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There is some consolation in the fact that Adams county was not the only one hit by the state tax board, the valuations being increased in nearly every county, and in some as much as a hundred per cent.

Co-operation of the people of the community is the strongest and best asset we can have. If we pull together we have strength; if we are jealous and quarrelsome and destructive, we can get no where and we won't.

There doesn't seem to be much defense being made for the "best legislature in fifty years" just now and there will be less when you get your tax receipts next year. No difference what the rate is, the increases here and there are unjust and unfair and the taxes will be correspondingly so. It can be nothing else.

Ouch!—Thirty per cent. added to the valuation of all the property in Decatur, Berne, Geneva and that after the assessment had been placed at a high level, in many cases greater than the property could be sold for. Centralized power has been broken up in Europe, but in Indiana, it seems to be stronger than ever before.

There are those who are grumbling about the times, and yet the reports of last week show that all records known have been broken. While the pessimist is growling about the times, the live one is out getting rich by taking advantage of the opportunity. The thing for every one to do is to help continue good times. Do things, work harder, help one another, be a booster.

Serious labor problems are now requiring the attention of the government, President Gompers of the federation and other leaders of the various departments of business but it is the general belief that the good sense of every one concerned will avoid a nation-wide strike that would cause disaster and havoc that will hurt for years to come. The present

crisis, though perhaps not so considered by many, is the most serious since the close of the war, and may become more so. Keep cool, be fair and just and it will work out in such a way that peace and happiness will continue.

Senator McCray, a republican leader, addressed the teachers here yesterday, favoring the league of nations and a speedy peace. His address was able, his argument good and he spoke as he believes. Others who have the same opinions seem to be afraid to express them. Senator McCray deserves commendation for his fearless stand on this greatest of all questions at this time.

The advertising season is at hand and the merchant who overlooks this opportunity to increase his business is just throwing away the chance to make more money with the same overhead. The Daily Democrat reaches thirty-five hundred families. Figure that out and you will find that it covers this county like a blanket. For a small amount you can send a message each week-day to the people of the county. Try it.

How a property that could not be sold for \$3,000 is assessed for \$5,000 for taxes, we do not understand, but the state tax board seems to think that the valuation does not make any difference, so long as they reduce the rate. The trouble is that the greater the valuation, the more money the state will receive, and that is evidently just exactly what the men behind the gun have in mind. Take it away from township and county and give it to the state, where a few men can say how and where it will be spent. We doubt if kaiserism can be popularized in this state.

REAL ESTATE SALES

One of the busiest days and largest reports in the real estate business yet reported comes this week from the Erwin Agency, by Erwin & Michaud, reporting yesterday the sale of eighty acres in Blue Creek township for Felix Holthouse to Mr. Roy Hook; forty acres in French township for Jennie Strahm to Adams Nussbaum; Mary Meyers and other heirs of John H. Meyers, deceased, 200 acres in Washington township to Edwin Miller, aggregating in all around the \$60,000.00 mark. The purchasers are more than satisfied with the purchase made, and the value received for the investment was surely one hundred cents on the dollar. Other deals are pending and larger reports will be forthcoming in the near future.

NOTICE

We, the undersigned, will close at 12 o'clock, Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1, 1919: Martin Klepper Creamery, Martin Klepper Cream Station, White Mountain Cream Station, Schlosser Bros' Cream Station. Patrons please take notice.

MR. KELLEY BETTER

Deputy Clerk John T. Kelley who has been ill for a week past was reported this morning to be some better but still very weak.

He Has Had His Day



LEAGUE FULFILLS AMERICAN IDEAL

Herbert Hoover Says Democracies Replaced Autocracies at Our Bidding.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION CHIEF.

Urges Ratification on Ground That Peace Treaty Will Collapse Without League of Nations.

Herbert Hoover is so deeply concerned over the opposition to the League of Nations in the United States that he has let himself be interviewed at length on the League situation. In a talk with the New York Times correspondent in Paris, the Food Administration Chief asserts that having caused the League idea to prevail America cannot abandon it. We cannot withdraw, he says, and leave Europe to chaos. "To abandon the League Covenant now means that the treaty itself will collapse."

Mr. Hoover's wide acquaintance with conditions both here and abroad, his reputation as an administrator, a man of great affairs who deals with facts, not theories, make his statement one of the most important contributions to the recent League discussions.

"There are one or two points in connection with the present treaty," said Mr. Hoover, "that need careful consideration by the American public. We need to digest the fact that we have for a century and a half been advocating democracy not only as a remedy for the internal ills of all society, but also as the only real safeguard against war. We have believed and proclaimed, in season and out, that a world in which there was a free expression and enforcement of the will of the majority was the real basis of government, was essential for the advancement of civilization, and that we have proved its enormous human benefits in our country."

American Ideas Have Prevailed.

"We went into the war to destroy autocracy as a menace to our own and all other democracies. If we had not come into the war every inch of European soil today would be under autocratic government. We have imposed our will on the world. Out of this victory has come the destruction of the four great autocracies in Germany, Russia, Turkey and Austria and the little autocracy in Greece. New democracies have sprung into being in Poland, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Czechoslovakia, Greater Serbia, Greece, Siberia, and even Germany and Austria have established democratic governments. Beyond these a host of small republics, such as Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan and others, have sprung up, and again as a result of this great world movement the constitutions of Spain, Rumania, and even England, have made a final ascent to complete franchise and democracy, although they still maintain a symbol of royalty."

"We have been the living spring for this last century and half from which these ideas have sprung, and we have triumphed. The world today, except for a comparatively few reactionary and communistic autocracies, is democratic, and we did it."

"A man who takes a wife and blesses the world with several infants cannot go away and leave them on the claim that there was no legal marriage."

"These infant democracies all have political, social and economic problems involving their neighbors that are fraught with the most intense friction. There are no natural boundaries in Europe. Races are not compact; they blend at every border. They need railway communication and sea outlets through their neighbors' territory."

"Many of these states must for the next few years struggle almost for bare bones to maintain their very existence. Every one of them is going to do its best; to protect its own interests, even to the prejudice of its neighbors."

Governments Lack Experience.
"We in America should realize that

democracy, as a stable form of government as we know it, is possible only with highly educated populations and a large force of men who are capable of government. Few of the men who compose these governments have had any actual experience at governing and their populations are woefully illiterate.

"They will require a generation of actual national life in peace to develop free education and skill in government."

"Unless these countries have a guiding hand and referee in their quarrels, a court of appeals for their wrongs, this Europe will go back to chaos. If there is such an institution, representing the public opinion of the world, and able to exert its authority, they will grow into stability. We cannot turn back now."

"There is another point which also needs emphasis. World treaties hitherto have always been based on the theory of a balance of power. Stronger races have been set up to dominate the weaker, partly with a view to maintaining stability and to a greater degree with a view to maintaining occupations and positions for the reactionaries of the world."

"The balance of power is born of armies and navies, aristocracies, autocracies, and reactionaries generally, who can find employment and domination in these institutions, and treaties founded on this basis have established stability after each great war for a shorter or longer time, but never more than a generation."

"America came forward with a new idea, and we insisted upon its injection into this peace conference. We claimed that it was possible to set up such a piece of machinery with such authority that the balance of power could be abandoned as a relic of the middle ages. We compelled an entire construction of this treaty and every word and line in it to bend to this idea."

"Outside of the League of Nations the treaty itself has many deficiencies. It represents compromises between many men and between many selfish interests, and these very compromises and deficiencies are multiplied by the many new nations that have entered upon its signature, and the very safety of the treaty itself lies in a court of appeal for the remedy of wrongs in the treaty."

Benefits of the League.

"One thing is certain. There is no body of human beings so wise that a treaty could be made that would not develop injustice and prove to have been wrong in some particulars. As the covenant stands today there is a place at which redress can be found and through which the good-will of the world can be enforced. The very machinery by which the treaty is to be executed, and scores of points yet to be solved, which have been referred to the League of Nations as a method of securing more mature judgment in a less heated atmosphere, justifies the creation of the League."

"To abandon the covenant now means that the treaty itself will collapse."

"It would take the exposure of but a few documents at my hand to prove that I had been the most reluctant of Americans to become involved in this situation in Europe. But having gone in with our eyes open and with a determination to free ourselves and the rest of the world from the dangers that surrounded us, we cannot now pull back from the job. It is no use to hold a great revival and then go away leaving a church for continued services half done."

"We have succeeded in a most extraordinary degree in imposing upon Europe the complete conviction that we are absolutely disinterested. The consequence is that there is scarcely a man, woman or child who can read in Europe that does not look to the United States as the ultimate source from which they must receive assurances and guardianship in the liberties which they have now secured after so many generations of struggle."

"This is not a problem of protecting the big nations, for the few that remain can well look after themselves. What we have done is to set up a score of little democracies, and if the American people could visualize their handiwork they would insist with the same determination that they did in 1917 that our government proceed."

ONLY TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR
Washington, Aug. 27.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Only two men of the thousands of the American expeditionary force who went into battle against the Germans remain unaccounted for, according to a casualty list issued today by the war department. The previous list showed more than 100 missing in action.
Total casualties now are placed at 291,742 with 77,422 deaths from all causes.

TRUTH TRIUMPHS

Decatur Citizens Testify for the Public Benefit.

A truthful statement of a Decatur citizen, given in his own words, should convince the most skeptical about the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills. If you suffer from backache, nervousness, sleeplessness, urinary disorders or any form of kidney ills, use a tested kidney medicine.

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WAR MOTHERS, NOTICE NO PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT

There will be no prayer service tonight at the Evangelical church on account of the special preparatory service to be held Thursday evening at 7:45. Rev. J. O. Mosier of Van Wert, Ohio, presiding elder of Port Wayne district will preach the sermon. It is hoped that every member of the church will avail themselves of the privilege to be present. Others are also invited to be present. Quarterly conference follows this service.
W. S. MILLS, Pastor.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

On and after August 28, 1919, all barber shops in Decatur become members of the Union and will charge the same price. Beginning Sept. 1st, 1919, all shops will open at eight o'clock a. m. and close at eight p. m., except on Mondays when they will close at five p. m. and on Saturdays when all shops will remain open until ten o'clock. Last evening at which time the above schedules were decided upon.
Lieut. Harvey Everett returned home last evening after almost two years of service in France.

Doctor Issues Warning And Tells How to Stop Tobacco Habit

New York: Dr. Connor, formerly of Johns Hopkins Hospital, says: "I am often asked if I know anything to stop the tobacco habit and I always recommend Nicotol, which I have prescribed with great success. Nicotol contains no habit-forming drugs, is absolutely harmless and produces astonishing results in a very short time. The use of tobacco saps the vitality, vim, vigor and ambition of the slave who is enthralled by its seductive effects. It undermines the health and leaves the victim an easy prey to general debility, throat and lung trouble, kidney trouble, headache, tongue and lip cancer and even blindness. Physicians the world over often trace the start of the above diseases and many others to nicotine poisoning.
If you want to free yourself from to-

bacco go to any drug store and ask for Nicotol tablets. Take one tablet after each meal and in a short time you will have no desire for tobacco—the craving will have left you. With the nicotine poisoning out of your system your general health will quickly improve.
Note: When asked about Nicotol tablets, one of our leading druggists said: "It is truly a wonderful remedy for the tobacco habit—away ahead of anything we have ever sold before. We are authorized by the manufacturer to refund the money to every dissatisfied customer and we would not permit the use of our name unless the remedy possessed unusual merit." Nicotol is sold in this city under an iron-clad money-back guarantee by all up-to-date druggists including Smith, Yager & Falk.

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