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"Brass buttons and an officers uniform have turned many a head."

Brass buttons and the possession of authority and the power that goes with it has turned many a man's head. There has been much of this head-turning process since the government took over the operation of the railroads. While the roads were under private management and there was a keen competition for business, there was every effort to please the public. Since officialdom took charge there has been a very noticeable manifestation of a "public-be-damned" attitude. Rates for both freight and passenger traffic were increased arbitrarily and without hearing, in many instances threatening the destruction of long-established industries because of the prohibitory rates imposed. Service has been cut off and when there were protests the reply was, in effect, "you'll take what we give you." In the operation of the telephone and telegraph, in the unjustified taking over of the cables, and in a hundred and one other instances we have seen a demonstration of the truth of the assertion that "brass buttons and a uniform have turned many a head." Not the brass buttons, merely, mind you, but the power they represent.

What this country needs is just as few brass buttons as possible.

TEACHING THRIFT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The school authorities of the country were urged to join in the government campaign to make thrift a happy national habit in a telegram sent by Secretary Glass of the Treasury Department to the National Educational Association in convention in Chicago. Secretary Glass asked that the teaching of thrift be made a part of the school curriculum during 1919.

The telegram read as follows: "To the members of the National Educational Association assembled at Chicago I wish to extend the sincere appreciation of the Treasury Department for the assistance rendered by the members of the teaching profession in the Liberty Loan and War Savings campaigns during the past year.

"Besides being of immediate value in meeting financial needs of the government these campaigns have been of permanent value to the country in encouraging habits of wise spending, intelligent saving and investment. These habits of saving and patriotism, encouraged and stimulated by the necessities of the war, will have a permanent value to the country if applied to its development in time of peace.

"The teachers of the country by their daily contact with the children who are to be its future citizens can do much to influence them in teaching good citizenship and thrift. It is therefore my earnest request that the school authorities throughout the country incorporate the teaching of thrift in the school curriculum for 1919."

Carter Glass.

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WILL AWAKEN PUBLIC INTEREST

After March 15 next, virtually every individual and every industry will more fully realize what taxation means. Heretofore its burdens have rested lightly upon the average citizen and touched only those with larger incomes.

Times have changed and it is a man with a small business indeed who does not come under the \$1,000 or \$2,000 exemption clause while the profits of a large business or income are taken up to as high as 80 per cent.

Just what the effect on industry will be, of this heavy taxation, it is hard to say but the general impression prevails that it will retard expansion and development to a considerable extent.

One great good should come from the high taxes necessitated by the war, the tax problem will be brought home to every family in America and as a result there will be a general demand for economy and efficient administration in public affairs both state and national, in order to lighten the tax burden as much as possible.

THE STRENGTH OF GIBRALTAR—EARLY HATCH

The feeling of security that the progressive farmer and live poultry raiser has when he is closing the coops for the night at this season of the year in knowing that he has hatched about all the chicks out that he can properly take care of, and from now on he can give his full time to other important farm projects is most reassuring. Then again he knows "Early Hatching" pays. What a grand boom to poultry raisers is this Early Hatch Campaign launched and pushed vigorously by all Government poultry workers. This "Early Hatch" is only one of the "nine features." It is the foundation and keystone—the Gibraltar of the poultry work. It is just the difference between going behind and going ahead. Your State College, County or Home Demonstration Agents can give you more information, or write and get in touch with the U. S. Extension Poultry Husbandman of your state.

Many people raising poultry think of increased production only along the line of increased numbers. This is a mistake. The necessary object to be kept in view now is increased revenue, and this can be done better by raising poultry along lines of practical common sense experience. In other words, it is better to raise ten good, strong, vigorous broilers, roasters or layers that will fetch you \$15 than to raise fifteen that will only fetch you \$12 or possibly \$15. This extra value can be gotten only through following our "Essential Features," the chief one now being early hatching. For information as regards the other features get in touch with your Local Leader or community committeeman, County or Home Demonstration Agent, or write your State College.

Harry Miller is Yamhill county's poultry leader. Ask him.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Vivian Davis, McMinville, to Sam Platis, Seattle, Washington.

FARM POULTRY PAYS

Some interesting figures on the income from poultry on the farms have recently been published by the federal department of agriculture. These figures were compiled from a survey of twenty-five farms in Ohio and probably fairly represent average farm conditions.

Doubtless many will be somewhat surprised to learn that poultry was the second highest source of income on these farms, averaging \$169 per farm, of which \$138 was for eggs. Nearly half the farms realized over \$200 annually from poultry and eggs. This was accomplished, according to the government report, "without serious interference with the other farm operations," with prices ranging from 15 to 38 cents and with hens that laid only 86 eggs a year. It is not difficult to figure the increase in revenue that could be made by replacing the low-producing mongrel flocks with good stock.

As a revenue producer, the farm flock of poultry ranks ahead of many other classes of livestock, and the report of this survey states that "In addition to this enterprise being one of the leading sources of income, it is further commendable because its receipts are distributed throughout the year. They are greatest during the early spring and summer months, but there is not a month in the year without some receipts from this source. Poultry is also of considerable importance as a source of the home food supply."

A general survey of more than one thousand farms in Indiana in 1915-16 showed that the average farm flock of 124 birds was returning an average gross income of \$361.66. The average expense was \$186.89, interest being figured at 6 per cent, and depreciation 16 per cent, leaving an average net labor income of \$174.77 or 34 cents per hour. The average cash balance was \$218.44.

Poultry raisers in the Northwest will be gratified to learn that accurate statistics on the income from farm poultry in this territory will soon be available. The Oregon Agricultural College poultry department extension service is installing record systems on poultry demonstration farms in every county and will secure figures that will show just what is being done with farm poultry here. Professor Brewster has recently completed arrangements for three demonstration farms in Sherman county and this work will be extended as rapidly as possible to cover every poultry producing district.

The Confused Hun.

Dr. Thomas C. Ely of Philadelphia tells a story of his son, Lieut. William C. Ely, heard at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, which illustrates the heroism of the negro troops.

A German officer, taken captive complained that nothing could stop the Americans. They were not afraid of the shells, they defied the flame projectors, they advanced through fusillades of the machine guns of 280 to 300 bullets a minute.

"How about the gas?" some one said to the German.

"Gas?" replied the captive Hun. "It was no use to turn on the gas. It merely blackened their faces and frizzled their hair, and they came on just the same!"

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GET YOUR TACKLE IN READINESS FOR SALMON

The salmon run will soon be on in the Willamette river at this point, according to local fishermen. Last week one of the residents of Oregon City caught a large Chinook salmon with a hook and line, and it is thought that some of the early running fish are now in the stream. Local sportsmen are getting out their tackle in preparation for the run, and it is expected that this year will be the greatest fishing year for the anglers in the history of the sport.—Oregon City Courier.

AN HONEST MAN'S PRAYER

"Teach me, O Lord, that 60 minutes make one hour, 16 ounces one pound, and 100 cents one dollar."

"Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and undaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain."

"Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square and that in earning it I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong."

"Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and to the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the faults of the other fellows but reveal to me mine own."

"Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I may have nothing to conceal. Keep me young enough to laugh with my children."

"And when comes the smell of flowers and the tread to soft steps, and the crunching of wheels out in front, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple. 'Here lies a man.'"

THE FOLDING VARIETY

Speaking of the folding-baby carriage calls to mind the folding-clerk at the legislature. Old Uncle Festus read of him and wished that he might have a "folding brother-in-law." Instead of the one he was afflicted with. "You see," he said, "if he were of the folding variety I could meet him at the door when he comes to make us a nice long visit, grasp him by the hand, haul him into the sitting room, seat him on the settee, and, after a few polite preliminary remarks, fold him up neatly and lay him away in the clothes press or up garret, where neither moths nor rust would corrupt him, and leave him there for the duration of his stay. Thus, without friction or assault and battery, I would avoid having him controvert my pet theories, borrow my money, snout into my personal affairs, drool his interminable reminiscences of his entirely unimportant ancestors, endeavor to convert me to the worship of his political idols, wear my clean collars, advise me how to conduct my business affairs, attempt to sell me shares in Mexican 'milkweed rubber plantations, and offer me opportunities to endorse notes for him. He also, I may add, walks in his sleep, talks Single Tax flap-doodle, and is a strong advocate of baptism by emulsion, or something of the sort. Then when his visit was about over, I could unfold him, dust him off carefully, send him on his way, and tell him in real sincerity that I had genuinely enjoyed his stay."—Corvallis Gazette.

Truth About the Desert.

The French, who have been the greatest explorers of the desert, have corrected many false ideas about the desert. The most conspicuous and persistent of these errors has been the notion that the desert is a vast area of sand. The French have proved that this is not so. In fact, only about a fifth of the Sahara is covered with sand.

The greatest desert in the world is about as large as the United States and Alaska together. The sand areas in the desert are somewhat larger than Alaska; and the rocky tablelands forming most of the desert are somewhat smaller than the United States. In other words, the Sahara is made up of about 700,000 square miles of sand and 2,800,000 square miles of rock surface.

Lawmaking Bodies.

Any legislative or lawmaking body may be called a congress or parliament but different countries have different names. France has a national assembly, with two houses called senate and chamber of deputies. Belgium has senate and chamber of representatives; Spain has a cortes, with two houses, senate and congress; Denmark has a rigsdag with upper house called landthing and lower house folk-thing; Italy a parliament with senate and camera di deputati, or chamber of deputies; Sweden a diet, with first chamber and second chamber. All the South American republics, being modeled on the government of the United States, have a congress composed of two bodies, senate and chamber of deputies.

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