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## A LOW PRICE TO PAY.

There is little possibility that the people of Oregon ever will be satisfied with any less than the present service they get from school district, city, county and state, which means that we can hardly anticipate a reduction in taxes except through economy of administration. The probability is that continued greater demands will be made upon the taxing bodies, which means that new sources of income must be found or higher tax levies must be expected.

We have set a standard of public service which we are going to either maintain or improve upon. We are not going back to conditions of five years ago, of 10 years ago, or any number of years ago. Something between 50 per cent and 60 per cent of our total taxation goes for education in some form or another. There is hardly a likelihood that the amount required for education is going to be lessened.

If we do not wish to face higher tax levies, we must increase our tax rolls. We must get more people into Oregon. We must get more industries to operating in Oregon.

To get people and industries here means the outlay of a vast sum of money in advertising our advantages. There is no way to get several million people here so cheaply as through the proposed 1925 exposition. If not a cent were to be returned to us directly, the cost per head would be as cheap as any method that could be employed, and it is a certainty that the visitors are coming. Almost every letter arriving in Oregon from the east tells of those who already are making their plans to visit us in 1925. Those who have been planning for several years a visit here will make this the excuse for postponing the trip no longer.

If not a penny were returned to us directly, the expense of getting the visitors here would be lower through the exposition than by any other method that could be devised, but it is pretty certain that those who come in motor cars alone will leave several times the benefits, but central Oregon and the Coos Bay section, both of which are out of the way, can look forward to getting their money back from the tourist. Hundreds of tourist



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cars annually visit these places even now, with road conditions far from the best. The coming of the fair should see good roads into every inaccessible section of Oregon.

Direct taxation for any purpose never works fairly upon every person paying the tax. We would have no paved highways in Oregon today had we waited until we could spread out equitably and fairly to all the money raised from the sale of licenses. We would have no public buildings, no public improvements of any kind in Oregon had we waited until the benefits could be distributed equitably to those paying the taxes. Portland would have no public auditorium had the city waited until the benefits of the auditorium could have been distributed equitably according to the taxes paid.

Taxation never will be equitable. The millage plan of financing the fair is as fair as any plan which could be devised. The benefits will be distributed as equitably as any taxes are distributed. Not only that, but here is one tax that will stop upon a certain date. In addition, we are more than likely to have a third of the tax money returned to us through profits of the exposition itself.

The plan to have Portland (one-third of the state) pay two-thirds of the expense, seems to be fair.

## NORTH DAKOTA WRECKERS HERE.

It seems certain that the odoriferous Non-Partisan league is going to try to organize in Oregon. This much has been expected for some time, but it seems that a different plan is to be followed here than was followed in North Dakota and in other states. The organization work is to be done in the open.

An open meeting has been called. The purpose of the meeting has been stated to be to organize a political party. Evidently no camouflage is to be tried on the hard-headed Oregon farmers. The call for the meeting states that the price of admission to the new party has been reduced from \$18 to \$12 for charter members.

Evidently the organizers have come to believe the truth of the statements made by The Sentinel and other papers to the effect that the shrewd farmers of Oregon would not pay an admission fee of \$18 to get into a political party, the leaders of such party to dictate how members shall vote and act.

The Sentinel and other papers have long predicted that the Non-Partisan league, the same which is to be organized here, would wreck the state of North Dakota, where it for years had complete control of the government. At the time that the effort is being made to organize here, North Dakota is found to be almost hopelessly in debt. Farmers and property owners are struggling to pay their taxes. The banks of the state have been wrecked, or nearly so. The wreckage is strewn everywhere and only a week or so ago the voters of the state went to the polls and threw out of office, through the recall, those leaders who have led the state to destruction.

North Dakota has been the terrible example which will be held, maimed and bleeding, before the farmers of Oregon to offset the attempt to organize here a political party such as that which has wrecked our sister state.

The Sentinel maintains its belief that the farmers of Oregon need no new political party with leaders to dictate their voting for him. We remain of the belief that they are not going to pay someone \$18, or \$12, or any other amount, to be relieved of the burden of doing their own thinking.

The Grants Pass Courier is to be congratulated upon a special 29 page edition which it has just issued to commemorate the opening of the Savage Rapids dam, constructed at a cost of a half million dollars to irrigate thousands of acres of land in that section. The special edition was printed upon The Courier's new Goss Comet perfecting press, one of the latest and best machines upon the market.

Woman, if she must split the wood, should use both hands in grasping the ax. Otherwise, accidents will happen like that at Cottage Grove, when the handle "interfered."—Oregonian.



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## COST OF WHEAT TO FARMER FOUND TO BE \$1.65

Record Is Kept for Year in Sherman County and Results Are Surprising.

The average cost of producing wheat on 40 farms in Sherman county for 1920 was \$1.65 a bushel. Yet half of the wheat was produced under a dollar and a half. To cover the cost of production to the bulk of producers (85 per cent), a price of \$2.40 should have been received. The range in cost was from \$1.09 to \$2.80. The average cost of producing wheat on 453 farms in the middle west for the same year was \$1.85, and the bulk line cost \$2.40. This comparison merely emphasizes the reliability of the Sherman county figures. It also indicates cheaper production here than in the middle west.

The foregoing facts are brought out in a wheat-cost project sponsored by the extension service of Oregon Agricultural college in cooperation with the Sherman County farm bureau. R. V. Gunn, farm management specialist from the college, and C. C. Calkins, formerly county agent in Sherman county, conducted the survey, which was started two years ago. The first report, which showed the cost of producing wheat on 12 farms in 1919, was issued in the summer of 1920. This showed an average cost of production about 15 per cent lower than for 1920. The report for this second year is based upon actual financial and inventory records of the 1920 farm business as kept by the 40 cooperative wheat growers.

Further analysis of this survey brings out the fact that all operating expenses, including such items as labor, feed, repairs, gas, oil, insurance, etc., approximated but 58 per cent of the total cost. Machinery cost alone, which represents repairs, gas, oil and depreciation, approximated 45 cents for every bushel of wheat produced. Costs not cash, such as family labor, depreciation on machinery and interest on investment, make up the other 42 per cent. The fact that many farmers take less than the prevailing wages for their own labor and ask little or no interest for the use of their capital, explains the often-asked inquiry, "How can farmers continue to raise wheat and sell at less than the actual cost of production?"

In this survey it was interesting to note that yield per acre and acres per farm were the outstanding factors influencing cost per bushel. The eight best farms above the average (\$1.65 in cost per bushel) had an average yield of 14 bushels an acre, while the twenty-two farms below the average in cost had an average yield of 22 bushels an acre. The first group of farms with the higher cost a bushel averaged 334 acres of wheat a farm, while the group with the lower cost averaged 396 acres of wheat a farm.

That this project is an important one and is of vital interest to wheat growers is evidenced by the fact that the United States department of agriculture has requested the cooperation of the Oregon Agricultural college in a more inclusive three-year wheat cost survey, and that 150 farmers of Sherman county responded during the month of July with reports on their last year's business. As indicated, this will be followed by a second survey on the same farms in the summer of 1922 and again in 1923. Similar projects on a smaller scale are being taken up in other wheat counties.

## 1800 ACRES OF TIMBER IS BURNED IN YEAR

Fire Warden Finds That Destruction Amounts to Total of 113,000 Feet.

Sixty-four fires covering 1800 acres and totaling a loss of 113,000 feet of standing timber was the forest fire loss during the past year in the arena covered by the Western Lane Fire Patrol association, according to the annual report of C. V. Oglesby, supervising warden of this section. The Western Lane association is maintained by state forest officials and the various private timber associations. The area covered by the organization includes the western portion of Lane county and Benton county, and the northwestern part of Douglas county. The majority of the forest blazes in



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this district were in the area of former burns and brush land, according to the fire warden, and as a consequence the financial loss was small compared to the amount of acreage burned. The largest fire of this year was a recent blaze west of Junction City that burned over 400 acres of cuttings. Some fencing and cordwood was destroyed but the damage was offset by the clearing of the land of the old cuttings, says the fire official. Carelessness is the cause of the majority of the forest fires reported in this district, according to Mr. Oglesby, who, in commenting on the efforts of the fire association to hold the number of forest fires to a minimum,

stated that with the opening of the fire danger season next year the campaign of educating the public to the necessity of watchfulness in regard to the use of fire in the timber zones would be supplemented with a vigorous prosecution of all persons who by their carelessness cause forest fires in this district. In reporting on the protection methods employed during the year by the Western Lane association, the warden voiced the belief that the airplane fire patrol service had proved to be a successful means of quickly reporting any fire that might develop in the timber districts. During the past year while the 91st aero squadron patrolled the northwest

forest areas every blaze detected in the section under the jurisdiction of the local association was accurately reported as to location, with the exception of a few fires, and the margin of error in these cases was less than a mile, he stated. Improvement projects completed during the past year by the association include a new telephone line of eight miles connecting the Sinslaw and Smith river countries and six miles of trail constructed between Esmond creek and the mouth of the Twin Sisters on Smith river. Two lookout towers have also been erected in this section by the federal forestry department to guard tracts of government timber.