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**Handwriting for Tax Makers**

When the Post Office Department admits that three cent first-class letter postage has failed to yield an increase in revenue, and has actually caused a decrease, it submits to the law of diminishing returns. You can't make a taxpayer write letters and you can't make him use a three-cent stamp when he can use a one-cent postcard.

Congress should bear these experiences in mind when it prepares its next tax bill. It will have to make its basis of taxation so broad and spread it so thinly over a variety of articles, that it will scarcely be felt. Otherwise, taxes will decline because an over-taxed people will deny themselves exorbitantly taxed products.

**Give Prosperity a Chance**

A recent syndicated newspaper article pointed out that present and future Congresses must expect to face an army of irate taxpayers. These "rebellious Americans" believe that the increasing cost of government is the greatest menace now facing the country and that drastic retrenchment is vital to the work of recovery.

They are right. We are coming to the point where we cannot afford to own property—where homes and farms and buildings are liabilities, not assets. Thousands of men are out of work because the weight of taxation was too much for firms they once worked for, to bear. Thousands of farms have gone under the sheriff's hammer for taxes. Thousands of home owners live in constant fear of the next tax statement.

Bring taxes down—and give prosperity a chance to come back.

**Politics and Debts**

The world is now being disturbed by another period of discussion of the inability of various nations to pay the sums they owe the United States for war debts.

The sad part of the situation is that in most of the nations involved the issue is being handled as a political, rather than as a purely business transaction.

Undoubtedly some nations are entitled to an extension of credit but when they ask for it, other nations immediately demand the same concessions for fear their neighbors will get something they don't.

So-called diplomacy and cheap politics prevent consideration of debts owed the United States, on a business basis, in accordance with each debtor's ability to pay.

If the foreign debts could be handled as are private debts and the curse of politics eliminated, world peace would be a thousand years nearer, international strife would be reduced to a minimum and our loans would be more secure. Foreign debtors would then pay in accordance with their ability and those that were bankrupt would be treated in accordance with bankruptcy proceedings, and those that were solvent would enjoy the rewards of solvency.

**Pedestrian Perils**

Automobiles cost the pedestrian the heaviest toll of life and limb of any class of persons involved in automobile accidents. Out of nearly 34,000 persons killed last year, according to statistics of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, 14,500 were pedestrians. In most of these cases, contrary to popular opinion the pedestrian was wholly or in great part at fault.

There are four chief spots of danger for the individual on foot. These are: Crossing between intersections; coming from behind parked cars; walking on or along a rural highway and playing in the street—1,710 youngsters having lost their lives in street play last year.

The most dangerous pedestrian action is crossing between intersections, where 3,920 were killed last year. One should adhere rigidly to the practice of crossing only at intersections. Motorists should remember that every object along a street or highway big enough to hide a man or child is a

danger sign.

Darting out from behind parked cars cost 1,630 persons their lives last year.

Rural highways apparently are death traps for walkers, 2,330 persons being killed on them last year. The man who sets out for a walk along a country road should walk on the left side facing oncoming traffic so as to be ready for any emergency.

Albert W. Whitney, Associate General Manager of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, says:

"As every motorist should obey the fundamental rule of safe driving, so every pedestrian should obey the code of safe walking. His cooperation is absolutely essential in reducing the tremendous annual loss of life and limb which is so darkly reflected in the cost of casualty insurance, economic waste and untold human misery."

**NEW TAXES COMING.**

One of the glittering promises in the recent campaign which led to the change of administration was one to reduce taxes and cut down the machinery of government and its interference in business. But now that the smoke of battle is cleared away it is becoming evident that instead of reducing taxes, there will have to be new levies to balance the budget. Not only is this to be done, but there are to be new forms of taxation. One of these proposed is the tax on chain stores, within the District of Columbia, over which Congress has direct jurisdiction. The bill was introduced in the last House by Representative Celler of New York and sent to committee for study. It is reported that an effort is now to be made to get the bill out on the floor of the House without further hearing. It is said that the bill would raise a half million dollars a year revenue from the chain stores in the District of Columbia.

Congress of course has nothing to do with state legislation. Many of the states have already passed laws taxing chain stores and it is reported that others will resort to the same kind of legislation this winter.

The above example of special tax legislation is cited without argument as to its merits only to show the tendency in Congress as well as the states is still to find new sources of taxation rather than to cut down the expenses of government and so lessen the tax burdens on the real property owner and the consumer who finally pay it all either directly or indirectly. Of

course Congress will have to raise more money now to balance the budget but we ought never lose sight of the fact in our national and local affairs that what we need to restore prosperity is not the raising of more money to spend through taxation but in cutting down our public expenditures by a strict system of economy.

**BRIEFLY STATED**

Fred Swingley was down from Atkinson this morning.

H. G. Wellenseck, an attorney of Grand Island, had business in the district court here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mullen came up from Norfolk last Saturday and visited relatives in the city over Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Gatz entertained the Delta Deck Club last Thursday evening. Mrs. C. E. Gatz and Mrs. P. B. Harty won high scores.

Charles Withers, one of the leading stockmen of the southwestern part of the county, was transacting business in this city this morning.

Mrs. Charles Wrede, of Agee, was a pleasant caller at this office last Saturday and advanced her subscription to The Frontier for another year.

The St. Mary's Senior and Junior basket ball teams went down to Chambers last evening where both teams played the Chambers Public school teams. They both emerged victorious, the Seiors with a score of 31 to 20, while the Juniors emerged victorious with a score of 17 to 4.

Adjuster Higbee, representing the Garmire Adjusting Agency of Omaha, arrived in the city last evening to adjust the Warner & Son fire loss here. A representative of the Hardware Mutual Insurance Co., in which the insurance on the stock was carried, is also here checking up on the loss.

Charles Pettijohn came down from the ranch near Dustin the first of the week for a few weeks visit with the home folks. Charley says that he has not noticed any of the prosperity that the democrats promised we would have right after election if the democrats won, but that it might be here, but so far had failed to reach his section of the county.

Ben J. Grady returned from Denver last Monday night. Ben accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Agnes to Denver some five or six weeks ago but was compelled to go to a hospital after his arrival there and was unable to return with them. After getting out of the hospital he remained for a couple of weeks visit with his sisters, who are engaged in business in Denver.

David E. Bowen, one of the energetic farmers of Verdigris precinct, was an O'Neill visitor last Monday and favored this office with a pleasant call, advancing his subscription to The Frontier to January 1, 1934. December is known as settlement month and we hope that several hundred of our readers will follow Mr. Bowen's example, thus relieving the financial stringency around this office.

**Alice Coykendall Passes Away.**

Alice Coykendall, who was a resident of this city for many years, coming here with her parents something like a half century ago, died at the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth this morning. She has been at the home for the past eight years. The body will be brought to this city tomorrow night and the funeral will be held Saturday, interment in the Protestant cemetery where her parents are both buried.

**FORMER HOLT COUNTY PIONEER DIES AT GREGORY**

Gregory Times - Advocate: John Langan Sr., passed away at the Gregory hospital at 6:30 Tuesday morning, being stricken with a severe attack of pneumonia Sunday.

Mr. Langan and his son John were in town Friday with a load of hogs, and as the day was warm they became somewhat heated while unloading the hogs. They started home in the late afternoon and both caught a severe cold which developed into pneumonia with both of them.

Mr. Langan Sr., was brought to the Gregory hospital Sunday and a special nurse, Joan Dion, was sent to the Langan home to take care of John Jr.

The senior Mr. Langan grew steadily worse and the end came peacefully early Tuesday morning.

The funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Joseph's Catholic church in this city.

Mr. Langan was one of the real old-timers of this county, coming to Fort Randall as a teamster in 1879.

He was born in Shellburg, Wis., on

May 20, 1861, and at the age of 18 years came to Fort Randall. Later he moved to Holt county where he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Hull at O'Neill, Nebr., over 49 years ago. In 1900 he moved on to the Rosebud reservation and ranched in Gregory and Tripp counties. At the time of the Gregory county opening he was living on the Chutall allotment southeast of town, and in 1907 he purchased a farm north of Gregory which has since been his home.

Mr. Langan was a hard working industrious farmer, highly respected by all who knew him and was a kind and loving husband and father. He leaves to mourn his sudden death his devoted widow, four sons and five daughters: Mrs. Margaret Holstein of Casper, Wyo.; Walter of Newell, S. Dak.; Frank of Gregory; Mrs. Grace Jarmin of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Stella Dailley of Gary, S. Dak.; Mrs. Aileen Green of Naper, and Nora, John and Oliver at home; also one sister, Mrs. Dennis of Omaha and one brother, Martin, of Spencer, Nebr.

Neighbors and friends join in extending their sympathy to the bereaved ones.

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY RATES**



... almost everywhere

Round Trip Tickets at only twenty-five cents more than the one-way fare between all points on the Burlington and to many points on connecting roads throughout the Western and Southern states. Tickets on sale Dec. 16 to 25, and Dec. 30 to Jan. 1; also Dec. 26 and Jan 2 to points within 200 miles. Return Limit—Jan. 10.

Minimum Round Trip Fare \$1.00

Tickets at slightly higher fares on sale to California and the Pacific Northwest daily until Dec. 23. Return Limit—Jan. 25.

Tickets good in sleeping cars upon payment of usual Pullman fare.

Half fare for children.

Consult Agent for Details

**THE STORE OF GIFT IDEAS**

For forty-one years I have been in the mercantile business in this city and during all that time I have made frequent trips to the eastern markets to purchase my stock. My close contact with the markets has enabled me to get as fine a selection of goods as you can find in any city store. *Quality has been the keynote of my business life*, and any customer of mine could take my goods anywhere and he would find no better. *Giving a customer quality*, is always the motto of this store.

**For the Ladies...**

**Ladies Dresses and Cloaks**—Evening Dresses, the best the market affords. Cloaks more stylish and chic than ever and we have a larger selection this Christmas than ever before.

**Ladies Shoes**—Arch Preserver Shoes that are known to every customer. Tru-Poise spike heel shoes also. Arch Preserver carries style beyond question.

**Sweater Coats and Slip Ons, Lounging Robes,** Roman Striped, beautiful colorings. See them before you buy your Christmas gift.

**Hand Bags and Leather Bags**—Good Leather Bags at \$1.25 to \$4.95. Many fancy ornaments which would make very acceptable Christmas presents.

**Bed Sets** in gold and green. Very new items. If you need to supply a friend you can find just what you want at this store.

Next week means a lot to you. Drop in, see our line. We know that we can please you with quality and price.

**Hose**—Iron Clad and Munsing Wear Hose in all the new shades.

**Silk Undies**—Munsing Wear silk undies, none better. Every garment guaranteed.

**Scarfs, etc.**—A very large assortment of Ladies scarfs in all the new shades and designs.

**Phella Sets** for the furniture in very handsome designs.

**Gloves**—Kid gloves for the Ladies and the Children at a very low figure.

**For the Men....**

**Overcoats**, new and stylish, belt back... New Whip Cords, sheep lined... Leather Jackets, zipper or button front... New Rain Coats... Cordory Coats, sheep lined... A number of plaid mufflers... Sweater Coats and PullOvers.

**Neck Wear**—We have just received a new line of ties and scarfs that excel any other seasons product, at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$2.50. We have a beautiful line of scarfs, of many different colors and patterns. Just the thing to tone up your suit or overcoat.

**Hats and Gloves**—and speaking of hats, none of them can compare with a Stetson. We carry a splendid line. We can also take care of your glove needs. We have now in stock a new Pig Skin, in all sizes as well as Kid Gloves.

**FOR THE KIDDIES**—"The Kiddies are Not Forgotten." I have a liberal selection of Toys for the younger class. The Aeroplane, suitable for side-walk use; the Road Roller; A Dump Cart; A Circus Wagon and Animals; Musical Roller. You will find this line a source of delight to the youngsters.

A unique gift is a **Trump Shirt**. We have just received a new shipment in all the new and popular shades.

**Shorts**—in the new Munsing Wear of today. The very latest. Ask to see them.

**Shoes**—The very latest in style and quality at \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

**P. J. McMANUS The Home of Good Merchandise**