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Business Looks Up

DESPITE the groans of calamity howlers, business over the nation is looking up. Just during the past week business activity has increased from 93.9% of normal to 95.2%.

So says The Business Week, a magazine of national circulation, edited by economists who know what they are talking about.

This magazine points out the following eight "solid facts that indicate a business upturn":

1. Expanding bank credit. The current rate of expansion is about 1% above normal which means that, so long as the expansion continues, either price levels or the volume of business activity is bound to rise—or both.
2. Idle money seeking a job. Recent cutting of interest rates on time deposits in New York City will stimulate idle funds to look for work. The loss from idleness of capital is probably much greater than that from unemployment of labor. With the idle money seeking a job in New York and not finding it, the natural consequence will be that it will trek back home and go to work.
3. Bare shelves. Productive activity has averaged about 10% below normal during the past six months, while general trade has run on the average less than half as much below normal during this period. This means that the national larder is getting bare and a great shortage of consumers' goods has developed which will have to be made up quickly and on a large scale unless consumer buying power is declining rapidly, which is not the case.
4. Sustained buying power. While payrolls have been running about 15% below, dividend and interest payments have averaged 15% higher than in the first half of 1929 and savings deposits are larger than a year ago. There has been a definite increase in the amount of consumer credit outstanding as represented by department store accounts, and not much change in the volume of installment financing. All this means that the purchasing power of the consumer public has not been greatly decreased, and helps to explain the continued high level of general trade in face of drastic curtailment of production. Such a situation is an irresistible stimulus to recovery.
5. Farm income prospects. In spite of the prevailing low prices on agricultural staples, the chances are that farm income will not be as low as in 1926-27, though somewhat lower than last year.
6. Raw materials imports. The volume of imports was running practically normal in April and May. The bulk of these imports are raw materials, and the new tariff can affect them only very slightly. This means that American purchasing power for foreign raw products is being maintained, and basis for recovery in world prices of staple commodities is thus being laid.
7. Home building. After 24 months of continuous decline in residential building construction there was a slight upturn in May for the country as a whole. All signs indicate that residential building, which is a dominant factor in construction and general business activity, has ceased to decline and is beginning to turn upward again.
8. Automobile outlook. Automobile production, another key factor in business revival, has run up to June at about the 1928 level. Stocks of new cars in dealers' hands are at normal or average levels. Further drastic curtailment this month may be expected to prepare the way for an upturn in August, which will be supported during the fall months by anticipation of a good year in 1931.

Oregon Editors' Opinions

How Petitions Are Signed
 (Oregon City Enterprise)

SHE was a petition pusher at ten cents per. She stood on a prominent corner of Oregon's largest city and accosted the likely prospects in the passing throng. She was selling signatures for such and such a fish measure. There came a blizzard of dandy old-fashioned modernity, wise to the ways of night life, buoyant with thoughts of life's continuous round of jazz. He evidenced slight impatience at being momentarily de-

tained in the pursuit of pleasure, but she gave him her best ten-cent smile and he graciously gave his signature. He wouldn't know a fish net from a hog fence.

Next comes a rather staid stenographer or a long-time lady in a department store. All she likely knew about the fish question was what she read on the eating-house menus—but she signed the document after little persuasion.

Then a red-faced, pudgy, bear-eyed individual from the streets. He could walk fairly straight. He knew that fish were something that swam. Something was swimming before his eyes—might be a fish. Sure, he'd sign.

A benign old lady, silver-haired, who would not for the world hurt anyone's feelings nor refuse a harmless request, obligingly affixed her signature and went sweetly smiling away.

And so the procession passed. It was plainly evident that few of them had the slightest conception of what it all meant, nor little cared—and that is why it is so easy to get signatures for any proposed act or constitutional measure.

Agriculture Creating New Values

Clatsop county is forging ahead in an agricultural way. It is in the country districts that growth and progress are made manifest. The rise of the Lower Columbia Cooperative Dairy association in eight years from a very small beginning to its more-than-a-million production, and its expansion all over the lower Columbia district is significant of the advances made by farming in this section during the past decade.

There are other figures to prove this growth. The census returns this year tell the same story. The rural districts of Clatsop county from 1920 to 1930 was 2361. The number of tillable acres almost doubled. There were 6624 tilled acres in 1920 and 12,350 when the count was made this year. The assessed valuation of this farm land more than doubled, jumping from \$438,035 to \$934,360. The number of dairy cows increased from 4800 to 6450, and there was just as notable an increase in the quality of the herds.

Do not these figures prove the oft-repeated claim that agriculture is supplying the new values to take the place of the diminishing timber stands and the lessening salmon runs? Do not they justify the faith of those who have been urged to become "farm-minded"? Do not they indicate the great possibilities of new wealth and income when our rural lands are developed to their full productive capacity?

Agriculture is the growing industry of the lower Columbia and it is the key to our future prosperity.

Some of the other beach resorts don't like the idea of a big clam bake in Newport, as it drew all the crowd here. There is no reason why each one of them can't put on their own clam bake; the crowds are sure to come.—Newport Journal.

Naturalists say that wild life is disappearing from the great open spaces. Well, nature balances things up—it is appearing instead in the great cities.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Three Dogs in Oregon Will Get Gold Medals For Acts of Heroism

NEW YORK, July 9.—Among the scores of dogs whose acts of heroism and devotion during the past six months have made them eligible for a national gold medal award, are the pet dogs of M. J. Lennon and Mrs. Nate Sabie, both of Portland, Oregon. It was announced here recently.

The award committee has been informed of the Lennon dog's efforts to save the life of Edward Airidge and although Airidge died from the effects of inhaling gas, the fact does not detract from the dog's act of saving his master. Smelling gas escaping from Airidge's room and sensing something was wrong, the dog barked and scratched on the door until he attracted the attention of his master, M. J. Lennon. However, by the time Lennon could get Airidge from the room, the man had inhaled a mortal amount of gas.

The two small chow dogs of Mrs. Nate Sabie displayed a high degree of courage when they dashed to the aid of their mistress who had been attacked by a large cougar. The two dogs succeeded in fighting off the animal until help came. The dogs were slain in the battle.

The Spratt gold medal is awarded semi-annually to the dog performing the most outstanding act of heroism, regardless of the dog's age, size or pedigree. Humane associations and the S. P. C. A. have cooperated in furnishing data on the country's heroic canines. It is noticeable, the committee reports, that stray and mongrel dogs are just as courageous and intelligent in times of emergency as their blue blooded cousins.

EIGHT BIG LEAGUE CLUBS AFTER 19-YEAR-OLD STAR

(Associated Press Special Wire)
 SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—Owners of the San Francisco Seals expect to sell Frank Crosetti, 19-year-old shutout star, at the big league for a fancy figure but they will not let him go during the season, thereby taking chances of weakening the team.

George A. Putnam, secretary, disclosed today he had received a telegram June 26, from Billy Evans, president of the Cleveland Americans, asking: "What is your proposition on Crosetti for immediate delivery. Could probably give you choice of two shortstops, a second baseman and four pitchers in deal."
 Putnam said he had advised Evans that the Seals would not alter their policy of not delivering a player during the season. Eight major league clubs have had scouts trail the young infielder.

BRINGING UP FATHER



Maybe I'm Wrong
 By J. P. MEDBURY

THE Los Angeles chamber of commerce is working on an invention whereby the climate will show on the picture post cards.

You Said It—Money isn't everything, but it comes in handy when you're trying to live.

Wonders of Nature—"The mental telepathist who goes out with dumbbells to get his mind off his work."

Momentous Moments—When a guy finds himself in "The House of a Thousand Candles" without a match.

Take It Or Leave It—At seven cents a pound, every housewife has a real liver complaint.

Efficiency Experts—The fellow who set his house ablaze so the fire department could water his lawn.

Vital Statistics—Lots of couples are antipathetic to a divorce, but most of them are looking forward to it.

Age of Cado—The guy who clipped his guardian angel's wings.

You're Wrong—India rubber men don't run sightseeing buses.

Our Own Vaudeville—Grocery man: Would you like a few animal crackers? Little Girl: No thanks. I'm a vegetarian.

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Talks on Health
 By DR. R. S. COPELAND

IF A baby could talk, I am sure it would ask for its comfort many things that we never think to give. It might say, sometimes, that we don't know how to treat an infant.

Most babies have a way of protesting when things get too uncomfortable for them. Often they have to kick off the blankets and wrangle to gain freedom and comfort on a hot day. And as for a pin sticking into his little body, or colicky pains, he can protest at those, too.

It is a very great responsibility to have the care of an infant, but it is perhaps the most pleasurable and the noblest work one can have to do. It needs so many things to keep good the health, but it really doesn't take much to make the infant happy when it is well.

A baby's skin tells very much about its physical welfare. Good health depends upon the activity of the skin, for unless the sweat glands and pores of the skin function properly the wastes of the body, which escape through the pores of the skin in perspiration, cannot be thrown off properly.

The activity of the skin depends much on its cleanliness. Every baby should have its regular daily bath. Activity of the skin depends too upon the condition of the blood and the circulation. If the baby has good, rich blood, the skin will have a pinkish glow, the cheeks will be red and the eyes sparkling.

A baby, especially on the warm days, should not be too warmly clothed. Strike a happy medium and clothe it lightly. And yet it is quite necessary that a baby have sufficient coverings so that a sudden change in temperature will not chill the delicate body.

Indigestion soon brings blotches and roughness to a baby's skin. Too long a time in the sun will turn the skin, to say nothing of making the baby most uncomfortable with pain. Care should be taken not to leave the baby exposed to the sun's rays for too long a time, and the eyes should always be protected from the sun. Baby needs the food effects of sunshine on the skin. In the warmest part of the day, from eleven to

Advice to Girls
 By NANCY LEE

DEAR NANCY LEE:

Much as I hate to complain to anyone, I simply must find consolation somewhere. My worries may seem trivial to you but still I'm on the verge of being broken-hearted.

For nearly two years I've been keeping company with someone I deeply love and our love and companionship seemed mutual. Even though his attitude hasn't changed I'm very unhappy for he admits now that he goes out every now and then with other girls. Of course he compliments me as being much superior to them and that they can never mean anything to him and tells me that I never have to worry about him. In spite of all that assurance I have made me very unhappy to know that I'm beginning to doubt him. I may be only a victim of my own fancy and although I'm not of a jealous nature, I am very deeply hurt about it, and don't know what to do.

Would you think it advisable to speak to him and ask him not to go with anyone else, or shall I leave things unsaid? Please answer me immediately. Thank you sincerely.

UNHAPPY: If there has been a mutual understanding between you, then it is a bad outlook for the future. If the young man does not even now confine his attentions solely to you. There can be no love where doubt and jealousy destroy the fine fabric of true affection, and where one is not inclined to make any sacrifice and accede to the just demands of the other. And so, I would advise you to have a talk with the young man, tell him how painful his conduct is to you, and let him know that if he prefers the company of others, it would be better if he confined all his attentions to them. Even if it almost broke your heart to part with the man, it would be less painful than the constant gnawing of jealousy.

Editorials on News
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write of these robber barons, he would label them instantly and instinctively as "RACKETEERS." For that is what they were. The word "racketeer" is just a modern name for an ancient evil.

WHAT was the cause of this lawlessness, this gang warfare, in the Middle Ages, you ask.

If you will recall just a little more of the book learning you gained in school, you will have the answer. Here it is: It was caused by the breakdown of law and order that followed the fall of the Roman empire.

THIS prompts ANOTHER question which again is answered by what you learned in school: "What caused the decline and fall of the Roman empire?"

Here is a fairly accurate answer: The decline and fall of the Roman empire was caused by corruption in high places in Rome, coupled with a lack of intelligent interest in public affairs on the part of citizens.

KEEP this sequence of events in mind: Corruption arose and spread in Rome, its spread being aided by the INDIFFERENCE of the public. Because of widespread corruption, resulting ultimately in the decline and fall of the Roman empire, law and order, which were represented by the Roman empire, broke down.

Following the breakdown of law and order, gang warfare in the streets of the great cities and similar gang warfare out in the great open spaces, as practiced by robber barons, followed.

LAW and order in our great cities, notably Chicago and Cleveland and Detroit, are beginning to break down.

Mark this: Law and order in our great cities are beginning to break down BECAUSE OF CORRUPTION, which is permitted to exist because of the indifference of the general run of citizens of these cities, who are too busy with their

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Along with the jams and marmalades in the preserve closet should stand rows of jars filled with fruit syrups of many varieties. These provide the bases for many of our drinks, ices, ice creams, charged water and garnishes are also needed. Here is a general hodge-podge of drinks—some almost a meal in themselves.

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Juice of one-half lemon and one-half orange. Mix thoroughly with shaved ice and fill glass with charged water. Add half a slice of each fruit and maraschino cherry as a garnish.

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That is the whole story. It is an OLD, OLD story. It was enacted in all its sordid details centuries and centuries ago.

There isn't a SINGLE NEW THING about it.

JUST as long as we have OPEN CORRUPTION in our great cities, resulting in a breakdown of law and order, we shall continue to have such manifestations of lawlessness as gang warfare.

And we shall continue to have corruption in our great cities just as long as the people of these great cities are so exclusively occupied with their own affairs that they remain indifferent to good government and so fail to take an effective hand in bringing good government about.

Est baroque sandwiches and fast forever Brand's Road Stand.

Picnicking at Idlewild Park—Adv

GOOD-NIGHT STORIES
 By Max Trel

"In a pocket A handkerchief lay. There came a sneeze And blew it away."

Shadow Song.
 The shadow-children—Mij, Flor, Hanid, Yam and Knarf—were on an extraordinary quest. They were trying to catch a cold!

You mustn't laugh, or even grin.



A Forest of Handkerchiefs.
 They were quite serious. However easy it may be for real-children to catch a cold (and it is easy enough) for shadows it is as difficult as catching a lion, or an elephant.

If it weren't for the tin-soldier, who agreed to help them, they should never have known how to go about it. It was late at night. Their masters and mistresses were fast asleep. They were free to go where they pleased.

First they waited by an open window until a draught came in. Then they stealthily followed this draught through the house and into a chink in the pantry wall. It was pitch dark inside but soon they heard from far, far off a faint wheezing sound.

"It's the sound of a cold!" the tin-soldier exclaimed. "Walk on your tiptoes behind me and we'll catch it before it escapes." With that he started forward and the shadow-children, wrapping their mufflers tightly about their necks (for a muffler is the best protection against a cold) pressed closely after him.

For a long time they walked in darkness without being able to see farther than the end of their nose. "Are you there?" they kept asking each other.

"Sh-h, don't talk," the tin-soldier warned. "We're getting very close to the cold now. We must be very careful. It might be a bad cold."

At that instant they heard the wheezing sound again. Only this time it bore a singular resemblance to a sneeze.

"Is it a sneeze?" Yam whispered. The tin-soldier nodded. "It's a very bad cold. Are you sure you want to catch it?"

"Certainly," said Knarf. "I'm not afraid of any cold. They're not so bad when you know how to take care of them."

"Very well," said the tin-soldier. "Come along and we'll catch it at once." So saying he started forward again and in a few moments it began to grow light and suddenly they were startled to hear sneezing and coughing and sniffing and blowing all about them. All at once it grew very light indeed and they found themselves in a most astonishing place.

It seemed to be a huge forest—not of trees, but handkerchiefs! They were big and small handkerchiefs, lace and linen, and all the colors of the rainbow. Through this amazing forest the draughts blew, causing the handkerchiefs to flap and wave, and from everywhere arose the sound of colds which grew louder as the draughts blew harder.

"Hooray, we'll surely catch a cold now!" cried Knarf.

But the others weren't quite so delighted.

(Tomorrow: The Bad Cold)

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Come Into the Kitchen

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OUTDOOR FRANKLIN OFF ON LONG TRIP

LOS ANGELES, July 9.—Outdoor Franklin, famous exponent of "The Great Open Spaces," has just started on his most ambitious scouting trip. He is now on his way in his equally famous Richfield scout car to Prince Rupert, Canada, and, before he returns home, will have covered more than 6,000 miles.

Going north he will cover the Redwood highway from Sausalito to Crescent City, Calif., reporting on road conditions. He will follow the Roosevelt highway to Portland via Gold Beach, Tillamook and Astoria. The Pacific highway will be his route to Vancouver, B. C. From here it is about 600 miles to Prince Rupert.

Returning, Franklin will take side trips to Mt. Rainier, national park; make the famous Mt. Hood loop out of Portland, and when he reaches Eugene, Oregon, will go over the McKenzie pass route to Bend, down the Oregon Skyline trail to Crater lake, then back to the Pacific highway at Medford.

The last stage of the trip will swing through the Imperial valley—lower than sea level. After touching the Mexican border, he will cross the mountains to San Diego, Tijuana and Agua Caliente, the new border mecca for tourists, will also be embraced in his trip.

Franklin is a great favorite with western motorists, and a popular figure among motorists, anglers and outdoor devotees in general. He is recognized as one of the best informed men on the Pacific coast, as to fishing and hunting conditions.

He is arranging to keep in communication with Richfield headquarters so that the hundreds of letters he receives seeking road information will be answered promptly while he is away.

HINES APPOINTED HEAD OF MERGED VETERAN BUREAUS

(Associated Press Special Wire)
 WASHINGTON, July 8.—Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines will be appointed administrator of veterans' affairs under the new consolidation of veterans' agencies.

President Hoover announced his selection today. The general now is director of the veterans' bureau.

The president said General Hines had rejected a private business offer to remain in the government service temporarily to coordinate the work of the new veterans administration.

Director Hines in a statement today said veterans in hospitals eligible to compensation under the new veterans bill would be taken care of as soon as possible.

"Men fit enough to be in veterans hospitals because of non-service disabilities, not heretofore compensable, certainly merit immediate attention," he said, "and we will examine them at once to determine the degree of disability, as 'be' can be rated."

He added the bureau now has over 36,700 men in hospitals and approximately 43 percent of them were non-service connected cases.

Presents Rare Flowers—Two lovely bouquets were brought in yesterday by the chamber of Commerce by Mrs. J. J. Kessler of the Dixonville road. The flowers were larkspur and the rare everlasting velvet plant, mixed with other blooms.

bottle of pop. Joseph Garrau did so. The gas forced the cap down his throat and surgery was necessary.

CARLISLE, Penn., July 8.—No body would remove an old sofa from the First Lutheran church; it was unacceptable as a gift. Eventually a non-member offered 50 cents. Higher offers strayed along. The church council became wary. It held an auction. The sofa brought \$1006, the buyer being delighted with a Chippendale of the 1750 period.

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