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UNNECESSARY DISCRIMINATION

A man who is observant and knows conditions in this interior country remarked recently that Post Master General Harlow had done more to depopulate Harney county than any other agency through his penurious policy. It is pointed out that we do not have as good mail service as we did before a railroad was within 150 miles of this place, while different mail routes are being discontinued from time to time instead of any effort to improve conditions for the isolated people. The thickly populated centers have mail delivery several times each day at a big expense to the government, why attend the outlying districts?

Burns used to have seven times a week mail from two different points, now it has but one mail for six days in the week and it is not put through with such dispatch as might be or is possible. The train schedule from Burns to Ontario calls for the train to leave the latter place at a certain hour but it seldom if ever leaves on time, but as it is supposed to have a schedule the mail which comes from the west on the main line is not put on the train thus it lays over for 24 hours in Ontario. The train is scheduled to arrive at Crane at 5:30 but it never does. If it were to be on time it is possible to get our mail the same evening at Burns and with the foolish delay at Ontario eliminated, which should be done, we'd have it 24 hours earlier.

In addition to these facts people living within 19 miles of this town are deprived a mail service which they were privileged to have for years by direct route and their mail sent around over a route covering more than 300 miles. Subscribers to this paper living 19 miles from Burns get their paper after it is a week or more old and it is placed to the third zone in the postal regulations.

There is not much reason to say this cannot be remedied, for it can and we'd ought to see that it is remedied.

PERFECTLY SIMPLE

There is a constantly growing feeling among our fellow citizens that the government ought to run most of our staple industries—if necessary, at a loss, and make up the deficit out of taxation. And when invited to reveal who is to be taxed to pay the

deficit, they always say the same thing "The rich."

Just exactly what constitutes the rich is a thing vaguely understood. They are generally supposed to be people with tons of currency hidden somewhere. It is surprising how few people there are whose mental processes surpass those of a six-year-old. There are far more people in this grade than you may think.

A man is rich if he has credits by virtue of which he draws large revenues from certain industries. Very often he does not own the industries, but is one of the bondholders. As a rule, he has very little currency. There is no sense in having much.

When the government has confiscated all the large industries, the rich men's sources of revenues will be gone. Then they will be poor. We shall start this scheme without any rich people—and therefore there will be no one to pay the taxes.

So all industry will run at a loss, like the railroads, without any one taking up the deficit. They actually worked this scheme out in Hungary, and apportioned the incomes which the individual members of the population were to draw—finding out afterwards that the aggregate of the incomes was four times the total producing power of the country. The Chinaman who burned down his house to roast a pig was almost intelligent compared with some of us.

"But," you may say, "why should government always run industry at a loss?" Ah, why indeed? But it does. Governments are composed of platform theorists, monologists, lawyers and pamphletists—not of chemists, or engineers, or manufacturers.

Well, let us leave enough rich people in existence to pay the taxes. How rich shall we let them be? Oh, just rich enough to dig up the money for taxation. But no one would consent to be rich on those terms; they would

have the labor of filling up tax-forms, and get nothing for it. No one who has done that job will want to do it gratis.

WHY GO BROKE?

When conditions are not to our liking, we are apt to expect elected authority to put everything right. We ask why they don't enact laws to mitigate our woes. "Why don't they?"

"Why don't we?" is rarely the question. Yet half the cure is in our hands. Theatrical circuit managers announce that the American theatre was never so prosperous as now. So the H. C. of L. is not preventing an unprecedented indulgence in theatre-going. Labor unionists, already better paid than many executives, go on strike about once a month, which indicates that they have money enough for vacations.

Perhaps national extravagance is partly to blame for our maintenance problems.

Local and Personal

Little May Brittingham is recovering from having her tonsils removed the fore part of this week. Dr. Shultz did the operation.

Miss Helen Goodlow arrived here the fore part of this week from Washington and will attend high school in this city during the coming year, making her home with her aunt, Mrs. Clifford Reed, Miss Goodlow's sisters, Mrs. Fred Smyth and Miss Leora Goodlow, met the young lady at Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson and their daughter, Miss Arley came over from their farm home near Drewsey Wednesday for a short visit with Mrs. Eunice Thompson and Leona. Upon their return to the ranch they were accompanied by Mrs. Robertson Sr. who had been here for several weeks. Miss Arley will take her departure at once for Portland where she will attend school for the coming year.

Be Prepared For Vacation Ills

Changes of food and water sometimes causes indigestion that leads to sick headaches, biliousness, bloating, sour stomach, gas, bad breath and coated tongue. Foley's Cathartic Tablets should be in every traveler's grip. They act without pain, griping or nausea. They're a sure and wholesome physic.

Mrs. Anna Haines came in from Diamond during the week.

Mrs. E. L. Foster was a visitor from Crane this week.

Miss Hazel Haines is in the city from her home at Diamond, coming in yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Wm. Farre and daughter Kathrine are home from Canyon City where they had been visiting for several weeks. They arrived yesterday in company with J. M. Dalton, Harlan McIntosh, of Corvallis, a nephew of Mrs. Farre, came over with them and will remain here for a short time.

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