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**Meaning of Word "Service."**  
 For four to six years this country has been going through a most unnatural period and the most unnatural condition of all is the fact that SERVICE counted for little or nothing.

In a world of people—producers, consumers, sellers, workers and neighbors—there is no word that begins to equal the word "service."

While you and the writer are serving one person or one concern and earning a living, each individual of us is being served by at least 25 others. Work that statement out in a few moments of study and perhaps you will find that a good many more than 25 human folks are serving you. There's that suit of clothes you wear. The boy who herds the sheep flock; the man who shears the fleece; the farmer who wags it to the freight car; the railroad men who haul it to market; the fellow who cleans the wool; the man who cards it; the worker who makes it into cloth; the tailor and lastly the storekeeper or clerk who sells you the suit—all these serve you.

Are they serving you to your satisfaction? Are you yourself serving others to their satisfaction? Have you a kick coming at the way you are served by this, that and other person? Have they a kick coming at the way you serve them?

Briefly, are you doing your work to the best of your ability? Are you giving good service in this world of men and women who are dependable on you and on each other?

The four to six years of unnatural conditions are being liquidated. Costs of goods are going down. Service wages are slowly following. Service is going to count again whether you are a business man, professional man or a laboring man.

He who wins during the coming 10 years is the one who gives worthwhile SERVICE.

There is promise of a lively meeting on Tuesday next in this city when the John Day Irrigation District land owners and directors will come together. The recent election will perhaps be the leading topic of interest, and there will also be presented at this time a petition of the land owners, very numerous signed, which is in the nature of a protest against the tax levied on the district as well as against the issuance of bonds to carry out any work the directors may have in contemplation. We understand that the directors have no thought of a bond issue as that is something in the distant future, and will have to be settled by a vote of the election in any event, but the recent election seems to be a live and pertinent question, and one that is now at issue because of the action taken by the board of directors last week when they declared that Messrs. Minor and Wheelhouse had not been regularly nominated as provided by statute, hence were not elected and entitled to be so certified. There seems to be a fine point of law brought up here and the action taken by the directors will doubtless result in a friendly suit being filed that the point can be brought to the attention of the courts for settlement.

In the conducting of any great enterprise, questions will arise for settlement. The John Day project is one of the biggest enterprises ever undertaken in this part of the Northwest; its results, ultimately, will no doubt justify the great expenditure of time and money that will be required to complete it. So far as we are informed, the work already done by the officers of the district is along approved lines and in harmony with the governmental requirements, and sufficient has been accomplished to put the work several years ahead of what it would be had some different policy been pursued. Nothing should come up at this time that will give the project a set back. Hold the ground gained, for the monumental benefit to our section of the state on the completion of this great work and the development to result therefrom are far superior to the interests of any individual or group of individuals.

**Money In a Woodpile.**  
 How to get money out of the woodpile is a problem which the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse is trying to help the farmer to solve.

There's money in the farmer's woodpile, these days when coal prices are mounting higher and higher. The college has already advised the farmers of the state to cut a supply of fuel wood, not only for his own need, but to help build up an emergency fuel reserve for nearby towns and villages.

How to prepare the wood for the

market is an important question. Dry hardwood has an excellent fuel value—a cord of the best hardwood has as much heating value as a ton of coal. Green wood burns slowly and expends much more energy evaporating the moisture it contains.

Open piling, however, makes fairly well seasoned wood, and three months of open piling will do the trick. Open piling preferably is piled in log cabin style, crossing each layer of wood as the pile is built up. The air then circulates readily, and the wood dries rapidly.

The time to cut the wood is now, say the college foresters.

Three rules should be observed: cut out the "weed trees," those that are poor for timber, save the straight thrifty trees for a better price for lumber; leave good trees near the roads, to improve the appearance of your farm.

**Slats' Diary.**

**Friday**—we had a Burgular Skarc at home las nite. I herd a noyse down Stares & then I herd ma calling for pa 2 go & see whats the matter. Finely I snuk into there room & ma turned the lite on & we seen a coupla feet a sticking out frum under the bed. Ma grabbed a gun & pointed it under the bed & remarked 2 them Come on out. He cum out. I had 2 laff. It was pa.

**Saturday**—Pa & ma including me went 2 a party tonite. After we et supper pa & ma & the other men set at the table a smoking excep me. I man sed 2 pa Who in the Thunder is that tawktive female in there with a brown Dress upon. Pa looked & got red in the face & sed. Its Slats ma.

**Sunday**—Lost one of my shoes & was permitted 2 stay home frum S. Skool. The shoe was out in the dog house. I have been wondering about things. I was thinking what if pa had married a nother woman & then ma had got married to a nother husent. Which boy wood of been me & what relashun wood we be and etc. I new where my shoe was.

**Monday**—Ma sed it was a shain for peopl not 2 go 2 church more often. She sed sum men only went 3 times in there lifes. Once 2 get sum water sprinkled on there hed. Once 2 get united in wedlocks & once 2 get there funeral preached.

**Tuesday**—Wanted 2 go up at Jakes house 2 play with his kemistry out Fit. Ma sed I should ought 2 study my lesson. I sed I was not a going 2. She picked up a small stick & sed Are you or aint you. I replied & sed I am. & did.

**Wednesday**—Pa got out his ford today & went out in to the Country & he had a aksident which was very success' full. They was nothing left but the steering wheel & thtop. & pa.

**Thursday**—I kep cutting paper & making sum dirt on the Floor. Ma sed 2 me if I diddnt quit she wood spank me on the spot. I quit because I know where that spot is lokated.

Oregon road bonds, whether issued by the state highway department or by any county for the improvement of roads, highways or the construction of highway bridges, are to be exempted from taxation under a bill introduced this week at Salem by Representative Sheldon of Jackson county. The bill provides that the act shall not exempt from taxation any income derived from such investment.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature which has for its object the censoring of movie and theatrical plays. It will make it unlawful to

show the commission of murder, homicide, robbery and other crimes involving moral turpitude in a moving picture, vandeville act of theatrical production. Representative Hard of Clatsop county is the father of the bill, and he also has another one that would prohibit the sale of theater tickets when seats are not available.

Governor Olcott has made a proposal to build a new state industrial school and has advised that the funds raised in 1919 for roads under the one-fourth mill tax, be set over for the purpose of building this school. The proposal is now brought to an issue in the legislature by the introduction of two bills in the house by the committee on roads and highways touching this matter. Senator Paterson has also introduced a bill in the senate which would authorize the transfer of \$2,602,619.76, raised by the one-fourth mill tax for road purposes, to the state's industrial school, and also for the repeal of the one-fourth mill tax law. From present indications these bills will cause a big stir in the legislature as there seems to be a lot of opposition developing.

Many were the expressions of surprise and delight at the gathering of Heppner's business men at the hotel on Monday evening, at the music furnished for the luncheon by the band boys. Many had apparently forgotten that Heppner had a band, and that the boys had been of late putting in many hours of good, faithful practice under the direction of Professor James Austen. They have been making marked improvement, and the music furnished Monday evening was greatly appreciated. The band is entitled to all possible encouragement on the part of the Heppner public, and we can say that it will not be long until our city has a musical organization to be proud of, and one that will be prepared to furnish a quality and quantity of entertainment of this nature that will be a delight. Boost for the band.

Gatherings such as assembled on Monday evening in the dining room of the new hotel, when the permanent organization of the Brotherhood was consummated, is a practical illustration of the important place the hotel fills in the community life of the city. The neat, roomy dining room and the spacious lobby are beginning to prove their worth already, and are evidence of the good judgment shown by the directors of the hotel company when they accepted the plans for the structure. Tables were arranged and covers laid for 100 plates and yet there was an abundance of space left in the dining room to take care of the public, and there was no crowding. The lobby accommodates crowds of this size comfortably and the hotel will doubtless become a sort of community center, where the people can feel free to come together on all occasions of a public and semi-public nature. The management desires to have it thus, and they seem to leave nothing undone to make it pleasant for all such gatherings. The new hotel should grow in public favor, and we feel quite sure that every member of the Brotherhood can be counted on as a good booster for this, one of Heppner's leading institutions, as well as one of Eastern Oregon's finest hostleries.

Various so called tax reducing plans need careful analysis. Often they will reveal Ethiopians in the woodpile. In other words the purpose is not to reduce expenses but to shift the burden to the shoulders of others. There are for instance big timber land owners and other large taxpayers in Oregon who want road work done but they would like to escape any share of the cost. They would like to have the motor car owner pay it all in license fees. The

car owner already is bearing almost the entire burden of state highway work. He is paying more than his share. A fair share of the burden should be met through general taxation so that all may contribute to the expense of this development from which all the people are gainers—including the timber land holders. The legislature should not be rushed off its feet by every contingent that requests a lowering of the general tax. When the rightwad taxpayer escapes his just share of the ex-

pense it means that a greater and greater burden is put upon the shoulders of others more active in business and more ambitious for the state's progress.—East Oregonian.

**More Man Gets the Idea.**  
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