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The Public Pays

Railroad valuation work up to the present time has cost the railroads and the public approximately \$100,000,000 and it is estimated that it will take \$5,000,000 more to complete the job. After that it will require \$400,000 annually to keep the valuations up to date. Congress has spent \$25,000,000 and the railroads \$70,000,000 in doing this work.

It would be really hard to say wherein the public has actually benefitted from this large expenditure of money which has not built any new track, terminal facilities or provided equipment for the convenience of the public.

One hundred million dollars has, however, been taken out of the pockets of the taxpayers, the traveler and the freight shipper. The railroads have had to add the cost of this proceeding to their rates.

This is merely one of many numerous overhead charges which it is impossible for the carriers to escape under a multiple system of regulation by states, nation and labor organizations. It is a marvel that any business can survive and give decent service with so many bosses.—The Manufacturer.

Tax-Exempt Offerings Increase

The output of tax-free securities during the first half of 1924 exceeds all previous records, being nearly \$750,000,000. This is substantially three times the output for the entire year 1918, when only \$262,818,844 were issued.

The urgent demand of wealth for an avenue of escape from taxation has created a ready market for these securities, encouraging taxing authorities to plunge communities recklessly into debt.

The Bond Buyer of June 28, reviewing the situation, says:

"Just about one hundred important offerings of state, municipal and Federal Land Bank bonds which have been offered in the New York market since January 1st aggregate slightly more than \$500,000,000, or an average of five million dollars per issue.

"Total of all state and municipal financing for six months ending June 30th is estimated at not less than \$666,000,000. If to this we add \$95,000,000 Federal Land Bank and numerous Joint Stock Land Bank issues, the aggregate of tax-exempt securities flotations for the six months will come very close to three-quarters of a billion."

With the income from this vast wealth escaping taxation, the load on taxable property is just that much heavier.—Industrial News.

This Shows How Much Electricity the Average Farmer Will Need

How much electricity does the average farmer need? How can he find out about how much it would cost him to operate the various parts of his establishment?

This question has been taken up by experts of the National Electric Light Association and the following estimates have been calculated as being about right for the various services that enter into modern farm life.

Types of service	Horsepower required	Kilowatt-hrs. per month
Farm-house lighting . . .	1-3	15
Farm-house lighting and minor farm work	4	40
Farm-house lighting and medium farm work . . .	6-2-3	70
Farm-house lighting and heavy farm work . . .	12	150

Farm-house lighting and special farm work . . . 20 300  
The actual cost can be arrived at only by taking the individual farm requirements up with the local light and power company, but the above is a good working basis which will enable the farmer to determine his budget for such service.—The Open Window.

The St. Paul Conference

The National Agricultural Council, recently held at St. Paul, was held for the purpose of furthering national legislation and embodying the principles of the McNary-Haugen bill. Representatives from national organizations from all parts of the country attended. C. E. Spence, state market agent, represented Oregon.

The resolution committee stated the condition of agriculture favored a policy of protective tariff; showed the unfairness in its operation as applied to farm products when there is an export surplus, the world price and world-wide competition forcing the price to a level of foreign markets, and that agriculture should have the same measure of protection as given to the industries and labor. A resolution was adopted favoring the election of congressmen who will stand by legislation along the line of the McNary-Haugen bill, and defeat those opposed. The council will meet again at Washington, D. C., on the second Tuesday in February.  
—State Market Master Spence.

Heroic Struggle for Education He Coveted

The story is told of Kamba, a full-blooded African of the Nduu tribe, who has progressed from absolute illiteracy to a Columbia university degree. The first printing that he ever saw was on a pack of playing cards that came from the coast, and by studying these he taught himself the figures from one to ten. Later he went South to work, and an American missionary there who taught native boys in spite of the opposition of the Portuguese, whose policy is to keep the people ignorant, took him into his home as a house boy.

There the idea of that cultivated missionary, and especially his wife, going to live in that fever-stricken area for the sake of the black boys, gave him a new vision. He knew they must have some secret that made them different from all other white people he had ever seen.

When the American missionary left for home, he told his boys of a lighthouse in Rhodesia, and Kamba walked 250 miles to reach there. His capacity and ambition for more education led the missionary to secure work for the boy by which he earned enough to go to Hampton Institute, Virginia.

Earning his living all the time, he took a course of carpentry and then went to Columbia, where he secured the coveted education. His whole ideal in seeking this education has been to go back and develop his own people, but not necessarily on western lines.

Turf Natural Filter

France's experiments with natural turf have shown that it is an excellent material from which to form beds for the filtering of sewage. A volume of between three and four cubic meters of sewage can be purified every day for every square meter of the surface of the turf. An experimental turf filter that has been in use for more than seven months shows diminution of efficiency. If a larger proportion of sewage than that mentioned is employed the filter proves less effective, but it recovers its power when the amount of sewage is reduced to the proper proportion. Chemical analysis and the effects upon fish put into the filtered water unite in testifying to the efficiency of the process.

French Butter Markets

During the months of June, July and August the butter markets of Normandy are an interesting sight to the visitors. The peasants assemble in the market squares of the various towns, almost in military formation, with their baskets filled with large pads of butter, each done up in the whitest of cloths. The buyers walk along the lines and bargain for the wares, tasting samples before deciding. If the prospective buyer is satisfied with the flavor of one morsel he knows he may rely on the rest of it being equally good, for the French law regarding the adulteration of food is very strict, and a fraudulent seller is severely dealt with.

Poor Henry!

A Baltimore man, who was formerly a resident of a town on the eastern shore, recently revisited his old home town after an absence of many years. One day he was talking with an old friend about various people he formerly knew.  
"What became of the Hall family?" he inquired.  
"Oh," said the latter, "Tom Hall did very well. Got to be an actor out on the Pacific coast. Bill, the other brother, is something of an artist in New York, and Lucy, the sister, is doing literary work. But Henry never amounted to much. It took all he could lay his hands on to support the others."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Women Surely Have Keen Sense of Money Values

If the average woman were without a sense of money values, as charged by a budget expert, the average American family would have less money in the bank than it has. Eliminating the girl who lives at home and can spend her earnings for pretty things, and whose extravagance is one of the manifestations of her youth, it would have been fairer to say the average housewife of America has a very keen appreciation of the value of money and how hard it is for the husband to earn it. It is probably quite true that women do not budget their expenses; neither did the great United States government until a few years ago. If the budget expert would go into the stores patronized by the wives of wage earners and note with what care and anxiety the customers spend their money and how anxious they are to get full value, she might revise her judgment a bit. With due respect to the paragraphers, the women are shrewd buyers. The hardly saved dollars which bulk so large in savings fund reports and bank deposits are where they are because the women of the country have put them there, often against the will of their husbands. The average man is a much swifter spender than a woman, and despite the jokes of the paragraphers and comic artists, all women do not throw away money on innumerable hats and gowns. The budget expert did less than justice to her own sex when she criticized their financial acumen.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Javanese Houses by No Means Things of Beauty

The clay walls which surround a Balinese farm in Java are usually two or three meters high. Very often they rest upon a foundation of stones and are covered with a heavy layer of rushes which are to protect them from destructive tropical rains. A door in the wall is closed at night with wooden or bamboo planks, the Detroit News states.

The walls around farms of "poeng-gavas" or district mayors, are usually built of more substantial material. The same is true of the homes of Balinese princes. Yet while these latter houses may be elaborately decorated they resemble the more humble dwellings in that they are exceedingly filthy. The numerous members of the family—parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, married or unmarried—live in a single house.

The pigs, dogs and goats found on every Balinese farm are kept in a separate hut. The loan huts are usually built upon wooden elevations and are exceedingly ugly and uncleanly. On each farm one will also find bamboo baskets to house the fowls.

Words We Have Clipped

A few years ago a music-hall comedian made a great hit by clipping familiar words, and we still hear him limited in colloquial conversation, London Tit-Bits says. People say "im poss" for impossible, "biz" for business and "pash" for passion.

But such clipped words are not destined to appear in any dictionary, and we must go back much farther in the history of words to find that when we say: "He led the van," we mean the "vanguard"; when we speak of a pair of van horses, we mean "cervan"; when we retire to the "drawing room," we ought to say the with-drawing room; when we talk of a "hobby" we refer to riding a "hobby-horse"; when we talk of sport we mean "disport," of "tending" we mean "attending," or a "cute" lawyer we mean acute, and of a "still" we mean a distillery.

Refuge in Silence

Mrs. Scrubbs, whose highly colored imagination was well known in her neighborhood, was called as a witness in a damage suit.  
"The evidence which you will give to the court shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," said the clerk.  
"Yes," quavered Mrs. Scrubbs, now thoroughly frightened and unable to think of one word of the story she had resolved to tell—a story in which she was the heroine.  
"Well," asked the judge, "what have you got to say about the case?"  
"Well, judge," she replied, "with the limitations I've just had put on me, I don't think I've anything at all to say!"

Fair Enough

Rents were exceedingly high in that part of the city in which the young couple felt they had to live. After looking at apartment after apartment they began to get discouraged.  
At length, after looking at one that just suited them, they expressed indignation when the agent told them the rent would be \$150 a month.  
"I can't ask less, because of the view," the agent said.  
"Well, I'll tell you what we'll do," the young husband replied, "You knock off \$50 a month and we'll sign a contract never to look at the view."

Circles Around Moon

Circles around the moon are caused by moisture in the atmosphere. It frequently happens that the sunlight reflected from the moon to the earth is so refracted by the atmospheric moisture that a ring or circle is formed. The more moisture there is in the atmosphere the smaller the circle will appear. The form and size of the ring will depend entirely upon the particular condition and quantity of moisture in the air.

AUCTION SALE

I, W. W. Irvin, will sell at my place 1/2 mile east of Aurora, Thursday, Aug. 14, 1924 at 10:30 a. m.

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1 Mare, weight 1100, 8 years old  
1 Sorrel Horse, wt. 1500, 15 yrs. old  
1 Bay Horse, wt. 1700, 12 yrs. old  
SHEEP  
12 Hampshire Sheep, Grade  
SWINE  
1 Chester White Sow, 1 yr. old  
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17 Shoats, about 70 lbs. each  
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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 Naftzger, Ernest F. Naftzger and William C. Naftzger, 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. Naftzger, guardian of the persons and estates of Ruth Belle Naftzger, Ernest F. Naftzger and William C. Naftzger, 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. NAFTZGER, Guardian of the persons and estates of Ruth Belle Naftzger, Ernest F. Naftzger and William C. Naftzger, 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.

JOHN EDWARD MILLS, Executor.  
C. J. Espy, Attorney for Executor.

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