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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 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 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, eleemosinary 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 warcry, 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 Chapters, branches and auxiliaries in the Northwestern Division, comprising Alaska, Idaho, Oregon 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 American citizen among the millions of members 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 soldiers not yet fully adjusted to the routine of civilian life, to 30,000 boys suffering or convalescing in Military



or Naval hospitals, the American people still give cheer, comfort and service 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 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, continued 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 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 through its millions of members comprising every element in every community, many of them themselves vic-

times 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, reinforcing, 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 nation the benefits of a national, voluntary Red Cross society on the American 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 organizations 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 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 opportunity 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 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."

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 explosion in Scio we have not heard of it. J. F. Wesely's water system was put out of commission and melted snow furnished the water supply.

SUNNYBROOK.

Now that the dairyman is depending on dry feed to keep up the milk flow in his herd, is the time to mix a high protein feed with that ensilage, 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 digestible protein at the same price. During the week commencing December 29, 1919, we will sell Sunnybrook in half ton lots at \$48 per ton.

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