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SETTING REAL ESTATE VALUES

Judging from the number of notices mailed out by the county assessor over the past month, county officials and others who may have a hand in appraising property values evidently are laboring under the impression that South Lane county and Cottage Grove in particular is in the midst of a most prosperous era.

Hikes in real estate values for some reason were the rule rather than the exception. The common rule as we understand its application is to base the valuation of a dwelling on so much per cubic foot, plus the cost of extra features such as built-ins. This rule may be just and equitable in most cases, but we doubt if it fits in our own locality when comparing valuations with municipalities such as Eugene, where both rental and property values are higher as well as building material and labor.

We have not been able to understand why those in authority chose to make a boost of seventy to eighty percent in real estate values here at this particular time when government officials and others have warned of the need of keeping public expenses and taxes down to the minimum.

Perhaps one taxpayer has the answer. He says he notices where there is approximately 4.4 mills increase in the county tax rate with the statement that a major portion of the increase is due to the proposed Ferry Street bridge in Eugene and he wonders if Cottage Grove citizens are going to have to pay for the new bridge. He says it looks like the fact that the non-residents of Eugene have had to support a non-taxpaying electric municipal plant in Eugene for the past twenty or thirty years ought to be enough contribution for the outsider.

TEACHER SHORTAGE

The one-room school house in Oregon might be a memory within a few years but for one thing; the problem of transportation. The war which has created both a shortage of teachers and has made it practically impossible to effect a consolidation of school districts because a shortage of transportation facilities. So the ultimate result may be that the one-room schools over the county, over the state and over the nation may be closed indefinitely.

Lack of teachers is caused by one thing; poor pay. It's a peculiar trait of human nature that in normal times lots of people have the erroneous impression that all teachers are over paid, but you don't hear the complaint now when most any common laborer can go out and draw down better pay than the average teacher. These critics don't stop to consider the fact that the teacher's pay is dependent on taxation, which can't be adjusted with anything like the speed of the industrial worker as the shipyard laborer for instance. Teacher salaries will be higher next year than they are now or were a year ago, but the raise has not been proportionate with that of the commercial world.

The worst problem the present day teacher has to face so far as getting ahead financially is concerned is that when he isn't teaching, he is going to school. He has to keep abreast of the modern teaching methods.

There is being much said today on the preservation of democracy. If we are to succeed, the task rests heavily on the teachers for verily the schools of today are the cornerstone of democracy, supplying a major proportion of the training necessary for good citizenship, which is necessary to maintain a free country. Certainly the servant should be worthy of his hire.

ALTERNATIVE TO CAPITALISM

In condemning "some post-war planners in positions of power" who urge that the United States follow the leadership of Germany by planning to have the government provide jobs for everyone after the war, Eric A. Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, warns that: "The economic theory behind the belief that the state must take precedence over the individual stems from the fallacy that the age of American development is a closed chapter and that business has reached its ultimate maturity."

Actually American development has barely started. Nowhere is this more evident than in the production revolution of the past months. The manufacturing and natural resource industries have achieved miracles. They have overcome a lack of battle equipment that could easily have led to military defeat. And they did it with a degree of dispatch and efficiency that left the swivel chair planners gasping. The miracles they have achieved in war can be multiplied in peace, providing the capitalistic system, under which they must operate, is preserved. Under it the coal and metal mines, the oil, power and transportation industries which have made victory possible, can insure progress in the future.

Those who promote the idea that "business has reached its ultimate maturity" or that "American development is a closed chapter," do not have faith in the capitalistic system. They would cripple private industry as the prime source of jobs and tax revenue. They would shift the burden of employment to political agencies, and taxes would fall on the shoulders of the workmen hired by those agencies. The party in power, as the sole employer, would eventually demand political allegiance from all. The bargain would be sealed. The people would have jobs and the government would have their freedom. That is the alternative to capitalism.

STOP WORLD WAR III NOW

Powerful arguments can be advanced, solely from a dollars and cents standpoint, to show why this country should participate in world affairs and lead the way in promoting international trade. Over and above these arguments is the fundamental proposition that through sound trade relations permanent peace can be established. The truth of this proposition should be the ultimate determining factor in rallying support for any trade problem. If trade will insure peace, trade there must be. Individuals or groups who oppose extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act because of an imagined possibility that the profits of their businesses may suffer in some degree, and who wholly overlook the consideration of future peace, deserve little consideration from the millions of parents whose sons and daughters are fighting the present war.

Twelve hundred of the nation's economists have united in warning against abandonment of the policy of reciprocal trade agreements. Their action is unique in that, while the group included widely divergent philosophies and economic beliefs, on the question of reciprocal trade there was firm agreement, as is

American Soldiers Find Reminders of Japs on Newly-Captured Russell Islands



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One reminder of the Japs is this Nip grave found by Captain P. A. Grimes and an island native. This is one of the first pictures of Americans in the Russell Islands since the U. S. occupation.

eloquently attested to from the following signed statement: "Some of us would like to turn toward laissez-faire; some toward a greater measure of planning. But all of us stand on this common ground: We are convinced (1) that a worldwide reversion toward nationalistic protectionism after the war will hinder the development of all types of reasonable reconstruction programs, (2) that the pattern of cooperative action which the American trade agreement program provides is the minimum basis of United States post-war policy and (3) that the repudiation of this policy by Congress would inevitably start an avalanche of trade restrictions in foreign countries. The economic preparation for World War III would have begun."

Timely Farm Hints

Where potatoes in the home garden are to be irrigated, the best plan is to start watering when the plants are about five inches high and then never let the ground dry out from then on, says E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops, in a circular on potato production in home gardens. Commercial growers usually irrigate once a week in eastern Oregon and once every 10 days to two weeks west of the mountains.

Crude naphthalene flakes are becoming more and more important around the home garden. Latest job for them is to control the carrot rust fly which has recently become a serious menace to Oregon food crops, says Dr. Don C. Mote, experiment station entomologist at O.S.C. These are also used, among other things, to control wire worms and have sometimes proved effective in repelling the flies that cause worms in radishes and turnips.

Three kinds of effective sprays have been worked out by Oregon State college entomologists to protect the cherries from the cherry fruit flies—parents of the cherry maggots. Sprays are timed according to the date the adult flies emerge from winter quarters in the soil.

A lot of cures are advertised from time to time to combat chicken coccidiosis, but a sanitary program is the best of all in the opinion of poultry veterinarians at O. S. C., where much of the original research on these diseases was carried out.

Use of a coal tar repellent on the seed of peas and beans has sometimes proved effective in protecting these crops from China pheasants. How to apply the coal tar is described in an O.S.C. station circular, No. 148.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Mrs. L. W. Coiner, Supt. No 11:00 o'clock service. We will unite with the other churches in the memorial services at 11:15 at the armory. Intermediate Christian Endeavor at 5:00 p. m.

CHURCH OF GOD
1060 East Adams Ave.
Sunday school 10:00 a. m. The 11:00 o'clock service will be dismissed for the memorial service at the armory at 11:15 a. m. Young people's meeting at 7:15 p. m. Devotional service at 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday 8:00 p. m. Cottage prayer meeting Thursday 2:30 p. m.
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L. P. Nebelung, minister.

FREE METHODIST

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Following the Sunday school hour we will join with the community for the memorial service at the armory. Evening evangelistic service at 7:45 p. m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Hilton T. Park, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Following, we will meet at the armory with the other churches for the memorial service. Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:45 p. m. Tuesday night, prayer service, 7:45 p. m. Thursday night preaching service, 7:45 p. m.

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