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Those who would trade freedom for security are deserving of neither.

DEBT
A recapitulation of the national debt and taxes and expenditures from the formation of the country through all presidential terms to the present, recently published might well cause us all to pause and wonder where we are going.

It might be excused if it all was caused by the war but it was not. It was caused by government inefficiency and extravagance. It came from public borrowing to make a personal record. If the history of it is kept straight men for generations will be cursing the foolishness and the officials who permitted it to occur.

It is reported that the national debt is now \$1962 per capita. That is, each one of us owes \$1962. That is a lot farther in debt than any bank would permit us to get. Only a small part of the people, or even rich America can borrow that much money.

The city of Moro has quite a debt. It has been a source of worry for years. It is \$237 without counting the recent payment which will put that at about \$5 per capita. The federal debt is \$1962.

Sherman county has no debt. The state of Oregon has about \$22,000,000 of indebtedness, most of it from veteran's aid. It figures less than \$28.00 per capita. Laidedness of all Oregon governments, state, county, school districts, cities, port districts, irrigation districts, drainage districts, highway improvement districts, people's utility districts, water districts and rural fire protection districts is \$110,812,646, slightly over \$100 per capita. The federal debt is \$1962.

Federal taxes are given as \$101.44 for each person in the nation. Taxes in Moro for city purposes are \$7.35 and Wasco is comparable. County taxes are \$35.88.

The state exacted about \$4.00 from each individual last year. States and counties are not paying for a war. It is true. But the federal government isn't either. It is borrowing for the greater part of the war costs.

The federal government is throwing money away faster than the people can make it. In the biggest boom times of history. In no one of the nearly 12 years of this administration has receipts equalled expenditures. The total deficit in that time has been \$309,718,695,689. That means we have spent that much more than has been collected.

Well, it's too big to realize. Nobody ever saw that much money; unless it be worthless paper money; there never was that much money in the world.

This week there is a great hubbalooboo about who is going to be nominated for vice-president on the new deal ticket. The mistake has already been perpetrated in the nomination of the man for president who is personally and directly responsible for so huge a debt. Oh, yes, we have heard the excuse, "we owe it to ourselves." The moderns have an answer to that, "we owe it, period."

ILLUMINATING REPORT
The treasurer's report for the previous six months is published in this issue. Readers may be informed of the trend of county affairs by reading it as it appears semi-annually.

The county now has \$92,471.07 in cash and bonds, an increase of nearly \$17,000 since last year when the total was \$75,568.70.

Some of the county's cash has been turned into government bonds of which the county now has \$28,800 worth.

It may be learned that there is now on hand in the general fund in excess of \$28,000, about twice the sum spent during the past six months. Expenditures for the first half of the calendar year are apt to be larger than for the last half. About \$2500 per month pays the bill from the general fund.

The road fund has some \$14,000 and has spent nearly \$9,000 in the last six months. Road expenditures are more unpredictable as emergencies sometimes occur that require funds.

At the end of the fiscal year ended June 30, the county had enough cash on hand, excluding bonds, to run the county for an entire year of normal governmental activities. Taxes are now in process of being levied and another tax collection will be held in November.

HIGHWAY SPEED
Report has it that cars in Oregon are breaking the war time speed limit of 35 miles per hour to a greater degree than are those of any other state. It is not likely that anyone knows, but it seems very probable that through drivers from other states may be more to blame than Oregon residents.

Observation on the Sherman Highway sector of US-97 is that cars from other states carry the drivers whose rush to get some place causes the greater speed. That is but natural. These drivers are a long way from home; the highway is smooth, straight and speeds grow by the hour.

One with his ears glued to the radio this week might get the impression that it was an unforfeitable affront to Mr. Roosevelt for any other man to aspire to the presidency. Well, perhaps almost any man would begin to think he had a divine right to a job after twelve years.

Despite the heat, constant work and all the other troubles almost any American feels better than Hitler or Tojo who just committed political harikari.

In Other Days

From the Observer, July 23, 1915
Two nights in succession, last week, the Moro Commercial Co. store was entered and robbed of provisions, nothing else was taken.

Frank Hennagin had his auto radiator liberally spraked with grass hoppers when he arrived in town Sunday. Because of the numerous pests Mr. Hennagin had to cut his oats for hay to save the crop.

The state engineer has issued a permit to I. P. Hardin, of DeMoss to divert water from an unnamed stream in sec. 10 for the purpose of irrigating 15 acres.

C. E. Sheets is busy wiring the new Presbyterian church for electric light service.
From the Observer, July 21, 1905
Remains of the Moro Opera house were mostly loaded on wagons and started for Kent last week. The lumber is good for all practical purposes.

Barnum Bros. mules hauled in to Moro Wednesday afternoon two big 4-horse loads of mothy hay as a sample of the products of their Gould farm.

Now that the secret sprinkler will again be in commission it will not be necessary to use the garden hose to sprinkle the streets, and Marshal Sells desires us to call attention to the fact that it is against the rules of the water commission to do so. Any one found using the water for such purpose will be fined.

From the Observer, July 24, 1925
The first run made by Peters & Ginn on Monday with their combine harvester outfit was a distance of 2 1-2 miles from which they harvested 118 sacks, an estimated yield of 18 sacks to the acre.

The first car of wheat to leave Sherman county for the 1925 season will be shipped by the Farmers Elevator and Supply Co. from their Moro elevator this Friday.

Wasco town was awakened Monday evening by the fire alarm, caused by weeds on fire at the old flour mill. All who answered the alarm were glad it was nothing more serious.

O.L. Belshe and wife returned from Camp Sherman for a few days visit here and to see how nearly ready the home wheat fields were for harvest.

WAKE UP AMERICA!

Should Social Security Be Extended?
As debated by
Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman
Channing Pollock

DR. LINDEMAN OPENS: I believe in social security. Not merely because of the benefits to those insured but also because it tends to stabilize our economy. Consequently, I believe in extending social security in order to bring about greater personal and national safety.

MR. POLLOCK OPENS: Life being what it is, there is no such thing as social security. Government-operated insurance means premiums paid to the government by employer and employee, to be doled out later in sums too small for the subsistence of a self-respecting family.

DR. LINDEMAN REPLIES: We were supposed to discuss the question: Should Social Security Be Extended? I say yes. Mr. Pollock not only says no, but wants existing social security abolished. I insist a comprehensive plan for social security would give stability to our economy because it would tend to prevent widespread unemployment.

MR. POLLOCK CHALLENGES: Four distinctions bring our arguments into genuine opposition: (1) Social security takes care of only those insecurities arising from the hazards of modern civilization. There always remains enough insecurity to test the mettle of aspiring citizens.

MR. POLLOCK REPLIES: Replying to Dr. Lindeman's 4 fallacies: (1) One high priest of social security said, "Only a sucker works unless he has to." Recent experience indicates there are very few suckers. (2) Government benefactions from 1932 cost from \$3 to \$7 for every dollar doled out—not counting the cost in corruption.

requirement whatever that a farmer be a cooperator in AAA programs to obtain needed lumber, Taylor says.

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EARLY NEWS BY LOWELL THOMAS 7:15 P.M. DON LEE-MUTUAL Standard of California

Want Ads
WANTED: Have buyer for wheat stock ranch around \$15,000. WHEELER REALTY, CANBY, Oregon, 37-40

FOR SALE: 12-ft. McCormick Deering combine in very good good shape. Price \$1200. Shelley Real-Estate, Redmond, Ore. 36-7c

WANTED: Small, male pup. Call or write, Bernard Martin Grass Valley. 35-6c

WANTED: Reliable hustler to supply consumers with 200 household necessities. State age, occupation, references. Rawleigh Dept. ORG-81-Y, Oakland, Calif.

CHURCHES

Christian Science Society
Sunday morning services at 11 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 authorized Christian Science literature can be bought or borrowed

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship at 11:00 A. M. Preaching service at the Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday

afternoon at 3 o'clock. F. L. Cannell, pastor.
Moro Community Presbyterian Church
James D. Moberg, pastor. Bible School 10 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. Sermon "The Way of Man" Jer: 10: 23 Prayer meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Alice McKee N.G. Florence Johnston, S.

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Kelly's Column

(Continued from Page One)
Reports that rationing of coffee is to be resumed are wholly without authority and are said to have been circulated by grower agencies with the purpose of increasing the price. There is now said to be a four months stockpile in the United States and imports are expected to total 21,000,000 bags this year, which is at least five million more than the estimated consumption. OPA denies that it has any intention of putting coffee back on the ration list.

LUMBER FOR FARMS
Allocation of lumber to Oregon counties for farm use has been made by the state AAA office, which has been informed by national officials that the situation is "tighter" than ever before. The allocated will be distributed by the county committees to applicants purely on the basis of need, as in the past, according to R. B. Taylor, state AAA chairman. Contrary to some reports, there is no

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