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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday.

In the Day's News

(Continued from page 1)

"In the beginning, as we emerge into the post-war world, we find that producers are operating at high rates of profit, as shown by their income statements. They have come out of the war with a bad case of give-me."

"To maintain that high rate of profit, the price of the necessities of life is set beyond the working-man's reach. He can not pay those prices and keep his family housed and clothed and fed. He needs higher wages."

"The leaders of his union then make demands for higher wages. But they make their demands excessive. They, too, have come down with a case of give-me."

THERE will be disagreement with Hannegan, of course as to which is the hen and which is the egg—and as to which comes first, the hen or the egg. But in general his diagnosis is accurate enough. It is a race to keep up with the other fellow.

HE closes his dissertation on inflation with a questionable statement. "Give-me," he tells is Missouri postmasters, "never ends."

It DOES end. Always. Either as Germany ended after the last war, when it finally took a wheelbarrow-load of marks to buy a postage stamp, and as France ended a century earlier after the Mississippi Bubble episode, OR by the rise of production to the point where competition takes over.

The first is fatal. The second is wholesome.

THE trouble is that when (because of lack of production) demand fantastically exceeds supply and COMPETITION ENDS, government has to take over (price control, etc.).

Government then becomes the Great White Father—the dispenser of all favors. Business goes hat in hand to government with pleas for higher prices. Labor goes to government with pleas for higher wages.

Government, lacking the courage to act decisively to end the inflationary cycle before it reaches the point of disaster, seeking to please both sides, grants higher prices, which in turn call for higher wages, which then call for STILL HIGHER prices.

Or it starts by granting higher wages, which call for higher prices, which then call for higher wages.

It works the same either way. It results in disaster, either way.

It results in disaster, either way, unless the cycle is STOPPED somewhere along the line.

THIS writer (speaking from personal observation) doubts if anybody is hurt YET. Business generally is showing good profits (as measured in paper dollars). If there is WIDESPREAD want or poverty or actual deprivation anywhere in America (as yet) this writer has failed to see it.

NEW PROPOSALS OFFERED

City Attorney A. N. Orcutt has proposed two alternatives to the plan offered last week in this column for submitting the city manager plan of government to voters in time to start operation by January 1, 1947, rather than delaying the change until July 1, 1947, in which case it would be necessary to go an additional six months without tax income to support the department, thus drawing from funds needed for general administrative purposes.

One of Attorney Orcutt's proposals is an improvement of the special tax levy plan as suggested in this column. The other is a method by which the matter could be left until a special election in September or October, at which time a charter amendment and financing program, through a bond issue, would be submitted simultaneously.

Attorney Orcutt's first proposal is one that would demand immediate and speedy action on the part of the city council. It would necessitate a special meeting of the council, summons to the budget committee, and an order for a special election after a 30-day advertising period.

The city's budget committee has prepared a tentative budget which is now being advertised, with public hearing and final adoption scheduled for June 24.

The city attorney suggests the possibility of canceling all budget proceedings to date, recalling the budget committee, inserting an item to provide for city manager operation for a period of six months—the cost roughly estimated at \$6,000—and submitting the budget to a special election, as the \$6,000 item, amounting to about one-mill additional taxes, would be outside the six per cent limitation.

As it is necessary to advertise an election for a period of 30 days, and certification of a tax levy to the county assessor must be completed by an early date in August, even if an extension of time from the July 15 due date is granted by the assessor, no time could be lost in preparations to submit the issue to voters. There is time to follow this procedure if the council is willing to put on a burst of speed; if this plan is to be adopted, work must be started at a special session of the council prior to its regularly scheduled meeting June 17, as this latter date would be about the latest at which the election could be authorized in time to permit advertising for 30 days prior to the vote.

An alternative proposal is that financing be accomplished by a short-term bond issue. This latter plan would provide time to prepare a charter revision setting forth the details of the city manager program. The revision of the charter would be submitted to voters in late September or early October, ahead of the general election in November, when a full slate of city officers will be elected. Simultaneously there would be submitted a proposal to vote bonds sufficient in amount to finance the six months period between January and July. These bonds would be sold prior to January 1. They would probably be of only two years' duration, bearing interest at 2 per cent, a carrying charge of about \$240.

Attorney Orcutt's first proposal would involve an expenditure of about \$60 in advertising cost, as the budget hearing notices already published would be canceled and new notice given.

On the other hand, if the first suggestion is adopted a tax levy would be authorized for November of this year while, by the second plan, collection of taxes would be postponed to November 1947, although interest charges would be added.

Each of the city attorney's proposals has merit on its side. One would save money but would necessitate speed. The other would give time for more orderly consideration.

It is our opinion that the city council should be called immediately into special session to determine which course is to be pursued.

Whitney, Johnson Accused of Pulling Rail Strike to Raid Membership of Other Unions

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—This Alan Whitney Johnson and that Alexander Fell Whitney to whom President Truman gave such a terrible dressing-down in public are also cast as the villains in long-standing warfare that goes on beneath the surface of railroad labor brotherhood tranquility. It is a bitter jurisdictional and membership-raiding dispute with a long history. It was one of the principal reasons for the strike, though it has never come out in the open and has never been the subject of a dispute with railroad management.

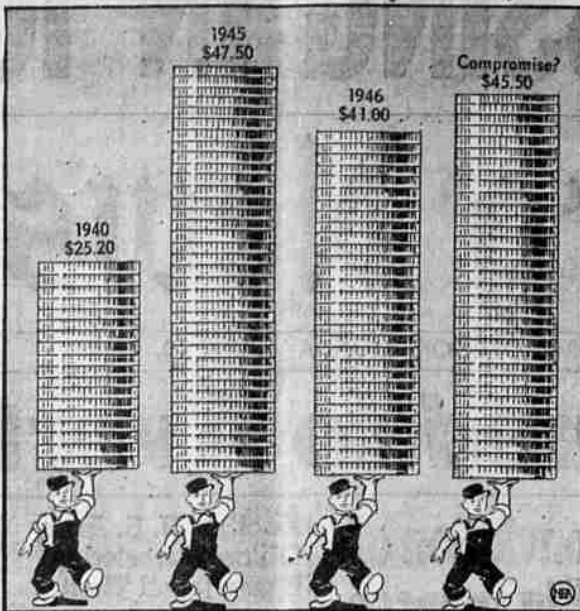
In brief, the charges are that Whitney's Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Johnson's Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers are putting on big organizing drives, raiding the other railroad brotherhoods and trying to gain control of, or the dominant position among, all the so-called "operating" railroad men meaning the people who run the trains.

It is the belief of many railroad labor experts that Johnson and Whitney deliberately pulled their strike to get more for their members and so build themselves up as the real leaders among railway labor.

Mrs. Minnie R. Cushing Dies at Jennings Lodge

Minnie Richardson Cushing, a native of Douglas County, died Thursday at Jennings Lodge, Oregon, where she had made her home in recent years. She was born at Oak Creek,

The Worker and His Take-Home Pay



The average weekly take-home pay of the U. S. worker is well above his 1940 earnings, but stands to go still higher if strike compromises result in proposed increases. Increases like President Truman's recommended 18 1/2 cents an hour for steel workers would boost average for 40-hour week to \$45.50. Wartime pay of \$47.50 was for 45-hour week.

Red Cross Executive Position in Douglas County Unit Filled



Mrs. Jack Maris, above, has assumed the position of executive secretary of the Douglas County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Her appointment was effective June 1, it was announced this week by Earl Plummer, chairman of the local chapter.

Mrs. Maris served three and a half years in the Women's Army Corps during the war, enlisting in New York during the summer of 1942 after her return from Hawaii, where she was an instructor at the Mid-Pacific School in Honolulu.

After her enlistment and training at Ft. Des Moines, Ia., she was commissioned a second lieutenant in February, 1943, and was discharged as a first lieutenant following the war.

Billions Lost In Nation's Strikes

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—Rep. Horan (R-Wash.) predicted in a statement it would not be long until "the dawn of a new day when reason, founded on law, will rule in labor problems" and prevent the great financial loss caused by strikes.

Horan asserted the financial loss from strikes after World War I was estimated at \$2,000,000,000 for 1919 alone and said strikes since the end of the last war had caused losses in wages for the workers estimated at \$480,000,000.

"The Westinghouse strike cost employees \$642,000 a working day," the representative continued. "Total loss to business was well over \$100,000,000. The General Motors strike had cost on its 100th day over \$750,000,000."

Our system of freedom has made strikes the only recourse for oppressed workers to effectively demand corrections. New procedures and new tribunals must be developed so that equitable corrections can be made without the inestimable cost of continuing strikes and lockouts.

Horan said the coal strike in 1902 lasted from May 22 until October 23 and cost the operators an estimated \$46,000,000 and the workers upwards of \$25,000,000.

5th German Girl Found Dead in GI Quarters

FRANKFURT, June 10.—(AP)—A 17-year-old German girl was found shot through the head Thursday in an American enlisted man's billet near Bad Kissingen, the Army announced tonight. She was the fifth German girl to die in soldiers' quarters within a month.

The theater provost marshal said that the girl—an employee of the American Red Cross—"is alleged to have shot herself."

The girl, Doris Krath, was found on the second floor of billets used by enlisted men of the Third Battalion of the 15th Infantry Regiment.

Three of the German girls who have died in American soldier's quarters in Germany—one of whom was pregnant—were said officially to have committed suicide in despondency over the scheduled return of American officers to the United States.

The farm income of the United States in 1945 totaled twenty-billion dollars.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1946

- 6:00—Farm Bulletin Board. 6:30—Yawn Patrol. 6:40—The County Agent. 6:55—Schrieker Auction. 7:00—Frank Hemingway, L. A. Soap Co. 7:15—Rise and Shine, Sterling Drug Co. 7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical. 7:35—The Beehive. 7:40—Rhapsody in Wax. 8:00—Haven of Rest, Crew of Good Ship Grace. 8:30—Wally's Wake Up Time, Wally's Grocery. 9:45—Victor H. Lindlahr, Healthbath. 9:00—Lyle Van and the News, Krrr. 9:15—Morning Melodies. 9:30—Men About Town, Josse and Lowell. 9:45—Shower Guide, Hart's and Marshall-Wellis. 9:55—Musical Interlude. 10:00—Alta Seltzer News. 10:15—Smile Time.

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