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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

That the power to tax is the power to destroy is realized today probably more completely than when the truism was first uttered. In consequence, a move is under way throughout various states of the union to halt in peace time the steadily rising federal rate of tax on incomes.

Naturally Congress has not favored any curtailment of its power to levy taxes. Hence the proposal takes the form of a Petition to Congress, which when passed by two-thirds of the state legislatures, will compel the submission by congress of the constitutional amendment to the people for ratification. The proposal would limit the federal income tax to 25 per cent.

Advocates of this brake on spending during peace time believe extravagance and waste would be curtailed and that state governments would be freed from a strangling federal control of all expenditures.

Aluminum has proved to be one of the most important metals of this war. Every school child will remember in future years the collections of old aluminum pans and kettles when the race in airplane building first started and some of them may recall that in a very few years, the aluminum battle was won and a bureaucrat phrased it thus: "We now have aluminum running out of our ears."

But aside from aircraft aluminum and aluminum foil for packaging food for the army, scientific researchers are finding new uses for it as a medicine. For a number of years aluminum jell has relieved the distress of those suffering with stomach ulcers but the more recent discovery is that aluminum dust is proving beneficial in treating silicosis. The latter is a lung disease contracted by miners who breathe in the dust from quartz mines. In guinea pigs it was found that when inhaled the aluminum dust forms a jelly around the harmful foreign bodies in the lungs and made them harmless. Now human victims of silicosis in steel and glass industries, as well as miners, have been benefitted by the new treatment.

Well do we remember two uncles of a childhood playmate who quickly succumbed to "consumption" after a couple of years spent in Arizona or New Mexico mines.

Not all of the achievements of science in this warring world mean greater destruction of the human race but until peace comes we may not realize how much has also been done to prolong life.

In these days when we think of all our heroes as at the battlefield, we catch our breath at the tale of the miner who escaped entrapment only to return through fire to his doomed companions, with the hope of helping them with his superior engineering skill. That one story offsets all others of greed, strikes and selfishness and we salute the whole mining fraternity if its numbers include such shining stars of bravery. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Probably the robot-bombing of southern England will change the place of the next meeting between Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt. The American embassy in London had been refurbished and shined up recently as well as a resort building overlooking the English Channel. The destination of the president's new plane will doubtless be anywhere but in the London area now and it is just as well. Henry Wallace does better as vice president than he ever could as president.

By one of the ironic twists of fate, one of the leading periodicals of this country appeared with the picture of a circus clown on its cover the same week that the people of Hartford were mourning their dead from the burning of the "big top" of Ringling Bros. circus. No one could look at the Saturday Evening Post last week without shrinking for the hor-

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken From The Sentinel of Friday, July 11, 1924)

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening bids were opened for the first street sewer job. Hillstrom Bros., having the lowest bid, were awarded the contract.

A tabulation of the uncollected taxes in Coos county for the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 has just been prepared by the sheriff's office and shows the amount outstanding July 5 to be \$1,007,981.75.

After a continuous session of seventeen days at New York City, the Democratic National convention on Wednesday named John W. Davis, of West Virginia, as its candidate for president and Charley Bryan, of Nebraska, brother of the peerless William J., for vice president.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Liljeqvist and daughters came down from Portland last week to spend the Fourth.

An attempt was made to have a reunion of all the Schroeder families at Norway Grove July 4th, on which occasion there was a picnic dinner and an all day session. The occasion was celebrated by fifty persons, descendants and relatives by marriage and there were absent one hundred and fourteen, descendants and related by marriage.

Last Friday and Saturday the Coquille gun club team, composed of

Earl Graham, Pete Miller, Ray Long, A. W. Chapin and Ira Johnson, defeated all entries at the Roseburg shoot and won from the best five shots in the Portland Gun Club.

Bobby, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kay, died at six o'clock last evening from spinal meningitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hersey were made happy Wednesday morning by the arrival of a ten pound boy at their home on East Third-street. His name is Lowell Myron.

What street improvement Coquille is going to do this year will be of a permanent nature, but there is one point on which the city should look to the future and build for permanence. That is in regard to the gulches which intersect the streets in so many places and have heretofore been spanned with wooden bridge which cannot long stand up under the heavy traffic. Take the Hall street entrance to town from the Roseburg highway. It is not many years since that bridge was built but it was an abortion at the time with its narrow driveway and sharp angled corners. Nor was it ever a thing of beauty.

If Coquille is to become a city of 5,000, 10,000 or even more thousands in the next ten years, we should begin to prepare now. It is very seldom that property in large proportions attacks a city that is not prepared to receive it.

In the huge sums of cash now in the hands of many of our working people. It is trite to say that the safety of the values of property, both real and personal, depends upon the good common sense of those who possess these cash funds. There will be no inflation if the possessors of the cash use

discretion in its expenditure. But if people are stampeded into competitive bidding for goods there will be a severe inflation which will destroy our economy and cause a very severe depreciation.

Once again the safety of the country rests on the hard common sense of the ordinary working man. It is not the first time in our history that this has been so. Nor will it be the last time because that is the way with democracy.

It would appear that rather than scold the common citizen and attempt to pressure him into doing things against his will, a better strategy would be to point out the dangers ahead and leave it to his good judgment to avoid them.

Conversation with many workmen leads me to believe that the failure to meet the "E" Bond quota this time is due to optimism over the progress of the war with an accompanying fear of the temporary loss of jobs at the war's end. All with whom I have talked are fully aware of the danger of inflation and determined to do their part in checking it by the judicious use of their savings and steadfast refusal to be stampeded.

It would, therefore, seem logical to take an optimistic view of this "E" Bond situation and to be content at this time with the fact that the national quota has been oversubscribed in all other series of bonds.

END OF THE BEGINNING

It is truly the beginning of the end for Hitler, Tojo and their gangsters. But it is just the end of the beginning for America's industry, whose amazing production for war is in the valiant hands of men now inside the Germans' vaunted fortress.

Industry is rightly looking to the next job, which begins when hostilities end. It wants to keep the production level high. It knows that jobs in manufacturing, although they provide but 25 per cent of all employment, stimulate millions of other jobs—in business, agriculture, min-

Insurance Specialist. F. R. Bull.

Howdy Folks:

We wonder if a holiday is worth the effort required to catch up with the work that piles up. Or do we ever catch up?

At least after each holiday, there are many cars that can never be repaired again!

The sad part of that (aside from the casualties) is that a few minor adjustments will often make a car safe to be on the highway.

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