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PAYING FOR WHAT WE GET.

A few days ago W. W. Calkins, of Eugene, described to members of the Kivans club of that city the Eugene of 20 years ago and compared it with the Eugene of today.

"The streets of 20 years ago," he said, "were seas of mud, the ties of an abandoned street car line made traffic on the main drag a problem of bumping safely from one tie to the next, the sewers were wholly inadequate to carry off the surplus water and in no way did it compare favorably with the Eugene of today."

The Eugene Register commented upon Mr. Calkins' remarks and we are struck with the similarity of what The Register said to what The Sentinel has often said. We do not suggest plagiarism, but we quote what The Register says merely to show that those who closely study our conditions must arrive at almost the same conclusion. The Register said:

"People spend a vast amount of time—particularly in election years—contrasting the tax rate of today with the tax rate of 20 years ago. Contrasts such as were made by Mr. Calkins are more

profitable. Taxes are higher today, to be sure, than a couple of decades ago, but the comforts that are paid for with tax money are also vastly greater. No one would go back to muddy streets, flooded basements and all the other inconveniences in order to save the difference in his taxes.

In other words, if taxes are twice as high as they were 20 years ago, we demand twice as much from our tax money and it is worth twice as much to live under conditions of today which make our existence so much more pleasant. We can't have our cake and eat it. We can't get twice as much as we used to at the price we used to pay for half as much.

The educators of the state, in annual session in Portland last week, reported that the people of the state are for the so-called frills in education. Education of the growing generation consumes half or more of our tax burden. A committee reported to the convention that returns from 155 labor organizations, granges, women's clubs and organizations showed there were 131 who proposed no eliminations from the curriculum of the elementary grades, 116 who wanted no eliminations made from the high school courses and none who would favor eliminations of part of the courses in either the high schools or in the grades. Those who did favor eliminations in the courses suggested that agriculture, civics and drawing should not be taught in the elementary grades and that teachers' training classes, Spanish, stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, biology, French and cooking should be eliminated from the subjects taught to the high school students. Votes for these eliminations were scattering. One hundred and forty-six of the 155 civic organizations reported that they found no fads or frills in the courses of the schools, while 133 proposed some additions to the courses, such as oral English and music.

If a majority of the people of the state do not think that anything can be cut from our educational program—and we are not finding fault with their judgment—then no cut can be made in 50 per cent of the expense of government.

Outside of those seeking public office we have heard but few point to specific instances where tax reductions can be made. Of course there are instances but it takes united effort upon the part of a large number to bring such reductions about. A majority would prefer to pay a little more in taxes than to give any time to a united effort to bring about tax reduction. If a majority of the people are not ready to point out where tax reductions can be made, and if they had rather pay taxes than to join a concerted movement to reduce taxes, it is quite certain that there will be little tax reduction.

It is more likely that 10 years from now taxes will be higher than that they will be lower.

We seem to take an entirely different attitude towards the "tea" that stops at our 12-mile limit than we did toward the famous cargo of real tea that caused quite a commotion in Boston harbor many years ago. We do not make any complaint about the tax that is imposed upon this "tea," although it must be much greater than any imposed by the mother country upon the old pioneer patriots.

Senator McNary has taken unto himself a wife—just as though he didn't have trouble enough with several able-bodied and lusty-lunged citizens of the state attempting to take his job away from him.

DAD AND THE BOY.

(From The New Age.)
One of the interesting celebrations of recent years is Father and Son week, during which time dad is expected to cultivate the companionship of his son. This is a most excellent idea. The only weak part of

it is—the limitation to one week. Why not extend it throughout the year?

It is customary in certain circles to berate young people, especially the boys of today, because of their delinquencies. Various epithets of disapprobation are applied to them. They are lazy, rough, violent, lawless and generally incorrigible. The blame for these conditions is placed upon the church, the school or the police; everywhere but the one place where the blame properly lies—in the home.

Where father and sons are chums the boys seldom go wrong. When the father is too absorbed in business or lodge work or golf, anything but the home, the boys grow up not only without proper control but without right guidance. No lodge is as important as a boy; and no business has claims prior to that of the lusty youngster in the home.

Nor can father transfer his responsibility to the teacher in the school room or the judge of the juvenile court. Frequently boys are too much under the influence of women, and not one woman in a thousand is capable of understanding the heart of a boy, especially in the adolescent years.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the responsibility of citizenship, but there is even a greater responsibility, and that is the responsibility of fatherhood. If Father and Son week serves to impress upon the men of the nation the supreme importance of cultivating the confidence and companionship of the boys it will have served a tremendously important purpose.

CRIMINAL DRUNKENNESS.

It is high time the legislative and judicial authorities began to consider the crime (the word is used advisedly) of drunkenness when driving a motor car as something infinitely more serious than is drunkenness under ordinary circumstances. Prohibition is as yet too new for the world old opinion of the drunken man as one to be laughed at, pitied perhaps, put to bed to sober up, fined a small sum as a public nuisance, to change, at least overnight.

But drunkenness which can harm no one but the inebriated man is one thing; drunkenness which is a menace to all who use the streets and roads and which, via the car, converts the otherwise innocuous victim of his appetite to a potentially wholesale murderer, is entirely something else.

Sentiment is swinging over to regarding the drunken driver as one who commits more than a misdemeanor; but it should swing faster and go further. The man who, when drunk, drives a car is a madman—a man without sense, without reason, without judgment. He puts in jeopardy the lives of men, women and children. He endangers property. He may cause frightful loss of life, hideous maimings, terrible accidents. No maniac with a gun is allowed upon the streets; the man who deliberately makes himself a maniac and fits himself out with a car loaded with potential death for many should be dealt with with the utmost severity. A few dollars' fine, a few days in jail, the loss of a license, are not enough. The man who runs amuck with a gun, killing and maiming, gets years behind the bars. The man who runs amuck with a car while drunk is even more culpable.

Let judges once get through their precedent bound legal minds that it is not the drunkenness, but the drunken driving, which is the crime and for which already crowded hard roads will be safer for us all; our children, our women drivers, as well as our sober citizens, protected, as they have a right to be, from a menace which has no excuse, legal or social, for existing.—Editorial in publication of the National Highways association.

It is better to lend money to an enemy than to a friend—for in the former case you are not diffident about asking for its return—besides, you have disarmed an enemy by putting him under obligations to you.

The fish you catch always eye you with baited breath.

Church News

Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. R. Spearow, pastor. Sunday school at 10, Men's Forum at 10, morning hour at 11, junior Endeavor at 5, evening service at 7:30.

Baptist Church—Tenth and Adams, E. R. Clevenger, minister. This church stands for the full gospel message. A welcome is given to all who come. Bible school at 10, preaching at 11 and 7:30. Young people's meeting at 6:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings at 7:30. After the prayer meeting the pastor conducts a class in bible study.

Seventh Day Adventist Church—West Main street. Services every Saturday. Sabbath school at 10, church service at 11; prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

Christian Science Church—Corner of Jefferson avenue and Second street. Sunday services at 11 a. m. Wednesday services at 7:30 p. m.

Services will be held in the Latham school house in the forenoon on Sundays for an extended length of time. Galas Jordan, of Eugene, will have charge. Sunday school at Christmas offerings will be accepted at any time up to Monday evening.

Christian Church, the "home-like" church—J. E. Carlson, minister. Sunday school at 9:45, sermon and communion at 11, Christian endeavor at 6:30, evening service at 7:30.

Methodist Church—Rev. J. H. Ebert, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45, morning worship at 11, Epworth league at 7, evening service at 7:30. Everybody is welcome to attend all of these services.

Annual January Clearance Sales

Begins Saturday, January 5, 1924

This is a yearly event with us and old customers will testify to the fact that there are always unusual savings to be obtained during these sales. Almost every department of the store contributes its quota of bargains in seasonable and wanted merchandise. Some lines of course are broken but your size or need may be here and the saving to be had is worth a look.

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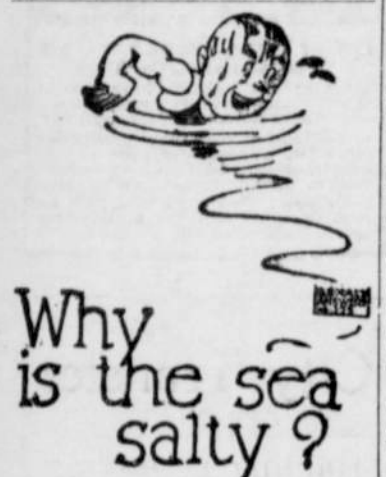
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