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The treasury statement showing a deficit of more than \$93,000,000 for the year ending with June will give special emphasis to the need of imposing an excise tax upon corporations, in the way and to the extent recommended by President Taft in his recent message to Congress. Senator Aldrich's announcement that he would support the corporation tax, first, as one means of defeating the income tax measure now pending and, secondly, as a means of meeting the treasury deficit for the next two or three years shows that the conservative sentiment in the senate is in favor of the Taft programme. If this tax is to be imposed upon corporations as an emergency tax, there would seem to be no reason for considering now the propriety of imposing a general income tax, unless Congress wishes to submit to the states the question of amendment to the constitution in obedience to President Taft's recommendation.

President Taft, according to the omniscient newspapers, is helping Mrs. Taft to make the White House a home. The idea is that these good Americans are going to try to live in the White House as they would if it were their private property, to regulate business to the executive office buildings, to diminish the ceremonious trappings of high position, and make their friends feel "at home." There are difficulties in the way. A public official, no matter where he lives, must resign himself to having his parlor turned into a conference room. One of the most retiring of distinguished American women recently complained that her house had become a public institution. More over, no American, shifting and restless as we are, ever feels quite at home in a house hired, or borrowed, for a limited time. It lacks the extra bay window that we put on ourselves, and the "ellum-tree in the front yard that father planted."

It is said that the English language is loaded down with 60,000 useless words. We do not know whether that is or is not an exaggeration, but it does not require much reflection to realize how few words are sufficient for ordinary conversation. In almost every community in this country there are Americans whose vocabulary by which they express all their wants and opinions is limited to a few hundred words, and even that of a University graduate does not exceed 4,000 words.

Nearly \$500,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire at Nampa, Idaho and Olympia, Wash., last week. This is a pretty bad start for the Pacific northwest in a month which at its best annually contributes quite heavily to the fire loss of the country. As usual these two conflagrations seem

to be the result of carelessness and as usual appears the statement that the loss was partly covered by insurance. Fire loss, whether it be great or small, can not escape being a "loss." There is destruction of something that has a real, tangible value, and insurance is merely a tax which is levied against other property to remunerate the owner of that which is destroyed. The insurance money can not replace or again create that which is lost forever.

"Passengers riding on the platforms do so at their own risk," according to the rule of almost all street railways, and the statement is by no means a mere form of words. A Boston lad stepped from a car in order that two women might alight. As he boarded it again the car started suddenly, and he was injured. He sued the company and got a verdict, but the Supreme Court of Massachusetts has set it aside on the ground that "by voluntarily becoming a passenger on a car so crowded that he could not get inside, he took the risks incident to transportation under these circumstances." It seems hard that an act of courtesy should lead to misfortune, and that this in turn should be met with a "served you right;" but such warnings are meant to discourage not the practice of courtesy, but the assumption of unnecessary risks.

With the object of lessening the strain on horses, the new gasoline power device, which is being tried on combined harvesters this season, if successful, will prove the greatest boon to grain growers that has yet been discovered. The idea is to obtain steady motion by an engine instead of maintaining it by horses, as has formerly been the case, and in this manner a great number of them can be eliminated. Heretofore both traction and motion have been generated by the aid of horse-flesh and had its drawbacks owing to the fact that when corners were turned motion was lost and could not be kept even. With the new device, however, this can be kept continual from the engine and with no power from the horses.

Whether or not some trusts are good may be an open question, but there is no doubt in the public mind as to the badness of some trusts, and the Sugar Trust seems to be exceptionally bad. Found guilty and fined an immense sum for defrauding the customs, charged with illegal acts toward another trust and glad to settle out of court, paying an immense sum as a penalty, and accused of stealing water from a municipality—these are some of the crimes charged against it. The government cannot to soon investigate and take proper action against this corporation which has so unenviable a notoriety.

A St. Louis editor, who started with a cent forty years ago, is now worth \$100,000. His fortune is all owing to his own industry, energy and frugality, and the fact that an uncle recently left him \$99,999.99.

A Missouri judge decides that when a man merely does the chores around the house is not working. That will hold some men for a while who think they are models of industry.

The Treasury Department is to change the pictures on the green backs. Most of us will continue to have the same designs on them, however.

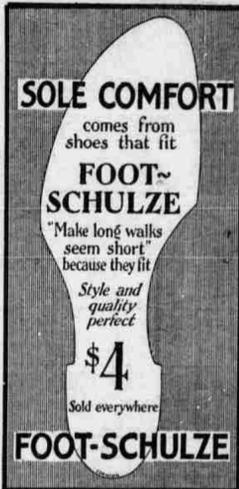
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Ladies Aid Society Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. H. O. Worthington President.
Prayer meeting Thursday 8.00 p. m.
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