

WOOD CUTTING ON
HIGHWAY STOPPED

The state highway department has stopped wood cutting on the Indian lands along the Columbia River highway near the boundary line of Hood River and Wasco counties. Foster & Co. made a contract with the Indians to cut wood from lands which they occupy and had built runways to chute the wood across the railroad track and had gotten ready to clean the hillside of timber, when the highway officials got busy.

It appears that the Indians had no right to sell the timber off the land, although they were entitled to the land for their own use.

Ski Club to be Organized
D. K. Lamson, C. P. Applegate and

A. L. Anderson made a ski trip to Cloud Cap Inn Sunday, traveling a distance of seven miles by skis. It took three hours to go up and one hour to come down. The snow was about 14 inches deep on the trail and in good shape to travel on. The trip was over the new grade now being built from the Loop highway, and the trip down was by the old road. The day was perfect and the mountains were a beautiful sight.

A ski club will be organized and anyone wishing to join or who is interested in this sport will have an opportunity to join by getting in touch with the above named men. It is planned to make several trips this winter.

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HOW EXCESSIVE
TAXES BLIGHT A
NATION'S LIFE

Productive Effort Stops If Government Takes Undue Share of Profits, Says Treasury Official.

WEALTH IN RUSSIA FLED
BEFORE THE TAXGATHERER

Men in America Prefer Golf to Giving Fruits of Three Days Work a Week to Income Taxes

The blighting effects of excessive taxation, leading to a nation's economic destruction, are described in the current issue of the American Bankers Association Journal by Garrard B. Winston, Under-secretary of the Treasury. Citing possible effects on the Ford Motor Car Company, he declares that the value of the company and its ownership so centered it is conceivable that collection of inheritance taxes may check, if not destroy, that unit of policy which has created and expanded that industry and thus prevented its future prosperity. Of what avail, then, is it to any government if it collects one hundred million dollars once in estate taxes and destroys a source of income upon which it can rely for revenue year after year?

"Success of the Ford Company does not mean simply that Mr. Ford and his son have grown wealthy. It means employment of tens of thousands of men and women; that mines, forests, railroads and vessels are brought into use; that the public has received an efficient and inexpensive means of transportation; that the farm is in touch with the city, and the worker with his office," Mr. Winston says in part.

Wealth Flees Oppression
"Upon first impression it might appear that a nation could take all of the earnings of its citizens or all of its property. The Soviet government proposed to appropriate all instrumentalities of trade and commerce. Yet, when the state reached out to grasp this wealth, it disappeared and left nothing but a few tangible objects, such as gold and jewels, which were easily transported to other countries. Wealth in Russia ceased to exist.

"If income tax rates are placed so high that capital in productive business no longer gives a net return commensurate with the risk, capital will go out of productive business. He who goes abroad, so into tax-exempt security, or find other ways of avoiding the tax. If income tax rates are so excessive that a man of ability finds he must work more than three days a week for the government, he will become discouraged and decide that the result is not worth the effort. Less income will be produced and less will be realized from the tax.

"Recently a letter came to the Treasury from a small farmer. He owned a few acres which in 1913 were assessed at \$900 and on which a tax of \$13 was levied. In 1924 the assessed value increased to \$2,500 and the tax to \$123, but the farm failed to produce any more. Taxes exceeded the rental value of the land and more than the net earnings of the property were taken by the state. The farm was abandoned and now produces no tax.

"Often there come to notice cases where a particular improvement is not made, or a particular business is not started, because after deducting taxes the risk exceeds the value of the expected return. Men have dropped business, spent their winters in Florida, and their summers abroad, because what they are permitted to retain under present tax rates is not worth the labor they must give to acquire it. They prefer golf to the further development of the country.

Unscientific Taxes Destroy a Nation
"Unscientific methods of taxation may actually destroy the very earnings or property which it should be the principal interest of a government to foster. When it reaches the limits of what is known as its taxable capacity, a nation has begun to die. If taxes are raised too high, a country will slowly but surely destroy itself. It will use for daily consumption the seed corn on which its future life depends, and the spirit of initiative and adventure in its people will finally disappear. One or more of three things happen: The quantity of consumption is cut down, which means a lowering of the standard of living; or capital accumulations for extensions, improvements and new undertakings must diminish, resulting in a slowing up of progress and lessening eventually of taxable revenue; or, thirdly, a slackening of effort on the part of the citizen will take place when too large a part of his earnings are taken in taxes.

"The effort in taxation should be to find the tax which will continue to raise money over a period of years. Invariably, with an excessive tax, its yield has fallen off year by year, while each rate reduction is reflected in an increase of taxable income. If the Treasury is to be assured a continuance of revenue, our citizens must prosper. If they are to prosper, the appropriation by the state of their earnings and property must be based upon economically sound principles."

Bootleggers Sentenced
Officers rounded up several bootleggers, who were given both fines and jail sentences by Justice Blagg. Two Salzman brothers were caught peddling liquor. P. Salzman was fined \$50 and S. Salzman was fined \$150 and 20 days in jail. Roy Buehl, an old offender, was fined \$100, 20 days in jail, and ordered to leave the county at the end of his jail sentence.

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sickler, of Seattle, both O. A. C. students, who have recently taken charge of the Hood River Drug Co. lunch counter, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John A. McLean.

STORY OF CHRISTMAS
SEAL INTERESTING

Idea Originated in Denmark
Years Ago Accomplishes Wonders in United States.

More full of dramatic interest than the chapters of a novel, is the history of the little Christmas Seal now on sale throughout the state of Oregon. Conceived by a Danish postal clerk, to raise money that would save the lives of children suffering from tuberculosis; wandering across the Atlantic, falling into the hands of a great American writer; being recreated on American soil, and sold to maintain another tuberculosis hospital; becoming the sole financial support of a great organization dedicated to a health campaign steadily and surely overcoming the "white plague," are leading events in the life history of the Christmas Seal. Mr. Hans Holboell, postal clerk in far off Denmark, busy cancelling stamps and handling packages during the Christmas season of 1903, had on his heart the problem of raising money to support a little hospital for poor children stricken with tuberculosis. In the midst of his work, he conceived the idea of selling a seal somewhat like the stamps he was so busy cancelling. Mr. Holboell submitted his plan to the king, received the royal sanction and the new seal was printed, sold, and fulfilled its mission. The children of the poor received the care they needed at the little hospital.

Several years later, one of the Danish seals fell into the hands of Jacob Rila, the American writer and publicist. He was immediately interested, wrote to a friend across the ocean, obtained the story behind the seal and published it in the "Outlook" in 1907.

This story in turn stirred to action an American woman, Miss Emily Biesel, who like the Danish Postal Clerk, was struggling with the financial problem of a little tuberculosis sanatorium near Wilmington, Delaware. Miss Biesel managed the first American Christmas Seal Sale in 1907, raising \$5,000 for the needy hospital, a sum far beyond her expectations. From the three thousand dollar Seal Sale in 1907 to the four and a half million dollar sale in 1924, the story of the Christmas Seal has been one of magnificent accomplishment against the foe tuberculosis. Between 1908 and 1919 the American Red Cross, put its shoulder to the wheel, and backed the Seal Sale, hence the term "Red Cross Seal" which still lingers although now six years out of date. The right name is CHRISTMAS SEALS or tuberculosis Christmas Seals, for since 1913 the National Tuberculosis Association, and its branches, state and local, have been selling the seals, and depending on them for their entire support. The Oregon sale is conducted by the Oregon Tuberculosis Association and the County Public Health Associations.

Since the time of the first Seal Sale many millions of dollars have been invested in tuberculosis-fighting equipment; hospitals; open air schools, clinics, dispensaries, tuberculosis nursing, etc., and it has been largely through the interest focused on the problem by the annual sale of Christmas Seals. The tuberculosis death rate in the United States has been considerably more than cut in half in these eighteen years. The disease is being conquered. The winning slogan is "Health! Health! Health!"—such fine radiant health that it repels sickness, and Christmas Seals are in the field in Oregon, and in every state in the Union, to continue the fight to a winning finish.

APPLE AND PEAR
CROP 2625 CARS

Commercial fruit shipments from Hood River during 1923, up to December 7, as compiled by W. J. Kocken, county fruit inspector, are as follows: Apples—Shipped, 1620 cars, or 1,380,000 boxes. Left in storage, 430 cars, or 320,000 boxes; cannery apples, 275 cars.

Pears—Shipped, 280 cars, or 157,000 boxes. In storage 20 cars, or 10,200 boxes. Cherries—Shipped, 9 cars of packed fruit, 65 tons to canneries. Strawberries—Shipped 48 cars of packed fruit, 100 tons to canneries. Potatoes—Shipped, 30 cars. In storage, 10 cars.

In addition to the above, a large amount of fruit went into local consumption.

Teachers' Examinations

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Hood River County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at County Superintendent's office in Pythian Bldg., as follows: Commencing Wednesday, December 10, 1923, at 9:00 o'clock A. M. and continuing until Saturday, December 15, 1923, at 4:00 o'clock P. M.

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