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Timely Topics

By HON. R. T. MOORE

The president has signed the Tax Amendment giving relief to business from excessive war income taxes and providing funds for reconversion by making available the excess-profits tax credits either in cash or in credit against current income tax obligations.

With Europe showing a trend towards collectivism, America will be the stronghold of democracy for years to come. The backbone of democracy is the small business enterprise.

Small business is eternally seeking new fields and better methods under the spur of competition and hope of rich reward. It continually expands and generates more employment as it grows.

Small enterprise has suffered a severe set-back under the regimentation of the social program and the war. Punitive taxes have destroyed the savings with which the ambitious man could start his enterprise.

There must first be a drastic reduction in the tax burden by eliminating superfluous government activities and by rigid economy administration. Income after taxes must be increased to restore the reservoirs of investment capital on which small enterprise depends.

The real wages of the American workman must be increased through greater production. There is no benefit in raising the dollar wage. The share of labor in the gross value of manufactures has remained constant in spite of almost complete unionization.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, August 14, 1925)

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the warehouse on the high dock about eleven o'clock Wednesday morning, and \$643 worth of hay and straw, owned by Farr & Elwood, was so damaged by fire and water as to be a total loss.

There is considerable talk of petitioning the council to call a special election to vote on issuing bonds for the purchase of the Athletic Park.

The city's high dock, the upper portion of which was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning, was built by Sam Sherwood in 1912, at a cost of \$1743.08.

What Should Be The Effect Of Taxation?

If you will allow me to use the word "tax" in the way it is usually used, it might be instructive to try and discover the tax that conforms most to justice.

First, it must be a tax that bears lightly upon production, if at all. It must be a tax that has a tendency to increase production and does not lessen the reward that should go to capital and labor for producing, and the amount of tax is just as important as the mode of levying the tax.

That old illustration brings out both points nicely: Place two baskets on a horse, one on either side, loaded with merchandise. You can put the load all on one side or make the load too heavy.

Let us see if we cannot find a value (tax) that, if taken, not only does not bear on production but makes it necessary to produce to hold the opportunity. A tax on the side value of land up to the full rental value of land, must be paid to use the land and cannot be added to the price of the wealth produced but must be paid from volume. Land could not be held out of use.

Today you find electric energy, sewers, streets, roads, all carried past unused land. Suppose near Chicago there were 100,000 acres of land held out of use and beyond this land was a fine vegetable garden. See the amount of extra work it would take because of unused land. If you look around you, you can multiply this illustration many times.

The effect of putting a tax on land value (site) is very remarkable. This simple step will make all land free. By taking the taxes off the processes of industry, you would stimulate industry, open opportunity to both capital and labor.

It is interesting to look and discover what means the government took to employ surplus labor after the Civil war. The government gave to each soldier 100 acres of land; the same idea is being messed with by some of the government officials today.

The problem of providing full employment reaches down into every community in the nation. The president evidently intends that the federal government shall do its share. He is supported in this by a Congress unusually alert to the dangers of the situation.

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S. M. Noeler has been organizing a horseshoe club here. It is the club's intention to have a half dozen or more courts prepared in the Willard street parking and to begin a tournament in the near future.

Sixty-one guests from outside the county will be here tomorrow evening for the Lions International charter night. Being the first club to be organized in Coos county, the state outside is looking to the Coquille club to become the mother of a similar club in every city in the county, hoping, in other words, for at least four Lion clubs.

Martin Alexson, who died Saturday, was buried Tuesday in the Masonic cemetery, the funeral service taking place at the Undertaking parlors and being conducted by Rev. M. F. Hill, of the M. E. Church, South.

Alton Grimes, Lans Leneve, Arthur Ellington and son, Denton, and Wm. Bettys were a part of the crowd fishing for salmon in the jaws of Rogue river mouth yesterday. Alton, with a 47 1/2 pound fish landed, captured the largest one of the fifty caught there yesterday.

County Judge and Mrs. R. H. Mast celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary with a family gathering at their home here Wednesday evening. The same day was the twenty-ninth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hazard.

from the centres of commerce was practically impossible.

It is also interesting to note that one of the worst depressions in history (1873) occurred after this policy was put in force; it lasted about four years. There was no money borrowed, no bonds issued and no additional debt taken on by the government.

Rent or site value is the only value that can be taken to run the government that will stimulate industry, make it possible to employ all labor, and double the buying power of labor, freeing land, and taking all the taxes out of everything labor buys.—Jas. Richmond, M. D.

Antelope Tag Applications Must Be In By Aug. 20

Applications for antelope tags should be sent in by August 20 to the Oregon State Game Commission at 616 Oregon Building, Portland 4, in order to be included in the drawing if one is necessary. Only 800 tags have been authorized and a drawing will be held if the applications exceed that number on August 20.

The antelope season will be open from September 22 to 30, inclusive, in all counties having antelope. However, no hunting will be allowed this year in the same two areas closed last season, the Drakes Flat area and the Millican-Fort Rock-Wagontire area.

Applications for the 800 doe deer tags to be sold for the Fort Rock-Silver Lake area for a post-season shoot from December 1 to 5, inclusive, will be held until October 29, after which a drawing will be held if the number of applications exceeds 800.

Applicants are requested not to send money for special tags at this time. Successful applicants will be notified to remit after the drawings are held.

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Buffalos And Trees

The following was written by E. B. Birkenbeul, one of the twelve of the Portland Chamber of Commerce Recreational Resource committee which is to be here for a breakfast in the hotel on the morning of Sept. 14, to discuss with the Coquille Chamber of Commerce the establishment of a myrtle grove state park out on Brummett creek:

Much is said of the various freedoms which we must cherish and protect. The list is endless and not the least of these is the freedom to enjoy the beauty and bounties nature has bestowed upon us.

Here in Oregon where timberland is rapidly passing into the private ownership of a few large operators and is either being logged by man or destroyed by fire, we find as we drive over our highways, year after year, more operations close to the highways. Soon we will see only a mass of stumps and snags. Rapidly our own beautiful State is becoming a cemetery where once spread mighty forests.

Men of vision who see the inevitable end of this process, know that just as the Indian was stripped of his hunting grounds, so will the white man be stripped of his playgrounds, beauty spots, and markers of historical interest.

To this end, public-spirited men propose to reserve parkways along the highways, where we can retreat on occasion, to rest from the cares of the city. They propose to keep for us a beautiful countryside through which we can drive, or pause in shade or shadow, to camp or rest along the way.

The plan has everything for it and nothing against it. It reduces the fire hazard because, in the parks, snags and fire traps will be removed. It will not take any appreciable sum of money from the tax roll. Most of the land can be acquired by donation from the owners who are becoming mindful of the great need. Or it can be acquired by outright

purchase for reasonable sums. The main benefit which overbalances any expenditure is the spiritual value, the moral uplift and physical improvement the average person will experience, be he a native or visitor who uses the parkways along the highways.

If we must measure such things in terms of dollars, the advantages in favor of roadside parks as compared with fields of stumps and snags is one hundred to one. The advertising value alone is far greater than any possible cost of acquisition and maintenance plus loss in taxes.

The original American Indians lamented the passing of the buffalos. May we never find ourselves lamenting the passing of the wooded lands after making no effort to save them.

Every person who packs a camp kit or picnic basket, who fishes our streams or hunts in our fields and woods, or tramps our trails, every-

one who likes nature for what it is and does for us, who loves the State in which he lives, should rise in his might and demand the building of a park system along every feasible portion of our highways. Future generations will praise him for it. Let us not forget that he who cuts a tree should plant another.

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Looking to the Future—by Ralph Lee



An army of 23,000 teen-age boys, girls in the Oregon Green Guard, pledge to KEEP OREGON GREEN. Are you observing the rules of common sense? Appoint yourself a fire warden. Keep Oregon Green Association—Salem, Oregon

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Best Way to Celebrate The Peace. We were sitting on Bill Webster's porch the other night, talking about how we'd celebrate when the Japs surrendered. Lem Toller allowed as how he was going to start his vacation then and there—and spend it fishing. Ed Mapes was going to take his family to Mountain City for a big feed and a picture show.

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