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THE VALUE OF NEWSPAPERS

The following article is from the pen of Dean Lyle M. Spencer of the University of Washington;

New people in the average city appreciate the value of a newspaper to a town. Like flowers, they are apprethey are wanted most when they are gone.

editor's business. As a matter of fact, the success or failure of a paper is a matter of grave concern to an entire

were not for our newspapers.

Newspapers, too, are the best advertisement a city has Mr. Pinchot "progressively" parleyed with lawbreakit thrives and is able to present an appearance of pros-thrive, outsiders are inclined to look upon the town as 🖫 undesirable to live in, and so move on to other cities.

Newspapers are also our chief source of information. Most of our reading matter after we leave school comes from the newspapers. What we know about the presi-spur at Morgan and will repair the dent's doings, about the struggle between France and track.

John Gray started harvesting for can Red Cross will be held this Germany in the Ruhr, about Henry Ford as a candidate Mr. Osborn, Monday at Fourmille. for president, and about other national and world prob- Fred Ely and Floyd Wiles are nurse's office in I. O. O. F. buildlems, comes from the papers. Thomas Jefferson once said seeding for Ben Morgon. that if he had to have government without newspapers or Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pettyjonn, ested in Red Cross work and That if he had to have government without newspapers or Misses Gertrude and Hazel, and he present. The coming roll call will newspapers without government, he would take the news- Earl, Ellis. Claude and Clyde Petty- be considered as will the question of papers, because through them he felt the state could be john visited at the Holaday home a county nurse, Mrs. Johnson's work run with at least fair success.

If some of us appreciated more fully the value of our newspapers, we would make greater effort to see that they get the news and advertising and so become successful. Modern society cannot get along without newspapers any and Lillian Gray and Baby Gerald more than it can without schools and churches.

SENATOR McNARY ON TIMBER TAXES

"Lower Timber Taxes Is Topic," reads a headline in a saturday. Portand newspaper and in the text following Senator Noah Pettyjohn finished reseeding Charles L. McNary is quoted as saying at a club luncheon where the big storm took out the the other day that "the state should make it easier for wheat. timber owners.

If the senator could devise some scheme whereby east- Miss Geraldine Funk and parents scort house is Heppner, Oregon, on ern Oregon wheat farms would be classified as timber have returned from their trip to or before Monday. November 12, lands his suggestion would meet with hearty approval in Portland. this part of the state.

Timber owners and lumbermen are about the only people in Oregon who are enjoying much prosperity just now and painful accident when his horse step- Notice of public hearings of all why their taxes should be reduced while the wheat grower ped in a badger hole, throwing Don- persons interested either for or is struggling between the devil and mortgaged lands and ald over his head. crops and high taxes and the deep blue sea of financial oblivion, the senator sayeth not.

Taxes are probably too high on timber but the good Lord Leuis Gray, Wayne Witzel. Edith rersons familiar with each budget knows they are beyond all reason on wheat lands that are running their owners into a financial hole on every acre they cultivate.

PARLEYING WITH LAW-BREAKERS

There has been within the last few months a vast amount of balderdash written, printed and spoken about the "American Ideals" of the Ku Klux Klan. The platform has seen orators discussing the "duty" of the Klan. What is the duty which a law breaker owes to a community? It is strict compliance with the laws of the land, and if he fails then he should be brought to book, fined or imprisoned according to the Statutes of the various States and of the Nation.

The Ku Klux Klan represents no American ideals. It is composed of lawless members, and the heads of the organization are conspirators against the law of the Nation and the States. Their only possible "duty" is to disband and go out of business.

If the burglar who holds you up in your own house explains that he only does so because you are not Protestant. or because you have negro blood in your veins, he does not thereby establish rights in the profession of burglary

which the law is bound to respect. There is nothing more mischievous and nothing which has done more harm in the past ten years than this same twaddle about ideals. There are no ideals which can be higher than the Ten Commandments, and there is none of us who care say in his heart that he has always successfully kept them. There were ideals of the highest kind in the Constitution of the United States, with its early, and neeessary, amendurents. It was not devised to protect a maiority, for a majority can protect itself when it is shown how. It was devised to protect minorities down to the individual, because they could be oppressed. That is the highest ideal of law, which is not an end in itself, but a

means to an end.

For centuries the common law which we inherited from our free English forefathers has held a sound and deep ideal of the safety of the person. It says that if you shake your fist in a man's face, without inflicting any actual violence upon him, you nevertheless commit an assault. When a secret organization parades in disguise in a public street it shakes its fist in the public's face. It threatens a breach of the law. It asserts superiority to the law and it defies the public to protect itself. There can be no parley with this kind of lawbreaker, nor can be be listened to with patience when he says that his only object is the public' good, and that he flogs and tars and feathers individuals with the sole idea of making them better.

There is no ideal in the conception that an organized minority like a labor umon shall be given everything it asks or, regardless of justice, in order to "satisfy" it. You do ciated most by those who do not have them. Like mothers, not satisfy the blackmailer when you comply with his demands. You make it mathematically certain that he will notified, Most people look upon a newspaper as the business of a come back for more. If Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania single individual. If it thrives, that is the owner's or the had said to the anthracite miners something to the followeditor's business. If it tails, that also is the owner's or ing effect, what a different result he might have obtained! Suppose he put it this way:

"If you strike and cut off the public's supply of anthracite I shall proceed to enforce the Pennsylvania miners If it were not for our newspapers, rumor and gossip license law. It requires that every licensed miner shall would run not over the world. Everyone knows how a have answered twelve questions in English on practical simple question asked by someone often is made a state- mining. I shall have every holder of a license interrogated, ment by another, how that statement is distorted by a sec- and you know how many there are who could not answer ond or enlarged by a third, and how it goes on and on until two questions in English, or any subject whatever. I shall people do not know what to believe. Sometimes such a cancel all illegally held licenses forthwith and institute story gets so big that the only way it can be stopped is by prosecutions of the men who granted them. At the same something coming out in the paper and stating the precise time I shall call the Pennsylvania Assembly in special sestruth. Such conditions we should have constantly if it sion to repeal the license law, which guarantees your labor monopoly,

in the outside world. Other cities judge a town by the ers, so did President Coolidge. Strong men both of them kind of a newspaper it has. If it is supported well, given but politicians first, public officials afterward having due the news and the advertising patronage it ought to have, regard to the rights of citizens.-The Lawver and Banker.

MORGAN

The construction train is on the

Sunday evening.

Fred Pettyjohn, John Gray and tober, Leona and Lela Gray went to Ique

Mr. and Mrs. John Gray, Lenis were Sunday evening visitors at Miss Margaret Ely paid a visit to

her aunt, Mrs. Echo Palmateer on

with his harvesting work.

Hen Morgan will finish seeding on

Bonaid Witzel met with a very three years last past.

Those neither absent nor tardy a later date.

Morgan, Earl, Beulah and Geneva Pettyjohn, Howard Hardesty.

RED CROSS ELECTION

THIS EVENING

The annual election of officers for (Tuesday) evening in the county ing. All persons in any way interhaving closed here the end of Oc-

NOTICE TO TAX

LEVYING BOARDS Notice is hereby given to all persons who are members of any board or commission empowered to levy taxes for any public purpose within the boundaries of Morrow county that the Tax Conservation Commission for the county of Morrow is now organized and ready to take up the 1923. All budgets submitted to the commission must be accompanied with the estimate sheets for the

against the budgets will be given at

last week were Lela. Leona and It is expected that some person or and Margaret Ely, Ore and Mary shall hold themselves in readiness to

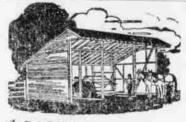
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