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DELIVERANCE AT HAND—I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him.—Psalm 51:15.

A representative of the soviet says Russia is ready to pay her debt to the United States. Most of us would be in favor of having the check certified.

A Christmas Red Cross seal improves the appearance of any letter or package at this time of year—and aids a wonderful cause.

Toys of a year ago are often worn out and broken. More often they are discarded, the good with the bad, thrown aside by a growing child with changing desires. How many of them could be rejuvenated and passed on this Christmas to less fortunate children of the community who would find in them the holiday joy and happiness they have learned to eternally hope for? People with a surplus of old toys have a chance to show the true Christmas Spirit by distributing them where they will find new appreciation. Give them to charitable agencies or to worthy individuals—either effort will be worth while.

BANISHING ALL TAXES.

The Observer has a letter from an Oakland, Oregon, resident, prompted by a recent reprinted editorial comment regarding taxes, in which he would offer a means of finding the solution for our tax ills. He charges us to tell the people "if they will read a little book by W. H. Harvey, 'Paul's School of Statesmanship', they will learn how taxes can be forever banished from the world." He says further that "we have paid taxes for 6000 years—is it not long enough?"

We doubt if the writer of that letter means exactly what he says, because if he does, we have discovered a rare specimen these days—a citizen who sincerely believes that taxes are an unnecessary part of government and who has some pet theory by which all such burdens could be abolished. What he really means, we imagine, is that all property taxes could be abolished, thereby requiring universal application of income and inheritance taxes and special taxes to raise funds for the carrying on of government.

The marvelous little book to which he refers has never been brought to our attention to the extent that we could read its tax solution, but whatever theory is propounded the precedents of tax methods established in the last 6000 years would doubtless make it slightly difficult, to say the least. Economists agree quite generally that our system of property taxes is unfair and that universal application, in all units of government, of the principles of income taxation would more equitably distribute our burden. A serious difficulty arises, however, when we seek to apply them within one unit and retain property taxes in another. The time will come, we believe, (and before another 6000 years pass) when uniformity in the adoption of a new system will be possible, but we can hardly predict the Utopian condition anticipated by our Oakland writer when all taxes will be banished from the world. What would remain to "crab" about if such a thing happened?



OFFICE CAT
By JENIUS

Once Sunday was a day of rest; now we spend all the other days of the week resting after Sunday.

Bathing suits are to be shorter at both ends in 1926 say the manufacturers. About 1927 a piece of wool yarn will be all that is needed for beach costume.

A Wench: My husband went to church this morning.

A Husband: My husband's Sunday morning paper didn't come either.

Some headway has been made in the matter of education, but there still are people who will buy furs from street peddlers.

If: Dear, your eyes are like deep pools of sparkling water; your lips are like two little red rosebuds wet with dew; your teeth are like the finest pearls ever made; but you have the darndest looking nose I ever saw on anything except an African antelope.

About one hand of strip poker would send most girls home in a hared.

Spending of the new model Ford, a La Grande poet says: You may doll, you may flutter the Ford as you will, but the heart of a flivver will throbb in it still.

"Modesty Reigned With Queen Victoria" says a magazine headline. But it looks like it ain't reignin' to reign no more.

No use to pay evangelists to make you feel mean when an afternoon nap will do it.

Long-Gone—I shay, iz ish a hand laundry?
Chiu-Hung-Lo — Yessee, alle samee is.
"Well, wash m' handsh."

The postal service is laughing at the story of a postoffice inspector who went into the hills of Arkansas to check up a village postoffice. The neighbors said the P. M. had gone fishing. Finding him, the inspector asked, "Are you the postmaster?" After a minute the P. M. said, "Yep. What's your name?" "P. D. Smith." The P. M. reached into his back pocket, took out a bunch of letters and running over them for the addresses, said, "None. Nothing for ye," and went on fishing.

The man without prejudice may be found only within the cemetery.

One of two things must be abolished to maintain the financial equilibrium of the country — alimony or the income tax.

Boggs: I understand Smith's wife is close.
Groggs: Close? Why, she uses barbed wire for clothesline so the birds can't sit down.

In these days the road to success is lined with advertising.

The girl was a knockout, so she married a boxer.

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Yesterday In Washington
Colonel William Mitchell testified before the Shenandoah court. The senate debated the world court, while the house discussed prohibition. The administration's co-operative marketing bill was introduced in the senate and house. Chesapeake & Ohio minority stockholders attacked the Nickel Plate merger plan. An investigation of the British rubber monopoly was ordered by the house. The south was given representa-

tion on the interstate commerce commission. Extensive improvements for Pearl harbor were recommended by a special house committee. DRY FORCES VICTORIOUS IN CONGRESS (Continued from Page One) Mrs. E. I. Holmes acted as accompanist. The mixed chorus was formed by the addition to the sextet of G. L. Dutton, Earl Stoddard, Elmer Stoddard, Sherwood Williams, G. S. Birnie, Ray Murphy, Edward Williams and J. J. Longfellow. Larson as Kris Kringle. Before adjournment Santa Claus arrived at the scene and proceeded to pass out gifts. The good old man was played by Holger M. Larson, who drew much applause unto himself by his apt characterization of Kris Kringle. Santa began his gift-giving with the presentation of a box of cookies (Joe's Grocery) to E. A. Spilz, a large sack of flour (Pioneer Flouring Mill) to Harvey Matthews, a box of prunes (John

SANTA PAYS VISIT TODAY TO CLUBMEN (Continued from Page One) Dean, Cove) to Fred Terpany, a ham (Grande Ronde Meat company) to Earl Reynolds; a can of coffee (Snodgrass' Grocery) to Nolan Skiff, and a small sack of flour (Pioneer Flouring Mills), to Elmer Stoddard. Following this bottles of ginger-ale, furnished by the La Grande Grocery, were passed out to all present. The luncheon was opened when the Rev. George Pollard of the Baptist church, returned thanks. CUT IN USE OF RUBBER IS PLANNED (Continued from Page One) "We can reduce our consumption of rubber by 25 per cent without decreasing the use of our cars," Hoover said, "if we will simply repair our tires in time and use them carefully. Tires are like

clothes--a patch in time saves nine." Hoover declared nearly seven hundred millions of dollars are being extracted from the public yearly by the British East India rubber combination. LONDON. (By the Associated Press)--Officials of the British government today denied that the government has been "manipulating" the price of crude rubber and said a question made in the United States that Great Britain is endeavoring to pay her war debt with rubber profits is nonsense. With his head pillowed against a corner of the cement box, an Atlanta, Georgian, man went to sleep in a mortar of fresh concrete. He awoke enclosed in stone and it was necessary for him to visit hospital to have the covering removed under the directions of surgeons.