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### LET UNCLE HELP

Why do people hate to pay taxes? Usually because they do not feel that they get returns for their money. Usually, unfortunate as it may be, they are right about it. They don't.

There are many reasons why. The chief one is that they do not follow up their tax investments with personal interest as they would other investments. If there is graft and mismanagement in the administration of the town, county, state or nation that means that the taxpayers are careless enough to permit it.

And as a comparison to lack of interest in the spending of their money is the lack of interest in making use of the results of the spending.

The taxpayer supports many active bureaus of research. The bureaus are constantly finding out many useful things for the taxpayer to know and putting them into the form of handy bulletins for his use. Uncle Sam keeps great numbers of people working, to get out these little books which will help his people. One can readily picture him going about from workshop to laboratory, from darkened slum to sunny field, encouraging his workers, watching their progress, much as Santa Claus keeps the gnomes busy about his tops. But with a difference. Santa's work is to give pleasure to the children once a year. Uncle's job is to supply help for grown-ups, and his activities range through all seasons.

Some of Uncle Sam's splendid little books are free. Some cost five cents apiece or a little more. Less than the cost of printing and paper is the usual price.

Uncle will, if asked, tell you how to select books for your children's reading, how to buy kitchen equipment, how to choose cuts of meat, as well as how to fertilize your fields, and how to grow flowers in your door yard garden.

He will tell you about the fishes which swim in the sea; he will send you wonderful detailed maps of regions near and far. (The whole country has not been done by the geodetic survey, but a good part of it is mapped, and the work is going on.)

The taxpayer foots the research bills. Uncle Sam is willing and eager to give him full value for his expense money. If you are planning any new activity whatever this spring, or if you want to find a way to improve your old one, write to Uncle Sam. The chances are that he will be able to help you.

A pretty thorough examination, just completed, of the feet of girls who have recently become students at the University of Oregon shows that only three out of twenty-three had good feet and not one a perfect toe line. This bad showing is laid by those in charge of the examination to wearing high heeled shoes, which weaken the arches and back part of the foot and causes "flat foot" and numerous other serious disorders. The remedy would naturally be to stop wearing high heeled shoes, but the real remedy would be to stop making them or else get them classed as unfashionable. Being unhealthy cuts no ice with a woman, but being unfashionable is an unpardonable offense.

R. P. Hobson, ex-representative in congress from Alabama, "hero" of the Merrimac, defeated candidate for United States senator, exploiter of war with Japan and all around candidate for the most conspicuous place in the lime-light, announces his candidacy for congress from his old district. As there seems to be nothing available for him just now this is probably a case of "Hobson's choice."

This weather should make the poultry men smile, if it is kept up for a few days all the hens will go on strike, that is if they belong to the union, and refuse to work, that is lay, during such beastly weather.

The rewards of bravery in the European war are somewhat varied. Some get the iron cross, some the double cross, but most just "cross over."

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### AN ARMY WITHOUT A HEAD

The resignation of Secretary Garrison has precipitated a very general demand that the head of the war department be a soldier, trained in the art of war.

Strange as it may seem, there have been few military men at the head of the United States army. President Washington appointed General Henry Knox; President Jackson's secretary of war was General Lewis Cass; President Johnson, in trying to get rid of Stanton, made General Grant secretary ad interim, but Grant retired at the end of six months, and the office was offered to General Sherman and then to General George Thomas, both of whom refused the appointment, which finally fell to General Lorenzo Thomas, who was soon followed by General Schofield. President Grant appointed three generals in succession, Rawlins, Sherman and Belknap. Since then the war department has had civilian heads.

This seems surprising; and perhaps it largely accounts for our unprepared condition.

No civilian, it is argued, is qualified to formulate plans for our national defense or to hold any high military office.

Officers who fill staff positions in a modern army have a role to play that requires more training, experience and skill than that needed to make an astronomer, a surgeon or a lawyer. The profession or arms today is one of the most intricate and technical in existence.

Moreover, its errors are far more costly than those of any other profession. A surgeon who performs unskillfully and unsuccessfully a major operation has only one victim, while the head of an army who through lack of training makes a serious mistake may sacrifice the lives of thousands and place his army at a disadvantage that is likely to prove even more costly.

The incompetent politician, appointed because of election services, who without army training attempts to plan out the details of a mobilization or to pass upon the efficiency of a military organization jeopardizes the lives and prosperity of millions of people.

On the authority of a "high army officer" it is stated the court martial of Colonel Goodier was brought by a coterie of young officers in an effort to separate the flying service from the signal corps. By accomplishing this they would all have jumped from two to five ranks. This officer says the whole thing was "a tempest in a teapot." Would it not be well in view of this to keep the court martial on the job long enough to give these youngsters a taste of the law.

Justice Hughes is said to be satisfied with his place on the supreme bench and to have no desire whatever to be handed the republican nomination for president. We will wager a dollar against the hole in a doughnut that we can pick a committee of at least a dozen very prominent republicans who will heartily commend his judgment. We could also select one leading progressive who will, for once, agree heartily with the aforesaid regular republicans.

One would naturally think that a day that only got around once in four years would be on its good behavior, and act half way decent. If one so thought he would have another think coming, judging by its conduct yesterday, when there was snow, sleet and rain, mixed, separate, one at a time and all together, and all riding on a mustang brand of wind that bucked occasionally.

When a woman abandons her husband to skip with another man, she almost invariably finds she is in much the same condition as a flea that leaves his home on a dog to locate on a bicycle.

The Oregonian had a head line yesterday reading: "Hunters trap live cougar." Had it read "trapped dead cougar" it would have been much more surprising.

If the adage is true about the month of March, it is due to go out like the kindest sort of lamb, for it surely was some lion when it arrived last night.

**Rippling Rhymes**  
by Walt Mason

### THINK TWICE

Think twice before you mail the note in which you give your anger vent, in which you recklessly devote yourself to skinning some poor gent. For doubtless when your anger cools, you'll kick your spine up through your hat, and say, "I was the prince of fools to send a man such rot as that!" Think twice before you pass along the scandal that you heard last night; you may do some good man a wrong that years of effort can't set right. And though the story true may seem, why rob a neighbor of his goat? From your own eye remove the beam, before you reach for t'other's mote. Think twice before you jaw your wife; there was a time, some years ago, when you declared you'd make her life as cheerful as a picture show. Alas, she took you at your word, as damsels do, and always did; and all her married years she's heard her husband yawning through his lid. Think twice before you do a thing your soul refuses to indorse; for every wicked act will bring the certain penalty, remorse!



### YES—IT IS POSSIBLE TO STOP RHEUMATISM

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### OPEN FORUM

#### Why the Need of a Liberal Church?

Editor Journal:—The influence of progressive liberalism and of liberal progressivism is recognized in education, art, science, even in politics. In school, business, industry, in peaceful pursuits, certainly in distinctive warfare, the latest inventions and discoveries are in great demand. Ever is the result of human genius welcome in the promotion of power, wealth and efficiency. Why not in religion?

In practical business and in our secular interests we are scientific evolutionists. We realize that the first steps in progress are of least value and are our latest consideration. The last type, the latest model, be it automobile or centrifugal gun; the latest is the best, hence of greatest value and first in our considerations.

Why are not these attested methods of efficiency, these progressive principles of liberal modernism in use in the church?

What is still the attitude of the church toward scientific advance? and toward scientific thinkers?

Has not the church rejected, denounced, and persecuted all scientific advance? Under the cry of heresy she has ever opposed the light of prophetic vision and tried to fasten the yoke of binding authority upon the shoulders of rising men.

What is the real purpose of the religion of Jesus? To blind men? No. He came to liberate men; to set them free from the bondage of priestcraft, from the bondage of fear, superstition, idolatry; from the bondage of ignorance (the mother of all evil, sin, sickness, poverty, etc.).

Jesus came to bring the light of knowledge into the existing darkness of his time. What that darkness was is not difficult to understand, nor need we flatter ourselves and think that the old Paganism is entirely overcome.

What is the attitude and method of the church and in religion even in this boasted age of reason and enlightenment? Is it the evolutionary method? Is it the scientific and progressive attitude of open-mindedness? Of progress, of growth and advance? Which lead to higher attainment, greater efficiency, greater liberty? Is it not? Sad and strange as it may seem, it is not! Not liberalism, not modernism, not progressivism, but traditionalism still rule in the church with iron hand. Still looking backward (which means downward), still questioning the position and method of science which have led men to conquest, triumph and victory.

Need we wonder why? and that progressive modern men are out of joint with the church? That they have become disinterested? That they care no longer to subscribe to creeds they no longer believe or hold without mental reservation?

The liberal church, of which the Unitarian church is a branch, not only welcomes the discoveries of science, but keeps abreast with the spirit of modern scholarship, modern research, modern method. Its prophetic vision keeps its eye singly upon the goal of our high calling, which lies before—never behind! The larger liberty of the abounding life of love, truth and righteousness—through the knowledge of the laws of life fulfilling the divine purpose thereof—is the purpose and justification for its existence. Here also must be found its need and helpfulness.

RICHARD F. TISCHER,  
Minister of Unitarian Church.

### George Washington's Reputation Still Safe

Tacoma, Wash., Mar. 1.—Deputy Prosecuting Attorney J. W. Schlen was today preparing an information to be filed direct in the superior court, against Paul R. Haffer, charging him with criminally libeling George Washington. At the preliminary hearing held yesterday before Justice Frank Graham, the case was remanded to the superior court for trial without taking testimony.

Haffer appeared in court with a tall stack of books, prepared to quote authorities in support of statements contained in a letter recently published, that the nation's first president exploited slaves, used profane language and drank to excess. Attorney Pendleton, representing Haffer, offered testimony to show the truth of defendant's claims, and placed the court on record as flatly denying him the opportunity. It is supposed his purpose was to lay the foundation for an appeal in the event of a conviction in the superior court.

Socialists of the city are raising funds to defend Haffer and declare that the case will be carried up to the supreme court of the United States if necessary.

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### Feature No. 10

## MOOSE LODGE ALL STAR VAUDEVILLE SHOW THURSDAY, MARCH 2 GRAND OPERA HOUSE



ALBERT EGAN

Albert Egan, the former tenor singer, will perform for the Big Moose Night. Mr. Egan is a tenor singer of class who has studied the art of singing under the tutelage of America's leading tutors. Mr. Egan sings songs after the style of the well known artist Chauncey Olcott and Tom McCormick. Mr. Egan is a finished product in the musical world, and will sing for the Moose audience as he never sang before, and he has selected a repertoire of songs that are the very latest, and that will be enjoyed by the listeners. Feature No. 11 will appear here tomorrow.

### Box Office Now Open

#### Will Give Lecture and Pruning Demonstration

(Special to Salem Capital Journal.)

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Mar. 1.—Orchardists in the neighborhood of Dayton and Turner will hold a pruning demonstration on March 3 and 4, respectively, with Professor W. S. Brown, of the Agricultural college, in charge. Preceding the demonstration Professor Brown will give a lecture the morning at Turner to be held in the school house two and one-half miles from town. The lectures will be held at about 9 o'clock in the morning or as early as the fruit men can be gotten together. Following the lecture the principles enumerated will be demonstrated in the orchards nearby.

#### ONLY NUDE, NOT NAKED

San Diego, Cal., March 1.—So long as local barefoot dancers do not appear any more unclad in the matter of absence of clothes, they will not be disturbed, announced Mayor Capps today.

The mayor has made several official tours of local cafes and found nothing to shock the morals or sensibilities of this end of southern California.

"The young women who barefoot, impersonating nymphs," said his honor, "might, I suppose, shock some, but these same folks would also blush at the marbles at the exposition. It's all a matter of taste."

#### ORGANIZED FOR PEACE

Seattle, Wash., March 1.—Seattle preachers opposed to preparedness organized a Henry Ford peace club yesterday, and passed resolutions against the manufacture of "engines of death." Rev. Hugh Elmer Brown is

#### HAD FORTIFICATION PLANS

New York, March 1.—In arresting two reported German navy lieutenants, Richard Van Albrand and Rudolph Van Kraecht on postal fraud charges, inspectors today confiscated many American fortification plans in their effects. This came as an unexpected new angle in investigations of alleged anti-ally plots. The pair were specifically charged with collecting money for Belgian relief work, fraudulently.

#### SALEM LEADS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

In order that the people of Salem may become thoroughly acquainted with several rural credit bills which are to be presented to the next legislature. The Men's Liberal club has invited the Hon. W. H. H. Dufur, of Portland, and Mr. Percy A. Copper, of Salem, to discuss this vital question in public. Both of these gentlemen are thorough students of the question and both have prepared bills to be presented to the legislature.

This will be a public meeting to which ladies are especially invited, also the members of the grange and all farmers and growers. Bring your friends and help make the meeting a great success, this evening at 7:45 at the Unitarian church.

President: Rev. R. E. Prellow, treasurer, and Rev. C. H. Curtis, secretary. They will hold a mass meeting tomorrow noon.

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