

LAND AND TAXES AND WHO PAYS THEM

BY HEPPNER BRANCH NO. 1

And who gathers the taxes. Remember, those who have lands, houses, bank accounts pay no taxes. These people are the tax gatherers. They gather it in the shape of profits, interest and rents, from the sale of finished products and turn it over to pay the National Government, State, County and City taxes and interest on their investments.

The 75 per cent of the \$1,000,000 pay the taxes and the other 25 per cent are the tax gatherers, for they own all the land and productive machinery and distributing sources. 75 per cent not owning any property shows that it takes all they earn to live and pay interest, rents and profits.

The farmer gets his taxes from the products of his farm and off of the surplus values created by the wage earners for their economic masters. All bonded indebtedness, all private indebtedness and all public indebtedness is an indirect tax on all raw and finished products, and when you go into a store and buy goods the merchant collects this indirect tax from the consumer, takes his profits and pays his taxes and expenses and then turns the balance over to the Railroad in the shape of freight rates and the manufacturer in pay for his goods. They in turn hand over to the banker the balance, less the profits. And who paid the tax? Of course there is no one to pay it but the 75 per cent of the \$1,000,000 people in the U. S. who do not own any houses or land, for he has no product to sell but his laboring power or his brains. And out of these people comes all of the taxes in the shape of surplus values created out of their labors. As there is no way to create wealth only by applying labor to land and its products no labor is the creator of wealth. Without labor there would be no wealth. And capital is the surplus values created by labor.

Taxes cannot become any lower as long as labor creates surplus values and turns it over to a master class. And as long as the laborers on farms, in mines and shops and on railroads turn their surplus values over to a master class taxes will rise every year in the shape of high cost of living and lower wages. And the producers of raw products will have to give larger share of their products every year in order to realize enough money to pay his taxes and living expenses, for his dollar will have less purchasing power every year. He can see it if he will

look at his expense account and notice how many more bushels of wheat it takes each succeeding year to buy the same given quantity of the necessities of life. And he has no more clothes now than he had ten years ago. Nor does he eat more now, nor raise more grain than he did ten years ago. And it takes less labor to produce it now than formerly. Yet he wonders why he has not paid off the old mortgage.

Prices raised on all finished products 52 per cent from 1899 to 1910 according to Dunn's and Bradstreet's. This tells why your taxes are high. You are paying interest on the surplus values you create and then turn over to the master class. And they invested them in the shape of capital and have assessed it against the commodities you produced and use. You pay the interest, rent and profits on their investment. And this capitalistic class is in time going to confiscate the farms of the small farmer by this indirect tax as his income is less than \$500 a year. The Census report of 1910 says that more than one-half of the farmers reported that their products sold totaled less than \$500 in value. Out of this he has to pay his taxes, interest and living expenses. No wonder over 45 per cent of the farmers are renters. 60 per cent are mortgaged.

Assessor Strain of Umatilla County said in an article in the Pendleton Tribune that if taxes increased in the next 10 years as they increased in the last 10 years it would take the whole wheat crop of Umatilla County to pay the taxes.

The wage earner is a great tax payer. When he earns a dollar and sends his good wife down to buy a dollar's worth of eatables she gets home with 20 cents worth of actual value and leaves the other 80 cents with the merchant to pay profit, interest and rent. In 1850 he had a 50c dollar, in 1914 he has a 20c dollar; what kind of a dollar will he have in 1924 measured by the commodities it will buy? I hear someone say "how do you know it?" Because he only gets 2-10 in pay for what his labors produce. The other 8-10 goes to the capitalistic class. In the last four years a dollar has lost 2 1/2 cents in its purchasing power.

Here are some of the surplus values taken from the wage earners and producers by the idle class in the shape of indirect tax on labor. They are taken from the 1910 census:

Salaries Paid in 1909.	Wages Paid in 1909	Values Added by Mfgs. in 1909 less cost of raw material.	Surplus values or net profits after deducting wages and salaries.
		MEN'S CLOTHING AND SHIRTS	
\$26,723.00	106,277,000	568,077,000	435,077,000
		FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOP	
93,795,000	321,521,000	688,464,000	273,148,000
		LUMBER AND TIMBER	
47,428,000	318,739,000	684,011,000	281,844,000

Labor is paid \$7.60 for a 2-horse wagon, you pay the Trust \$65; labor is paid \$19 for a self binder, you pay the Trust \$125; labor is paid \$8.10 for a top buggy, you pay the Trust \$50 to \$90; labor is paid \$3.25 for a sewing machine, you pay the Trust \$35 to \$50; labor is paid \$6.34 for a 100-yard carpet, you pay the Trust \$95. And what you pay the Trust is the surplus value you have created and turned over to the capitalistic class. And then they invest it again. And on that investment they collect a 4 per cent tax from you, Mr. Farmer and Laborer, and this shows again how the purchasing power of your

dollar is getting smaller, and will as long as you maintain a competitive system instead of a co-operative system. Socialism will stop capitalists from taking this profit, interest and rent out of your surplus values.

On the 8th of August sugar was selling for \$5.25 and on 17 it reached \$9, taking \$3.75 of your surplus values. And who get it? Not the wage earners who produced it nor the farmers who raised the raw products. No one but you economic Masters got it and what they have done with sugar they can do with all the products you can raise and produce.

IF YOU SEE IT IN THE HERALD YOU KNOW IT IS SO.

To The People of Heppner and Vicinity:

Having permanently located in Heppner, I am prepared to attend to all work in my line and at reasonable prices, and having more than thirty years experience in different climates, I feel justified to say that I understand the needs and requirements of this kind of work. I believe in Economy, not Extravagance, therefore, work should be done in its class.

Neatness and Durability are two essential things in painting. The surface to be painted is to be considered as no two sides of the house need the same treatment, therefore, it requires knowledge to know the requirements of each job to be done.

The Best paint is the cheapest, as good paint takes as much time as any paint to apply, it's economy to have it applied right.

We are here with malice toward none, goodwill toward all. We want to live and let live, therefore, my prices are the same as other workmen in my line and my work will be my reference. It will consist of Painting, in all its branches, Paperhanging and Decorating, so what you want done with paint can be done by Vickers the Painter. Come in and let's get acquainted. Tell me your paint troubles. I can tell you something about your walls. Look over our suggestions for house painting. Let's exchange ideas, one helps the other. There is no job too large, no job too small to receive my personal attention.

Thanking the people of Heppner for the way in which I have been received and hoping for a continuance of your patronage, I am,

SINCERELY YOURS,

VICKERS
The Painter

GLEANINGS FROM THE HARVEST OF LOCAL AND PERSONAL MOVEMENTS

Read the Fair Ad.

Note our friend Vicker's ad.

You can't afford to miss the Fair.

NOTICE, we have a new shingler.

Miss Josephine Richardson left to visit friends at Union yesterday.

Kent Rakes was in town yesterday with a little farm produce.

Miss Ella Aiken has accepted the position of stenographer in Dr. Conder's office.

Mrs. Howard Lane left for her home in Lexington on Tuesday after visiting friends in Heppner.

Mike Kenny went to Wallowa County a few days ago to sell a band of sheep which he has there.

The Heppner garage equipped a Ford with a self-starter this week and they say it works fine.

Mrs. Al. Emerson and baby left yesterday for Portland to visit Mrs. Emerson's mother.

Mrs. W. O. Bayless left yesterday for Portland to visit her sister, C. M. White.

The linemen who have been rebuilding the telephone system here left for Portland yesterday morning.

A man wishes a position on a ranch. Is young, experienced and willing to work. Inquire at the Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perry of Rock Creek spent a few days in Heppner this week visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Raymond Thornton.

Governor West has issued a proclamation prohibiting further deer hunting in the forest ranges on account of the danger of fire.

Position Wanted by experienced man and wife on ranch. Inquire at The Herald or Palace Hotel for T. W. Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vaughn and Len Gilliam are taking a trip to Crater Lake and the coast in the big Case car.

M. D. Clark joined his family in Portland this week where he will spend his vacation. M. D. said that he didn't like batching.

Mrs. C. W. Shurte has rented the Mrs. Josie Jones property in south Heppner and will bring her family here soon.

Mrs. Goulder, Mrs. W. P. Scrivner and George McDuffee attended the funeral of Charley Ward in Hardman on Wednesday.

FOR RENT—Choice ranch, 720 acres in Black Horse Canyon. W. C. Sievers, Care of Sheriff's office, Portland, Oregon.

Henry Cohn, Dr. Dye, Whit Maiden and Charley Jane returned from their trip in the mountains the middle of the week.

Dick Wells and wife returned last Monday night from a very enjoyable vacation spent in the mountains. They were there two weeks.

The People's Cash Market has just received a shipment of fresh Eastern Oysters, the large kind that you all like.

Miss Marion Long entertained a dozen of her young lady and gentlemen friends at her home Tuesday evening. Most of them will be her pupils during the coming school year.

Sam Van Vector left yesterday for Goldendale, Wash., where he will visit his father. The old gentleman is seventy-three years old and will be glad to see his son.

Any owners of a 1913 or 1914 model Ford car, who desires to trade same in on a new Studebaker should see the local agent, J. B. Sparks, at once.

Alex Wilson is in town from Rhea Siding to visit his parents at the Wilson Hotel. He had his leg, which he had the misfortune to break ashore time ago, examined by Dr. Allison by the X-Ray and it is nearly well.

Mrs. Mary Barton returned from Portland Wednesday.

Billy Pettijohn was seen on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. W. G. McCarty was in from Sand Hollow, Wednesday.

Mrs. Tim Rippey was transacting business in Heppner Wednesday.

Mrs. Louis Groshen and daughter visited the County seat Wednesday.

Al. Osmin and daughter, Ella, of Balm Fork, were in Heppner Wednesday.

J. J. Adkins is slowly but steadily recovering. This is excellent news to his many friends.

John Edwards, the Sand Hollow rancher, transacted business in the County seat Wednesday.

FOR SALE AT YOUR PRICE. One bay saddle horse, weight 1000 lbs. J. L. Wilkins, Palace Hotel.

NOTICE. My new Fall and Winter hats will be ready the first week in September. Mrs. D. B. DeLaney, Lexington, Ore.

The Herald knows of a fine ranch of 480 acres that the owner is anxious to sell. Just a short distance from the town of Hardman. Terms to suit the purchaser.

Joe Hayes and family have moved into the house owned by Mrs. Leezur in north Heppner. The house they formerly lived in is owned by Dr. McMurdo who will remodel it and occupy it himself.

S. D. Stephens dropped into the semi-weekly office in this city on Monday and was shown through the plant. He also planted one of those dollar bills where it will grow and do wonders for Morrow County.

W. D. Newlon's well drilling outfit struck a strong flow of water at a depth of 150 feet on Ed. Huston's ranch in Eightmile. The drillers will now move over to Spencer Akers' ranch and begin operations.

Mrs. Herb Bartholomew and little granddaughter who have been visiting in Heppner for some time, returned to their home in Portland, Tuesday. They were accompanied by Mrs. B. R. Patterson who will visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reeves came from Portland, Wednesday. The trip was made by auto. As they expressed it, they have lived for the last three months in the machine. Mr. Reeves will act again as Miller for the Heppner Milling Company.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION ISOLATED TRACT. Public Land Sale.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 14th, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved March 28, 1912 (37 Stat. 77), pursuant to the application of Patrick Curran, Serial No. 012397, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., on the 11th day of September, 1914, at this office, the following tract of land: NE 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 10 T. 1 N., R. 25 E. Willamette Meridian.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

Your own words and actions are the only things you will be called to account for.—A Kemps.

BROOK AND LIFE.

As brooks sing on beneath the winter snow
The same sweet song that gladdens summer days
And makes melodious the meadow ways,
So human lives there are that, singing, go
Their cheery ways though days of life be drear,
Though hidden is their song that might ring clear,
While season's changes bring no spring's warm glow.

Brook and life alike—how much they teach!
That darkest days have themes for sweetest song,
That pilgrim lips that sing the way along
By happy miles the land Contentment reach.
—Arthur W. Peach.

Earnest Leisure SHINGLING CONTRACTOR

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Trade Books

Contestants for the Five Big Prizes can boost their numbers through the sale of these \$5.00 trade books. When sold, each book entitles contestant to 25,000 votes and when traded out, to 5000 more. These books must be countersigned and entitle the holder to \$5.00 in trade and to receive votes on all purchases same as cash. There are five more weeks of the contest and it behooves contestants to get busy.

Don't Forget

Pink Votes must be recorded by Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Minor & Co.

FOR SALE

I have for sale several 10 and 20-acre tracts of Willow Creek bottom land, all under ditch, just outside the limits of the city of Ione, and 1/4 of a mile of the schoolhouse. Some of these tracts are already seeded to alfalfa. Prices are reasonable and terms can be arranged to suit. These tracts can be made into ideal orchard and truck garden farms.

Ike Howard

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Whiteis' Cash Store

has just installed a large, new refrigerator, in which are kept cold boiled Hams, Bologna, Butter, Watermelons and other perishable articles.

You are always sure of getting things fresh at Whiteis.

Now is the time to leave your orders for Canned Peaches.

Received a ton of Watermelons last Friday. Will receive another ton next Friday from Irrigon.

R. V. WHITEIS

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