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LABOR AND THE WAR

There is a good chance that all this talk about doing something about "stabilization" of wages is a case of locking the barn door after the horse is stolen. Wages are already so high that the cost of the war is more than we can pay on the old basis of prices, so high that production of food is being made impossible under the price ceiling program, so high that labor cannot expect employment under them in normal times.

There was some justification for an attempt to raise the buying power of wages and the buying power of farmers. There could be no justification for making wages so high that men needed to work but a few hours per week to maintain themselves.

The president prevented, by his too great authority, the passage of a wage stabilization bill last spring. He has now said he will favor such a bill now. The plan so far favored gives labor a wage rise with every increase in the cost of living.

There are going to be lots of raises in the cost of living. Wages are already so high that that is assured. Producers of many kinds of foods cannot produce it and pay labor what it can get in government controlled defense work. Many foods will be off the grocery shelves when present supplies are exhausted. The grocer cannot buy to sell at ceiling prices.

The ordinary laboring man is sure to get the blame for it all. And he has only been at fault because he failed to take and hold control of his own labor organizations. They have gotten into the hands of as greedy a group of public plunderers as ever held up a widow woman.

That they have obtained their hold on the American public with the assistance of the administration doesn't make the people feel any better. We will have to get rid of this sort of class government before we can begin to win the war. No nation can win—or should win—a war when its citizens are more interested in profit or politics than in the war. We are no exception.

TELL IT

They say the Oregon coast was bombed the other day. Maybe it was. Anyhow the news was not released for nearly a week.

The Japs attacked our newly won positions on the Solomons and the fact was announced four days after it had happened.

These are but two examples of the fact that the government is still trying to keep important news from the American people. We are sure that if the Japs sent a plane from off a submarine and dropped a bomb or bombs in an Oregon forest the leaders of the Japanese knew about it. They might have wondered how the venture turned out and would surely have been disappointed to learn that no damage resulted. Why try to be so secretive about it?

There is more certainty that the Japs knew their forces were attacking the Solomon Island bases. They knew what success they were having. Our silence gave them a good chance to make Asia's believe they were winning.

All of which merely makes the ordinary American believe more strongly than ever that war is not a secret matter. We send our boys to fight and our money to make material for them to fight with; we are entitled to know everything that is not definitely of aid to the enemy.

JUST RESTING

You see an occasional farmer in town nowadays. He may be found at the court house arranging for his loan on his wheat—no one sells wheat these days. He may be standing on the corner talking over the harvest, how long it was,

how short handed he was, or perhaps boasting a bit of his second good crop.

All of which is satisfying and pleasantly human. It is good to see people relax after weeks of sticking to the job. They need it. They could with profit send their wives to the coast and go on a long hunting trip into the hills.

They probably will not be allowed to do these things for various reasons. Their only vacation may be to come to town for a day or so and talk to their friends, to sit languidly in the fall sunshine and speak slowly and restfully of quiet and peaceable things foreign to what is in the headlines and on the radio.

While we in this country have never considered it a luxury to rest and enjoy being alive and at peace with the world, it may be that we will someday look back on the past few years and find them the golden age of our existence. There was time for a game, a trip to some favored spot, time to go hunting, time to fish along a stream where one could be just a man fishing and not a plodding farmer, a worried banker or a merchant with lagging business.

SOME ARE BORN, NOT MADE

Dictatorships are often given as a present to some popular leader. In fact, Hitler received his as a gift of the depressed German people. This nation has already gone a long way toward giving absolute powers to its president.

Of late years the excuse has been the war, but many measures empowering him to act freely in important matters were passed by a cowardly and undemocratic congress before the war scare came. Latest sign of dereliction of duty on the part of congress is the present possibility that it may give Roosevelt complete power to "stabilize" wages and farm prices. Setting the policy on which such "stabilization" should be done is a function of congress which it may not delegate and remain true to its oath of office.

It will be the president's duty to enforce the law when it is passed. The method of "stabilization" must be set by congress.

In Other Days

From the Observer Sept. 21, 1923
S. S. Hayes, former county clerk of this county, was a business visitor in the county this week from Portland.

Quite a surprise to the local members of the Moro lodge I.O.O.F. occurred Monday evening, after the regular session of the lodge had closed, when the marriage of C. L. Montgomery and Mrs. Elizabeth Heath was solemnized. Justice A. M. Young officiated.

Report has it that the new Sherman highway grade is now being rock surfaced both north and south of the crusher, long hauls toward Grass Valley, alternating with short hauls toward Kent. About three miles of grade south from the crusher has been surfaced.

Construction work on the new overland telephone lines from Portland to San Francisco, passing through Sherman county, has reached within four miles of Grass Valley, from as far south as Bend. The line is completed from Grass Valley to Portland. Construction south of Bend will be undertaken next year.

From the Observer, Sept. 18, 1903
In keeping with the handsome photo wagon which Gifford recently had built is a splendid set of harness made by Victor Marden.

Wheat is just rolling into the warehouses this week to beat the band. Roads are good and horses frisky. We counted 16 four horse rigs with grain in Moro Tuesday afternoon.

On Mr. Parr's last visit to Fossil he went and came via Shaniko and is partial now to that route as by far the pleasantest way to Fossil. Some day, Mr. Parr says, the beautiful Pine creek valley will be one solid orchard from source to mouth.

Mr. Getz had a full congregation at the Moro Flouring mill Sunday which is now turning day and night on orders for export. Ladies and gentlemen were alike entertained by the busy scenes of flour making.

From the Observer, Sept. 19, 1912
Notice is given over the signature of Fred Kruos, county judge, A. J. Holt and E. D. McKee, commissioners, that there is a fine of \$10 to \$50 for permitting any of a large list of weeds to seed.

Saturday the 13th was not a hoo doo day for the Hastings and Morgan threshing crew. In a day beginning at six and ending at seven they threshed 801 sacks of club and bluestem wheat, moved and set four times with only ten men. The machine is a 24 inch and that day used only one forker.

F.L.Kee has rented the E.O.L. Co. land south of Moro formerly farmed by George Rebmam who moved a short distance from there to land of his own.

Kelly's Column

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war effort.

CPA has announced that price regulations are forthcoming which will permit apple processors to increase their maximum prices for canned apples, applesauce, apple juice and sweet cider, and dried apples to compensate for increased costs of production. A price differential is to be allowed in the east to encourage the drying of apples for military demands.

Two zinc mines have had to close down in the northwest because miners have left for better paying jobs, most of them going to the naval training camp at Lake Pen d'Orielle, which will be as large as the Great Lakes training station. Operators of these mines have protested to Paul McNutt, head of manpower commission, but for the present there appears to be no way of holding miners on their job while government sanctions higher pay in its own activities.

Take This, Benito!



A Sunderland plane of the British coastal command surprised an Italian submarine cruising on the surface of the Mediterranean, and attacked. At top the sub is completely hidden by bursting bombs. Below, the damaged sub makes frantic efforts to escape.

4-H LIVESTOCK SALE GOOD

Rodney Chase, Springfield, received \$506 for a 920 pound Hereford steer; David Oliver, Corvallis, pocketed \$248 for a 69 pound Southdown fat lamb; and Loren Fisher, Albany, got \$66.25 for a 255 pound Chester White fat hog to take top prices in their respective divisions in the state fair 4-H club livestock auction at Salem September 11.

All three animals were grand champions. The lamb brought \$3.66 a pound—the highest price ever paid for a fat lamb at auction in Oregon—with the Salem manager of Sears the buyer. The top hog went at 55 cents a pound with Safeway the buyer; and the hog at 25 cents to Sears.

In spite of wartime conditions the fair was highly successful exhibits, both livestock and other projects, were of excellent quality though fewer in number than in peace time. Only clubbers were on the grounds the three days and these owners of fat livestock.



"Save your pennies to save America."

DON'T give your pots and pans a daily beating and then expect good wear. Scour them free of all food particles, inside and out. Dry them thoroughly. Store them neatly.



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YOUR DIME'S IN THE NAVY NOW!



Kent Merchant and Family Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and children returned home Sunday after a weeks visit in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and Mrs. Phoebe McKay were visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Leona Sather was returned to the hospital Thursday for observation and treatment.

Marvin Howell returned to his home at Lyle, Wash., after helping his father in harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson returned Sunday from a visit at the I. E. Wilson home at Waverly.

Doris Stiles and Pauline Smith have been running the hotel at Kent during the absence of Mrs. Pleumpke who was visiting in Portland.

Louis and Mavis Miller will be guests of their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather while their parents are in Portland.

Helen Sather visited her parents at Kent over the weekend. Camille vonBorstel and Merrill Sather will leave Saturday for Corvallis to try college life at OSC.

May Hurst of Moro was a visitor in Kent Monday.

John Koepke and wife and children came down from Redmond Saturday and spent the night at the McKay home, going on to The Dalles Sunday to visit Hans Koepke who is in the hospital.

Remember Church services at Kent Sunday following Sunday school which is at 10:00 a.m.

L. V. Walton and wife returned to The Dalles after spending har-

vest at Kent.

School started in Kent Monday with 18 enrolled in high school.

Many new improvements have been made in Kent's high school building and in the Legion hall and gymnasium. New lights have been installed.

The Kenneth Sather children went home to Moro after spending two weeks with their grandparents

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The mess kit is one of the most important items in the Soldier's equipment. It consists generally of a pan, a plastic canteen and cup, a fork, knife and spoon, all in a canvas pack cover. The total cost runs up to about \$2.00.



Canteens and other items such as handles on knives and forks, formerly made of aluminum, are now plastic. Alloy has replaced stainless steel. Alloy has replaced stainless steel. You can buy many of these mess kits for our boys with your purchases of War Bonds and Stamps. Invest at least 10 percent of your income in War Bonds or Stamps every pay day and top the quota in your county. U. S. Treasury Department

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY ON EXECUTION

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution in foreclosure duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, on the 17th day of August, 1942, pursuant to a judgment and decree duly rendered in said Court on the 13th day of August, 1942, in a certain suit in said Court wherein Joseph T. Peters, was plaintiff and J. C. Freeman and Edna Freeman, his wife, Fleischner, Mayer & Co., May J. Belshe, Lynn A. Hart and D. L. Belshe, were defendants, and which judgment was rendered for the plaintiff and against defendants, J. C. Freeman and Edna Freeman, for the sum of \$3,000.00, with interest thereon from the 2nd day of January, 1942, at the rate of 8% per annum the further sum of \$275.00, attorney's fees, the further sum of \$2,000.00 with interest thereon from the 2nd day of January, 1942, at the rate of 8% per annum, the further sum of \$200.00 attorney's fees, and the cost and disbursements of said suit in the sum of \$27.40, and commanding me to sell the following described real property, situate in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

All of the Easterly 42 feet of lot numbered 8 and the Westerly 8 feet of lot numbered 9 all in Block numbered one (1) in the City of Moro, State of Oregon, according to the plat thereof as the same appears of record in the office of the County Clerk for Sherman County, Oregon.

NOW, in obedience to said execution I will on Saturday, the 19th day of September, 1942, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the front door of the Court House at Moro, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all of the above described real property and apply the proceeds of said sale to the payment of said judgment and accruing cost of sale.

Dated and first published this 21st day of August, 1942.
C. C. Wilson
42-6 Sheriff of Sherman County

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Meets 2d & 4th Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall Transient and visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us.

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Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall Transient and visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us.

Paul May, N. G. Percy Thompson, Sec.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, In the Matter of the Estate of G. C. Vinton, deceased.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the Last Will and Testament of G. C. Vinton, deceased, by the above entitled court. And all those having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same with proper vouchers annexed, to the undersigned at the law office of Roy J. Baker, in Grass Valley, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication being September 4, 1942.

Echo B. Vinton, Executor.

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Will Frost dropped over last evening and we had a glass of beer on the back porch. I could see Will was bustin' to say something...

"Well," he finally remarks, holding up his glass to the light of the settin' sun. "I paid my income tax today—third installment."

There was a note of pride in Will's voice that some folks might have found amusing—if they didn't know Will...

Wasn't amusing to me though. I happen to know this is the first year Will's filed an income tax return, and I suspect the payment wasn't very big... probably in the general neighborhood of \$3.26. But I know how it made him feel...

Made him feel good... because he was doing his part as an American citizen... holding up his end.

Made him feel proud... to mail that money direct to Uncle Sam—for things that's needed to win this war with.

That's the way Will would feel about bein' able to pay income taxes... kind of citizen he is.

Joe Marsh

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