

speculates without paying a tax, although the 5 per cent impost on jewelry generally will survive.

Abolition of federal taxes on cough drops and men's wear and a lot of other things, gives renewed status to the decaying trade and would correspondingly hurt the business of penny change—were it not for the 8-cent streetcar fare.

THE ROW WITH PORTLAND
OPPOSING THE 1925 EXPOSITION, THE Baker Herald says: At the time of writing this article, it is not known whether the legislature will...

Further explaining its position, the Herald says: We are holding the great majority of the people of Portland responsible for the acts of those among them who are threatening our commercial life by fighting for discriminatory freight rates...

THE SNIPERS
AS BITTER a discussion in the senate as that which Lodge waged against the league is predicted by a Washington dispatch over reservations that Borah and his group will propose for the Washington pact.

THE Dwindling Burden
THE last thing before he closed the store Saturday evening, a Portland merchant went around his store detaching from inconspicuous places federal tax schedules.

A BEGINNING A NEW DEAL
THE trustees elected by the Dairy-men's league have taken what is, under the circumstances, the wise course.

ONE JOBLESS GIRL
A TALENTED New York girl has spent a month in search of a position. She has applied for employment as teacher, as proofreader, as stenographer, as receptionist, as typist, as anything that would enable a girl to exist from honest and respectable endeavor.

THE TRUCKMAN'S TAXES
Double Taxation on Roads Assorted, Excise on Trucks and Buses, Williamina, Dec. 31.—To the Editor of The Journal—Your editorial entitled "If a Hand-Me-Down," in the Journal of December 31, certainly hits the target.

Curious Bits of Information
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That is to say, the original owners have received a fifth of the money promised them on a basis of inflated values.

BRITAIN'S Proposal to Forgive Her European Debtors if They Will Forgive Theirs is Taken at Many American Editorials. See Wise Statesmanship, not to Say Altruism; Others.

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SCRAPPING THE WAR DEBTS

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Much of the comment on what the Standard has called Britain's "magnificent gesture" in her indicated "willingness to forgive all her own war debtors—on condition that they forgive theirs," may be said to be in the subjective.

What a bear of an infant it is, this New Year, judged by the noise it made immediately upon its arrival!

THE EFFECT of Great Britain's suggested course of action, as outlined in the Journal (Ind. Rep.), "because as a manufacturing country dependent on foreign trade, she cannot be prosperous herself unless the rest of Europe recovers its economic balance and is able to buy her goods."

However, "if they are really going through with their scheme," the Buffalo Express (Ind. Rep.) thinks, they are to be admired for their "next year's helplessness," is the opinion of the Manchester Union (Ind. Rep.).

But the rich fields of Oregon are not crowded. Nor are they sustaining their full quota in Washington, in Wyoming, in Idaho, in Montana, or in the Dakotas.

On a western farm a man or woman is unowned. Neither tramps the streets day after day begging for a job. Neither is compelled to work for a monthly sum insufficient to keep body and soul together.

PEOPLE like to be privileged characters. A man was standing in line, a long line, at a local bank Saturday morning when the uniformed attendant stepped up to him.

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Uncle Jeff Snow Says
It used to be, a long time ago, that people celebrated the New Year and Christmas the same day.

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THE Oregon Country

George Armentrout, early Oregon pioneer, is dead at a Forest Grove hospital.

THE WINTER fair, held at Ashland, December 7-10, cleared \$330, the expenses being \$1500 and the receipts \$1515.

THE net amount to be raised by taxation in the Oregon country for the year is \$120,733.70. Roads and highways call for \$127,500.

Extremely heavy loads will be kept off certain roads in Lane county, according to an order just made by the county court.

WILLIAM REED and Dorothy Tinker, popular Ashland young people, were married last Wednesday by A. C. Howland, pastor of the First Baptist church.

THE new Oregon auto law, passed by the legislature in its first session, will be tested in the courts, in an endeavor to have it declared unconstitutional.

WALLA WALLA county's apple crop for the 1921 season will approximate 1600 carloads, according to a statement of the county horticulturist.

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MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Westbrook of Albany are registered at the Imperial.

Eugene residents visiting in Portland include Lillian Godsey, Dan Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Jones, F. B. Gabriel and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oliver of Baker are spending a few days in Portland.

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OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

A pioneer whose chief study is by Fred Lockley called the Log Cabin. On April 10, 1841, the first issue of the New York Tribune appeared.

George H. Himes is more than an individual; he is an institution. He was born at Troy, Pa., May 13, 1844.

"After working 12 hours a day I would go out and pick up all the heavy heads of wheat that had been overlooked, which I would then take to a threshing machine had operated in the Puget Sound region.

"As a boy I learned to be an expert woodsman, being able to fell trees by the time I was 15 in an expedition and was made a member of the club.

WASHINGTON

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OFFICIAL ENGLISH
How to employ in official documents good English that will express the exact thought is a matter of great importance.

AN IDEAL RATIO
From the New York Post and the United States found the ratio of the Oregon country's population to that of the rest of the country is 1 to 10.