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THE THIRD COMMANDMENT—Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.—Exodus 20:7.

There are fewer self-made men now than formerly, observes an educator. Also, they've stopped putting bootstraps on boots.

"The rise and fall of the Home-Run King" should now furnish proper material for a movie production or cheap magazine feature. Babe Ruth seems to be working his way rapidly towards oblivion.

The successful contractors are busy these days cutting out curves on the lower Columbia highway near Astoria, spending the two hundred thousand dollars of state funds to make a good paved crooked road into a good paved straight road. It would seem that anyone in the state, except a resident of Clatsop county, could have found more useful purposes for that amount of highway money at this particular time but the highway commission thought differently.

### BIG INCOME TAX PAYERS

The publication in yesterday's Observer of the first reports from the income tax records systems are interesting matter for those who enjoy tax conjecture and conclusions to be drawn about those who pay—and those who do not. The amount paid by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of over six million dollars and by the combined Ford interests of over twenty million is not surprising. Such gigantic enterprises are represented by these men in that they are highly profitable or they would neither be gigantic nor interesting enough to be continued.

To the average citizen who gives the tax situation careful consideration it is very gratifying to know that some of these men of great wealth have their money actively employed so that such a tax is collectible. It would be an easy matter, if they wished to do so, to sidestep this obligation gradually and put their investments into tax-free securities, leaving to others the responsibility and care of big industrial enterprises. Thousands of very wealthy men have done just that, and as you read the reports and discover that no tax has been paid by individuals undoubtedly possessing large incomes, the immediate and only explanation is that practically all of their money comes from tax-exempt sources.

Each reputation of affairs by those who would be free of the income tax burden is partially excusable and in the courts that hundreds of millions could have been paid if they possessed the required wealth. The veritable factor is that tax-exempt investments create no payroll, employ no enterprises, and does not aid growth and employment and general prosperity of a time when these needs are paramount. Much of that capital has been turned into non-productive channels by what its possessors consider excessive taxes. Much of it would be returned to industrial enterprises if the weight of taxes were wiped out.

After all, reduction of the tax rates on large incomes is not a matter of primary interest to the wealthy man. He can rather behind the protective screen of tax-exempt bonds regard one of his ways the tax schedule may be and have more than enough for himself and his friends of the worry and work of some business. But the men who suffer from lack of employment, from lack of opportunity, because old enterprises are not kept up or started and new ones are not developed—what of them? Perhaps the essential income left to them, any of greater value to the nation than the actual revenues from stiff rates on large incomes. Surely there can be a more happy condition that will keep the large income tax payer in the paying column and that will offset more present collected capital back into active enterprises eventually. Some such action is more to be desired in line with billions of dollars worth of tax-free investments are available to those who seek them.

### OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



THE COUNTERFEIT.



Your Man—"I will give you a dime if you will get me a box of your sister's hair."

Your Brother—"Make it five and I will get you the whole thing. I know where the hair is."

Englishman—"What should we do about this?" "What really, now, there's no way out."

NOT THE TYPE  
"I'll be in the office at 10 o'clock."

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POOR: Now is the time to subscribe.  
There was a young man named Colburn,  
Whom Aristotle after studying was  
recommending,  
For famous and wise he was,  
And they had to sing songs of his  
admirers.

The teacher wanted to know  
how the word "substitute"  
"substitute," it was a word that  
all men, who were called on  
and sent, who could say it?

Lafayette, on his way—said he  
was in the park just  
now.

For that "man down" condition  
some doctors prescribe walking  
fast. That's how we get that way.

Money, the world's a market  
and the man who has the most  
of it is the best.

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### Poets' Corner

BE KIND,  
(By J. E. Burns.)  
Don't be so kind, my brother,  
As a knock down on my  
head, a knock down, brother,  
Help me start in the new year.

Send a kindly word my brother,  
For it is the love I see  
That makes me a man, I see  
That makes me a man, I see  
That makes me a man, I see

Good wishes, brother, my brother,  
With a smile to cheer him on,  
Help him bear his heavy burden,  
You'll be happy when he's gone.

Life is real, and life is hard,  
Help the boys in the street,  
If you can, give them a word,  
You'll be glad when you're dead.

California on Two-Year Bill  
To Waive Financial Examinations

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### EXPENSES OF 'Y' ARE HIGHER

NEW YORK, (AP)—Expenses for services to young men and boys through the Young Men's Christian association of the United States and Canada have doubled since the World War, the year book and official report for 1924-1925 revealing a turnover of \$1,100,000. The book, compiled by George B. Hooper, was issued today by the National Council of both countries.

Total income for the year was \$1,174,400, derived as follows: Contributions, 24 per cent, amounting \$280,000; 12 per cent, \$144,000; and other departmental activities, 12 per cent, \$144,000; and \$1,100,000. The total cost of operation was \$1,100,000, or \$74,400 more than the income.

Participating in the survey were nearly 1,000 churches and professional men, working without compensation on behalf of the young men. State organizations and training schools, serving these young men were 1,100 churches and 1,100 professional men. The total participation is given as \$1,100,000, a decrease of 10 per cent from the amount of \$1,210,000.

States were recorded in Michigan, 100 per cent; in Illinois, 100 per cent; in the number of states having organizations, 100 per cent. The 1924-1925 total was 100 per cent, with Y. M. C. A. White House reported an increase of 25 per cent, but there was a slight decrease in the total number of states having organizations, 100 per cent. The 1924-1925 total was 100 per cent, with Y. M. C. A. White House reported an increase of 25 per cent, but there was a slight decrease in the total number of states having organizations, 100 per cent.

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