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Monday's the Day!

Monday, April 18, is an important date on the calendar for Morrow county people. On that day "We the people" must decide whether we want to face the music and pay the price of better eduestional facilities or duck the responsibility and let the future bring what it may. Admittedly, it is not a pleasing outlook to the taxpayer, but let us take the viewpoint that the situation with which we are faced is the price of progress, and there are but two paths to choose from-to go ahead or go backwards.

The various budget boards have wrestled with finance problems and have endeavored to hold costs to the minimum, but by the time all reports were assembled the total reached a somewhat staggering figure. Changes in school operationmore consolidations with consequent additional bus service, the bringing of the schools up to standard requirements; the raising of teacher pay to attract the type of teachers we wish to instruct out children-these, and other factors have necessitated elevating the sights, as it were, in order to maintain an educational system worthy

It will be worth the time of the qualified voters to attend the budget meetings of their respective districts and learn, before voting, why it is necessary to raise more money for the schools this year. Lack of interest on the part of pairons may result in a lot of misunderstanding-indeed, it will result in just that-that might be prevented if they would attend the meetings and seek to learn more about school matters.

War's Terrible Cost

At a time when many people talk almost glibly of the possibility of a third world war, it is wise to attempt to assess the cost of the last conflict. Nothing resembling an exact accounting can be made-there are too many imponderables and intangibles, which permit of only an informed guess. One of the most thoughtful efforts to arrive at the cost of World War II appears in Harper's Magazine for April. It is written by C. Hartley Grattan, who has long been a student of the economic implications of war,

Mr. Grattan concludes that about 10,000,000 members of armed forces lost their lives. The last war was unique in that civilians suffered a heavier mortality than did men in uniform. The casualties from bombing; the planned extermination of whole categories of civilians; the terrible death rate among slave laborers; the losses in underground movements-these and other causes probably were responsible for 30,000,000 deaths. Thus, the total human cost of the war was 40,000,000.

extremely difficult ground. The most obvious and easily-unearthed cost is the money actually spent gency for military purposes by victor and vanquished. This is recorded in national budgets. It came to more than a trillion dollars-\$1,117,000,000,000. Next we must arrive at the cost of the physical of the conflict, Factories, power plants, transporta- The distinction is that simple.

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tion systems and whole industrial regions were razed on a wholesale scale. Both sides concentrated on attacking dwelling areas-people who have no place to live especially in severe weather. are of small value as workers. Mr. Grattan arrives at the figure of \$2,234,000,000,000 (Over 2) trillion) to cover the cost of direct destruction.

But this is not all. There is another economic cost, which is the most difficult yet to estimate, road, That cost is found in the depletion of natural resources, the disorganization of economic systems, the value of labor and material seized and carted off by invaders, and so on. Mr. Grattan places this cost at \$650,000,000.000. Adding all the costs up, we have a final, incredible figure of four trillion dollars-\$4,000,000,000,000! And this, as he ception. When subscriptions to says, leaves out the normal cost of war, which

Wrld War II was seven times as destructive as World War I. If World War III should come with the atom bomb there is every reason to believe Menamin; esteemed leading that the costs would be beyond calculation and knight, C. B. Cox; esteemed loyal that the costs would be beyond calculation and civilization wiped out.

Here is why the best minds in the world are now devoted to the task of maintaining the peace.

Rights Must Be Earned

Albert S. Goss, Master of the National Grange, has written a telling editorial on the important subject of "Human Rights Versus Human Responsibility," He points out that the General Assembly of the United Nations has officially stressed rights | car. which are theoretically owed the individual by the state, such as the right of rest and leisure, protection against unemployment, housing and medica care and other forms of social security.

Then Mr. Goss writes: "We believe the United Nations is tackling the whole question of human rights wrong end first ... What the world really needs is a Declaration of Human Responsibility People need to learn that they cannot expect something for nothing. Furthermore, self-government falls when a majority fails to realize that they must contribute as much as they take out. For example, the impossible economic situation in France today is the result of the people de manding more of the government than they give

osophy of willingness to work. One great difficulty that must be met by the framers of the United Nations declaration of policy is that they must satisfy scores of nations and governments which subscribe to every kind and form of political theory. However, the peoples of the free countries, the United States included, have gone a long way down the deadly path that

"It is high time we return to the simple phil-

leads to complete governmental domination of our lives. The "gimme" spirit has reached tragic pro-To total the material cost brings the analyst to portions. And so has the idea that government "owes" us protection against every possible exi-To quote Mr. Gos: again, "Rights must be earned

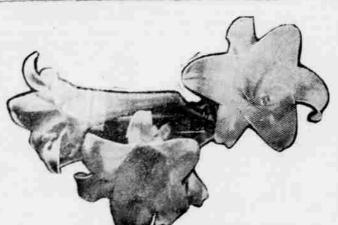
through the exercising of responsibility." In a free country, the people support their government, and give it orders. In a dictatorship, the government damage which was done during the long course takes over the people, and gives them orders,

April 17, 1919 W. F. Barnett, merchant and

farmer of Lexington, was a bus-The first half of Morrow couniness visitor in Heppner on Mon- ty's taxes have been collected collected up to the present time day. Mr. Barnett expresses the at the sheriff's office and the opinion that the Lexington coun- bulk of this money has been turntry faces the best crop prospects ed over to Treasurer Humphreys county court during the week this spring she has enjoyed in by Sheriff Shutt. The total am- with the state highway commis

ount represented on the 1918 roll to be collected is \$224,683.08. Am ount collected to date, \$114,841.52. ory, judging from the pre- \$111,841.77, leaving a balance on hand of \$3101.75. This indicates that a little better than one-half of the taxes in the roll have been

Resolutions were filed by the

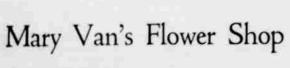


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SLAVE LABOR?

By DeWitt Emery

(Editor's Note: DeWitt Emery is president of the National Small Business Men's Association.) Now it can be told at long last William Green, President of the A. F. of L. is on record concern-

sion, asking that the road lead ing to the Grant county line from Heppner via Hardman and Par kers Mill be accepted as a

Elks to the number of about a nundred gathered at their hall ast Thursday evening for instalation ceremonies and to enjoy a big clam feed The matter of the and met with an enthusiastic retock in the enterprise were called for, \$11,000 was subscribed in very few minutes, and the new building seems now to be assur-ed. The following officers were this fact." installed: Exalted ruler, F. A. Mc might, B. B. Kelly; esteemed lecuring knight, B. P Stone; trustee. L Gilliam; treasurer, Frank Gilliam; secretary, Harold Cohn

R N Stanfield made a shipment of three cars of sheep from he Heppner yards to Chicago

S. W. Spencer and E. G. Noble day, going over in the Spence

Mat Halvorsen and Gus A. Johnson of the Ione section were Friday last.

The Gazette Times this week 919 premium books for the Sev-Annual Morrow County Fair, and they will be mailed out comptly by Secretary Brown of he fair board.

H. V. Gates, president of Heppner Light & Water company, was here a couple of days this week. oming in for the purpose of beginning the survey of the conduit line from the mountains. On go-ing out to the timber belt, Mr. and will return a few weeks later.

The Stockmens and Cowpunch rs dance at Ione on last Friday ight is reported to have been a omplete success. The attendance was good and everyone had a line time. Prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. George Sperry and Miss Lola Hayes of this city for the best tressed cowboy and cowgirl chareters, while Joe White of Wilows took the persimmon for the it must be. oughest character.

ing what-in his judgment makes the Taft-Hartley Act slave labor law. Here's what h

The Constitution of the Unit

States provides that involuntar servitude shall not be impose on any individual except as pur ment for crime. Yet the Taft Hartley Law authorizes the use of injunctions which when appiled compels workers to work day when Representative Giles against their will. That is slav. French regimented an opposition ery and involuntary servitude, bloc and tabled the senate's verpracticed in a free America, How sion of the tax bill. French led were enjoined and compelled by people a constitutional amend injunctions to operate their ment that would prevent the plants against their will and at state from levying a property a loss? It matters not how long tax for state purposes, and re a man is compelled to work—for quire initiative petitions to state new building was also taken up one minute or one second-it is how much what they propose to work against his will and go terim committee to study Ore to work against ms will also to jail as a consequence of refus-ing to work, he is a victim of ining to work, he is a victim of in-voluntary servitude and slavery.

> How do you like that? According to Green, workers are slaves because the Taft-Hartley Act gives the government the right for example, to go into court and INTERIM COMMITTEE ERRED get an injunction to keep babies from starving when a strike pre ents their getting milk, forcing the workers to stay on the job doing their regular work at their regular rate of pay while at their ion and employer negotiate a new contract.

Apparently, Mr. Green feels vere visitors in Pendleton Sun- that it's perfectly all right for him and a small handful of other abor union bosses to have life and death power over this nation of one hundred fifty million people; that it's all right propriation by joint resolution. usiness visitors in Heppner on for these labor union bosses to be able whenever they wish to shut off food, fuel and everything else for everyone in the country; inished the job of printing the that the public has no right at all to protect itself in any way anything union labor wants to do. In case he doesn't know it,

ne should tell Bill Green that it's exactly this attitude, "union labor can do no wrong which was responsible for the DENIES DESIGNS people forcing Congress to pass the Taft-Hartley Act. They got with mass picketing, intimidation, coercion goon squads, an-Gates found that he could not archy, with being kicked around is against my will and because get at the work, owing to snow, archy, with being kicked all over unscrupulous labor union bosses

This "slavery" idea of Green's. wever, has some rather intriguing aspects, I've heard the in

Take my case for example: Ev- if you'll back me up on it,

***** Capital Parade

DEMOCRACY UNDER

The legislature's courage for achievement was caught in its ould employers feel if they a fight to put to the vote of the ompulsion, and if he is forced would cost, also to create an in-

> senate house conference commit tee had an "unjangling" tug-of-war that lasted four hours and reported no progress.

This move developed visions of a 100-day session.

The act of the highway interim committee, created by a joint resolution of the 1947 legislature, in drawing \$106,000 from highway funds to conduct its study was declared an error this week in an opinion by the attorney general's office.

The opinion says "That an unambiguous and clear constitutional limitation prohibits drawng money from the treasury thru the medium of an attempted ap-Senator Richard L. Neuberger

who requested the opinion, and other senators were critical of the amount expended and of the le gality of the expenditure. In read ing the opinion on the floor of the senate. Neuberger said he had been unable to account for \$15. 000 of the sum despite an intensive search through the records filed with the highway commis sion and the secretary of state.

fed all the way up to the cars ery year I work about twenty-five percent of the time for the federal government. This very definitely it is, I am, therefore, a "victim of the lot by a small group of self- involuntary servitude," which ish, self-centered, self-seeking I must mean that I'm a "slave" of the state. I don't like being slave, and if those of you who pay income tax and are, there come tax law called many hard vitude, also object to being names and heard it denounced slaves, perhaps we should do from several different angles, but something about it. Maybe by all I never heard it called a "slave working together we could force labor law." However, according to our "masters" to repeal the "inhis reasoning, that's exactly what come-tax-slave-labor-law." I'll be glad to spearhead the movemen

has no designs for tapping Col-umbia river water," said Califor-"You say we should a

"You say we should admit we

nia's Governor Earl Warren to didn't know what we were doing his host, Governor McKay, at the when we voted for the \$50-a meeting of three western gover- month pension," reforted a connors in Portland last week. The trite oldster at a social welfare federal government is conduct committee hearing. "What we ing a survey of a plan to pipe will admit is that we didn't know Columbia river water to alleviate what we were doing when we a California water supply shrink. voted for you to come to the leg-



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