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THE LEAD IN GOLD

Why should a newspaper have to pay taxes? When Gold-Bailey's tax-free settlement project comes in full effect it will cost \$10,000, when the time is up and only \$2000 is left.

Why should a former service man be compelled to plant over a first payment of \$1000 and to have a additional debt of \$100 upon which he has to pay a total of \$10,000 when the time is up?

Believe us you know neither has the proposition. There should be definite and satisfactory answers to these questions.

For many former service men, particularly those classified as "disabled," more \$10,000 or \$10,000 of capital will suffice to provide for the requirements of one of these men.

Granted, however, that the man can't work which is to make the actual payment—slower than a half times the cost of the new land. The interest, at four per cent, on the remainder of his investment \$10,000 would be \$320 per annum—or almost the cost of his taxes alone of one land.

Now is it possible, with the present possible economy, to spend \$1,000 or absolutely necessary improvements to twenty acres of land? Are other than continuing necessary improvements contemplated? If so, why are they projected?

It is the firm belief of the Echo that it was the intent of the Legislature in its action on the sense of direction, legal documents generally, that those taking up these lands should be burdened with the smallest possible initial expense and should be required to make the smallest possible initial payment commensurate with a reasonable policy of having the experience to get a real "start" in the land.

Having taken over the facts in question to evaluate the understanding we find as follows: encouraged to work out his own solution. If he failed to determine the improvements, the fund should help him in a very few instances. If he elected to do his own thing in order not to become he should be privileged to do so.

The very suggestion that man and woman \$100 as encouragement and the other \$1000 as acts of prepayment.

It strongly suggests that there may be a mistaken idea in the mind of some that the Legislative having voted \$1000 for this purpose, it is the duty of those in authority to spend every red cent of it somehow in this one proposition.

Before we go any further let's have those plans checked over by the American Legion and the state government.

Seattle Times.

ONE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

The price of the Echo is \$1.00 per year. We sometimes are told by subscribers that they consider

the price too high, compared with many papers, and it is true to say never that we save our share of the money.

Long ago when weekly paper sold at \$1.00 and \$1.50 per year print paper and news as low as \$1.00 per hundred pounds. Then there was a great war and the war when the price was about \$1.00 per hundred. During the war the paper was about \$1.00 per hundred, but the war was over about \$1.00 thousand and it has now declined to about \$1.00 per hundred. We are using we pay about \$1.00 per hundred, including freight and postage.

On the other hand the daily papers are paying about \$1.00 per hundred, statewide, with freight and postage added. The reason for the great difference is that the daily papers are not paper bought in sections, while we use the paper bought in large lots.

Our paper is a news paper because of less handling. It goes from the paper-making machine direct to us and then we can be sure it is the only paper. Our paper must be cut and assembled in certain sizes and counts and numbers, a mark of the factory or brand name and shipped to the wholesaler where it is again sorted and shipped out as required to the weekly papers.

And then there is a difference in weekly papers. We are putting a lot of work in the Echo, endeavoring to make it a good local newspaper while many of the weekly selling for the same amount of space much less news or home news and consequently much less in presence. Compare it with many other local weekly papers and we believe that the difference in news and contents will be accounted to be in favor of the subscriber.

"We thank you."

Our Weekly. What are you doing about it?

Battling Leavenworth light company out of town or Gene Tammes of Leavenworth village, our Friday.

The Wenatchee World purchased a production of the sugar tax issue before it was issued. How's that for speed?

The United States Department of Justice advises us that there is no probable danger of synthetic gas fueling the world.

Col. Gresham is to make a survey of the Columbia sand project, the author being selected next week. Speculation perking the required funds.

Battle's chamber of commerce approached by Beckman in behalf of the Columbia Basin project, interested our little interest in what Eastern Washington does.

The Wenatchee Northern Railroad has made application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to build. The line is to be 20 miles in length.

George Carpenter's victory over George Cook, the Australian, indicates that he is not suffering much from the trimming. Carpenter gave him last July and went home from London than he is seeking for a return fight with Carpenter. Carpenter will be desirous of winning.

The Echo has been received by the American Legion and the state government.

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the Echo a newspaper that Leavenworth has a lot of right in it and Carpenter looks like a good man.

A committee of Northwest publishers is to be held at Bellvue on Dec. 26 and it is announced that a trip to Wenatchee, D. C., will be undertaken at a moment's notice between breakfast and dinner.

The South Island publishers have confirmed the theory concerning the Iron Free Tax. The followers of Bellvue are holding aloof. We may recall our in any case our paper is not concerned throughout the world for paper has finally come to Ireland.

In this answering off goes to the rate of Washington's minimum wage, a necessary therapeutic agent and it commands that it can not be tampered with the minimum wage and wage rates are necessary in the practice of medicine.

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