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**FORGET TAXES; GET THE MONEY.**

S. J. Lowell, retiring president of the national grange, in his talk to the convention at Pittsburg, Pa., last month, urged farmers to organize and run their own business, rather than to depend upon legislation to pull them out. "Certain interests," said Mr. Lowell, "are more interested in providing means to make it easier for us to run into debt than they are in finding a way for us to stay out." He pointed to the necessity of joint action, not only for higher prices for farm products but protection against exploitation and gave this warning against increasing taxation: "If they keep on piling on taxation, we won't work the farms."

We are not only inclined to believe that Mr. Lowell is correct in his assumption that it is up to the farmers to help themselves to a large extent, but we are inclined to believe that such is their only hope of permanent relief. It is impossible to legislate anything but temporary relief, and that at an increase in taxation which Mr. Lowell inveighs against.

In making this statement, we do not mean to say that others should cease to take interest in the affairs of the farmer. We do not mean that legislative bodies should feel that there is nothing for them to do. But it is as true now as it ever was that "the gods help those who help themselves."

As Mr. Lowell says, the farmers should not depend upon legislation to pull them out. That is, price fixing by legislative enactment can not

start to do what the farmers themselves can do by controlling the marketing of their product; legislative enactment compelling the pooling of a product can not do what voluntary pooling on the part of the farmer can do; limitation of sales by legislative enactment can not do what control of sales by the farmer himself can do; making money available to the farmer through legislative enactment can not put the farmer on his feet so well as control by the farmer of the price at which he will sell his product.

Of course much legislative assistance can be given. Compulsory grading of products; compulsory labeling of products; money at a low rate of interest; a tax on oleomargarine; state support of a few industries such as a state lime plant are some of the things that should be considered proper subjects for legislative enactment in helping the farmer, but none of these things will get him anywhere permanently unless he follows Mr. Lowell's advice and puts his business on a business basis.

Mr. Lowell says that "if they keep on piling on taxation we won't work the farms."

Of course Mr. Lowell will find none to disagree with him in his wish to hold taxes down, but we should like to suggest to him that his measure should be whether or not the tax he complains of is justifiable. Records in Oregon show that the farmers are ready to support a justifiable tax. It is only waste of money at which they rail. The farmers of Oregon would not do away with any road tax or school tax, probably all of which they have supported with their votes. The cost of roads and education is much more than half the total cost of government.

While lower taxes are to be desired, and while it is possible that under present conditions taxes are almost as much of a burden as our automobiles, yet one is fully as necessary as the other, and it seems that we would be better off in the long run if we spent less time in howling about taxes, which we must have, and about the cost of keeping a car on the farm, where one is a necessity if it is a necessity anywhere, and give more time to following Mr. Lowell's advice about putting the farming industry upon such a basis that taxes and the cost of keeping up a car could be passed along to the purchaser of farm products, as it should be.

The inertia of those who are not taking part in the movement to put farming upon a business basis, the inactivity of those members of the farmers' union and the grange who expect their officers to carry all the responsibilities, are a greater tax than the one imposed by government.

We have little hope that taxes ever will be much lower than they now are, but we do hope that the farming business is going to be put upon a basis which will make the tax burden inconsequential.

**WRITE WHAT YOU THINK.**

Possibly it is not necessary to do so, but The Sentinel wishes to repeat that its columns are always open to those who wish to take exceptions to any of its editorial statements. Not only are its columns open, but The Sentinel solicits such communications.

The Sentinel usually has its own ideas upon important subjects of the day and usually it is free to say what it thinks. Quite naturally it believes that its position is correct, but it grants everyone else the right to disagree with it and to express his opinion.

It is the hope of The Sentinel that its editorials at least make others think; that perhaps they give information with which some others may not be familiar; that they present subjects from angles which

others had not thought of; that they make an impression deep enough to make those who disagree wish to have their say.

As the only newspaper in the community, The Sentinel feels more deeply its duty to give everyone a chance to be heard than it would were there other vehicles of publicity.

If readers wish to present their ideas upon subjects not discussed by The Sentinel, the invitation to use its columns for the purpose is just as cordial.

It is one of The Sentinel's proud boasts that no one has ever been denied the privilege of presenting his ideas in a sane, sensible and non-abusive manner.

**CHRISTMAS EDITIONS.**

The most comprehensive Christmas edition to be received by The Sentinel was issued by the Coos Bay Times. It was made up of 68 pages and was the regular annual issue by that paper. It contained a vast amount of booster material for the southwestern Oregon empire.

The best from a typographical standpoint came from the Gresham Outlook. Other papers issuing creditable Christmas editions were The Monmouth Herald, Rainier Review, Oakland Tribune and Brownsville Times.

An Austrian scientist has made the statement that his experiments have led him to believe that it may some day be possible to construct a human being as we now construct engines and motor cars. Our friend could perform a service by adjusting the carburetor, exhaust and starting and stopping arrangements on some human being we now have. When he gets around to making man from the ground up, we presume we will have some that hit on one cylinder only, others that rattle like a tin can, some that move swiftly with little noise and others that make a lot of noise and get nowhere.

At the agricultural economic conference to be held at O. A. C. in January there will be a special session for bankers and newspaper men. Probably the bankers wish to make arrangements with the newspapers to finance their business for them.

An advertiser in The Eugene Register who offers a used car for sale describes it as "a rattling good touring car." Such refreshing candor should not go unrewarded.

A wise housewife showed the tramp the woodpile and said: "Those who labor not neither shall they eat." "That's too old a saw for me," the tramp replied, as he started on his way.

A famous actress says that most actresses owe much to their dressmakers. In that case the actresses should give credit to the dressmakers, instead of vice versa.

A Chicago woman, when fined \$5, threw two overripe eggs at the judge. The court judge of atmosphere of the courtroom was somewhat disturbed.

It doesn't seem right, but it's almost impossible for a man to serve his country and his family at the same time. One or the other must suffer.

Scientists say the human body is seven-eighths water but we can't believe it, for we have seen some people who were more than one-eighth gas.

You make a mistake if you figure that the boss can't get along without you—but you can make yourself so indispensable that he would dislike to.

Air lines are advertising quick trips from Chicago to New York. It is now possible to go from bad to worse very rapidly.

The appearance of a girl immediately after getting her beauty sleep leads a man to think that she needs some more of it.

What has become of the old-fashioned mother who used to make life a burden to the boy by keeping him in short pants?

**THINGS WE THINK**  
Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

**THE BIBLE IN AMERICAN.**  
Several bible scholars propose to rewrite the bible in such language that it may be easily understood by the present and growing generation. We're not particularly finicky about the kind of language used in ordinary conversation, just so it is vigorous and decent, but we confess that it will get on our nerves to read in the Americanized bible how one disciple told the other to go lay a brick, or some maiden at the well speaks of the "keen" way some passing young man combs his hair or wears his sandals, or someone refers to a sermon by the Savior as the canary bird's eyebrow or goat's heel. We must confess that the language of the bible as it is is preferable to the modern American of ordinary conversation, the kind in which the rewritten bible must be written if it is to be thoroughly understood by the present and growing generations.

Another consideration is that our slang changes completely during a generation and those who may live two or three hundred years hence would have more trouble translating the American of today than did the original translators of the Hebrew and Sanscrit.

School ma'ams should never let their pupils court them. It is not fair to teach them sense during school hours and then make fools of them afterwards.

The man who says (in front of company) that he can't shut up his wife, is putting himself in the way of being proved a liar.

A college professor gives the sage advice, "Let the baby squall." Did he think we were going to drown the kid?

There is only a difference of three or four—usually—between being married or single.

Your wife isn't necessary a jewel just because she requires such an expensive setting.

A crooked man may be just following his natural bent.

**EVERY STREET IN COTTAGE GROVE**

Has Its Share of the Proof That Kidney Sufferers Seek.

Backache? Kidneys weak? Distressed with urinary ills? Want a reliable kidney remedy? Don't have to look far. Use what Cottage Grove people recommend. Every street in Cottage Grove has its cases.

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**The Old Year Is Nearly Gone**

We trust that it has brought much happiness to all. The New Year is nearly here. We express the hope that whatever the passing year has been, the new may bring you even more of this world's happiness.

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Free Delivery CULVER & ANDERSON, PROPS. Phone 46



**New Year's Greetings to All Our Friends**

It is with full appreciation of the generous patronage accorded us during the past year that we extend to each and every friend and customer our best wishes for a happy and prosperous nineteen-twenty-four.

Starting the New Year means to us renewed efforts and energy toward giving the very best possible values to each and every customer, serving those who shop here as efficiently and courteously as possible and with the aim, always in mind, of giving as nearly as possible one hundred per cent satisfaction.

**Umphrey & Mackin**  
THE QUALITY STORE - GOOD SERVICE

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Equal parts of happiness, joy and optimism. Mix thoroughly and take large dose often. Refill when necessary. That's our New Year prescription for you.

**The White Pharmacy**

**New Year's Greetings**

To those who have been our patrons in the year just passing we wish to express our appreciation, and to wish for all a full measure of prosperity and happiness for the year to come.

And we do hereby resolve that those who shall be our patrons in the years to come shall have no cause to regret the same.

Sincerely yours,  
**Cottage Grove Creamery**

**Bressler's**  
wishes one and all the  
**Compliments of the Season**  
and expresses hope  
that the new year  
may bring only happiness  
and prosperity

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**Why does a spinning top stand?**  
—because the whirling motion given to it is stronger than the magnetism of the earth. When this whirling force is spent, the earth's pull prevails. Any top will spin longer than it takes

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One of 200 Puretest preparations for health and hygiene. Every item the best that skill and conscience can produce.

**Kem's for Drugs**  
The Rexall Drug Store

**KEM'S FOR DRUGS**

Thanks its friends and patrons for the good things of the past year and extends cordial good wishes for a

**HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

The **REXALL** Store

**KEM'S FOR DRUGS**

The trouble with idealists is that most of them leave it to someone else to put the ideals into practice.

A bell must be feminine gender, because it doesn't have anything to do but keep its tongue wagging.

A legless man using his brains will often get further than the physically perfect man who does not.

Folks who wear celluloid laundry should be careful about getting "hot in the collar."

In the drawing for brains the number of blanks seems to have been numerous.

A man frequently owes his reputation to what people don't know about him.

Success has a noticeable way of courting the man who never says quit.

It only takes transposition of two letters to change marital to martial.

A sucker is born every second—and most of 'em are twins.

To err is human, to forgive—is not.