

Oregon Statesman

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Pricing Out

This is a term coming into rather common use. It means that prices go so high that many consumers are "priced out" of buying.

When butter goes to a dollar a pound, lower income groups (and many middle income groups) buy no butter, or as little as they can. They are "priced out." When cost of new or old houses goes to \$10,000 the man with a monthly income of \$150 or \$200 is "priced out." He can't save enough out of his income to pay for the house. When automobiles go to \$1800-\$2000, persons on low incomes are "priced out" of buying new cars.

That is the law of the market, the relentless operation of the law of supply and demand. Those with socialist inclinations think it is terrible because they think every family should get not only necessities but comforts and conveniences of living and not be "priced out." They would cure the ailment by forcing prices down (which diminishes the supply coming to market) or by spreading out subsidies of one kind or another. The answer of the capitalist system is to reduce costs of production so that larger volumes of goods will be available at lower prices.

Socialist thinking is that the capitalist holds up or advances prices in order, to obtain long profit margins. That is often true in unregulated monopolies, but the prevailing instinct of the modern capitalism is to increase production. He is always trying to increase his sales volume, and trimming prices to permit that increase to come. In most lines of activity there is real competition if not for markets for a particular item then for other items that will prove acceptable as substitute.

We do not like to "price out" consumers, but as long as costs are pushed up prices will follow and the "pricing out" remedy becomes automatic. We hope it doesn't go so far that goods will pile up as surplus and the government get panicky and start another NRA to help maintain prices.

Gracious Benefactress

Miss Sally Bush lived so quietly, so unostentatiously that she herself became a legend to Salem people. Yet her soul overflowed with kindness for people everywhere and for all growing things. She could not bear to see a living thing harmed. Her generosity reached out to help persons or families in need and to aid worthy civic and cultural causes. Measured on the scale of good deeds, Miss Sally's name, like Abou Ben Adhem's, "leads all the rest."

Her home which had been that of her father's—the A. Bush who had founded The Statesman and Ladd & Bush bank preserved the mementoes of the past, which she cherished. Its gardens were highly developed and Miss Sally's flowers graced many a function. Her tennis court was a playground for the neighborhood; and the lowland pasture, left in its natural state, was a rendezvous for bird lovers, for those who hunted the early flowers of spring and for lovers who strolled its paths. Bush's pasture will be preserved by the city and by Willamette university as a park and recreation center. It will be a memorial to A. Bush; but about it will cling for many generations fragrant memories of Miss Sally, Salem's gracious benefactress.

Unemployed and looking for a job Eddie, the Duke of Windsor turned up in old England. He called on his mother and he called on his brother and he called on Prime Minister Attlee, but none of the three could offer him a job befitting his station as ex-king. And the duchess for whose sake Eddie left the throne got no bids to meet her royal in-laws. The Windsors didn't even get an invite to the wedding of Lord Mountbatten's daughter where the princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret served as bridesmaids. They are coming on to New York, where it is presumed the Long Island set will give them bed and board for a time.

Maybe President Truman did strain the law but there will be very general approbation of his decision to give visas to the 48 Estonian immigrants who crossed the Atlantic in small boats. This means they will not be deported, and presumably that they will be admitted under the quota system. When people go to such risks to get to a land of freedom we haven't the heart to turn them away. We only wish we could continue to make good on the inscription in the statue of liberty in New York harbor and open our arms to the oppressed of all the lands.

This year will be memorable in the history of the Mergenthaler Linotype Co. First it had a strike which completely tied up its operations for a period of about five months. Second, an office worker juggled company receipts and got away with from \$750,000 to a cool million of company funds; only he didn't get away, the police caught him and now the company is looking for the money. As an old customer The Statesman extends its regrets and hopes troubles will not really come in battalions for Mergenthaler.

Direct legislation puts the voter under a real mental strain. If he works at the job. In Salem the voter today faces nine state measures, three city measures and one county measure. In San Francisco the voter has to decide Yes or No on 17 state measures and 18 city-county measures. And there's no I.Q. test on voters!

Old GBS wired the Fabian society and proposed Henry Wallace for president of the U.S.A. The Fabian society is an old organization of parlor socialists; so his message went to the right place—except for getting Henry the nomination.

Regarding the housing shortage, why doesn't the housing bureau get in touch with the old woman who lived in a shoe and find out how she did it.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

No hope: there's a shoe shortage too.

Japs are still surrendering. Recently 74 Jap soldiers, including seven officers, surrendered to military police in the Philippines. Others are said still to be hiding in those and other islands, unconvinced that Japan lost the war.

Many candidates looking for crosses will get double crosses instead.

Editorial Comment

THE 24-HOUR TIME TABLE From Our Contemporaries

A bus line operating between Portland, Seattle and Vancouver has come up with one of those ideas so obviously sensible that it is a wonder railroads and bus companies have not adopted it before.

This system does away with necessity of recording timetable time in a.m. and p.m., with light type for one and black type for the other, and all the resulting confusion.

Instead, the day is measured, from midnight to midnight, using four numerals for all times, starting with the figure 0001 for 12:01 a.m. and ending at 2400 for the following midnight.

In this system, 8 a.m. is 0800, noon is 1200 and 1 p.m. is 1300, 5 p.m. is 1700 and so on throughout the day.

Millions of people became familiar with this system of time keeping while serving in the armed forces during the war, and found it quite simple to understand. It seems a natural for timetable use, and if the public catches on to it quickly, it is likely that the system will be used in all timetables before long.

Public Records

JUSTICE COURT

Weldon A. Catterton, 1563 Reedy lane, driving without lights, fined \$1 and costs. Albert E. Porter, route 2, box 496, no tail light, fined \$1 and costs. James Heber McConnell, Salem, drunk on public highway, committed to Marion county jail upon failure to pay \$25 fine and costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Richard Lee Gray, 20, truck driver, Newberg, and Evelyn Etzel, 19, bookkeeper, Dallas. Andrew Nemis, 41, printer, and Inez Needham, 40, domestic, both of Salem. Jack G. Cannivet, Jr., 28, Woodburn, and Louise Collins, 19, domestic, Aurora.

PROBATE COURT

Arns M. Elliott estate: Order admitting will to probate, and LeRoy Speery appointed executor. Edward J. Sahradnik estate: Order approving final account. Maggie Keene estate: Order setting December 14 for final hearing. Martha J. Wepfke: Order for guardian to draw upon estate for support and education of charge.

CIRCUIT COURT

Frankie Allison vs Darrell Allison: Decree of divorce grants custody of minor children to plaintiff; and \$25 per month support money for each child. Herman F. Ricketts vs Anna Marie Ricketts: Decree of divorce.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Jennie Moore, violation of basic rule, fined \$7.50. John D. Wilkinson, disorderly conduct, fined \$10. Roland Earl Hendrickson, box 70, Raleigh, dr., violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50. Harlan R. Miller, failure to stop, fined \$2.50. Oscar Victor Sorenson, 1106 Leslie st., violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50. Bobbie Hutcheson, Salem, drunk and disorderly, fined \$15.

COAL MINE FOR SALE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 —(AP)—The war assets administration offered for sale today a coal mine site and coke plant located in Tacoma, Wash., formerly operated by Wilkeson Products company.

YOUR DUTY



IT SEEMS TO ME

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balanced system. The several institutions have been restored to definite individuality. What duplication there is is not uneconomic, using the term in a broad sense. The institutions feel a sense of security such as they have never felt before, and old bitterness is fast fading out.

There is unification at the top. The chancellor is the overall executive. Budgets are studied at the central office and finally passed on by the state board and then by the legislature. The old fights at the legislature over who gets the money and how much have been eliminated.

The institutions still have problems. Though having far greater incomes than ever before the demands have gone up in proportion. The problem of a physical plant is extremely critical. The problem of getting qualified faculty members is baffling. How to get better preparatory work in lower schools so colleges will not have to do so much "shoring up" of defective secondary education also perplexes. But the state system has emerged into a successfully functioning organism, even if its character is different from what was envisioned in the early years of unification.

Home Nurse Class Planned

New home nursing classes for Salem women are in the offing. Mrs. Ralph E. Moody, home nursing chairman for Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, said yesterday that classes will begin as soon as enough women indicate to the Red Cross office their intention of taking the free training course.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Well, we did our duty—but whichever way we voted, we'll likely

Mrs. Moorhead

To Attend East Coast Meeting

Mrs. George R. K. Moorhead, of Salem, associate professor of physical education, University of Oregon Medical school, will leave Wednesday from Portland for Cleveland, Ohio to attend the meeting of the American Public Health Association.

From Ohio, she will go on to New York to attend executive meetings of the American Museum of Natural History and the American Social Hygiene Association. At these meetings members of the staffs will preview the pilot version of an educational film, "Human Growth," being in a process of production by the E. C. Brown trust, University of Oregon Medical school in Portland.

The purpose of showing the film is to secure advice and counsel from staff members. Designed for use at the junior high school level, the film will be the first of its kind ever produced. An experimental version of the film in soundslide form has been produced for testing purposes by Dr. Lester F. Beck, associated professor of psychology in the university and film adviser of the E. C. Brown trust.

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Odd Fellows Head to Visit

Grand Master Arthur J. Lemon of the grand lodge of Oregon, I. O. O. F., will make an official visit to Chemeketa lodge in Salem Wednesday evening. The Portland lodge official will meet with the local lodge at a short business session in Odd Fellows' hall, following which the lodge will hold a joint meeting with Rebekah lodge.

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