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SOLUTION OF GOLD PROBLEM

The general public is slow to realize that gold and its production is affected by the high cost of living just the same as the individual. For instance, the man with an income of \$2,000 in 1913 found on October 31, 1919 that his income had automatically been reduced in purchasing power to \$870.00 in terms of all commodities. In other words, \$2,000 in actual gold was only worth \$870.00 in comparison with its purchasing power 6 years before.

The gold miners cost of operation in producing gold has increased in proportion to the individual living costs but, instead of getting increased price for his product to offset this increased cost of production, the gold miner still continues to receive \$29.67 a fine ounce for his gold, the figure established several hundred years ago.

The result has been inevitable. In 1915 the U. S. gold production was \$101,000,000; in 1918 it was down to \$65,000,000; and this year it will probably be down to \$55,000,000 or \$60,000,000. It has been impossible to increase the price of gold without upsetting the standard of values throughout the world but at last a satisfactory solution seems to have been found. A measure is being placed before congress which provides that a premium of \$10 per fine ounce shall be paid to every person producing gold in the United States, said payments to be made out of funds to be provided by an excise tax of 50 cents per penny weight (\$10 per ounce) on the use, manufacture or sale of gold in the United States for other than coinage or monetary purposes. In other words, \$10 an ounce would be added to all gold used for commercial purposes other than making money. This would provide a fund sufficient for the government to pay gold producers an additional \$10 an ounce to cover their greatly increased cost of production.

Something must be done as our gold supply is disappearing. At the end of a 5 year period if conditions were again normal the excise tax would be removed. In the meantime the gold production would be greatly encouraged.

ONE MORE SPOKE IN THE WHEEL

The outlaw switchmen's strike was just another step in the program of revolution that is being promoted by radicals in this country.

Punishment for instigating such movements has been a farce—a few alien radicals have been deported but thousands have been turned loose.

The blame for this leniency is placed at the door of Acting Secretary of Labor Post, who has been a consistent champion of radicalism and he has the power to decide whether an alien revolutionist shall be deported or not.

The switchmen's strike has served the purpose of demonstrating once more that revolutionists acting as labor leaders are attempting to wreck this government and gain control of our industrial system.

The government has proof that the I. W. W. leader Foster engineered the steel strike fiasco, and others like him, are behind the outlaw switchmen's strike. Also that this revolutionary movement is financed by foreign capital and is part of the plan of the Russian radicals "designed at the ultimate capture of industry, the overthrow of the government and the setting up of a dictatorship like that in Russia."

American workmen are making the gravest mistake possible when they allow themselves to become mere pawns of radicalism to wreck this government and its industries.

They would be the greatest losers by chaotic conditions such as they are trying to create.

WILL FAMINE RESULT?

If the farmers of this country do not secure common labor to help them till the soil, crop acreage next year will be greatly reduced.

United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Crop Estimates, Portland, on April 9 issued a report which furnishes food for thought. It says: "The shortage in farm labor supply appears to be nationwide. Reports indicate that the situation is a bit less favorable in Oregon than in the country as a whole. The supply this year as compared with normal is reported as 78 per cent for Oregon and 72 per cent for the U. S. The supply this year as compared with a year ago also shows considerable deficiency, the figures being given as 85 per cent for the state and 87.3 per cent for the U. S."

From every section of Oregon and other states reports turned in to the Bureau of Crop Estimates showed an absolute shortage of farm labor. Farmer after farmer is planting only what he can handle himself.

MAGNITUDE OF FOREIGN TRADE

The importance of sound shipping policies is best shown by the fact that in 1919 our foreign trade amounted to over twelve billion dollars.

Before the world war 92 per cent of our foreign trade was carried in foreign vessels, but eight per cent being carried under the American flag.

In 1914 American tonnage registered in foreign trade was only 1,276,000 gross tons, while in March 1920 it has increased to 9,200,000 gross tons.

American ships cleared from the United States with 748,242 tons of freight in 1914, and cleared with 6,102,226 tons in 1919—an eleven fold increase.

WM. FEATHER IN LESLIE'S SAYS.

Your employer is in business to make a profit. Unless he makes a profit he can't stay in business. If you lose one hour a day, your employer's profit on your work goes glimmering. When he fixes his price, he figures that you will do as much work as you can in as short a time as you can. If you loaf when you ought to be working, you are robbing him just as surely as if you took money from his safe. Life and business are like an account at the bank. You can't take out more than you put in.

Women Favor Progress.

Jackson county women, working with the home demonstration agent, have made 80 dress forms at a saving of \$800 over the commercial cost. They also helped in making their own fireless cookers, iceless refrigerators and home dryers. Eighty-two of them with the help of the agent are keeping household accounts, thereby reducing living costs. They have put hot lunches into ten schools, and have themselves "gone to school" to the number of 60, where they learned millinery and dress making. In all, 674 families have studied foods and food values.

Treatent Wounds Decay.

To prevent decay that may spread to other parts of the tree, the limb of a tree that is blown off or becomes diseased should be saved off even with the trunk and painted with creosote or tar paint. Some state college horticultural specialist. Sometimes injuries no larger than the head of a nail under the bark will cause the bark to drop off leaving the wood unprotected. Decay will start from these spots and extend until they endanger the tree. If treated with a coat of creosote or tar, decay is stopped, and the bark will grow smoothly over the wound again.

Farming Plans Pay.

In farming it is as important as in any other business to have a plan of operation for the year and then

work to the plan, says the Columbia Farm Bureau News. A good plan is to divide the farm up into plots and indicate the number of acres given over for different crops. Then look over the market reports for the past few years and get an idea of the most profitable crops to grow. It is believed that the staple crop for the next two or three years is sure to bring high prices.

\$7,000,000 INCREASE

Total taxes levied by Oregon counties for the year 1920, based on the rolls of 1919, exclusive of the fire patrol assessment, aggregate \$32,596,995.03, or approximately \$7,000,000 in excess of the amount raised in the year 1919, based on the rolls of 1918, according to a recent report of the state tax commissioner.

THERE'S A LIMIT

A Phoenix, Ar. z., church has barred low-neck dresses, with necks going down and skirts going up, they had to draw the line somewhere; for as Kipling said: "East is east and west is west, and never the twin shall meet."

Although public school teachers with normal training are alarmingly scarce in Oregon, the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth does not receive enough maintenance money to enable it to train the 500 students for whom it has classrooms. Millage income has increased so little that the Normal's receipts are only \$1445 more a year than they were when the millage bill was first passed. Expenses, however, have gone up tremendously, just as costs have everywhere. In consequence the Normal cannot carry more than 300 students, although it has room for 500.

If all the students of the Agricultural College, the State University, and the Oregon Normal were counted, there would be more than 10,000. This number would include students on classes, winter short course, correspondence study, and music students. The number of fulltime students is 5400, as compared with 2300 in 1913. The great increase, without any corresponding increase in state support, is what has brought the present crisis upon the three institutions.

SIGHTSEEING IN CALIFORNIA

In going south from San Francisco one has the choice of the Coast or of the Valley route, the Coast route being the most scenic but as we had our old Warren neighbors, Mr. Israelson, living on the Valley line at Kerman, near Fresno, we took that route this time and stopped a few days to visit our old friends. They are interested in seedless raisin raising, this industry being the most profitable in that section at present. Peaches and apricots also being adapted to that section, a little alfalfa is also grown and some barley. This is the San Joaquin valley which extends south from the Sierran Bay to Tahat Chepi mountains over 200 miles in length and about 30 miles in width. This valley was once a dry sand desert but by leading the water out of the San Joaquin river and its tributaries, a part of this valley is producing good crops of various kinds and especially of grapes and other fruits that thrive in a hot climate.

At the south end of this valley the Tehachapi mountains are crossed at an elevation of over 4000 feet and then down it goes again to Los Angeles, 13 miles through green valleys and sloping hillsides and as we get nearer Los Angeles the orange and lemon groves begin to show up.

There are many things of interest to be seen in and around Los Angeles, an auto ride up on the Elysian hill affords a fine view of the city. The Zelig Zoo, with its many wild animals, the alligator and ostrich farms and San Gabriel Mission are all of great interest. A trip to San Catalina Island gives a little experience of a sea voyage and a trip along the Island in a glass bottom boat gives an idea of vegetation and animal life on the bottom of the ocean.

A trip up Mt. Lowe is an interesting trip, which consists of a nineteen mile ride by trolley car through the beautiful orange groves and through the pretty and rich Pasadena to Rubio canyon, then up the 3000 foot incline where cars carrying about 30 passengers are pulled up a grade of 62 per cent to Echo mountain by means of cables, then five miles of winding and curving trolley car ride up along the steep mountainsides over 18 bridges to Ye Alpine Tavern. This being the greatest wonder of railroad construction in the world as

near as we know. Then a two and one half mile hike up a mountain trail to the summit of Mount Lowe (one mile above sea level), to where a grand view is to be had of the valley below, dotted with groves and cities to the ocean.

A trip to San Diego, 126 miles at the south end of California, where mid-winter exposition was held in 1915 and 1916 where many things of interest are still remaining when it works the wheels and from there a trip to Tia Juana, Mexico, is interesting.

And greetings to all the Columbia county people.

C. J. LARSON.

NOTICE TO GRANGERS

Pomona Grange will meet on Saturday, May 1st, with the Deer Island Grange at Deer Island. Grangers are urged to be present. A. H. Farwell, master. 19-20-21

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

St. Helens, Oregon, April 7, 1920. Sealed Proposals, addressed to the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, at St. Helens, Oregon, and addressed "Proposal for Doing the Following Work in Columbia County, Oregon: Clearing and Grading the Mayor-Quincy Road from Station 0-00 to Station 2-000 in Road District No. 7" will be received by said County Court until two o'clock P. M., May 12th, 1920, and not thereafter, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

All proposals must be made upon blank forms, to be obtained from the Roadmaster, at his office in St. Helens, Oregon. Must give prices proposed, both in writing and in figures, and must be signed by the bidder, with his address.

Plans and Specifications are on file in the County Roadmasters office and with the Supervisor of District No. 7 at Clatskanie, Oregon, and may be examined in the office of the County Clerk.

Each bidder shall deposit, with his bid, a certified check for an amount of at least five (5) per cent of his bid, payable to the County Clerk, which shall be forfeited to the county, in case the award is made to him, and he shall neglect, fail or refuse, for a period of five days after such award is made, to enter into a contract and file the required bond.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

- MARTIN WHITE, County Judge. A. E. HARVEY, Commissioner. JUDSON WEED, Commissioner. T. S. WILKES, Roadmaster. J. W. HUNT, County Clerk.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

ON WINTER STREET IMPROVEMENT FROM MITS INTERSECTION WITH TUALATIN STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH PLYMOUTH, SOUTH. Notice is hereby given to the prop-

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erty owners on Winter street from its intersection with Tualatin street, thence south along the center of said Winter street to its intersection with Plymouth street in the City of St. Helens, Oregon, that the Engineer's certificate of the completion of said improvement has been filed in the office of the City Recorder of said City. And on the 10th day of May, 1920, objections to said improvement will be heard by the City Council. Done by order of the City Council this 26th day of April 1920. E. E. QUINN, City Recorder.

Buy Real Estate Now

- 6 R. house, good lot on improved street. Bath, toilet, electric lights, for \$1300.00. Terms. 4 R. house with bath, toilet and lights 71 by 120 feet black loam, near pavement, school close in. Fruit and berries. \$1800.00. Terms. 6 R. house, modern cement basement and all conveniences, fruit garden so l. \$2200.00. 7 R. house, modern with 2 fine soil lots, well located, on pavement. \$2200.00 on good terms. 6 R. house with all modern conveniences including laundry tray with hot and cold water, big sleeping porch, good garden, and some bearing fruit. Garage, on good corner, close to a good buy on very nice terms.

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