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WHAT? NO FOOD

This talk about populations
has more than a local significance.
Magazines in the past
month have been discussing the
amazing increase in the world's
population and wondering what
to do with all the hungry
mouths.

There are some startling figures
on it, too. There is now
some 2,250,000,000 people in the
world and one doesn't have to
go too far to remember when there
was half that many. People now
alive may see it double again.
It is probably correct to say
that not over 250,000,000 of
these have ever had enough to
eat for as much as a year at a
time. That leaves a lot of hunger.
But it also means that many,
many thousands have no means
of earning a living.

In Sherman county there is
about 2 1/2 persons per square
mile. The average in the United
States is 45. In Oregon about 13.
In Asia and Europe there is 80
and in the whole world some 41
but that includes mountain and
desert and snow field. Over in
Java there is 800 persons per
square mile. China and India and
Japan have humans thicker than
sage brush in a Sherman county
pasture.

Speakers at farm meetings of
ten quote figures to the effect
that there is only 4,000,000,000
acres of tillable land on the
whole globe and that 2 1/2 acres is
needed to properly furnish food
and clothing for one person.
A little division shows that there
is not enough to go around even
now which accounts for the earlier
statement that so very few
people ever had enough to eat.
And this four billion acres is
being eroded rapidly, too, so the
acres are getting less and the
eaters are increasing.

Science boasts that it is lengthening
life expectancy and saving
more who become ill. Rather
remarkable work has been done
along that line which intensifies
the food problem. Perhaps the
proper number of people in the
world would be under two billion
if all were to be fed even a
minimum diet.

The solution to the problem is
as difficult as that of the weather
although there is less conversation
about it. The production
of children is held to be an
inalienable right, and one that is
exercised with no restraint. In
fact it is a part of many religions.

These are the simple facts of
the case. The results are in the
future and may be projected or
imagined depending on the pre
judice of the thinker.

These are offered: The number
of people who have enough
to eat will probably decrease;
there will be a high price for
food to the benefit of farmers,
which will be followed by social
schemes that will break up
land ownership; the more inept
peoples from the point of war
making will be quietly removed
for the benefit of the more
mighty (with appropriate moral
sentiments, of course); people
will be smaller in size (economy
models); governments will be
fewer and more dictatorial; the
best fed nations despite smaller
numbers will be the strongest
because a larger percentage can
work at something else besides
food production; it will be no
world for a guy who's picky
about his eatin'.

TAX OPINION

Attorney General Neuner went
the whole way in his opinion
about Oregon's tax problem and
few authorities think he will be
sustained. Farmers in eastern
Oregon should be most happy if
he is not.

His opinion means that the 30
million dollars surplus, which is
now held for property tax relief
only, will be spendable for anything
a legislature might want
and the wants are always numerous.
Then, when the state levied
property taxes again property
would pay them.

Passage of the income tax
law was only possible because of
the inclusion of a property tax
offset provision. Any attempt
to change that should be voted
on by the people, because it was
the people who voted it in the
first place.

In no event should the
present surplus be used for
anything else than property tax
reduction. That is what is
levied for and the constitution
says that all monies must be
raised for a specific purpose and
used for that alone.

In Oregon the people make the
tax laws. The legislature sometimes
amends and often proposes.
But it is the people who
dispose. The initiative and referendum
law makes that possible
and Oregonians are the only people
who have it in so great a

measure. They should keep it.
It's rather handy to have a legislature
for the minority to
blame for their troubles, but the
people should retain their voting
power over their taxes regardless
of the trouble they cause themselves.

Farmers may feel disgruntled
over high income taxes for state
purposes but they have never
paid high income taxes and a
state property tax both in the
same year. If Neuner's opinion
is upheld they will very likely
do that very soon.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Mar. 8, 1929
F. L. Burnet has sold all his
farm horse power except one
span of mules and a horse and
has bought a tractor.

Vernon Platt, rural mail carrier,
had to trail timbers back
of his car Friday and rebuild a
bridge in upper Hay canyon
before he could cross.

Two plow outfits are now
working the fields north of
Moro.

From the G. V. J., Mar. 7, 1919
Wily Knights writes that he
has been transferred to Camp
Merritt N. J. and expects to be
home soon.
O'Leary & O'Brien have bought
the hardware stock of P. N.
Lemmon and are invoicing this
week.

Petitions were presented to
the county asking a vote on
\$300,000 of road in order that
the county might get its share
of state road money.

From the Observer, Mar. 5, 1909
Ed Lewis has added a third
chair to his tonsorial parlor
having bought the Hotel Moro
shop. This gives Walter Rutledge
a chance to install a ladies
parlor down stairs.

Samuel Hill has bought 4775
acres of land near Columbia
opposite Sherman county and
has paid \$163,000 for it. It is
expected that grapes will be
planted and a large wine
factory built.

Howard S. Conlee and Sarah
Bell Toll of Monkland were married
on the 28th by Rev. A. J.
Adams of the Presbyterian
church.

Want Ads

FOR SALE: New Crosley Shel-
vador Refs., Elect. Ranges &
Radios, Deep Freezers—up-
right & tabletop, Hotwater
Heaters upright & tabletop,
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ter Washers. Used Servel
Refs., Gas comb. flat top range,
Twin tub & single tub Dexters,
Maytags, Thor, MW, Zenith,
washing machines. DeMoss
Spr. Elect. Phone 857, Moro. If

REFUND: All Tickets sold last
fall on Taylorcraft plane will
be refunded when returned to
me. Joe Hilderbrand, Wasco.
17-9p

FOR SALE: Furnished house.
Mike Mitchell, 471, Moro be-
tween 8 & 12 a.m. or 4:30 &
7:00 p.m. 15p

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bedrooms. Sewer. Also 1 1/2 A.
view property. Good 24x48
chicken house, other buildings.
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ed. Helen Reiter, Rt. 2, Phone
3638, The Dalles, Oregon 13p

FOR SALE: Small electric stove,
3 burners, oven broiler and
baker. Miss Vivian Trounce,
Wasco. 18c

TAKEN UP: One long yearling
brown steer, no brands. Fay
Brackett, Rufus. 18-19p

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S.
Meets every second and
fourth Thursday in each
month; visiting members
invited. Moro, Oregon.

Pauline Douma W. M.
Edna Meizer, Secretary

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.
Meets on the 1st and
3rd Thursday evenings
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us.
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Clara Houston, Sec.

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

Leo Watkins, N. G.
John DeMoss, Secretary

Rufus Warehouse
Fire Causes Poetry

By Mrs George Fox

There was much excitement
in Rufus Friday night when the
warehouse owned by Trace
Fields caught on fire. The follow-
ing is a poem written by Mrs
Leonard Jordan, Rufus postmistress,
describing the fire. John
Mathieson is the water commis-
sioner.

It was along about midnight
And all was serene
When through the streets
Our Water Commissioner
reared.

He was calling for people
And also for some hose,
With which to save Trace's
Warehouse from the fiery throes.

Most all Rufus answered
The Commissioner's plea
Out of their beds and
To the warehouse they did flee.

The water was played
Fearfully on the big blaze.
But it took chemical extinguisher
The fire to finally faze.

When the Rufus Volunteers
Had everything under control;
With ringing of sirens,
Here came The Dalles Fire
Patrol.

Now next morning when
Everything was o'er,
We all talked of the
Excitement of the nite before.

The benefit dance and basket
social was well attended at Rufus
grange hall Saturday night. The
dance proceeds paid for the or-
chestra from The Dalles and left
the baskets clear. None but the
local ladies brought basket lun-
ches which were auctioned off
by Robert Davis. It was hard for
the men to outbid Archie Brand
and John Fulton who each
bought four or five baskets then
traded them back for reselling.
The baskets netted a total profit
of \$89.75 to the Home Economic
club who were raising this money
to help the grange repair work
to help progressing. Mrs Adeline
McDonald and Mrs Grace Medler
were on the committee and serv-
ed the coffee for the basket lun-
ches. After the lunches were
eaten, there was more dancing.

A house warming party was
given Tuesday evening for Mr
and Mrs E. E. Engles. The evening
was spent playing games and
later refreshments were served.
The Engles were presented with
a nice floor lamp from the
church group.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
How to Put Up with
Women's Styles
When Will Dudley's missus finally
gave in to the new-style longer
skirts, Will was mighty critical at
first. Allowed as how women were
a slave to fashion... ought to dress
to please their husbands and not
style designers.
Sue finally reminded Will of his
habit of sitting by the radio Sat-
urday afternoons in shirt sleeves
and old slippers, listening to the
sportcasts with a mellow glass of
beer. Suggested that maybe Will
was a slave to comfort.
And Will admitted she was right.
Joe Marsh

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Mr and Mrs Sam Brock of Em-
igrant Springs left Sunday to
stop overnight in Portland then
go on to Reedsport next day
where they expect to spend a
week with their son in law and
daughter, Mr and Mrs Don Banta
and grandson, Do.

Mr and Mrs Dewey Thomas of
Emigrant Springs have returned
home after an extended vacation
spent in North Carolina with
relatives.

Georgie and Jimmy Fox found
the first yellow bell wild flowers
on the breaks of the John Day
last Sunday. Sage rats have been
noticed scampering around. Old
timers say this is a never fall
sign of spring.

Pomona grange for Sherman
county will meet at Harlandview
Saturday March 6 for an all day
meeting during which members
and visitors will be regaled with
a pot luck dinner.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere
thanks to our neighbors and
friends, and to everyone who as-
sisted in putting out the fire,
which threatened to destroy our
warehouse, at Rufus.

Mr and Mrs T. L. Fields
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Oregon for Sherman County his
Final Report as Administrator of
the estate of Samuel P. Brisbine,
deceased, and that Saturday, the
20th day of March, 1948, at ten
o'clock A. M., of said day, at the
County Courtroom, in the Court-
house, at Moro, Oregon, has been
fixed by the Court as the time
and place for hearing of objec-
tions to said Final Report and
the settlement of said estate.

Ralph P. Brisbine
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Administrator.

the 13th day of March, 1948, at
the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of
said day and the courtroom of
the County Court in, the court-
house in Moro, Sherman county,
Oregon, has been fixed as the
time and place for the hearing
of all objections, if any, to the
final report filed by the under-
signed in the estate of Ida May
King, deceased, and the settle-
ment thereof.

Levi S. Hines
Administrator
Carlton L. Peppers
Attorney for administrator

NOTICE OF HEARING ON
FINAL REPORT
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