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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?—Job 4:7.

The Tax Quack

How great minds change!

There was the Portland Journal a few years ago advocating the single tax, which places all taxes on the land, as the panacea for all economic ills.

And here is the Portland Journal today advocating the total abandonment of the land and property tax as the only solution for economic ills.

There was the Portland Journal during the 1922 campaign promising and pledging reduction in cost of government if Pierce was elected, with consequent cutting of taxation in two.

And here is the Portland Journal, with Pierce in office, trying to impose additional taxes, such as income and special taxes to sustain increased cost of government and totally ignoring reduction in expenses and economy in administration.

Was the Portland Journal right when it pleaded for the land tax, or is it right when it seeks abolition of the land tax? Was it right when seeking reduction in state expenditures, or is it right in seeking additional taxes to sanction greater expenditures?

The fact of the matter is that neither the right nor the wrong of an issue bother the Portland Journal—only whether or not it is popular. Hence it can be expected that this quack doctor of taxation will eventually advocate the abolition of all taxes, except those that soak the rich—because their number is limited.

Let Hoover Do It

"Let Hoover do it" seems the motto of the administration—at least the practice. He is the grand collector of departments for consolidation purposes. He has recently taken over both the Patent Office and the Bureau of Mines from the Department of the Interior and is destined to secure more. These changes are part of the program favored by the experts under the Harding administration for simplyfying government.

One cannot say however, that Mr. Hoover is simplyfying government by concentrating power in his own hands. As a matter of fact he is the prince of paternalism, the grand examplar of the uplift and the shakedown that booms bureaucracy. He has raised his minor department to one of the major branches of government and butts in as much into other people's business as he did into their food in war time.

Departments under Hoover are revitalized and inflated by assuming new tasks requiring armies of emissaries at taxpayers expense. He has them stationed all over the country and traveling all over the nation, as volunteer advisers and aides, telling the mother how to raise babies, keep house and can fruit, the business man how to keep books, the autoist how to drive for safety, posting the farmer on markets, telling us how to build, giving us statistics on industry and flooding the mails with a whole literature on trade currents, living costs, foreign trade, etc.

In a hundred ways, Hoover has brought his limited department into the lives of the people, so we can expect that the activities of the Patent Office will be speeded up so patents will be issued in the life time of the applicant and the Bureau of Mines cover the earth.

My Matrimonial Vacation by Violet Dare

Virginia telegraphed me the day she reached the little Carolina town near my father's place in the hills. Dad was not yet out of danger, she said, and she was with him.

"Am not coming back for some time," she added. "Better give up the apartment."

That must mean that she and Dad had made up their differences, and decided to live together again.

I felt lonlier than ever. I wondered how it would feel to have parents like other peoples', parents who didn't quarrel and separate as mine had done. I had never known Dad very well, and I don't believe he'd ever cared much for me. I knew that he wouldn't want me to come to him, and that Virginia wouldn't want me either.

Yet what else was there for me to do? Nothing, but wait till I heard from my husband, and found out what he would let me do about getting a divorce.

I had a cablegram from him when he received my message, telling me to do nothing, that he was coming home. That meant waiting ages—it would take a long time for him to come from the Philippines. I wondered how he was to get leave, till I read in the paper that he had been transferred to another regiment.

I had money enough in the bank to live on, though there wasn't an awful lot. Frank Harrison was very nice when I told him that I wanted to give up the apartment, and said he'd take it off my hands, that he could easily rent it for me. He had got over his anger at Virginia, and was awfully nice to me.

I had to pack up everything that was in the apartment, a terrific task; even though I hadn't cared particularly for it as a home, I felt rather sad over breaking it up. I sent the furniture and Virginia's personal belongings to her down South, and got rid of everything of my own that I didn't really want.

I felt that I had come to a turning of the ways. Till Jim got back to New York I wouldn't know what I was to do. Would he let me divorce him and marry Bill Ewing, or would he insist on my remaining his wife, when he didn't really care for me? I asked myself that question over and over, though of course it did no good.

Frank Harrison asked me to go to the theatre with him the last night tha tI was to be at the apartment. I was glad to go; it had reached the state where it looked hopelessly dreary, with most of the furniture gone, and I was in no mood to spend any more time there than was absolutely necessary.

We arrived just before the curtain rose; Frank had insisted on having a special kind of salad dressing at dinner, and we had had to wait while it was prepared. He was so fussy about everything he ate, that I couldn't help feeling sorry for any woman who married him. When I realized that I'd almost had him for a stepfather I was thankful that things had turned out so that Virginia went back to Dad.

I had had no letter that day from Bill Ewing, and I was worried. He wrote to me regularly, and I was afraid that something had happened, something serious.

Frank Harris had insisted all during dinner on finding fault with me, scolding me because I had fallen in love with Bill Ewing.

"A girl can't play at love and marriage as you have, and win the game in the end," he had said.

As the curtain went up and I was free to lean back and not try to listen or talk to him, I thought of what he had said. I couldn't see anything but happiness ahead of me.

The play seemed dull, probably because I found my own thoughts so interesting. I was almost sorry that I hadn't planned to go to San Francisco and meet the transport on which Jim was coming back to the States when it docked there. Then we could have settled things up at once, and I'd have known what I was going to do.

We went to supper at one of the night clubs after the theatre and it was very late when I got home. I had dismissed our maid that day and so was quite alone.

Something had been slipped under the door. It was a cablegram. I tore the envelope open, and stepped upder the hall light to read the message.

It said that Jim had died at sea

Tomorrow—Life Must Go On."

Yesterday's Scores

Seattle 5; Portland 7.
Vernon 3; Oakland 9.
San Francisco 7; Los Angeles 2
Salt Lake 5; Sacramento 7,

COUNTRY CLUB ALTERS SYSTEM OF TEAM RATINGS

On account of the fact that some of Illahee's best players failed to qualify through oversight or neglect in the president's cup tournament and the second flight for "The Man's Shop" trophy, it has been decided by the tournament committee to form an "emblem team" of 25 members. The 25 lowest gross scores in the president's cup play and the second flight for "The Man's Shop" trophy this coming week-end will each be entitled to such an emblem. It will be of gold with the word "Illahee" engraved thereon and they will be numbered consecutively from 1 to 25. Numbers 1 and 2 will go to Ercel Kay and Rex Sanford, who were winners in the Krause cup and trophy flights and the next numbers will be awarded to the members according to their scores in this week's playoff. Each number will have the right to challenge any lower number for position not oftener than once every two weeks and rules will be adopted and a book of the ratings and the record will be kept and posted and it is hoped that this will obviate the difficulty of having to choose a team for inter-club matches as this will automatically rate the members.

No member outside of the 25 original will be barred from challenging any man wearing a button. Whether there are 12 men team or larger it will make no difference and any member who fails to report to the captain for a match will be expected to pass his emblem either for play among the other members or it may be returned when he again resumes the play as the circumstances may warrant.

This is the system followed in many of the smaller clubs and in this manner it is hoped to arouse more interest and enthusiasm and also have a team available.

Matches are in prospect with Oregon City, Rose City and Albany in the near future and Saturday and Sunday will see great activity for the first matches for the president's cup and the second flight. The participants in this tournament will make arrangements with his opponent to play according to the convenience of parties at any time but all matches must be finished and completed not later than Monday, the 15th, or default will be granted and the pairing made accordingly for the next play.

The following members have qualified for the president's cup and will be paired as follows:

H. H. Olinger vs. P. D. Quisenberry, A. Hutcheon vs. Gale Hildebrand, Orla Fry vs. George G. Brown, Dolly Farmer vs. Frank Elliott, George Hug vs. Don Young Ted Chambers vs. Gus Hixon, Fred A. Williams vs. Fred Stuesloff, Claude Stuesloff vs. Fred Mangis.

In the second flight the following members will be paired to play for the stockings and sweater offered as a trophy by "The Man's Shop," towit:

R. I. MacLaughlin vs. A. Hamilton, Ralph Jackson vs. Dr. W. H. Lytle, Tom Woods vs. W. H. Paulus, G. W. Ely vs. A. J. Rahn, J. O. Hayes vs. C. H. Robertson, W. L. Phillips vs. William Bell, Lynn Cronmiller vs. O. J. Myers, Chester Cox vs. Roy Gard, J. H. Farrar vs. W. W. Poorman, Russell Bonesteel vs. James H. Nicolson, A. A. Keeno vs. Walter Kirk, O. C. Locke vs. Frank Spears, Dr. W. L. Pemberton vs. J. J. Roberts, T. B. Kay vs. Cliff Irwin, T. A. Livesley vs. F. G. Myers, Carl Webb vs. Brazier Small.

CITIES PAY 50 PERCENT COUNTY TAX

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the average rate being 41.57 mills while the average rate in Clackamas county is 55.35 mills. In Linn county the average rate is 37.5, in Polk 40.42 and in Yamhill 37.2. However, Marion county has a lower per capita tax than any of the five, the per capita being $38.52 as against Clackamas $48.66; Linn $45.96; Yamhill $40.43, and Polk $40.11.

In unincorporated territory in Marion county the average rate is 34.68 mills, which is slightly higher than the average for all unincorporated territory in the state, which is 31.93 mills. Within cities it is 51.45 mills, compared with an average of 47.38 mills for all cities. The per capita tax in unincorporated territory is much lower than the average for all territory in Oregon located outside of cities. In Marion county it is $41.30 and for the state it is $63.43. The per capita tax for all Marion county cities is $36.14 and for all Oregon cities and towns $45.77.

St. Paul has the lowest tax rate in the county, 35.2 mills, while Aumsville has the highest rate, 83.6. Even this is not as high as in some cities of Oregon, notably Lakeside, 126.2; Bend 106; North Bend 100; Seaside 94.1 and Bandon 92.3. St. Paul has a very low per capita tax, it being $13.20. Aumsville has the highest per capita, $55.39, but this is low compared with per capitas in some cities, such as Warrenton $255.56; Gearhart $214.54; West Linn $117.25; Newport $93.02; Toledo $88.74 and Seaside $84.45.

Marion county taxes this year show an increase of 12.89 per cent, compared with an increase of 6.06 per cent for the state as a whole. The county tax roll of $1,817,705 represents 4.26 per cent of the total property tax levied in Oregon, which is $42,660,781.

Of the county total, $682,590, or 37.55 per cent, will be used for high and grade school purposes, and an additional $109,677 or 6.03 per cent, will go toward the support of higher educational institutions in the state. Roads will receive $394,479, of which $85,001 is for road bonds. The levy for county general purposes is $274,282; for cities and towns, $272,805; drainage districts $687, and fire patrol $1508. Marion county's share of the tax for state administrative purposes is $34,744, or 1.91 per cent of the county total, and for the soldiers' bonus, $46,933.

Following are the tax rates and per capita taxes in the cities of Marion county.

	Rate	Per Cap
Aumsville	83.6	$55.29
Aurora	42.8	34.79
Donald	45.8	24.66
Gervais	41.2	28.19
Hubbard	55.2	36.11
Jefferson	56.4	33.57
Mt. Angel	41.3	19.77
Salem	50.5	38.38
Scotts Mills	50.6	17.94
Silverton	64.5	36.88
Stayton	52.7	34.59
St. Paul	35.2	13.20
Sublimity	42.2	16.18
Turner	54.2	30.00
Woodburn	55.6	29.75

JEFFERSON BABE PASSES

Jefferson, Or., June 11.—Junior Kelly, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Kelly, passed away in Albany, Tuesday morning, at 3 o'clock after a long illness. He is survived by his father and mother. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Jefferson. He was buried in the Shelburn cemetery.

Fall Breaks Arm.

Mill City, Or., June 11.—Ruth Davis, about 11 years of age, fell several days ago and broke her arm.

NEW BOOKS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

George Eliot, "Adam Bede"; Emerson Hough, "The Ship of Souls"; Sidney Howard, "Three Flights Up"; Booth Tarkington, "Alice Adams"; M. E. Moore, "Parent, Teacher and School"; Christopher Ward, "Twisted Tales"; Emerson Hough, "The Story of the Cowboy."

T. W. Burgess, "The Adventures of Chatterer, the Red Squirrel," "The Adventures of Jimmy Skunk," "The Aventures of Mr. Mocker," and "Tommy and the Wishing Stone"; D. M. M. Craik, "The Little Lame Prince"; Daniel Defoe, "Robinson Crusoe"; J. C. Francis, "A Book of Cheerful Cats and Other Animated Animals"; W. L. Goss, "Tom Clifton"; R. S. Holland, "The Boy Scouts of Birch-Bark Island"; sauel Horinbrook, "A Scout of Today"; Rose Lucia, "Peter and Polly in Autumn," "Peter and Polly in Summer," and "Peter and Polly in Winter"; Kirk Munroe, "Raft Mates"; A. S Pier, "Boys of St. Timothy's," and "The Crashaw Brothers"; Lewis Carroll, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"; W. E. Griffis, "Dutch Fairy Tales"; H. W. Mabie, "Legends Every Child Should Know," and "Folk Tales Every Child Should Know"; Carl Ewald, "Two-legs"; Jennie Hall, "Weavers and Other Workers."

YOUTH JUMPS IN RIVER TO GET NAME IN PAPER

Chicago, June 11.—Jack Wasdahl, 21 years old, came to Chicago from Denver a week ago looking for employment. He couldn't find any so yesterday he jumped into Lake Michigan and splashed about until he was rescued by police. "Now my name will get in the papers and I'll get a job," he declared. He was taken to the psychopatic hospital.

HUGH MITCHELL LATEST TARGET

Portland, Or., June 11.—Fish commission waters were further muddled yesterday by authenticated reports that at the secret sessions of the commission Monday and Tuesday a movement was launched to oust Hugh Mitchell, director of commercial hatcheries. R. E. Clanton, Mitchell's predecessor, was said to be angling for the job.

Mitchell's contract has been sent to Salem to determine whether the ex-commission had power to give him a four-year contract, obtained in 1924 when Mitchell resigned his position from the United States bureau of fisheries, Clanton having been removed.

The present director is the only survival from the Kendall-Shoemaker regime. Commissioner Veatch is said to have supported Mitchell, and it is Commissioner Veatch who has power to call the next meeting. Commissioners Eakin and Beals were opposed to Mitchell.

Osteopaths Elect

Longview, Wash., June 11—Dr. S. L. Delapp, of Roseburg, was elected president of the Oregon Osteopathic association at a joint meeting of Oregon and Washington osteopaths here yesterday. Dr. Allen P. Howells, Albany, was elected vice-president and Dr. Charles H. Beaumont, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

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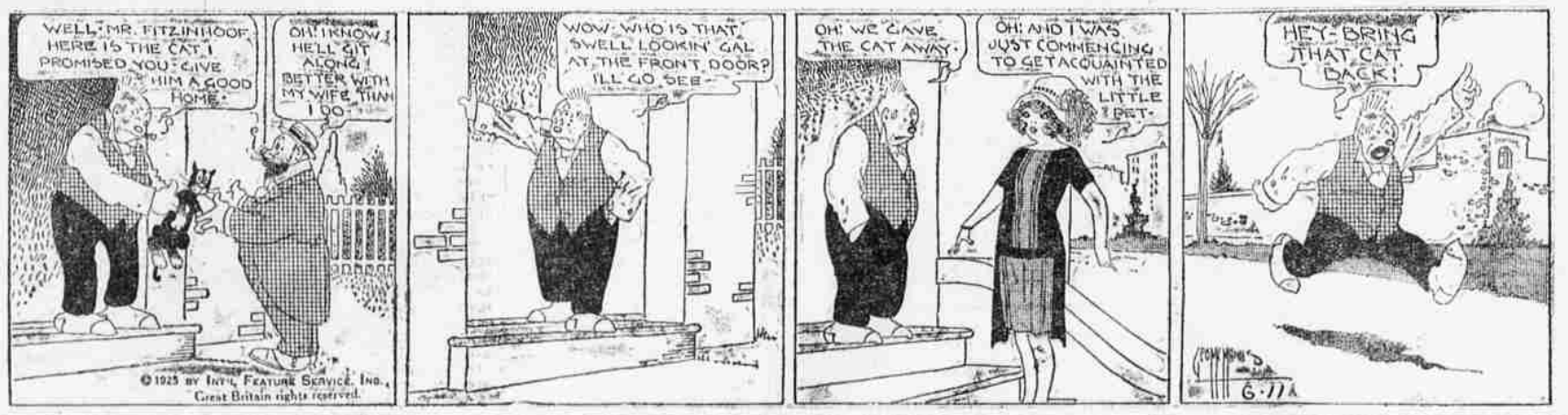

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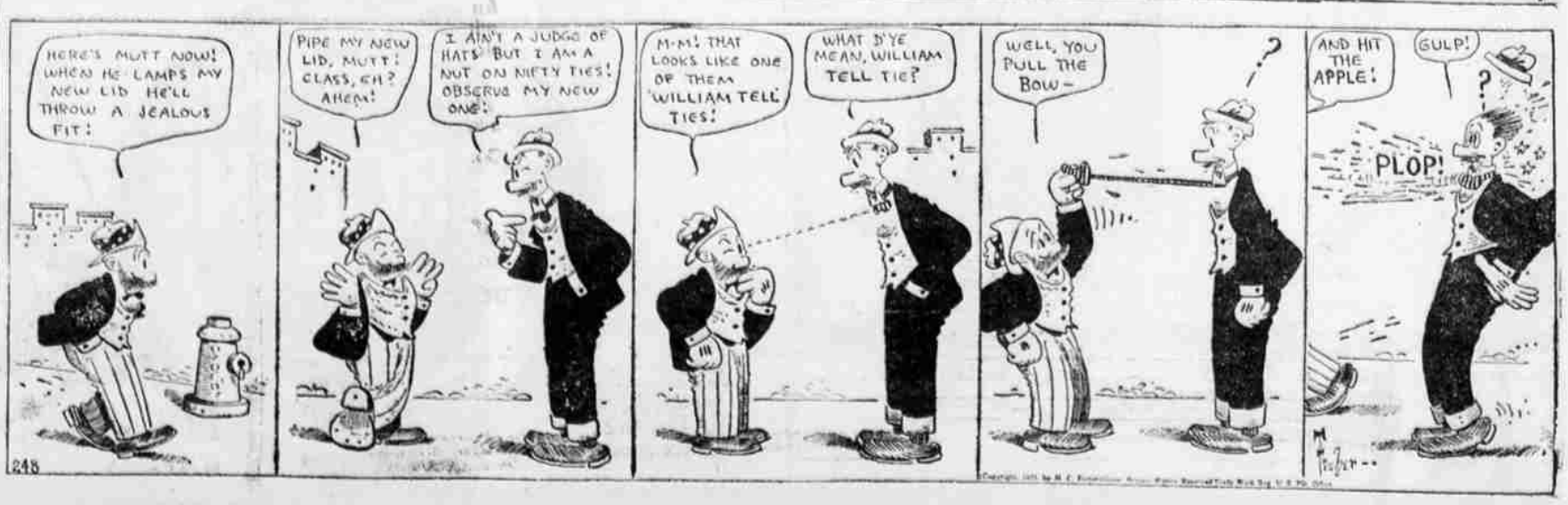
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