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THE NECESSARY MAN.

One hears so much said about the tax-payer that it would seem like a child should possess a thorough understanding of the term. How many of our readers have given serious thought to whom the tax-payer really is? What constitutes a tax-payer?

In answer, 99 people out of every 100 will tell you that a tax-payer is a party possessed of real or personal property on which an assessment is made in order to raise sums of money wherewith to meet the many expenses of maintaining national, state, and county offices; for the support of schools and many public institutions. Also to make certain improvements of a public nature. When one has property on which a tax levy is made for the purposes above enumerated, he is a tax-payer, according to the common idea.

All very correct. But is the person owning the property the only tax-payer? No! Every man who buys of our merchants is to a more or less degree a tax-payer. He may not be a saver, but he is a toiler, a producer through his labor, and the return for this industry goes to him of whom he purchases and in this manner any man who, by his labor pays his way as he goes, becomes a factor in the tax-paying problem.

One who serves for his living, and has no estate subject by law to a tax levy, can only be counted a tax-payer even on the lines we have prescribed when he patronizes his home people. By patronizing home industry he is one of the necessities of his community; a producer; in a limited way, a tax-payer. But if he earns his living in a certain community, owns no taxable estate, but sends the reward of his toil abroad for everything he consumes, he is no longer a community asset, look at it as you will. He is a drain on the community in which he lives and any section is better off without such men. Patronize your own people so long as they can supply that which you require. When you can no longer be supplied at home then you may be forgiven if you buy abroad.

TOO SOON FOR FEAR.

It is ever interesting to note the prescience of a certain class of individuals who are eternally declaring that lightning is just about to "hit" somewhere. Congressman J. A. T. Hull, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, has given out that he is shivering with fear that far in the future we are to have war with Japan over the possession of the Philippines. He guesses the time of action to be about fifteen years hence.

Congressman Hull and others are of the opinion that when Japan has drubbed Russia to her satisfaction the lads of the Flowery Kingdom will fancy they can whip any nation on earth and will cast covetous eyes upon the Philippines. Now, in truth, the Japanese are a peace-loving people and are opposed to war. If their own peace and happiness is threatened they will fight, as all Christendom is aware. But we, the people of the United States, are a just nation and will not give Japan any reason to believe that we wish her people harm. Without a grievance on one side or the other there will be no war at any time, and where is such grievance to spring from?

At a recent club dinner in New York, Baron Kaneko Kantaro, a

former Japanese Minister of Justice said:

"One peculiarity of the Japanese mind is to form a policy for a century ahead, and to meet with Anglo-Saxon practicality any difficulties that arise. And as we try to be practical, I can assure you we shall never try to take the Philippines away from you, as some American recently said. Japan has too much gratitude for this country ever to make war upon it. Japan's great ambition is to engraft Western science on Eastern culture and to blend the Occidental and Oriental civilization into one."

According to the above paragraph, Japan already has her work mapped out for another hundred years. Should she change her mind and conclude to whip us, she would have the hundred-year's contract just the same.

POSSIBLY TOO HARSH.

A short time ago Rev. E. E. Cawood was tarred and feathered at Goldendale, Wash. We have not learned the exact reason, if there was any, for such lavish outlay of feathers, time and tar, but the papers are still publishing reviews from the reverend gentleman.

Rev. Cawood is at present back at his home in Portland, and is still preaching the gospel as he interprets it. Formerly he was a dentist and possibly may have drifted from a profession that he understood into one for which he was unfitted. He certainly has the faith, for he is reported to have buttoned the tar and feathers under his Prince Albert and continued to address his congregation.

Portland reporters now declare him to be free of feathers and seem inclined to the opinion that he's a pretty good fellow after all. If he didn't save the feathers he is a loser on the deal, for they are worth 50 cents per pound.

Back From Coos.

August Fischer arrived home, last Thursday, from a ten-days trip down the coast. He went to Portland, and took the steamer to Coos Bay. Here Mr. Fischer reports to have found everything very quiet, but of course this is the quiet time of the year.

North Bend, a small place on the bay that has been boomed like fury in the past seemed to August to be unusually quiet. The return trip our citizen made overland and traveled by stage, on foot, and on horseback. It took him three days to reach Yaquina Bay from Marshfield.

Mr. Fischer made the trip in the interest of his flouring mills, and although he choose a very dull season of the year to make the trip; he reports that the outcome was in every way satisfactory.

No. 4301.

Report Of The Condition Of the First National Bank of Corvallis, at Corvallis, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, March 14, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$142,621 37
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,517 50
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
U. S. Bonds on hand	403 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	32 25
Stocks, securities, etc.	24,126 47
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	21,684 38
Other real estate owned	3,157 44
Due from National Banks-not reserve agents	63,735 34
Due from State Banks and Bankers	16,225 49
Due from approved reserve agents	72,224 51
Internal Revenue stamps	289 90
Checks and other cash items	1,965 20
Notes of other National Banks	1,510 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	166 50
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Legal-tender notes	210 00 1
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	34,095 75
3 per cent. of circulation	2,500 00
Total	\$439,872 10

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	19,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	386 21
National Bank notes outstanding	48,000 00
Due to other National Banks	4,335 92
Due to State Banks and Bankers	2,395 87
Individual deposits subject to check	267,050 54
Demand certificates of deposit	47,618 16
Certified checks	482 00
Liabilities other than those stated above	10,118 40
Total	\$439,872 10

State of Oregon, County of Benton ss: I, Geo. E. Lilly, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Geo. E. LILLY, Cashier.
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