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**High Cost of Government.**

As related to purely domestic affairs nothing in President Harding's initial message to Congress is more interesting than his admission against extravagance and his firm stand for economy in conducting public business.

Every taxpayer feels the burden of taxation, pyramiding from the municipality on up through the country, state and nation. Increases have reached a point to where the cost of government has become an element in the cost of living.

But while all taxpayers feel the burden, probably few of them realize its enormity or how progressively it has grown.

Take for example the taxes paid by the Southern Pacific in the state of California. In the last nine years the amount of taxes paid by this corporation increased 175 per cent, or from \$2,954,084 in 1912 to \$8,127,353 in 1920. In other words, its taxes in 1920 in California alone amounted to more than \$22,000 per day. Under the so-called King bill just enacted by the California legislature the tax rate will be greatly increased.

While the corporation pays the tax it is well to understand that taxes are included in the cost of service to the people and it follows therefore that the people are really the ones to suffer, and this is why the cost of government enters into the cost of living.

It is generally realized, and yet we continue the practice of electing untrained and incompetent men to conduct public business, that the cost of government is unnecessarily high and that the application of ordinary business methods and the exercise of average intelligence in the administration of public duties would alone effect substantial economies in this respect.

The source and cause of the high cost of government is indifference on the part of the average voter. Instead of seeking fit and competent men for office the average voter casts his ballot for the office seeker, with the result that more often than otherwise incompetent men are elected. So long as we follow this practice of electing men to office, just that long will incompetency and extravagance pyramid the tax burdens.

Relief resides in competency and economy and the way to give this remedy force and effect is to elect men who not only know how to render efficient service but who have the moral courage to root out useless boards, bureaus, commissions, and kindred parasites and place public administration on a sound business basis.

Not only have we elected incompetents but we have permitted faddists and political will-o'-the-wisps—who are mere theorists, pay no taxes, "who toil not neither do they spin" and who earn their bread by the sweat of other men's brows—to direct our course and load up the public pay rolls with departments and bureaus utterly without regard for cost and for no valid reason. This too must be corrected.

**What "Poor" Soil Farmers Are Doing.**

Much has been said about worn out Eastern farms and about the inability of Eastern farmers to compete with the farmers of the West and South. As a matter of fact, Eastern farms are or can be made as productive as the farms of any section of the country. What is needed is interested young folks to make them profitable and attractive.

We just have word of a young New Jersey farmer who grew 142 bushels of corn per acre last year from selected seed, with proper fertilization and cultivation, and on no better soil than the average in the East.

The young folks in the rural communities of New Jersey are being educated in a way to make them provident and thrifty. Not through the organization of boys and girls clubs, but the State Board of Agriculture is making it possible for those with little money or none at all to secure funds with which to purchase original stock. A limit of \$100 will be placed on the expenditure for calves and young swine, while \$50 will be the maximum in the case of poultry.

The movement owes much of its success to the efforts of President Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, of the State Board of Agriculture, who started the fund with a loan of \$10,000. The indorsement of the county club agent is all that is necessary for any boy or girl to embark in the production of pure bred live stock or fowl.

Dignity is lent the plan by enrolling the members of these clubs in the New Jersey Breeders Association.

**Slats' Diary.**

By ROSS FARQUHAR.

Friday—I give Jane sum candy today which I had tuk out of a sack which ma had put away for private use then during school time Pug Stevens tuk a hand full out of her Desk. I was cernly mad and cudent hardly keep my seat. But I did not beet upon him I am to much of a genelman & then he is pritty big enny how.

Saturday—had it all planned to go afishing and Bisters had a boat and me & Jake had are bare dug and etc. Then ma & pa put up a skerne on me by concluding I shud ort to wark in the ole garden. It seems as if making me wark is the fondest thing they are of. So the bate had to go with our me. When the fellas cum home haddent enny fish which helped me a little.

Sunday—after s. skool pa & ma went to Ant Emmies house for dinner & I went to Jakes house & then we went down home & clum in the winda & had a glorys time a doing as we pleased. we found sum old fotagraffs of pa & we set & laffed till the teers run out are eyes, here after when I want to laff I will look at sum of his old fotagraffs, which was tuk about 20 yrs. ago.

Monday—pa sed they are a fella here in town which has 2 bottles of reglar beer like men ust to drink before the antysloon leeg busted it up. The fella sed he is saving it to trade for a otomobeel. pa sed he is a myzer.

Tuesday—nothing doing only a tues in skool. rotten day.

Wednesday—pa cum home and was looking for a reseat for making sumthing at home, he was mad because he thought ma had hid it, which she did. she hid it in the Bible so they are a fat chants of he ever finding it.

Thursday—ma was good hatted. when I cum home from skool she baked a lotta cookies & she mace animals out of sum of the doe for me. she had tigers & snaiks & dogs & cats & fishes & cows & etc. Jake cum down to help me & we plaid sirkus & farmers & everything & then when they was to dirty to play with we plaid like our mouths was Noys ark & marched them in & et them up.

The Gazette-Times is quite fully satisfied with the explanation given by the editor of the Herald last week regarding the "By in lone's ointment jar." If we get his meaning in that explanation, he did not mean what he said in the former article to which this paper and Mr. Mason of lone had called attention. We say that we are quite fully satisfied, because we have learned long ago that no statement, editorially, of that paper should be considered to mean anything. If by any chance its editor

should say something that might be construed by someone to be a positive stand on any question that comes up, it was only a joke and he did not mean what he said. Whether his explanation is satisfactory to Mr. Mason and the lone people, we are not prepared to say. It came up to our expectations, and we are fully satisfied. We also want to commend Bro. Pattison for being a Bible student and to so ably bring to attention of his readers these great sayings of the writer in Ecclesiastes, and we presume the exact quotation referred to would be: "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour; so doth a little folly that is in reputation for wisdom and honour."

The idea of making Heppner more attractive has not been abandoned by the Civic Club, and the ladies are again calling for the planting of dahlias by our residents, with the idea of creating the "Dahlia City." There should be a general response to the request of the Civic Club. The flowers grow here beautifully and they are not very difficult to raise and such available space as each household possesses should contain a large number of the beautiful varieties of this flower.

The winter wheat crop is estimated by government experts at 620,000,000 bushels,—the fourth largest in the country's history. The American farmer is not fool enough to accept the advice of the demagogues who have been urging him to raise small-er crops and starve the country into submission to class demands. The farmer produces to the limit of his capacity, and if every other factor in our industrial life would do the same we would soon be a far more prosperous and contented people.

While on a business trip to Portland last week Frank Engleman was taken ill and Mrs. Engleman went down Thursday to be with him. They are expected home in a few days.—Ione Independent.



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