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ETERNAL PROTECTION:—The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.—Psalm 121:8.

## The Way to Reduce is to Reduce

(By Theodore McCusker, Portland)

S. B. 59—Dennis. This bill is evidently based on the theory advanced by John Sherman when secretary of the treasury during the time that there was more or less rag-chewing about the resumption of specie payment. When the matter was put up to him, his laconic reply was: "The way to resume is to resume," and so it proved.

The legislative atmosphere hereabouts has been surcharged and disturbed with theories for consolidation having in view the sole (?) purpose of decreasing taxes, and practically the entire legislature, as well as the governor, have pledged themselves to reduce taxation.

Senator Dennis has gone directly to the heart of the situation and has in substance reiterated the famous and practical utterance of Secretary Sherman by saying: "The way to reduce is to reduce."

There is no use taking into consideration the delicate feelings of the office holder, who invariably insists that owing to increased business and increased cost of high living, his budget must be increased.

When industrial depression hits the business man, he has no option but to trim his overhead accordingly.

The official that cannot adopt his affairs to the reduced levy has the alternative of resigning, and as the state has always managed to exist under all conditions, it no doubt will survive his exit.

Pass this bill and its provisions will force a better consolidation than can be made by theoretical altruism. Remember, the way to reduce Taxes is to REDUCE!

## Working at Odds

Great Britain has withheld approval of the undertaking of the French in Germany, and France has retaliated by declining to use the influence of that nation to aid the British in dealing with the Turks in the controversy over Mosul oil territory and other matters affecting the Near East.

To the lay mind, France would appear to have the better of the situation as far as Great Britain is concerned. If France fails in Germany because of the lack of British support, the British bid fair to need the support of French influence in dealing with the Turks. France may even make a separate treaty with Turkey.

Both Europe and Asia are likely to be losers by the failure of Great Britain and France to continue the co-operation that marked their relations during the war. If selfish purposes have brought about the failure to act together in making peace an actuality, or at least attempting it, the reason is not to the credit of either nation.

France, without the moral support of Great Britain in dealing with Germany, may be forced to adopt measures not contemplated when the French went into the Ruhr. Great Britain, lacking the influence which France apparently has with the Turks, may be forced to accept war as the alternative of yielding to the demands of the Turks.

In whatever aspect it is considered, the failure of the British and French to finish the job that was forced upon them by the Germans in 1914 must be considered as serious in character. Acting together, these two nations, aided by Italy and Belgium, should have been able to secure settlements in Europe and Asia that would give some promise of improvement over present conditions.

## Russia and Turkey

The Russian government is massing troops on the Turkish frontier. This is being done not with hostile intent, but for the advantage in cooperating with Turkey in effecting a European "diversion." The unmistakable purpose of Russo-Turkish military operation in prospect is so fully to engage Great Britain by threatening her Near East interest as to prevent her going to the assistance of France.

So apparent is the purpose of these two nations that their continuation at the Lausanne conference is being regarded with suspicion by all European nations. The course pursued by the Turkish representatives there is merely one of deliberate delay to gain time to maneuver troops into position to make the threat which Turkey believes will bring the other nations to terms. The Russo-Turkish war game is certainly a shrewd one and may score satisfactorily with the firing of a shot.

It is yet to be seen whether Germany can be financed better with lead than paper.

Among the ruins of Europe not picturesque are Russia and Germany.

What this well-known country needs is more golden wedding anniversaries.

Too many women in their arguments with men use pistols instead of epistles.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### OUR FRIEND THE DENTIST

Collier's: Our relation to the dentist is an interesting one. He relieves ills, repairs of negligence and blunders, usually with sympathy and skill. The skill of an able dentist is a matter of mystery and admiration. His craftsmanship runs into delicate surgery, or is akin to that of the artisan in jewelry. "A dentist is a super-tinker." From that array of tiny instruments he must select just the right one for use in a minute, often obscure, spot. He must apply force with amazing nicety. Behind the infinitesimal though hard wall is the nerve. With only experience and judgment to guide him, the dentist measures its thickness as with an instrument of precision; he determines its degree of resistance to his gnawing tool. A miscalculation and his work is lost; the plan of restoration destroyed—and, important to us, shrill pain and maybe the loss of a tooth. Yet we seldom hear of such mishaps. Our own experience reports no such happening, and suggests only admiration for the skill, gentleness, and wisdom of the dentist.

We like them, too, on their personal side. Those we know have an amusing knowledge of human nature, seen in miniature crises that display it crazily. With exhibits of weakness, cowardice, even, they are very tolerant. We like their testimony to the nerve and courage of women. They seem to have a tireless interest in their patients as cases and as persons.

Because of the skill of its practitioners and of their public and individual service in matters of health, dentistry stands high among the benign professions. Happy the man, and happy the family, that has a good dentist.

### GOOD SPELLING

New York Herald: That was a good spelling test, which Judge Edwin S. Thomas tried the other day on the lawyers and government functionaries in the Federal building at Hartford, the capital of the Wooden Nutmeg state. It consisted of ten single words in common use, artfully chosen. Nobody was able to spell them all correctly. If Judge Thomas did not look them up in the dictionary before he gave them, then he is master in a field of knowledge that for years neglected is now receiving more attention every year.

The words were these: Superstition, inn, inoculate, rarely, vifly, reifluent, plaguy, embarass, harass and pieknick. These are all words that might be used in ordinary conversation without leaving the user open to criticism as pedantic in his speech. Yet large numbers of men above average in education were unable to spell them correctly.

The incident is no reflection on intellectuals of the city of Hartford. Similar results could be expected in the Federal building in this city, in any club, in any high school class, in any university.

The trouble goes back to the grade-schools. Spelling may be less interesting for the child than building a clay reproduction of the pyramids of the Zuni Indians, but after all it has a certain fundamental importance.

Book Defrayed Burial Expenses. Doctor Johnson wrote the novel "Rob-a-sheila" to defray the funeral expenses of his mother.

## THE OFFICE CAT

### A RIDDLE IN SONG

We've got a 'sprise at our house, As cute as it can be; The doctor came in a rush last night, And left the 'sprise for me. He told me just to wait a while, To run along and play, But Daddy showed me what it was— Maybe you'll know some day.

The landlors are doubtless a hard lot, but at that not many of them keep their tenants in hot water.

### WHAT'S THE USE

"All things are possible," quoted the Parlor Philosopher. "Except for a girl to lie about her age when she has a twin brother," suggested the Mere Man.

We are rather firmly of the conviction that the good old Recording Angel, especially if a married man, makes no entry in the case of a man who told his wife, when asked, that he locked the back door when he really didn't but nothing happened.

### SOME PEOPLE'S NERVE

Father—"Mary, who is that in there with you?" Daughter—"It's just John, Papa." "Well, just John or Dutiful David, that's one of my cigars I smell."

Many a decided blond had just decided recently.

A man's tongue gets him into trouble—a woman's tongue gets her out of trouble.

### OH, I SAY

"Do you know why you have so little money?" the soapbox orator demanded.

"Yep. It's because we waste so much time listening to folk talk when we should be working," responded the man who was beginning to get his brain working.

Amos Tash says it is better to kick yourself occasionally than have some one else perform the service.

### HER GUM, GUM, GUM

She rode upon a trolley car, and she was passing fair; she wore big, oval glasses with a quite distinguished air. She wore a nifty, big fur coat upon her hat, a rose a coat of red paid on her face, much powder on her nose. Her jaws they champed and champed and champed—you bet she made 'em hum, with her giggle and her giggles and her gum, gum, gum—with her giggles and her giggles and her gum.

Poor newly wedded Mr. Hohenzollern all hitched up and no place to go.

Cy Kology says his idea of perfect control is a husband who can let his wife drive the automobile through congested traffic without making suggestions.

### OH, VERY WELL

No, Gladys, the Ink sisters, of Tiffin, Ohio, are not colored folks.

Some business men send out a calendar or have some blotters once a year—and then will tell you that they have "tried advertising" and it "doesn't pay."

Some men are absolutely regular in their habits—only their regular habits are fierce.

Too many people get their foot on the gas instead of the brake.

## There's Someone Who Likes Candy and you know who!

And the more you like that "someone" the more of our candy you'll take.

We trust no taste of our own as to candy quality but buy the best. America is selling, supported by a name known the world over for quality.



WHITMAN'S—The Candy for Her VALENTINE

## Red Cross Drug Store

# PROFIT

If you work for a salary your time is your working capital. Your profit is represented by what you save. If your operating expense is as much as you earn, you have suffered a loss by reason of having impaired your working capital to the extent of the time lost.

We invite you to avail yourself of the facilities of our saving and commercial departments and offer you efficient and reliable service.

LaGrande National Bank  
SOUND RELIABLE PROGRESSIVE



# The New Spring Fashions

Early Arrivals for Early Shoppers

First arrivals always heighten curiosity. Indeed these new Spring Dresses, Coats, Suits and Blouses do—each a triumph so fresh and new in fabric and color. A vividness of color, a novelty fabric, a portability for tuff-tuff in frocks, crepe for blouses and in coats the light shades of tan are just a few hints of the enchantment of 1923 Spring Creations collected from points far and wide. (Choosing a Spring Wardrobe from them will be a pleasure, of course, but it will be an equal pleasure to see all the new things as they are first unpacked—for this purpose we invite you here now.

### There Are New TISSUE GINGHAMS at 45c to \$1.15

Although you may think it a trifle early for such materials, we are sure you will appreciate seeing the pretty new patterns and colorings—and there may be a pattern or color that you will want later in the season. Its purchase now assures you a dress when it's warmer.

### And New Imported ZEPHYRS at 60c Yard

The famous "Wm. Anderson" Zephyr Ginghams made in Glasgow, Scotland. Finest quality, fun colors that are brilliant in shade and such attractive patterns. See this fine material near the entrance—22 inches wide.

### 36-Inch "LINNO" 40c Yard

"Linno" is sold exclusively at this store. Use it for any purpose for which you would use linen and you may enjoy linen satisfaction without linen price. We have just received a quantity in the 36-inch width.



Brown Kid OXFORDS Military Heel Welt Sole \$5.00 Some in Black \$4.50

Park brown, a medium heel, best welt sole, plain and dressy. A first quality, guaranteed shoe at an exceptionally low price now. All sizes and widths. A to 14. Priced \$5.00. This same Oxford in black, \$4.50.

### "OTTER" The New Shade in a Suede Pump \$10.00

Made with single instep strap, slight tongue effect, with patent inlay. A Junior Louis heel and turn sole—very attractive and very new. Priced at \$10.00.

## Income Tax Facts

By Clyde G. Huntley Collector.

Income tax returns, sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to administer an oath, must be filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives or has his principal place of business or, before midnight of March 15, 1923,

Forms 1040A for filing returns of individual income of \$5,000 or less, and Forms 1040 for filing returns of income in excess of \$5,000 have been sent by collectors to persons who filed similar returns for the year 1921. Failure to receive a form, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file a return and pay the tax on time. Forms may be obtained from the offices of collectors of internal revenue and deputy collectors.

Revenue officers will be sent into every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in making out their returns. The advisory service heretofore offered city residents will be continued. This service, including the administration of the oath, is without cost to the taxpayers. Taxpayers, before seeking such assistance, however, are advised to read carefully the instructions on the forms. Many questions, which on the face may appear perplexing, can be solved by study of the instructions. Especially, in justice to themselves, taxpayers are advised to note the instructions with regard to credits for personal exemption and dependents and deductions. In justice to the government they should note carefully the instructions with regard to income from "salaries, wages, commissions, etc., business or profession, interest on bank deposits, income from partnerships, fiduciaries, etc., income from rents, royalties and other income." The taxpayer who, when the form is received will devote to it an hour's study, will go a long way in assuring himself that he is making a correct return.

# "Say, I Want to Get Some Cold Tablets for a Fierce Cough"

Now, folks, we have listened to this plea for over 30 years and at last we are making the only guaranteed remedy of its kind which absolutely CURES your cough, cold, sore throat and hoarseness in 24 hours, and generally less.

You take a teaspoonful every hour until it acts on the bowels, then every 3 hours if needed.

We don't want a cent unless you are cured. We have sold over One Hundred Bottles this week and curing people who have coughed for years.

It is not made like other cough remedies—looks different, tastes different, acts different. After the first dose you know you are going to get well.

Remember, One Fifty Cent Bottle CURES your cold, your cough, your sore throat, your fever and hoarseness.

If you don't say it is the most Wonderful Remedy you or your children ever tried, walk right in and get your half a dollar back, or we'll send it to you.

# Newlin Drug Co.