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WHY THESE HARD TIMES?

A careful study of the causes of our present depressed condition will reveal several things that every candid reader ought to consider. Lay aside, for a time at least, any prejudice that may have blinded the eyes to the truth, and in the light of experience try to find an answer to the question, why these hard times? It is a fact that we have suffered a fabulous loss in income. The most of our industrial enterprises have been destroyed or quieted. As a result of this thousands of laborers have been deprived of an income that formerly supported the families of the tradesmen of all kinds, repeating itself over and over again. With this all stopped the whole industrial fabric has been paralyzed and all classes have been involved. The thoughtless poor are inclined to charge all their troubles to the rich when the fact is that those who are comparatively wealthy have been the greatest sufferers. The very wealthy have been heartless in their grasp after the earth but all other classes have suffered. Let us look at this thought a moment.

The railways, during the last few years have ceased paying dividends, have discharged every hand that could be spared, and the strictest economy not saving them, the most of them have been forced into the hands of a receiver. As before all the nation shared in the general prosperity so all classes are effected by the depression. It is folly to imagine that the wages of a part of our people can be reduced without depressing all the people. The farmer has suffered during the last few years simply because the consuming powers of those who have usually bought his products have been seriously curtailed. We are all an inseparable part of one great living organism and one part cannot suffer without all the other parts suffering with it. There are 22,735,661 persons in our country who are what are called laborers. Of these 9,000,000 are farmers, 5,000,000 are manufacturers, 4,360,000 are engaged in personal and domestic service, and then comes the professional class representing less than 1,000,000.

It cannot be possible for any one of these classes to set up in business by itself and thrive while the other classes are uninjured. When the blow was struck at our manufacturing industries work and wages stopped, and that effected 4,713,000 of our fellow citizens. In 1890 this meant a reduction of income of \$2,384,009,000. A cut of only 20 per cent. all around has been figured to mean a loss annually of \$500,000,000.

A careful estimate of all persons affected by this will show just what paralyzed our prosperity. Only as our industrial interests are again built up, the wheels and spindles of our factories started, and our idle millions remuneratively employed can we hope for the prosperity we long for. Once more put the income of our people whatever they are engaged in, at a figure that will enable them to live and support their families, and money will hurry around in an active service to all classes. It has been truly said that during the last four years we have made less commodities, carried less freight and less passengers, worked less hours and less men and women, and paid less wages than comparatively in all our history.

It surely is the imperative duty of those in authority to enact such protective laws as will tend to encourage the manufacturer, the laborer and the farmer to put forth their best efforts and then the army of the unemployed will again keep step to the music of cheerful industry and our whole country will be prosperous and happy.

On our first page will be found part of the report which Senator Hughes intended to place before the legislature. The question of assessments and taxation is one of great importance, and surely it ought to be studied by every intelligent citizen, and every taxpayer should become so familiar with the subject that he could give a clear statement of the whole matter. Mr. Hughes has given the subject very careful consideration and his conclusions have been reached deliberately. If any one of our readers should see the subject differently we cordially invite an interchange of thought, in condensed form. We will publish the whole report in sections.

A MINISTERING ANGEL.

President McKinley, in making the nomination, the senate of the U. S. in confirming the same on April 15, the State of Michigan and her great University and the whole nation have been honored in the appointment of President James B. Angel as the U. S. minister to Turkey. No better man in personal character and eminent qualification could have been found.

Turkey is now on the verge of an advance step in the march of civilization and our nation was under obligation, as the most advanced nation on the face of the earth, to send to Constantinople, as the representative of our country, a man whose erudition, and great knowledge of international law, will command universal respect at home and abroad, and who has the courage to demand that every interest of the U. S. shall receive prompt attention, and every citizen of this country, who may be in any part of that land, be protected in all his rights. Backed by an administration that means business, our minister to Turkey will have an opportunity to show himself a missionary of civilization such as few men have ever enjoyed. The Armenian troubles have called the eye of civilization to center its gaze upon a government that can, not only permit but actually encourage such atrocities. As yet little has been done by way of reproof or correction. This country may be compelled to lead in the matter and it has a good pretext. Much property has been destroyed that belonged to our missionary boards, and they must be reimbursed upon claims presented through the government. This will give our minister opportunity to exercise his ability in making demands, and our warships may speak for him if he has not voice enough to awaken the sleeping Turk.

The powers are now pretending to keep Greece quiet, but she is not inclined to take a nap just now when an opportunity has come to take her own people of Crete back to her protection and from under Turkish mis-rule. Whatever the powers may say in house-top speech at heart they are with Crete in her effort to shake off her galling fetters. Our minister will be in just the right place to exert a mighty influence in the line of advancing civilization. A ministers work is "to give—to supply," and we predict that this new appointment will be to Turkey a ministering angel.

TAXING CORPORATIONS.

Some people are slow to believe that our great corporations are of any benefit to the country. To say nothing about the service which telegraph, telephones and railroads render in carrying the products of a country to good market, and a personal service to every passenger, these corporations enhance the value of property in their vicinity and pay their portion of taxes to support the institutions of the state. The Oregon Telephone and Telegraph company owns twenty-two and one-half miles of line in Washington county and the company is assessed at the rate of \$100 per mile, or \$2250. They pay to the incorporated towns through which the lines pass an additional tax on the following basis: Beaverton \$100, Hillsboro \$150, Cornelius \$100, and Forest Grove \$100.

The Oregon and California Ry. Co., is assessed on the following basis, main line \$3500 per mile; the old narrow gauge division \$3000 per mile, tracks etc., making \$131,320. In the cities for depots, grounds, etc., Beaverton \$200; Reedville \$150; Hillsboro \$400; Cornelius \$200; Forest Grove \$300; Dilley \$150; Tualatin \$150; Sherwood \$150; Middleton \$150, making a total of \$1850. In addition to the above the company pays taxes on patented land valued at \$58,590.

This statement shows how these corporations help in the support of our county, and they pay other counties through which they pass about the same proportion of taxes.

The habit of condemning all corporations in unmeasured language is squarely rebuked by the above figures. If Washington county had a few more railroads and telegraph lines the burden of taxation would not be very heavy on the people.

MR. HUGHES' REPORT.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

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JAMES C. WOODS, Administrator of the estate of Caleb Woods, deceased.

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- A H Thomas and W Jacob Hillstrand 40 a of Jacob Sawyer being all of lot no 11 on plat B thereof. 1 200 00
- John Peterson to J B Simmons 10 a in sec 4 1 1/2 r 1 w. 400 00
- Monnie Landreth to Sherman W Walker 1/2 of the e 1/2 of sec 22 and the e 1/2 of the e 1/2 of sec 21 1 1/2 r 6 w. 2 000 00
- H R Davis to W L Davis tract in blk 12 of Simon add to Arthur Reeves and 1/2 lot in bearing mill and fixtures at Forest Grove. 2 000 00
- Wm Scott and W L Clara Welch 3 a in sec 21 1 1/2 r 1 w. 200 00
- C M Johnson and W Emma C Sedler 2 a in Wm Melin and W L r 1 w Wm Hall to Paulina Hall its in Five Oaks sub-division of E Constable d 1 1 1/2 r 2 w. 100 00
- S S Marchant and W Julia Hatch 1/2 a of sec 7 1 1/2 r 4 w. 200 00
- John P Dagen to Sarah E Emrick 36 a of James M Rowell d 1 1 1/2 r 2 w. 1 000 00
- Harry T Chalacombe to M C Johnson 1/2 no 1 blk 6 Cornelius. 500 00
- Murray H Rice and W Mark F Cox 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 13 1 1/2 r 4 w and other lands. 200 00
- R M Jespersen and W E J Jespersen 70 a in E A Hawes d 1 1 1/2 r 2 w. 3 250 00
- Geo F Taylor to Gaston Co-op Milling Co water rights etc near Gaston. 1 000 00
- Mrs E J Guse to Gaston Co-op Milling Co right of way for ditch. 1 000 00
- J T Gerrish and W Gaston Co-op Milling Co right of way for ditch. 1 000 00
- E W Johnson et al to Oromel Johnson n 1/2 of sec 1/2 and s 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 31 1 1/2 r 1 w 80 a (quit claim). 1 000 00
- L B Cox admr to Wm Johnson trustee 1 1/2 in blk 10 Hyde Park and other lands. 37 00
- Eugene D White et als by sheriff to C F Plympton its 71 and 75 in Steels add to Beaverton. 500 00
- Julia Fisher 80 a in sec 2 and 1 1/2 r 4 w. 400 00
- J Friedenthal and M M Marawitz 10 1/2 a in sec 25 1 1/2 r 1 w. 1 000 00
- U S to Thos W Thompson its 4 and sec 6 1 1/2 r 3 w and other lands patent. Oromel Johnson to E W Johnson n 1/2 of sec 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 31 1 1/2 r 1 w quit claim. 500 00
- W G Scroggins and W L Master in Chancery, to Walter B Burns 1/2 of s 1/2 and w 1/2 of n 1/2 sec 16 1 1/2 r 1 w 100 a and other lands. 27 800 00
- State of Oregon to Monnie Landreth n 1/2 sec 22 and e 1/2 sec 21 1 1/2 r 6 w. 400 00
- Monnie Landreth to Sherman W Walker same land as above. 2 000 00
- Sherman W Walker to Federal's Fuller trustee 6 1/2 a in sec 31 and 32 1 1/2 r 6 w. 5 000 00
- C S Ligand and W L Joseph 36 a strip for right of way in sec 10 1 1/2 r 1 w J T Adkins and W L Geo B Zimmerman s 1/2 sec 6 1 1/2 r 2 w 100 a. 800 00
- Jeremiah Paulsel to Charles Paulsel n 1/2 of sec 21 1 1/2 r 1 w 50 a. 1 000 00
- Chas and Lotinda Harris, by sheriff, to Geo N Driver 1/2 sec 11 1 1/2 r 1 w. 850 00
- E W Inaines and W L H Taylor Hill tract in Wm Stokes d 1 1 1/2 r 3 w Levi M Sparks and W L Anton Planner pt 1/2 blk 11 Forest Grove. 600 00
- Chas A Baker to Juliette Baker its 5 8 and 7 in Sherwood. 140 00
- Wm Harrington and W L Martha J Parr-tt its 2 and 4 of blk 3 town of Middleton. 200 00

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Administrators notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the county court of Washington county, Oregon, did, on the 2nd day of March, 1897, duly appoint the undersigned as administrator of the estate of William Gilpin, deceased, and he has duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate will present the same with proper vouchers at the law office of S. B. Huston, in Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 14th day of April, 1897.

T. W. THOMPSON, Administrator of the estate of William Gilpin, deceased.

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