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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.

SCIO, OREGON, JAN. 6, 1921.
1921.

The year 1921 arrived as per
schedule at exactly midnight last
Friday night or Saturday morning,
just as you prefer. But we people
in Scio cannot see much difference
in the new year as yet from that of
the old year. We have the same
warm winter rains, with the creek
about as high as it was when 1920
bade us goodbye.

The new year came in with less
noise than usual. That is to say the
people made less noise. This editor
was sleeping so soundly that the
bell ringing failed to disturb his
dreams.

Did you never think that this year
changing business always comes on
time and is never too early nor too
late? And the event has been com-
ing with such exactness ever since
history has been written by man
kind.

True, early calendars made the
new year arrive a little late annual-
ly until there was a total loss of
something like 11 days before it was
discovered that the calendars were a
little off. But since the calendar
was corrected the new year has al-
ways arrived as per schedule.

Men may well gather a useful
lesson from this exactness of the
movement of the earth. The man
who is as exactly on time as the ar-
rival of the new year is never a
business failure. If he is as correct
in word and deed he cannot help but
be a success.

Let us hope that this new year
will see the end of the carnival of
holdups, housebreaking, robbery of
all kinds and a large decrease in au-
tomobile accidents. Let us hope
that it may bring an end to men
trying to get something for nothing,
an end to oppressive profiteering,
and introduce an era of fair dealing
and an overmastering desire on the
part of all to live and let live.

Let us hope that politically the
new administration may bring about
all the good things it has promised
and that our country will get down
to a stable and non fluctuating cost
of living, not necessarily pre war
prices, but to a fair legitimate basis
and giving the producer a reason-
able margin.

Let us hope that the year may
see improvements going ahead and
idle mills and factories in operation.
Let us hope that our government
sets deportation in full operation
and that bolshevists, nihilists and
men who live but to destroy govern-
ment, who have left the old coun-
tries for their countries' and their
own good, but for our harm, be
sent back to their home lands mark-
ed "not wanted."

Now all of these things can be
brought about if men will simply do
their duty; be honest and upright,

willing to live and let live; content
with a fair profit in our dealings;
be willing to render a fair day's
work for fair pay, and to be an all
around American citizen in all the
term implies.

Finally, let us hope that this new
year of 1921 will see the end of food
suffering in every land and that
each and every country may pro-
duce food stuffs to at least keep the
wolf of starvation from the doors of
the people.

Now, if everyone will do what he
or she can to bring about these re-
sults, while we probably will not
see their complete fulfillment, we
will make a long step in the right
direction.

OVERTAXATION.

Almost every city and county in
Oregon is now experiencing a per-
iod of over taxation. When taxes
approach nine or ten per cent of the
value of our homes, farm and city
property in general, government is
costing too much.

Admitting that good roads, munic-
ipal improvements, eleemosynary
institutions, state colleges, etc., are
valuable and mayhap needed, there
is such a thing as going too fast and
bringing about just such a condition
as now confronts the people of Ore-
gon.

We the people are largely respon-
sible for this condition. Each sepa-
rate institution desiring a millage
tax support, have not all been pro-
posed at the same time. Plausible
talkers go over our country and ar-
gue that the tax asked for will cost
but a dollar or two upon the assess-
ed valuation of your property, etc.
But when we come to add all these
various tax sums together and with
the special taxes for roads, schools
and city government we reach the
condition which now vexes us.

In a few weeks we will be invited
to visit the sheriff's office and hand
over almost one-third of our net
earnings for the year to finance gov-
ernment. If your property be a
farm don't figure the interest on
what your farm is worth, for if you
do your year's profits will be writ-
ten in red ink.

Not must you figure your many
days of hard work if you want to
persuade yourself that you are get-
ting ahead. But simply count your
expenses—taxes, hired help, new
fencing you must build nearly every
year, new machinery you must buy,
etc. When these are counted up
you can add your living expenses.
Then if you have a few dollars left
on the sale of the crops you have
produced and the stock you have
sold you are fortunate.

When you pay your taxes all the
benefit you receive is indirect. You
may get a trifle back in road work
and still another trifle to help sup-
port your schools, but the bulk of
what you pay goes to support the
state and county officials, institu-
tions and state colleges.

Next week our legislature will be
in session. That body can do much
towards reducing or increasing our
taxation. Unfortunately every in-
terest which draws money from the
state treasury will be there with a
strong lobby to urge the appropriation
it desires. The lobby for the
taxpayer is conspicuous by its ab-
sence. These lobbyists are plausible
talkers. They tell the lawmakers
that the appropriation we want is
small and the taxpayer will scarcely
feel it; that the legislature of two
years ago gave us the appropriation
we asked, etc.

Perhaps the appropriation is small.
But when you add the dozens of
them together you are astounded at
the great sum. Then, Mr. Legisla-
tor, you will look back back over
the appropriations you have passed
and say we might cut this or that
out, but then it is too late. You
will simply have to go home and

take the costing.
If every legislator will adopt the
rule to vote on everything but the
necessary state officers and in-
stitutions (eleemosynary) to the
lowest possible figure, the tax-
payer will pat his back and say
well done faithful servant, etc.

One serious trouble in
this business is that too
many people vote on tax questions
no property and never
own any. They have no
idea how high taxes are
paid and say well done
faithful servant, etc.

It is the poor man who
wages and the widows
their little homes whom
taxation hits the hardest.
He pay or lose their homes,
discouraged, sell their
beat their landlord out of
some month's rent by us-
ing out notice.

High taxation makes
honest too. They conceal
visible property and fudge
visible, if they can.

Most taxpayers will
their taxes are reason-
able when taxes are so high
corners refuse to buy
begin to hurt in several
ways.

As before stated, the
can reduce taxation in
It can abolish or combine
50 state commissions into
the number without inju-
ring public service or putting
work on the commission.

Good resolutions: Let
and woman resolve that
will not contract a debt I
when the payday date
that I will pay overdue de-
as possible." Do so as
much better you feel and
better you make the other
feel.

It is suggested that if the county
court will have as much of the road
work done in the winter time as pos-
sible men will not seek the shade so
often nor stop to rest as frequently
but will work simply to keep warm
in the chilly weather.

There are three classes of honest
people—those who own property
and are compelled to be honest;
those who love to be acclaimed as
paying promptly, and those who pay
their debts because it is simply right
to be honest. In which class do
you belong?

What a godsend the Morris con-
cern failure in Portland has been to
the Portland newspapers. They were
running short on first page stuff and
had nothing better to offer than the
Portland burglar stories.

MAKE THEM ALL

HAPPY

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any time, in the evenings if
desired.

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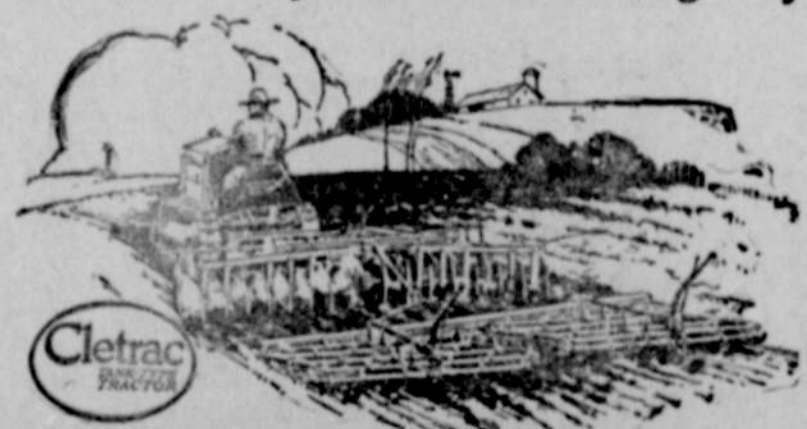
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Carries a line of the best feeds on the market, knowing from experience
as a feeder that quality is the important point to consider in buying feed
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wheat flour) for wheat. We need and ask your patronage.

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ALL KINDS OF REPAIR WORK
Electrical Work a Specialty

W. L. COBB, Proprietor.

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AVAILABLE
COPY**

All Papers

CALOL LIQUID GLOSS

Lubricant
WHY NOT YOURS?



SOME OF THE USES OF
Calol Liquid Gloss
Linoleum, Furniture, Au-
tomobiles,
Hardwood Floors or any
Polished Surface



DATE DEALERS:

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Cletrac Tractors

KELLY'S DRUG STORE
John L. Kelly
The Rexall Store Scio, Oregon

**FARMING THE BIGGEST BUSINESS
In The UNITED STATES**

And it is the only big business that has not been thoroughly organized during the
last few years. Because all other business is organized and the farmer is not, the
interests of the farmer have not been protected as their importance deserves.
There is but one way by which the farmer may come into his own, and that way is

ORGANIZATION

Organization needs you and you need organization, Mr. Farmer. Every farmer
is entitled to three things in his business:—

Cost of production, if he produces econ-
omically.

Stability of markets, over which now he
has little control.

A reasonable margin of profit, which all
other business expects and gets.

Watch Papers for Details and Places of
Public Meetings

**Linn County Farm Bureau
The Oregon State Farm Bureau**

These things cannot be secured by each farmer acting individually.
They must be secured by a well financed organization. The Farm Bureau has
three parts in its organization to get these three things the farmers want.

The Linn County Farm Bureau helps solve all local problems of production, dis-
tribution, home economics, and better farm life generally.

The Oregon State Farm Bureau is the state-wide voice of the farmer bureau
members in legislation, economics, marketing, industrial and allied interests.
The American Farm Bureau Federation is the masterful organization which rep-
resents you, Mr. Farmer, in the seats of the mighty at Washington, in all state
capitals, and wherever regulatory and administrative commissions are sitting.

Membership in the Linn County Farm Bureau entitles you to all the benefits of
three links of the perfected plan. The membership fee is \$10 a year, for life,
with a provision which permits withdrawal after one year.

The drive starts Monday, January 24, 1921, and continues just one week. Mem-
bership men will call upon you at your own farm to see you and take your mem-
bership, as well as to explain the full details of the Farm Bureau work from
County to Nation. Be ready for them when they call. They are, every one, just
plain farmers like yourself, Farm Bureau members in their home counties. Get
into this most perfect organization that is really doing big things now. Watch
papers for dates and places of public meetings. The campaign is under the
direction of the—