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**PROPERTY VALUES**

Springfield property values are fast nearing the speculative stage and there is danger that the growth of the town may be jeopardized. Already they have eclipsed Eugene for the same class of property. While Springfield may have a brighter future than the county seat town if her property is higher it will tend to drive people who have interest here purchase residence property in the larger city. This cannot help but be harmful to the growth of Springfield.

Property owners who hold for too high prices will defeat their own end if they blight the future growth here. The bigger Springfield grows the more property will be worth. Industrial conditions and railroad development are right for a substantial increase in the size of the city. Many people are contemplating coming here and many who are here plan on building or buying property. If vacant lots and buildings are held at too high a price many will be discouraged in this enterprise.

While it is not necessary for property owners to sacrifice their property to make the town grow there is a fair value which should govern transactions.

**GREAT PROFITS IN CABBAGE**

When a Texas farmer gets \$7 for a ton of cabbage, consumers pay \$140.

A case of this kind is reported before the Senate Committee on Agriculture. It is found freight on the cabbage came to \$28, icing to \$7, and that the wholesaler, commission man and retailer got \$98 between them.

Of the \$140 which housewives paid for this \$7 worth of cabbage \$133 went to others than the man who raised the cabbage.

The hot stuff pouring out of the Teapot Dome is burning a lot of the higher ups. However, we'll risk a bet that it ends like the shipbuilding scandal, the cost plus cantonments and the airplane graft. The evidence will be "lost" before it gets as far as the federal court.

Are you going to plant trees on your street this spring?

Biting off more than you can chew is better than going hungry.

It costs more to drink yourself to death now but it doesn't take nearly so long.

It's going to take a lot of whitewash to cover up the Teapot Dome.

**Editorial Comment**

**OVERHEAD**

With the advent of cooperative marketing in Oregon the word "overhead" has taken on a much larger meaning with producers. Government overhead in the form of taxes, has long been a source of complaint but there is now added for many the overhead connected with growers selling organizations. There is also the grower's own overhead involving, in prunes, the cost of growing, harvesting and drying.

A period of reckless extravagance, such as we saw following the war, paid little heed to overhead. During such time, production and selling costs are lost sight of in a quick and high return for the goods. What if drying costs did increase a hundred per cent and fortunes were made in selling, the grower still made a profit. What if the government did add thousands of new positions and increased payrolls by leaps and bounds as long as the taxpayer had the money. But—a spree one night is inexorably followed by a headache the next morning. Prunes selling for 15 cents a pound, can stand a drying cost if from 2 to 2½ cents much better than same prune selling for 3 or 4 cents as is the case today.

Irrespective of what the prunes bring in the open market, we must now study overhead and save the nickels and dimes that often mean the difference between profit and loss to the grower.

The government must eliminate everything that is not absolutely necessary or that cannot be an investment. In growing prunes, high priced fertilizers may have to be replaced by lower priced green manuring except in individual cases. We should be able as prune growers to materially reduce the cost of drying. Mr. Holt of Eugene and others are demonstrating that this can be done but it required of course new capital investment in the way of fans and remodelled or new driers. Elsewhere we give comparative packing and selling costs which is enlightening as it shows how overhead here has been cut almost in half by the cooperative selling bodies.

Our prunes should bring a better price than they are now bringing and unquestionably when the crop is fully controlled this can be done but there is no use talking just now we've got to watch that overhead.—Oregon Grower.

**BOUGHT AND PAID FOR**

Money puts the prop in propaganda.—Newark (N. J.) Star-Eagle.

**BORN**

At their home in the Oakridge vicinity, January 31, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ryker, a daughter.

At their home on Mill street, January 31, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Norton Pengra, a daughter, weight six pounds.

At the Mercy hospital in Eugene, February 5, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thlenis of WALTERVILLE, a son.

At their home in Eugene, February 2, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Elspas, former Springfield residents, a son.

At their home in Marcola, February 4, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, a son, weight eight pounds.

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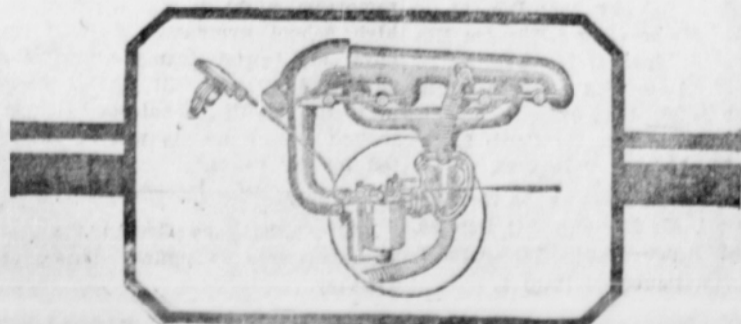
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its own machines than to pay 10 cents per mile mileage.

**Officials Budgets Allowed**

The budgets of the various county officials at the heads of departments went through with practically no opposition. There seemed to be general satisfaction that the various departments in the court house were being administered efficiently and economically.

The taxpayers meeting considered the tax conservative commission's budget rather than the budget committee's because it had been certified to the county assessor and to change the total would necessitate the re-writing of the tax rolls at a great expense. The first motion acted upon was the one to adopt the 23.1 mill levy as it stood on the tax rolls. As the taxpayers meeting is merely advisory the action in regard to suggestions may or may not be followed out by the county court.

**Personals**

Joseph Linsky, Portland salesman for the American Credit association, was in Springfield Monday and Tuesday on business. Mr. Linsky has a three-acre farm between Gresham and Portland.

J. S. Day was in Springfield Tuesday from his home in Jasper.

Charles Meier was in Springfield from Camp Creek on business Monday.

Myrtle Palmerton left Saturday to visit friends in Portland.

Morris Roberts was down from Marcola Monday.

Mrs. N. C. Nielsen of Wendling was in Springfield Monday afternoon on her way to Eugene.

W. Kennie was in Sautrday from Thurston.

Frank Campbell of Thurston was a business visitor in Springfield Monday morning.

D. C. Mathews of Lost Creek was a Springfield business visitor Monday morning.

Mrs. Pearne, who teaches near

Crow, was in Springfield Saturday evening for medical treatment. While here she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertsch, east of town.

Mrs. R. W. Scoggins was here from Marcola Monday.

The Carbolium plant received a carload of poles for treatment with cresosote Monday. The poles came from Washington. Two carloads of treated poles were shipped to California the same day.

Morrison-Knudsen company received a carload of coal from Utah Monday.

The Springfield Mill and Grain company received a carload of shelled corn from Colorado Monday, and shipped a carload of feed to Oakridge Friday.

Mrs. W. M. James of Trent was in Springfield to receive treatment on February 1.

Miss Dorothy Parvin was here from Jasper Friday.

Mrs. Pearl Fawver was in Springfield from her home in Harrisburg February 2.

Dr. S. Ralph Dipple, Dentist, Vitus Building, Springfield, Oregon.



**FRIENDS**

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