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CHANCE TO FIND OUT Just now a belated effort is under way to find out some of the facts about government business and government employment. The Bureau of the Budget has been organized and is in operation under the direction of Charles G. Dawes.

Both houses of congress are working on the problem of reclassification of government positions and salaries. The Veterans' bureau has been organized and has taken over the bureau of war risk insurance, that part of to do with veterans, and all of the work of the federal board for vocational education except that part which had to do with the treatment of persons injured in the industries.

There is also the inquiry being made by the joint committee on the reorganization of the administrative branch of the government of the two house of congress, of which I have spoken. Walter F. Brown of Ohio is chairman of this committee, representing President Harding. The members of the committee are, on the part of the senate, Senators Smoot of Utah, Harrison of Mississippi and Wadsworth of New York. The members on the part of the house are Representatives Reavis of Nebraska, Temple of Pennsylvania and Moore of Virginia.

The job of this joint committee is to "make a survey of the administrative services of the government for the purpose of securing all pertinent facts regarding their powers and duties, their distribution among the several executive departments, and the overlapping and duplication of authority."

In reporting the resolution from the judiciary committee to the house the members were told:

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It is a matter of common knowledge that millions of dollars are wasted by the government by the almost endless duplication of activities. There has been no fundamental change in the administrative activities since the organization was devised by Alexander Hamilton, and the result is that activities entirely out of harmony with the functions of departments have grown with the passing years until the government of the United States has become not only the biggest business in the world, but the world's worst mann the world, but the world's worst man

aged business.

The purpose of the resolution is to ascertain so far ax possible the extent of the overlapping and duplication of activities, with the view that numerous commissions and bureaus may be eliminated and a great saving effected in the governmental expenditures. The committee feels that no more constructive legistee (gels that no more constructive legis-lation is possible under existing condi-tions than the legislation proposed by the resolution. With the present condi-tion of the nation's finances and the bur-dens the people suffer because of exces-sive faxation, any logislative measure looking to real economy should commend itself to the sympathetic attention of the house, and we feel that the passage of this resolution and the work of the com-mittee which will be done under its au-thority will result in the saving of mil-lions annually. tee feels that no more constructive legis

It can be predicted with considerable assurance that nothing will come of this proposed voyage of discovery unless we, the shareholders in the enterprise, maintain an active, lively, sustained interest in it. One thing is aiways true of the house of representatives—it is representative. If we breathe warmly upon it, it glows,

If we are indifferent it becomes cold, This isn't the first time that a plan has been set in motion to find out something about how the government's business is conducted.

The earliest inquiry into the administrative methods of the executive departments was made by the Cockrell mission in 1887. Six years later, in 1893, a joint commission, of which Representative Dockery was chairman, was appointed to examine the status of the laws organizing the depart-President Roosevelt in 1905 named an interdepartmental committee, of which C. H. Keep, assistant secretary of the treasury, was chairman, to consider department methods. President Taft in turn, in 1910, named a commission on economy and efficiency of which Frederick Cleveland was chairman.

Broadly and generally speaking, nothing came of these enterprises. You and I—commonly and vaguely known as the public-were not interested, and neither was congress. That ended it.

But just now, at this moment, we ave the best chance we ever had to find out about our common business and how to improve it and lessen its cost to us. The burden of supporting it is heavier than over before.

You will perhaps notice als through articles that the information supplied me about the general facts of government employment and govern ment business are in terms of estimates and approximations. This is one of the defects of government organization. It is so large and so formless, and its parts so unrelated, that exact and precise information about the whole is virtually unob-

It is of the greatest orgency and need that the people shall know about their government, but they will find it difficult to learn until the government knows about Itself.

FOREST NEWS OF THE GURDANE DISTRICT

Ranger Wood has returned from a three days trip to read the snow stakes. Less snow was found than on even dates a year ago. Snowstake No. 44, on the head of Big Butter creek, registered 22 inches; a year ago it was 26 inches. Stake No. 21. on Ditch creek on the Heppner-Ritter road, registered 34 inches, last year it was 44 inches. Due to the cold weather the top layer of snew, consisting of from 6 inches to a foot, is very dry, making snow-shoeing quite good.

The last wagon to have passed over the Heppner-Ritter road is reported to have made the trip immediately before the storm in November. A trapper with a saddle horse and pack animals is reported to have made the trip about Christmas time. The Ranger states that there is nearly four feet of snow where the road crosses the summit.

Very little logging is being done at any of the five sawmills along the north boundary of the forest of this district. The Ely Mill, near Gurdane to preparing to begin logging. Claud Jarvis and Walden Straight have esthe public health service which had tablished a wood camp at the mill. The Willow creek mill is doing some logging and cutting some fence posts as a side line.

INCOME TAX POINTERS

Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Inernal Revenue, calls the attention of Oregon taxpayers to the fact that without any exceptions the following persons must file income tax returns for the year 1921, not later than March 15:

Every single person who had a net ncome of \$1000 or more.

Every maried person who had a net income of \$2,000 or more.

Every head of the family who had net income of \$1000.00 or more, The exemption for a single person

is \$1,000; for a married person \$2,500, if his income does not exceed \$5,000. If the net income of a married person exceeds \$5000, he is allowed an exemption of only \$2,000. The exemption allowed for depen-

dents under 18 years of age has been increased from \$200 to \$400, but a return must be made in order for the taxpayer to claim credit for the exemption. In other words, a return must be filed, although the taxpayer may not be liable to the payment o a tax after claiming the exemptions to which he is entitled under the law



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