"THE OREGONIAN" FORUM OPENS WIDE RANGE OF TIMELY TOPICS

Readers Discuss Plumb Plan, Capital Punishment, Japanese Invasion, Food Waste, Slang, Garbage, and Movie Censors From Variety of Angles

both ways," especially for them, wen, let's grant that point, and then proceed to try them by their own rule. Almost from the foundation of our government we have had a "protective tariff" to "encourage our infant to "encourage our infant Own Homes First.

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more especially against the Japane of political prejudice is appealed to to stimulate race hatred against Orientals, when both China and Japan own Homes First.

nat they cannot gee half what they der from the manufacturers or job-This is probably bec arve and freeze"; we must each "de r bit" in the way of sacrifice. Well, s is a good time for the profiteers "do their bit" by passing up some

their exorbitant profits for the mefit of their own countrymen; and we are really in earnest in our atmpts to reduce the high cost of ving we should not be deterred by ne objections of the gentlemen who re profiting by these high prices; nd the way to do so-one effective ay at least-has been pointed out put an export tax on all pro-manufacturers or commodities f all sorts needed in this country, and t at a profit.

which is only \$1 a pound.

rom 30 to 70 cents a pound. Flax is tru iber at 70 cents, according to the rish Trade Journal, is second grade. s almost no first grade to be oring - almost equal to Courtral-rought \$2750 a ton, and the linen ust evidently is not using first

Before the war, the price of seine twine was \$1.25 a pound, and the cost of manufacture was 13 cents a pound, hich allowed a fair margin of ofit. Probably cost of manufacture s quadrupled. Even then \$1.25 will ver expense. Linen thread for oe making is \$6 and up per pound.

comment is needed. The flax from the penitentiary ocasionally reached the higher figure, but, as a rule, 25 or 36 cents was the price received. This seems to be tor.)—"It costs us twice as much ase which should interest Attor--General Palmer.

he highest price from French, Irish and Belgian mills. Forty-five cents that led me to hunt up my old house he highest price from French, Irish and Belgian mills. Forty-five cents that led me to hunt up my old house- that led me t

were our allies in the forces are now. For internal powers and the proper into the proper into

TARIFF MAKES HIGH PRICES tion, near Seattle. This fiber, meas- JAPS SHOULD GET WELCOME, to producing garden truck, potatoes SLANG BECOMING GREAT SIN cannot exist without labor and a con- PLUMB PLAN IS ADVOCATED and all the necessities of life?

Commandment," but if the manager of

Careful Housewife Saves

Nickel When She Can.

Living for Adult Couple Costs 8792.11 During 1919.

The showing made in these figures

censorship of moving pictures impels if one stops to think. The operator on the phone could cut off when such two mothers. Let them issue all marriage licenses, hear and decide all rebuke. Principals of schools could divorce cases, then allow no divorced

TAX UPON Exports Advocated as Solution of H. C.L. and all the necessities of life.

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FOREST GROVE OF, Jan. 16.—(To the Editor)—What are we going to the necessary of the Editor)—What are we going to the necessary of the Editor)—What are we going to the necessary of the Editor)—What are we going to the necessary of the Editor)—All most row of the Editor)—All most row of the Editors—and the regularly advancing prices with the regular of the dacious Propaganda" which is being the government on account of imtion as being made by the interstats than that undue profits of the emcommerce commission under the act player after labor is paid . . . of 1913, and then state that this belongs neither to the employer nor to

place cards in halls that slang after person to remarry except by getting a certain date reported, credits would be taken from standings.

ment and best respects to our club material and also unearned incre-EDITORIALS ARE WELL LIKED women who are going to make a clean fight against it. Capital punishment has had its day; we are live valuation of the roads is completed that the book value or the property in-

where in these United States by a tax upon exports? If we "Dut by the property in the property

valuation has been almost completed. the employe, but to the public from it is not true that the interstate commerce commission has almost then, belongs this \$262,000,000, equal eleted a valuation of all the roads. to nearly two-thirds of the total con five roads. The result of the findings of the commission have been filed and a determination has been made as to the actual value of the Texas Mid-plus earnings for many years. The and a determination has been also as a fair value of the Texas Midland Railroad company, Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railway company, Kangas City & Southern, E. J. & E. and the Winston-Salem South & E. and the Winston-Salem South be a fair value for rate-making purposes. The United States suprements to congress show pany, Kansas City & Southern, E. J. & E. and the Winston-Salem South Round. The reports to congress show that it will be at least fire that it will be at least five years before the physical valuation of all the roads is completed. This means that the interstate commerce commission will be forced to accept immediately the book value or the capitalization of the roads as the basis of rate making. It is important to note that the total physical valuation of the five roads as named above aggregates \$137.031,508. The interstate the roads is completed. This means Capital Punishment Belongs to these roads could have been reproduced June 30, 1914, at a cost of \$89,-821,584, this cost would have ALBANY, Or., Jan. 16.—(To the Edcost of terminals, the increase in cost of land, in the price of labor and

Reorganization of Railways by in the accounting between the goverament and the railroad owners the government shall immediately pay to Editor.)-In The Oregonian Decem- due from the government, but that ber 9 is an illustration of the "Men-which to pay their indebtedness to to the provisions of the Cummins bill. present book value of the railroads enormous investments of surplus earnings. To cite one inthe interstate commerce commission stance in the Eastern advance rate shall adjust rates so that the roads of each district shall earn an aggregate the Pennsylvania railroad testified as near as may be to 5% per cent upon the aggregate value as determined in accordance with the provisions of the railway bill. You then stated that this aggregate value shall be determined by the actual physical values that the stated that the state of Pittsburg and the lines east of Pittsburg into the lines east of Pittsburg and accordance with the provisions of the lines east of Pittsburg and all this time this company had put into the lines east of Pittsburg and accordance with the provisions of the lines east of Pittsburg and the li Pittsburg liberal dividends to all stockholders. In your paper of November 25, you stated that "Nothing can be plainer

> of construction of the 2123 miles owned by the above named company court in the Monongahela case said:
> "The question as to what is the nature of just compensation, either for mine the rights and property interest upon which rates must carn a return. It is easy to see the exceeding friendliness of the railroad bankers for legislative action when we know that heretofore the interstate commerce commission has refused to fix rates based upon earning a fair re-return upon the book value which the will have to be done for at least five years under the Cummins bill. The interstate commerce commission in the 5 per cent case, 5860, said: "The

> > .000,000 in number. The interests of made adverse by the provision that out of one-half of the surplus earno the classified employes. The pro-

federal court and from there to the supreme court. This insures a fair appraisement. Whenever the railroad bankers are unwilling to submit a determination of the fair value of their properties to our supreme court,

we may be assured that the stakes are mighty heavy. The Plumb plan provides for a de-crease in rates, since when the government's share of the profits shall exceed 5 per cent of the gross opermerce commission shall lower rates to absorb this surplus. Thus, before further profits shall be paid to the employes or the government, added

efficiency must be demonstrated. The time has come when a worker should have just as much voice in the industry by which he exists as he new has in the government under The greatest steal ever perpetrated

In history is now being attempted in the halls of congress. American peo-ple at the lowest possible estimate will pay a tribute of \$480,000,000 upon

BERYL A. GREEN.

Clothes, all wearing apparel, except As an Adjunct to Scenery They Are Failure. PORTLAND, Jan. 16 .- (To the Edi-

odicals, church, charity and amuse- selves on the back, and loudly acclaiming to the world that the scen-Incidentals ran so high the first where in the world, and Frank Branch year because they included furniture, etc., necessary to begin housekeeping. Is beguiling the innocent castern military and the figures. ery of Oregon is unsurpassed any-where in the world, and Frank Branch Following are the figures:
1915 (six months)—Shelter, \$118;
food, \$109.66; clothes, \$27.92; shoes,
\$4.80; incidentals, \$229.03; advancement, \$39.45, and luxuries, \$44.51.
1916—Shelter, \$210.09; food, \$269.67;
clothes, \$132.60; shoes, \$17.19; incidentals, \$58.59; advancement, \$194.72.

ESSAYS REVEAL DETAILS OF LIVING COSTS IN PORTLAND

Contributed Articles in The Oregonian's Prize Contest Are Printed.

Living Costs Held Down by Thrifty Means.

Saving More Each Year as the Expenses Mount Is Way Local Family Conquers.

ake that tax so high that nothing expenses of the present day-earning might live within our income and at actual surplus can get over profit.

C. A. CAMPBELL.

District for a comparison of surplus can get over practice is the latter, and that is where the budget plan comes into the comparison of the c

price of \$4 a pound, and the conse-quent substitution of cotton twine, economy and thrift as they apply to penses and sundry other items, bu

saving money.

Why this difference in cost? There comparatively little difference in girls and our aged father—two of us five Individual Items, showing the inw material—both being held at practically supporting the family. It creased cash outlay required for

higher living costs, but we have had to practice the strictest economy for the last six or eight years in order to meet the advancing prices. We have kept a strict account of our in-come and expenses, so we know where every penny has gone, practically. No doubt the results given below seem almost impossible in some cases, but we have always had to

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Total\$654.44	\$726.96	\$823.23	\$826.53	\$1070.87	\$1587.50 M. R.

Vain Search Made for Items That Do Not Rise.

Cost for Family of Five Doubles in Last Five Years.

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Total\$650.36 Budget System Wins in

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Fiber From This State Compares

Webster defines the budget as "a

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by the Best Anywhere.

PORTLAND, Jan. 16—(To the Editor)—in an article relating to the family interests in The Oregonian really means the planning beforehand framing interests in The Oregonian really means the planning beforehand framing interests in The Oregonian really means the planning beforehand framing interests in The Oregonian really means the planning beforehand framing interests in The Oregonian really means the planning beforehand framing interests in The Oregonian really means the planning beforehand framing interests in The Oregonian really means the planning beforehand framing interests in The Oregonian really means the planning beforehand framing interests in The Oregonian really means the planning beforehand framing on the following items: Food, rent, fuel
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High Cost Battle.

the ragpickers.

were in six years ago, entertain about the same, and conditions through the period are substantially the same. The exception in certain changes is in goods. Our food is different and is based on a more scientific basis.

Wherever a nickel can be saved in the purchase of two pounds of butter or anything else, it is saved. My wife is a good buyer and of an economical nature.

To the classified employes. The provision for a voice in the management by the employes is simply recognition of the new spirit of labor and also of forward-looking employers, but old clothes. During those two years, I bought only one suit of clothes and the total expenditure for clothing, including shoes, for that the purchase of two pounds of butter or anything else, it is saved. My wife is a good buyer and of an economical nature.

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we have, during all this period, we have, during all this period, which supplied milk 5 cents a quart. My chief food milk 5 cents a quart on the food milk 5 cents a quart on the food milk 5 cents a quart.

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PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 6.—(To Contest Editor.)—The following information is presented to you, as exact evidence in the high cost of living controversy which is stalking through

or anything else, it is saved. My wife nutriment. (Right here, I want to advise all to send to the department of agriculture, Washington, for a free telling how much they pay for various articles. Rather, especially in these times, should it not be a desire to show how cheap, not necessarily how merce commission constitutes a party. Either dissatisfied party may appeal from the decision of this court to the controversy which is stalking through.

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Family Increases, but Buys Home and Saves.

Housewife Evolves Philosophy of Management That Proves Acme of Efficiency.

CAMAS, Wash .- (To Contest Edltor.) -To show how the cost of living ating revenues the interstate comhas affected us, here is the experience of a family, who, married the For ten months, from August, 1916, last of June, 1915, has kept account to June, 1917, I was away from home of every cent spent since. We have 10 June, 1917, I was away from home of every cent spent since. We have and was in the country ten miles of and was in the country ten miles of car or garden and the average from Portland and kept house alone, or "backed." About half that time, the tent for the six-room house was \$5 in February, 1918, we bought a home for herself, and get much wear out of clothes that might otherwise go to the respectors.

10 June, 1917, I was away from home of every cent spent since. We have no car or garden and the average standard of living. There are two children born the last of August, 1916, and the latter part of June, 1918. In February, 1918, we bought a home of the respectors.

Shelter includes rent, payment on passes. property, taxes, fire and life insur-Food includes groceries, water, butcher, dairy products and ice.

Luxuries are gifts, etc.

Incidentals include light, heat, laundry, carfare, house furnishings. drugs and doctors.

Advancement includes books, peritor.)—Just now we are patting our-

dentals, \$58.59; advancement, \$194.72, but

tendent for the Women's Flax associa- Then, as now, our clothing bill was tervening years.

WINNER OF FIRST PRIZE, \$10.

To Contest Editor: There are only two ways of meeting the increased with the increased with the increased with the many times in order that we the nation

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to live as it did five of six years ago." had been often on my lips the last Outing flambel, yard, year, But it was The Oregonian convest. Oil cloth, yard.....

R. E. S. I with shears and needle, and good at ones who have a constant struggle to the end of my second sojourn in the your money's worth.

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