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TARIFF ON SUGAR.

Senators Smoot of Utah and Ransdell of Louisiana, the former a republican and the latter a democrat, had much the better of the argument when they advocated the imposition of a protective tariff on sugar. Neither the beet sugar producers nor the cane sugar producers of the United States can successfully compete with the producers of Cuba and other foreign countries where both wages and the standard of living is very low. Cuban sugar with freight added dropped 4 cents in New York the last of January, which will entail additional loss to the American producers who will be compelled to meet the cut. We have no sympathy for the speculators in sugar who lost heavily last year, but the sugar industry of the country must be preserved and the tariff seems the only means by which it can be accomplished.

Who Will Pay Taxes?

Taxation! The word is coming to have an ugly sound to the average citizen. Our legislative bodies meet, not to reduce taxes, but to impose new burdens on the people. How much longer are the people going to be able to pay the tax bills? A Spokane banker says: "There will certainly have to be a cut in taxes, otherwise the cities and states will be holding nearly all the real estate."

Who will pay the taxes then? Already the tax burden is being paid by fewer and fewer persons, due to the fact that ownership in taxable property, including land and securities of various kinds, are being avoided in favor of tax-exempt municipal and government bonds. Our cost of government is rising out of all proportion to the earning power of the people or the value of property. Think it over, voters, and don't be afraid to express your opinions to city, county, state, and national officials.

Keeping the Money at Home.

Under the Oregon system of regulating public utilities the public service commission makes rates to pay operating expenses and interest on capital invested. The money to make extensions and keep up the public utilities is secured from the public, and if home capital goes into utilities this will soon come back to the people.

In proportion as Oregon capital is invested in our own public utilities the money stays at home and enriches the people of the state, and they should give such investments preference. Our home people have been investing pretty freely in for-

eign securities, some of them to their sorrow, and should welcome an opportunity to become joint owners in a splendid Oregon property, such as many of our public utilities are.

Taxable Income.

The district court of Connecticut has decided that gains and profits from the sale of capital assets is not taxable income. The U. S. attorney will appeal to the supreme court for a review of the decision. Since congress has directed the taxation as income of such gains and profits, the bureau will continue to collect the tax thereon, unless and until the supreme court shall hold that provision of law to be unconstitutional. In view of the severe penalties provided by law for false and fraudulent income tax return, taxpayers are warned not to omit from their returns for the year 1920 such gains and profits.

Thrift and Savings.

Washington, D. C.—President-elect Warren G. Harding, in a letter recently received by treasury officials, expressed his approval of the government's thrift and savings movement represented in the sales of war savings stamps, treasury savings stamps, and treasury savings certificates.

"Nothing could be truer," he wrote, "than that in the present economic state of the world it is necessary for the people not only to teach but to practice economy in expenditures, and sound investment of their savings. Such work as you are carrying on so successfully will be of inestimable value in re-establishing the financial and industrial fabric of the country, and through this country of the world."

Harding said, he was especially interested in the statement of one of the directors as to the high percentage of savings securities still in the hands of the original buyers. "This is the best testimony to the practical operation of your plan and proves that real thrift is becoming a habit," he said.

Danger point in industrial depression has been safely passed and conditions may be expected to improve from now on, Vice President Roberts of the National City Bank of New York declared in an interview. He said: "It is fair to say that the worst of industrial depression is over. Before January 1 there was a general feeling of uncertainty; there was almost a total cessation of buying by retailers. The situation has now noticeably improved, stocks have been reduced, merchants are more confident and there is a general resumption of buying."

Reduced taxation agitation is sweeping the nation and people are having their eyes opened. The cry has gone up for economy in public expenditure in order that industry and prosperity be not crushed.

Income Tax Facts.

Salaries paid to state employees including also employees of a town, county, or hamlet, are exempt from taxation. Thousands of persons engaged in business for themselves or as employees in private business, receive such additional compensation. A storekeeper may be elected mayor of his town. The amount paid for such service should be entered on his income tax return, but is not taxable.

State employees, however, must consider carefully their income from all other sources. If, excluding the amounts paid them by the state, it equals or exceeds \$1000 or \$2000, according to their marital status, a

return of income must be filed and the tax paid on net income in excess of those amounts.

The return must be sworn to before a notary or other person authorized to administer an oath. The tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return or in four equal instalments, due March 15, June 15, September 15, December 15. At least one-fourth of the amount due must accompany the filing of the return.

Salary exemptions allowed state employees do not apply to employees of the federal government, such for example as postmasters.

QUEEN MONSTER OF CRUELTY

Fredegonde, Wife of French King, Woman of Amazing Beauty and Seemingly Without Heart.

One of the most bloodthirsty queens the world has known, but about whom little has been related in ordinary histories, was Fredegonde, a woman of amazing beauty and utterly heartless, who ruled France with her husband Chilperic from 568 to 597. She came from an obscure Picardy family, and secured the notice of the king by taking service as a common servant at the court. Her beauty was so great she won his heart, and he sent his queen to prison for life, and raised Fredegonde to high rank. He married a Spanish princess, and Fredegonde caused her to be strangled in her bed. The brother-in-law of the princess attempted revenge, was stabbed by Fredegonde's hirelings, and then she brought about the assassination of the king's three sons by his former wife. Ten young people in all died of her command or at her own hand, and she was not above an attempt to murder her own child. Regunthe, a beautiful maiden of whom Fredegonde became jealous. She took the girl to her treasure chest and told her to play with the jewels. As the child stooped over the chest the queen slammed down the great lid and only aid from chance passers saved the life of the child.

'SURE GUILTY OF SOMETHING'

Fact That It Didn't Happen to Be Larceny Didn't Make Much Difference to Hank.

There is an old New England squire whose knowledge of the statute law is limited, but who has decided views as to common justice. Not long ago a certain Hank Miller was brought before him, charged with larceny. It appeared from the evidence that Hank had rented a horse from a farmer to do some hauling and that, during the period the animal had remained in his possession, he had fed it from the owner's stock of grain, although the agreement was that Hank himself should supply the feed. He was charged by the farmer, therefore, with the theft of two bushels of oats and corn.

"The statutes made and provided," the old squire announced ponderously, "say that theft is to convert to your own use the property of another. The horse is the servant of the owner, not of Hank, and Hank converted them onto the horse's use, not his—so I acquit Hank of stealing them oats—he ain't guilty of larceny."

Hank rose, thanked the squire and was about to leave the room, when the old man called him back.

"As I said, Hank," he remarked, "you ain't guilty of larceny, but you shore air guilty of something, and I'm goin' to send you to jail for a month for it."

Change-Ringers.

English bells are rung by a man to a bell, the bell swinging on a heavy mounting, starting at an inverted position when it is at rest. The bell is attached to a wheel over which a rope is strung pulley-wise, each ringer having the two ends in his hands. The ringers—they call themselves "change-ringers"—stand in a circle, with a conductor in the center. It takes a year of training, one night a week, to make a change-ringer. It requires a strong tower to stand the strain of the swinging bells. The effect of the swinging is to give a more beautiful tone than that of a fixed bell.

Change-ringers usually are trained church folk. The Ancient Society of College Youths, founded in 1637, is their London organization. There are more than a thousand members who meet monthly and ring special bells in relays. On the king's birthday, coronation day, peace day and others, there is such a demand for change-ringers that the bell foundries are called upon for their professional band. But none of the other change-ringers are paid.—London Mail.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Lizzie Bilyeu, deceased, by the county court of Linn county, Oregon.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same properly verified as by law required to the undersigned executor at his residence in Scio, Oregon, within six months from the first publication hereof which is February 3, 1921.

G. W. MORROW,
C. C. Bryant,
Attorney.
Executor.
Last publication, March 3, 1921.

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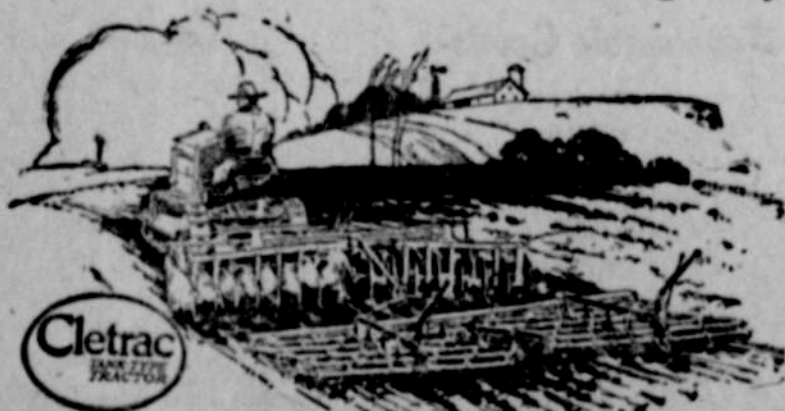
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