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Editorial Program

- I. Make Springfield the Industrial Center of Western Oregon. II. Develop a Strong Trading Point; Build a City of Contented Homes. III. Improve Living Conditions on the Farm. Promote the Raising of Purebred Livestock and the Growing of Fruit; Work for Better Markets. IV. Tell the World About Oregon's Scenic Wonderland.

HONOR DUE THE FLAG.

Our attention was called by the color squad that many people did not uncover when the national colors went past in the Memorial day parade. While we suspect that this was thoughtlessness rather than ignorance or indifference to the flag, it is not excusable on these grounds. Every time the national colors are formally carried on a standard in a parade they are entitled to a salute from men in uniform and recognition by removing the hat by civilians. This is required when the colors are opposite the person or persons. If you know this and do it every time as a good citizen should, don't be backward to remind some "hick" who stands and watches a patriotic parade like he is looking at the zoo. This and standing while "The Star Spangled Banner" is sung is about the only patriotic tribute we pay in this democratic country of ours.

LIGHTEN THE BURDEN AT THE SOURCE.

The tax problem has been shifted from the national to state and local fields, through the action of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers.

"Extension of economy in government to the states and municipalities" is one of the planks in the association's platform.

This is a worthy stroke, and one which requires the study and assistance of every county, town and village.

State, county, municipal and other local taxes will never be reduced until extravagance is checked at its source. As Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has pointed out, the demands for federal aid from the home-towns, through the county and state, will serve to bar further reduction in federal taxes. He makes the statement, too, that for every dollar Washington has taken from the tax burden, state, municipal, county and township governments have added \$2.

If this is true, local officials are permitting the buying, building and creating of things they cannot afford. They make demands for federal help, and thus mortgage the future. They elect congressmen who vote this federal aid with its double burden of taxation. They permit this capital to be spent sometimes rather extravagantly. They must at least share the blame for the burdensome levies.

Boston taxi business is on the decline because the bean city's newest uplift ordinance forbids taxi drivers to take drunken men anywhere save home. Men are walking to avoid suspicion.

Maybe the Mechanicsville (Ia.) man who didn't speak a word to his wife for seven years didn't want to interrupt her.

STILL SOUND.

Here is old advice, but it is still good: "Trust in God and keep your powder dry." "Serve God daily." "Love one another." "Preserve your victuals." "Beware of fire." "Keep good company."

These are the fleet orders of Sir John Hawkins, famous naval captain in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and the days of the Spanish armada, who shared laurels with Sir Francis Drake in the British conquests of the seas.

These mottoes came to light only recently in the publication of an account of the exploits of Hawkins and Drake. They should be read—and remembered—by everyone.

HOW DO THEY DO IT?

If Oregon could ever get the Florida line in attracting new people into the state our population worries would be solved. In the last 35 years Florida population has increased 147%. In the last 15 years Miami has grown from 5000 to nearly 70,000; Lakeland from 3000 to 17,000; Orlando from 4000 to 22,000; West Palm Beach from 2000 to 20,000; Tampa from 47,000 to 95,000; St. Petersburg from 4000 to 26,000, and so on. People are like sheep in some respect. Stampede a few of them and the whole flock will follow. But, it is getting the few started.

Editorial Comment

ARMY PLANE PATROLS.

The Secretary of War has notified the Secretary of Agriculture that the Army Air service will be unable to continue its work in the airplane fire patrol, after this summer. Secretary Davis says that the supply of planes is diminishing and as they are not being replaced, it was at some sacrifice that ten planes were placed at the disposal of the agricultural department in the summer of 1925. The war secretary further tactfully suggests that it is possible to hire commercial planes for forest service. Here is another example of the blundering economies in which Washington delights. What does the army need more than airplanes, and how could they be better employed in time of peace than in protecting the nation's property? Oregon suffered some if its finest forests to be wrecked and destroyed, in order to use its spruce for airplanes. Spruce may be needed again, but it can not come from burned up trees.

WHY SOAK THE FARMER?

President Coolidge is as honest a friend as the American farmers ever had; he is braver, and wiser, than most of their official sympathizers, for he refuses point-blank to approve any crop-price-fixing scheme, under whatever name.

To fix a price for corn, wheat, beef, pork puts the government into the farming business, either to pay the farmer as a beggar or rob him as a tyrant. If competitive prices are not up to the legal mark, the state must tax itself, including the farmer, to pay the deficit. If prices run higher, and with them the expenses of raising a crop, the farmer may not sell at the higher price; but the tax army goes on.

An insured price for anything is an unfair price; for the insurance requires a tax for maintenance, that in the end has to come out of the beneficiary. It increases costs, it decreases freedom. The power that can fix the price of a man's wheat at a living point, can likewise fix a low price, or take it without price, as a Soviet might do.

Once the government goes into this business, there's no end. On a price-fixing plan, there are left no free Americans; everybody is bound both as to what he sells and what he buys. The farmer cannot buy for less; for the other man must be protected. He cannot sell for more; the other man will not pay. Federal armies must be recruited to adjust and enforce these artificial prices—armies besides which the two men-for-one-job during the federal railroad days were insignificant. Under such a system taxes must rise. Open competition may sometimes be ruthless; but it is infinitely better and more self-respecting and intelligent than federalization.

It seems certain that price-fixing and tax-raising for a federalized army of regulators are about the least desirable things yet proposed to "help" the farmer.

A REAL HEROINE



Edith May Adams of Barrington, N. J., the first American School girl to be entered as a candidate for the American Youth Award. The American Youth and Teacher Award was established by the Board of Directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia as a tribute to the youth and teachers of the nation. Miss Adams is a candidate for the Golden Eaglette, the highest gift in the hands of the Girl Scouts. She was cited recently for exceptional bravery for remaining inside a blazing building helping physicians to give first aid treatment to injured firemen.

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

TO BE SUNDAY, JUNE 13

University of Oregon, Eugene, June 3.—(Special.)—Clement G. Clarke, pastor of the first Congregational church of Portland, will deliver the Baccalaureate address, Sunday morning, June 13, as part of the commencement program this year, it was announced today.

Dr. Clarke is known as an effective speaker and a profound thinker. He is regarded as one of the most fearless and outspoken of western pastors, according to his friends.

Several hundred alumni and friends of graduates are expected back for commencement. The graduating class will total 475, the registrar estimates. Edward Cox, of the geology department, is expected to receive the first doctor of philosophy degree ever granted by the university.

Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth, professor of English at Princeton university, will deliver the commencement address at ten o'clock Monday, June 14. Friday evening, June 11, will be featured by the senior play, Shaw's "You Never Can Tell."

The classes of 1901 and 1916 will hold special reunions this year, with dinners Saturday evening, to be followed by the flower and fern procession, the Twilight concert, and Falling and Beekman orations. Sunday night the commencement concert of the school of music will be given in the music auditorium.

The commencement committee consists of Dr. John Straub, Dr. J. H. Gilbert, Professor Frederic Dunn, Prof. John Stark Evans, Miss Maude Kerns, and Mr. Karl Onthank.

In from Waltherville—Harry Jackson of Waltherville was a visitor in Springfield Tuesday.

Here from Country—Mrs. Walter Ferec of Motor Route B was in town for a short time Tuesday.

Go to Brownsville—Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebban spent Memorial day at Brownsville with relatives.

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But Barbara could have answered it for them. She would have told them that Don's careless handling of money did not seem safe. Don didn't realize the importance of thrift. And Harold did. He had saved for a home—and proved his worth as a provider. The best man won!

Moral:—Start saving now—put away a little each week. Watch your bank account grow. Be prepared to prove your worth when the time comes.

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WAR-REN-N! A woman looking out a window.

WAR-REN-N! WE WAS PLAYIN' OUR CUE CAT WITH HIM THIS MORNING—MRS. PURDY. A man on a bicycle talking to a woman.

I WANT SOME THINGS FROM THE GROCERY—WILL YOU RUN DOWN FOR ME? YEAH—WELL GO! A man in a grocery store.

HERE'S THE MONEY! NOW GET ME A BAG OF FLOUR AND TWO QUARTS OF STRAW-BERRIES—WHEN I GET IT BAKED I'LL GIVE YOU EACH A BIG PIECE OF STRAW-BERRY SHORT CAKE. OH! A woman with a shopping bag.

WEREN'T YOU CALLING ME MA MA? A woman talking to a child.