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EDITORIALS

SHALL WE DESTROY THE WEALTH?

The recent proposals to create new and more stringent federal taxes, based on the demagogic demand of "share-the-wealth", have met with virtually unanimous denunciation from newspapers, from industrial leaders, and from the best economic commentators.

As many unbiased experts have pointed out, "share-the-wealth" would really "destroy-the-wealth". It is all very well to talk about soaking the rich, and about breaking up accumulated capital, but when you do that you break up industry, you destroy jobs, you artificially dry up the springs of productive enterprise, you stop progress—and in the long run, the person who gets soaked hardest is the man looking for a job.

These new proposals are not primarily destined to raise revenue—drastic and confiscatory as they are, they would produce but a minute fraction of the money that is being spent today for federal activities. The rich are too few and far between, and the great estates that would be taxed almost into non-existence are rarer yet.

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Fair, equitable and reasonable unfair and confiscatory taxation can create only havoc—at the expense of every worker, every home-maker, every citizen.

YOUTH AT THE WHEEL

An insurance publication points to the fact that an "astounding percentage" of the growing automobile death toll is caused by cars operated by boys and girls—many of them below the legal age at which they can obtain drivers' licenses.

Overly youthful drivers not only cause more accidents than their elders—they cause more serious accidents. They usually drive at extreme speeds. The hazards of passing on curves, driving on the wrong side of the road, of weaving in and out of traffic, of "jumping" stop signals and "gunning her" along busy streets, mean little or nothing to them. Taking chances is a game to them—a game at which innocent persons are often the losers.

among business men by governmental interference. It is an often expressed belief that government can neither create nor prevent recovery—but it can retard it for a discouragingly long time.

Beagle

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis of Rogue River were here Sunday visiting at the Harry Ellis home. Mr. and Mrs. Eschrich of Milwaukee, Wisconsin have come to spend the rest of the summer at their home in the Meadows.

Another rodeo will be held at the Beagle dance hall August 4th. There will be steer riding and roping and broncho busting.

Joe Rush has returned from the mountains where he has been for a week looking after his cattle.

A little better than one half inch of rain fell here during the electric storm Sunday night. Most of the farmers were extremely glad to see it.

The C. C. Sanderson's are enjoying roasting ears already.

Ina Pearl Lucas, Viola and Gene Daily called on Derva Jeanne Sater Sunday.

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Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

On April 8, Congress, at the request of the President, passed a bill appropriating \$4,880,000,000 for work relief.

At that time, Mr. Roosevelt stated that by July 1 all the nation's unemployed who were able to work, would have federal jobs, and would be off the local relief rolls.

July 1 came and passed. More than \$400,000,000 had been approved for 474 projects, yet not a single man had been put to work.

The reason is two-fold: First, and most important, the works program is supposed to employ 3,500,000 men for one year. If that is done, the cost per worker, including materials, must be held down to the very low figure of \$1.143.

Second, there has been constant disagreement between Secretary of the Interior Ickes and Relief Administrator Hopkins. Mr. Ickes is the head of the Public Works Administration, and Mr. Hopkins guides the Works Progress Administration. The two bureaus inevitably overlap—and both executives claim jurisdiction over the same projects.

Mr. Ickes is of the opinion that relief money should be spent for projects of permanent benefit—grade-crossing elimination, river and harbor developments, road work etc. Mr. Hopkins, on the other hand is concerned only with putting men to work, and he knows that the adoption of projects in which material costs are high will defeat that purpose.

4-H Club's Will Exhibit at Fair

SALEM, Ore., July 17.—The 4-H club exhibit this year at the State Fair, August 31-Sept. 7, will be by far the biggest and I think the best that we have ever had.

The legislative situation is confused, chaotic. Roosevelt control of Congress is not so certain as it once was—as the House vote on the Utilities Act dramatically proved.

Here is how some major bills now stand: GUFFEY COAL BILL—This bill, which simply amounts to a reshuffle of the NRA coal code, seems certain to pass and to be approved by the President, even though it is widely believed to be unconstitutional, as well as unworkable.

WAGNER LABOR RELATIONS BILL—Has passed, is apparently doomed to certain disapproval by the Supreme Court.

FEDERAL ALCOHOL CONTROL—The Supreme Court's NRA decision disposed of the federal government's control over liquor, and so made it necessary to prepare a new bill. The bill has been much debated but it is expected to pass shortly.

BUS AND TRUCK BILL—This bill is designed to extend the sort of federal regulation now exerted over the railroads, to the buses and trucks. It has almost unanimous support from private and public sources.

FOOD AND DRUG ACT—Hearing on this bill will start shortly. Consumers' organizations say the bill is not sufficiently comprehensive while food and drug makes are for it.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE BY VIRTUE of an execution duly issued out of and under the Seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, to me directed and dated on the 25th day of June, 1935, in a certain action, wherein Mrs. Nellie Wall as plaintiff recovered a judgment against the defendants, John Rose and Minnie B. Rose, husband and wife, for the sum of \$198.21.

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not sufficiently comprehensive while food and drug makes are for it. The debate will be hot when the bill comes up—its chances of passing, in its present form, are only fair.

BLACK 30-HOUR WEEK BILL—Seems definitely dead, due to Administration opposition. It is thought that the President believes in the bill's principle, but is against forcing so expensive a measure on industry now.

BANKING BILL—Has been revamped in the Senate, due to the efforts of conservative Senator Glass, father of the Federal Reserve Act. It is no longer so comprehensive from the standpoint of federal control as it was originally.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the matter of the Estate of SAMUEL LEE NUNN, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Dewey Hill, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of the above named decedent, will on and after the 8th day of August, 1935, offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder, at private sale, for cash or on such other terms as said court may approve, all or any portion of the following described real property, situated and being in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, to-wit:

North one-half of Lots one (1) and two (2), Block four (4) and all of Lot three (3) Block four (4), Sunset Park Addition to the City of Medford, Oregon, as shown upon the official and duly recorded plat of said addition.

Said property to be sold either as a whole or in separate parcels and sufficient thereof to be sold to pay all outstanding claims against said estate and the costs and expenses of administration.

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