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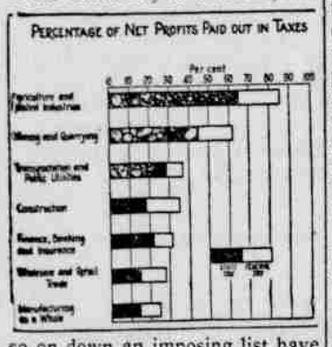
Destroying Prosperity.

THE farmer is being taxed to ruin. Such leading business analysts and economists as Roger Babson, Professor Irving Fisher of Yale, Professor Gunison Brown of the University of Missouri, and



so on down an imposing list have pointed out again and again that our system of taxation is obsolete and unscientific.

The burden of this unscientific taxation falls upon all classes but most heavily upon the farmer.

Consider carefully the diagram reproduced here. It was published by Roger Babson, the leading business analyst and statistician in this country.

It shows the farmer is paying out 83 per cent of his net profits in taxes. And Mr. Babson emphasizes that taxes are paid, not out of gross income, but out of net profits.

These staggering taxes paid by the farmer react upon the business of the country. While there are only about six million farmers in the United States, their families and those dependent upon farm trade swell the number of people in the group representing the farm purchasing power to about forty million.

While this group of forty million is hit the hardest, it is vital also to the industries which need the farmer's trade.

The politicians are responsible for this drain on the farmer's purse. They are doing nothing to correct it. They will act only when they are forced to, and then there is the usual amount of red tape to be unwound before anything can be accomplished.

But it is time the farmer is beginning to prod and prod hard.

Official and Unofficial Meddlers.

NATIONAL REPUBLIC.

THE appeal of the President of the United States for the loyal support of the press and the people in exposing the purposes of official and unofficial meddlers in matters for which the President and the State Department bear undivided responsibility—that is, meddlers both in and out of public office—should meet with universal response.

This nation has made it a policy to give full rein to the administration to handle such situations as have just arisen in Central America. It is to be assumed that the administration has far more reliable information than has the public, and that it has in mind only the protection of American rights and just interests.

Since propaganda agencies, designed to handicap and embarrass the government of the United States, have reached the point where their meddling materially interferes with our successful handling of a foreign policy, it is time for the American people to protest. The President says that time has arrived.

Soon every newspaper office in the land will be flooded with propaganda emanating from a group of "unofficial" meddlers now in Mexico. Already the advance notices of its activities have reached the newspaper offices. These state that the purpose is "to study the conditions in Mexico, make a survey and report to the American people." The observers are in the same position of the Justice of Peace who said he would deliberate on the case over Sunday and then decide for the defendant. Everyone knows what their report will be.

When the government of the United States raided the secret, illegal convention of communists at Bridgman, Michigan, in 1922, it found among other documents, one outlining the plan for the organization of the Labor Defense Council. The plan was endorsed in Russia. The organization under that name was later formed. It is now known as the Labor Defense Council. In that document appeared the following:

"The council will contain various radical and liberal elements not all communists, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, groups gathered about the liberal press like *The Nation, The Freeman* and the *New Republic;* liberal and working farmers' organizations like the Non-Partisan League and other tenant and farmers' organizations; also men prominent in public life who are willing to co-operate, such as legislators, editors, clergymen, professors and lawyers."

It would appear from glancing over the list of the "unofficial" meddlers now in Mexico "to survey conditions and report to the American people," that the "liberal" editors, ministers and lawyers were not overlooked in selecting "meddlers."

Since this, and similar movements, are chronically antagonistic to the policies of our government and chronically partisan in behalf of some form of radicalism, it would appear time that not only American editors, but the American people as a whole, become aroused.

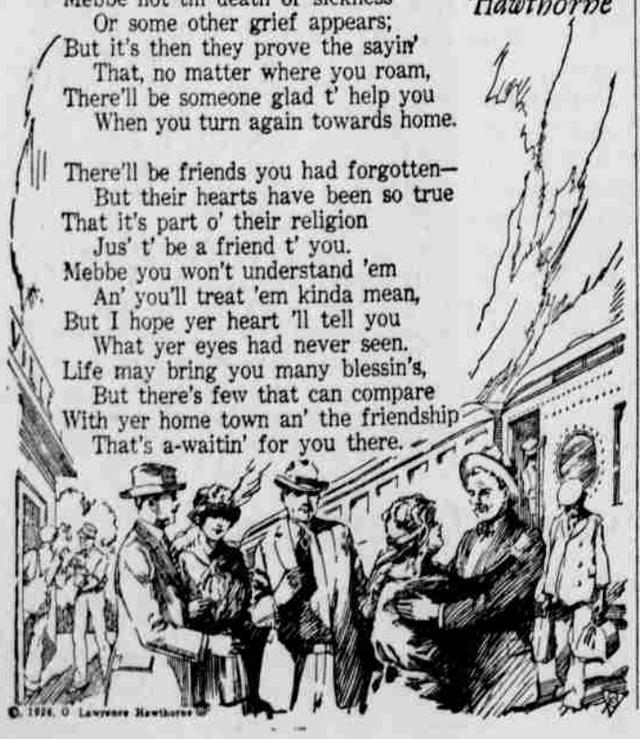
This paper stands for sound Americanism. Thousands of well meaning, sincere and loyal American citizens are being led astray by the emotional appeal of the radical and subversive organizations. It is high time that in the matter of support of the American government in its controversies with foreign governments we should have a separation of the sheep from the goats.

Home-Town Friends

By O. Lawrence Hawthorne

It don't ever make much dif'ence
Where you go, you'll always find
That yer home-town friends 're faithful,
Though you leave 'em far behind.
Mebbe you won't know they like you
Very much, for years an' years—
Mebbe not till death or sickness
Or some other grief appears;
But it's then they prove the sayin'
That, no matter where you roam,
There'll be someone glad t' help you
When you turn again towards home.

There'll be friends you had forgotten—
But their hearts have been so true
That it's part o' their religion
Jus' t' be a friend t' you.
Mebbe you won't understand 'em
An' you'll treat 'em kinda mean,
But I hope yer heart 'll tell you
What yer eyes had never seen.
Life may bring you many blessin's,
But there's few that can compare
With yer home town an' the friendship
That's a-waitin' for you there.



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Dr. Frank Crane Says

CITY LIFE IS NOT SO ROSY!

DURING the past year, according to a report made by the Department of Agriculture, there has been a decrease in the farm population of the United States of nearly half a million.

The year before it decreased 182,000.

The population of the country as a whole is increasing, that of the rural districts is decreasing.

The definite trend is away from the farm to the city.

A cable from Paris tells the same story.

The population of the country districts of France continues to flow to the large cities in spite of all efforts of the government to stem it.

The general census, just taken, shows a declining population in all rural areas there except those adjacent to large industrial centers.

In America the automobile and the movie have been the two big elemnets in accelerating this movement from the farm to the city.

In olden times entertainment was found in country affairs; now trips to the city are substituted.

The automobile, making quick runs to the city after supper for movies and other entertainment possible, has given young people of the farming communities a taste of city life in its brightest aspect.

They see the city relaxed. They see it in the role of playboy. And they like it.

The movies, shown in every cross-roads village, picture life in the big city as one of adventure, fine clothes and quick wealth.

There is no hay to pitch, no mules to curry and no meadow larks to listen to before dawn.

However, the dust-filled, sardine-can subways and the high cost of living in the city are left out of the picture.

"The farm is where they work; the city is where they play."

This idea abetted by the auto and movie has its effect in leading young people on the farms to choose the city when they grow up.

It has played a large part in the trend toward urban life which has been noted in recent years.

Show Faith in Oregon.

EXPENDITURES totaling nearly six and one-half million dollars in major improvements and betterments have been made during the year just ended by eight public utility companies distributing light and power in Oregon. In addition to this large sum two projects are actually under way involving an expendtiure of five million dollars more, one of these being a 13,333 horsepower plant, including a dam, near Lewiston at the eastern border of this state, and a 60,000 volt thansmission line at an estimated cost of $2,000,000, and the other a 40,000 horsepower plant at Prospect for the California Oregon Power Co., requiring an expenditure of $3,000,000.

During 1926 the Eastern Oregon Light & Power Co. has constructed a new flume on Rock creek, costing $50,000; increase in steam plant capacity has cost $35,000, and $65,000 has been spent in general extensions and improvements and upon sub-stations.

The Northwestern Electric Co. has expended $1,000,000 on improvements and betterments in steam and hydro plants and increasing the capacities of line and sub-stations, while the Mountain States Power Co. has expended $90,000 for city and rural distribution lines; $314,000 for a 60,000 volt transmission line from Albany to Springfield; $45,000 for transmission wires from Springfield to Wendling, and $23,000 for a line from Tillamook to Cloverdale. The same company has increased capacity of sub-stations about 40 per cent in the following cities: Albany, $65,000; Corvallis, $25,000; Springfield, $20,000; Salem, $25,000, and Eugene, $20,000.

In general extensions and enlargements of sub-stations and district systems, the California Oregon Power Co. has spent $600,000, and on a new 60,000 volt line from Copco to Klamath Falls an expenditure of $300,000 has been made. The Portland Electric Power Co. during the past year has disbursed $425,000 for betterments and improvements to the railway department, and $2,252,060 for a new concrete flume from Rock creek at the Bull Run plant, a new sub-station at Beaverton, a new fuel barge on the Willamette river, a new 60,000 volt line from Portland to St. Helens, and in enlarging the capacity of several sub-stations and distribution lines.

The Pacific Power & Light Co. has expended $1,000,000 in general reconstruction of transmission lines, extensions in rural and urban territories and in enlargements of sub-stations, while the Deschutes Power & Light Co. has disbursed $100,000 on a reconstruction program of distributing lines and sub-stations, including a 20 mile, 60,000 volt line from Bend to Redmond.

The expenditures for 1926 of these companies totaled $6,454,000, aside from all operating expenses, including taxes, which average in Oregon nearly 10 per cent of the gross earnings of electric utility concerns.

Financial Ghosts.

OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE.

THEORISTS and uplifters propose to saddle on scores of cities of Oregon a terrific financial burden by forcing the reconstruction of sewer systems and the purchase, installation and maintenance of high-priced and inefficient disposal plants. Investigation discloses the fact that the movement is fathered by some well-paid public officials at Portland, with the cooperation and aid of employes of the state game commission, the avowed object being the purification of rivers and streams for the protection of fish life and the health of the people.

In the Willamette river there is sufficient volume of water during eight months of the year to sweep away the refuse deposited in it, and during the summer months when the river is low the fish are not going up. It would be impossible to make the river water fit for domestic use and just as impracticable to control and police hundreds of miles of shore line on tributary streams. Cities of Oregon are gradually turning to distant sources for their water supply for domestic use and are safeguarding the country which holds the water through the creation of reserves. Oregon City and West Linn spent $375,000 a few years ago to secure pure water and many other cities have gone to tremendous expense to protect the health of their residents.

But now it is proposed that we shall be forced to contribute $350,000 of the money of the people to install a new sewer system and disposal plant. We are not alone. The estimated cost to Corvallis is $565,000, exclusive of the expense of a disposal plant and its maintenance. The cost to Albany would be in excess of a half-million dollars, and scores of other municipalities would be obliged to contribute many millions in the aggregate to comply with a program which has been outlined and which will be presented at the present session of the state legislature for consideration.

It would seem reasonable and businesslike to first obtain detailed estimates of cost before proceeding, and along with such figures, the present bonded indebtedness of the cities to be affected should be compiled. Oregon City, with an assessed valuation of four million dollars, in round numbers, has outstanding bonds totaling about twenty per cent of its assessed valuation. Other cities of Oregon carry heavy financial loads and will not take kindly to a proposition under which they would be forced to spend vast sums under the dictation of another new commission which would be created under the provisions of the threatened legislation.

The Department of Agriculture is bringing to America from China a giant strawberry, the eating of which, it is said, will make one beautiful. If this is true why don't the Chinese eat it themselves?

All agricultural experts predict that farming is going to be more prosperous in 1927. When it comes to getting good predictions the farmer has it on all the rest of us.

An air service expert says that flying is safer than standing behind the business end of a mule. But that statement if true doesn't prove that aviation is particularly healthful.

-Smiles-

Ambitious

"Why did you turn down the offer to be president of the company?"

"There wasn't any chance for advancement."

While There's Life There's Hope

Old Maid: "I wish God had made me a man."

Grandma: "Don't worry dear, you may find one yet."

Low Down

Dat dere new boy am down right mean—ah done saw him holdin' de lantern while his old mammy chops de wood.

It is said that underground passages are the only way to save the pedestrian's life. That's the trouble—there are too many of them underground now.

He Meant Well

Clerk, "Well sir, what can I show you." Rastus hunting for a new overcoat, "Well I done wants one o' dem long black coats—ah guess dey calls 'em English **ulcers!**"

Certainly Madam

Bride on phone:—"Hello—Jones butcher shop? Please send me a pound of mince meat, and be sure it's nice young mince!"

Results!

Thursday I lost a gold watch which I valued very highly, as it was an heirloom. I immediately inserted an advertisement in your Lost and Found column, and waited. Yesterday I went home and found the watch in the pocket of my other suit.

God bless your paper!

FOR SALE—Fine Poland China sows; will farrow in about two weeks. W. P. Hill, Heppner.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of N. S. Whetstone, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That pursuant to an order, duly made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 13th day of January, 1927, by R. L. Benge, judge of the above entitled court, a license duly issued out of said court, under the hand of the clerk and the seal thereof, licensing, authorizing and empowering the undersigned, as administratrix, to sell, at private sale, in one, two or three parcels, for the best price obtainable, either for cash or part cash, the real property hereinafter described; now, therefore, I will, as such administratrix, from and after the 18th day of February, 1927, sell, at private sale, in one, two or three parcels, for the best price obtainable, either for cash or part cash, all the right, title, interest and estate of said deceased in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

Portion or Lot 1.
The East Half of Section 23, Twp. 2 S. R. 27 E. W. M.

Portion or Lot 2.
The West Half of Section 26, Twp. 2 S. R. 27 E. W. M.

Portion or Lot 3.
North Half of Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Twp. 2 S. R. 27, E. W. M.

Portion or Lot 4.
The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 2 S. R. 27 E. W. M.

Portion or Lot 5.
The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Twp. 2 S. R. 27 E. W. M.

Portion or Lot 6.
The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Twp. 2 S. R. 27 E. W. M.

Portion or Lot 7.
The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Twp. 2 S. R. 27 E. W. M.

Portion or Lot 8.
An undivided one half interest in and to the East Half of the Northeast Quarter, the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 27 E. W. M.

EMMA WHETSTONE,
Administratrix of the Estate of N. S. Whetstone, deceased.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, dated the 29th day of December, 1926, to me directed in that certain suit wherein the Staet of Oregon, a public corporation, secured a judgment against Oliver F. Potter and Agnes Potter, husband and wife, for the sum of $1763.22 with interest at the rate of 4% per annum from the 6th day of November, 1924, and the further sum of $200.00 attorney's fees, and costs and disbursements in the sum of $12.00, which judgment was dated December 23, 1926.

I will on the 29th day of January, 1927, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the front door of the County Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon, offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand all of the following described real property in Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon, to wit:

Commencing at a point 116.49 feet south of the northeast corner of Lot 2 in Block 2 of Preston Looney's addition to Heppner, Oregon, said point being further described as the northeast corner of the south half of said Lot and Block, running thence west 216 feet, more or less to intersect with the east line of the Cornett property, thence following said east line of said Cornett property, in a southeasterly direction to a point which is 88 feet south of the north line of the south half of said Lot and Block, thence east 177 feet, more or less to the east line of said Lot and Block, thence north 88 feet to the point of beginning, all of said property being a portion of Lot numbered 2 in Block 2 in Preston Looney's Addition to Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon;

or so much of real property as may be necessary to satisfy the plaintiff's judgment, costs, attorney's fees, and accruing costs of sale.

Dated and first published this 30th day of December, 1926.

GEORGE McDUFFEE,
Sheriff of Morrow County, State of Oregon.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, dated December 29, 1926, to me directed, in that certain suit in said Court wherein Union Savings & Loan Association, a corporation, secured judgment against Nellie G. Anderson and Gay M. Anderson for the sum of $335.18 with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from January 31, 1926; the further sum of $82.01 with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from April 23, 1926; the further sum of $39.20 with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from September 14, 1926; the further sum of $5.00; the further sum of $75.00 attorney's fee and costs and disbursements taxed and allowed at $44.40, which judgment was rendered on the 20th day of December, 1926.

I will on January 29th, 1927, at the hour of 10:15 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the front door of the County Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the following described real property in Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon, to wit:

Lot Four (4) in Block Four (4) of Jones Addition to Heppner, Oregon, or so much of said real property as may be necessary to satisfy plaintiff's judgment and accruing costs of sale.

Dated and first published this 30th day of December, 1926.

GEORGE McDUFFEE,
Sheriff of Morrow County, State of Oregon.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY.

Greta C. Hough and Cecil L. Jackson, Plaintiffs,

vs.

E. E. Barton and Elizabeth Barton, his wife, and O. P. Ferguson, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree, and order of sale issued out of the above entitled Court, in the above entitld cause, to me directed and dated the 13th day of December, 1926, upon the judgment rendred and entered in said Court on the 13th day of December, 1926, in favor of Cecil L. Jackson, for the sum of $500.00 principal, together with interest thereon from the 14th day of August, 1925, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, with the further sum of $50.00 as attorney's fees in this suit, and in favor of Greta C. Hough, and against E. E. Barton and Elizabeth Barton, his wife, for the sum of $1500.00 principal, together with interest thereon from the 14th day of August, 1925, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, with the further sum of $150.00 as attorney's fees in this suit, and the costs and disbursements of said suit, and the costs and disbursements upon this writ, demanding me to make sale of the following described real property, situate in Morrow County, State of Oregon, to wit:

The south half of Section thirty-four in Township One South, Range Twenty-six East of the Willamette Meridian;

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order, decree, and order of sale, and in compliance with the demand on said writ, I will, on the 22nd day of January, 1927, at two o'clock P. M., at the main door of the Court House at Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title, and interest which the within named defendants E. E. Barton, Elizabeth Barton, his wife, and O. P. Ferguson, or either of them, had on the 14th day of February, 1923, and since said date had in and to the above described premises, or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order, and decree, interest, attorney's fees, costs, and accruing costs.

GEO. McDUFFEE, Sheriff
of Morrow County, Oregon.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1926.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, to me directed and dated November 22, 1926, in that certain suit wherein the Pacific Savings and Loan Association, as plaintiff, recovered judgment against Ray Moore and Jessie Moore, as defendants, on the 19th day of November, 1926, for the sum of $275.95 with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from December 1, 1925; the further sum of $5.00 with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from December 1, 1925; and for the further sum of $75.00 attorney's fees.

I will on the 15th day of January, 1927, at the hour of 10 A. M. of said day at the front door of the Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all of the following described real property in Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon, to wit: Lot 5 in Block 6 of Ayers Fourth Addition to the Town of Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon.

Dated and first published this 16th day of December, 1926.

GEORGE McDUFFEE,
Sheriff of Morrow County,
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