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Spreading the Burden

Walter M. Pierce in his campaign as democratic-ku klux klan candidate for governor, makes a strong plea for "spreading the burden" of taxation, without however committing himself to any special program of spread. So far he has failed to make public any constructive program for reducing taxes, contenting himself with the flat promise of cutting taxation in half—which is an impossibility.

Mr. Pierce's record in the senate indicates his performance as a tax cutter. In 1917, 1919 and 1920 legislatures there were 178 appropriation bills passed, appropriating a total of \$10,522,281. Mr. Pierce voted for 157 of these measures, appropriating \$10,057,166. He missed voting on ten bills appropriating \$92,068 and voted against only 11 bills, appropriating \$385,047. During these sessions, new state taxes were voted by the people onto the taxpayers to the extent of \$4,967,913, the people simply ratifying the tax increases submitted by the legislature. Mr. Pierce supported and voted for every one of these measures.

Having participated in increasing the tax, Mr. Pierce while in the senate initiated a plan for spreading the tax, and introduced a constitutional amendment designed to exempt from taxation, money, notes, credits and accounts. This measure reads as follows:

S. J. R. 18.—Pierce—Proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Oregon to be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the regular general election in November, 1918.

Be it resolved by the senate and the house of representatives, jointly concurring:

Section 1. That Section 1 of Article IX of the constitution of the state of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

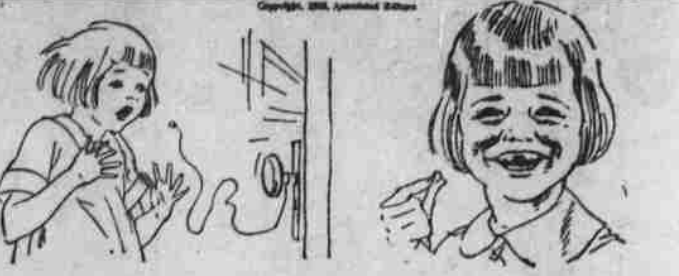
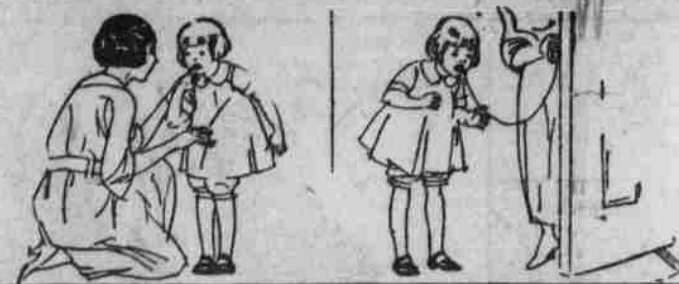
Section 1. The legislative assembly shall, and the people through the initiative may, provide by law for a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation, and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, both real and personal, excepting such only as is used for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, and money, notes, credits and accounts, and household furniture and personal effects, when used as such, as may be specially exempted by law.

This would be a spread with a vengeance inasmuch as it would relieve the capitalists, the bankers and brokers and the holders of intangible wealth from taxation altogether upon these securities and spread the burden upon the back of the farmer—the man with a hoe. Such a spread would bow still further a back already stooped with undue burdens of taxation. If any such spread is in Mr. Pierce's mind, he had better be left on his own 36 farms.

Along State Street

A closed book makes a dull scholar.
Off again, on again, gone again, Constantine.
The coal situation isn't so black as its painted.
Straw hats were called in long ago, but some short skirts seem to go on indefinitely.
Every automobile driver should know the difference between horsepower and horse sense.
Many a man has become rich through forgetting to bring home what his wife told him to bring.
Great artists practice in private, but a new driver of an automobile uses the pedestrians for his audience.
The bobbed hair of the modern flapper recalls the chrysanthemum locks of the football player of 30 years ago.
The tinsmiths are said to be doing a fine tailoring business making hollow copper waistcoats for bootleggers.
"Soft coal prices show wide range."—In proportion, presumably, to the profiteering itch of the persons who handle it.
A man is the head of the household just as long as he is unconscious of the fact that his wife is the board of directors.
If you can't buy coal, just send over the price of a ton to Europe for a consignment of German marks or Russian rubles.
Manufacturers of saxophones are offering to sell the instruments with one month's free trial. This sounds as if it is going to be a long, hard winter.

PANTOMIME—By J. H. Striebel



WHAT HAPPENED When Sheila Elliston Refused Love

By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

To the Hospital

"We must hurry him to the hospital," said one of the men. "Run for a taxi, Harry. It was damned awkward that he should take poison at this moment, but I am not a murderer, and only quick help can save him. We must hurry though, or we'll all be in bad with the police."

At this moment they caught sight of John and me and literally spilled themselves across the street.

I drew nearer to John for they were the roughest men I had ever seen—deeply-lined faces and sun-dimmed eyes. All of the three were disheveled, dirty, and showed the effect of poisonous liquor and dope. And Sheila had been in their house!

"Have you seen a taxi about here?" demanded one.

"No, sir," answered my chauffeur.

"The street has been deserted during the storm."

The men looked at me curiously.

"Were you also looking for a taxi, madame?"

"No, my car is just around the corner."

"Thank God," one of them exclaimed.

"Madame, will you lend us your car? It is a case of life and death. A man in the house there has just taken poison. You'll have to decide in a hurry, for in the excitement some damned fool has turned in a hurry call for the police, and if we do not have him out and away in a minute or two, they'll be here and pull the house. We'll all go to the 'jug' and perhaps you with us. In the meantime the man will die."

"Bring him out immediately," I said to the men, who did not wait to hear more.

"John, get the car here by the time they come down."

"But what will you do, Mrs. Wilmington? I hate to leave you here alone with this rabble."

"I have been here alone all night, John."

"Oh, no, you have not, Mr. Phil has been here, and I stood by to take care of you."

My heart beat a little faster. So John, too, knew that Phil had been in that doorway with me. Did he think that I had come down here to spy upon my brother? How much had he heard of Phil's and Su-

sonne's conversation? Had he seen Sheila and Tony Soper? All this I had no time to ask even if I had wished.

"Go!" I commanded. "I will walk over to 3rd Ave. and get a taxi."

John had the car at the doorway by the time the men came down, carrying a limp figure. I had an intuition that it was Walter Jones and so I stood near until I could say to John, "Be sure and find out the man's name, and after you have taken him to the hospital, come directly to the town house. I will be waiting for you."

As I turned away I heard the clang of the police wagon.

"Here they come. Get out quick, boys."

"You, chauffeur, run to the nearest hospital."

I waited to hear no more.

John told me afterward that those men dispersed as though the ground had swallowed them up. He started off, thinking, of course, that one of them had stayed with the unconscious man in my limousine.

"I drove to the Good Samaritan hospital," said John, in telling me about it, "and what was my surprise to find, when I opened the door for a couple of stretcher bearers, only what I thought was a dead body. The men jerked it out quickly and as I drove away, I was held up by an individual who seemed to doubt my word."

"I told him that as I was returning from a little jaunt on my own account with my employer's car, I had almost run over this man's body in the road. It was common humanity that made me pick him up and bring him to the hospital, and I made a great fuss about being detained for doing a kind act."

"I'll lose my job if I don't get back very soon," I said. "The man was alive when I picked him up."

"He is alive now," one of the stretcher bearers said.

"Get him into the operating room at once, then."

"Then, Mrs. Wilmington, they made me wait for the outcome. I tell you I was on needles and pins. I didn't dare telephone to find out if you had arrived home, for I did not want you to get mixed up in it."

"But John, do you realize that



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they can find out my name from the car's number?"
"I changed the numbers last night when I found out what part of the city you were stopping so long. I wanted to be on the safe side."
In spite of my fatigue, in spite of my anxiety, in spite of everything, I smiled especially as John said that the man's name was found to be Walter Jones, that he was still alive but unconscious, and that word had been sent to his mother and sister.

I had been waiting at the house for this information for a long time. After leaving John to take the man to the hospital, I walked a long way to the nearest street car away from the city, I rode miles and became calmer and himad matured a plan by which I, at least, could be satisfied that everyone was getting his or her rights in all this confused affair.

In pursuance of this plan I now intended to interview Walter Jones if he regained consciousness.

Tomorrow—Kay Calls on the Police.

10 DAYS IN JAIL FOR RALPH DE PALMA

Fresno, Cal., Oct. 20.—Ralph DePalma racing driver, scheduled to start serving a 10 day sentence for speeding in Madera county, failed to give himself up at the appointed time, 10 o'clock, this morning. Madera county officers have started search for him under instructions to immediately place him under arrest if found.

DePalma is understood here to have retained the services of a local law firm with the intention of fighting the imposition of a jail sentence.

He was arrested Tuesday at Merced on the charge of having driven a car through Chow Chilla, near Madera at 74 miles an hour.

He entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to ten days in the Madera county jail.

MORGAN PLANS MERGER OF FOUR NORTHERN LINES

New York, Oct. 20.—A representative of J. P. Morgan and company was to join today the conference of heads of three trunk line railroads considering plans for a merger of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and possibly the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroads.

Reports of a proposed consolidation of three of the roads have been made public but it has just been learned that the negotiators are considering adding the St. Paul railroad to the merger.

Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern; Hale Holden, president of Burlington, and Charles A. Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific, were in conference yesterday. At the close of the meeting it was stated that material progress had been made in the plan and that a representative of J. P. Morgan and company, bankers for the roads, would be called in today.

COOLIDGE PREDICTS REPUBLICAN VICTORY

New York, Oct. 20.—Vice-President Calvin Coolidge, who was in New York today, predicted a republican victory in New Jersey in November. He will speak tonight in Newark in the interest of Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen's candidacy for re-election. The vice-president said that information reaching him indicated that the republicans will hold both branches of congress.

TRY TO DEPORT MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 20.—Immigration officials here today were puzzling their heads as to what to do with Eric Richard Skog, sailor, the newest "man without a country."

Skog came here as a stowaway on a ship from the Orient last August. He was ordered deported as likely to become a public charge. But when the time came to actually deport Skog, there was a hitch. According to immigration officials, Skog could not be sent back to the Orient because authorities there refused to allow him to land. He cannot be sent to Sweden, the land of his birth, as officials there refuse to receive him because of a law which requires that after a person has remained in another country twelve years he cannot retain Swedish citizenship. So Skog is held at the immigration detention station here.

Today he began a legal fight to remain in this country.

SCANDINAVIAN PAPER COMPETITION FEARED

Chicago, Oct. 20.—Discussing Scandinavian competition in the paper industry, Dr. Hugh P. Baker, executive secretary of the American Paper and Pulp association, declared at the business conference of paper manufacturers and merchants today that "America must get over its idea of self sufficiency if it is to secure its fair share of the world's paper market."

"American mills have been developed with the idea of meeting the domestic market," he said, "while Scandinavian countries, with cheaper labor, and regarding the forests rather than the mill as the key point of the industry, aim chiefly at the foreign market."

Advertisement for KC Baking Powder. Features a decorative border and text: FULL VALUE, Is what you get for your money in buying, KC Baking Powder, 25 Ounces for 25¢ (More than a pound and a half for a quarter), SAME PRICE, For over 30 years, WHY PAY WAR PRICES?, MILLIONS OF POUNDS BOUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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Advertisement for Perfect Coffee. Text: Perfect Coffee impossible without correct granulation.

The old home coffee mill, while it might operate satisfactorily for a short time, was very quick to deteriorate into an instrument for breaking instead of grinding coffee and the resulting granulation as far from lending itself to efficient coffee making. With the advent of the Vacuum Process it became possible to pack coffee ground and since that time, the public has found it possible to purchase coffee with an improved granulation.

The experiments that Hills Bros. have conducted over a period of years has shown that this part of coffee manufacture is an exceedingly important item. Coffee, if ground too coarsely will be wasteful in result, and if ground extremely fine, will lack in flavor to an extent that it will be impossible to brew from it a perfect cup of coffee.

It is unnecessary to call to the attention of users of Hills Bros. Coffee the uniform granulation that is consistently maintained, for it is one of the important items in the course of manufacture that insures consumers of a more perfect coffee beverage.



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