated to the gymnasium fund. Mrs. Fred Fox, who was recently taken to Hot Lake for an operation, was brought home last week and is

rapidly regaining her health and strength. Victor Morgan who has been employed on the experiment farm is crating his furniture preparatory to moving to the Willamette valley to make his home. Mr. Morgan and family will start for their new home the latter part of this week. Beginning with the new year users of the city water in Union will pay the advanced rate per month. The city dads raised the rate from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per month. As this is a flat rate with no meters the new rate is not really any higher than in La Grande taking a whole year as a basis of comparison.

### HIS BOOKMARK

Teacher—"Tommy, how far have you studied?"  
Tommy—"Just as far as the book is dirty."

## JOINT RECITAL

Emil Eyer and Umberto Martucci  
Tenor Pianist and Accompanist

Emil Eyer

Possesses a pure tenor voice of beautiful quality and a wide range, and sings with expression and true interpretative power. Special mention may well be made of his diction in English, French, Italian and German, each word carrying its own signification.—New York Tribune.

Umberto Martucci

At the Piano, gives a rare exhibition of faultless technique, combined with that soulful interpretation of his art which ever characterizes the musicians of musically historic race. He has accompanied many of the noted singers, a few of which are Mme. Matzenauer, Hempel and Alex. Bonci, and everywhere his work has been most favorably received.—New York Herald.

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