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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 con-  
stitution raising the limit of indebt-  
edness 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 por-  
tions of the state one is forced to  
stand aghast at the enormous bur-  
den 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 in-  
debtedness 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  
gaff? 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 pres-  
ent and what it promises to be in  
the future, home seekers will be  
leery of locating in Oregon, never-  
theless our splendid natural resour-  
ces, climate, etc!

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

We have about 40 state commis-  
sions 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 extrava-  
gant ideas and visionary schemes  
people should think seriously before  
they authorize the limit of indebt-  
edness 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 pub-  
lic 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 bur-  
den 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 con-  
stituencies and they have found out  
that the pigeonholing of the treaty  
and covenant of the league of na-  
tions was a most unwise thing to  
do. They find that among the peo-  
ple 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 na-  
tions of the world.

When congress reassembles next  
week a different spirit will maintain.  
Compromise is in the air and Sena-  
tor Lodge will find his power of con-  
trol 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 pleas-  
ing to the people.

When hostilities ceased a great  
hue and cry was raised about demo-  
cratic 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 cor-  
ruption. Of course they found ex-  
travagance, for in time of a great  
war war material must be had re-  
gardless 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  
warrior, 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 impossi-  
ble 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 scien-  
tific production," says C. J. McIntosh  
who will bring the policy of adver-  
tising produce in the home paper to  
the attention of farmers at Farm-  
ers' 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 com-  
munity."

## OUR RED CROSS CALLS ROLL ARMISTICE WEEK

Membership Rather Than Mon-  
ey Is Asked to Complete  
War Relief.

Red Cross Chapters, branches and  
auxiliaries in the Northwestern Divi-  
sion, comprising Alaska, Idaho, Ore-  
gon and Washington, will participate  
in the THIRD RED CROSS ROLL  
CALL November 2 to November 11,  
Armistice Day. The American Red  
Cross, the greatest relief organization  
in recorded history, the "mobilized  
heart-action of the American people,"  
will engage in no more "drives" for  
huge sums for war relief, but will  
continue its annual roll-call, which is  
simply the occasion on which the  
American people express their belief  
in the ideals and work of the Red  
Cross by enrolling as members. "All  
you need is a heart and a dollar."

For five reasons, say the leaders of  
the Red Cross, this THIRD RED  
CROSS ROLL CALL should enroll  
every loyal and public spirited Ameri-  
can citizen among the millions of mem-  
bers of the organization that served  
our boys at home and overseas, saved  
the morale of France and Italy in our  
early days in the war, relieved the  
millions of refugees, fed the starving  
babies of Europe, saved whole nations  
from extermination, stood as next  
friend to those families in America  
whose dear ones were in the service,  
threw its tremendous resources into  
the fight against influenza, dealt with  
great national disasters of flood and  
fire, and now carries on to do its part  
to serve America and to make the  
war worth having been won.

These five reasons are:

1. The War Task of the Red Cross is  
Not Yet Fully Performed.  
To men still in service, and to their  
families at home, to discharged sol-  
diers not yet fully adjusted to the  
routine of civilian life, to 30,000 boys  
suffering or convalescing in Military



or Naval hospitals, the American peo-  
ple still give cheer, comfort and serv-  
ice through their Red Cross.

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 declined, but it is not by any  
means fully completed.

2. The Red Cross is the Disaster Re-  
lief 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 ef-  
fective relief will hereafter come from  
nearby communities, working through  
their Red Cross Chapters.

3. In Case of Epidemic Local Red  
Cross Organization is Indispens-  
able.  
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 in-  
fluenza this winter and against a dan-  
ger of epidemic in the future, con-  
tinued 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 ignorance; thousands of  
mothers die unnecessarily in child-  
birth; it is still possible for an epi-  
demic 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 pre-  
ventable diseases. This is nothing  
short of a disaster which is a contin-  
ing one and will be permanent unless  
the people co-operate with one an-  
other to use the knowledge and wealth  
already in existence to bring the na-  
tion into a better day. The Red Cross  
through its millions of members com-  
prising every element in every com-  
munity, many of them themselves vic-  
tims of the foes that cut short human  
life and rob it of its sweetness, can  
serve nation and community as can no  
other agency in supplementing, rein-  
forcing, and supporting well-directed  
efforts for the conservation of the  
most precious things in the world,  
human life and happiness.

5. America Has Set the Pace in a  
World Red Cross Movement.

The League of Red Cross Societies  
of all nations has been formed through  
the inspiration of the Red Cross  
achievement of the United States.  
This League has no executive power  
whatever over the Red Cross of any  
nation, but will extend into every na-  
tion the benefits of a national, volun-  
tary Red Cross society on the Ameri-  
can model, to deal with problems of  
health and child welfare and to cope  
with the relief problems that are so  
pressing over so great a part of the  
earth's surface. Through these organi-  
zations many nations will meet their  
own problems which would otherwise  
be appealing to America for relief and  
assistance. The United States, whose  
people have shown the world how thus  
to rise out of despair into hope, must  
keep the Red Cross banner floating  
high. The success or failure of this  
great world movement of practical  
idealism will depend largely upon the  
manner in which the American people  
answer the THIRD RED CROSS  
ROLL CALL.



The Red Cross button is the most  
widely worn button in the world.  
Thirty million men and women and  
children in the United States now  
wear this emblem of countless good  
deeds accomplished. For the third  
year in America comes universal op-  
portunity to wear it.

There are many instances of how  
this button, bearing upon a white  
background a tiny cross, has been  
worn and treasured. One morning in  
a distant northwest county, a man  
whose ruddy, optimistic countenance  
was clothed with ruddy beard, asked  
the Red Cross chairman if he had an-  
other 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."

### Sheep for Sale

I have 800 head of good young  
stock ewes. These ewes are all  
healthy and in good condition. Will  
sell any number from 10 head up.  
Now if you haven't got the money  
that doesn't make any difference, if  
you have plenty of feed to carry  
them. I will let you have them at  
\$15 per head, payable the first of  
October, 1920. These ewes ought  
to pay for themselves under ordinary  
luck, the first year.

V. J. PHILIPPI,  
Scio, Oregon.

If there has been a cookstove ex-  
plosion in Scio we have not heard of  
it. J. F. Wesley's water system  
was put out of commission and  
melted snow furnished the water  
supply.

### SUNNYBROOK.

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ing on dry feed to keep up the milk  
flow in his herd, is the time to mix  
a high protein feed with that ensil-  
age, and Sunnybrook is that kind of  
a feed, and will pay good returns  
on the investment. We think there  
is no feed on the market that has  
the equal of Sunnybrook in digest-  
ible protein at the same price. Dur-  
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