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Cost Of Total War!

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The Saturday evening Post recently told what this will mean. The most money ever raised in a single year by the government, through both taxation and borrowing, was \$17,000,000,000. That is but one-third of the amount that must be raised in each of the next two years. And no one knows what new demands the future will bring.

That does not mean the job cannot be done. It can be done. But, to quote the Post, "Let us not be deceived. It will hurt. We cannot give one-half of our total income to it and keep our present standards of living. Taxes will have to be increased until the beet is white, and borrowing may have to be carried to the point of compulsory lending, as in Great Britain; but when the money that can be raised by these means is not enough—and it will not be enough—then it will be necessary for the government to command labor and materials by further means, and the test of further means will not be whether they are sound according to the rules of money, but only whether they are effective."

We are in a total war now, and everything we have must be given to winning a total victory. The job of the American people is to think straight—to understand what must happen. And the job of the American government must be to establish a war economy that will prune non-defense spending to the very limit and will do away completely with pork barrels and logrolling and all the other costly techniques of politics. Not even a start has yet been made in that direction. Not one solitary tax nickel should be spent now for any non-defense activity that can be eliminated or deferred. We must accept unprecedented taxation—and at the same time we must know that the tax money is spent for purposes which are vitally necessary. Only if that is done can we win the war and avoid the bankruptcy that always comes to the profligate.

Ashland is indeed fortunate in that its foreign element is conspicuously small and that those of foreign birth are showing a desire to be recognized as real American citizens. At least there has been no outward show of hostility and it is the common belief that this city will be free of any such disturbances throughout the duration of the war. Thus there is little or no cause for pleading with our citizens to refrain from overt acts which might be embarrassing not only to local authorities but to those in authority in prosecuting the war. The government has an organization for taking care of saboteurs and other unfriendly citizens and the most any individual or group of people should undertake to do is to inform the government of the presence of such characters. If this spirit is maintained there will be fewer wounds to heal when peace comes.

We wonder if the aryan—both white and yellow—think President Roosevelt is just bluffing. We'll bet they wish they hadn't been so eager to call names before Uncle Sam got all "het" up and started the machinery of war rolling in earnest. The sting of American planes and tanks already felt in the European and African campaigns already has warned Mr. Hitler of what is to come when those machines arrive by thousands rather than scores. It was a sorry day for Adolf when he set out to conquer the world. This war should not and it will not stop until all the forces of aggression are wiped off the earth.

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ANIMAL POWER ON THE FARM

When a few farmers experiment with a new method or machine, they sometimes find it impractical—one of those things that are so often tried and discarded.

But when a large number of farmers, over a relatively short period of years, adopt a new machine or method, that is pretty good evidence that it is right. For farmers are in the main practical people. They want to get their work done in the best, quickest and cheapest way.

That explains largely why the horse population in United States is only half of what it was a few years ago, while during the same period the tractor population has more than tripled.

Such a trend as that cannot be explained by salesmanship or by promotion. The idea of mechanical power to replace animal power had obvious advantages for the farmer, right from its very first day, and those advantages have become more and more apparent every year.

This progress toward efficiency has now been made without many fences to jump. Those who for many reasons are prejudiced against tractor power, and those who breed and sell horses, have been very aggressive in putting forth their arguments in favor of animals. And some of those arguments are effective, even though they do not lead to the most efficient farming methods.

- Dr. Bertha Sawyer spent the holidays in Klamath Falls with her sister, Mrs. Alice Goeller.
- Miss Geneva Cullop went to Medford Friday evening where she now has employment.

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Perhaps some of these folks are the same kind of thinkers who said, a generation ago, "those new-fangled automobiles will never replace horses."

Horses are by no means free power on the farm. It cannot be said that they cost the farmer nothing to begin with, and then replace themselves. They are slow. They get tired, and they get old. They cannot be renewed by replacing a low-cost part. They eat 4 to 5 acres of land to raise the food for a single horse, and somebody has to spend time raising horse feed. Somebody has to spend money for seed to raise that feed, and for shoes and harness and for occasional veterinary service.

This writer has just seen and read a book, recently published, on the subject of animal power on the farm. It is a much bigger and more complicated book than any tractor operating and service manual that we have ever seen. Any farmer who followed all of the instructions given in that book would soon find that he was devoting a very substantial part of his time merely taking care of his work animals—much more time than he would have to spend taking care of a tractor that would do more work than half a dozen horses, and do it a lot more quickly and efficiently.

Many farmers have operated successfully with animal power. Many will continue to do so. But after all it is a primitive method, adopted when it was the best improvement we had over human muscles. Machines are a similar improvement over the muscles of the animal. Their use will continue to increase, because they produce more, at less cost in time and effort. That is progress.

Sanitary Cap Rule Not To Be Enforced

The sanitary milk bottle cap which was scheduled to go into use Jan. 1 at all grade A dairies inspected by the state department of agriculture will not be mandatory. The department has advised dairymen that the sanitary cap provision will not be enforced until further notice. All other provisions of the grade A regulations will be enforced.

The total war and possible shortage of machinery and paper are causes for the action.

The department advised dairymen that those who have secured their sanitary caps and bottling equipment may proceed to use them without being penalized in any way for their use.

Medford Editor Heads State Guard Company

Moore Hamilton, editor of the Medford News, has been Commissioned first lieutenant in the newly-organized Oregon state guard at Medford and will command headquarters company of the 1st regiment, Major Carl Y. Tengwald announced Monday. Major Tengwald is in command of the 1st battalion of the guard.

Lieutenant Hamilton is a graduate of Oregon State college, where he took R. O. T. C. training. His headquarters company has supervision over infantry companies recently organized in Medford, Klamath Falls and Marshfield.

● Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mars and son of Eugene visited several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mars.

● Mr. and Mrs. Delwin Heath and sons of Los Gatos, Calif. visited several days with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. De Armond.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson.

In the Matter of the Estate of Al Hopkins, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled court of the State of Oregon for the county aforesaid, Administrator of the Estate of Al Hopkins, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said Administrator at the office of Briggs & Briggs, his attorneys Pioneer Building, Ashland, Oregon.

ELMER HOPKINS,
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