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**How Shall Our Debts Be Paid?**

In one way or another we must contrive to raise a billion and a half dollars annually, says Country Gentlemen, on the public debt for interest alone, before a beginning can be made on the principal. All this is in addition to our daily needs and as a contribution to the high cost of living.

The expense of the government! Somehow we have learned to lean upon the Government and expect it to perform prodigies for us instead of bending our backs to the burden as before the war. We need to take a lesson from the condition of England, in which country we are told, the demands so much exceed the revenues that the daily deficit is over ten million dollars, mainly because so many men and women have found it more comfortable to let the government do it than to meet by their own exertions the hardships following the war.

In the meantime the national occupation in most countries seems to be that of calling strikes. If this is to continue, who is to pay the debt? Capital says we must work it out. Labor says virtually: Let capital pay the bill.

And that is exactly what frightens capital, which is only another name for our national surplus. The Government found it necessary to draw heavily on capital in time of war in the shape of income and excess-profit taxes under a graduated scale that approached confiscation when the figures were large.

All this means that if labor declines to work, then capital must pay the bills as long as any capital remains. How, then, will our industries be floated? Our very national prosperity depends upon holding and keeping at work whatever capital we have.

It must be remembered too, that vast sums are invested in enterprises that depend upon daily labor in order to be effective. Not only that, but in many kinds of business the capital will become extinct if the business is not pushed.

All capital is invested for the sake of income. Six per cent is considered good if capital is constantly employed. If capital is to lie idle even six per cent of the time because of strikes or insufficient labor, how shall it earn its dividends?

This all means, if it means anything, that whatever we do not earn through keeping our capital busy we must earn by hard labor and perhaps under great disadvantage if our capital should sink so low as to make the proper equipment of factories and similar plants impossible.

Wherefore, the sooner all classes of people begin to realize that the biggest question now is not greater wages and shorter days but rather a busier country, at least until this debt begins to shrink. The sooner we begin to realize that, the better for everybody, and let us deal justly, especially with the workmen, but let us not fool away our capital nor smash our investments.

Above all, let us have an end of strikes. Farmers will plant corn next May as certain as the season comes round. In the same way and for the same reason let all men everywhere work at the jobs which they have selected by reason of the occupation they have chosen.

If advertising doesn't pay, there are many shrewd business men who are wasting millions of dollars every year.

In view of the fact that the resolutions regarding the Japanese question adopted by the American Legion at Minneapolis, were of such a drastic nature, the national legislative committee of the Legion calls attention to a statement just issued by the Japanese Ambassador.

"The Japanese Government, reads the statement, are placing the questions impossible for the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and the United States, and having carefully examined in the spirit of the situation created by the question of the so called 'picture brides' have decided to adopt measures for the prohibition of such brides from proceeding to the constitutional limits of the United States."

William Jennings Bryan has thrust himself into the arena again. Men may come and men may go, but William Jennings talks on forever.—Concord (N. H.) Evening Monitor.

**BACK FROM ELBA**



**Keep an Eye on Russian Bear**

We note that the Russian Bolsheviks, Russian anti-Bolshevists and Russians of all the other score or two of parties, are united on one thing—they don't want self-determination of peoples in what was the old empire of Russia.

They simply will not have independence in Ukraine, in Siberia, in Lithuania, in Latvia and other lands conquered in the good old Russian bear days. And so, when the Bolsheviks send armies against those struggling new nations, the so-called freemen of Russia, of all parties, shriek their applause.

A little revolution and a whole lot of terror and cold-blooded murder isn't enough to change the instincts of that cunning old bear.

One of these days—if it hasn't already started—will see reaction in Russia. Already they have a strong army. The movjiks and muts of the old Russian army who couldn't stand good plain democracy, and thought they could do as they pleased under Bolshevism, now find themselves conscripted and disciplined with an iron hand.

This new army is putting down civil war and threatening the frontiers. Next, if historical precedents count for anything, a Napoleon will arise in Russia, and a Russian army will need the strong men of Ukraine, Siberia, Latvia and other provinces, to go out and help conquer the world.

The Russian bear! For centuries he fought with nothing else in mind but to take other people's lands from them. For centuries he lusted for the fat loot of other nations' homes.

It will be well for the world to keep an eye on "the bear that walks like a man."

Chairman Hays struck at one cause of our troubles when he pointed with scorn at the man who takes no interest in politics. The very

word democracy implies that every citizen should be a politician, to the extent of being informed on public affairs and voting accordingly. Indifference of many is largely due to the fact that politics is too much a matter of office-seeking and getting and too little a matter of rival principles of government.—Oregonian.

**Tax the Single Man**

It is expected that the census will disclose at least ten millions of single men of marriageable age in the United States. Assuming that one-fourth of these are physically incapable of marriage, there would be left enough to materially increase the revenues of the government, if taxed for the luxury of celibacy. It is a luxury in the sense of selfishness.

Single men are able to spend their earning upon themselves, and to waste their substance with responsibility to no one.

There are substantially as many single women as there are men, but most of these would be pleased to become partners in the establishment of a home, if given the opportunity. Thousands of women are now engaged in industrial and mercantile occupations who would promptly exchange their places for the kitchen and dining room, were their own, thus giving place to more men in the business world.

One of the causes of social and industrial unrest is the fact that women have so largely displaced men in stores and factories. None can deny that the domestic and industrial status of half a century ago was conducive to better and more normal standards than the conditions of today. Then there were few women employed in other than domestic duties. Perhaps the cotton factories invited them, but their presence in the stores, banks and industrial plants are almost unknown.

In that day men and women both

expected and desired to marry and establish homes, to raise families and to perform all the duties of citizenship. Now the American birth rate is decreasing. Except for the foreign element among us, who still rear large families, we would present a sad spectacle, not much better than decadent France.

The public treasury is in need of money. If men insist on a life of single blessedness or single cussedness, suppose they pay for their avoidance of duty. One hundred dollars a year each from seven million men would assist materially in the payment of interest on the public debt, and such a tax would be eminently equitable.—Pendleton Tribune.

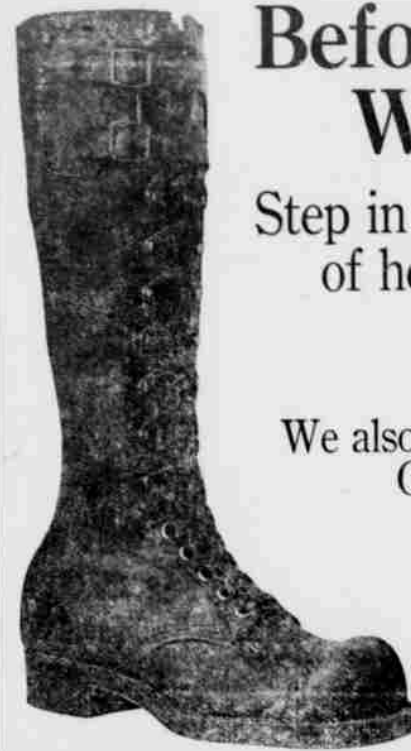
What a world of prosperity would be added to Heppner if every farmer, every stockman and every townsman did all of his trading at home. The dollars produced here would circulate at home in a never-ending manner. Yet sent out of town, these dollars are gone, yes, gone forever. It is gratifying to The Gazette-Times to note the fact that Heppner merchants are beginning to realize more and more that this trade can be kept at home. Mail order tactics on the part of home merchants will defeat the foreign trade grabbers at their own game. Printer's ink and published price lists will turn the trick.

D. M. Ward made a trip to Monument the last of the week. He drove over in his car and found the roads in a bad condition for motoring.

Chas. H. Latourell, local dealer, received his first Fordson tractor this week, which he is using for demonstration purposes. He has a number of orders for this popular tractor and expects a complete shipment at an early date. The Fordson is attracting a great deal of attention from the farmers.

The Hermiston basket ball team has been trying to get games with both the lone and Heppner fives, and it is likely that they will get all they are looking for in the near future, as the two Morrow county teams feel inclined to take on the irrigatorists.

E. S. Ackerman, publisher of the lone Independent, was a Monday evening visitor in Heppner.



**Before Buying Your Winter Shoes**

Step in and look over our stock of heavy, hand-made work shoes for men.

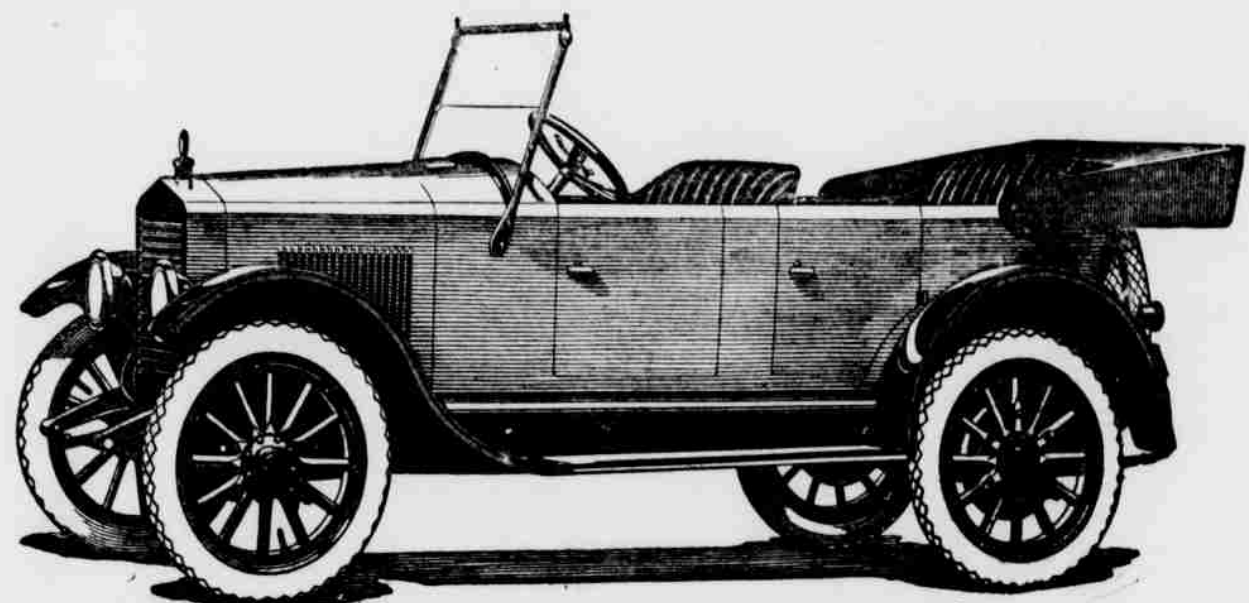
We also have in stock the well known O'Donnell Shoe for men.

**C. M. Bowers**

Shoe Shop

Main Street

Heppner



**How to Guarantee Spring Delivery of Hudson and Essex Open Models**

*No large Money Outlay Required. Make Your Choice Now. We Will Store It For You and Insure You Against Disappointment*

In the light of the year just closed, it is not conjecture to assert that a shortage of Hudson and Essex cars is sure to recur this Spring.

More than 22,000 Essex cars were sold in the past twelve months. The factory capacity was increased time after time. Beginning with a daily production of 30 cars, it reached 125 cars daily.

Yet we were never able to overtake advance orders.

A similar condition was true with respect to Hudson.

You remember how scores waited in vain for delivery. Perhaps you were among those disappointed.

Practically our entire quota of both Hudson and Essex cars were sold weeks ahead. Few were able to get delivery who had not placed their orders ahead.

**Settle the Delivery Worry Now**

This year we have arranged a special plan to guarantee you delivery, during the acute rush of orders.

It will require no large outlay of money. You can place your order now. We will have your car ready for you on the day you want it.

Thus you dispose of all concern about getting your Hudson or Essex when you want it. It will be a source of satisfaction to know you are insured against having to accept some less wanted car, when the season for open types crowds the market with more buyers than we can supply.

If your preference is for a light car what choice equals the Essex?

It represents a new, unexpected value. It brings to the light car field such quality and fine performance as was hitherto found only among large costly cars.

**Note the Quality of the Essex**

If speed is your requirement see if the Essex does not meet it. Where luxury and finish are demanded compare the Essex with any car.

It is needless to speak of the Hudson. All know what it has done. Its records, which prove supremacy throughout the range of performance, are confirmed by the satisfaction that more than 80,000 owners know in their Super-Sixes.

The supply of Hudsons and of Essex has never been sufficient for the demand.

You can only insure yourself against disappointment in getting either of these popular cars, by placing your order under the convenient plan we have set forth above.

**Our Invoice**

**Just Completed**

discloses the fact that we have several broken lines, as well as some we shall discontinue.

These we shall sell out regardless of first cost.

You will find them all represented on our

**BARGAIN TABLE**

Look it over and see what you can use.

**Phelps Grocery Company**

**Vaughn & Sons**