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OUR INCREASED TAX RATE

The Enterprise, at Hampstead, publishes the following letter about our increased tax rate:

"Editor The Enterprise: The Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County on June 10, inst., fixed the county tax rate for the year 1919 at one dollar and twenty-three cents (\$1.23) on each one hundred dollars valuation of assessable property, 25 cents higher than any previous levy in this county, and 23 cents higher than the levy in Baltimore county for the current year.

"In the year 1917, when the majority of County Commissioners was changed, numerous promises and statements were made to the effect that the business affairs of the county would be much better managed, and conducted on a more economical basis; and that taxes would be reduced. In the year 1918, all the property in this county, both real and personal, was reassessed and the taxable basis was increased approximately \$5,000,000, or nearly 22 per cent; the tax levy for that year was reduced six cents on each \$100, or nearly 7 per cent.

"Following is a comparison of the county taxes in the years 1917 and 1918:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Taxable basis in Carroll county, approximately \$23,000,000.00. Tax rate on each \$100 assessable property 88. Approximate amount of taxes collected 202,400.00.

"While there is some reason for the increase of an individual's cost and expense of living, on account of war conditions, this can not be applied directly to the expenses of the county. Many of the expenditures of this county, such as salaries, court expenses, etc., are fixed by law, and cannot be increased or decreased at conditions arise.

"Mr. Theodore F. Brown, attorney for the Board of County Commissioners, in a recent statement, publicly charged the Board of Education of Carroll County, with being incapable of managing their business affairs and handling the money furnished them by the County Commissioners, while the above comparison would tend to show that the present Board of County Commissioners, even with the advice of Mr. Theodore F. Brown, are not capable of handling the business affairs of this county successfully to the people who pay the taxes. CARROLLITE."

BEATING PRICES DOWN.

A speaker from Seattle, State of Washington, suggested at the recent conference of governors and mayors at Washington, D. C., that the mayors of cities make an effort to reduce the prices of necessities of life. He suggested that they call in their home merchants and ask them to take steps to get prices reduced all around.

This is something along the line of a movement started recently by the Flint, Mich., Board of Commerce. They called together 550 retailers of that city and got them to agree to reduced prices. As a result some of them must have done business at a loss. But they report an increased trade, which they feel will help develop a broader business for the future.

It is a question whether retail merchants should be asked to take such a step before producers and wholesalers reduce prices. Retail trade is being conducted on a narrow margin of profit, closer than ever before.

But at least the retail trade should stand together in a determined effort to persuade producers and jobbers to come off their high perch. Merchants may well give salesmen to understand that the present high prices produce suffering and tend to upset business. Producers and wholesalers would much better be content with small profits, rather than bring on a business depression.

nine towns out of ten the traveller by rail sees the frowsy end of a town and he condemns it as a slack and run down place.

Very few back yards are concealed from public view. To get a clean town, litter and disorder must be removed from the rear as well as from the front.

It is amazing how a little improvement work on one's property will enhance its value. When you replace the broken parts of fences, when you straighten up the door or gate or blind that was lopping on one hinge, when you remove the out-building whose roof has fallen in, you add more to the apparent value of your place than the work could cost, even if you hire it done.

One of the most needed spring improvements is to grow new turf in grass plots that are thin and worn out, both on street land and on private grounds. One great difficulty is that so many people cut corners across such plots and spoil their appearance. It makes even a handsome town look seedy and careless.

But if people keep their grass growing right up to the correct line, it gives an impression of style and taste.

Public school teachers should urge the children to respect the grass plots. No man's time is so valuable that he can't spare two seconds to walk around and save the green spots that beautify his community.

TELLS OF RUIN BROUGHT BY HUNS

United States Mining Expert Investigates Coal and Iron Mines in France. Frank H. Probert, consulting engineer of the bureau of mines, department of the interior, and dean of the College of Mining, University of California, member of a special commission to investigate the damage done by the Germans during the war to the coal and iron mines and the steel works of France and Belgium, after a personal investigation, has just returned to Washington with a first-hand story of the almost unbelievable atrocities of the Huns in the destruction and wreckage of the industrial life of France and Belgium. So systematic and diabolical has been this destruction in one great coal-mining region, Mr. Probert says, that it will take at least five years to rehabilitate this district and it will be twelve to fifteen years before it gets back to normal, pre-war output.

He predicts that with the indomitable spirit of France, in spite of the fearful destruction to her steel works, with the return of Alsace and Lorraine to the mother land, France will eventually become the dominant factor in the future steel industry of Europe.

In a preliminary report to Van H. Manning, director of the bureau of mines, Mr. Probert says in part: "Early in the war the German border swept southward through the iron basins of French Alsace and Lorraine, and for nearly four years this renowned mining area was held and exploited by the invaders. Many of the employees were made captives and compelled to work in the mines under German direction. The international boundary between France and Germany was drawn in 1871, to give the victor of the Franco-Prussian war control of the iron fields, but since that time scientific development, guided by a better understanding of the local geology, exposed for France a greater ore reserve at lower horizons than that of the Lorraine annexes.

"The actual physical damage to the iron mines is comparatively small when compared to the destruction of the coal fields of northern France, which is as reprehensible as it is complete. Only in a few cases, where pillars have been robbed in the mines, there any collapse of underground workings, but the equipment, both surface and underground, has been misused, and where ore has been mined, the lack of development will defer realization on capital until the exploratory work is sufficiently advanced to admit of daily output approximating pre-war conditions. The mines are not seriously crippled, but what of the steel plants in which the iron ores are smelted? In my opinion no such atrocity was ever perpetrated against the industrial life of any country. Magnificent plants, comparing favorably with anything we have in the United States, are now but a tangled, twisted mass of steel and iron, the willful demolition of which was scientifically planned and systematically carried out. This after the removal of all such mechanical and electrical power units as could be used by Germany. The maliciousness and efficiency with which this crime against French industry was carried out is almost unbelievable.

"In the coal districts of Pas de Calais and Nord, a sector fought over from the beginning to the end of the war, changing hands frequently, bombarded all the time, all surface structures whether of town, village or mining enterprise have been razed. Arras, Douai, Bethune, Bapaume, Lens, Loos, Courrières, centers of coal-mining activity but a few years ago and the mainstays of French industrial life are gone, but the indomitable spirit of France survives and already plans are laid for the future. Bruay, at the western edge of the known coal field, was not in the fighting zone and its output has been steadily maintained, but going eastward the fighting has been more and more appalling, for the hate of the Hun left its mark on the mines during his forced retreat. The coal measures are overlain by water-bearing strata, necessitating special methods of shaft sinking and support to keep the mines dry. The steel lining of the shafts was dynamited, letting in the quicksands and flooding the underground workings for miles around. In the entire Pas de Calais region it is estimated that 120,000,000 cubic meters of water must be pumped before mining operations are resumed. Having flooded the mines, the head frames and surface equipment were systematically dynamited, the twisted debris in many cases filling up the demolished shafts.

Recruiting Party for Navy Here

Traveling Navy recruiting party was here on a campaign drive for recruits. Comdr. Leahy, officer in charge of recruiting for the state of Maryland is making a drive throughout the state for recruits.

Due to the good work of Comdr. Leahy, who is known throughout the State for being a wide awake efficient recruiting officer, assisted by Chief Quartermaster J. J. Nowicki and Q. M. Murray were sent to Westminster to advertise and make arrangements for the recruiting party which will be in town from June 23 to June 30. Permission was obtained from Capt. Weigle to have a Navy tent erected alongside the Army. A big crowd is expected at the tent as there will be several souvenirs on display from the recent war, one in particular will be a ship's bell taken from the S. M. S. Cormoran, who refused to surrender at Guam. The Cormoran was captured from the Russian Volunteer Fleet at Tsingtau by the Germans and was turned into a raider and used extensively around the Philippines and later slipping into Guam with barely sufficient fuel to make the trip. While Cormoran laid at anchor in Guam Lt. Bartlett, U. S. N., was sent aboard from Naval Station to receive the German's surrender, when on being on board no longer than two minutes he noticed mysterious movements of her crew and seeing her crew jumping overboard he also hastened to his boat suspecting something wrong. No sooner had his boat proceeded one hundred and fifty yards than a dull explosion was heard and flames shot up high above the superstructure of the Cormoran which immediately listed to one side and sunk in six minutes. On June 18 a Navy picture entitled "Making of a Man-of-War's Man" was shown at the Star Theatre, also an address made by Quartermaster Nowicki, who explained why Uncle Sam wanted 250,000 men for the Navy to man the great American battleship fleet and the destroyers and pointed out some of the important features of the service and urged the young men not to hesitate but take advantage of the wonderful opportunity every one has who is desirous for an individual advancement in life. Learn a trade, see action and travel. All branches of the service are opened to the young men between the ages of 17 and 25. Young men, don't forget to visit the tent and see what we have to offer you.

The Greatest Mystery in The Annals of The Navy.

"The Cyclops" a 15,000 ton ship disappeared mysteriously March 1918. She was equipped with every device to safeguard her voyage, and carried a crew of 215 and 57 passengers. The last that was ever heard of "The Cyclops" was on March 4th when she entered a British West Indies port for coal. Nothing has ever been heard from crew or passengers since leaving the coaling port, and stranger of all, no wreckage has ever been found of the missing ship.

New Regulations of Board of Health

For the information of physicians and the public: (1) Premises occupied by persons having measles are to be placarded. (2) Persons having whooping-cough are required to wear yellow band around the arm.

Placards and bands will be furnished by local health officers. When a physician is not in attendance parents are required to report these and all other contagious diseases to Health Officer of district in which patient resides.

L. K. WOODWARD, Secretary, Board of Health of Carroll Co.

N. B. Do not allow water to stagnate in pools, tin cans or elsewhere—mosquitoes will breed therein.

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IN MEMORIAM.

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear husband, Melville A. Shuck, who departed this life two years ago, June 21, 1917. I often sit and think of you, When I am all alone, For memory is the only friend That grief can call its own. Days of sorrow still come over me, Years and sadness flow, Fond memory keeps my husband near me, Though Heaven claimed him two years ago. By his wife, Mabel A. C. Shuck.

In loving remembrance of our dear son, Melville, who was killed two years ago today, June 21, 1917. Gone but not forgotten. Just two years ago today My dear son was taken away And my poor heart will heavy stay Before I can lonely and my grief will not pass away. Oh, how sudden was the summons When word came that our dear son was dead. Time was too short to say farewell To our dear son we loved so well. God called him home, it was His will, But in our hearts we love him still His memory is as dear today As in the hour he passed away. By his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Shuck.

In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Julia A. Hook, who departed this life May 22, 1911, and my dear niece, Nellie Fowler, who died June 18, 1910. The memory of my mother While I live will be A monument of endless love. A heavenly guide for me, Nellie's sweet face is ever before me I can feel her hand in mine The sweet look she always gave me Still lingers within my mind. Never shall I cease to love thee, Never shall thy memory fade Sweetest thoughts forever linger Round the grave where you are laid. Mrs. Lyman Arnold.

In sad but loving remembrance of our dear daughter, Nellie May Fowler, who departed this life June 18, 1909. We miss you when the flowers come in the garden where you played We miss you by the fire-side When the flowers are all decayed. Your dear sweet face is always with us Your dear sweet smiles, your eyes of blue You cannot come to us dear Nellie But some day we will come to you. Papa and Mamma.

Sacred to the memory of our mother, Mrs. A. T. Albright, who departed this life two years ago June 21st, 1917. I miss her and mourn her in silence unseen And dwell on the memory of joys that have been forgotten by some she may be sacred to me. Lovingly and tenderly we laid her to rest Away from earth's sorrow and care And now she is waiting to welcome us home. With the blessing of Heaven to share often at our thought of her. For memory is the only thing That grief can call its own. Youth fades, flowers droop, the leaves fall, But a mother's love outlives them all. By the family.

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Read This Remarkable Article IN THE NEW YORK HERALD SUNDAY, JUNE 22

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10c Specials 12c Black Flag, 15c Steel Wool, 15c Can Openers. Keefe's Sanitary Grocery 96 & 98 E. Main Street, WESTMINSTER, MD. Our Motto, "Sanitary and Service." Mch. 14 8 mos.

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T. W. Mather & Sons WESTMINSTER'S LEADING STORE

Items of Special Interest From The Dry Goods Department

New Cretonnes 50c We have recently received a number of new patterns in very attractive cretonnes. These are especially suitable for porch cushions, chair covers, etc., and are a yard wide and of a good heavy quality.

White Voiles 45c A variety of stripes and plaids in good quality 36inch voiles, especially suitable for waists and dresses, extremely cheap at 45c. These goods were bought on a lower market and could not be duplicated today under 50 to 75c.

Fancy Voiles 29c Only a limited quantity of these at this price. They are light grounds with floral figures, 38 inches wide, and good quality. 32 inch Dress Gingham 35c Gingham are again advancing in price and we would advise buying now for later needs.

Indian Linen 19c 10 pieces of Indian linen regular 25c value offered special for this lot 19c. Silks \$1.25 per yd. Quite a variety of patterns 36 inches wide. Most of these silks are worth \$1.75 to \$2.00 a yard. These are short lengths and odd pieces from the season's selling offered at \$1.25 to close them out quickly.

Poplins 32c Good quality of mercerized poplin 11 pieces, first quality goods offered special at 32c for this lot. While we have not all colors there are many desirable shades in this lot. Feather Ticking 35c About 150 yards of feather ticking, actual value about 45c per yard. Offered special for this lot 35c. Unbleached Drilling 22c Bleached Drilling 28c This is about 8c a yard under the regular price, full yard wide, standard grade drilling.

Special Interest to the Housekeeper. Turkish Towels 48c Good size heavy weight double thread turkish towels. Some have colored borders and some are all white. These towels we could not have bought on the present market and sold for less than 65c. Ripplette Bed Spreads \$2.50 These are very much used as a summer spread, they are light in weight, easy to wash, require no ironing and are very durable. Large size for double beds \$2.50 each. Bureau Covers 35c Plain and hemstitched bureau scarfs made of good quality lawn. These are especially desirable for summer use as they are light and cool looking, wash easy, and cost little. Pillow Cases 25c Regular 42x36 size made of fair grade of muslin. These are very cheap at 25c each. Clothes Baskets \$1.25 Good size family clothes basket, oval shape with solid board bottom. Tea Spoons 98c half doz. Table Spoons 1.95 half doz. Genuine Rogers' Silver Plated spoons guaranteed for 10 years, priced 25c and 50c under the value. Serving Trays \$1.50 Mahogany serving trays in a variety of styles, excellent value at the price asked. New Dinner Sets \$18.50 We have just received 10 new dinner sets that were bought nearly a year ago and have just been delivered. For a limited time we offer them special at \$18.50, regular value \$22.00. Grape Juice Sets \$2.98 Cut Glass pitcher, 6 cut glass grape juice glasses and the mahogany tray make a very attractive set. Lemonade or Ice Tea Sets \$3.98 One of these sets is a hot weather necessity. Set consists of large size tankard shape pitcher with 6 tall ice tea or lemonade glasses. It is made of sparkling glass with attractive cuttings. Garbage Cans 85c Galvanized garbage cans, 3 gallon size, with tight fitting cover are a household necessity. Toilet Soap 55c half doz. Large round cake bath tablet size really a 12 1/2 size offered special by the 1/2 dozen at a 9c price.

Canning and Preserving Season is Here Fruit Jars We have a large complete stock of mason fruit jars with both the screw or the easy sealed top. We have put our price for the season at the lowest possible notch. Jar Tops 30c a doz. Good quality zinc tops porcelain lined, made to fit on mason jars. Jar Rubbers 10c It is very important that you have good rubbers. We are selling the "Good Luck" rubbers which we believe are the best made, the one recommended by good housekeepers and pure food experts the country over. This rubber will stand boiling when used in cold packing process, test it for yourself in connection with any other rubber and we think you will find that we are giving you the best rubber made at as low a price as any. Scales \$2.25 These are very necessary in canning and preserving. These are accurate for family use and low in price. Jar Fillers 25c An extra good jar filler made of aluminum in a very large size. Preserving Kettles All sizes in both granite and aluminum with or without lids and in sizes to suit the individual taste. Wire Canning Racks 75c Wire racks that hold 8 quart or pint jars, they fit in any ordinary wash boiler. These are very necessary when the cold pack method is used.

Good Values in the Hosiery Department Ladies' Silk Hose \$1.00 We have these in dark brown only. These are fibre silk, regular seamless style and give very good wear. Mercerized Lisle Hose 50c Good wearing, good looking ladies' hose, comes in black, brown and white. Men's Lisle Hose 35c An extra good value at a moderate price, light weight mercerized lisle, double sole and high spliced heel. Men's Silk Hose 50c These are actual 65c goods. We have a fair stock of blue and dark brown only that we may offer while they last at 50c. Talcum Powder Special Babcock's Talcum Powder 15c This is one of the high grade talc powders and sells regularly at 15c. We are offering it as a June special for 15c. Comes in Cut Rose or Corylopsis.

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