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justice for all.*

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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 pe-
riod 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, mun-
icipal 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.

Nor 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 appropri-
ation 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 over the
appropriations you have passed
and say we might cut this or that
but, but then it is too late. You
will simply have to go home and

take the cussing.

If every legislator will adopt the
rule to vote no on everything but
the necessary state officers and in-
stitutions (eleemosynary) and cut
them to the lowest possible limit
the taxpayer will pat him on the
back and say well done, good and
faithful servant, etc.

One serious trouble in the taxa-
tion business is that too many peo-
ple vote on tax questions who own
no property and never expect to
own any. They have no homes and
seem to desire that no one else shall
have homes. They say: "I don't
care how high taxes are for I don't
have to pay any." Yes you do, my
friend. You pay it doubly in the
things you eat and wear and the
house you live in; and too many
people who pay little or no tax are
elected as members of the legisla-
ture.

It is the poor man who works for
wages and the widows who own
their little homes whom high taxa-
tion hits the hardest. They must
pay or lose their homes. They get
discouraged, sell their homes and
beat their landlord out of an occa-
sional month's rent by moving with-
out notice.

High taxation makes people dis-
honest too. They conceal their in-
visible property and fudge on their
visible, if they can.

Most taxpayers will not kick if
their taxes are reasonable. But
when taxes are so high that new-
comers refuse to buy property it
begins to hurt in several directions.

As before stated, the legislature
can reduce taxation in many ways.
It can abolish or combine the 40 to
50 state commissions into one-fourth
the number without injury to the
public service or putting too much
work on the commission.

Good resolutions: Let every man
and woman resolve that "in 1921 I
will not contract a debt I cannot pay
when the payday date arrives and
that I will pay overdue debts as soon
as possible." Do so and see how
much better you feel and how much
better you make the other fellow
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-
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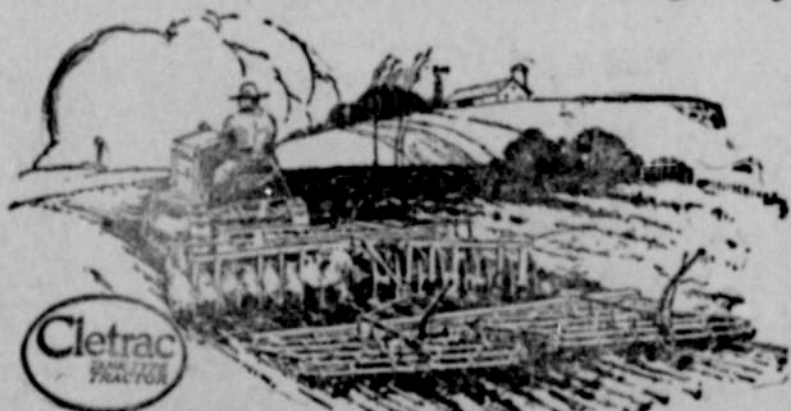
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