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**MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER**

**MAKE AMERICA A NATION OF HOME OWNERS**

No more patriotic movement could be set in motion than one to make the American people a nation of home owners.

A National Association for the Promotion of Home Ownership would be a real constructive movement, fruitful in benefit to the American people.

There is much talk now of schemes whereby the government is to furnish every family a home. This, of course, is political buncumbe, and will come to nothing. But with proper private encouragement the number of home purchases in the country could be doubled each year. A credit system should be provided whereby it will be easier for the "man in the street" to get out of the street and into a home of his own. Plans, public and private, for providing such credit, should be developed. Employers, municipalities, banking organizations and the government itself should be enlisted in the work of putting a roof over every family in the republic which is willing to labor to such an end.

Home ownership is the greatest social stabilizer; the most effective antidote for revolutionary radicalism; the sanest contribution to political contentment and order.

Charity will not stop social unrest; turning the government into a huge eleemosynary institution in which the people are like the inmates of a penitentiary or almshouse will not produce the millennium. What is most needed is a spirit of social and public service which will lead to the intelligent application of private capital to the solution of these problems through investment for moderate private and vast social profit, and the provision of the "know how" in home acquisition for men who do not have it themselves.

The way to prevent governmental incursions into fields in which government has no legitimate business is to intelligently organize and support movements for the amelioration, through private agencies, of remediable wrongs in the existing order. Here is a field of service for men of large means and broad vision and a real desire to help humanity, rather than to exploit people either financially or politically.

**A SERMON—SKIP IT.**

Here's a little sermon on success. The most banal, most overworked, most threadbare topic in our ken.

And yet everybody has discovered at least one thing that if the other fellow knew would help him.

We have learned this lesson and we believe it is the one chiefly needed by ambitious, quick on the trigger, forward rushing Americans.

Sticking to one thing brings success.

It helps to choose aright, to select the chore you can best do; but once on the job, stay with it.

This is a nation of quick movers. The farmer seeks a better soil, a more congenial climate, just over the hills.

The city worker shifts jobs as he does his shirts.

The average worker knows half a dozen trades indifferently well.

But as a nation of workers, from the professions down, we do not stick to the one job.

The worker who remains ten years with one corporation has just ten times the opportunity of advancement the worker has who stays one year.

The farmer who masters his orchards and fields and brings his soil to high fertility through a term of years; or who breeds up a fine herd through proper selection of blood lines, succeeds.

The business man who stays with it when competitors give up the ghost, gets a toehold and keeps climbing up the sheer face of life.

The women, bless them, can give the men pointers on sticking.

They wash dishes, and scrub floors, and rear children and bake bread year after year and never miss a meal or a baby's dirty ears.

The average man would wash dishes for three weeks, and then start in to invest in paper dishes, and start the fires with each day's accumulation.

Also he would paint the top of the dining room table and use the table-cloths for gun wipers.

Stay with that job if you would win.

The sufferings of starving people of Armenia are indescribable. The condition of these people, dazed from their horrible experiences at the hands of the cruel Turks, clothed in filthy rags, and weakened and emaciated from many months of actual starvation, is the tragedy of

the world today. For God's sake, let us do something to save at least the seed of this ancient Christian race from perishing from the face of the earth.

These are the words of Henry Morgenthau, ex-ambassador to Turkey, in an eloquent appeal to the people of Oregon for their serious attention to the sufferings of 4,000,000 people of the "Bible Lands" whom the atrocities and massacres of the Turks, unspeakable allies of Germany, have left naked, famished, homeless and destitute.

A fund of \$30,000,000 is being raised in the United States. Oregon's quota is \$184,000. Every man, woman and child is asked to contribute.

There are 490,000 little orphans, hungry and cold and dazed by the horrible atrocities and massacres they have witnessed, ever there in the ancient Bible Lands. Wherever the Turk has gone he has left this trail. It is a long way off, but not so far but that American men, women and children can reach out a helping hand. Oregon's quota of the fund is \$184,000, and every dime and dollar will mean food, warmth and comfort for these helpless little ones. Out of our abundance let us give generously.

**TAXATION SHOULD BE LIGHTENED.**

"The policy of heavy taxation on business profits begins now to show its repressive and unfortunate influence," declares National City Bank Bulletin for February. "There was never a time when the spirit of courage and enterprise was more needed. Secretary Wilson made a strong plea at a New York meeting a few days ago for business men to go ahead with resolution and public spirit to set the wheels of industry turning and provide employment to the wage-earning population. All who heard him realize the danger which might develop from widespread idleness and distress. But these are times when serious risks attach to individual policies. An individual is so small a factor in the general situation that he cannot expect to materially affect it, or to receive any compensation for losses he may suffer in battling with general tendencies.

"The odds against an investor are very heavy under taxation proposed in the new law. Should he buy goods or build, or hire labor for any enterprise. If developments are against him and he loses, the loss is all his own; if he is successful, the government may claim 50 or 60 or 80 per cent of the profits. The critics of business will say that what is left is enough. It might be enough if there were no losses, but there is no allowance for losses. It is not easy to keep gains ahead of losses in the business world without any taxation; who dares move outside of the narrowest and most cautious policies with such odds as present taxation puts against him?"

"It is obvious that taxes must be heavy for the present, but it is well to understand their effects and to utter a word of caution against their being made heavier than necessary. If by spreading taxation over a longer period the spirit of enterprise can be revived and stimulated the country will be more prosperous and moderate levies will yield more than heavier ones."

The Oregon legislature is safe in providing a bond issue for construction of roads and highways throughout the state, but the many other proposed bonding schemes will not have as easy a time. These are largely being promoted by Portland bond dealers who figure on large commissions from their sale and then removing from the state when reaction comes and pay day arrives. There is the \$100,000,000 bond plan for development of the hydro-electric power and the state operation of woolen mills, etc., Roosevelt coast highway bonds, irrigation, land, and other bonds for another \$200,000,000. Some even propose to buy land, build houses, fences, churches, etc., on what is known as "logged-off" lands and sell it on long time payments. Generally these lands are owned by timber men who have taken all the timber from the lands and wish to escape paying future taxes and find an easy way to do this is to sell it at a fancy figure to the state.—Moro Observer.

**WORLD SHIPPING CONDITIONS.**

C. M. Standifer, owner of three shippards on Pacific Coast, and just returned from an investigation of shipbuilding situation in Europe says:

"We will be building ships for all the world as soon as the Peace Conference concludes its work. Cupboards of Europe are empty. Only completion of the peace terms is holding up a wave of business development that will exceed anything the world has ever seen. It cannot but come true. It's shortage, shortage everywhere.

"These countries have not recovered from after effects of the war. Business is in a dazed condition, just as the people are.

"Our yards compare very favorably with those of Europe in every respect. In speed we can exceed any yard on the other side. And there is no doubt that we can turn out a ship that will size up with any type built abroad.

"The strikes in England are now holding up work in the shipyards. The socialist spirit is felt among the workers, and I am not so sure that Bolshevism has not begun to spread in the radical groups.

"As I see the situation, now fresh from a trip into the European countries, I would say that the first thing for the government to do is to release the shipbuilders from control of the Shipping Board.

"For the ship operator the rates must be reduced and the Seaman's act must be rewritten. But these changes will come in due time. What we want right now is an opportunity to conduct our own businesses according to the law of supply and demand."

**WHEAT AND SHEEP GAIN DAIRY HERDS DECREASE**

Survey by Farm Help Specialist Gets Returns From 25 Counties; Four Show Labor Shortage.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 24.—Winter wheat acreage in Oregon is greater than last year in most of 25 counties replying to questionnaire of J. W. Brewer, federal and C. A. C. farm help specialist, and greater than normal in all. Nearly all report an increase in sheep, but most show a material decrease in dairy stock.

A sufficient or surplus labor supply is indicated in nearly all counties, but Tillamook, Lake, Lincoln and Malheur report a shortage. Four counties favor fixing wage scale, five oppose it, while others are not sure. Some that had good results last year think conditions do not warrant repeating the policy.

Wages of \$50 to \$75 a month are current, but no report on probable spring and harvest wages could be obtained.

**Fifth Loan April 21.**

By James K. Lynch. (Governor Federal Reserve Bank Twelfth Federal Reserve District.)

Telegraphic reports of changes in the plan for financing the Government have produced a feeling of uncertainty in the minds of our citizens.

We have positive assurance from Secretary Glass that a popular loan will be offered for subscription on April 21st, and that this will be "a salable loan."—In other words, a loan that will be attractive to the investor whether in the form of certificates or bonds.

Obviously, there are details which cannot yet be decided, and announcements which cannot be made until Congress has legislated.

Let us not be confused by preliminary discussion, but let us keep our minds fixed on the fact that our Government requires the money to complete the work it has undertaken. The attempted industrial revolt which collapsed in Seattle, owing to the firmness of the Mayor, is evidence that Hun propaganda is still active. The "war" will not be over until the Huns have been given the bill and have begun paying. Then, and then only, will they realize defeat and confess error.

**RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.**

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst by death our Sister Margaret Blahnik, and while we bow our heads to him who doeth all things well, we extend our deepest sympathy to her friends and loved ones that are left to mourn her loss; therefore be it

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be published in the Gazette-Times and a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge.

MRS. PEARL CHIDSEY  
MRS. FLORENCE HUGHES  
MRS. CLAIRE GILLIAM,  
Committee.

San Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33  
I. O. O. F., Heppner, Oregon.

Heppner Garage this week received a car of new Fords, direct from the factory. There were eight of the machines and the most of these have already been spoken for. In fact, but three of the number remain and Mrs. Bowker states that if you are contemplating getting a Ford this season, you should get your order in promptly. New cars were delivered this week to Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., Morrow County and Chas. Devin. The present supply will soon be exhausted.

J. H. Mulligan, well known to Heppner people, writes Oscar Borg that he has just returned from France, where he was in the area service for Uncle Sam. Mr. Mulligan contemplates getting right back on his old job of tuning pianos and will be pleased to meet his former friends and customers in Heppner. They may expect a call from Jack about the middle of March, or shortly thereafter.

**Bank Hires County Agent.**

To advise its patrons on farming and livestock matters the First National Bank of Richland Center, Wisconsin, has employed a county agent. Several other banks have adopted this plan of increasing their business by helping that of their patrons.

Good Second hand Mack Truck for sale cheap. Inquire of Welch & Lhinger at McRoberts-Cohn garage. f20-4t

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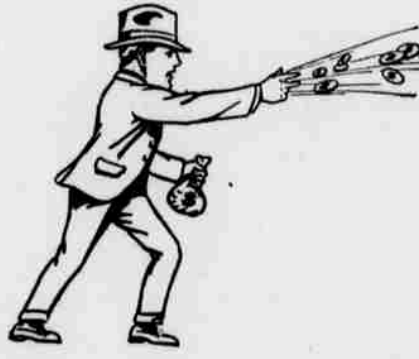
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KEEP TIMES GOOD; YOU CAN HELP; IF YOU START, YOUR NEIGHBORS WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

Come in and let us help you plan it, we don't charge you a cent.

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