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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet
Land of Liberty."

Self Help Gets the Best Service.

Herbert Hoover is urging the gov-
ernments of Roumania, Poland, Ser-
bia and Czech-Slovakia to establish
machinery to take up the work of
feeding themselves, as American help
is only guaranteed until the next
harvest.

The appointment of commissions
from among their prominent business
men and merchants is suggested.
These commissions are to direct the
chartering of tonnage for their food
imports and the purchase of food in
the different available markets of the
world.

The United States government is to
provide advances for the starting of
these undertakings, and the food im-
ported is to be sold to the populace.

Farmers and all men dealing in or
raising food supplies are urged to re-
sume their work as soon as possible.

Goods practical for export are to
be sold by the commissions abroad,
and little by little it is hoped that nor-
mal business can be built up within
six months' time. Meanwhile it is
Mr. Hoover's belief that the American
Relief Administration should continue
its aid as at present.

The American public will doubtless
approve this policy. The best help
that can be given the needy European
nations from now on is encourage-
ment to help themselves.

Band Music Is Decidedly An Asset.

A letter published in a Saratoga, N.
Y., paper, says: "The biggest, best
advertising that possibly can be done
for Saratoga in my estimation is high
class music in the park."

Everybody enjoys band music, and
undoubtedly any city or town which
can advertise and produce good band
concerts will attract visitors; and
while it may be neither practical nor
possible to hire Sousa and his artists,
a local band is not to be despised.

La Grande is fortunate in having
the musical organization which is de-
pendable on occasion when it is neces-
sary to entertain things, as far in-
stance in the Impromptu reception of
the soldiers given a few nights ago.

The band is a valuable asset that
brings returns, aside from that which
is provided in the way of education
to the people. It is one of the things

which may not exactly be the means
of putting the community "on the
map," but it certainly is one of the
ways of keeping La Grande on the
map. Whatever tends to heighten the
appreciation of the community in the
minds of casual visitors or others, is
an asset of value.

Construction Adds to Wealth.

"Construction adds to the perma-
nent wealth of the country and the
individual," declares W. B. Wilson,
secretary of labor.

Wages are paid for the creating of
wealth. Wages are labor's share of
the wealth it has produced, rather
than a mortgage on wealth that it
will produce. Wealth depends upon
construction; and in the building field
not only does the individual add to
his personal wealth, but he adds to
the assets of the nation.

The United States now has more
wealth than any other two nations
combined. Every house built, every
road constructed, every public build-
ing and improvement, is adding to
that great accumulation of permanent
wealth, making the nation stronger
and stronger.

A general, country-wide campaign
of building, assuming reasonable in-
telligence is exercised, would do more
than any other one thing to increase
the permanent wealth of the nation
and the individual. While its perma-

nent wealth is piling up—especially
when it is in the nature of homes
owned by individuals—a nation may
have its perplexing problem, but
there is nothing serious or dangerous
in its industrial status.

The permanent wealth of the coun-
try is represented in homes, buildings
private and public construction work
—is the nation's reserve fund. As long
as the reserve fund is growing the
nation is in a going concern and is in
sound condition.

WESTERN OREGON
READY TO HELP

Coast Paper Refers to the Needs of
Two Sections of the State

The Coquille Valley Sentinel of
May 2 says:

Two sections of Oregon that are
separated by a great distance geo-
graphically on account of two barrier
mountain ranges figuratively join-
ing hands for a united drive on the
ballot boxes at the special State
election in June. That great stretch
of empire known as Eastern Oregon
is enthusiastically working to give
the coast counties of Oregon the
Roosevelt highway. The seven great
coast counties comprising one-sev-
enth of the area of the state are
just as enthusiastically working to

develop the irrigation projects of
the East Oregonians.

An apt illustration of the friendly
spirit that is animating the coast
counties is a rally held at Garper on
the Umpqua river recently when set-
tlers came by the hundred to boost
for the Roosevelt highway bond in-
sue. Some of those in attendance
came from points distant in boats
more than a thousand gathered at
Gardner to hear President S. C. Pier
of the Roosevelt Highway Associa-
tion, explain the wonderful possibi-
lities that will be opened by what he
declared will be the greatest scenic
boulevard in the world.

The assemblage not only endorsed
the highway project, but it went on
record with a unanimous resolution
favoring the passage of the Gallag-
her bill whereby the state is given
authority to lend credit to irriga-
tion projects approved by a special
commission consisting of the state
superintendent of banks, the state
engineer and the attorney general.

Letters and telegrams endorsing
the Gallagher bill are pouring into
the headquarters of the Roosevelt
Highway Association at the Imperial
Hotel from the chambers of com-
merce and other public-spirited or-
ganizations all over the coast. Simi-
lar endorsements for the coast
highway are reaching the associa-
tion by the score from the irrigation
belle of eastern, southern and cen-
tral Oregon.

The two bills are of kindred im-
portance. The Roosevelt highway if
built will bring millions of tourists
to Oregon. These tourists will not
only view the unparalleled scenery
offered by the highway, but they
will seek opportunities to invest
their money and make their homes
in Oregon. The great stretches of
land in the irrigation sections offer
the best kind of chance for invest-
ments. The people of Eastern Ore-
gon and other sections that are
looking to their future development
through irrigation are only too well
aware that any thing they do to in-
sure the construction of the coast
highway will be therefore greatly to
their own interest. For this rea-
son they have been glad to get be-
hind the highway movement.

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