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TAXING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Preparation of a house bill to raise an extra billion dollars to balance the very unbalanced federal budget has been completed to include as its principle source of revenue a blanket sales tax, minus certain exemptions. Livestock leaders vigorously opposed the tax on the ground that "We believe it unwise and unwise to tax food; such as a tax bears equally on rich and on poor, and on the latter it is a burden which is difficult to be borne." The meat growers seem to have won their point for meat is included in the list of exemptions.

Speaker John Garner and his advisors are walking a rocky path. There is a huge deficit in the treasury, and it is absolutely necessary that the house tap new sources of revenue, else the country's economic machinery will be thrown clear out of joint and plumb. There is no evading a tax increase. Enormous appropriations have been handed around by the congress; and the creation of emergency loan corporations out of government resources to thaw out frozen credit and stimulate sluggish circulation isn't the act of a Cinderella's fairy godmother who was able to snatch golden carriages and liveried footmen out of the thin air. These acts may or may not be brilliant feats of financial engineering but the money's got to come from somewhere just the same. There must be a pay day as well as a day of lending.

Besides the general sales tax which is calculated to pour almost \$600,000,000 into the lank treasury boodle the proposed revenue act lowers the exemptions and raises the rates on income taxes to add another hundred millions and more to the estimated income.

Nothing was said with respect to the prevailing exemption of government officials and employees from taxation of their government-paid income. This exemption, apparently not common knowledge, is based upon the technical fallacy that tax money shouldn't be taxed. It would be interesting to know what is the chemical effect produced in the tax dollar.

With one out of every nine people in the United States deriving all or part of their revenue from government sources this chemical effect must be a very potent, if subtle, one, indeed, otherwise it would be difficult to understand how a revenue devising body, sweating over a problem as serious as the present one, should neglect this source of needed funds.

Class legislation is the most vicious form of legislation possible. It is legislation incompatible with the antagonistic to the very principles of democratic free government. To say that the money paid a government employee has a certain virtue that is superior to the money paid the employee of industry or commerce is to produce an argument that is not consistent with common economic facts and principles. The money of the one spent in the same market will purchase no more and go no farther, differences in the financial abilities of the spenders being considered, than the money of the other. The effect of the exemption appears to be to isolate one class from the obligation of supporting the institutions under which that particular class thrives, while laying the burden upon the other class. That is nothing more nor less than discrimination.

Because the president of the United States is paid his \$75,000 a year out of funds secured through taxation and because United States senators and congressmen are paid their \$10,000 each out of tax funds is a very esoteric argument to support their exemption from bearing a share of tax obligation. The same is true with every other class and form of government employees who are likewise exempt.

PRESIDENT CAHILL AS A TEXAS BOOMER

President M. H. Cahill of the Katy Railway system deserted New York for Texas for recreation purposes. President Cahill is an optimist. He is strong for Texas. "Everywhere men of staunch hearts, clear minds, and big visions are looking confidently to the future," remarks the rail executive to a Texas correspondent. "They know that always waves of expansion come urging in the wake of slumps. Territories offering greatest opportunities profit most from the inevitable shifting of capital and population and industry." He reminded the representative of the press that "in spite of the Southwest's teeming cities, its vast farm, ranch and industrial development, it is still a new country immeasurably rich in possibilities, sufficiently proven to intrigue the most conservative, yet beckoning to all those who have pioneer blood in their veins.

All of which reads like an excerpt taken from the Texas Centennial address of Pat Morris Neff giving some of the reasons why the people of Texas should have the greatest exposition in American history in the year 1936.

MOSER AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICES

Vice President C. O. Moser of the American Cotton Co-operative Association said in a recent interview that industrial products are 27 per cent lower, because industrial groups have learned to protect the prices of their products through organization. In the past 10 years, he said, the world has discovered the power of organization, a discovery which ranks with that of steam, electricity, gunpowder or the printing press in changing world history. In conclusion he said, "think of the influence of the 800 men in the cotton trade over the lives and welfare of 2,000,000 cotton farmers before the co-operatives were formed. Then think of what you have done to correct this condition. Cotton merchants have found it necessary to reduce their margins of profit or see all cotton go to the co-operatives. They have been forced to pay more nearly the full price of that superior grade and staple which we have encouraged the growers to produce."

Moreover the most notable, "though unheralded achievement of cotton co-operatives," Moser said, was reversing public sentiment and governmental policies in regard to co-operative marketing. Today, according to the vice president of the co-ops, co-operation is the national policy is soundness and wisdom recognized in the platforms of the great political parties and he makes the claim it was cotton co-operatives who convinced Southern representatives in congress and caused them to exert their balance of power. All this is very interesting. But what will be the carry-over at the close of the cotton year in July? What will be the acreage in the 10 cotton states for 1932? Will Great Britain and Germany come back as large buyers of American cotton? Will the surplus of carry-over fix the price? Really, those who are engaged in the cotton industry are facing perplexing problems.

Going Over It With a Fine Comb!



DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By EDSON R. WAITE
Shawnee, Okla.

Toronto, Ontario—Banks should advertise the same as any other business. You will find that those who do will give you a little better service.

The ready-to-wear dealers of your city never had better stocks at more reasonable prices to offer you than right now. Their advertisements will show you that they have the advantage of knowing your requirements and have garments in stock that will meet your every desire. They have been selected with utmost care in order to give you the greatest value in smart, distinctive style and choices of fabrics.

There is nothing more distressing than a number of near-dead citizens trying to make the home city as near-dead as they are themselves.

Many people suffer from an affliction called "speedmannia"; others from a disease of the mind which causes them to have no respect for laws or rights of others. Streets should be safe for pedestrians as well as for motorists. If pedestrians and motorists who wish to see the laws enforced would report offenses and appear as witnesses against the offenders the police authorities would put a stop to the majority of law violations and decrease the number of accidents.

Visitors to a city should go back home singing praises of its hospitality. Treat your visitors well.

Some people should stop thinking along the gloomy line and look on the brighter side of things. The change would do them good.

Newspapers are always deeply solicitous of the welfare and prosperity of the community they serve.

Without the aid of local newspapers, no forward movement of a city can successfully be made.

That it takes team work to win. In nearly every city a team of live citizens is working hard to make their city a more prosperous city.

Every citizen should support that team and help them win. Actions speak louder than words.

If they promise their best efforts and follow that up with action, they will get results. A city without vision gets nowhere.

A city lacking co-operation on behalf of its citizenship goes backward.

A city with a vision of greater things gets somewhere.

No city is so great but what it will become a greater city with the co-operation of its citizens.

Some cities get in a rut and stay there.

Most cities that get into a rut get out of it by putting pep into every line of activity and joining in the March of Progress.

Cities must do things worth while to keep in the running.

LYNX BATTLES DOGS.

MERRILL, Wis.—A furious fight between a lynx and three hunting dogs was witnessed in the New Wood country by Jack Rajek and Fred Waldburger. The dogs followed the trail of the lynx for more than an hour before cornering the animal in a swamp. Here the cat turned and fought and had the best of the encounter until Rajek shot it.

MAILMAN OUIITS AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE
By United Press.
FORT WORTH.—John A. Alphin, 65-year-old rural mail carrier, has retired after 31 years of continuous service. On his first trip, Alphin carried 11 letters and six newspapers, driving over his route in a buggy.

Daily WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER

Next Service Writer

WASHINGTON — The rising wave of kidnappings which culminated in the abduction of the Lindbergh baby is part of a general crime increase which has its roots in community inertia and dishonesty and inefficiency in government.

That view is shared by Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska and Congressman Hatton W. Summers of Texas, chairman of the Senate and House Judiciary Committee which have considered the bills to make interstate kidnapping a federal offense punishable by death or life imprisonment.

Attorney General Mitchell agrees that "the breakdown of state authority" in kidnapping cases is "disturbing."

People Laying Down

THE Lindbergh incident holds the possibility of arousing people to the fact that they have been laying down on the job by allowing their states and local officials to do so," says Summers, a former district attorney.

"There is basis for the request for federal assistance when kidnapping victims are taken across state lines, but kidnappings occur within the states themselves and no kidnaper remains sitting on a state line."

"Not only kidnappings, but all crimes, are on the increase," says Senator Norris, who has been both a prosecutor and a judge. "That, incidentally, is one reason I haven't blamed the many prohibition violations on prohibition itself."

Blames Corruption

"MY own idea is that corruption in high places is an important cause of disregard for law. Where corruption exists all the people are affected. They see those high in official or social life getting away with it. Then men who have been partially dishonest and those with criminal leanings become dangerous criminals. When one class doesn't receive justice and another does, there is

always a crime increase. Realization that justice is often partial has grown in the last 15 years. When justice becomes expensive it often goes astray.

"Economic conditions have had something to do with increased lawlessness and war has been a larger factor than usually supposed. War tends to increase inequality and the power of wealth to dominate and control. War is a brutalizer. It is mass murder and lowers everybody's standards. When a whole people goes in for destruction of life and property their hearts are hardened to the finer sensibilities that should be in all hearts."

Voted Against War

NORRIS is the only senator who voted against the World War, but has nevertheless been continued in office by his state.

"If dishonesty in government were rapidly punished and law administered to all alike, the powerful and weak, it would have had a wonderfully good effect despite the war's evil influences," he continued. "But justice often assumes a partisan or social aspect which prevents respect for courts and officials. We can't arouse enough public sentiment under the present political system.

"At the root of it all is the fact that the people ought to insist on honesty and efficiency and keep their local, state and national governments cleaned up."

People or Automobiles

ATTORNEY GENERAL MITCHELL wrote the Senate Judiciary Committee that it had been reported to him that in kidnapping cases "local authorities, because of inefficiency or corruption, have failed to afford protection."

But "direct and primary responsibility rests on state authorities," he said, and the federal burden of enforcing criminal laws already is "exceedingly heavy." He agreed, however, that it was more heinous to steal people and take them across state lines than automobiles—which constitutes a federal offense—and that the added cost of enforcing a federal anti-kidnaping law would not be great.

THE NAME IS NOW SIMMS



Smiling happily, Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick-Simms and her new husband, Albert G. Simms, are shown here on their honeymoon after their marriage at Colorado Springs, Colo. Both are former members of Congress. Mrs. Simms from Illinois and Mr. Simms from New Mexico. The romance began when they occupied adjoining seats in the House of Representatives.

PEEPING THRU THE KNOTHOLE

with BILL MAYES

After reading over the morning papers and several that had accumulated on our desk over Sunday, we did not feel much like writing a column today. Glancing at the headlines, which featured killings, automobile accidents, drownings, kidnappings, burning to death and other cheerful subjects like that, we didn't feel so chipper and decided to pass up this assignment today.

However, we could think of no good reason why the war public should be relieved of this spasm today, so we began working on it without an idea in our head.

But we remember that we heard one of the latest excuses Saturday we have heard in some time. Now we have put up some pretty poor ones in our time, too, but City Engineer George A. Murphy wins the rubber ice pick for poor excuses.

Saturday we asked him about uniting the parking zones on Main street. We didn't jump on him or anything like that, but just asked him real confidentially when he thought he could get around to it. And what do you suppose he said? No, we know you could never guess it. He said that he would have done it a long time ago, but that all his paint was frozen and he couldn't get it thawed out enough to spread, otherwise the job would have been done before now.

Now, the engineer didn't explain to us why it was that the job has been needed for almost a year, to our certain knowledge, and then a little cold spell of two weeks would furnish an excuse for not doing it sooner. Possibly he couldn't get it done last summer because the weather was so hot the paint was boiling in the buckets and he couldn't get it cool enough to spread.

Anyway, someday we may find the ideal weather conditions prevail and then we might get the job done.

And we will give Building Inspector George A. Murphy ample warning that when he comes down to the office to jump on us for jumping on him, he had better be mighty careful or an awning might fall on him.

The building next door has a big, wooden awning that is drooping down in a pathetic way, so that it is dangerous for anyone to walk under it. We don't know who owns the building, but would like to know, so if the thing ever falls on us we would know to whom to go for damages. A few minutes' work would probably stop the thing up, so that it wouldn't be so apt to fall and it might save someone from injury by having the work done now.

Saturday we stuck a splinter in the index finger of our right hand, which Boyce Howe referred to as our "salary finger" because it is used much to write news of the day. Then Sunday we slammed a door on the little finger of the same hand, making the nail turn nice and purple. This is immaterial, except that every time we hit the letter "p" on this machine it makes us squirm a little because it is rather painful.

Which reminds that we pay little attention to little things until they are forced on our attention. As a guess we would, off-hand, say that the little finger is seldom used and that it wouldn't be missed much if it was missing. However, in writing this much of this column we have struck a typewriter key at least 50 times with the little finger that is sore.

And it is always the mashed finger that is used most. Did you ever notice that? No matter which finger you injure it seems that it is the one you have to use most in your business, no matter what you do. Often this is literally the case, because the most used finger is the one more often placed in a position where it might be injured, but no matter which finger it is, you soon find that you use it much.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Eastland.

Be it so ordered by the city commission of the City of Eastland, Texas, that an election be held on the 5th day of April, A. D., 1932, at which election there shall be elected (3) three commissioners to succeed Commissioners N. A. Moore and Tom Harrell whose terms expire by operation of law, and a special election on said date to fill the unexpired term of M. McCullough, Sr., resigned, and to be further ordered that the names of all candidates for said office shall be filed with the city clerk, at the city hall, not later than (5) five o'clock p. m. on the 28th day of March, A. D., 1932.

Said election shall be held at the city hall in the city of Eastland, Eastland county, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers and clerks of said election, to wit: W. D. R. Owen, presiding judge Frank Lovett, judge and clerk Merritt F. Hines, clerk Oscar Wilson, clerk

Said election shall be held under the provisions of the special charter of the city of Eastland, Texas, adopted by a vote of the people on the 16th day of May, A. D., 1919, and under the constitution and laws of the state of Texas, and only qualified voters shall be allowed to vote.

A copy of this order, signed by the chairman of the board of city commissioners of the city of Eastland, Texas, attested by the clerk of said city shall serve as proper notice of said election.

Passed and approved this 1st day of March, 1932.

M. McCULLOUGH, Sr., Chairman of the Board of City Commissioners.

W. C. MARLOW, City Clerk.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

Human Skeletons Found in

WELLINGTON, N.Z.—Several human skeletons, two of them six feet in length, buried on the Dave Trail 12 miles northeast of Wellington, N.Z., were discovered by H. B. Fowler, who was working on the new Denver and Grand Central railway, believes he has discovered an old Indian ground. Local physicians say that the high cheekbones, characteristic of American Indians, are present on the skeletons.

OLD-TIME AUTO HORN CAUSE ACCIDENTS

SNOQUALMIE FALLS, Wash.—The old-fashioned auto horns with rubber bulb attached are still a menace! J. C. Eter reported his horse stepped on one in his back yard. Eter's wife dropped a pan of dishes on hearing the long and a neighbor driving by was startled through Eter's woodshed.

JEFFERSON LETTERS LOANED

RICHMOND, Va.—Twenty-two letters written by Thomas Jefferson to Patrick Gibson, Richmond, have been loaned to the Virginia Historical society with permission to have copies of them made and retained permanently. The Jefferson letters are owned by Mrs. Paul W. Howle and Mrs. R. Powell Dunn, Richmond.

LYRIC

Be Our Guest

Have this filled out and bring it to the Eastland Theatre. You'll receive two guest tickets to the Theatre good time!

I hereby subscribe to THE EASTLAND TELEGRAM for a period of TEN WEEKS at 10 cents a week. Attached you will find cents in cash to pay for Five Weeks on this contract.

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SOCIETY and CLUB NEWS

ARRITTA DAVENPORT Editor

Co-Hostesses to Entertain

St. Rita Altar Society. Mrs. M. C. Kenney and Mrs. William Bouquieu...

Books Asked to Be Returned

At Tuesday Morning Meeting. All members of the Columbia Study club having books...

Interesting Election of Officers

Held at Boys and Girls World Club. In connection to a well carried out program...

Country Club Dance

Thursday Evening. Guests invited through personally extended invitations...

Each member of the club headed with A. (Red) Neill...

St. Patrick day celebration will be numbered among other social affairs...

Birthday Is Celebrated With Pretty Affair

With the home prettily decorated in color tones of pink and white...

Games were played by the refreshments served of hot chocolate...

LESSON-SERMON GIVEN

The lesson-sermon was "Substance" in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, March 13.

Included in the service was the following passage from the Bible (James 2:14): "What doth it profit my brethren, though a man say he hath faith..."

TO FORM SERVANTS' UNION. SPOKANE, Wash.—The \$13,000 estate of Alexander Fraser...

SOCIAL AFFAIRS and CLUB NEWS

ELIZABETH HARRIS POE Editor

Meeting Held Following 10 o'Clock Mass

The Catholic ladies of Eastland met following 10 o'clock mass Sunday morning, March 13.

Those present were Meses. George Wilkins, Paul Brown, James Cheatham Sr., Milton Day...

A drive to enlist college youths in the study of the prohibition problem is being undertaken by the Intercollegiate Prohibition association...

New Pastor and Wife To Be Honored Guests

Members of the Eastland Baptist Church will hold a social meeting in the church, Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock...

High School P. T. A.

Surprise Program. A "surprise program" will be the main feature at the high school P. T. A. meeting...

Members of the Columbia Study club having books are asked to return them at the meeting in the morning...

EASTLAND Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Garner and son, Gene, spent Sunday visiting relatives in Haskell.

Lloyd Hearn spent the week-end with his parents in Eastland.

W. W. Phillips of Tyler spent the week-end in Eastland.

Miss Josephine Martin of Abilene spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Young and son of Abilene spent the week-end with Mrs. Young's parents...

Med Root, extensive oil operator in Eastland county, is in Eastland today.

Morris Keasler was a business visitor in Ranger today.

John Burke has returned from Dallas where he attended a meeting of Public Managers.

Mrs. W. T. Lane was called to Pampa where her brother-in-law, R. H. Bell, was killed in a refinery explosion Saturday that injured five other men.

Twice a Queen



It's too bad that television hasn't yet reached the practical stage, say students at Northwestern University...

OUT OUR WAY



BROTHERS BUY 29TH AUTO.

CHILTON, Wis.—Gilbert and Marshall Seyher, farmers, recently purchased their twenty-ninth automobile.

FAMOUS OLD TRAIL SOUGHT.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Search has been started in an effort to locate the ancient trail that led south from Colorado City in the old days when the west was young.

RANGER PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Searcy and small daughter of Brownwood were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blankenship Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee and daughter, Leverian, accompanied by Roberta Blankenship, visited in Eastland Saturday.

Miss Jewel Blankenship of Brownwood was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blankenship over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Avelsgard, formerly of Ranger, and who have been residing in Minneapolis for the past six months, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Davis and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Samms and family were Wichita Falls visitors over the week-end, guests of Mrs. Samms' parents.

Ty Grasnio, manager of the Arcadia theatre, was a business visitor in Dallas Saturday.

Dr. J. E. Miles was a visitor in Norman, Okla., over the week-end, where he attended the funeral services of his uncle, Dr. Miles was accompanied home by his brother, James, who will visit here several days.

Miss Polly Jones spent the week-end with relatives and friends of Oklahoma City.

Miss Vera Belle Watson visited in Childress over the week-end.

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RANGER SCHOOL NEWS

MISS JEWELLE JUDLIX Editor

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All around the CLOCK.



- There's only one thing that will chase a morning groch quicker than a warm shower. And that's a cold one. With a Chesterfield to follow. And even if you're rushed... there's time to appreciate Chesterfield's better taste.
One man likes his coffee weak. Another likes it strong. But it's dollars to doughnuts both want mild cigarettes. And that means Chesterfields. They get you started on the right foot. They're good anywhere. Anytime.
And later... in the office when the phones begin to buzz and the big boss begins to shout... put Chesterfield on the job. It starts out cool... stays cool... and keeps you cool in a hot spot till the final whistle blows.
It's going to be a big evening. So change your clothes and step out. And don't forget your Chesterfields. You'll need them. And if it's mixed company you'll want to take an extra pack. Their purity is their password... wherever people are particular.
Chesterfield has never failed to make its contract. It bids a grand slam for mildness and better taste... and comes through with all the honors every time... Because every shred of Chesterfield leaf is carefully selected... and by men who "know."
One more Chesterfield and you can call it a day. And notice... the last one tastes just as good as the first. That's no accident. That's the sum and substance of Chesterfield's popularity... told in two words... "They Satisfy."

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