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TAX CUT

Every taxpayer, especially those
who pay most of their taxes by
income, were pleased this week to
hear that Oregon's income tax
would be cut by 75 percent next
year.

For the larger taxpayers there
is a thorn on this sweet smelling
rose. Whatever is saved from Ore-
gon taxes will have to go to the
federal government up to 85 per-
cent for those having real big
incomes.

For property tax payers there
is the danger, which is not at
this moment apparent, that when
the after-war expenses pile up
for soldiers benefits the property
tax will have to be levied again
to make up for what is now being
left in the hands of the taxpayers.

For those who fear inflation—
and what thinking person doesn't—
the little matter of leaving sev-
eral million dollars additional
cash, less federal taxes, in the
hands of the people is to be con-
sidered.

For the workers who are tem-
porarily enjoying Oregon's police
and fire protection, highways and
streets and other pleasures we
think are superb, it is truly man-
na from a generous citizenry.
Yet taxes are to be lowered,
and we can be happy about it at
least until we find out where it
leads us.

ITALY'S POSITION

All this talk about an "honor-
able peace" on the part of the
Italians comes from thinking
strictly on our side of the argu-
ment. There is no way Italy can
get out of the war except defeat
at arms and be honorable.

As bad as her compact with
Germany it was entered into in
good faith. She cannot break it
with honor, nor can she honor-
ably surrender, unconditionally or
otherwise, except after defeat.
So much for "honorable peace".

Nevertheless indications are
that Italy is going to make some
sort of agreement with the Allies
intentionally or not. Italians are
surrendering too fast, the govern-
ment of Mussolini is ousted,
morale is said in America and
England to be low. All these
indicate that the pact with Ger-
many is about to be broken.
When that is done Italy can
make any sort of peace it can get.

Germany seems unlikely to per-
mit her erstwhile ally to slip out
of the pact with ease. German
soldiers are reported in northern
Italy in great numbers so to be
able to protect the homeland
from easy bomber attack.

The regrets of Italy do not come
from recent affairs. They come
from permitting the continuance
of a government that deprived
the people of their liberties and set
up a personal dictatorship. When-
ever a nation loses or gives away
such things for easier living, prom-
ise of national grandeur or lack
of respect for liberty it may ex-
pect to eventually reach the state
in which Italians find themselves.

In his recent talk the president
set forth a tentative program for
the rehabilitation of soldiers after
the war. He has been accused
of politics in his discussion
of the subject and considering his
adeptness at that art his advice
are probably right. Nevertheless
his program is not materially
different from that which soldiers
after the first war and little dif-
ferent from what everyone pre-
sumed would be provided for the
returning service men.

COST OF LIVING

One who watches prices con-
sumers must pay cannot help
but wonder what items are in-
a compilation by some government
bureau to arrive at a figure to
show that the cost of living has
gone up some infinitesimal per-
centage.

It is true that some articles
are selling at exactly the same
price as before the war, some of
them are staple food items. Other
foods are sold at twice the nor-
mal price. A cost of living index
might properly include many
things: furniture, gasoline, school
books, sport goods. What percent-
age of increase do the actual nec-
essities have at present? By nec-
essities we mean food, clothing,
rent, light and water, things
that must be bought every day
and paid for every month.

GASOLINE RATION

Apparently a decision has been
made by Prentiss Brown to give
easterners more gasoline by cur-
tailing gasoline use in the western
states. On the face of it, that
seems only fair, and probably
Mr. Brown considers it so.

For anyone who really knows
something about the United States
it is a very foolish move. For
two gallons a driver could see
more people, find more places of
amusement, more stores to trade
in, more goods to buy than he
could for five gallons in many
parts of the west.

Many a stockman can't possibly
drive to town often enough to
obtain his meagerly rationed sup-
ply of food now. This will make
the use of gasoline more wasteful
than ever.

The Russians took Orel, the
English took Catania and the A-
mericans seem about to take
Munda to end successfully the
sieges that have been going on
for the past three weeks or
more.

In Other Days

From the Observer Aug. 8, 1924

The Columbia River highway,
the first of the week, had been
oiled as far east as Sherman
station. Contrary to general opin-
ion, the oiling of the macadem
highway does not seem to hold
the binder on the surface.

Mrs Ruby Pettys was a vis-
itor in this city last Friday, on
a business trip connected with
her farm near Shearer Bridge.

At Kent harvest is drawing to
a close, most of the farmers be-
ing through, though some will
not finish for ten days yet. The
general average is low, and the
price is on the decline also.

Based on 5-year average yields,
Sherman county was the second
highest wheat producing county
in Oregon, the average production
of both spring and winter wheat
being 2,822,847 bushels.

From the Observer Aug. 7, 1914

R P Hulse has accepted a pos-
ition with the Moro Commercial
Co. in place of John Hardin who
has resigned his clerkship to take
charge of the Pacific Coast Ele-
vator Co.'s wheat warehouse at
Moro.

Bids have been asked for the
construction of the continuation
of the Columbia highway through
Hood River county, for which the
county recently voted \$75,000.

J E Coleman has his left hand
bandaged as the result of getting
it caught by a pinion while set-
ting up a header.

Harvest hauling has begun to
cut and rut the roads of Sherman
county, and from now until the
fall rains dust and ruts will pre-
dominate when using the high-
ways in this county.

From the Observer Aug. 5, 1904

J W Booth recently drilled a
well on his farm west of Wasco
and at eighteen feet struck ar-
tisan water, the well producing
a steady stream one half inch
in diameter.

There is some talk of establish-
ing a store and postoffice at Hay
Canyon. If it should come to pass,
a large number of people would
be convenienced.

Dr. Goffin was called at 2 a. m.
Tuesday morning by Mr McGreg-
or, separator tender of the I D
Pike threshing outfit, to remove
a large stink bug from his right
ear where it had crawled while
McGregor was asleep.

Joe Sanders was interested in
the horse thieves who succeeded
in getting away at Ontario last
week. Mr. S had several head in
the bunch waiting shipment east,
which were recovered by him.

Kelly's Column

(Continued from page one)

A house bill passed shortly be-
fore the recess and now in the
senate would give the navy depart-
ment permission to send Waves
and Spars overseas for non-com-
bat duty, which is now forbidden.
Army Wacs have always been
eligible for overseas duty, and
the navy would like the same eli-
gibility for their Waves. How-
ever, some navy brass hats say
no to the idea, plus a whole flock
of senators. High ranking naval
officers say sending the Waves
and Spars overseas would be sure
to develop into one grand head-
ache for all concerned. They point
out that there is plenty of work
at home for the Waves to do,
thereby relieving thousands of
men for overseas duty. Secretary
of the Navy Knox is all for the
idea of sending the navy gals over-
seas, but observers doubt that the
measure will get by the senate.

President Roosevelt's statement
of a few days ago for "bigger and
better" income taxes didn't cause
those any hit with the togamen
and tax experts around here.
The statement caused those ad-
vocating a sales tax to perk up
again, which they believe is the
only remedy for more money.
Many lawmakers are firmly of
the opinion that federal income
taxes are now as high as the
traffic will stand. The tax ques-
tion is bound to be a hot subject
when the boys gather about
again.

Unregistered Brands
Not Recognized

Many cattle owners do not real-
ize that branding their cows is
not enough to prove ownership
in event any cattle become lost,
strayed or stolen or there arises
otherwise a question of legal own-
ership. The brand must be re-
corded to complete the proof that
is necessary to stand up in the
courts.

Director E L Peterson of the
state department of agriculture
points out that the theft preven-
tion law enforcement operators of
the department estimate that at
the present time not more than
60 to 62 percent of the brands
of cattle in Oregon are recorded.

Every cattle owner in the state
might brand his stock, but if he
fails to follow up by recording
his brand with the state depart-
ment of agriculture division of
animal industry at Salem he will
find, if the question arises, that
an unrecorded brand cannot be
proved in the court. The record-
ing of cattle brands is especially
important today because of in-
creasing thefts of livestock for
black market activities.

Another point of laxity in re-
cording brands which stockmen
overlook is the fact that the Ore-
gon brand law makes subject to
arrest the owner who does not
record his brand. "We aren't ar-
resting cattle owners for use of
unrecorded brands, but in self
protection each cattleman should
record his brand", Peterson says.

The branding law is for the
protection of the livestock indus-
try of the state, but some owners
pass up its significance until they
find themselves minus stock. If
the stockman wants to close the
barn door before the animal is
stolen, in a manner of speaking,
he should see to it that his brand
or brands are recorded before it
is too late, not only to protect
his stock but to protect himself.

CHURCHES

Moro Community
Presbyterian Church
James D. Moberg, pastor.
Bible school at 10:00 A. M.
Pastor on vacation during Aug-
ust.

Christian Science Society
Sunday morning services at
11:00 A. M. Subject, "Love".
Wednesday night service at 8
includes testimonials of healing.
The reading room in the rear
of the building is open. All au-
thorized Christian Science litera-
ture can be bought or borrowed.

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.
Preaching Service at 11:00 A. M.
Subject, "The good Shepherd".
Epworth League at 7:00 P. M.
Preaching service at the Grass
Valley Methodist Church Sunday
afternoon at 8:00 o'clock.
Rev. F L Cannell, pastor

Quick Action
Needed To
Preserve Produce

Harvesting of fruit or vege-
tables for dehydration early in
the day and prompt preparation
for processing are important fac-
tors in successful preservation of
food by this method. These and
other pointers on handling all of
the common kinds of fruits and
vegetables by home dehydration
are explained in a bulletin just
issued by the O.S.C. Experiment
station entitled "Home Fruit and
Vegetables Dehydration."

In this station circular, No.
149, E. H. Wiegand, Thomas Onsdorf
and Alyce Holmes of the food
preservation department ex-
plain every step in handling fruit
and vegetables from the time of
picking in the orchard or gar-
den through to storage. The
bulletin even includes some sug-
gestions on the preparation of
dehydrated foods for cooking.

The importance of keeping dry-
ing temperatures at about 150
to 165 degrees is emphasized in
the bulletin. If temperatures be-
low this range are maintained the
evaporation of moisture is not
rapid enough, while if higher
temperatures are used the food
dries too rapidly for best quality.
Fortunately, the same tempera-
ture is applicable to all kinds of
fruit and vegetables, hence does
not need to be varied.

"Early morning harvest of vege-
tables while they are fresh and
succulent is recommended," say
the authors. "Rapid handling
then will conserve vitamins or-
dinarily lost through long hold-
ing in storage. Under no condi-
tions should succulent vegetables
be held longer than six hours
after harvest before drying and
it is essential that they be kept
cool during this time."

While some have criticized de-
hydration as being wasteful of
valuable food elements, this is
not necessarily the case if the
products are promptly and prop-
erly handled, the bulletin points
out. Fruits and vegetables con-
tain varying amounts of vita-
mins, sugars, proteins and min-
erals all of which are essential
to the body. With proper care
given to each step in the prepara-
tion and processing, maximum
amounts of these elements may
be retained.

The bulletin contains three
pages of tabulated directions for
handling 27 different kinds of
fruits and vegetables.

Supply of Tires
Short In Portland

Portland has only a 60-day sup-
ply of Grade 1 passenger car
tires. When these are gone there
won't be any more except for
the new synthetic rubber tires.

This was the statement trans-
mitted today to Richard G. Mont-
gomery, OPA district director, by
Zenas L. Potter of Washington,
D. C., aide of William M. Jeffers,
Rubber Director, who has just
checked the Portland tire situation.
"Mr. Jeffers wants car owners
to know the exact situation," Pot-
ter said. "The tire supply in the
Portland district is low, but need
not be critical if the public will
cooperate during the next 90 days

"WAKE UP, AMERICA!"
Should Labor Unions
Be Incorporated?

Moderated by
FRED G. CLARK
General Chairman
American Economic
Foundation
As debated by
Whiting Williams
Internationally-known
Relations Consultant
Milton Murray
President, Newspaper Guild,
CIO

MR. WILLIAMS OPENS: "Unions,"
most labor leaders claim, "should no
more be forced to incorporate than
churches, debating societies or other
voluntary associations." Incorpora-
tion is a legal device for securing
minimum control over and maximum
responsibility from an operating
group. It would undoubtedly be de-
manded of all such voluntary asso-
ciations the moment Government gave
them such vast privileges and powers
as it has lately given labor organi-
zations. This explains the present
issue. The public believes that too
many unions now use these powers
to its hurt. It is alarmed to see so
much of their income, of around a
half-billion yearly, devoted to the
selfish manipulation of national pol-
itics. It observes disquietingly slight
respect paid the rights of unorgan-
ized worker minorities. It notices
that even union members are often
unable to secure justice from their
leaders, because in many states un-
incorporated organizations cannot be
sued by them—or, for that matter, by
anybody else. By their incorporation
is hardly enough to secure all the
democratic qualities democracy expects
in the use of the privileges it grants.
But this protection is certain to be
demanded as long as labor organiza-
tions fall to demonstrate a more im-
pressive total of that honesty, fair-
ness and patriotic helpfulness with-
out which power spells monopoly and
tyranny.

MR. MURRAY CHALLENGES:
Truly, the suggestion is "a legal
device." It is intended to give "mini-
mum control" of labor organizations
to whom? And why? Certainly they
are voluntarily created associations
and should, primarily, be controlled
by and responsive to their members.
Union members note that the push-
saltered officers of corporations do
considerable manipulation of national
politics. Is this manipulation com-
pletely disinterested? Mr. Williams
is aware that an impressive lack of
patriotism and common honesty has
been proved against some corpora-
tions and charged against others.
Would he argue that the sanctions
imposed on these violators should be
imposed upon the remaining patri-
otic, honest corporations?

MR. WILLIAMS REPLIES: "Mini-
mum control" is desired by the State.
The public reason: to protect its own
and the interests of the association's
members. It is precisely because
some corporation officers do gamble
in national politics, do lack patri-
otism and common honesty, that I
consider incorporation hardly enough,
by itself, to make all union leaders
into the high-minded statesmen de-
sired. But, Mr. Murray forgets that
incorporated business is now pro-
hibited from making political con-
tributions. Surely he would not claim
that business behavior would be im-
proved if it were not incorporated.
Altogether, his reply appears to ar-
gue strongly for the minimum control
represented by union incorporation.

MR. MURRAY REPLIES: Industry
and labor have mutual problems
which could better be solved by
intelligent approach rather than
reproach. Labor has not agitated
democratic procedure in corpora-
tions. Possibly we should demand
annual stockholders' conventions, local
proxy meetings and more representa-
tive management. We can legislate
against each other—depending on
until we are each hag-ridden with
restrictions. We could spend our time
to better advantage winning the war
and developing the basis for a better
world. I propose that industry at-
tend to its own stables, leaving to
labor its own exclusive problems.

and replace no tire when the one
on the wheel will get by".

The Potter supply found 12,261
tires in Portland the last of the
pre-war supply. From this stock
with help from the new Buna
Synthetics, a need for 5,500
tires a month must be met.

A total of 1,196 new synthetic
tires had been delivered to
Portland dealers by July 15. An
increasing supply will arrive dur-
ing July and August, but it
probably will be September, possi-
bly October, before synthetic
tires reach Portland to supply
fully Grade 1 tire needs.

"Grade III used tires stock in
the Pacific area will last until
about November," the rubber ex-
pert said. "Then the Rubber Di-
rector's office may face another
brief period when we shall be
put to it to keep A-bookholders
going. 'Twilight tires' from the

Kent People
Getting Ready
For Harvest

Helen Sather is home to help
her father, Louis Sather, with
the harvest work.

Carole Norton spent Monday
afternoon and evening at the
Paul Wilson ranch.

Mr and Mrs V V Guyton and
family are here to spend 30 days
helping J J Decker harvest.

Several of the farmers have
started harvesting.

Heleen von Borstel returned home
Saturday night from Portland af-
ter visiting there for a week.

Mrs Louis Sather and son,
Glenn, went to Portland last
Thursday where Glenn received a
medical examination. They re-
turned home Saturday.

Mrs Eugene Norton returned to
Portland after spending a few
days visiting at the J E Norton
home.

Mr and Mrs George Barnett
of The Dalles visited last week
end at the home of his daughter
and son-in-law Mr and Mrs J L
Mathes.

Quite a few Kent people at-
tended the dance in Grass Valley
Saturday night.

Mrs William Jefferies and Mrs
Paul L. Smith and infant son,
Michael, and Mrs M K Pleumke
went to Portland last Thursday
to visit with Karl Pleumke who
was to be in Portland for the
one day, Friday. They returned
home Sunday.

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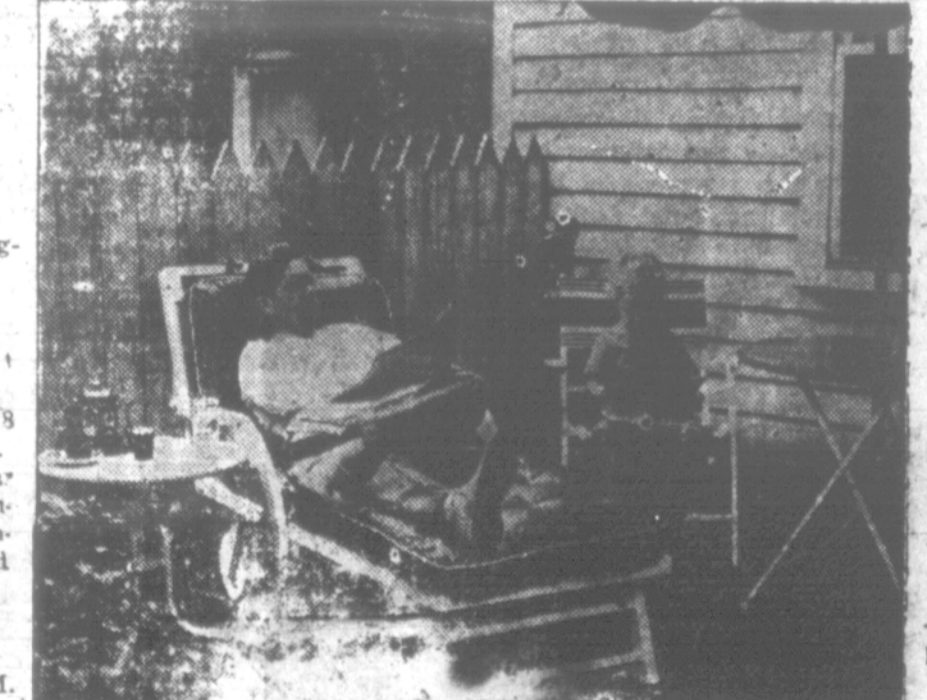
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