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### How to Get Our Problems Solved

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We have heard much through the last two years about the farm bloc. When this movement began most people looked upon it as a political curiosity. But it drew to its support so many conscientious and earnest men that the nation began to realize that there was something elemental in the idea that must demand serious national consideration.

The Non-Partisan League was a forerunner of this protest. It advocated a right program for its members. But it could prosper only in a state like North Dakota where the larger majority of the people are engaged in just one business—grain growing. It could not spread. We can't have a government of grain-growers. Any one vocation government is oligarchy. There is where this right protest took an impossible political form.

The Populist party back in the 80's and early 90's that flourished in Kansas was the beginning of the present farm bloc movement.

Cities live on the soil. The big city lives on the little city, and the little city lives upon the farm.

Science has come along with the automobile, the telephone and a hundred things that multiply efficiency, speed up industry with economy, but always with the economy that costs. We have been learning how to live better. The lesson has gone out to the open acres. Fifty years ago few farm boys had ever tasted ice cream. The soda fountain today is a village need, and the movie a community demand. Minnesota eats Florida fruit. There are a thousand and legal, economic, marketing, industrial problems today where fifty years ago there was one. In consequence the cost of administering all government, township, town, county, state and nation, has mounted with the multiplication of the problems that grew out of our ever increasingly intricate life. All these make taxes.

In a normal farming community in Nebraska the tax rate on tilled land has gone from \$93 to \$494 in just six years. The farmer says he can't stand the gaff. The tax cost is exceeding the profit on production.

The same complaint comes from the city banker and manufacturer. The farmer has no monopoly on tax complaints. Did you ever hear of a popular tax?

It doesn't cost anything to live in a wilderness. We want all things that progress has brought us. We don't want to part with the soda fountain or the telephone. We can't give up the auto or the university extension. Very well, then, what are we going to do?

New England had a great idea in the town meeting. Philadelphia with her nearly two millions of people, is now talking the town meeting idea. Out in the corn belt of the middle west the town meeting is again taking hold. And when, in a town of only 300 people surprise was expressed because over 200 were in attendance, the answer came, "We have to go to the town meeting. It's the only way we can ever solve our problem."

That's the only way we ever can. Public ownership of public utilities and a scientific marketing system of the products of the land will both save our civilization and supply its cost. The only way we are ever going to get there is to get together, talk it over and thresh it out. Find out what we can do, what we want to do, and then send to our state legislatures and to our Congress not a set of country lawyers but practical producers—men who know what we want done and who will do it.

### Western Literary Magazine.

The *Lariat* of Portland, Ore., makes its bow as a literary monthly, the only publication of the kind west of New York, devoted exclusively to discussion and criticism of literary matters. Western writers will find it of great interest as voicing western standards of expression, when it is considered that the West has never produced a writer of the degenerate school, but all western fiction, poetry and dramas are clean and wholesome, from the days of the pioneers in literature down to the present. The first number is for January, 1923, and has just been published. It is on fine paper and carries no advertisements of trashy books. Its editor is Col. E. Hofer, newspaperman of 45 years experience, which is a guarantee that *The Lariat* will be a publication of the highest class.

### The Plain Peoples' Money.

In all the rest of the world there is nothing comparable to the financial power of the rank and file of the American people. In 5000 banking institutions of the country there is now going on a distribution of \$190,000,000 of so-called Christmas club funds. This money has been put by for months in small amounts each week to cover the depositors' Christmas shopping.

But that is not all there is to the national fund especially put by for Christmas—put by for the Christmas spending of the general public. In thousands of other banks depositors have been keeping Christmas items in reserve in their regular deposit accounts. Furthermore, men, women and children the country over have been tucking away in safe places both loose change and small bills for the festivities and joys of the season.

The total of all these Christmas club funds, formal and informal, could scarcely count less than a quarter of a billion dollars; it might run nearer to half a billion dollars.

Besides these Christmas funds there is coming due on New Year's Day \$625,000,000 of war savings stamps which in the great bulk belong to the wage earners of the country. And that is not all the investment they have in securities of the country. They have great quantities of the lower denominations of Liberty bonds and notes. Nobody knows what these total in dollars, so far as concerns the wage earners and other small investors, but no responsible estimate has ever placed the amount low in the hundreds of millions; it is very high in the hundreds of millions.

And even that is not all the saved wealth owned and at the command of the rank and file of the American people. In the savings banks of the United States for 1920 there were 11,437,556 accounts with deposits of more than six and a half billions of

dollars. Incomplete figures for the current period indicate that these savings banks accounts now total approximately eight billions of dollars. With the deposits that small savers carry in the savings departments of trust companies and other banks the grand total of the American people's savings accounts is estimated to run now between ten and eleven billions of dollars.

And there is more yet. It is in the form of the small shoreholdings which employes as well as general investors have acquired in great corporations like the Pennsylvania Railroad, the United States Steel Corporation and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Whether this is tens of millions or hundreds of millions of dollars there is no sure way of telling now, but as there are hundreds of thousands of such small investors on the stock books of merely a few of the great companies it is easy to see that with an average of only ten shares of such stock, 1,000,000 small shareholders would mean 10,000,000 shares thus distributed, which at an average value of \$75 a share would be three-quarters of a billion of dollars.

In all those small savings and investments, therefore, there cannot be less than thirteen billions of dollars; there may easily be more than fifteen billions of dollars—and in value form that is almost ready to cash in, for the man who needs or wants to cash in, a sight.—New York Herald.

### The Jericho Road

By W. B. HINSON, D. D., Portland, Oregon.

There are just four men in the world. Only four—no fifth.

There is the Hurt man! And he is robbed, stripped of much, and sorely wounded.

There is the Hurting man! Christ called him a thief. I am thankful for that. There is the Heedless man! He passed by on the other side, and he said, "Safety First!"

There is the Helping man! Who went to the hurt man and took care of him. The Hurt man must soon be helped. The Hurting man—God take him in hand. The Heedless man must be aroused. The Helping man—God bless him.

Will you Help? Here is the story that has the four men in it. A certain young man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves who stripped and beat him and left him half dead.

A certain priest and a Levite saw him and passed by on the other side. A certain Samaritan came where he was, saw him had compassion, bound up his wounds and took care of him.—Luke X.

The Hurt man is in the Near East! So is the Hurting man. And again I say—God take him in hand.

The Heedless man—beware, brother! The Helping man—do it now—NOW.

There is little chance that Oswald West or anyone else as capable as he is will be appointed highway commissioner from the Multnomah County district. West says he would not accept the appointment even if tendered, and there is mighty little prospect that Governor-elect Pierce will tender it. West would not submit to the slightest attempt to dictate or influence, so far as the governor's office was concerned, and the new governor would have to abandon any notion he may have had of interference with highway administration. West believes in efficiency and in paying high enough salaries to obtain it. He is one of the original good roads men of Oregon. Under his supervision was done the first work on the Columbia Highway, by convict labor, way back in 1912. He knew enough, as governor, to appoint good men to office, regardless of political considerations, and to hold them responsible for results, without attempting political interference. Some of the best officials Oregon has had were appointed by West. While he is a man of strong prejudices and vindictive spirit towards those whom he is convinced are crooked or selfish, he invariably upholds those in whose honesty he has reason to believe. As highway commissioner he would find out for himself whether the methods and personnel of the present administration were efficient, and if they were so, he would stay by them fearlessly. He probably is too independent a man for the job, and too much in sympathy with the state highway program.—Oregon Voter.

### Force Europe to Pay.

Why the public does not rise on its haunches and burst into a roar of laughter that would echo around the world when suggestions are made that Uncle Sam should cancel Europe's war debts, like the wisdom of the Lord, passeth understanding.

Last year the easy Americans paid Germany \$960,000,000 for worthless marks. As fast as German printing presses could turn out the financial junk good American dollars were poured into Germany to bring them to the land of the free.

In addition to this stupendous folly American tourists spent in Germany \$750,000,000 which foots up just about 13 per cent of the entire war debt. And the end is not yet.

American money is even now turning the wheels of German industry. American brains are even now working to help solve the German national problem.

This year American children will play with German toys to the exclusion of toys of American manufacture.

Summed up, America stands today the world's great easy mark. Charged with being a nation of dollar worshippers, we find ourselves the easy victims of every shrewd European trickster and governmental propagandist.

It is time we put a definite end to serious considerations of debt repudiation.

Now is the time to talk real strict accountability. Let Washington announce that Europe to the last nation must pay her debts, and to the last farthing.

As to Xmas presents—the Home Town newspaper would prove just the thing. THE GAZETTE-TIMES, \$2 for a full year

## WHO WILL BE BARRATT'S SUCCESSOR

Movement to Unite on One Man—Parman or Edwards Proposed.

A movement is on foot at Bend, The Dalles, Baker, Pendleton and other Eastern Oregon cities to have the Chambers of Commerce of all these towns agree upon one candidate for state highway commissioner to succeed W. B. Barratt of Heppner who has resigned.

It has been pointed out by the Clatsop Commercial club that this section is entitled to continued recognition on the commission. The club has not proposed any special candidate but holds that Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant counties have men well qualified for highway commissioner.

Other citizens of Condon have proposed two men whose interests in the highway and economic development of the state would make them ideal candidates, if they would accept the place. They are Geo. W. Parman and W. J. Edwards. Should Governor-elect Pierce choose a man in Mr. Barratt's place for approximately the same section of Oregon, either Mr. Parman or Mr. Edwards would be a choice that all Eastern Oregon could approve.—Condon Globe-Times.

"DOUBLING FOR ROMEO" Shakespeare with a humorous twist

## Gilliam & Bisbee's Column

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## Gilliam & Bisbee

will be seen at the Star Theatre, Sunday, when the new Will Rogers picture, "Doubling for Romeo," is shown. In this Goldwyn picture, which was written by Elmer Rice and directed by Clarence Badger, all the sub-titles were written by Will Rogers. He is nationally known as an original humorist, and his titles are said to be the funniest parodies on Shakespeare ever written. The story tells the trials of a bashful cowboy lover to win the affections of a western girl. But she has "movie" ideas about a lover, and sends her cowboy to the "movies" to learn how to make love. What happens to him there, as well as his adventures as a cowboy Romeo, make this latest Rogers picture one of the most delightful comedies that Goldwyn has ever produced.

Many remarkably fine settings are shown in "Doubling for Romeo," such as the ballroom and balcony scenes.

Miss Helen Barratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barratt, a senior at O. A. C., arrived home Saturday and will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents here.

Miss Mary Clark, who is a student of St. Pauls academy, Walla Walla, arrived home on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark.

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