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EDITORIALS

SIMPLE FACTS

"Taxes, when thought out in things and results, mean an abstraction of a part of the annual product for government purposes, and can not mean anything else. Whatever form they take in their imposition they must be borne by the consumer, that is, mainly by the working-men and fighting-men of the community. It is well that they should have this fact brought home to them, and not too much disguised by the form in which the taxes are imposed."

Thus wrote the late and great liberal Supreme Court Justice, Oliver Wendell Holmes. In these days when there is so much concern about rising prices and talk about monopolies and profits and whatnot, it is well to remember the economic fact which he so simply stated.

For about seven years now, the federal government has been borrowing money. The only way it can raise money to pay back what it borrowed is through taxes. And as Justice Holmes said, it makes no difference whether your tax is levied in disguised form, it still must be paid by the consumer.

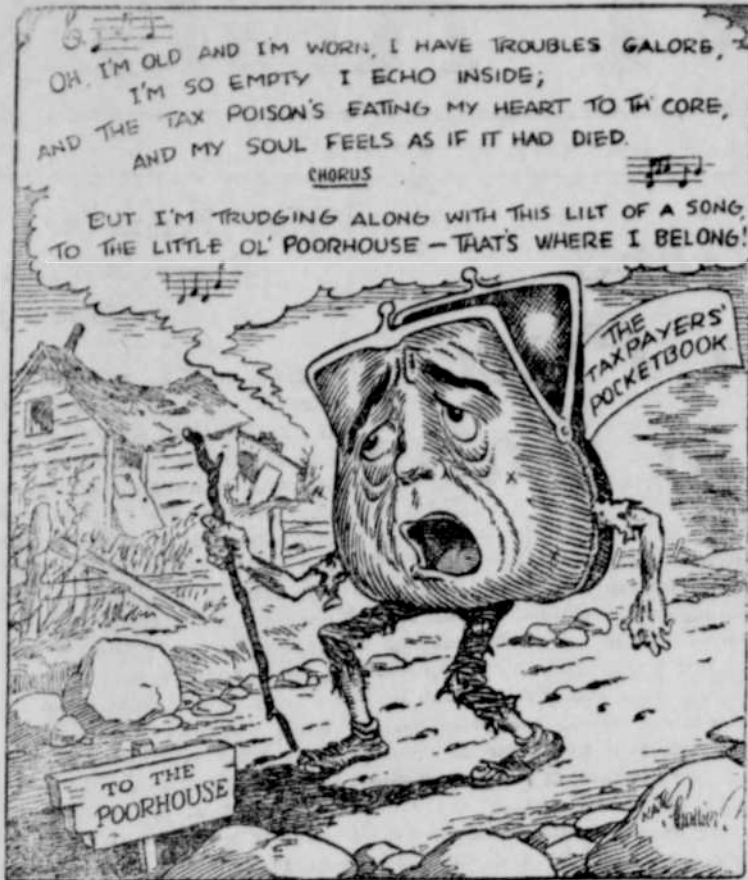
If the tax is levied directly, it becomes a direct payment to the government. If it is levied indirectly, it becomes a part of the price of what the consumer buys. No matter how you state it; no matter how many ifs, ands and buts you add; no matter how you storm and rant about it, the facts are still the same—government debts are paid by taxes, and taxes are paid by the sweat of every man's brow.

ECONOMIC LAW CONFLICT

Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers' Union, advises all the members of his organization to refuse to buy meat. He tells them this will bring meat prices down. Edward A. O'Neill, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, wires asking Martin, "Is this an invitation for American farmers to take similar action against products produced by CIO union labor?"

After a while the truth may dawn on organizers that striking to put wages—and therefore prices—up and striking to bring prices down, heads toward an economic breakdown in which no body would pro-

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duce anything, nobody would buy anything and everybody would quit eating. That would be inconvenient.

The organizations responsible for boosting product costs in one industry must not complain if prices rise in the markets for products of many industries. They all are tied together by economic laws.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Records of the United States Patent Office in Washington reveals that the number of patents issued yearly is steadily increasing. This has been particularly true in recent years as new industrial research laboratories have been developed and the search for new living conveniences has been stimulated.

The question brought to mind is: what social effects will come from inventions in future years, considering the changes resulting from past industrial inventions, such as the telephone, the automobile, the airplane, the motion picture, rayon and the radio? Those six major industries were developed during the first third of the current century.

Scientists say we have just begun to "scratch the surface" in the matter of new industrial fields. Imagine, then, the future standards of living as they will be enhanced by another half-dozen new industries and the thousands of new jobs that will be created—within the very near future!

SAMS VALLEY NOTES

It seems the sunshine was too good to last! However there is one thing about the frost and cold we appreciated that being the disappearance of the house flies which is a worry to every housewife.

The high school boys' basketball team played Gold Hill, in the Gold Hill gymnasium, Friday night. The

boys won after playing a tie off, with the score of 26 to 24. The Sams Valley Warriors will compete with Butte Falls this Friday at Butte Falls. This is to be their first scheduled game.

We were all sorry to hear of the second sick spell in two weeks of J. L. Rowe.

The regular Grange session met Saturday night with much discussion of whether to have the usual Christmas tree. It was decided to pay the money in the building fund instead.

The Ladies' Club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Bill Straus. A business meeting was held with discussion of the Bazaar and about lumber for the floor of the stage. Then a shower was given Mrs. Lewis Dusenberry. Delicious refreshments were served after the meeting.

A new Farm-All Case tractor was purchased by Nelse Oden last week. Lloyd Dusenberry who was employed at Copco in California returned home Monday evening.

Steve Wilson, brother John, who was up from Sacramento, and Bill Bishop of Table Rock left Monday for San Francisco where Steve is trucking livestock. They will leave John Wilson in Sacramento.

Interesting Address On Education Is Given by Principal

(Following is the full text of an address delivered by Prof. H. P. Jewett at a recent meeting of the Masonic Lodge here. So many expressions of commendation have been heard regarding this interesting address that The American prevailed upon Mr. Jewett to allow us to print it in full.)

THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

The story of education is essentially a phase of the history of civilization. We have come a long way from those ancient days when "might made right" and children were of little or no importance, treated as chattels to be bought or sold at the whim of the elders,—to the present time when the welfare of our youth is considered of supreme importance and one of the first duties of the state.

Inasmuch as the development of formal education parallels the progress of civilization I shall take a few moments to trace the significant steps in this progress. Our present day civilization may be traced to three main sources, namely: the Greeks, the Romans, and the influence of Christianity. From the Greeks came the idea of personal freedom and initiative, the individual was of first importance in the Greek state; the Greeks gave us a philosophy of life, they gave us art and appreciation of the beautiful, and a literature. But the Greeks

were weak in organization and all they accomplished might have been lost had it not been for the contribution of the Romans. Where the Greeks were weak the Romans were strong. They amalgamated the ancient world into an empire with common customs, language, dress, manners, and religion. The Romans gave us law and government. The Justinian code became the model for all later jurisprudence.

Under the early Roman emperors the Christians were persecuted and scorned, exerting little influence but possessed of a spark which could not be extinguished, they bound themselves together into a nucleus which later expanded to become the most powerful influence ever known. Under one of the last of the great emperors, Constantine, the Christian faith was recognized and in a short time became the religion of the empire. It is told that on the way to battle Constantine saw the sign of the cross in the sky and heard these words "By this sign shall ye conquer". He was victorious and immediately accepted Christianity. His conversion meant the conversion of the empire and in a few years we find the church highly organized with the pope at the head and officers of the church becoming more powerful than the head of the empire. Constantine also established a capital at the ancient city of Byzantium changing its name to Constantinople. As time passed this eastern capital became a rival of Rome and this rivalry weakened the empire.

Then came the barbarian invasion from the north, the Goths and Huns and other savage tribes swarmed down over the Roman empire weakened as it was by division and by the excesses of prosperity. Thus began that period in history known as the Dark Ages. For ten or eleven centuries these hardy but savage hordes from the north held possession. They were converted to Christianity, they intermarried and mingled with the Greeks and Romans and through this leavening there emerged a people superior in most ways to all that had lived before. This invading horde had no respect or appreciation for the finer arts, for literature, for any of civilization previously developed, and all might have been lost but for one influence, that of Christianity. In the monasteries and in the churches much that was good was preserved and when the world finally emerged from the dark ages progress found its greatest help in this one source.

Next comes the awakening—the Renaissance—the revival of learning. This is an age of exploration and discovery. The thirteenth and fourteenth century finds the world expanding as the adventurous take to the sea. It is also an age of mental discovery and expansion. Old documents are brought to light and studied. The first universities or centers of learning are established. At Florence, Paris, Oxford, Vienna, and Seville, the learned scholars gather.

Perhaps the one thing that gave greatest impetus to the expansion of learning was the discovery of a way to make paper. This came in 1276 and in 1475 the printing press was invented and soon nearly every city of any size had somewhere in it a printing press of sorts.

Now we will introduce a character whose influence on modern education was indirect but of far greater significance than usually realized. In 1517 Martin Luther broke away from the established church beginning that period sometimes referred to as the Reformation. Martin Luther was a priest, and a teacher of theology. His study of the scriptures led him to believe that salvation came about through faith and

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I burn when I see somebody driving a car down our street faster than he should.

Yet, I'd burn if I were doing the same thing and a cop caught me and gave me a ticket.

But I oughtn't to. I ought to remember that my little Hildegarde crosses that street several times a day and plays on the other side, and that traffic regulation and enforcement are for her protection.

I fought for her sake, to be so loyal to traffic regulations that I would feel good about getting a ticket.

There is always injustice in any ticket WE get for a traffic violation. Let's just have sense enough or sense of humor enough to remember that our own ticket is invariably going to seem unjust—and let's have sports-

manship enough to take our medicine in the name of a good cause.

At the present rate, according to estimates made by The Travelers Insurance Company, one out of every three children faces the PROBABILITY of death or maiming from motor accidents in the course of a lifetime.

So what we need is more tickets, not fewer tickets. And no "FIX-ING".

I like the spirit of that wife of a New York magistrate who some time ago appeared in traffic court and paid a fine.

I think some types of patriotism and public spirit are apt to be the bunk, but I believe we should all lean over backwards to take what's coming to us for traffic rule violations.

not through works. This was contrary to the established doctrine of the church. It would have received little attention had it not conflicted with a little private graft practiced by most of the priests. This was the sale of "indulgences." This, briefly explained, meant that if you had sinned you might obtain forgiveness by some good works. The good works preferred by the priests was a donation of money to the church.

Thus you could continue to sin as much as you wished so long as your good works were sufficient to offset the sins. Such a procedure seemed to Martin Luther to be contrary to the scriptures. He taught that salvation came only through faith and faith was possible only if you understood the scriptures. He further declared his belief that the church had but one head which was Jesus Christ. This conflicted with the common teaching of the church that the pope was the head. Essentially Luther would substitute the authority of the Bible for the authority of the church. The significance of this to education is tremendous for it meant that all people needed to be able to read the scriptures and to be sufficiently intelligent to participate in the services of the church.

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the first tub in the White House in 1850. Advertising of the advantages of convenient and sanitary bathing started 31 years later, has continued increasingly ever since, and has made the United States the cleanest nation on earth. Even the most advanced European nations are far behind us in this respect, and the possession of a bathtub in most countries is a sign not only of opulence, but ostentation. The United States is among the few countries generally educated to the knowledge that health and cleanliness go together.

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