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An island in the West Indies holds the honor of being the first of all the states and territories under the American flag to fill its quota in the Harding Memorial association. A complete report in Spanish and English has been transmitted to the association headquarters by the chief justice of the supreme court of Porto Rico, together with a draft for \$10,847 to cover the quota of the island.

On account of friendship or relationship, a taxpayer advanced a certain sum to a needy friend or relative, having little or no reason to expect at the time the money was advanced that it would ever be returned. The taxpayer cannot deduct the amount so advanced from his income for the reason it is held to be a gift and does not constitute a bona fide debt.

In computing his federal income tax, the farmer may deduct all amounts paid in producing, harvesting, and marketing of crops, including labor, cost of seed and fertilizer used, cost of minor repairs to farm buildings (other than the dwelling), cost of repairs to fences and machinery and the cost of small tools used up in the course of a year, such as pitchforks, handrakes, hose, axes etc.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS
IT IS SAID THAT THERE WILL BE LITTLE CHANGE IN WOMEN'S CLOTHING THIS YEAR IF SO PERHAPS THERE WILL BE A LITTLE MORE CHANGE IN THE MEN'S CLOTHING

McNary-Haugen Bill Buys Wheat With Part Scrip

The Agricultural Economic Conference, held at Corvallis last week, the meetings at Pendleton, Moro, LaGrande, and in various other counties of the state, including Wasco county, have all approved of the McNary-Haugen bill, now past the second reading in the national congress, providing for the relief of the American wheat farmers. Along with this approval goes the organization of a state league with paid membership, the money so obtained to be used in securing favorable action upon the bill by members of congress.

What the McNary-Haugen bill proposes, briefly stated, is this: To form an agricultural export corporation chartered for ten years, capitalized with \$200,000,000 of federal treasury funds, and formed of five members, the secretaries of agriculture and commerce and three directors nominated by them and appointed by the president. This corporation is to buy wheat in the United States and sell abroad such surplus as must go to the world market, the purpose being to prevent this surplus from pulling down the whole crop in the United States to the level of the world market.

To cover the loss incurred in buying at the home market price and selling in the lower world market, scrip stamps are to be issued by the government and these are to be bought from the export corporation by the buyers of wheat. The farmer who sells his wheat gets the world market price in cash plus the scrip for the difference between this and the home market price that has been determined by the export corporation to be price in the United States.

The farmer receiving this scrip will not know the value of it till the end of the crop year when the corporation shall have determined what loss it has incurred in the operation. This loss will then be deducted from the value of the stamps issued, and so the whole crop will share equally in such loss as is taken on the exported surplus. This method of distributing the loss it is believed will save many millions of dollars to the wheat growers. Of course the effectiveness of the plan rests wholly on the closing of the United States to

Canadian wheat through a tariff duty on wheat; and it is of use only so long as we are a wheat exporting nation.

The wheat export corporation measure looks good enough as an emergency enterprise. It remains to be seen if it will correct the evils it sets out to cure. At the present time the American farmer raises just a little more wheat than can be absorbed in the United States, this is sold abroad and that price is used to set the price for all wheat in this country.

If the McNary-Haugen bill is enacted into law and succeeds in raising the market price of wheat so that wheat shall again become a good money maker, we shall probably see the acreage of wheat rise, the surplus increase and the problem become larger and graver than it is today. This is the chief reason why many farmers accept this plan with mental reservations.

Officers of the wheat growers association, it is said, are opposed to the measure endorsed so thoroughly by the farmers of Oregon. Many of these farmers do not know any of the features of the bill they favor, and neither do they know any of the features of the bill which is known as "the American plan" and which is said to be, in some respects, better than the measure approved at the meeting held at Moro last Monday.

Under the postal order issued by Mr. New, and referred to in another column of the Observer, all postmasters at the distributing point for newspapers must handle this class of mail "together with and as expeditiously as first class" or what is known as letter mail. This has not always been done in the past or at the present time. There are postmasters who, for selfish reasons, or for financial reasons, or pure carelessness, seek to delay newspaper mail to subscribers. These officials of the public over look the fact that they are doing much more injury to the public whom they profess to serve than to the publisher of the newspaper whom they seek to injure.

The second meeting of the recently reorganized Moro Unity Club met at Hotel Moro last Monday evening. The debate scheduled for that meeting was postponed and in place of the proposed debate speeches were made by out-of-town visitors present. About seventy-five members and visitors attended the banquet and remained until well toward midnight listening to the informal program that included speeches upon the past, present and future dairying industry of Sherman county, explanatory remarks concerning the wheat export league, and other pertinent topics. The next meeting of the club will be held the second Monday evening in February.

The federal income tax law allows the following exemptions: Single person, or married person not living with husband or wife, \$1,000; head of a family, or married person living with husband or wife, \$2,500, unless the net income is in excess of \$5,000, in which case the exemption is only \$2,000; for each dependent under the age of 18, or incapable of self-support, \$400. Head of a family under the law is defined as "a person who supports in one household one or more relatives by blood, marriage or adoption."

Every reader of advertisements has a purchasing advantage of no mean value.

Wheat Export League Organized in Sherman County

About five hundred farmers and business men, meeting last Monday afternoon at Moro opera house, organized the Sherman County Export League, endorsed the McNary-Haugen bill now pending in congress, and ordered that resolutions adopted be forwarded to the state congressional delegation in Washington.

The meeting was called to order by W. H. Ragsdale of this city, and presided over by S. R. Thompson of Pendleton. Speeches explaining the bill were made by Roy Rither and W. W. Harrah of Pendleton, F. B. Ingalls of Dufur, and many others.

Committees were appointed to canvass the county for members for the county league. At Moro the paid membership is said to be 100 per cent and at other places in the county equally strong.

This money will be used to send a man familiar with the farming interests to Washington to influence legislation favorable to enactment of the measure. These appointments will be made by the state officers of the league. It was recommended by the meeting at Moro that A. M. Wright of this county and W. W. Harrah of Umatilla county be two of those who may go to represent Oregon in this work.

Corliss Hooven Griffis, daring army lieutenant from Hamilton, Ohio, serving a sentence in a German prison for attempting to forcibly kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, draft dodger, and bring him to the United States has been pardoned. The decision to release the young Ohioan was made known late Wednesday after Berlin had finally succeeded in prevailing upon the government of the state of Baden to take that action.

Simultaneously with the release of the young American lieutenant, whose attempted patriotic knight errantry resulted in the death of one man, Carl Schmidt, a Frenchman, two other associates in the Bergdoll adventure, Roger Sperber, a French detective, and Prince Gagarin, a Russian nobleman, also will be pardoned.

The freeing of Griffis and the pardoning of his two companions was accomplished thru quiet negotiations, tactful efforts and persistent representations to the German government which began shortly after their conviction.

John Doe, while driving an automobile for pleasure, ran down and injured another person. He either paid over a certain sum voluntarily or in response to a judgment rendered against him in a court action. Under the federal income tax law he is not permitted to deduct the amount so paid as a loss for the reason that it was not incurred in the conduct of his business or trade, neither did it result from a transaction entered into for profit.

E. R. Hickson is the latest one to announce that he has shied his hat into the arena of Sherman county politics. There are others who are considering taking a chance for office this year who will probably make their announcement at an early date. All in all the chances are good for considerable local interest in the many phases of political economy before the open season on candidates closes.

Scott Leavitt, representative in congress from Montana, mentioned prominently in news dispatches of January 28th in connection with his activities favoring enactment of the McNary-Haugen bill, is a former resident of Oregon. Mr. Leavitt and W. C. Bryant, of this city, both taught in the same school at Falls City at the same time. Mr. Leavitt as principal of the school and Mr. Bryant as pupil teacher.

It will surprise most persons to learn that the hen, widely diffused as she is throughout this nation, has this year yielded products valued at more than a billion dollars, surpassing that of all the broad acres that have been sown to wheat, says the New York Tribune. One sees hens in bunches, sometimes scratching the soil in small chicken-wire enclosures, more often darting across the road just in time to avoid violent death under the wheels of speeding motors. Never are square miles of them gathered together, as in the case of wheat. Furthermore, it is wheat that flows across the continent in great freight trains, piled mountain high in lofty elevators, and fills the holds of hollow ships that wait to transport it to distant lands. It is cheerful news, however, that we do not live by bread alone. The highly condensed ration that the hen provides is not so spectacular in transit, nor does it provide so much either of song or story as wheat, but a bumper crop of it is a good, substantial insurance against starvation. If, when the returns from the packing houses are in, it is found that there will be next winter a good thick slice of ham for every two eggs that have been laid there will be little reason for the American people to fear a food famine.

Lapland is not a country. It is only a region with indefinite boundaries, spreading into four distinct countries: Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. Norway and Sweden have a treaty agreement whereby their nomadic joint citizens may cross from Sweden in summer and move to Norway's north-west coast; and in the winter may cross from Norway to inland Sweden.

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Hotel men from all sections of the state will hold a convention in Salem Saturday, February 16.

The Pendleton branch of the Oregon export commission league has obtained 947 paid members, according to report.

The city of Roseburg has abandoned the project for a bridge across the South Umpqua river to Umpqua Park addition.

A conference with relation to the proposed plan to pipe water for municipal purposes from Clear lake to Willamette valley towns was held at the chamber of commerce in Salem. More than 90 miles of forest roads will be constructed in 1924 in Oregon at an estimated cost of \$1,063,100, as the result of an agreement between the state highway commission, the bureau of public roads and the forest service.

"I am going to enter the contest for the republican presidential preference vote in Oregon and have at no time had any intention of abandoning the fight in that state," Senator Hiram Johnson of California said at Washington, D. C.

The senate passed the bill giving the consent of the government for construction of a bridge across the Willamette river at Burnside street, Portland. Two other bills pending are for bridges across the Willamette at Ross Island and Sellwood.

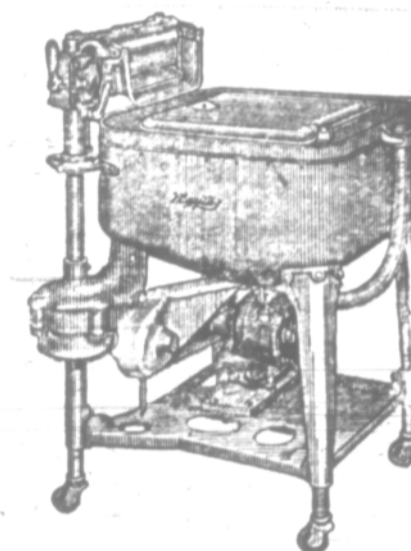
An authority on land values gives some remarkable examples of increased value due to zoning in Illinois cities. In Evanston, he says, values rose 15 to 100 per cent in a single year. In Oak Park, another suburb of Chicago, there was a jump during the year of 10 to 25 per cent in the value of residential districts, 25 to 50 per cent in apartment districts and 25 to 75 per cent in business districts. These figures ought to convince anyone that there is practical value as well as beauty and healthfulness in organizing and separating the various activities of a community. Just as a family does in its home, says the Evanston Courier. Yet there are still found, here and there, people who want to continue putting the municipal pig in the parlor.

Coloring of coyote skins to be used as substitutes for fox furs has raised the price to such an extent that 87 hides were sold by the predatory animal division of the United States biological survey for \$918.50. The price was \$10.50 apiece. The previous high record in low prices was \$9, according to Stanley G. Jewett, predatory animal inspector. Sale of the furs of predatory animals killed by paid hunters has netted \$6401.82 since the inauguration of the present system early in 1923. This is approximately one-third of the cost of the predatory animal work in Oregon, which replaced the bounty system.

Conventions of various kinds throughout Oregon during the year have been listed by the passenger department of the O. W. R. & N. Co. The listings are: Associated Industries of Oregon, Portland, January 26; Portland Automobile show, Portland, February 9-13; Young Men's Christian association conference, Portland, February 15-16; State Retail Merchants' association, Eugene, February 15-20; Northwest Association of Ice Industries, Portland, February; Knights Templar - Grand Commandery, Albany, April 16; Independent Order of Oddfellows - Grand encampment and grand lodge, Hood River, May 20; Foresters of America - Grand court, Portland, May 15; Military Order of Loyal Legion (state), Portland, May 12; Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, Portland, May 13-20; Rebekah state assembly, Hood River, May 20; Patrons of Husbandry, state grange, The Dalles, June 3; State Letter Carriers' association, Corvallis, June 28; Oregon Christian Missionary convention, Turner, July 5-13; International convention Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Portland, July 19-25; American Legion, Oregon division, Portland, September 4-6; The "Round-Up," Pendleton, September 18-20; Oregon Historical society, Portland, October 23.

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