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LET'S GO TO GRASS

The big question which worries most people who live in a timbered country is what will happen to us after the timber has been cut. In our own particular case, the problem has not been a pressing one in years past, but from here it looks like we may eventually have to cast about to find something that will take the place of our number one industry, or rather to cushion the shock incidental to any change which we may have to make.

Already a number of plans have been suggested to insure more or less of a perpetual supply and perhaps we nor our children will never see the day that our timber supply has been entirely depleted. There is no question however, but that the processing of timber will pass to fewer operators as time goes on and unless we find more ways to utilize the wood waste which now goes into the sawmill burners, we will see our payrolls shrink. The matter of utilizing our wood waste isn't altogether a dark picture because substantial progress has been made in this direction, but what is of direct concern to us is that research may not be rapid enough to fill in the gap which is bound to occur unless some unexpected development steps in to fill this gap. And we are not overlooking the benefit which may happen eventually with the establishment of a federal unit.

Even with the best reforestation program possible there will still remain several thousand acres of logged off land to lie idle unless we can find ways to make some sort of returns from this land. We are told that utilization of cut over lands, where it is not practical to reforest the land has been solved in some northwest communities by planting this land to grass well adapted to grazing. Here's where agricultural or grazing experts may help us.

The point we wish to emphasize is that we should seek to develop resources for which the section is best adapted. There are any number of plants and herbs acclimated to the northwest. With proper development this could be made to fit in a program of small farming and small ranching. And over the long pull a program of this sort would be far more beneficial than trying to attract large industries by community subsidies, which are costly and not always permanent.

The initiative in a move of this kind should be carried by some community organization, probably the Chamber of Commerce. If you are not a member of the Chamber of Commerce, you can be of real service to the community in lending your moral support, at least.

The stake is a big one. We will either sink or swim. If we let nature take its course, the course might not bring a healthy economic condition.

"WE ARE LIVING BETTER"

"Despite the protests over high living costs, we are living better in 1949," says a feature article in Look.

The magazine uses food for a comparison. In 1929, prices were much lower than they are now. Yet it took the average worker 19 hours and 12 minutes of labor to pay for a week's food bill for his family. Today, in spite of high prices, he needs to work only 13 hours and 40 minutes to earn the week's food supply.

Look lists other items in common use which can be bought more cheaply now in terms of labor—coal, gasoline, silk stockings, and so on. The point is that, in 20 years, there has been a marked improvement in the living standards of the masses of Americans.

What has caused this? For one thing, manufacturing industries are more efficient than ever before. New techniques and better machinery have increased productivity. And that is also true of agricultural production in this mechanized era.

Efficiency in production, however, doesn't tell all the story. The average citizen can't buy his goods at a farm or factory—he buys them in a store. So efficiency in distribution is vitally important in bringing our living standards up and holding them there. No country has a retail machine which is comparable to ours.

WE'D LIKE TO HAVE OUR PART OF THREE BILLION

As a little businessman and one of the one hundred and forty million people in the United States, we'd like to have our share of three billion dollars, which we are told can be saved thru the reorganization of the federal government under the Hoover commission plan. One thing we know is that we cannot continue to feed and clothe several million foreigners, support an increased army and navy and at the same time support a growing and overlapping bureaucracy.

We may be headed for a socialized state where all will be working for the government, but until that time comes, we'd like to save enough taxes to operate our own business. Lots of lip service has been given to aiding the little businessman, but until our lawmakers do the most important thing—lighten the taxation load—all the talk about helping the little fellow must be put down as that much poppycock.

It looks to us like reorganization of the government is fast developing into a political football. The needed reorganization can be made if enough public pressure is put behind the move. The least you can do is to write your congressman, if you favor clipping the wings of the bureaucrats.

"... Before it is too late, before we have too many CVA's, too many on unemployment insurance, socialized medicine, too many looking to the government for support, we had better step back, survey our future and start working toward a return to individual initiative, incentive for development of local resources and less federal control in local activities."—McMinnville, Oregon, Telephone Register.

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Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

In 1940 the ancient paneled-glass ceiling (and roof) structure in the House Chamber showed signs of being ready to collapse—some of the artistic glass panels fell. The House of Representatives immediately moved its sessions over to the Ways and Means Committee room in the New House Office Building. Workmen strengthened the weak ceiling by installing a massive labyrinth of steel beams and braces. So, since 1940, the House Chamber has had something of the appearance of a machine shop.

Complete plans and specifications were prepared several years ago, but the work of rebuilding the Chamber has been postponed from year to year. At last the contract has been awarded. Temporary work shops have been built on the Capitol grounds and the contractor will begin work inside June 27th. The House's sessions will then be held again in the Ways and Means Committee room. This room is much smaller than the regular House room. Facilities there are not such as to be suitable for the meeting of 435 members. Sheer discomfort, plus Washington weather, may induce thoughts of early adjournment.

Congress cannot adjourn until all appropriation bills have been acted upon. Thus far, the House has passed upon all of them, but the Senate has not yet completed one of the regular departmental bills. It seems to me we shall have to be in session until mid-July at least in order to complete the annual appropriations.

The so-called Truman socialism program which he called us back to enact last summer has made practically no progress. The President told us last year we could and should act on his demands in two weeks. However, we have been in session nearly five months now. The President's party has undisputed control of both Houses of Congress, but "his" Congress has not acted upon the President's requests for legislation. I believe this session will adjourn without doing very much in that direction.

The 80th Congress (1947-48) passed legislation creating a Commission for the purpose of studying and recommending reorganization of the executive branch of the government. The purpose was to effect greater efficiency and economy. The Commission, known as the Hoover Commission, set up a large and capable staff. It labored for nearly two years, and several weeks ago sent its first reports to Congress. Much legislation is recommended which, if enacted, will cause the saving of billions of dollars. Thus far, although the report of the Hoover Commission has been available for some time, there seems to be no genuine enthusiasm on the part of the leadership of this Congress for speedy passage of the legislation that it suggests. The Senate has passed one of the bills, but no action has been taken by the House as yet.

Last week, however, we saw some definite evidence leading to an opinion that the administration will attempt to use, to the advantage of its own schemes, the public goodwill which the unbiased, non-partisan work of the Hoover Commission earned. The Commission recommended the creation of a new Department of Public Welfare into which would be placed many of the present functions of the Federal Security Agency. As stated in the Commission report, the plan has much merit. It does not contemplate including in such a department the department of health and medical services.

On January 5th this year, before the reports of the Hoover Commission were made public, the administration caused to be introduced H. R. 782 (Mr. Dawson, Dem., Ill.) which would simply constitute the present Federal Security Agency, public health and all, a Department of Welfare. The majority leadership planned to bring this bill to the floor for action—under the pretext that it was legislation on the Hoover Commission report. When we learned of this plan, Republicans hurriedly mapped a campaign of vigorous opposition. We proposed to brand the bill a fraud masquerading as Hoover Commission legislation which, in fact, it was not. At noon next day consideration of the bill was postponed. How many more similar attempts may be made, nobody knows. I am sure there will be some.

When the donkey saw the zebra
He began to switch his tail;
"Well, I never," was his comment,
"There's a mule that's been to jail."

"An office secret," it may be said without fear of successful contradiction, "is anything and everything that happens in the office."

Silage
Feed in the silo can be kept several years without much loss in feed value.

Smart Looking Collar
An important detail in making collars with a professional look is to trim the seam to a quarter-inch and, clip off the corners after stitching around the edge.

The Human Race

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U. N. SURVEYS WORLD'S POPULATION TRENDS

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.—The total population of the world was approximately 2,320,000,000 in 1947—the latest year for which figures for the entire world are available—according to a "Population and Vital Statistics Report" recently issued by the statistical office of the United Nations.

An examination of population trends between 1937 and 1947, reveals that the population of North America, as a geographic unit, has increased from 180 million to 206 million, or by 15 per cent; while that for Western Europe, excluding Western Germany, has increased from 207 to 218 million, or only 6 per cent.

You'll find it in the classified.

WORLD BANK STUDIES SALVADOR'S ECONOMY

SAN SALVADOR—A mission of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development has arrived here to study the country's economic development prospects, particularly the Rio Lempa hydroelectric project.

Altho El Salvador has not applied to the International Bank for a loan, the mission, sent at the government's request, will examine the possibility of Bank participation in the financing of Salvadoran economic projects.

Food Value of Potatoes
Potatoes provide as much as one-fourth of the daily vitamin C quota, besides iron, other important minerals and starch and some of the B vitamins.

Bohemia Nuggets

Latest news on the mining moratorium on assessment work is that it will probably be extended to October 1, 1949; but that work will be required to be completed for the present mining year, by that time.

A well attended meeting was held by the Bohemia mine owners on Monday night. Various matters of interest were discussed and changes in the mining laws were explained by a representative of the forest service. After the meeting, colored movies of mountain and forest scenes were shown by Al Davies of the forest service.

50 Years Ago (from Bohemia Nugget of May 26, 1899)—White Bros. & Lesser are driving their tunnel on good ore at Glenwood. They estimate \$50,000 worth of ore now in sight.

NEW VACCINATION FORMS ISSUED TO DP SETTLERS

GENEVA—In order to facilitate the movement of refugees and displaced persons from Europe and elsewhere to countries of resettlement, the U. N. International Refugee organization (IRO) is now distributing a special edition of the World Health organization's booklet of international inoculation and vaccination certificates.

The certificates provide a standard individual record of inoculations and vaccinations against smallpox, yellow fever, typhus and other diseases. (Proof of such inoculations is often required from immigrants as a condition of admission.) IRO has printed 250,000 copies of the special edition and will distribute them to its own personnel and to all refugees and DP's being resettled in Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and other countries.

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spots, it just means we did not have sufficient funds to clean them up. Each year the work grows heavier with more space to cover. We hope you will like the general effect. We wish to caution all lot owners to be careful about throwing TRASH IN ALLEYS. Carry away all debris or put on piles collected at side of road where we hope to be able to pick it up and if not, to burn later in the season when it has dried out.

At least we have completed the task for another year, and are not sorry for we need a rest.

Miss Belle Burkholder, Sec'y, C. G. Cemetery Association, in charge of the annual clean-up for 13 years, 225 N. Lane St., Cottage Grove, Oregon.

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