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SURVEY OF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS.

The National Bank of Commerce, of New York City, in a statement just issued, has the following to say in a survey made by the bank of the business and financial conditions as they exist at the present time throughout the country:

At the moment sentiment may fairly be characterized as one of depressed uncertainty. This has been the case a number of times in the past two years and at no time have the unfavorable expectations been realized. The fact is that the actual volume of business being done is substantial and healthy. Carloadings, both of merchandise and of all commodities, while recently a little lower than last year, do not present an unfavorable comparison. Building activity continues at a high level. Steel output in March established a new daily record. Copper shipments were considerably in excess of production and likewise established a record. Automobile output in March was somewhat above the February figure and constituted a new record for that month. April production thus far is at a high level.

Retail trade the country over has felt the adverse effects of unseasonable weather, while a late Easter has likewise tended to delay buying. When these factors are taken into account, trade has compared not unfavorably with the volume of buying of last year. For the country as a whole, retail trade is in fair volume and will probably improve with the season but the prospect is for a continuation of careful buying with concessions to the public demand for reasonable prices and with intensive efforts to maintain the volume of sales.

All sections of the textile industry are feeling the effects of this attitude on the part of the public. Manufacturers are pinched between high-priced materials, high costs and short-time operation on one hand and refusal of consumers to buy at compensating prices, on the other.

Apart from the textile industries, manufacturing activity generally is at approximately a normal rate. There is full employment, wages are high and as long as this condition continues there can be no question as to the high purchasing power of that section of the buying public which is dependent on wages and salaries. As unsatisfactory as is the position of farmers engaged in the production of many staple crops, the agricultural situation as a whole is better than a year ago. From now on prospects for the coming season will be a factor of steadily increasing importance in the business outlook. The condition of winter wheat —83 per cent of normal on April 1 as against 75 per cent a year ago—augurs well for this crop but early estimates are frequently subject to much revision as the season advances.

In view of the facts, the general feeling of uncertainty and depression is somewhat difficult to explain. In part it is doubtless a reaction from the rather general expectation of several months ago of boom business this spring. There was no reasonable ground for that expectation. A good many industries in the United States have a capacity greater than the home market will absorb. Foreign demand has not provided a market for the surplus and is not likely to do so. In most lines, consequently, a fair volume and not capacity output is all that can reasonably be expected.

A second factor, doubtless, is the downward trend of commodity prices. On the rebound from the low levels of 1921 and 1922, the general price level rose rapidly to March of 1923. Since then, with occasional temporary upswings, the trend has been downward. The present generation of American business men was educated to operate on a rising price level and they have not yet adjusted themselves to the different situation which now prevails.

A third and allied factor is the tendency which has become increasingly prevalent since 1921, of hand-to-mouth buying with stock held at a minimum. Retailers and wholesalers unite in pushing back upon the manufacturer the risk of carrying goods. Stocks are kept low, orders are small and frequently repeated, and free use is made of cancellation. While this is a measure of safety to the distributor it naturally increases the nervousness of the manufacturer, who had become accustomed, in an era of rising prices, to a comfortable back log of forward orders.

Such factors as these tend to emphasize the swings in sentiment from good to bad and back again. The psychological cycles are more extreme than the variations in actual business. The probabilities are that the present period, when looked back upon, will appear much better than it does now. The situation has not changed in any fundamental way from the beginning of the year. We are in a period of severe competition when economical management, the use of the best methods of production and distribution and selling skill are necessary to the making of profits.

Scientists declare the earth is a ball of jelly. Autoists who have been stuck up to the hubs in it will not dispute the assertion.

The people are called upon for a calm verdict at the election, but some people think there is more danger of a calm verdict.

It is a fine spirit of optimism that prompts young folks to cling to the idea that two can live as cheaply as one.

The official status of many married men when their wives are out of the house is speaker pro tem.

Physical culture week, to begin May 1, may be only an excuse for more exercise of the jaw.

"SPILLING THE BEANS."

At the railway hearing at Portland yesterday, wherein the public service commission of Oregon is attempting to compel the railroads to furnish better rail transportation facilities for central Oregon, Foster Butner, of this city, according to the Portland Journal, gave testimony as follows:

> "Butner also claimed that newspapers of Roseburg and other valley points failed to carry stories of previous sessions of this hearing because of Southern Pacific influence and that he was forced to get his information from the Portland newspapers."

"Because of Southern Pacific influence." Did you ever hear of anything more absurd. The Southern Pacific dictating to this paper as to the quality of news furnished its readers. With our twenty-five years' experience in Roseburg the Southern Pacific company, nor any of its officers, have ever even intimated in any way that they would like to have the support of this paper in any of their undertakings, local or otherwise. And further, so far as Mr. Butner having to look to Portland papers for information concerning the hearing, it might be truthfully said this statement by him is another hallucination of the head. This paper carried Associated Press reports from time to time during the first hearing at Portland. But, of course, Foster didn't hop on the job until he found out that there was a chance to get a trip to Portland to testify at the hearing. A little newspaper publicity was coming his way and he was 'rarin to go. And, he thought, by way of diversion, which had no bearing on the case at hand he would drop a little knock for his home newspaper. Being unable to do anything of real value himself, for Foster is not taken seriously by those who know him best, he "passed the buck" in a very "courteous" manner to this paper.

Well, you know it makes us feel good to have Foster plugging for us in such earnest manner. And we're glad he told the Portland newspapers just what he did, for the press of that city is always glad to swallow a load of stuff from a country producer, regardless of the veracity of the statements made.

Foster "spilled the beans." He has given out to the world a secret that no one else knew. He has linked this paper with that great "octopus," the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. We hope he doesen't tie us up with any jitney lines.

But, Foster will go a long way to get a little publicity and we're trying to help him out.

Yes, women have equal rights with men. There is no doubt of this fact now. Last evening we noticed a couple of flappers, in company with a two-legged specimen of the male-sex, parading down the main drag window shopping and each of the fairies held a cigarette between her dainty fingers, dragging away at the weed with as much vim and vigor as a suckling pig trying to root out a living among a herd of twenty other piggies. Following the trio was a dozen Roseburg youngsters who were at loss to know how it could be done—but it was being done in true man fashion. A girl and a cigarette are just about as inviting and pleasing to the eye as a wart on the end of an otherwise good looking nose. But fashion seems to have approved the habit, as was witnessed on the streets of Roseburg last evening.

This year's strawberry carnival is going to be an event of much importance. The boys are going to put over a show worth while. All committees are busy planning details for the big show.

RADIO PROGRAMS

From Pacific Coast Stations

RADIO KGO—The General Electric Company, Oakland, Calif. (312 meters.)

April 24—Regular daily program with 8 p. m. concert by Ernie Milliken's Jazz orchestra and Magnavox company co-operating.

April 25—3 p. m. "Our Poets of Today," by Wilda Wilson Church.

April 26—8 p. m. University Christian church of Berkeley orchestra and vocalists.

RADIO KLX—The Oakland Tribune, Oakland, Cal., (509 meters.)

April 24—3-5 p. m. baseball scores.

April 25—3-5 p. m. baseball scores; 8-10 p. m. studio program.

April 26—3-5 p. m. baseball scores.

RADIO KGW—Morning Oregonian, Portland, Ore., (492 meters.)

April 24—8 p. m., Johnny Sylvester, accordion; Hotel Portland orchestra.

April 25—3:30 p. m., Lecture by Esther B. Cooley, clothing expert of Oregon Agricultural College extension service; 7 p. m., Forest Protection week talk.

April 26—3:30 p. m., Children's program with forest fire story by Aunt Nell.

RADIO KPO—Hale Brothers, Inc., San Francisco. (423 meters.)

April 24—2:30-3:30 p. m. matinee of Indian music under the direction of Mrs. Susanne McKelvey; 8 p. m., Theodore J. Irwin, organ recital.

April 25—2:30-3:30 p. m. Theodore J. Irwin, organ recital.

April 26—2:30-3:30 p. m. Hawaiian music by Aloha troupe; 8 p. m. to 1 a. m., Art Weidner's Fairmont hotel dance orchestra with KPO trio in songs during intermissions.

RADIO KHJ—The Times, Los Angeles. (395 meters.)

April 24—12:30-1:15 p. m. Program presenting Helen S. Elworthy, dramatic soprano. Doris Chilcoot, pianist; Sylvia Harding, violinist.

April 25—8-10 p. m. Program presenting Ruth Markell, soprano. A play by the Pasadena Community Broadcasters, Edward Murphey, director; Gladys Terrell, soprano; Sol Cohen, violinist; Mina Hellekson, pianist.

April 26—12:30-1:15 p. m. E. J. Goins and the Highlander; 8-10 p. m. Program presenting the Mary Christine Albin trio; Floryane Thompson, soprano.

RADIO KFI—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles. (468 meters.)

April 24—4:25-11 p. m. news bulletins and music.

April 25—4:45-5:45 p. m. news; 6:45-11 p. m. music, including vocal and instrumental concert arranged by Myra Belle Vickers.

April 26—4:45-5:45 p. m. news; 6:45-7:30 p. m., Ruth May Shaffner directing vocal program; 8-9 p. m., Ascar Seiling, violinist, Arranging program; 9-12 midnight musical programs.

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PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—
Most ever' body
Had to shift
Gears on the
Jackson street hill
Today on acct.
Of Chief Ketch
Bein' stationed
On the Deer ck. bridge.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS
Marmalade is the name of a mama hen.

Ye ed. was up to the metrop the other day and the big city fellers still have a lot to learn.

When they chirsten the Winchester bridge Sunday we hope they use sawlmon eggs.

Went out to the fam'ly garden the other day to pluck some weeds and made a mistake which will force us to purchase radishes this season at the grocery store.

We saw a coupla wrestlers with broccoli ears go to the mat for a coupla hours in the metrop last eve and when we watched 'em twist each other's necks for that length of time we were dern glad that we get less money and take less chances.

A lot of the feller's who've been chasin' around with grass widows are sufferin' from hay fever this week.

OUR DAILY MAIL

Dear Editress of Prunes: My family has been readin' yore colyum for night onto four years now and none of us have yet been able to determine whether you are a bald-headed old man or short-haired old woman. Will you kindly shed some light on the subject?—UP IN THE STICKS.

We refuse to make our gender known to the inquirer for reason of the fact that we are neither a prize fighter or a sheik and havin' no other means of persuasion would rather remain in seclusion until we learn the motive of the questioner.

DEAR ED.: I sees where we soljers are to git a bonus. How do we git it? GOLDBRICKER.

Dear Goldbricker: As we understand it you have to kick the bucket to collect it.

It looks as though most of the wooden signs wooden last through the summer and we wooden be surprised if the city council wooden order 'em torn down. Wooden that be fine?

The Portland ball team took a coupla shots of Bull Run water and haven't stopped runnin' yet and we hope they don't slow down until they've copped the pennant.

As yet no kind-hearted reader has brot in a box of strawberries to the sanctum and we're just about ready to give up hopes.

To show you how much this colyum knows about farming we were out in the Dillard section the other day and in tryin' to be congenial we asked a farmer there how his watermelon crop was comin' along and he said, "Cain't tell, hain't planted 'em yet."

We hope old Sol keeps up the good work until after Sunday.

We saw a California flivver today that looked like it had the hoof and mouth disease.

We note that Sousa has been given a degree as Doctor of Music in an eastern university. Modern music needs a doctor.

We're always takin' chances,
We guess that's why we sneeze.
We took a chance the other day
And shed our B. V. D.s.

"It's purty hard to find a chunk of meat in warmed over stew."

The Elks dance announced for Thursday evening, April 24, has been postponed indefinitely owing to the high school opera to be given on that date.

GOVERNOR WILL INSPECT HOME

SALEM, April 23.—Governor Pierce, Secretary of States Kozer and State Treasurer Myers will leave here Saturday for Roseburg, where they will spend Sunday making an inspection of the Oregon Soldiers' home. In the afternoon the state officials will attend the ceremonies attending to the dedication of the Robert A. Booth bridge at Winchester, five miles north of Roseburg. Governor Pierce will give an address in connection with the dedication ceremonies.

Other residents of Salem will attend the dedication ceremonies are Justice George M. Brown of the Oregon supreme court and Roy Klein, state highway engineer.

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(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SACRAMENTO, April 24—Relief to the farmers through a reduction of railroad rates, a revision of the tariff and a readjustment of international affairs, if he is elected president, was promised by William G. McAdoo, speaking last night before 5,000 people.

McAdoo attacked Wall Street, criticized the federal reserve board now in power, termed the Fch-Cummins bill a vicious thing and declared the Coolidge administration had substituted short sleeve diplomacy in Europe for shirt tail diplomacy. The United States must of a necessity interest itself in European affairs, if the farmers and labor is ... McAdoo said. ... an early session ... ed president ... pose of ... aid to the ... railroads to ... their freight ... international ... and vigorous.

BANDOS TO ...

Bandon will ... scream on July 1st ... Chamber of Commerce ... has received a ... tion to attend. ... that this year ... Oakland in their ... the regret of the ... been sent to the ... Commerce.

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