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TAX-FREE QUERIES

One important reason why the taxes of the man of moderate means are so high is that the capitalist has his money invested in tax-free bonds, thus escaping taxation. — Exchange.

Keep your shirt on, brother, and look up answers to a few questions. Put on your thinking cap when you tackle the job:

Where is the money that the capitalist paid for those bonds?

Did the municipality that issued the bonds put the money in a tin can and bury it in the barnyard, where it would not be taxed?

Did not the "man of moderate means" get that money in exchange for products and labor in public improvements?

Isn't he paying taxes now on property which he bought with it?

Isn't the present possessor of the money also paying as much in taxes as the capitalist would have paid had he kept it?

Has not the money been the means of increasing the amount of other taxable property, while itself remaining subject to taxation?

If the bonds had not been tax free would it not have been necessary, in order to make them salable, to pay just so much more interest on them?

Would not the burden of that increase of interest have to be raised by increasing the taxes of the "man of moderate means" and others?

Would not the best way out of the whole trouble be to pay as we go, as Washington pays for her roads, and entirely cease issuing bonds and paying interest?

Albany is paying interest now on money borrowed years ago to build the bridge over the Willamette which has been worn out and closed to travel.

Interest eats up taxes and incomes and whole estates. Exile it.

We criticized Judge Morchshauer in the filthy Rhineland case for requiring a witness to tell of a misstep she had made more than a score of years ago, at the demand of the wealthy defendant. We are glad to note the outstanding impartiality and soundness of his instructions to the jury.

Mr. Coolidge's aircraft investigating committee reports its belief that the next war will "wind up" in the mud, as the last one did. Mud resembling that in the flood of testimony and oratory at the Mitchell court martial?

People driven out of Florida by the recent terrific rains and destructive floods might come to Oregon, where such things don't happen.

The chief counsel for defense in the cases of Col. Mitchell and Mrs. Rhineland proved themselves live wires.

Those Guesses

The time for guesses on the reason for the blank pages in last Enterprise expired Saturday night and here are the best of them:

1—Left to put in new year resolutions.
 2—Giving place for new year advertisements.

Karl Bramwell

Rural Enterprise, Halsey, Ore. —It is my guess that two pages were left blank in your issue of Nov. 25th to impress upon the readers of your pa-

per that there is plenty of room for more news, and as an invitation to everyone to hand the editor that item of news that might prove to be of interest to the community.

If a second guess is allowable mine is that the editor stopped over.

Es-Pee.

I will guess the reason for the blank pages in your last paper was, 1st you did not have news to print them, second that you forgot to print the other side.

Robert Hover.

I see you ask your readers to guess why there are two blank pages. Well I'll venture two guesses. First is, that you would be more thankful if the advertisers and correspondents would send in enough "stuff" that you might print that large a paper; 2d. That the type for those two pages got a glimpse of the "pottery" printed in the school news and turned pale.

Mrs. E. E. Hover.

Take time to consider those new year resolutions carefully. Make good ones and then don't break them within a week or a month.

Bring in your new advertisements early and we will publish them if we have to print extra pages to do so.

Reindeer Meat at Game Meeting

The Santiam Fish and Game Protective and Propagating association will hold its annual meeting next Monday at the city hall, Albany, at 7 p. m. A big reindeer feed will be on the menu and this, together with the fact that it is the time for the election of officers and reports of the last year's activities, should make this the event of the year for the sportsmen of Linn and western Oregon.

Reels of motion pictures will be projected during the evening. It is planned to have present State Game Warden E. F. Averill and members of the State Game Commission.

All phases of game and protection and propagation will be discussed, and a tentative program for a five-years plan for restocking of fish and game will be discussed.

It Wasn't Catching
(Harrisburg Bulletin)

The following joke is told on a Linn county schoolma'am which is too good to keep.

One morning one of her little girl pupils was late and when asked the reason she replied that her mother was sick. As there had been smallpox in the neighborhood, the teacher jumped to the conclusion that it must be smallpox, and sent the girl home again until the case could be investigated.

Presently the little girl returned and yelled from the door to the teacher: "Mamma said to tell you it's only a little boy, and it isn't catching."

At the convention of presidents of independent colleges at Albany Saturday every institution represented except Reed college, Portland, was reported as prohibiting smoking by students. Every test, and there have been many of them, has shown that tobacco-using students are slower, duller, than the average.

Leroy Childs, head of the experiment station at Hood River, announces the discovery of an inexpensive and effective poison for the strawberry weevil. This promises to be a veritable godsend to strawberry growers.

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Paragraphs for Linn Farmers

Linn County Sheep is a Champion in the East Ton Litters Beaten

4780 POUNDS AT 6 MONTHS

C. P. Kizer's Oxford ewe "Bo Peep," champion lamb at the Portland international stock show last year and champion ewe there this year, took first at Kansas City, as announced in these columns, and now has won at Chicago, making her the champion of America. Mr. Kizer received the following dispatch from Chicago: "Oxfords made a clean sweep. First, fourth and champion ewe; first and second ewe lambs; first pen ewe lambs; first flock, third pen ram lambs; against strong field."

A litter of pigs weighing a ton at 6 months old is a good one, but we have a picture on page 6 this week of one that almost reached 2 1/2 tons. That was in the corn belt.

Cool cream quickly. Water will do this in a small fraction of the time required to cool by air.

Among winners of prizes at the northwest potato show was W. E. McCroskey of Monroe on certified Burbanks and on Burbanks in the commercial class.

Convicts are to be employed in preparing lime by the state for the farmers' use. It is thought this will bring the product low enough in price so that it will be more generally used on farms where it is needed.

In Klamath county 500 acres of sugar beets were grown this year and shipped to a Sacramento factory. An Oregon factory is hoped for. The sugar content in Klamath was 18 to 19 per cent, against 14.3 in California.

Howard Cox, a Lebanon high school boy, took the home flock of 265 white Leghorn hens a year ago, kept an accurate account, and in one year got \$715.83 for 573 hours' time caring for them.

Potatoes have been higher in price than ever before during harvest in Oregon, although there is a good crop. There is little prospect of enough rise before spring to much more than cover shrinkage. When prices showed a decline, about a month ago, the growers did not rush their holdings to market and thus increase the drop, but held on to the crop as if acting in concert.

Some of the most prodigious lying of our times is being done in advertising of "gland extract." One full page in a supposedly reputable magazine offers for \$1 enough "poultry vitamin tablets" that are to start hens to laying in 24 hours. And probably the hen will start laying as promised if she was about to begin laying, and will lay as many eggs as she would have laid if she had not been doped, and another fool will give a testimonial to help draw dollars from still more fools. But if she was not ready to lay she will need to work overtime to get the ingredients ready for a batch of eggs and begin in 24 hours to turn them out at the rate of one daily.

Farmers all over the country are becoming impatient over the inequality between the customs tariff protection afforded them and that given to manufacturers. The rumblings of their discontent are already heard by some of the sapient ones in Washington.

A brief filed with the interstate commerce commission by the national grange shows that the average rail freight rate for all farm products is \$4.50 a ton, while on manufactured articles it is a little over \$2. About half the agricultural products are moved by trains and 6 per cent of the entire income is paid for freight, while 90 per cent of the products of other industries go by rail for a little over 2 per cent of their income.

In an address before the Albany chamber of commerce and assembled dairymen Wednesday J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, said: "Albany and Linn county do not need more creameries, but better backing for what are already established. Advance the industry by a greater

and better production per cow, rather than through more cows." He said that the Astoria district, by producing a standardized product, was receiving in California seven and eight cents per pound more than was paid for butter shipped from Portland. What is most needed is a standard of grading cream, delivering to the creameries cream sweet and in the highest sanitary condition.

Alfalfa is successfully grown in places in Linn county and bids fair to grow in popularity. On the right soil it produces more feed than any other crop. O. A. C. reports that "a hundred small patches were started in Lane county this year and practically all were successful. In Washington county alfalfa is established as a regular crop on more than 600 farms."

Of the total of \$396,431.39 loaned to farmers in the frost-devastated areas of eastern Oregon under an act of the last legislature, all but \$49,368.20 has been repaid.

F. B. Ingels, secretary of the Wasco County Stockmen's association, has written Governor Pierce urging that he send Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, to The Dalles to investigate a malady that is killing a large number of horses in that section of the state.

Prospective losses to the state resulting from loans to farmers in the frost-devastated areas of eastern Oregon under a law enacted at the last session of the legislature probably will not exceed \$2000 or \$3000, according to figures compiled by James S. Stewart, field representative of the state board of control.

Appointment of a statewide committee to present to the next legislature ways and means of rescuing present reclamation projects from disaster, putting the work on a business basis and the vote to amalgamate the Oregon drainage association with the Oregon reclamation congress featured the 11th annual session of the Oregon drainage association at Salem. Formation of the Oregon reclamation congress probably will be completed at the next annual session.

Prohibition Clash in Congress Looms.
 Washington D. C.—The conflict that has enveloped prohibition enforcement ever since its inception and gained new momentum and is headed toward its original battleground—the floor of congress. Among various proposals to be presented to congress, outright repeal of the Volstead act will be sought by Representative Dyer, Missouri, ranking republican of the house judiciary committee and one of the wet leaders, who heretofore has contended merely for modification of the law.

South Dakota Man Eats 43 Pancakes.
 Groton, S. D.—Judges of the pancake eating contest held here awarded the title to W. P. G. Myers, who ate 43 regulation-sized flap-jacks.

Rhineland Loses Annulment Suit.
 White Plains, N. Y.—Leonard Kip Rhineland, wealthy member of a New York family, lost his annulment suit against his mulatto wife, Alice Beatrice Jones, in a verdict returned by the jury which heard the case.

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THE MARKETS

Portland
 Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.65; hard white, soft white and western white, \$1.64; hard winter, northern spring, and western red, \$1.58.
 Hay—Alfalfa, \$19@19.50 ton; valley timothy, \$18@19; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@22.
 Butterfat—53c shippers' track.
 Eggs—Ranch, 39@40c.
 Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook; Triplets, 31c; loaf, 32c per lb.
 Cattle—Steers, good \$7.85@8.25.
 Hogs—Medium to choice, \$11.50@12.75.
 Sheep—Lambs, medium to choice, \$12.00@13.00.

Seattle.
 Wheat—Soft white, \$1.62; western white, \$1.62; hard winter, \$1.57; western red, \$1.56; northern spring, \$1.57; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.62.
 Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; D. C. \$29; timothy, \$27; mixed hay, \$24.
 Butter—Creamery, 54c.
 Eggs—Ranch, 51@53c.
 Hogs—Prime, \$12.50@12.75.
 Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.50@8.00.
 Cheese—Oregon fancy, 25c; Oregon standards 25c; Washington triplets 25c.

Spokane.
 Hogs—Prime mixed, \$11.85@12.00.
 Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.75@8.00.

Farm Produce Wanted

This year it is again necessary for the Pacific Protective society to make an appeal in behalf of the unfortunate ones under its care. It is asking each friend to help, each in his own way, and knowing that considerable farming is done in our community, asks that we supply potatoes and other vegetables.

This society has four institutions to care for: the Cottage hospital, the Louise home, the Alberta Kerr nursery, and the Portland Commons. During the past year they provided for 189 girls, 234 babies, and over 500 men, women and boys.

Any kind of vegetables that you can send and thus help in their good work will be greatly appreciated. Send your donation to 195 Burnside Street, Portland, Oregon. All freight charges will be paid and your sacks will be returned if you so desire.

Coolidge Frowns on Federal Farm Aid

Believes Greater Benefit Will Be Derived Than Through Direct Federal Aid.

Chicago, Ill. — Convinced that co-operative marketing with governmental encouragement is the best solution of the farmers' problem, President Coolidge intends to give the movement his active and energetic assistance. He is opposed to proposals that the government sell and buy farm products, or fix prices directly or indirectly. Further he believes present tariff duties benefit the farmers and should not be revised.

Outlining his views on the agricultural situation and proposed remedies in an address Monday at the annual convention here of the American Farm Bureau federation, the president said that despite its present embarrassments, agriculture as a whole should lead industry in future prosperity.

Referring to the co-operative movement as the most important development of late years in the agricultural field and emphasizing the crop surplus problem as a vexing factor in the farm price situation, Coolidge expressed the opinion that with the economic information furnished by the department of agriculture, with better warehouses and storage facilities and a better credit structure, much can be done to take care of the ordinary surplus.

"The leaders in the co-operative movement, with the advice of the department of agriculture, having prepared what is believed to be an adequate bill embodying these principles which will be presented to the congress for enactment, I propose actively and energetically to assist the farmers to promote their welfare through co-operative marketing."

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Lassen peak, the only active volcano in continental United States, is again in eruption.

Burglars knocked the dials off three vaults in the Stillwater, Minn., post-office and escaped with approximately \$20,000 in stamps and cash.

The German cabinet, headed by Chancellor Luther, resigned in accordance with the chancellor's announcement prior to the Locarno pact-signing ceremony.

It is understood that Governor General Leonard Wood has vetoed the measure passed by the Philippine legislature providing for a plebiscite on the independence question.

The French senate sanctioned the government's plan to increase inflation by 6,000,000,000 francs by a vote of 205 to 25. The overwhelming majority for the distasteful inflation measure constitutes a tremendous victory for Premier Briand, who was able to slip the measure through the chamber by a majority of only six votes.

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