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HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD  
—Deuteronomy 6:4.

### SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Schooled in the law of supply and demand, which, in theory, proves that the larger the supply the lower the price, Americans fail to find an explanation for the fact that the 1924 bumper wheat crop in this country brought the highest price since the war and that the 1924 record production of gasoline was distributed at top prices. Such obviously illogical happenings, when unexplained, are apt to arouse the public to indignation and suspicion.

It may develop at times that the American people overlook the relation of their country to the rest of the world, with the result that suspicions are entertained and charges made unjustly. Any analysis of production, consumption and price figures for the United States must take into account foreign trade and conditions. There was only one explanation for the February rise in the wheat price in the United States—crop failures in Canada and Europe created an abnormal demand for United States wheat and absorbed all of the surplus of this country.

This country produced 8,960,000,000 gallons of gasoline in 1924. This production represented an increase of 1,500,000,000 gallons over that of 1923. The average consumption of gasoline in 1924 in this country was 21,000,000 gallons a week, an increase of 16 per cent over the 1923 consumption. The foreign demand for American gasoline also increased last year. Do the increased domestic and foreign consumption more than counteract the increased production, or is there some other reason for the prevailing high prices for gasoline?

### DISCOURAGING EVASION

High taxes are a constant temptation to evasion. The federal surtaxes of the war and post-war periods have led many to resort to every conceivable method of evasion. The law is full of loopholes, imposing a tremendous task upon the internal revenue bureau and making a 100 per cent assessment and collection impossible.

Because the public recognizes the duty placed upon the bureau Senator Couzens loses just so much public support for his tax investigation when he interjects into his attacks on Secretary Mellon and the revenue bureau intendo or open charges of connivance at falsification of returns and laxity. But when he charges that mistakes have been made or that the treasury department has erred in the exercise of its discretionary powers, that is a different matter.

It has been disclosed that there is placed in the treasury department a discretionary power easily capable of abuse—the arbitrary exercise of which means a difference of millions of dollars one way or the other. If there has been a misuse of this power then congress and the people are entitled to know the facts, even though to obtain the fact means interference with the normal duties of the treasury department.

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### STILL USING WINTER FEED

THE PARK (Special)—Albert J. Vandewater had to buy some hay to finish feeding his stock this spring. He bought the hay from James P. Kennedy of the creek and has been hauling from there

the last few days. Mrs. Rose Lay treated the folks at the big log cabin by sending a big sack of apples. Apples are a great treat up there in the woods and the folks appreciated it much. George McQueen is repairing his car this week. Chipmunks have not made their appearance yet. This indicates that perhaps the real warm spring is not here. Miss Ida Hunter has been ill for a few days, but she is improving at the last report. Frank Wigg went to the Big creek country the first of the

week. "Just to get out of the snow," he told. He transferred business there coming back home the same day. Miss Mary Vanderer, the girl who had her collar bone broken some time ago, will be able to return to her school and studies next Monday. Mrs. Ida Hunter received a gallon of clam chowder from her daughter Irene in Portland. Irene picked the clam and put them up herself while on a visit to the seashore last summer. Chester Gubbay is reported well again and at work.

Thursday morning came out with about three inches of snow that fell in the night and it was still snowing. New Governor for Alaska. JUNEAU, (AP)—When George Alexander Parks succeeds Scott C. Dene June 15 as governor of Alaska he will be the seventh executive the territory has had since the appointment of the first governor in 1854. In Central Africa, fatness is considered beauty. This is where the men love their fatter women.

### MARKET JOEL'S GROCERIES

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