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**THE GREATER INFLATION**  
 This talk about the high cost of food, building materials, clothes and other things people want to buy overlooks one important increase, the cost of government. While bread has risen to twice its former price the cost of government has increased well over a hundred times. While the nation has been taxing its people to provide security for old age the costs have increased so much that the position of the aged has barely improved. The \$40 or \$50 oldsters receive is just about needed to offset the cost of living induced by government costs. Security is still a far distant dream and apparently it is not going to be realized through taxation. It is well enough for the administration to speak of the nameless profiteers who are charged with making costs go up. But the government itself is the greatest profiteer. The national budget calls for \$40 billion or about 15 percent of the total national income. The nation's government costs as much as the nation's food.

**CONFERENCE**  
 Next week there is going to be a county-wide meeting of citizens at the Courthouse to discuss many factors of county social and economic life. It will be the county conferece, the second for the first was held some ten years ago. That report still is valuable to those who study Sherman county.

Perhaps it is of little consequence but the reputation for leadership the county bears would have been aided had the inception of the study have come from local groups instead of from an outside agency. The main thing is the work has been done and is now ready for report to the citizenry. Most of the subjects to be discussed are about farming although the organization committee did insist on some more controversial matters. There has been a serious interest in the meetings and the committee members have indicated no little study and thought on the problems of farming.

How to make the best summer-fallow, how to kill weeds and prevent their growth, the best method of getting a stand of grass on sod, livestock production, what is the most profitable wheat are all questions indicating that the wheat growing business is getting an analysis that may be pretty thorough. Most of these farmers are young men, who are not taking without question the traditional farming methods handed down from another generation. Older are not entirely convinced that these new ideas are best. One comment may be typical. "I didn't turn the ranch over to my son because I thought he knew more about it than I did. I just couldn't work it anymore." In the social and educational field young people, particularly women, have taken the lead and their search for modern methods is just as studied as that carried on as to crops by the committees composed entirely of men.

**TAXES**  
 A report by the Oregon Business & Tax Research group shows that school taxes in Oregon are \$2,500,000 more in 1947-48 than in the previous year. In the same period state aid increased a little over \$5,000,000 making the total increase some \$7,500,000. Oregon elementary and high schools cost the citizens \$49,401,000 which is a very pretty penny. Perhaps there is nothing for which people would rather pay taxes; there is nothing that more deserves a substantial slice of tax money. But, there is no reason why there should not be careful and critical examination of the price paid in relation to the benefits derived. Even good things can cost too much. It has seemed for some time that the increasing cost of education might result in much good for a reason not considered by those who have been causing most of the increase. When education costs get high enough that the people kick about them, in over a century. There have

there will certainly be an examination of our educational system that cannot help but be beneficial.

Anyone who wishes to investigate can learn that in America there is no criteria by which schools are judged except the amount of money spent on them. Read that twice. Educators who write about schools determine their value by the amount of money spent on them. Even educators do not know a good school from a bad except by the dollar yardstick. We think that borders on national disgrace and certainly brings no credit to our educational system.

So far as is known to the writer there has been no overall, all-out attempt to appraise and amend our educational system being changes in teaching methods and many "theories" about teaching, most of which are eventually repudiated letting teaching drift back to the old rituals used in instruction by all animals. Education needs to educate itself. Some one must ask "Why do you do it this way?" and demand a satisfactory answer. There are two things that might happen, either of which would suit the taxpayer very well. Lowered costs, or improved education.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer, Jan. 18, 1929  
 A group of bird hunters visited the W. J. Martin farm Tuesday night and harvested 55 birds from the rafters of his chicken house. Leaving there they visited the L. H. Martin farm close by and bagged the same number from that chicken house.

Fog and low hanging clouds overhead, frost in large clusters on trees & fences, and ice-coated highways seem to be about all the winter—that will visit Sherman county this season.

The Woman's Missionary society will meet with Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale January 23. Mrs. C. V. Belknap will be the director, with National Missions the topic of study.  
 From the G.V.J. Jan. 24, 1919  
 A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr and Mrs Alex McLeod Tuesday, January 21, 1919.

Letters from Eugene Vinton say he is fine but can give no information as to his probable return.

From the Observer Jan. 22, 1909  
 Mr and Mrs Claud Spoon returned from Washougal Tuesday bringing home with them the finest gift of the holiday season—a lovely baby boy.

Another flood on the 19th took out the Hay canyon bridges below DeMoss and made travel only possible with trains at each end of a 3-mile portage.

**Wasco Eastern Star Has Initiation Party**

Annie Fulton Chapter 124, O.E.S. held installation in the Masonic Temple at Wasco, Tuesday January 13.

The installing officers were Helen Watkins WM; Herbert Root WP; Paulen Kaseberg AP; Amelia Root chaplain; Marie Watkins, marshal; Georgia Harper Walker, organist; Metta Kaseberg, warder; Albert Kaseberg, sentinel. They were presented with corsages or boutonnières of carnations by the incoming Worthy Matron.

The officers for 1948 who were installed are: Margilee Kaseberg, WM; Leroy Belshee, WP; Evelyn Smith, AM; Francis Watkins, AP; Astrid Tuggle, secretary; Lydia Darby, treasurer; Dorothy Dutton, conductress; Marjory Shull, asso. conductress; Inez Sargent, chaplain; Betty Thomas, marshal; Allan Tom, organist; Gladys Belshee, Adah; Lorraine Tom, Ruth; Mildred McDonald, Esther; Ethel Van Gilder, Martha; Gladys Zell, Electa; Ida Everett, warder; Carl Tuggle, sentinel.

Following the installation a candle lit degree was held in honor of Inez Sargent, retiring Worthy Matron, in which a rosary of

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 Leo Watkins, N. G.  
 John DeMoss, Secretary

stars was placed about her throat representing the badges of all her officers, and placed there by each officer. The song "The Rosary" was sung during the degree. A number of gifts were then presented Mrs Sargent as well as her Past Matron's jewel.

A humorous degree was performed for Ernest Shull, retiring Worthy Patron, certifying him as entitled to being a Past Patron and giving him a pipe and book and apron to entertain him.

A musical and floral degree was given in honor of the incoming Worthy Matron, Margilee Kaseberg. The officers sang two songs and presented her with carnations in the Star colors, and a bouquet of red rosebuds.

Since it was the birthday of Leroy Belshee, incoming Worthy Patron, he was presented with a gift from his wife, father & sister. The latter singing two songs: "The End of a Perfect Day" and "Happy Birthday".

Refreshments were served to over 75 members and visitors. A large birthday cake for Leroy Belshee was in the center of the table.

Starlets for 1948 were introduced and presented with one-shoulder jackets of pastel pink and blue by the Worthy Matron, these to be worn for all meetings during the year. The Starlets

are: Rosalie White, Helen Watkins, Helen Bruckert, Nerine Fields, Glenna Harper, Amelia Root, Marie Watkins, Bernice Morris, Margaret Blau, and Marcella Hilderbrand. The Starlets first duty was to distribute gifts to the 1948 officers consisting of aprons for the ladies, homemade candy for the men.

Wasco Women's Study club met at the home of Mrs Harley Dutton Friday January 16. Mrs T. Leland Brown of The Dalles was the speaker of the day, discussing various hobbies of her own, and presenting pictures and stories about Currier and Ives period of Americana. The members brought or described

their various hobbies. Mrs Walter Ruggles showed her salt and pepper shaker collection. Mrs L. E. Kaseberg brought a number of Patricia Kaseberg's story-book dolls. Mrs Allan Tom presented some English magazines and described her correspondence with an English friend. Mrs Van Gaasbeck stated that her hobby was crocheting and that she had made

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seven tablecloths and three bedspreads. Mrs Paulen Kaseberg showed a number of maps from her map collection. Refreshments were served by the hostess. About 16 members were present.

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