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SCIO, OREGON, MARCH 31, 1921

THE TAXATION BURDEN.

When the taxpayer pays his annual or semi annual tax this year he feels it to be an oppressive burden. Yet he has no other option than to walk up to the captain's office and settle. But when he is required to pay 10 per cent and often more of his earnings for the past year just for the privilege of living and to enjoy the protection of our laws, he feels that government has become too expensive. He feels that the burden is unnecessarily great. And when he scrutinizes the assessment closely and sees that we, the people, have voted a large part of this burden upon ourselves voluntarily, if he does not indulge in "cuss words", he feels like it.

When asked to vote a millage tax for roads and schools most taxpayers vote "yes" willingly, for he considers both items as being almost necessarily meritorious. We must educate our children, hence the school house and employment of teachers are a necessity.

When he hauls his grain and other produce to market then road improvement presents itself to the front very strongly and he is willing to vote special taxes to make the improvement possible.

But when he sees his tax money being frittered away by the authorities to whom the money is intrusted to be expended, he is pretty apt to say in his mind "What's the use?"

In Scio the regular and special tax is 93 mills this year. The question is how long can people stand this rate of taxation and how long will they stand it?

People will soon refuse to vote a tax for any purpose whatever, no matter how meritorious.

Our legislatures of the past are largely responsible for the burden of government. They have created some 40 to 50 expensive state commissions, when not more than a dozen are really necessary. They have made it possible for the employment of hundreds of clerks and other officials who should be employed in other fields, for they are an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers.

One of the measures to be submitted to the voters in June is the extension of the legislative session to 60 days and the increase of the legislators' pay to \$5 per day. The people should and doubtless will sit down pretty solidly on this proposed increase of time and pay to study up new schemes to separate taxpayers from their money.

Our legislature is growing to be the worst enemy the Oregon taxpayer has. Instead of endeavoring to make the cost of government lighter, each session simply adds to the burden. Instead of making the

employe roll less by discharging unnecessary employes the roll continues to grow larger.

Instead of seeking out new property for taxation and to make it more uncomfortable for the tax dodger, they simply increase the burden on visible property and mainly on the farms.

Now we might borrow a leaf from the Washington legislative book and levy a polltax on every person between 21 and 50. We could then collect a tax of several thousand dollars from persons who now pay not a cent for the support of government and who enjoy the protection of our laws, use our roads, etc.

The legislature is in bad odor with the people who are not disposed to extend it any favors.

Taxpayers have foolishly bonded the state, their counties and cities for various purposes, chiefly for road building, to now see their money wasted, misapplied, etc. They have made it possible for the tax burden to be nearly doubled and get very little return therefor.

The people are getting badly out of humor with the way things are going and if some change for the better is not soon made are liable to do something towards revolutionizing the government. The last straw is said to have broken the camel's back. The last straw of the taxation has nearly been reached.

NOT MUCH CHANGE.

During the political campaign of last year it was the open boast of republicans that with the election of a republican president all or nearly all the laws enacted by the democrats during the Wilson regime would be repealed.

Well, they tried to have the farmers' loan law declared unconstitutional. They failed, and many republicans who want to borrow money think it a very good law now.

No doubt congress will try to have the regional banking law changed to suit the New York bankers. The law may be changed, but never will be repealed; for it is patent to everybody that we would now be in the midst of a tremendous financial panic were it not for these federal banks.

So it will be found that all the reform laws enacted under Wilson will be found so meritorious that repeal will be impossible.

Of course the emergency war laws should be repealed. If Senator Lodge had busied himself in the last congress in getting these emergency laws repealed instead of fighting the league of nations, he would now be a credit to his state and the nation.

Now he has the distinction of having struck down a sick man, not able to defend himself.

And after all Senator Lodge and the other no league senators, will have to eat crow; for the U. S. will be compelled to join some kind of a league, during this administration.

It will be found that the U. S. cannot afford to stand off selfishly and against the enlightened opinion of the world. Call it an association of nations if you will, and it will be the same thing under another name.

France and England are willing to make some concessions to American political opinion. Then if America does not join, trade will be organized against us and then, what a howl will go up from our manufacturers; and the farmers too, because if Europe refuses to buy our wheat, our market for our surplus breadstuffs will be destroyed. America can live within herself, of course, but our economic system would have to be changed, which would not probably be to our national advantage.

America today stands in not a very enviable position. Posing as the leading liberty loving nation of

the world, we stand off from the association with our neighbors like a pouting child. True while the other nations are indebted to us, there must be some sort of trade reciprocity. Europe may not like to cut off trade relations with us, but she will do so in the end, if we do not join this or some other sort of a league.

The county court could not have made a better selection for county school superintendent than J. W. Miller of near Shelburn. He is a successful teacher and will give the best there is in him to the work.

If Easter Sunday is a weather indicator and there is anything in the old maxim that an early Easter indicates an early spring, and being a very fine day, indicative of good weather, farmers can feel greatly encouraged at the prospect ahead.

Oregon is fourth in her percentage of divorces. As compared with other states her record is not to be proud of.

If bad weather interferes with the Linn county fair next fall, the fair business in Linn county will be as dead as the traditional door nail.

Let us hope our county court makes a better showing in road building this year than last, and also that the court will give the people larger value in return for the dollar they spend. The people are greatly dissatisfied at the poor showing made last year for the money expended.

Germany has created a first-class ruction just when she had to cough up a bunch of money to pay the allies. The ruction, no doubt, is to create sympathy from the outside powers and to justify her non compliance with the demand. It is a very thin camouflage and will deceive nobody. Germany will pay when she sees she has to, just as she squealed when she knew she had lost the war. She is both a bully and a coward.

Pet Names by States.

The popular names given to the inhabitants of the various states have been listed by the Kansas City Times, as follows:

Alabama, Lizards; Arkansas, Tooth-picks; California, Gold Hunters; Colorado, Rovers; Connecticut, Wooden Nutmegs; Delaware, Blue Hens; Florida, Fly-up-the-Creeks; Georgia, Buzzards; Illinois, Suckers; Indiana, Hoosiers; Iowa, Hawkeyes; Kansas, Jayhawkers; Kentucky, Corncrackers; Louisiana, Creoles; Maine, Foxes; Maryland, Crawthumpers; Massachusetts, Bean-eaters; Michigan, Wolverines; Minnesota, Gophers; Mississippi, Tadpoles; Missouri, Pukes; Montana, Bugeaters; Nevada, Sage-hens; New Hampshire, Granite Boys; New Jersey, Clan-catchers; New York, Knickerbockers; North Carolina, Tarheels; North Dakota, Tuck-oes; Ohio, Buckeyes; Oregon, Web-feet; Pennsylvania, Leatherheads; Rhode Island, Gunflints; South Carolina, Weasels; South Dakota, Coyotes; Tennessee, Butternuts; Texas, Beef-heads; Vermont, Green Mountain Boys; Virginia, Beadies; West Virginia, Panhandlers; Wisconsin, Badgers.

What Is News?

Hardly a week passes but some one tells the editor "news" regarding fights, family quarrels, dissension in the church, derelictions of town officials, or other choice tidbits of gossip. We do not consider such matter as news, but rather scandal-mongering, and The Tribune is not a scandalmonger.

When President Harding sends his message to the special session of congress called for next Monday, the country can, perhaps, get a line on what the administration policy is to be.

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Any and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned at his residence at Scio, Linn county, Oregon, on or before six months from the date hereof, duly verified as by law required.

Dated this 1st day of March, A. D. 1921.
T. L. DUGGER,
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