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## Editorials

### MORE TAX-FREE PEOPLE— LESS TAX-FREE BONDS

Nothing is more constructive than the recommendation to Congress by President Coolidge that taxes be scaled down and that the issuance of tax-free bonds be stopped.

The people demand relief from taxes and they are not concerned whose plan is accepted, whether it be that of the Republicans or that of the Democrats, just so that the plan adopted shall accomplish the most in tax reduction.

The people realize that a heavy surtax on large incomes not only diverts to the public treasury large sums which might better be turned into the channels of commerce and industry but that in the ultimate end this burden finally falls on the shoulders of the consumer.

The people are just as insistent on the discontinuance of tax-free bonds, the purchase of which affords investors an opportunity to entirely escape tax burdens while others less fortunate must bear this burden in addition to their own, a condition so devoid of justice and fairness as to effect its own condemnation.

But these reforms have been put before Congress in a way that permits of no evasion of responsibility. It is up to Congress to act. Failure to act for whatever reason will precipitate such a revulsion in the public mind that those responsible, whether it be the "blobs" or other "round robins," may well prepare for condign retribution at the hands of a betrayed electorate.

President Coolidge has recommended nothing more than a tax-distressed people are entitled to. Nothing less will be satisfactory. The people endured war burdens patiently and patriotically. With each succeeding year they now not only ask but rightly demand that these burdens be lifted from the shoulders to the extent that an economical administration of public affairs makes possible.

Let us have more tax-free people and less tax-free bonds.

### FULL SPEED AHEAD

There is every reason to believe that business generally will prosper in 1924, according to William A. Bachr, of Chicago, vice-president and general manager of the Illinois Power and Light Corporation.

"In spite of this being a presidential year, I believe it will be a good one for the public utility companies and industry in general.

"The banking situation is sound and prospects now appear exceptionally bright.

"I look for a great year in building and improvement in the public utility business, which means not only steady employment for wage earners, but also earning power for the savings of the thrifty communities invested in the properties that are serving the territory."

People accustomed to making large investments do not need the warning of a newspaper to use caution in conducting their affairs.

But the unwary are those who have the small amounts which they wish to employ in ways that will make them a safe income.

These people often have not had the necessary contact with the practical world to protect them from the designing adventurers that stand ever ready to lure them into financial pitfalls.

There are laws designed to prevent the operations of these fraudulent concerns, but such laws cannot be wholly effective. They are too easily evaded. There is no substitute for sound common sense and prudence. It has been repeated many times over that those who do not themselves

### Why Mr. N. Windsor (R. L.) Put Up with Rats for Years

"Years ago I got some rat poison, which nearly killed our fine watch dog. We put up with rats until a friend told me about Rat-Snap. It surely kills rats, though house pets won't touch it. Rats dry up and leave no smell. Prices, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by

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## EIGHT YEARS OLD IN GERMANY AND AMERICA



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Dr. C. S. Leede, physician of Seattle, who visited Germany in 1923, makes the following statement: "I went to the public baths that I might better observe the real physical condition of the boys in Germany. A class of boys was brought into the swimming pool room for my observation. I found the mark of rickets indelibly impressed upon these lads' chests. The instructor asked me to guess the ages of these youngsters. 'If they had been American boys,' I replied, 'from their size I should judge them to be 6 or 7 years old.' 'That is the pity,' replied the instructor, 'these boys are 12, 13 and 14 years of age.'"

possess the requisite knowledge should advice of thoroughly reliable investment authority before risking their money in something that promises to pay large returns.

You will notice in our "Political Announcements" column this week, that F. C. Holibaugh announces his candidacy for Representative from Columbia County. Mr. Holibaugh is pretty well known in all sections of Columbia County. He has resided in Oregon 20 years coming to our County 3 years ago. He is best known as County Agricultural agent of Columbia Co. the past three years, until he recently resigned to go on his dairy ranch near Clatskanie. Mr. Holibaugh will prove a great vote getter.

### WHAT WOULD TAKE ITS PLACE?

The tariff should be considered as a business, not a political question. Aside from protecting industry and well paid workmen, the tariff is vital to our tax revenue.

If the tariff, yielding over \$500,000,000 a year in federal revenue, and lessening by that amount the maximum to be derived from the income tax and from other sources, were to be removed what would be the effect on the nation? Does any one dare propose it? No.

Longview, as a city is making tremendous growth, aided by well planned advertising and publicity. Not only the city, but individual business men and merchants of Longview have the business foresight as well as the "publicity bug." The daily paper of Longview is full of live ads, resembling a Seattle or Portland paper, and upon investigation, we learn that the advertising is paying these firms in big returns, as it does the world over. Two stores there each carry often large double page ads, with prices in bold figures. Clearance sales are now in order.

"Pop" Gates generally sizes up political situations fairly accurately. Gates sees no one other than Geo. Baker for U. S. Senator. We recently heard a Rainier man say Columbia County was solid for Baker. Vernonia, as the center of Columbia County and the largest town, has reasons to talk Baker; reasons very close to every Vernoniaite. Clatsop County too, can get in on the same reasons. But, far be it from the Eagle to prophesy at this writing anything political.

One "Goodyear Pitts," a name as distinguished sounding as "Andrew Gump," is a candidate for President of these United States. Mr. Pitts resides in Portland, Oregon, and is running on a prohibition platform. Good morning and "good night" Mr. Pitts.

### Turf-Cutting Tool.

A single-bladed chopping knife can be made into a turf cutter for edging lawns around walks and flower beds. It is only necessary to remove the wooden handle with which the chopper is provided, and to drive the tang into a longer handle, which may be the handle from an old spade or similar implement.

### Wrong Color.

"You look blue, old man."  
"Yes, I've just been done out of \$300 in a curb stock."  
"Then I must be color blind. It's green you are."—Boston Transcript.

## EAGLE FEATHERS



The politicians are trying to pick the bandwagon, but many will choose the dumpcart by mistake.

Some of the presidential booms sound as if a gas filled projectile were being used.

Some of these hats that are being thrown into the ring look as if they were of a style several years back.

Germany is said to be in danger of breaking up, but this can be avoided by coughing up.

The college students may not study geography, but they all know where the girls' schools are located.

Good opportunities are always knocking, and some people are willing to accept them if somebody else will open the door.

If a public official neglects his duty, he considered inefficient, and if he does it, then he is accused of truckling for votes.

Remarkable skill is shown by many girls in driving automobile but can they operate a sewing machine as well.

A subscription list we are proud of. The Eagle has been about a year and a half building up a list of readers that are as a big family. The paper is your paper and we are glad that

### Millions Are Starving, Says General Allen

In a letter just received at Oregon state headquarters for the American committee for relief of German children, 715 Corbett building, Portland, among other things Major-General Henry T. Allen, former commander of American troops in Germany and now national chairman of this relief work, said:

"My survey of the evidence has convinced me that Secretary Hoover is fully justified in saying that 20,000,000 Germans are now in serious danger. As is always the case in such emergencies, the most acute suffering is to be found among the children and the aged. The childhood of Germany is now gravely menaced by lack of proper food and clothing and the diseases resulting therefrom."

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(Vice President LaGrange Bank)

### "PAUPER" LEAVES LARGE ESTATE TO YOUNG GIRL



Above is pictured Miss Elizabeth Rosalie Wurthmann, twenty-one, of Jersey City, N. J., who is left sole heiress to an estate believed worth several hundred thousand dollars, by the will of Louis Lehmeier, ninety-two, who died in the charity ward of a hospital there last week. The will provides for bequests to various charitable organizations totaling a hundred thousand dollars; the balance is held in trust for Miss Wurthmann, whose grandparents were dear friends of Lehmeier, who lived as a recluse and seemingly in dire poverty. Because of the friendship that existed between Lehmeier and the Wurthmann family, the young lady was made heiress to the estate.

### U. S. INSISTS YANK IS DEAD

Ex-Service Man Listed as "Killed" Wants Citizenship.

Frank Pira, "killed in action" in France five years ago and for whom taps had been sounded at four Memorial day exercises at Madera, near Fresno, Cal., has appealed to S. B. Horn, commander of the Madera post of the American Legion, for aid in recovering his citizenship and establishing himself on army records as a living man.

Pira declared that he had been denied the privilege of rejoining his company in France because he was reported dead, and that he refused his own \$10,000 life insurance while visiting his parents in Italy. He later returned to the United States as an immigrant, after being refused entry as a citizen. The Madera post has taken the case up with Washington authorities.

### TOMB OF HEROD'S KIN

Sarcophagus Inscribed With Name of Phallon Found.

A sarcophagus inscribed with the name of Phallon, uncle of Herod the Great, has been unearthed by excavators of the University of Pennsylvania Museum at Philadelphia, who have been working at Belsan, Palestine, the Beth-shean of the Old Testament.

The workmen also found a carved basalt stele of King Seti I of Egypt, on which is described the Pharaoh's military dispositions in Palestine, and contains the name of Belsan.

Build a house. It is surely needed.

### Mrs. Crandall (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses

"Last spring, rats killed all our baby chicks. With just one large package we killed swarms of rats. They won't get this year's hatchlings, I'll bet." Rat-Snap is guaranteed and sells for 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by

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