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QUARTERLY TAX PAYMENTS

If the wishes of taxpayers had been consulted relative to the time for the payment of taxes, almost any time of the year other than the date now fixed would have been selected. The farmer, the wage earner who is taxed upon his little home or the merchant, is better situated in the late fall to pay his taxes than he is in the early spring. Wage earners and farmers can spare the money more readily in the fall than after paying living expenses during a generally idle winter.

Besides multiplying the cost of government very rapidly, our lawmakers have, apparently, tried to make the tax burdens as unpleasant as possible to the people, by making the payments due when ready money is the scarcest.

Our granger friends propose the plan of making tax payments due and payable in three-months installments. They argue that our present plan takes money out of circulation and ties it up in the county and state treasuries for, at least, one-half the year when every public interest would be served equally well if tax moneys were paid quarterly. Of course if one wished to pay his dues to the state in one payment, he could do so, but the little fellow who finds it difficult to spare the full amount of his yearly tax payment at one time, could far easier rustle one-fourth of the amount every three months.

The state, county, municipality, road and school districts are great beggars. They are worse than beggars, for they partake more of the nature of the holdup artist. They give one no option in the matter. They simply order one to walk up to the captain's office and settle and be quick about it as well.

Within the past fifteen years, the taxes required of Linn county people have been multiplied by six. Our population has scarcely been doubled during that time. Of course we are building better roads and better school houses than we then had, but, nothing like what they should be if improved in the same ratio with the increase of taxes.

Don't you think, in view of the liberties our lawmakers have been taking with our pocketbooks, that this small concession of quarterly taxpayment should be made to the overburdened taxpayer? Make taxes payable January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 and you will, seemingly, lighten the burden to the small taxpayer—the big fellows do not need consideration in the matter.

Our national government gets much of her revenue from indirect taxation—the tariff. They argue, to add a small tariff tax to the selling price of the goods and the people will not notice it; whereas they would kick vigorously if the government should get her support from a direct tax.

The Tribune believes that if

taxes could be paid quarterly, there would be far less complaint on the part of taxpayers and that the people would be, even, more prompt than now in their payments.

Will not quarterly taxpayments trend toward same end with the people?

REPEAL OF FREE TOLLS

President Wilson is being bitterly condemned by his political enemies and a few of his own party friends, because he advocates the repeal of the provision for free tolls for American coastwise shipping through the Panama Canal. His opponents say he advocates the repeal of free tolls in order to curry favor with Great Britain.

The Tribune believes the president is correct in his advocacy of repeal, not because free tolls is a violation of the Hay-Poncefote treaty, but because it is contrary to the spirit of the present time policy of government.

We have reduced the tariff to about one-half of the former schedules, an act which is applauded by the great mass of the American people. Shall we replace this reduction with another system of protection to another species of industry backed, possibly, by many heretofore tariff beneficiaries?

Everybody knows that American ship masters will not carry freight from coast to coast one whit cheaper with free tolls than they will without. Their tonnage rates will be regulated by the amount of competition they will have to meet. The toll charges of \$1.25 per ton, if made free to them will be a subsidy or a protective tariff, whichever you may please to call it and will have to be paid by the American consumer.

We now protect American ships engaged in coastwise trade by barring foreign ships from competition and prohibit the American flag from floating over foreign built ships. Free tolls would only add another gratuity to the ship building and ship owning trusts. It is the protective tariff clothed in different dress, yet from the same piece of goods.

So far as truckling to England's demands relative to free tolls, President Wilson need not nor does not favor the exact English interpretation of the treaty. The United States is abundantly able to look after her own affairs in her own way without leave or license from any other nation. However, the President seems to think the treaty means what it says and which agrees with the English interpretation. He thinks that the United States should be brave enough to abide by the terms of a treaty, even it seems to our advantage to do otherwise to favor the interests of a few grasping ship owners. We can well afford to defend our national rights if necessary, but we cannot afford to violate our national word, even by implication.

DR. WITHYCOMBE IS A TAX PAYER

Dr. James Withycombe, of Corvallis, and who is one of the nine republican candidates for governor, writes the Tribune under date of March 7, that he is a taxpayer to the tune of \$460.51. We gather from the letter that the Doctor prefers to be classed as among taxpayers rather as that of the tax-eaters, as the Tribune so classed him in an editorial article in the issue of February 12.

The Tribune believed that it had the right to class the Doctor with the tax-eaters, as he has received a good salary from the state for many years and as he has given his personal attention to the positions which he has held rather than to his farm, we had a right to assume his princi-

pal avocation to be that to which he gave his personal attention.

Dr. Withycombe has resigned his position as director of the experimental work at O. A. C., a position which he has filled with credit to the state and honor to himself. This partially removes the main reason for the Tribune's criticism. But as his associations and principal business have been with the tax-eating class for many years, his sympathies and thoughts, unconsciously perhaps, are still with this class and he, if elected governor, would go into office in a manner pledged in their favor. For this reason we did not nor do not think the interests of taxpayers would be as safe in his hands as one whose business interests and associations had been confined entirely on the side of the taxpayer. Had Dr. Withycombe devoted his personal attention to his farm and had he been identified exclusively with the interests of taxpayers all these years, the Tribune would not have the slightest objection to his election to the governorship.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(PUBLISHER)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon

February 20, 1914

NOTICE is hereby given that Charles Francis Corgan of Foster, Oregon, who, on December 22, 1913, made Homestead Entry, No. 04042 for NE 1-4 Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 9th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:

Harry Walk, Mike Cosgrove, Hubert Rumenap, and John Roberts, all of Foster, Oregon.

H. F. HIGBY, Register

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Appointment of Executor

Notice is hereby given, that by order of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, made on the 24th day of February, 1914, the undersigned was duly appointed and is now the duly qualified and acting Executor of the estate of C. O. Gentry, deceased, late of Linn County, Oregon.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, properly verified, unto the undersigned executor at the office of Samuel M. Garland, in Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and published the first time this 5th day of March, 1914. Last publication, April 2, 1914.

Sam'l M. Garland,
Executor of Estate of
C. O. Gentry, deceased

Notice for Publication

(PUBLISHER)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. Land Office at Portland, Ore.

March 6, 1914

Notice is hereby given that Ralph Robert Blanchard, of Foster, Oregon, who, on January 10, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 04043, for E 1-2 of the W 1-2, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, on the 23rd day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses, John Roberts, Michael Cosgrove, Joseph McDonald, and Jake Berger, all of Foster, Oregon.

H. F. HIGBY, Register.

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