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NEW SCHEMES FOR TAXATION.

Our legislature now in session seems to be giving much consideration to schemes for searching out new methods of taxation. Our law makers think the state needs more money. The boy has grown so large and his demands are so numerous that the legislature finds it difficult to find enough cloth for his clothes. The people wisely enacted the six per cent limit law and our legislative committees on ways and means find it impossible to find enough money to supply the extravagant demands of officials, institutions, etc.

If they will give their attention to cutting out about four-fifths of the state commissions and the consequent discharge of fully one-half the state employes, they would not have to hunt for new sources of taxation.

The fact is in point of officials, institutions, etc., Oregon is trying to grow too fast. With less than a million population we are trying to keep pace with states having four or five times our population. With every session of the legislature we add new commissions, new officials, etc., and increase the salaries of those we already have.

Never is there a step towards retrenchment. Within the past 30 years taxation has grown near 500 per cent. Wealth nor population has not nearly kept pace with taxes.

What is the result? Homeseekers who are thinkers give our state the go by. When taxation amounts for all purposes 4 or 5 per cent, settlers who would like to locate in Oregon go elsewhere. Our legislatures are to blame for this condition. They have been easy marks for our greedy state institutions. We have filled our legislatures with lawyers and exploiters, all small taxpayers, who are too willing to vote the people's money away.

A change in this procedure must be made else the people will revolt. With the prices of all kinds of farm produce coming down and taxes growing higher and higher, the people are growing weary. Nor can taxes be expected to decline. On the contrary we may expect an increase each year by at least six per cent by tax levying bodies. The Tribune is not inclined to be pessimistic, yet it has given up hope for any relief from overburdening taxation by the Oregon legislature.

OUR LAWS ARE TOO LENIENT.

It is an indisputable fact that crime in the way of holdups, house, store and bank looting and petty pilfering of all kinds is growing

rapidly. The daily papers are filled with the activities of criminals.

There must be some reason why this condition exists. While it is true that work is somewhat scarce and a great many men are idle, these people who are willing to work when they can get work to do, are not the criminals as a rule. The criminal will not work when work is abundant and wages good. No, the crime artist wants something for nothing and he proceeds to get it by holdups, dwelling or store looting. The punishment, if caught, seems to have no terrors for him. Indeed, small crimes are often committed just to get a warm bed and good grub for a spell. The pleas of "guilty" are too frequent.

This is evidence that the punishment is not severe enough. Reform punishments are a failure. The modern criminal must be made to dread the punishment he will receive if convicted.

A measure is up in the legislature to punish with the death penalty men found guilty of highway robbery, looting of dwelling houses, being armed with a revolver.

This is a move in the right direction. Men rob or loot dwellings or stores, being armed, have deliberately planned to commit murder if necessary to carry out their purpose. They are criminals of the lowest type and merit the severest penalties.

Now if a law to punish with whipping on the bare back the petty pilferer, the wife beater, etc., all classes of criminals will conclude that Oregon is a good place to stay away from.

When men lose all sense of honor a prison term has no terrors for them. They must be reached by a sentence which will be a punishment in fact and something which they will dread. They are simply overgrown children, not men. And there is small chance to reform any of them. They are simply an excrescence upon society and one which society must protect against.

They simply imagine society owes them a living, forgetting that they owe society anything.

The above may seem brutal to elements of society unless such element is the victim of the criminal. Then no punishment is too severe.

DISARMAMENT.

All talk of disarmament of nations by Senator Borah is mere balderdash. He knows the United States cannot disarm without the other leading nations of the world agree to do so as well, and this means some sort of a league to which the Idaho senator is bitterly opposed.

Had these "bitter ender" senators been willing to ratify the present league, or President Wilson's league if you prefer, England, France, the United States, Japan and other nations would all have been well towards disarmament now.

The United States cannot, must not, disarm until both England and France are bound tight and fast to do the same. We must not place our nation in an indefensible position, for with England armed and prepared would jump on us with both feet. So we must be in a position to hit back and to hit hard whenever England becomes obstreperous. The United States is the only nation on earth England is afraid of. Yet she would not hesitate to take any possible advantage of us in diplomacy or trade if we simply should disarm our troops and dismantle our ships. Her history of the past, from the time she impressed our sailors up to and including the Civil war, shows she is a nation the United States cannot trust.

Yet when England, sick of war

and almost brought to a condition of bankruptcy, was practically willing to enter the league of nations which it is thought would end war, when all nations could safely disarm, Senators Borah, Johnson and other bitter enders caused our nation to refuse to ratify the league and covenant.

Why? Just because they feared President Wilson and the democratic party would get a bit of credit for bringing it about.

These senators claim to be progressive republicans. They are not. They are simply selfish politicians. They have refused to participate in the most progressive step the world has ever attempted to make.

Now Senator Borah talks of a little league to embrace the United States, England, France and possibly Japan. He will find such an alliance or league impossible. Let England get on her feet again and she will refuse to join Mr. Borah's league for she would have to give up her most highly prized and self-assumed right of "mistress of the seas."

At one time Senator Borah stood very high in the estimation of the American people. He possibly could have become a successful candidate for the presidency. Now for him preach disarmament when he knows that all other great nations are very jealous of America's growing world trade, shows him to be simply a scheming politician whom the people cannot trust.

DON'T DO IT, BOYS.

The local newspaper is in duty bound to give its readers a true account of all local happenings which may be of interest to the general public. While it may not give all simply because some people think if they tell about happenings, especially to the editor, he will print it. Nor can the editor always get next to the facts of a happening if those who know of it will not tell of it.

Relative to the shooting accident of last week we could find no one who seemed to know the facts in the matter. We simply had to write the matter up on such meager information as was afloat on the street.

Since we have learned more of the affair we wonder how nearly correct our item was. Yet The Tribune was severely criticized because of the item. If the report we have since heard is true, the accident should not have occurred if due regard had been paid to the law.

Baldly stated, the accident occurred; and, also, if the gun had not been pointed toward the boy in the buggy no one would have been injured.

Now, boys, it is a violation of law to point even an empty gun towards another purposely, no matter whether in fun or in anger. Sometimes the supposed empty gun is loaded, as was the case in this instance. But if the gun had not been pointed at young Hassler he would not have been injured.

We simply write this to warn these and other boys against pointing a gun where it might do injury, for it might be loaded nevertheless you think it is not. If pointed up or down, or in a direction where no one or animal can be injured, there is no danger.

In this accidental shooting if the bullet had struck Hassler a foot higher the accident might have proven fatal. Therefore, boys, remember that a gunshot wound is dangerous whether accidental or otherwise. Now, we do not think the shot was fired to do injury. But it did do injury. So be very careful in the future to point the gun where no injury is possible.

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Return the Whip.

The party who took the cattle whip owned by Shelton & Large, which was hanging in the barn of Mrs. Vista Sims, is known. The party will please return same and save trouble. Shelton & Large.

How come? The country's best minds have been at Marion yet we have not been advised of any Scioite being summoned.

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I will relocate in Scio and be ready to care for all desiring dentistry by February 1, 1921 at the office formerly occupied by Dr. E. H. Holson. My work of the past is an evidence of what it will be in the future.

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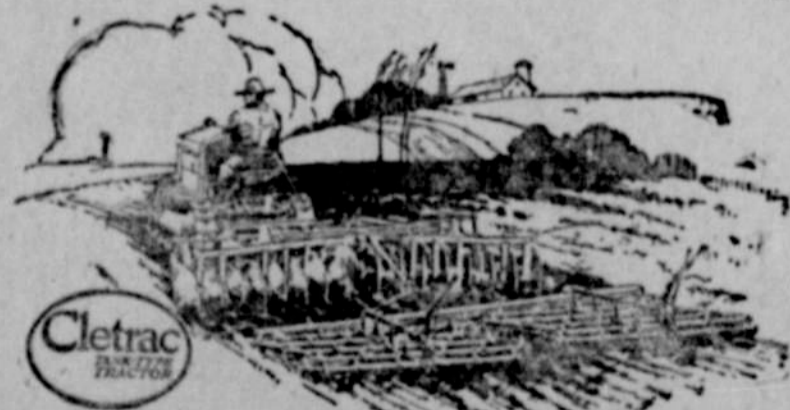
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