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The editorial which follows, clipped from the Pueblo, Colorado, Indicator was awarded first prize by the Colorado Editorial association. The editorial was written by editor Byrnes of the Indicator, and carries a number of truths applicable to conditions in this community and will be worthy of consideration by everyone who has money to spend.

"When a resident of any city, town or community makes the casual remark that he cannot see why he should buy of home merchants or show a preference for home manufactured goods he sets the more thoughtful individual to thinking, and he is apt to think along straight lines. He has heard a strange sentiment expressed that wakes him up, and he is apt to reflect somewhat after this fashion:

"Now, if all the citizens in this town talked and felt as this man does we couldn't and wouldn't have much of a town, and neither community nor state would be getting just returns for the expense and trouble it has gone to in building up the community, and for the civil government it has established for safeguarding the lives and property and other interests of its citizens. It would not be receiving just compensation for providing schools, and parks and jobs for the wage earners and business for the merchants to enable them to make a good living. Such a man is not giving value received for what he gets out of the community of common interests."

"On the other hand the home patronage and home-industry proposition works something like this: If the local merchant neglects or refuses to reciprocate in patronizing those who patronize him he is not doing his fair share, either. If he does not buy his boxes, brooms and mattresses, for instance, of the home manufacturer, or the state manufacturer, and sends his orders away for such goods, he gets the goods, to be sure, but the out-of-the-state firm gets the money, and thus it is taken out of the home circulation market and it lessens the wealth of the community by just that much."

"And, moreover, the box and the broom makers, and the proverbial butcher, the baker and the candle stick maker is deprived of so much needed employment, and it hurts, for the local laborer and salaried person in town has less money to spend with the grocer, the clothier, the dry goods man and every one else in business; and so because a link in the chain of natural trade has been broken the entire chain of economics is made weaker and less efficient."

"So let it be understood that the business man is a very useful and necessary adjunct to any community, for he not only affords employment to others, but he is among the heaviest of taxpayers of the home government for offensive and defensive purposes, so that he is entitled to consideration and support. It is thus seen that home patronage has its selfish side and its loyal side that appeals to us both going and coming."

"Reciprocity is a grand and noble institution when made to work both ways. It then falls upon the community like manna from heaven. It radiates a sustaining and soothing influence upon all persons and interests alike. It is a human sort of sentiment that needs to be more generally as well as generously practiced. It is the golden rule applied to home building and business affairs. It relates to everybody and everything."

If the rule were more universally observed there would be bigger and better home and state mercantile, manufacturing and jobbing concerns, more employment and lower taxes.

The supply of pure Oregon gray winter oats for making about the finest rolled oats in the world is threatened by the presence of buck cheat in the seed in some districts. The cheat appears in the rolled oats as a small black kernel of off flavor. Growers having seed lots with some cheat may take fair samples of different lots and send them to the O. A. C. seed laboratory to learn just how much is in each lot and which to choose seed from with the least cheat.

## EDISON-FORD PLAN'S ATTACK ON INTEREST

### Abolition of Rent No More Plausible Than Abolition of Pay on Loans, Expert Shows.

It is no more unreasonable to pay interest on a loan of money than to pay rent on a house, declares William T. Foster, Director of the Pollack Foundation for Economic Research, in exposing the fallacy of the attack on interest charges by Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison in their commodity money scheme to do away with the present financial system. Mr. Foster's argument is reviewed in the present article which is one of a series prepared by the American Bankers Association.

"The Ford-Edison commodity money plan is regarded as a step toward the abolition of all interest charges," Mr. Foster says. "Interest," says the Dearborn Independent, "is a tax that few ancient tyrants would have dared impose. Interest in actual modern practice is a contrivance whereby all production is taxed by parasites, and whereby money is given a supremacy over men, material and management which it cannot sustain."

#### Renting Money

"But is there really anything more terrible about paying for the use of money than about paying for the use of anything else? Suppose a farmer finds himself in need of a harvesting machine, and without enough money to buy one. In that case he can either borrow a machine of Neighbor Brown or borrow money and buy a machine. The farmer would consider it right to pay in some way for the use of the machine. Why should he expect to borrow money—which is loaned in the markets in payment for the same machine—without paying for the use of the money?"

"Now let us suppose that the farmer uses the machine so successfully that he saves a thousand dollars. With that money he can buy a farm and he can let Neighbor Brown have the use of it. Neighbor Brown naturally would expect to pay rent. Instead of buying the farm, however, he could lend the thousand dollars to his neighbor in order that his neighbor might buy the farm. In that case Neighbor Brown should expect to pay for the rent of the money. All this seems clear. When the transactions are as simple as these it is plain that there is just as great propriety in charging for the use of money as in charging for the use of things that money will buy."

#### Loaned Money Builds a School

"We may assume, however, that the farmer does not want to buy land and Neighbor Brown does not want to borrow money. In that case the farmer deposits his thousand dollars in a bank and the bank pays him interest for the use of his money. But the bank can pay interest only if it makes profitable use of his money. Now the bank finds that the city needs a high-school building, and has decided to borrow enough money to construct it. In order to obtain the money the city has issued bonds, each of which is a promise to pay one thousand dollars at a specified date, and interest in the meantime at a specified rate. The bank buys one of these bonds. Thus the farmer has had a part in providing the city with a school building; and the farmer has just as much right to expect interest for the use of his money as though he had loaned the money directly or indirectly to Neighbor Brown."

## "CAPITALISTS"—AND DON'T KNOW IT

A good many people who rail against capital are beating their own backs. Some are savings bank depositors; some have shares in building and loan associations; some have bought a liberty bond; some have ordered a stock of goods for their store. All of them, without knowing it, have performed a great miracle, for they have turned the work of their hands or their brains into a new product which, while it helps them, is helping thousands of others. Every one of them is a capitalist as most of us are—unless we are tramps or paupers or ne'er-do-wells—and we may well be proud of the name. For capitalism, instead of being the devilish invention of a few selfish interests, is the great material force that has lifted millions from poverty, degradation and slavery.

Like other human institutions, capital can be abused. So, too, can eye-sight and health and education and love. Part of America's great job is to remedy and prevent such abuses. Sane people, however, do not cut off their feet to get rid of their corns.

Capital is today's surplus. It is what gives us a better start tomorrow than we had today. If we don't save it, we don't have it, and when we have it, it is useless until it is put to work.

If thrift is right, then it is right that people should acquire funds as the result of their industry and self-denial. But money that is merely hoarded is like water that becomes stagnant; it is harmful, not helpful. When money is put to work, it is like water power: it turns the wheels of industry, increases employment and raises the general level of comfort.

When every producer can create a surplus and that surplus can be gathered into a common fund and put to work for the common good we shall have reached an ideal condition. From "The Greatest Family in the World."

Let us do that next printing for you.

## LOCAL NOTES

Printing is the inseparable companion of achievement.—R. T. Porter

Mrs. Dale Albright made a short visit to Portland last week.

Brice Dillabough and family are visiting friends in Spokane.

Mrs. Guy Lee was a guest of Miss Belle Packard Sunday afternoon.

WANTED—Fresh eggs and chickens. French Cafe, Pendleton. au31tf

A. B. Chaffee and family went to Alderdale, Wash., Sunday for peaches.

Dr. Severinsen is a guest at the Leslie Packard home this week.

Mrs. Charles McDaniel left Tuesday for a visit in Heppner and Hardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Vegas returned Monday from a short camping and fishing trip.

Mrs. Rands is enjoying a visit from her aunt, Mrs. Tichenor, and daughter of Portland.

Mrs. Neal Bleakney and two children of Echo came Friday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. H. H. Weston.

Miss Helena Fleck of The Dalles came Tuesday and is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lee Mead.

Mrs. Ursul Hiatt of Hermiston, niece of Mrs. Royal Rands, spent the week-end at the Rands home.

Mrs. John Brice is home for a few weeks from Portland and Ridgefield. She is reported as greatly improved.

Mrs. Jenkins returned home Thursday from Hot Lake, Ore., where she had her tonsils removed last Monday.

C. Packard and family of Seattle, who have been visiting at the Leslie Packard home, returned to Seattle last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDaniel returned from the harvest fields the early part of last week near Pendleton.

Henry Klages and son, Fred, returned to Donald, Wash., last week to work in the fruit after a short visit with home folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Christianson of Portland returned to their home Monday after a week's visit at the Nick Faler's.

Albert and Kenneth Boardman had a pleasant outing last week when they drove to Madras with their father. They were absent three days and enjoyed the trip greatly.

Mrs. Frank Cramer went to Condon last Tuesday, returning Thursday. Mr. Cramer came back with her. He and Earl have been hauling wheat into Condon.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Harrison of Hardman have a new daughter who arrived Wednesday, August 22nd at the home of her mother, Mrs. Alice Warren. Mrs. Charles McDaniel is caring for Mrs. Harrison.

Mrs. Chas. Hango took her two daughters, Mamie and Linda, to Pendleton last Monday, where they had their tonsils removed. The Oisons motored up on Tuesday and brought the girls home. They have both recovered nicely.

Nate Macomber and wife and Sibyl Grace returned to Boardman Saturday from Pilot Rock, where they have spent the summer. Mr. Macomber was not successful in getting a deer this year, but nevertheless did not return empty-handed, his trophy being a black bear.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerking and two children of Walla Walla, Mrs. Etta Gerking of Weston, Mrs. Harbor and daughter all motored down Thursday and visited at the Ray Brown home until Friday.

On Friday evening Mrs. Guy Lee was the inspiration for a very enjoyable party given by friends at the Jack Gorham home. A large crowd was present and the evening passed quickly with games and merriment. To Mrs. Royal Rands must go the credit of planning this enjoyable gathering.

## IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rand of Linton are Irrigon visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Berry and Mrs. McCoy went to Portland Sunday night for medical attention of the Berry's two children.

W. H. Morse, our county agent, was in Irrigon Wednesday. He is arranging to get a crowd to go to the field day at Hermiston, Sept. 5. People should start here not later than 11 a. m.

R. F. Williams, manager for the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company, sent his general office one of the ordinary Irrigon watermelons and they came back in a letter saying they had to cut a special hole in their refrigerator in order to get it in to cool it off before slicing it. They claim it is proof we raise the goods here.

W. T. Wright will finish his house this week. It is one of the nicest in the district. He is now hauling out the lumber for a new barn. The Tum-A-Lum Lumber company furnished the material for all these buildings and is looking for several cars of lumber in the next week or two on account of the supply having run down a little.

The Irrigon products have moved during the past week in every direction. Three carloads of mixed watermelons and cantaloupes, the Pride of Irrigon, went to Portland bringing nearly double the price of other watermelons, and the cantaloupes also topping the market by 35 cents per crate over the highest similar products on the Portland market. The first car was so satisfactory that the same people have booked an order for two carloads until further notice. One carload mixed watermelons and Prides went to Condon Sunday and has been distributed from that point. N. Seaman had to go to Portland to have his eyes treated Monday on account of being bitten by some germ bug, and while there put on the finishing touches for the season's business. The Portland consumers appreciate the Irrigon superior products, having been fed up on California and Georgia stuff so much of the time samples bring immediate results.

Stanley Anderson has moved to his ranch as he has the house all fixed up now. He moved the Sylvan Ferte house and has it fixed up nice. He has built a coal and wood shed 14x18, and is now building him a chicken house 14x72 feet. Harry Lester has also built him a fine chicken house. Both these gentlemen are raising the white Leghorns of high laying strain. Dayton Lamoreaux will also build a chicken coop for a large flock in a week or two.

ITALIAN PRUNES. Ready about Sept. 1st. A large crop of fine quality. Please bring your own containers as usual. Ten-acre orchard, 2 1/2 miles north of Hermiston, Ore. E. I. DAVIS

## SPECIAL THIS WEEK

We have an overstock of 2x8" plank which we will sell for \$23.00 per M. while they last.

Did you see that nice car of Summer wood in our yard this week? This is cheaper than oil stoves. Cook a meal to 3 cents or do the washing and ironing for 12 cents.

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## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Ore. Aug. 9, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that Paul M. Smith, of Boardman, Ore., who on Sept. 10, 1918, made Homestead Entry, No. 020063, for NE 1/4 SW 1/4, being Unit "E" Umatilla Project, Section 8, Township 4 North, Range 25 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. G. Blayden, United States Commissioner, at Boardman, Ore., on the 18th day of September, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses: Nick Faler, O. H. Warner, I. Skoubo, J. R. Johnson, all of Boardman, Ore.

J. W. DONNELLY, Register.

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The saddest case of earthly futility is the Klu Klux member whose wife wont let him go out nights.

For Sale—A few young Duroc Brood sows, to farrow soon, bred to Big Orion Sensation. Also some fine quality 4 month old shoats, priced right. Chas W. Powell Irrigon, Oregon.

Portland is one of the safest cities in the United States in proportion to its population, according to the conclusions drawn by the Pacific Claim Agents' association which held its annual session in Portland.

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