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HOW ABOUT TAXES?

IS THERE anyone in Medford who would like to go back to the muddy streets of 20 years ago, the unsatisfactory public school system of 15 years ago, or the inadequate and impure water supply of eight or ten years ago?

We don't believe there is. We are proud of our paved streets and good roads; we are proud of our modern and up-to-date schools; not a day goes by but we are thankful for our bounteous supply of cold spring water, — a clear mountain spring in every home.

Yet these improvements have cost money. And more important they make up the tax bill which we must pay from year to year, and regarding the size of which, we hear so much complaint at the present time.

The point is we can't have our cake and eat it. We can't go forward enjoying greater and greater comforts, continually increasing and strengthening our reputation for being one of the most progressive and enterprising communities on the Pacific Coast, without paying for it.

In other words, taxes are the inevitable price of greater progress. There is one peculiar feature about taxes. We know a man in Medford whose total tax bill is no larger than his total bill for tobacco, for he smokes good cigars. Yet when taxpaying time comes around he raises an awful howl about high taxes, but we never heard him complain of his cigar bill.

There are, we believe, two main reasons for this. In the first place he pays his tax bill in cash at one fell swoop; it therefore hits him straight between the eyes. He pays his tobacco bill, on the other hand, from day to day or month to month, in small amounts, and therefore never notices it. Were he to pay his tobacco bill once or twice a year, as he does his tax bill, there is every reason to believe he would howl as loudly against his cigar dealer as he does against "the government."

IN THE second place, no individual is a brand new individual; he is only about one-third himself, and about two-thirds a composite of his ancestors. The loud outcry this man makes against taxes goes back to his ancestors, — although he probably doesn't think so, — back to the period when non-payment of taxes meant prison and sometimes sudden death. He merely has, as everyone has, a tax complex, a different feeling and a stronger prejudice against tax payments than against any other form of payments, he may be called upon to meet.

NOW with a nation-wide depression exacting its financial toll, there is naturally a stronger feeling against taxes than usual. Therefore, there is in this community, as in every other, an insistent and widespread demand that the tax burden be reduced.

We agree that such a reduction is necessary, and, as has been previously stated in this column, with every business exercising retrenchment and economy, the tax levying agencies should do likewise.

We believe our state road program, for example, should be curtailed, the high auto license fee reduced, we believe the ambitious program of higher education should be modified and a thorough house cleaning in the colleges instituted, we believe there should be rigid economy and 100 cents' value demanded for every dollar expended, in every department of public administration. But we don't believe taxes can be cut in half any more than they can be stopped, and we don't believe that complete abolishment of necessary public betterments is either necessary or desirable; that this community or any other must return to a do-nothing policy, or adopt the locomotion practices of the crab.

IN SHORT, we stand in this tax business, where we stand in most matters of public policy, against extremes in either direction, and for the middle of the road, utilizing the main advantages of both and suffering the disadvantages of neither. Moreover, the important thing in this community and every other, is not so much a reduction of the total tax bill — although such a reduction is necessary, — AS A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TAX BURDEN, placing the heaviest burden upon those best able to pay.

Toward this end a reduction of the property tax in this state is imperative, and the policy of an income and intangibles tax, to effect such a reduction, is entirely sound. But we do believe that the present rate, particularly in the intangibles tax, should be reduced, because we believe the burden it places upon this class of wealth is excessive, and will, in searing away outside capital, eventually do the state more harm than good.

BUT one thing is certain. Neither in reduction of local or state taxes can the great and far-reaching relief desired be achieved, because the people of this community, and every other progressive community, will insist upon enjoying the comforts and conveniences which have only been made possible, by paying heavy taxes in the past, and can only be maintained by continuing to pay them in the future. By heavy taxes we don't mean excessive taxes, we mean taxes which fairly represent the cost of progress in every new community, — which cost should be accepted without complaint just so long as waste and graft are eliminated and the taxpayer gets 100 cents of value for every dollar expended.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle. Across: 1. State in Brazil, 2. Couple, 3. Above, 4. Andean beast, 5. Of burden, 6. 169 square, 7. A considerable number, 8. Work, 9. Sea demigod, 10. Metalliferous rock, 11. Cornucopia, 12. Series of games, 13. Was aware, 14. Winter, 15. Draft animal, 16. Bird note, 17. Free, 18. Boys, 19. Washes lightly, 20. Proceed, 21. Fine, 22. Work fabric, 23. Weathercock, 24. Concerning, 25. Whole, 26. Ship's officer, 27. Transgression, 28. Measure of length, 29. Winter, 30. Burial place of William the Conqueror, 31. Depend, 32. Exclamation, 33. Literary scraps, 34. Surface, 35. Street, 36. Lo over again, 37. Hermit, 38. Toward the sheltered side, 39. Expunge, 40. Anglo-Saxon, 41. Spreads to dry, 42. Thick, 43. Food fish, 44. Limits of a century's beat, 45. Assert, 46. Brought up to date, 47. Rugged mountain crests, 48. Scheme, 49. Every one, 50. Sun god, 51. Come out into view, 52. Rescues, 53. Kitchen utensil, 54. Parent, 55. Parent, 56. Algonquian Indian, 57. Volcano, 58. Fervent, 59. Thing, 60. 19th letter, 61. Article.

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ERROR IN FORTHCOMING BOOK.

In an illustrated newspaper article telling about a new book she expects to publish, Martha Norellus, Olympic American swimming team leader 1924 and 1928, gives advice on how to take care of yourself in the water. Miss Norellus thinks most swimmers who drown do so because they show up their heads above the water and attempt to float above their ability, and the rest drown because they do not "know how to fight against cramps." She urges that as soon as possible after you've learned to swim you should learn "how to counteract" cramps. The newspaper article does not contain the secret — presumably you must buy the book to get this great secret.

"Cramps" are a hypothetical state. Anybody who has done much swimming knows the sense of cramping and powerlessness that extremely cold water produces. The common notion that a good swimmer who suddenly drowned suffered from "cramps" is without real foundation. The real cause of such fatalities is the water, apoplexy, heart disease, and probably in some instances vertigo produced by the impact of cold water on the inner ear.

In her instructions for the resuscitation of apparently drowned persons Miss Norellus follows the crowd and makes the same errors they all make. For instance she recommends the now discredited "jack-knife" maneuver, to "empty the water" from the breathing passages, thus betraying her lack of understanding of the purpose of prone-pressure respiration.

The article carries a photograph of a dozen handsome Los Angeles life guards pretending to resuscitate as many Hollywood bathing beauties, every beat with an ear on her elbow. That may be all right for a pretty picture to illustrate a Sunday paper story of a Red Cross Life Saving Manual, but if you're really hoping to resuscitate anybody, never let him keep his ear covered and save to the world this great life-saving method. Do NOT instruct that anything be placed under the victim's head or face. If you are more concerned about a pretty scene than you are about saving life, I suggest that you use a huge bouquet of roses under the victim's head, to keep the sand and stuff out of her mouth. But if it is a serious emergency, better heed the instructions of Sir A. E. Schafer and place the victim prone on the ground with the face turned toward one side and both of the victim's arms on the ground with the face turned toward one side and both of the victim's arms on the ground well up above the head out of the way. In this position any water in the breathing passages can run out by gravity, provided the victim's head is not on higher ground than the lower part of the body. A trifling matter, but if there is some water in the breathing passages it is just as well to let it run out. No sense in arranging a trap to keep it in there. If you want to be sure you're right about this in case of an emergency in which your own loved one is concerned, write in for the resuscitation booklet, illustrated, and follow it and you can't be wrong. Enclose a stamped envelope bearing your address and 10 cents in coin.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chicken Cox. How long must a child remain out of school with chicken pox? How long does chicken pox re-

main contagious? — P. I. C. Answer—Chicken pox is communicable for perhaps 24 hours before the rash appears and for not more than a week or 10 days at the longest after the rash appears. The time a child with chicken pox must remain out of school is fixed by local ordinances. As the incubation period is usually two weeks or longer (time from exposure or infection to development of first symptoms of illness) the brothers or sisters or playmates of the kid with the chicken pox usually draw a three weeks' vacation from school. A great system, kids, what? Chicken pox unquestionably comes to be communicable long before the pock marks have disappeared. Practice of Medicine is a Personal Service. Have had my urine tested by the — Longevity Service, and I do not understand the report they sent me. Please explain these items: 4 squamous cells per field, 8 pus cells, rare cylindrical, many calcium oxalates. — D. T. Answer—It is just thingy alled baloney, sir. The practice of medicine is a personal service, and the results of attempts to incorporate it and do it by mail are usually ludicrous when they are not tragic. Next time, go to your physician and leave the mail-order hokum for more gullible folk who like to think they can get something for nothing. Photographer's Hypo for Gas Poisoning. Not until I saw your article about mild carbon monoxide gas poisoning did I learn what ailed me. I had been long in the habit of shutting myself in the kitchen on cold spring and autumn days with all the gas burners turned on, but some of the holes wouldn't light and I suppose some gas escaped unburned. I had been going to doctors for years for nothing but lost appetite and heavily coated tongue. We had a new range installed and in a few weeks I began to feel and look better. Please tell me how much of the photographer's hypo one should take for the relief of such gas poisoning. — Mrs. W. Answer—Dr. W. H. Zeigler, professor of pharmacology in South Carolina Medical College, first suggested the use of sodium thiosulphate (hypo) to relieve the prolonged after-effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. Recently physicians in France have extolled it. Zeigler gives it intravenously. It may be taken internally in dose of 10 to 20 grains three times a day, dissolved in water or with syrup. Three weeks should be long enough to continue it.

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FLIGHT O' TIME

(Medford and Jackson County History From The Files The Mail Tribune of 20 to 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY. July 4, 1921. (The day was Wednesday.) The British fleet is ordered Turkey. Allies worried over situation in the Near East. Vague flares anew in Ireland.

Famine rages in county. New cook forgets to order food to eat over the two-day day, and all the stores are closed. There was a shortage of food in Medford restaurants, and a demand for money, as the banks closed.

Road is opened to traffic of Crater Lake lodge.

Ted Thye defeats Ralph Hand Ashland on the Fourth. Hand suffers injuries to his arm and shoulder. Hand patted the mat, the referee was looking at something in the far end of the Oatquay building, and suffered an unnecessary agony.

Sheriff C. E. Terrill faces a investigation by the grand jury charges of neglect of duty, as result of the Dr. Bulgin re meetings, during which the re- gular accused Terrill of being no-account sheriff." Lawyers many citizens asked to be called to testify in behalf of Sheriff's bill.

Americanism: Dreading a reputation of the war that killed less than 50,000 in a year; killing 100,000 a year in careless accidents.

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Ye Smudge Pot (By Arthur Perry)

Many around here too poor to buy auto licenses until August 1st, by the mercy of Gov. Meier, have bankrolls so copulent they have to use hind tires for rubber bands.

The couple were married at the home of the bride's parents, where they will remain until the bridegroom gets a job. —(Centralia, Mo., Star)—Two can starve Dad to death better than one.

Eminent experts report that the depression is at the end of its rope, but the country editors still refer to the grocer as the "popular groceryman and live-wire."

Both the Oregonian and the Journal have editorially rushed to the defense of the pestiferous British sparrow. Said sparrow could remain in the orchards, where he is needed and belongs, but prefers to loiter about town, and peck the bugs out of red hot auto radiators, instead of out the Harlequin and the Booc.

YE FLY IN YE OINTMENT (Morrow County News). The barn on Center street belonging to Edna Slocum was torn down this past week by order of the city council who considered it a menace to that block. However, until the lot is cleaned up to some extent, it looks worse than before.

If the touring ladies look any niftier and cooler in a pair of red beach pajamas than in a pair of tight-fitting khaki trousers, the eye of the average man can't detect it.

Truck drivers have been requested to keep their eyes open for violations of the "traffic rules in the rural areas." The first thing a country d' would do will be to leap out unexpectedly from a country road, onto an arterial highway, if a titanic truck is in smashing distance.

OUR REMINISCENCES. When I go into a bank I have a feeling of awe. The most powerful of all the gods lives beyond those gratings. Those vaults are the closed temples of Power and Freedom. In those vaults are the Golden Fleeces, the Grails, the Sir Galahads and the Manions of the Skies. I feel like taking my shoes off when I enter. I am also a thief when I enter a bank. My fingers itch. We all understand bank-robbers — do we not, hypocrite brethren —(De Casseres).

"PRISON LIFE IRKS"—(Cons Bay Times)—Anyway, the basic intention of prisons is functioning.

Peanut politicians have started showing their 1932 candidacies. It looks all the Oregon sympathizers with the poor would oppose Cong. Hawley, and get the egotism knocked out of them, in A-1 shape.

Several careful hunters have inquired when it will be legal for them to go out into the brush and be shot for a deer.

A fairly good-looking and clever "Prison Bionda" is accentuating the local social whirl.

"Chester Chapter is able to be out and about again." —(Molalla News)—Go on with the story!

It turned off hot, and high state dignitaries can now do their fancy battling in their shirt-sleeves.

A bountiful raspberry crop is now being converted into jam by the women-folk, and the output will be sufficient to pave all the bread in the world, it is thought.

Mumps Fatal to Babe. AMARILLO, Tex.—(UP)—Born with the mumps, an Amarillo baby died the second day of its life. The mother had been immune since childhood and felt unusually well, said Dr. Evelyn Gass Powers, who prepared a report for the Potter County Medical society on the strange case.

Swedish Power Plants Gain. STOCKHOLM—(UP)—Sweden now has 1,335 water power stations against 728 in 1916, it has been brought out in a survey by the Royal Board of Trade. In 1936 these plants generated a total power of approximately 1,590,000 kilowatts.

MUTT AND JEFF—Maybe It's a Bag of Peanuts

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