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Big Money Not Everything

Teachers, as a rule, perform a work of love in guiding the young people placed in their charge and willingly or not accept the responsibility for training their charges in lieu of parental interest. For this work and responsibility, few if any, of them ever get more money than they are entitled to receive. To attain a certificate to teach they have had to study hard, pass up many of the pleasures enjoyed by other young people and then wrangle with school boards over salaries and contracts.

Is it any wonder, then, that when positions are open in other lines of endeavor which pay considerably more wages or salaries that teachers should abandon their school work and go out and try to gather in more of the worldly goods while the gathering is good? It is hard to condemn them for it, yet we wish they would not lose sight of the fact that the big wages of the present may be of short duration and that in the long run the financial gain will be more or less disappointing.

No one knows how long the war will last. It may run a year or several years. Whenever it ends, there will be a mad scramble for jobs. Those who remain on the job throughout will be doing a patriotic service just as much as if right in the thick of things, for the generation of young people of today will be the leaders of tomorrow and now more than ever it is essential to have well trained leadership.

Teachers are needed here and everywhere. Salary advances are being made to the limit possible under school budgets. If you have a certificate tucked away somewhere, get it out and dust it off and march right up to the superintendent's office.

The Threat Behind Free Mail

As far back as anyone can remember the post office department has shown an operating loss at the end of each year. And, on several occasions, this ever present deficit has been projected by some congressmen as argument in favor of increasing postal rates. Such a move threatens again.

Through heightened efficiency and economy of operation, the department in the last 10 years has trimmed its annual deficit from 112 billion dollars to only 14 millions. However, there is still a deficit and as long as it exists it is a potential lever with which some legislators may try to raise postal rates.

This deficit is due entirely to the free mail carried for the many government departments and agencies. The volume of this mail has multiplied five-fold in the last ten years. Last year the postal department estimated that if this free mail had been paid for, it would have brought 72 million dollars into its coffers, wiping out the 14 million dollar deficit and leaving a 58 million dollar profit. Thus it is clear that the way to turn the department's loss into gain and eliminate this threat to rates is to revoke the free mailing privilege and require the agencies to pay postage on all mail they send out.

Business mail users and private individuals as

well would suffer from an increase of rates at this time. A means to avert this postal rate menace and combat any moves in that direction is passage of the Burch bill, (H. R. 2001) which provides that all government departments and bureaus be required to pay postage on all mail they send out. Active support of this bill would be in the interest of all mail users, the post office department, and

He Might Be Your Boy

Perhaps the service flag in your home means that your own son is at some camp or station at the other end of this great country; and maybe you've heard from him within the last day or two and know that he is safe and well. But forget that comforting fact for a moment and imagine that the youngster lying sick and lonely in the military or naval hospital not far from your town is your boy and not another's. Wouldn't you want to do everything you could to give him the little comforts that mean so much to a convalescent?

Of course you would! Somehow, you'd manage to get into that hospital on every possible occasion. You'd do all in your power to give him courage and strength and a new interest in life, to keep his mind so well occupied that he'd have no time to feel neglected or unhappy. Heaven itself could scarcely keep you away from him, if you knew he was in need of certain small conveniences and comfort articles that you could provide.

Then why not find a way to do for that other plucky young patient in the nearby hospital the same thing you would do for your boy? You can do it through the program of your camp and hospital council. You'll be the better person for it—you'll know a kind of satisfaction you haven't known before, especially if you bear in mind the thought that in another part of the country some other parent may be doing the same thing for your boy, and feeling exactly the way you do about it.

Food On Every Hand

If doubts are entertained about the ability of this nation of ours to feed itself and a large number of other people besides, a trip around the country will quickly remove them. There is but one doubt that could persist and that is about the ability of our remaining man- and woman-power to harvest the crops and preserve them for consumption during ensuing months.

A drive through a portion of eastern Oregon the past week-end convinces us that this region is self-sufficient and is doing its part to help win the victory for democracy. By the time the timber line was reached south of Hardman we had lost sight of a belt where another essential industry is of the vast grain fields of Morrow county and ending its part—the timber industry. Then one enters the John Day valley. Always a delightful drive, this year that region presents more of interest. Evidently there is a potato project on in that valley. There were gardens all along the line—gardens of wide variety of foodstuffs, all doing well and giving that region an aspect of thrift that would be discouraging to Hitler and Tojo. Then, leaving the beautiful John Day at Prairie City, the car once again roams into the mountains, over Dixie mountain, down into the rolling, semi-arid section of southern Baker county, then over the hill and down into the Willow creek valley of Malheur county. Hay, potato, beet and other crops from Brogan to Vale, from Vale to Ontario, from Ontario to the end of the irrigation opposite Weiser.

Upon reaching Baker one again finds potatoes evidence on every side. Grain is the mainstay in as a feature crop, although hay and grain were in the Grande Ronde valley, too and of course our neighbor, Umatilla, is doing its part in many lines. Yes, the crops have been raised and if the majority of them are saved there will be plenty to eat the coming winter.

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GUEST OF RELATIVES

Miss Betty Jean Robinson of Berkeley, Calif. spent the past week in Heppner, the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Shannon, and aunts, Mrs. T. J. Wells and Mrs. D. E. Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson gave a dinner party Wednesday evening in honor of

Miss Robinson attene by Mr. and Mrs. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hudson and Mrs. Wells Saturday evening, Mrs. Wells entertained with a picnic in the court house park for her niece, Miss Robinson left for Portland Sunday to spend a few days with friends before returning Wednesday evening in honor of her work in Berkeley.

RETURN FROM PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hill returned home Sunday after spending five weeks in Portland for the benefit of Mr. Hill's health. He feels somewhat improved and expects to return to the city at a later date for further treatment.