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I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

TAXES EVER INCREASING.

One of the measures to be passed upon at the coming special session of the legislature is the submission of an amendment to the state constitution raising the limit of indebtedness from 2 to 4 per cent. This would permit the state to incur a debt of something more than \$40,000,000. Of course the basis of this proposed debt is the building of good roads—paved roads if you please.

Now everybody appreciates the value of hard surfaced roads, but when we consider the enormous cost of extending paved roads to all portions of the state one is forced to stand aghast at the enormous burden of debt which will involve the state.

If all the property of the state is taxed to build boulevards in one or more sections, the demand to build the same in all sections can hardly be refused, and this means an indebtedness of not less than \$100,000,000, or an annual interest charge of \$5,000,000. The question is, can the property of the state stand the gauntlet? Even if the interest charge is half this sum, which added to the assessment for state, county, city, school and road taxes, regular and special, will make the tax burden too heavy for the prosperity of the state.

The tax burden at the present time in many places amounts to from 3 to 4 per cent on the assessed valuation of the property and on farms, if rented, to 10 to 15 per cent of the gross income thereof. The levy on Scio property from all sources this year will be above 40 mills.

With the tax burden at the present and what it promises to be in the future, home seekers will be leery of locating in Oregon, nevertheless our splendid natural resources, climate, etc!

The fact is government in Oregon is costing too much. We are simply taking on improvements, building massive school buildings, eleemosynary institutions, etc., that states worth in assessed valuation four or five times that of Oregon.

We have about 40 state commissions all costing money when not more than one dozen are necessary. In fact we would have a better state government with fewer commissions.

When taxation reaches a certain point further increases are at the expense of the value of property. Capital will be leery of investment; property owners will become weary of paying so heavily for govern-

ment, sell their holdings and go where taxes are less burdensome.

In view of the present extravagant ideas and visionary schemes people should think seriously before they authorize the limit of indebtedness to be raised from 2 to 4 per cent on tax valuations. We are trying to go too fast and the 2 per cent safety valve should be held onto with grimness.

Of course paved roads, fine public buildings, etc., are very nice and to those who pay but small if any taxes seem absolutely necessary. Yet we had better do with fewer of these things than to incur a tax burden which will become a block to progress.

ARE GETTING SCARED

Congressmen during the holiday recess are learning a few things. They are hobnobbing with their constituencies and they have found out that the pigeonholing of the treaty and covenant of the league of nations was a most unwise thing to do. They find that among the people a vast majority want the treaty ratified. Our republican friends find that all other legislation pales into insignificance when compared with the importance of a workable covenant and league among the nations of the world.

When congress reassembles next week a different spirit will maintain. Compromise is in the air and Senator Lodge will find his power of control vanished.

Congressmen have been home and found that this being led about by this Massachusetts dictator is no pleasing to the people. Nor is the fact that the special session, lasting six months without accomplishing anything of importance, at all pleasing to the people.

When hostilities ceased a great hue and cry was raised about democratic extravagance in the conduct of the war. Smelling committees were appointed which were expected to uncover a vast amount of official corruption. These committees failed to find any material official corruption. Of course they found extravagance, for in time of a great war war material must be had regardless of cost. They found errors of judgment but a most unusual absence of evidence of wrong doing.

Now another political campaign is at hand and congress has been unable to unearth any great amount of campaign material. Senator Lodge and his cohorts thought the republican party could go to the people with a defeated treaty as a war cry, would win the election.

They are now finding that they are grossly mistaken. The treaty defeat is not a political asset. On the other hand it is a heavy liability and from this time henceforth these treaty knifers will be busy trying to rectify their mistake.

So if the treaty is again revived and ratified, with possibly a few harmless reservations, it will be due to demands of the people at home. The compromise which was impossible before adjournment will now be found comparatively easy because these senators have heard from home and they will no longer be Lodge automatons. They have found Mr. Lodge a false prophet.

Distribution Is Important

"Scientific distribution of farm produce is as big and important a factor in profitable farming as scientific production," says C. J. McIntosh who will bring the policy of advertising produce in the home paper to the attention of farmers at Farmers' Week at O. A. C., December 29-January 3. "Judicious advertising lowers the cost to consumers, favors quicker sales, relieves the already overcrowded transportation facilities of surplus freight, and keeps both money and goods in the home community."

OUR RED CROSS CALLS

ROLL ARMISTICE WEEK

Membership Rather Than Money is Asked to Complete War Relief.

Red Cross Chapter, auxiliaries in the Nation, comprising Algon and Washington, in the THIRD RED CROSS ROLL CALL, November 24 Armistice Day. The Cross, the greatest relief recorded history, has engaged in no huge sums for war relief. These five reasons are: 1. The War Task of the Not Yet Fully Perfected. To men still in service, families at home, to dieters not yet fully adjusted to routine of civilian life, suffering or convalescing



THIRD RED CROSS ROLL CALL

whose ruddy, optimistic countenance was clothed with ruddy beard, asked the Red Cross chairman if he had another button like the one he wore. The chairman gave him his own. "I have twelve children," explained the man. "I gave my button to the twelfth, a new arrival, this morning. When I have anything good the whole family must come in on it."

In certain portions of the Old World the American Red Cross still feeds and clothes the undernourished and ragged babies, cares for the aged and the infirm, and assists the people of these disease-ridden, famine-stricken, war-ravaged countries to organize their own resources. Since the signing of the Armistice, this work has steadily deepened, but it is not by any means fully completed.

2. The Red Cross is the Disaster Relief Agent of the American People. The speed and efficiency with which the Red Cross met emergency needs at Corpus Christi illustrated the value of nationwide Red Cross organization. In case of disaster, whether it be forest fire in the Northwest or a great Mississippi Valley flood, the first effective relief will hereafter come from nearby communities, working through their Red Cross Chapters.

3. In Case of Epidemic Local Red Cross Organization is Indispensable. During the influenza epidemic, Red Cross action and co-operation saved three thousand lives, because the Red Cross was fully organized in every community in the United States. Against a possible recurrence of influenza this winter and against a danger of epidemic in the future, continue universal membership in the Red Cross is essential.

4. Red Cross Peace Program Calls for Universal Support and Co-operation. The American Red Cross is still an emergency organization. It must be realized that there is such a thing as a continuing disaster. 300,000 babies under one year of age die every year because of insurance; thousands of mothers die unnecessarily in childbirth; it is still possible for an epidemic like the influenza to take a toll within a compass of a few weeks five

times greater than the losses of our nation in a year and a half of war; hundreds of thousands of people in the prime of life die in the United States every year from wholly preventable diseases. This is nothing short of a disaster which is a continuing one and will be permanent unless the people co-operate with one another to use the knowledge and wealth already in existence to bring the nation into a better day. The Red Cross



OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information.

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Reports of excessive damage to the fruit and berry industry of the Willamette valley, due to the recent freezing weather, were emphatically denied at Salem by C. I. Lewis, secretary of the Oregon Growers' association, and V. W. Brown, secretary of the Polk County Growers' association. Especially does this denial apply to orchards, which the experts state are practically unharmed by the freeze.

Because of the present car shortage which is said to be hampering many Oregon industries and throwing thousands of men out of employment, Fred Burchell, chairman of the Oregon public service commission sent telegrams to R. H. Ashton, regional director of United States railways at Chicago, and L. C. Gilman of Seattle, district director of the federal railroad administration, urging that they aid in relieving the situation.

W. P. Andrews, forest valuation engineer of the northwest district, bureau of internal revenue, who has been in Portland since last September 5 in connection with questionnaire by timber owners, has completed his work and will return to Washington, D. C.

G. G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, has recommended to the board that \$200,000 of the state school fund be invested in school district bonds bearing at least 5 per cent interest.

A bill to hold the attorney general responsible for the operation of all legislation enacted in Oregon will be submitted for the consideration of the state legislature at its special session in January.

The city of Scio has filed application with the state engineer for the appropriation of 40 second-foot of water from Thomas creek for the development of 225 horsepower for municipal purposes.

The Pheasant company, with processing plants and head offices in Salem, has received from a New York buyer an order for 65 carloads of apple cider to be delivered at the eastern city as soon as the product can be made.

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We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all favors extended to us by our friends and patrons who helped us make our store and business what it is today. We extend to you our best wishes for the coming Christmas and the New Year, 1920, with hopes that you will find us worthy of your patronage in the future as in the past. We remain yours, WESELY'S GROCERY

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