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MEN AND MONEY

The possibility that the war may not stop at once, as we had almost hoped it would, leaves America to solve a problem in finance that threatens to involve all the sciences and arts of our national life. How is America to pay for her part in the war?

True, enough, congress has seemed to take care of a part of the possible cost through the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue and the \$2,000,000,000 issue of treasury certificates authorized this week. That, however, is but a fraction of what will be needed if we actually get into the fighting and into the business of lending our gold to our allies.

Meanwhile, we proceed gracefully at the task of "drafting" men into the service of the flag. All of which is good and as it should be. There is only one fault about the draft plan or the idea of conscription of men. The fault is that it applies only to men and provides no means whereby we can pay the bill that our drafted army will cost.

Congress has yet to solve the problem of war financing more capably than by a bonding scheme. It has to offset the conscription or draft of men by some equally efficacious manner of getting dollars. The men will be prompt and willing enough if the money to feed and clothe them is assured by some practical plan.

Why not, as has been repeatedly suggested, apply the rules of conscription to money? Why send our sons to the freiesides of home to the battlefields while our plutocratic gentry sits idly by to criticize or to praise our activity?

There is no denial for the fact that the poorer classes, generally speaking, pay the greater share of the bill of war. They are the first and usually the last to risk their lives. And they are the first to give up their homes and their incomes for the meagre sustenance provided by the present army plan.

Gentlemen of leisure, mahogany bound capitalists, do not serve their country's flag in one way or another. They join ambitious societies for the promotion of the welfare of the poor soldier, but they lay down on the job of helping the soldier fight his battles. They and their government are not practical.

But it all simmers down to this: The United States faces the necessity of conscription of troops and conscription of money. That means that the government must confiscate the fortunes of its well-to-do leaders in equal proportion to the confiscation of the lives and incomes of its soldiers. An income tax is the only apparently practical solution for the situation. We have not the heart to send the small home owner to war and tax his little plot of ground for his support. Taxation of income, on the other hand, could apply only to those able financially to bear the burden; and congress should set about doing that very thing at once.

We would be heartily in favor of taxing all incomes above say \$5000 a year on a graduated scale. The greater the income the greater the tax, until the maximum income would be turned over to the government intact—confiscated. Perhaps such a plan might result in giving honor where honor is due—to the man on the firing line—through the payment to him of a decent wage for his valiant service.

SOLDIERS OF AGRICULTURE

Only one family out of three in the United States is engaged in agricultural production, says The Dalles Chronicle. Thus every farmer must produce food for two families in addition to his own, if he wants of our people are to be satisfied. To this need must be added the foreign demand, far greater this year or not before. Whether we like it or not, much of our food will be drained off by Europe. It is estimated that 40,000,000 men today are withdrawn from agricultural work by military exigencies, engaged only in consuming and

destroying instead of producing. Our own tillers of the soil must assume as much as possible of the duty necessarily neglected by those 40,000,000.

We need soldiers and sailors today. But we need farmers just as much. Says B. F. Loakum, one of the nation's foremost railroad men:

"For every man who must shoulder a rifle for military duty we had better furnish inducement for another to take up a hoe for farm work. For every farm laborer who leaves the farm for the ammunition factory to earn \$3 a day we had better offer inducements to the farmers to speed up their efforts to feed the people, and show them how they will be justified in going to the labor market and paying good wages for the same class of labor for farm work as the gun and battleship factories pay labor to serve the government."

This fact cannot be too strongly emphasized. Desirable as it is to fill up the army and navy, it is no less desirable that the farms should have their full complement of men. It is not desirable in this emergency for our farmers to "beat their plowshares into swords." In the planting time of 1917, it is just as patriotic to drive a plow as to carry a rifle or point a battleship gun.

In the same connection the Eugene Register remarks: The producer is not the only one who is called upon to help in the emergency that is arising. The consumer must do his part. With a shortage of the wheat crop in prospect, it behooves the people of the United States to revive on a large scale the custom of eating corn bread to the end that the wheat crop may be husbanded as closely as possible. Corn bread, if properly prepared, is delicious and every pound of corn that is used for bread in America means a pound of wheat released for export at a time when sending food across the ocean is the best way to aid in the war. Corn can be used in many ways to substitute for wheat. Many Oregon poultrymen are in the habit of feeding wheat to their fowls, and it might be well for them to investigate the merits of cracked or ground corn.

REFORMING PRISONS

"It is with the men who are in prison, and who are coming out some day, that we are most concerned."

With that outburst as a statement of his policy as a member of the prison survey board, E. E. Brodie, editor of the morning mystery, takes up prison reform in his usual boisterous style of journalism, and straddles the Courier for believing that prison out-mates are more important to Oregon's social scheme than prison inmates.

The Courier does not deny Mr. Brodie the right to his opinion, but it does not believe his opinion in this case is worth the 19 column inches of Enterprising editorial space he uses to express it. As a member of the prison survey board Mr. Brodie, perforce, supports anything that savors of prison reform, unworthy though it is. It is with the men who are in prison that the Courier is concerned in its belief that a new prison would be a waste of hard-earned money. Human beings have no business being in prison. If they held any sacred regard for the laws of our land there would be no need for prison walls.

We can hardly bring ourselves to the belief that the days of capital punishment were best for the criminal world, yet there was a marked antipathy toward being hung. When we used to whail wife-beaters at the public stake there were few citizens who attempted to chastise the frau. When we make prisons as uncomfortable as they can be made our citizens will not be so anxious to languish pleasant years away inside their grim walls. We don't deny that every vestige of cheer and comfort has been taken out of the Oregon State Penitentiary during its years of faithful service in correcting the criminally inclined. And at the same time we do not see so many, proportionately with our population, seeking admittance to its portals.

It seems a highly unequal, unjust

thing to tax the dear pee-pul for the support of such luxury as they cannot afford to provide for themselves. Mr. Brodie says sentiment in connection with prison reform is silly. Regardless of that, it is a fact that a new prison would give the criminals a better home than peaceable and upright citizens could equip for themselves. When we get away from the idea of giving robbers, murderers, forgers and panderers couches of downy elegance we may get closer to the realization of the same delights for the people who live in accord with the rules and regulations of decent citizenship.

The taxpayer whose home is robbed, whose family rights are violated, whose barn is burned, whose friend is murdered, is asked to keep the perpetrator of these crimes in the refinement of a modern prison home designed by E. E. Brodie that he may justify to Governor Withycombe that executive's faith in making him a member of the survey board.

The tales of prison discomforts cannot be as truthful as the reformers would have us believe either, because we have seen the laws violated repeatedly that the gentlemen who have attracted Mr. Brodie's sympathy might enjoy the comforts provided inside prison walls.

While Mr. Brodie and his Morning Enterprise is a reformer of prisons the Courier will temporarily take up on itself the duties of reformer of prisons, resting assured that prison outmates deserve at least as much as the criminal inmates, and until such time as the outsider gets justice from any money spent in Oregon.

Obituaries

Mrs. Jane Wilkinson

Mrs. Jane Wilkinson, a resident of Oregon City since early days, died at her home here last evening at the age of 75 years. Mrs. Wilkinson, a native of Ireland and a resident of Oregon City since April 14, 1867, had suffered for several weeks from Bright's disease, and her death had been expected by a great number of friends.

Mrs. Wilkinson was married in August, 1860, to James Wilkinson, a childhood friend, and three years later they came to America, and in 1867 to Oregon City. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with some ceremony a few years ago. Mr. Wilkinson and three of their eight children survive Mrs. Wilkinson. The children are Mrs. Martha Blakeslee and Mrs. W. B. Wiggins, of Portland, and Miss Georgia Wilkinson, of this city.

Frank L. Bagby

Frank L. Bagby, for many years prominent in this county as a saw-mill operator, died Tuesday afternoon at the Sellwood hospital after a long period of suffering. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bagby, Oregon pioneers, and had been a resident of this county all his life. Funeral services were held in Molalla this afternoon with interment in the Dart cemetery. Those who survive Mr. Bagby are his mother, aged 87 years, and six brothers, J. R. Bagby and Jesse Bagby, of Molalla; Calvin Bagby, Oregon City; Henry Bagby, Klamath Falls; Edward Bagby, Weed, Cal., and four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Pekley, Molalla; Mrs. Eliza Hamilton, Fairview, Ore.; Mrs. Flora E. Jarish, Oswego, and Mrs. Mary Walling, 1075 East Yamhill street, Portland.

DOC "GETS" CO. A BOY

Soldier Pays Two Days' Wages For Paltry Prescription in Oregon City

The Courier does not know who the Oregon City doctor is who exacted \$1.00 from the meagre \$15 of the monthly salary of one of Uncle Sam's men. But the lack of knowledge does not make the offense any the less questionable in the minds of those of our citizens who are at all times anxious to make the soldier's underpaid burden as light as possible upon the shoulders that are valiantly wearing the olive drab in defense of the nation's honor, even though that costs life itself.

The following is the story told to the McMinnville Telephone-Register by one of the guardsmen stationed in Oregon City: "Here is a little item which illustrates the greed which exists too often to make money out of war conditions. A member of Co. A doing guard duty at Oregon City was suffering from a severe headache, and applied to a doctor there for a prescription, for which the doctor charged one dollar. The soldier boy had but 90 cents in his pocket, so he paid the charge with a check on a McMinnville bank and at once wrote the bank to protect the check, which was done.

"Why shouldn't a doctor anywhere gladly recognize it as a patriotic duty to advise a soldier boy without charge when sick? It shows that tendency all too frequent to commercialize war conditions, extending it even to the brave soldier lads who offer their lives at 50 cents a day and found. In this case the boy was working his way through high school and quit school to defend his country."

FALSELY ACCUSED

Mr. Ginther Defends Self From Attacks of Those Who Gossip

Hoff, Ore., R. 1, April 16, 1917.—Editor of the Courier:—I have just learned yesterday from my neighbors that I have been arrested by the authorities or was going to be because I am supposed to have said something derogatory of the government or rather of the president. May I say here that I have not yet been arrested? The information naturally shocked me. To think that I, a native born American, should be accused of vilifying our president or saying anything derogatory in times like these! I, a man who has taught the boys and girls of Clackamas county for nearly a quarter of a century to

honor the flag and always have it on display in my schoolroom! If there are none, I always buy them with my own money! I challenge anyone to prove that I have at any time or place said anything that could even be misconstrued. The idea is absurd.
ROBERT GINTHER.

Daughter in Terrible Shape

Women bear troubles more bravely than men. They smile and suffer pain uncomplainingly where a man demands a doctor and nurse. A. Mitchell, Bagdad, Ky., writes: "My daughter was in terrible shape with kidney trouble. I got her to take Foley Kidney Pills and she is completely cured." Aching back, sore muscles, stiff joints, shooting pains in sides, rheumatic aches, are indications that the kidneys are not working properly. Foley Kidney Pills correct bladder troubles.—Jones Drug Co.

C. E. PROGRAM READY

Committee Announces Tentative Program for Gladstone Convention

The committee in charge of plans for the Clackamas County Christian Endeavor convention, to be held at Gladstone May 5 and 6, met Monday evening at the home of Dr. Roy A. Prudden, the chairman. Details of the program were discussed, the outline of which is as follows:

May 5—9:00, registration and Expert examination; 12:00-1:30, lunch and address of welcome by Rev. O. H. Curtis, Gladstone Christian church; 1:30, school of methods; Discussion of Social work, led by G. Ewart Baker; Missionary work, Miss Estel Ford; Lookout work, Miss Helen Orr; Prayer meeting work, Lloyd Carrick; 4:00, recreation and business session; 6:30, banquet served by ladies of Gladstone; 7:45, address by Rev. E. E. Gilbert, Oregon City M. E. church, and Dr. W. T. Milliken, Oregon City Baptist church.

May 6—11:00, address by Rev. C. A. Phipps, Oregon Sunday school superintendent; 2:30, Address, Dr. Geo. B. Pratt, Portland; 6:30, Christian Endeavor meeting; E. E. Feike, leader; 7:45, address, Lloyd Carrick. Several short song services will be led by Dr. Roy Prudden.

Messrs. Baker, Carrick, and Feike have each served as president of the Oregon Christian Endeavor union, and are forceful and entertaining speakers. Miss Ford and Miss Orr are well known throughout the state and are authorities on the phases of Endeavor work they will present.

The committee is preparing to entertain 150 to 200 delegates.

MISS RISLEY MARRIES

Son of Judge Bradshaw of The Dalles Claims Popular Young Woman

Much social interest centered about the wedding on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Risley of their daughter, Ethel Alice, and Robert C. Bradshaw, of The Dalles. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. John Risley sang a solo and Miss Edith Callif played the wedding march, the Rev. Oswald Taylor of Portland officiating.

Silver baskets with spring flowers, palms, an arch of greens and callilies were the decorations of the living room where the ceremony took place. About 100 guests were present at the wedding and reception which followed. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Charles Risley.

Miss Olive Risley was bridesmaid and Tarnest Walters of The Dalles acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. and Mrs. Risley were in the receiving line after the ceremony. Jean and Ruby Starkweather presented each one with a piece of the wedding cake. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw left for The Dalles, their future home.

TO BUILD PLAYSHED

Lower Logan Parent-Teachers Will Hold Basket Social Soon

The Lower Logan Parent-Teacher association met April 12. Several new members were received into the circle. During the business session it was suggested that a play shed and assembly hall be built for the school. It was voted unanimously. The president appointed the following to take charge: J. Moser, Bert Corless and W. P. Kirchem.

After the business session a successful apron sale was held. B. Corless was auctioneer. The program consisted of recitations by Edith Sprague, Charles Riehoff, Alma Boss, Rose Tschopp, Mrs. L. Sherwood and Francis Hutchins. Four school children sang a song.

A basket social will be held at the Lower Logan school house next Saturday evening, April 21.

OREGON CITY WOMAN COMES TO THE FRONT

Every Oregon City resident should read what a neighbor says. Her testimony can be relied upon. Here are her own words:

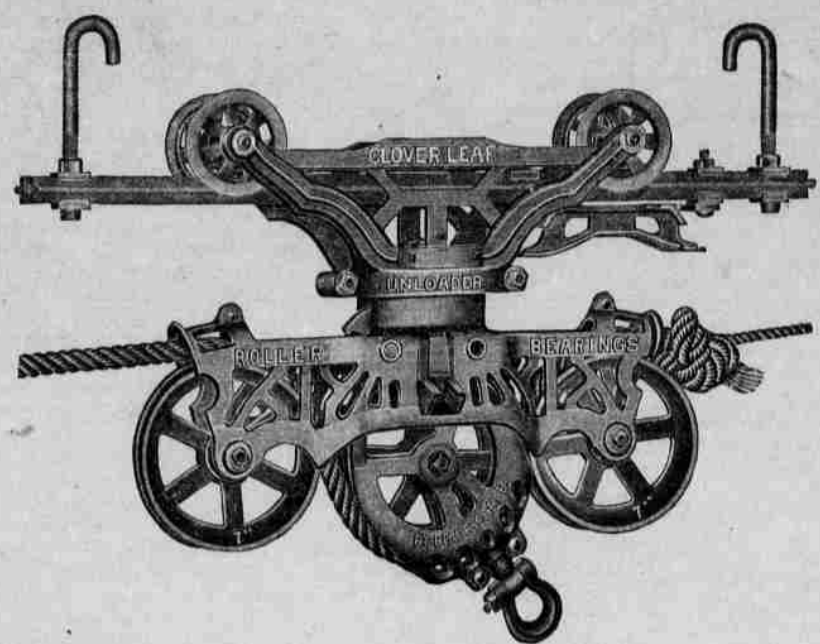
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TAXPAYERS ORGANIZE

Farmers in Southern Sections Interested in State League

Ten branches of the State Taxpayers' league have been organized in Clackamas county within the past few weeks by a group of interested farmers led by Robert Schuebel. As soon as the force of local leagues is large enough, a county league will be perfected to work with the state league, according to Mr. Schuebel.



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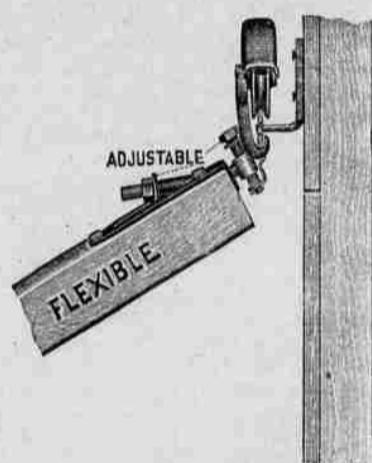
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The membership is made up for the most part of farmers and among the important tasks to be undertaken at once is a concerted fight against the proposed \$6,000,000 road bond issue. The program before the leagues also includes several important road and tax matters that are to be threshed out before the county court. Meetings for organization of local leagues are being held almost every evening in different parts of the county.

COAKLEY JAILED AGAIN

Milwaukie Resort Managers Attract Attention of Officials

Miles Coakley, confessed violator of the prohibition laws, was returned to the county jail here last Friday night by G. W. Ralston, who had paid Coakley's fine on the previous day. Ed Harris, who, with Coakley, was proprietor of the Hotel Gratton at Milwaukie, has remained in jail since the pair was surrendered by the bondsman following the plea of guilty which the two entered in Judge Campbell's court to charges covering the illegal sale of liquor.

It is understood by Sheriff Wilson that Ralston paid Coakley's fine so that the prisoner could attend a boxing smoker in Portland in an effort to raise money for his fine from some of his friends among the pugilists. Having failed in that effort, Coakley was forced to return to jail, when Ralston recalled the money he had deposited. Coakley and Harris were fined \$300 each and each paid \$100. They are serving the remainder of the 100-day sentence imposed by the judge.

Judge J. U. Campbell Friday signed an order extending, until the next regular term of court, the case of the state against Tommy Nishioka, Louis Rosenfeld and Julius Wilbur. The case is an outgrowth of the raid on the Friars' club at Milwaukie, raided by Sheriff Wilson and his deputies last fall. Wilbur was held to answer personally to one charge and the three together are held on the second. Nishioka and Rosenfeld were employees of the Friars' club.


Suit Against Mill is Off

The case of Ernest Otto Froese against the Crown-Willamette Paper company was dismissed by Judge Campbell Tuesday after it was shown by attorneys that the claim had been settled out of court. Froese sued the paper company for \$2999 damages for an accident he suffered at the mills some time ago.

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