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BUILDING AND GENERAL BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The present activity in building operations is an outstanding feature of the general business situation. The building industry in the United States is second in importance only to agriculture and many million workmen directly and indirectly are dependent upon it. In the more active building sections of the country that are systematically reported, comprising about half the states, considerably more than two billion dollars in contracts were awarded last year.

High freight rates due to labor conditions and high wages to labor are the controlling factors in building costs. They maintain construction prices at levels that interfere with the full and well-rounded development of building operations. They also serve to inject an element of fixed inflation into this, the greatest construction movement in the nation's history.

The lack of well-balanced development is made manifest by an analysis of contracts let and permits issued to date. Residence construction leads. Public buildings, roads, bridges, and other types of building for public purposes are next in importance, stimulated somewhat by desire to relieve unemployment. Business and industrial construction, which must be done on a basis of cost that will permit a present and continuing return on the investment, has not expanded correspondingly.

Despite the handicap of high costs, home building activity is being maintained for the present because the housing necessity compels it, even on the basis of uneconomical investments. Public building and construction are also being done on a high cost basis which will be reflected in high tax rates for years to come. Public building, like residence building, cannot continue indefinitely under these conditions.

Improvement in business with increased stability in underlying conditions characterized the period from February 16 to March 15. Prices of the major commodities have shown only normal fluctuations. Many lines of industry give evidence of increased activity and there appears to have been some decrease in industrial unemployment. Retail trade over the country is reported as unsatisfactory, but mail order houses generally show an increase in business, attributable to the improved purchasing power and mental attitude of the farmer, due to the rise in agricultural prices.

Wholesale trade is generally reported to be better, although a considerable degree of caution wisely prevails. The rate of iron and steel production has increased, but the volume of forward orders still remain restricted. Immediate orders for boots and shoes is less active and other sections of the hide and leather trade continue to lag. The cotton textile situation is handicapped by strikes in the New England cotton mills. Wool manufacture is operating at a fair rate, although the demand for woolen and worsted fabrics has been disappointing. There has been a marked increase of activity in the manufacture of automobiles, tires and accessories. Car loadings have increased materially during recent weeks. Exports are at a low level, but this is normally the season of a light export movement. Business failures have declined in number since the beginning of the year. The past month has shown improvement in fundamental conditions, and consequently in business sentiment, as has been the case each month since midsummer of 1921. The period of extreme discouragement in the United States has now passed and there is widespread and justified confidence in the long future.

Here's a suggestion for the tax adjusting committee: In the state of Washington seventy-two boards and commissions have been abolished, a deficit of \$2,600,000 wiped completely out, and \$4,459,010.13 less taxes are being collected at the present time than last year. That is what rightfully might be termed concrete results in the way of tax reduction. Oregon has about sixty various kinds of commissions. Why not use the axe here a little and follow out the policy adopted by the state of Washington. A useless commission is about as important as the wag of a dog's tail, and the services of many of these boards are practically nil and are costing the taxpayers a huge sum each year to maintain. A great howl is going up in regard to maintaining the schools of our state. The tax "experts" want the millage tax repealed, they want to cut off all the main channels of support leading to the upbuilding of the educational system of the state. In fact, they are against the college and public school system to that degree that they are anxious to see all institutions of learning put to the lowest possible level. It looks like a mighty poor policy to hamper our educational system in order to keep an array of politicians on the job at Salem chewing on the ragged edges of some sort of a "board" or "commission" and drawing down fat salaries from the taxpayers. Why not start off the good work of reducing taxes by annulling about ninety per cent of these state commissions? The state would be better off, the public would feel greatly relieved, and the taxpayer would get a noticeable reduction in the amount of taxes he is now striving to liquidate.

Funny that nobody has suggested during recent tax investigations that a good-sized chunk be added to automobiles. The industry has almost been killed already by adding freak legislation, but the fellow who can buy thirty-cent gasoline and manipulate a flivver ought to be cinched to the limit. He has no business being so prosperous.

Mary Garden, of grand opera fame, has arrived at Portland and newspaper reports are to the effect that both Governor Olcott and Mayor Baker have the privilege of kissing the noted diva. Roseburg's mayor and chief of police are hoping Mary will pass through Roseburg on her return trip east.

Professor Long of Oregon Agricultural College is giving lectures on horticulture at Looking Glass and Gardena Valley this week. These lectures are giving lectures on horticulture at Looking Glass and Gardena Valley this week.

Prune Pickin's

By E. C. O. Baker

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—
 Now all together, boost for a new courthouse and use the old one for a woodshed.

MINUS THE FINAL ONE.
 When you need help you'll find
 That folks will only snort;
 And though they'll give you help,
 'Twill be one letter short.

OBSERVATIONS OF OLDEST INHABITANT.

I kin remember when we had to take quinine in fruit or wrapped in a little wafer instead of being able to swallow it in a tasteless pill.

MAYBE IT'S CROQUET.

Football is very popular in Burma. The players wearing no footwear and kicking the ball with their bare feet—News Item.

We do not know what kind of a game this is, but any college freshman can tell you it is not football.

WE'D DREAM OF MILLIONS.

If we could make
 Our dreams come true,
 We do not think
 We'd get so blue!

WELL, DID SHE HIT IT?

(Headline in Dallas News.)
 WOMAN SHOT AT COLD SPRINGS.

FOOL QUESTIONS.

"Jerry" asks, "Is it the hard work it does that makes the powder puff?"
 Oh, girls, shame on you!!

NOT ORIGINAL, BUT WORTH REPEATING.

(Sent in by O. E. W.)
 "Ma, the doctor at school says I gotta have my adenoids out," remarked Johnnie as he slammed his books on the table.

"Adenoids? Adenoids? What are those things?" asked his puzzled mother.

"I dunno, something in my head," replied Johnnie.

"You ain't got nothing in your head. You tell that fool doctor I know because I comb it out with a fine comb every day," angrily exclaimed his mother.

HE'S BEEN HANDED SOMETHING AND NOW HE WANTS THE BILL FOOTED.

A man by the name of Hand is suing a man named Foote in a Wichita (Kan.) court, to recover damages to his automobile.

THOUGHT HE MEANT THE ONE HE WAS SMOKING.

"Well, I'm at the end of my rope," groaned Hardup, as he gazed at the bunch of bills before him.

"Thank goodness for that," exclaimed his wife, "throw the butt out of the window and air out the room."

FRANK CONFESSION.

I like the girls.
 I like their clothes.
 And their short skirts.
 That show their hose.

WOULD FILL A LONG-LEGT WANE.

What both nations and individuals would like to learn is a way to get out of debt as easily as it is to get into it.

POOR PAY, AT THAT.

"I never believe a man should work without being paid for it. That's why it always looks foolish to me for people to waste time minding other folks' business. You never get anything for it."

"Oh, yes you do. You get h—t."

IF IT FITS.

A modern wife does not mind having a canary around the house, but there is no welcome sign out for the stork.

You can't unscramble an egg and many a foolish girl has learned from bitter experience you can't reform one, either.

A man is satisfied if he can have a feather in his cap, but a woman demands an expensive ostrich plume on her hat.

The house shortage is not going to worry the people of this nation so long as they still can buy automobiles on the installment plan.

Dress economy just means buying less material at a larger figure.

It is some consolation when a man bigger than you are tells you what he thinks of you to know you at least can think worse things of him even if you haven't the nerve to tell them.

LAFE PERRINS SEZ:

"Now that it's rained the street cleaning department won't have to haul around the sprinkler wagon."

AROUND THE TOWN

Best hats, best styles, best prices. Millinery Dept. Bellows Store.

The Senior class graduates in May and "Daddy Long Legs" its last play as high school students will be given at the Antlers March 27.

Mrs. William Weaver left here last evening for her home at Myrtle Creek after spending a few hours in Roseburg shopping and visiting friends.

Prof. H. D. Scudder of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis is in this city inspecting the O. A. C. experimental ranch near here.

G. H. Campbell of the American Express company in Eugene is a business visitor in this city. Mr. Campbell is a guest at the Hotel Umpqua.

Miss Janet Hardy of O. A. C. is in this city visiting for a few days with Mrs. Eva Teahorn. Miss Hardy is enjoying her first vacation since entering college last fall and reports a very busy season.

ANOTHER MOVE MADE

TO CUT DOWN CONGRESS

New York Republican Urges Size of Lower House Be Halved.

By WARREN W. WHEATON (International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Another attempt to cut the unwieldy size of the lower house of congress is before the national lawmakers.

Representative John Clarke, New York republican, believes that the 435 members in the house should be reduced to approximately one-half of that number, and in a bill he has now before the house he would have the reapportionment effective after Mar. 3 next, when the fourteenth census will have been taken.

But, with the cut in membership, Representative Clarke would give those remaining a boost in salary contingent, however, on frequent responses to roll calls. Any member or delegate who neglects to "sign up" would be penalized \$100 for each day's absence, except that presentation of a sworn affidavit from a physician that he or a member of his immediate family was ill, would void the penalty.

The Clarke bill fixes the compensation of the speaker of the house at \$15,000, a raise of \$2,500 over present salary schedules. Under his terms members and delegates would receive \$12,000 a year compared with the \$7,500 now received by them.

Urges Action by States.

The measure would call on the governors, secretaries of state and attorneys-general of the various states to reapportion congressional districts.

In the rather remote event that congress approves the Clarke legislation states hereafter would have the following representation in the house:

New York, 22; Pennsylvania, 19; Illinois, 14; Ohio, 12; Texas, 10; Massachusetts and Michigan, 8; Missouri and California, 7; Georgia, Indiana, New Jersey, 6; Alabama, Kentucky, Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin, 5; Arkansas, Oklahoma, 4; Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, South Carolina and West Virginia, 3; Colorado, Florida, Nebraska and Washington, 2; Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont and Wyoming, 1 each.

Numerous unsuccessful attempts to secure a reapportionment of the house have been made in the past.

Sketches from Senior Play Are Given

Speakers and part of the cast of the senior class play, "Daddy Long Legs," visited the different schools of Roseburg this afternoon and presented several scenes from the play. The speakers gave short and well chosen talks concerning the merits of "Daddy Long Legs" as a preliminary to the sketches. The short scenes were received with a great deal of enthusiasm from the young pupils which only goes farther to prove the merits of the play and the advantages secured from the conversation which the successful film version lacked.

As amateur actors, the cast is exceedingly good and the manner in which they make you feel the atmosphere of the play is worthy of commendation as it approaches the ability of the best professional actors to impress the psychological moments on the minds of the audience. Many opportunities are offered in the play for good acting and the students presenting these parts certainly have exceptional acting ability for their years although a few of them have had quite a bit of experience.

Reserved seats for Monday night are being rapidly disposed of and from the boost given the play by the grade schools the entire seating capacity of the Antlers theatre is expected to be sold before the end of this week. An afternoon performance will be given on Monday at 2:30 to enable people to see the play who would otherwise fail to see it if given only at night.

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30 x 3 1/2 "	22.50	11.65	48%
30 x 3 3/4 Cord	35.75	17.50	51%
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33 x 4 1/2 "	67.00	42.85	36%
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"I Must See the President"

Wheat Separated From Chaff as Many Kinds of Visitors Come to the White House.

By FRANK A. STETSON (International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—

"I must see the president."

The person making this demand at the White House almost daily may be of either sex; may be dressed in rags, broadcloth, silks or satins; may be mild-mannered or loud-voiced, but they are all equally insistent.

What happens to them?

How is President Harding protected from their importunities? There is a simple yet very effective method of handling such White House visitors through the medium of the Secret Service detail. When President Harding leaves the White House in the morning to go to his desk in the Executive Office building he is carefully guarded by several Secret Service men. They remain quietly and unobtrusively on guard in the immediate vicinity of the office as long as the president remains.

Have to Tell Mission.

All persons visiting the executive offices during the time the president is present have to explain their mission to the two policemen on duty in the lobby. If the visitor's mission is apparently legitimate he is directed back to the doorkeeper, who arranges for their reception by Secretary Christian, to whom they explain in detail their mission.

If the visitor has a suspicious manner or gives the policeman the impression of being a "crank" he is asked to wait in the lobby while the policeman sends for the "doctor."

The "doctor" is the head or acting head of the Secret Service detail. Without and ostentation the suspect is ushered into one of the ante-rooms of the Executive Office building and subjected to the most rigid cross-examination by the Secret Service expert.

No third-degree methods are used. The visitor does not even suspect that he is being grilled, but the operative gets his information and acts upon it. If the visitor has an errand which may properly be lead before the president he is taken in to see Mr. Christian, who makes an engagement for him with Mr. Harding. If the visitor's errand may be more expeditiously taken up with a member of congress or the head of a department he is given the necessary directions as to how to go about it.

Conducted to Hospital.

Some visitors, however, are not amenable to these suggestions and insist upon laying their grievances before the president direct. Calmly and in soft tones, the inquisitor directs the visitor to follow him, and he is given a personally-conducted excursion to one of the large government hospitals in Washington, where he is placed under observation and treatment as to his mental status and his relatives notified. The efficiency of the Secret Service in handling these unbalanced pilgrims to the president is a source of wonder and remark among those who are familiar with the methods used.

Hundreds of letters have been received by the Secret Service detail from anxious relatives thanking them for the information on unbalanced members of the family. In most instances the visitor is a victim of an hallucination and has wandered away from home. There are very few violent cases handled at the White House now, but there are a large number afflicted with the mania for insisting upon "talking to

the president" about their fancied wrongs. A note in a relative usually brings expressions of gratitude and prompt action to improve the victim of the hallucination at home, and the entire incident has passed without publicity, due to the efficiency of the Secret Service methods.

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