

HOW EXCESSIVE TAXES BLIGHT A NATION'S LIFE

Productive Effort Stops If Government Takes Undue Share of Profits, Says Treasury Official.

WEALTH IN RUSSIA FLEED BEFORE THE TAXGATHERER

Men in America Prefer Golf to Giving Fruits of Three Days Work a Week to Income Taxes

The blighting effects of excessive taxation, leading to a nation's economic destruction, are described in the current issue of the American Bankers Association Journal by Garrard B. Winston, Under-secretary of the Treasury.

Success of the Ford Motor Company does not mean simply that Mr. Ford and his son have grown wealthy. It means employment of tens of thousands of men and women; that mines, forests, railroads and vessels are brought into use; that the public has received an efficient and inexpensive means of transportation; that the farm is in touch with the city, and the worker with his office.

Upon first impression it might appear that a nation could take all of the earnings of its citizens or all of their property. The Soviet government proposed to appropriate all instrumentalities of trade and commerce. Yet, when the state reached out to grasp this wealth, it disappeared and left nothing but a few tangible objects, such as gold and jewels, which were easily transported to other countries.

If income tax rates are placed so high that capital in productive business no longer gives a net return commensurate with the risk, capital will go out of productive business. It will go abroad, go into tax-exempt securities, or find other ways of avoiding the tax.

Recently a letter came to the Treasury from a small farmer. He owned a few acres which in 1913 were assessed at \$900 and on which a tax of \$13 was levied. In 1924 the assessed value increased to \$2,500 and the tax to \$123, but the farm failed to produce any more. Taxes according to the rental value of the land and more than the net earnings of the property were taken by the state. The farm was abandoned and now produces no tax.

Often there comes to notice cases where a particular improvement is not made, or a particular business is not started, because after deducting taxes the risk exceeds the value of the expected return. Men have dropped business, spent their winters in Florida and their summers abroad, because what they are permitted to retain under present tax rates is not worth the labor they must give to acquire it.

Unscientific Taxes Destroy a Nation. Unscientific methods of taxation may actually destroy the very earnings or property which it should be the principal interest of a government to foster.

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"Sugar Trees" The sugar of the Douglas fir has a decided value from the scientific and chemical point of view, its present price being about \$70 per pound. But to most people the chief interest of its discovery lies in the fact that nature has somehow contrived to withhold the secret of the "sugar trees" from man's prying eyes for so long.

The Judge: Probably Late In Meeting Payments Too - By M.B.



OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Flood waters, the result of a cloudburst, tore down Black Horse canyon and swept through the town of Lexington, leaving in their wake damage estimated at least as high as \$40,000.

At an election in Gold Hill an issue of \$15,000 water bonds for extending and reconstructing the city's water system was approved by an 8 to 1 vote. The reconstruction work on the plant will commence as soon as the bonds are marketed.

Dealers keeping on display or offering for sale immoral periodicals would be subject to a fine ranging from \$5 to \$500 or imprisonment for a period of six months under the provisions of an ordinance introduced at a meeting of the Salem city council.

Development of the poultry industry in the Hermiston district has been rapid, according to H. E. Crosby, extension specialist of Oregon Agricultural college. Between 25,000 and 30,000 hens and pullets are expected to be in production this fall.

Suit for \$500,000 damages against the California-Oregon Power company was filed in circuit court at Klamath Falls by the Port Klamath Meadows company for alleged flooding of lands along upper Klamath lake. It was charged that the building of the power company dam caused water to inundate thousands of acres of land owned by the plaintiff corporation rendering it unsuitable for irrigation purposes.

The state of Oregon will be glad to accept all the artillery pieces among the allotment of captured German war trophies made to it. But there are no state funds available to pay freight charges from Newport News, Va. That reply has been received from the state adjutant-general's office at Salem, in answer to a communication sent to every state by the war department detailing the articles allotted for distribution by act of congress.

Eye is ripening in Umatilla county and is being cut in green feed in the Willamette valley, according to the weekly crop summary of the weather bureau. Seeding of spring wheat and oats continues in elevated districts, while in some western localities spring wheat is heading in most of the middle sections. Conditions have been mostly favorable for small grain. Planting of corn continues and early plantings are coming up well.

W. L. Gilchrist of Albany was cut in several places about the face and hands near Halsey when a China pheasant flew into the windshield of Mr. Gilchrist's car with such force as to shatter the glass.

Walter Ford, 9, La Grande school boy, was dangerously injured as the result of boys playing with a pistol. He was shot through the neck and lost much blood before medical attention was obtained.

State highway officials of Oregon will meet with those of 10 other western states at San Francisco Friday to designate the interstate roads in those states to be uniformly marked as United States highways.

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GENERAL DOREY



Gen. Halstead Dorey, who has been named assistant to Governor-General Leonard Wood of the Philippines.

SCIENCE WILL AID TEACHER'S DEFENSE

Dayton, Tenn.—The American Association for the Advancement of Science has joined actively in the Tennessee evolution case. It was announced as a Rhea county grand jury indicted John T. Scopes, science teacher, for violation of the state law, which prohibits teaching of evolution in the schools. The case was set for trial July 10.

The Scopes case, which has attracted world wide attention promises to bring into a test of the constitutionality of the law some of the brightest minds in the American legal fraternity.

The presence of large crowds in Dayton to attend the preliminaries has brought the suggestion that a temporary courtroom should be erected on the baseball park site. The proposed building would seat 20,000 persons.

MRS. WILSON GOES ABROAD

War President's Widow Listed as Mrs. Eleanor Collins.

New York.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the former president, sailed incoognito for Europe, on the White Star liner, Majestic. To avoid publicity Mrs. Wilson was listed as Miss Eleanor Collins.

Mrs. Wilson has as her traveling companion Miss Belle Baruch, daughter of Bernard M. Baruch, who was chairman of the war industries board, under President Wilson.

Wearing deep mourning and carrying a bouquet of white gardenias under her arm, Mrs. Wilson said it was her rule "to say nothing."

Quake Casualties Placed at 800. New York.—A cablegram received by the Japanese consulate general said the probable number of dead and injured from the earthquake in Japan was 800. Toyo-Oka, with 2000 families, Kinokaki with 700 and Kumihama with 500 are the principal towns that suffered, the message said. Toyo-Oka and Kinokaki were said to have been destroyed mainly by fire.

Sir John French, War Hero, Dies. Deal, England.—The Earl of Ypres, better known as Field Marshal French, British World War hero, died here, aged 73. He underwent an operation on March 19. Soon thereafter he was reported to be recovering but subsequently his condition became worse.

Chance to Attend Worship.

That the troops may have an opportunity of attending public worship, as well as to take some rest after the great fatigue they have gone through, the general in future excuses them from fatigue duty on Sundays, except at the shipyards, or on special occasions until further orders. The general is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American army, is growing into fashion.

The Pythian Games. One of the four great festivals of ancient Greece, celebrated every fifth year, in honor of Apollo, in the Cretan plain near Delphi was the Pythian games. They were instituted, according to tradition, by Apollo, in commemoration of his victory over the serpent Python—whence the name. These festivals were at first limited to singing, with cithern accompaniment, but afterward they came to include athletics, horse racing and contests in poetry and art. The victors were crowned with a laurel wreath, or presented with a palm branch. The Pythian games were continued until 894 A. D.

THE MARKETS

Portland. Wheat—Hard white, \$1.65; hard winter, \$1.60; soft white, \$1.63; northern spring, \$1.60; western white, \$1.60; western red, \$1.58. Hay—Alfalfa, \$19@20 ton; valley timothy, \$20@21; eastern Oregon timothy, \$23@24. Butterfat—48c delivered Portland. Eggs—Ranch, 26@30c. Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook: Triples, 26c; loaf, 27c per lb. Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.50@9.75. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$11.00@13.00. Sheep—Lamba, medium to choice, \$7.50@11.50.

Seattle. Wheat—Soft white, \$1.63; western white, \$1.62; hard winter, \$1.62; western red, \$1.61; northern spring, \$1.62. Big Bend bluestem, \$1.63. Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; D. C., \$28; timothy, \$26; D. C., \$28; mixed hay, \$24. Butterfat—48c. Eggs—Ranch, 25@33c. Hogs—Prime, \$12.50@14.00. Cattle—Choice steers, \$8.75@9.50. Cheese—Oregon fancy to retailers 27c per lb.; do standard, 25c; Washington fancy triples, 25c.

Spokane. Hogs—Prime mixed, \$12.75@13.00. Cattle—Prime steers, \$9.00@9.50.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Sherman County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at Moro, Oregon, as follows: Commencing Wednesday, June 10, 1925, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, June 13, 1925, at 4:00 p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Writing (Penmanship), Music, Drawing. Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic. Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art. Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography, Spelling, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate. Friday Forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry. Friday Afternoon—School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government, Saturday Forenoon—Geometry, Botany. Saturday Afternoon—General History, Bookkeeping.

NOTICE OF EIGHTH GRADE FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that all pupils who have passed the final eighth grade examinations conditionally, or who have failed, may take an examination in the conditional subject, or an entire new examination, on June 11 and 12, 1925, at the county court house in Moro, Oregon, or, by appointment, before the clerk of the school district where they reside, as follows: Thursday morning—Arithmetic, Writing. Thursday afternoon—History, Spelling, Agriculture. Friday morning—Physiology, Language. Friday afternoon—Geography, Civil Government, Reading. A. M. Zevly, County Superintendent.

Great Awakening Is Coming to This Man

There's a certain member of the Hollywood Athletic club who didn't know what he was getting into, when he joined. It seems that his wife took a great fancy to the beauty parlor, and when she discovered that she could go there as often as she pleased and merely sign a tab, she got the habit bad. Hubby, being a busy man, had not gone to the club, and thinking that the bills at the end of each month were merely announcements of coming events, he never opened them. Finally he did open one envelope, and it chanced to be a letter telling him that no more service could be extended to his wife until the account was settled.

After inspecting the bill, he decided that this was great news and sent the club a letter of thanks.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that I have a pasture and feed bill lien against one certain white mare, weight about 1150 pounds, about seven years old, kept, fed and pastured by me since the 7th day of December, 1924. I will on the 20th day of June, 1925, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the A. C. Crowther place about five miles east of Klondike sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the mare above described, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of said lien and the costs and expenses in connection with this sale, the remainder, if any, to be paid to F. E. Glennie, the owner of said mare.

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