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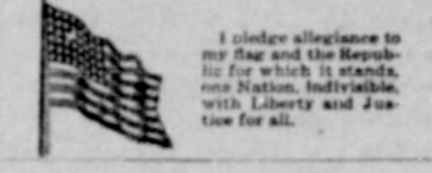
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If Coue's theory is practiced by France, no wonder she is unable to pay her debts and her franc falling in value.

How about planning now for a city beautiful? Who'll take the lead and call a meeting of the citizens to talk it over?

Politics is shuddering and many patriots are trembling. Too much exposure for them and an awakened public might become a watchdog.

About time now for congress to start investigating Tacoma's propaganda to change the name of Mt. Ranier to Mt. Tacoma. Almost as sensible as some "investigations"

Secretary of the Navy Denby has done just what he said he wouldn't do, resign, and the same occurred on Monday and accepted by the president. The oil began to boil and he couldn't stand the heat.

The council will reassess our pavement. Our young city attorney declares it will be done legally this time. The \$10,000 attorney employed last time forgot the clause "Be It Ordained." My, my, if that had been the printer!—Brownsville Times.

A new kind of war has just been fought out in Brownsville, according to the Times of that city. It seems that the W. C. T. U. objected to the city allowing a billboard company to erect billboards in the city and were present at the last council meeting to vigorously object, and a representative of the company was there to just as vigorously affirm for the billboards. The ladies won the battle, but we failed to find in the terms of settlement any provision for making the vacant lot as beautiful as some billboards. But maybe a rank growth of weeds may cause the owner to cut them or to build, since there is no billboard to hide them.

**THE INCOME TAX**

This is the season of the year when everybody, including farmers and small newspaper are expected to pay income tax, and just how each of them are going to do it is a problem.

In the first place, the farmer has not been able to find a market at a

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fair price for his products, hence he has no income to pay tax on or to settle bills with; in the second place, the small town editor has no money to call an income, because as a rule subscriptions are the last thing paid if the money holds out, and this is particularly true the past two or three years. If a family can run a business like a small paper and pay an income tax on over \$2000 we are anxious to meet that family and partake of wisdom.

Presumably to help the farmer pay his income tax and tide him over until after harvest, President Coolidge urges easier methods for loans so that the farmer will be deeper in debt with no market in which to dispose of his crop at a remunerative price. The farmer, as a self-respecting and thrifty man, does not want charity nor loans, but does want a market so he will get paid for his efforts.

Two or three things may be immediately brought about by congress to relieve the situation. First, provide for opening a market in foreign lands by a commission similar to the Interstate Commerce Commission, with power to find the market and dispose of surplus farm products; second, abolish three-fourths or all of tariff regulations of railroads, thereby opening competition which will result in lowering transportation rates; third, passage of McNary-Haugen bill, which gives to farmers a right to find a foreign market to dispose of his surpluses. Either of these will afford some relief and would be easily done if the congress and our president really wanted to do something for the basic industry of the United States—agriculture.

**State Market Agent Department**  
C. E. Spence, Market Agent

A movement has started in eastern Oregon to organize the stockmen into a co-operative selling agency. It has started in but one county, Wallowa, but the state market agent says it is the expectation that all the other cattle raising counties will follow with organizations and that a state-wide shipping association may be the result, and that the ultimate purpose is a stockmen's commission firm at the Portland stockyards.

At the organization meeting in Wallowa, reports of the condition of the cattle raisers from nearly all sections of the state were made, and the outlook is most gloomy. It was the general sentiment that there must come some speedy relief or most of the cattle men must quit the business and abandon their ranches.

That this condition is not exaggerated, the following from a bulletin sent out by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, from the division of crops and live stock, will show. The bulletin is circulated from the Portland office, and gives the outlook and condition of the stockmen in all the cattle raising counties of Oregon, as sent in by the department's reporters in the various counties. The following are the condensations:

**Baker County, Keating:** "Price of cattle is 'rotten' here, can hardly give them away."  
**Crook County, Paulina:** "The financial condition of the cattlemen in this vicinity is very bad; the feed situation is very good, plenty of hay and not enough cattle to eat it."  
**Deschutes County, Bend:** "The financial situation is bad. The price of labor and the price to be had from products are out of proportion, as a result we are going to have many less farmers and stock men very soon."  
**Grant County:** "Most ranchers are in debt as far as they can go; by living economically they can pay their debts and interest but none of the principal. If taxes and what we

have to buy would come down to normal, we might yet pull out."

**Ritter:** "Cattlemen are in very bad shape and if they are crowded very much, or if conditions do not change, a considerable number are liable to go broke this year."

**Gilliam County, Condon:** "We should have just double what we are now getting, as a cow dollar is only worth fifty cents of most everything we have to buy."

**Harney County, Burns:** "Twenty per cent of the cattle in this county have been sold and moved out. The financial situation is very depressed on account of low prices and high cost of production through labor, taxes, equipment and freight rates."

**Jackson County, Ashland:** "Am holding my herd over until spring in hopes of disposing of the entire lot at somewhere near cost. Estimate of cattle in county 50% of normal. Herds are being bought in this county for \$20 per head, small cattle thrown in."

**Josephine County, Takilma:** "One cannot begin to raise cattle for what buyers will pay."

**Klamath County, Bly:** "Cattle are below the cost of production, so if there is anything you can do, for God's sake do it at once."

**Lorella:** "Many of the cattlemen have gone bankrupt and the rest are going that way."

**Lake County, Fort Rock:** "Bend butchers offer us eight cents per pound for beef, dressed and delivered."

**Lake County, Landax:** "Poor markets, high taxation and cost of grazing, I was forced to sell everything. The reason I have marked the range 75% of normal is because it is growing up to worthless brush."

**Umatilla County:** "The price of beef is too low, for the cattlemen to stay in business for long."

**Union County, Elgin:** "These are troublesome times for the cattlemen and wheat growers. Forty per cent of the cow men here have sold out and quit."

**Wallowa County, Bartlett:** "Every dollar I have received from cattle for the past three years has cost me at least 200 cents."

**Wasco County, The Dalles:** "The cattlemen is but little better off than the wheat raiser, and both are about at the bottom of the hill."

Isn't it about time that the business interests of Oregon realize the results that are sure to follow? Isn't it about time that a state-wide movement is made to save the cattle industry?

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