



EDITORIAL
Opinions of the
Observer

The Industrial News Bureau carries an article with a very pessimistic outlook for the farmers of this country, suggesting that the enormous tax increase will within the generation make tenants of the farm owners and operators. The figures quoted, if correct, would sound like a very deplorable condition of things, when one judges without analysis. There is no question about the farmers suffering from low prices and over-taxation, but when judged after due consideration, there seems to be nothing in present conditions to warrant a belief in the approach of such a terrible calamity. The farmer's difficulty arises quite as much from his own poor judgment and his own carelessness and neglect as from any other cause. Even under present conditions, the tiller of the soil, who owns his own ranch and has no mortgage against it, who farms his land instead of the roads, who attends to the production of his crops and the marketing of the same, barring accidents and sickness, is able to make as good a living at the average mechanic or artisan of equal attainments in his line of work, in addition to a fair interest on his investment at a reasonable valuation of his land. One of the greatest causes of the troubles of the agriculturist has arisen from speculation in farm lands at greatly inflated prices. Farm land is worth just as much as it will pay interest on, under proper management, over and above a reasonable compensation for the labor expended, and no more. The man who buys farm land at fictitious prices can not expect a high rate of interest on such an investment any more than he who buys watered stock on the Wall Street Exchange. Nor should one who spends his time driving over the country in a high powered car, with gasoline at 23 cents the gallon, while his cattle and horses feed at any old time on what they can pick up, and his machinery exposed at all times to the elements, is getting ready for the scrap heap, expect to reap as much at the harvest as the prudent man, who is always on the job and cares for his stock and implements as he would care for his family.

While the farmer has grievances which call for a remedy, as we would be the last to deny, yet we do maintain that the road to prosperity begins, as it has always done, for the farmer as well as for the business man, in the strict adherence to the principle of "Business First" and pleasure afterward, ever remembering that it is "The early bird that catches the worm."

Taxation Takes Property

That any state should confiscate all farm lands and make tenants of the occupants would seem unbelievable. But the process is under way, and at present rate of progress will be accomplished within lifetime of present generation.

Dr. R. T. Ely, of University of Wisconsin, shows, by official tax records of states, and also figures compiled by bureau of economics of Department of Agriculture, that the states will soon absorb by taxation all income farm lands.

It is a principle of law that to take the income from property is practically the same as to take the property itself.

In Ohio farm lands between 1880 and 1920 increased in value from \$45.97 to \$113.17 an acre, while taxes from 1913-1921 increased 177 per cent. In Kansas values increased from \$16.98 in 1880 to \$62.30 in 1920, and taxes 271 per cent from 1913 to 1921.

Since 1920, the land values have decreased at an average of 20 per

cent. Taxes, on the other hand, have shown the opposite tendency. A statistical chart of taxes and farm income would show the line for taxes steadily curving upward in past eight years, and now near to line of farm income. When it crosses that line the work of confiscation is complete.

"The power to tax is the power to destroy."—Industrial News.

Tax-Exemption

How nice it sounds! But supposing someone proposed double taxation for the majority of people in order that a minority might go tax free. Such a proposal today would cause unqualified condemnation yet our law-makers by refusing to change our old laws so as to prohibit the further issuance of tax-exempt bonds are sanctioning the double taxation method for the masses in order that tax-exemption may be enjoyed by the few.—The Manufacturer.

Home Fires Kept Burning

There are domestic fires burning in Yorkshire today which have never been out for hundreds of years.

At the old-fashioned farmhouses in the dale of Yorkshire peat is still burned. The fuel is obtained from the moors, and stacks of it are kept by the farmers in their stack gerbs. The country roundabout is noted for its griddle cakes, which are made from dough baked in quaint pans suspended over the peat fires, says the London Times.

These fires are kept glowing from generation to generation, and the son warms himself at the fire which warmed his sire and his grandfathers' sire and which will warm his son and his son's son.

There is a fire at Castleton, in the Whitby district, which has been burning over 200 years. The record probably is held by a farmhouse at Osmothery, in the same district. This fire has been burning for 500 years and there are records to show that it has not been out during the last three centuries.

China's Great Wall

This historic wall, extending for a distance of more than 1,700 miles across the northern boundary of the Chinese empire, was built by the Emperor Chi-hoang-ti about 200 B. C. It was built to protect his dominions against the incursions of the Tartars, Kalmucks and other northern tribes, but proved utterly useless. It was from 25 to 30 feet high and 20 feet thick at the base, but tapered to a thickness of 15 feet at the top. It was surmounted by towers 35 to 40 feet in height, at intervals of 200 or 300 yards. The "Great Wall" is said to have required ten years to build, and to have caused the death of tens of thousands of workmen.

One Dreadful Moment in Kate Wiggins' Life

In 1897 Kate Douglas Wiggins was present at Hollywood palace. She describes what happened in "My Garden of Memory":

"I watched the curtsies carefully to see how those 'to the manner born' carried themselves, and as I neared the lord high commissioner I noted one young lady, virtuous, I am sure, for she was extremely ugly, who allowed a long, bony foot and ankle to appear as she swept aside her train.

"I glanced down to enjoy the effect of my own white satin shoes with crystal buckles, when lo! I beheld large, black, bedroom slippers on my feet!

"No words can describe my confusion! I could easily have fainted, but an instant's thought showed me that I should make a scene at court, and when borne out by Lord Kinneer my shoes would attract immediate attention, probably fall off and be handed to him by the purse-bearer, or a titled aide-de-camp. I summoned all my courage and, when the awful moment came, made the deepest and most distinguished of curtsies with one end alone in view, that of concealing my feet."

She was obliged to remain in her bedroom slippers for the remainder of the proceedings.

Workers Cross Chasm on Wire Foot Bridge

Tourists who are looking for red-blooded thrills need go no farther than Pearson's logging camp, near Bellingham, Wash., where a woven chicken-wire foot bridge enables workmen to cross a yawning ravine 120 feet deep. When the men went across this chasm to cut down fir and hemlock the problem of getting them back to camp for meals and lodging was difficult. They had to crawl down into the valley and climb up the opposite steep precipices twice each day. The management then planned a cable bridge, but found the expense prohibitive, says the New York World.

Finally the woven-wire idea was advanced and tested out. Three thicknesses of wire netting 450 feet long hang across the valley. At intervals of five inches 12-inch boards are stapled on for treads. Every tenth board extends out three feet each side of the bridge, to which braces woven wire is fastened. In calm weather crossing the bridge is pleasant, but on windy days it has a swing of three feet in the middle directly over the deepest part of the chasm.

Noah's Son an Inventor

Perhaps the most primitive form of artificial light was the wax taper. In Turkey the guild of candlemakers venerate Shem, the son of Noah, as their patron saint. It was he, according to legendary history, who invented this early form of light—wax taper.

When the ark was already afloat, so the story goes, a swarm of bees settled upon the roof, the Detroit News states. Shem removed them carefully to a corner of the ark, where they lived and multiplied. When finally the ark rested on Mount Ararat, Shem took some of the bees' wax, melted it in an earthen pot and into it dipped

strips of wool which he probably got from the sheep (although this is not mentioned). These when cool he rolled in his hands, thus making the first candle.

Until 1908 the sultan of Turkey would permit no other artificial light than wax tapers to be burned, except in his own palace, where he had electric lights.

Triangular Wheels

The cars that travel the "rocky road to Dublin" would have a much rougher time of it if their wheels were like those that the Mongolian peasant uses on his ox cart. The two wheels, says Mr. A. S. Kent in "Old Tartar Trails," are unprotected by iron tires, and therefore with constant use over stony roads they soon lose their roundness and become first octagonal, then hexagonal and then pentagonal. At that point the Mongol begins to think that he ought to have new wheels; but before his caravan has reached a place where he can find a Chinese to do the work the wheels have passed the rectangular stage and have become triangular, and the vehicle will go no farther.

Valuable Man

His son was a graduate of a financial school in the Middle West, he was in New York on other business and he dropped into a bucketshop a few months ago to see about getting the young man a position.

"I think he could write those market letters that you mail me," said the father rather doubtfully, after explaining the scope of the young man's accomplishments.

"Yes," inquired the office manager hopefully.

Further encouraged, the father continued: "I'm sure he could. There's just one thing you'd have to watch him for. He's likely to change his mind every few minutes."

"Every few minutes!" exclaimed the office manager. "An invaluable man! Tell him to call on me!"—Wall Street Journal.

A Test Every Man Past 40 Should Make

Medical authorities agree that 65 per cent of all men past middle age (many much younger) are afflicted with a disorder of the prostate gland. Aches in feet, legs and back, frequent nightly risings, sciatic pains, are some of the signs—and now a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has written a remarkably interesting Free Book that tells of other symptoms and just what they mean. No longer should a man approaching or past the prime of life be content to regard these pains and conditions as inevitable signs of approaching age. Already more than 10,000 men have used the amazing method described in this book to restore their youthful health and vigor, and to restore the prostate gland to its proper functioning. Send immediately for this book. If you will mail your request to the Electro-Thermal Company, 657 Knapp Bldg., Steubenville, Ohio, the concern that is distributing this book for the author, it will be sent to you absolutely free without obligation. Simply send name and address. But don't delay, for the edition of this book is limited.

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Notice of Sale of Real Property by Guardian.

No. 6011. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Marion County. In Probate. In the matter of the guardianship of Ruth Belle Nafziger, Ernest F. Nafziger and William C. Nafziger, Minors.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the County Court of Marion County, State of Oregon, made and entered in the above entitled cause on July 26, 1924, the undersigned, Chas. V. Nafziger, guardian of the persons and estates of Ruth Belle Nafziger, Ernest F. Nafziger and William C. Nafziger, minors, will, on and after September 1, 1924, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, receive bids for and sell at private sale, to the highest and best bidder therefor, for cash in hand, all of the hereinafter described real premises belonging to said minors.

All bids for the purchase of said premises shall be submitted in writing and addressed to Carey F. Martin, 413 Masonic Temple Building, Salem, Oregon.

The real premises to be sold pursuant to said order are described as follows: All the right, title and interest of the above named minors in and to the south half (S 1/2) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of Block thirty-nine (39) in North Salem, in Marion County, Oregon, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, said premises being also known as Lot Five (5) in said Block, and the particular interest of said minors therein being described as and undivided 33-384 interest therein.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 26th day of July, 1924.

CHAS. V. NAFZIGER, Guardian of the persons and estates of Ruth Belle Nafziger, Ernest F. Nafziger and William C. Nafziger, minors.

Carey F. Martin, Attorney for Guardian. 413 Masonic Temple Building, Salem, Oregon.

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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, made and entered on the 7th day of July, 1924, duly appointed executor of the last will and testament and estate of Samuel Stauffer, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them to me, properly verified, at First State Bank of Donald, in Donald, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. And you are further notified that the date of the first publication of this notice is July 17, 1924, and the date of the last publication of this notice is August 14, 1924.

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