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## TAX EMPTIONS

THE next session of congress should take up the question of tax-exempt securities. The congress will take up this question if it desires to be as fair to the man of small means and the poor man as it is to men of millions.

When the government wants to borrow money it issues bonds that are exempt from taxation. These bonds usually bear around 4 per cent. interest.

Millionaires buy up these bonds in large quantities because they are non-taxable. They are more profitable to men of swollen incomes than higher interest bonds that are taxable, because the surtax would more than eat up the difference.

The man of modest means can not afford to buy them because the interest rate is too low, and he has no surtax that he wants to cheat.

If men of great wealth were required to buy the same bonds the poor man buys, and at the same rate of taxation plus the sur-taxes, hundreds of millions of dollars would be added to the government treasury, and this in turn would justify a general reduction of taxation without inflicting an injustice upon any class.

Thru combinations of capital, stifling of competition, evasion of taxation and systematic gouging of the consumer so many fortunes of staggering magnitude are being built up in this country they constitute a menace to national safety.

If congress does not do something to check the growth of these enormous fortunes the owners will soon reach the point where they will be safe thru their billions, to control both the government and the congress.

Even now they are too near to that goal for the public safety.

## PERPETUAL MOTION

SOME people are good imitations of perpetual motion.

Their tongues begin running in the early morning and never slacken the pace until sleep overcomes them at night.

But that is not all. While in the land of dreams their tongues absorb most of the energy of the body in order to be ready for action the next day.

And so it continues from day to day and from year to year until the Lord takes pity on the rest of us and calls them hence—for what purpose we don't know.

If that isn't perpetual motion, we'll stay at the foot of the class. Wagging tongues are always at the front anyway.

## SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

ONE of our know-it-all friends insists that it is impossible to get something for nothing in these days of high prices and low values.

But he is in error. His tongue wags while his brain sleeps.

We suggest that he go to church Sunday. He will hear some good singing, get the benefit of a good sermon, meet some mighty nice people and see the latest millinery creations.

Then he can slide out without noticing the collection plate—with a cordial invitation to come again.

Something for nothing? It's done every Sunday.

Forget your grievances or your friends will soon forget you.

Many a married woman wonders how the fool killer ever happened to pass her by.

## THROWING OFF THE YOKE

THE recent judicial election in Chicago is of no particular interest to the people of this community except in the significance it bears to the country as a whole.

In that election the leaders of both of the two great parties endeavored to foist a handpicked coalition ticket onto the people. But the people said no. Then the party chiefs caused the nomination of straight party tickets much of which were carefully handpicked. If they couldn't control the judiciary in one way they proposed to control it in another.

Did the democrats vote the straight democratic ticket? They did not.

Did the Republicans open their mouths and swallow the party pill as presented? They did not.

For once the voters concluded they would use their own brains at the polls, instead of heeding the appeals of political leaders. They disregarded party lines almost entirely, and voted for men of ability, honesty and integrity. Political candidates are still holding the bag.

Why can not the same be done in every election, no matter how insignificant it may be?

Why should the great majority of the voters be eternally dictated to by a few professional politicians?

Why can not the people use their own brains for their own good instead of trailing along as rubber stamps for politicians who think much of self and little of anybody else?

Of course we will always have political leaders, but those leaders should be given plainly to understand that the best possible men should be selected as candidates for public office if they want the voters to endorse those selections.

A few doses of the Chicago judicial medicine would open the eyes of leaders who have been in the habit of placing vote getters instead of honesty and executive ability up for public office.

The people are the masters—if they only knew it.

They should cease hopping to the tune of the political lash.

## "SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND"

THE community eye is focused upon Christmas, now but a few weeks away.

The reader's eye should be focused upon the advertisements in his paper, where Christmas gifts are to be found.

If the patronage of this community is worth having it is worth seeking, and the logical medium for that seeking is the advertising pages of the home paper.

The merchant who fails to seek should not feel charged if he fails to find.

Watch the ads and the stocks of the merchants who advertise. The fact that they risk their money in advertising their goods in evidence that those goods are easy to buy and worth having.

Here's getting ahead of you. May it be a Merry Christmas and a jubilant 1924 for your and yours. Us, too.

## THEY WANT TO BE HOOKED

RESIDENTIAL lightning rods are being erected in every direction. Some are carefully camouflaged, while others are open to the gaze of the American voter.

The patriotic fervor of some of these would-be presidents is a marvelous thing to behold. It is heart-louching and soul stirring to a degree, until one remembers that these patriots who would "cast their all upon the altar of their country" are just plain politicians, seeking the glory of the highest office in the land instead of waiting for the office to seek them.

Patriots? They remind us of a hungry fisherman waiting for a nibble.

When perfectly satisfied it is a sign that a person is short on ambition.

Not all gas bags are made of silk. The congressional variety is of more ordinary stuff.

The most popular public speech is often the shortest one.

Really great men never speak of their greatness. Only the imitation does that.

A great reputation is a fine thing to have, provided a fellow is able to live up to it.

## This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

## CHEAP TRANSPORTATION. CRYPTAESTHESIA SAVES WOMAN. FIGHT, MR. SINGH. LOSS MURPHY WILL LEARN.

The air giant ZR-1, bigger than the biggest seaplane, uses less than a gallon of gasoline per mile in her flight of 2,200 miles. A big ocean steamer would need two tons of coal to one gallon of gas for a giant flyer. That shows the difference in power needed to push aside light air and heavy water and it tells you how cheaply men will travel in years to come if they get rid of that "all the traffic will bear" slogan. It is quite probable that in future, one day's work will earn the actual cost of a flight around the world.

Professor Richet of the French Academy of Medicine says woman possesses a faculty, called "Cryptesthesia." That's a scientific name for intuition, woman's strange power to judge character at a glance, her ability instantly to tell truth from falsehood.

"Cryptesthesia" is older than the French Academy of Medicine, older than the pyramids. Women practiced that faculty a hundred thousand years ago, when their husbands came wandering in late from the cave around the valley. It's their one safeguard.

A baby kangaroo born in the Chicago Zoo is an inch long, about as wide as a lead pencil, and weighed nine grains. Once born, it climbs into its mother's pouch and stays there seven months, while its hind legs grow strong.

A giant grizzly bear has a baby smaller than a kitten. Nature is hard on women. But science will fix that one of these days.

St. Nihal Singh, one of 300,000,000 Asiatics ruled in India by a few Englishmen thousands of miles away, has a grievance. When family members of the British Empire meet, Canada, Australia and other colonies of European stock are represented by elected delegates. India's vast crowd is represented by men selected by Englishmen.

As usual, the trouble is within. It's the same if you lack force in yourself—some outside force will rule you. Among the 300,000,000 Asiatics of India there dwell 100,000 Englishmen and they rule the 300,000,000, altho they are outnumbered 3,000 to one. Could Mr. Singh imagine one Englishman keep-

ing down 3,000 Irishmen? In these days you only get justice when you fight for it. Even then it is slow.

In five thousand years, India has written millions of different books. And in all those books the word "Liberty" does not once appear. That's the trouble with India. Some day a man will come along, not a Ghandi, trying to fight Manchester with a spinning wheel, but some person of mixed race with thick hairy wrists, coarse hands, short stubby fingers. He'll let India elect her delegates to the British Empire's family's reunion.

William Pastorio is in jail for throwing a cat out of the window, and the Supreme Court says it is unconstitutional to pass a law that would prevent driving thousands of young children into mills and factories. Write that on your tablets. We can protect cats, not children.

Charles F. Murphy, who demands we plank in the democratic platform for 1924, "was firing a shot at McAdoo's ambition," according to political reporters. McAdoo will welcome such shooting. Before 1924 ends each candidate will be trying to prove himself drier than the others.

Mr. Emmons, president of the Electric Railway Association, says public ownership means Socialist government and an end of "a prosperous, sane nation."

Mr. Emmons is unnecessarily worried. What about the post office? That's government ownership, and quite successful. Nobody imagines that any private company would carry a letter Miami to Seattle for two cents.

What about the Panama Canal? That's government ownership and government construction also. Quite successful after private effort failed.

It may be that Americans don't elect officials honest or capable enough to manage publicly owned monopolies. But they may do it some day.

Private capacity and monopoly is a greater menace to national prosperity and sanity than government ownership.

Tens of thousands of doctors have been turned loose with fraudulent medical diplomas. Thousands of others, with regular diplomas, know there's nothing about disease and its cures. Every doctor once in a while should be asked to prove that he knows the difference between scarlet fever and appendicitis.



IF YOU are to have a new overcoat for Christmas, Hickey-Freeman supercoats are as luxurious, as comfortable, as high-class as money can buy. Only the finest imported and domestic overcoatings are used. The tailoring is perfect to the tiniest detail. We're showing everything that's being worn—raglans, ulsters, town ulsters, form-fitting loose-fitting, belted or unbelted—in every wearable color.

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