

ATTITUDE OF LABOR VERY ENCOURAGING

Roger Babson, Statistician,
Sees Better Times in Business
During the Near Future.

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass., June 2.—Roger Babson today states that there is nothing in the present situation of labor in the present situation of labor.

"A few months ago I was startled at the attitude of labor," says Mr. Babson. "Wages had only been partly adjusted, following the abnormally high wages during the war, when the business boasters turned the tide and prevented any further adjustments. This was unfortunate for all concerned. I was for all time, because when the readjustment in wages stopped, the production in the cost of living also stopped. Wage workers gain nothing by simply getting more money in their pay envelopes when it is offset by higher living costs. They can gain permanently only by producing more goods. Wage workers are enjoying better living conditions today, not so much because of their labor unions, but of improved machinery, better management and the reduced cost of manufacturing. What labor needs is a readjustment in the cost of living. In the terms of food, clothing and shelter. This can never be brought about by raising prices to ten dollars per day. The higher wages are in the building trades, the higher rents are, and no one—not the tax collector—gains anything through the rise in wages. This has been the situation during the past few months.

"There is today, however, a change for the better in the attitude of labor," says Mr. Babson. "This has been very evident during the past two weeks. Labor leaders are now better posted in the fundamentals of economics than they used to be. The labor leaders see the dangers of getting into another inflation of wages and prices before the present area of business readjustment is completed. Today the inflation of 1914-1920 has only been 50 per cent, deflated. The labor leaders are putting on the brakes. They themselves are glad to see some of the proposed building programs suspended. Yes, the labor situation looks much better today than it has for many months. There should be no more radical advances in wages until the remaining 40 per cent of the deflation is eliminated and until we are again in a permanent period of prosperity.

"This means that business men should make no further wage advances except to even up and equalize certain departments. Employers should quit competing with one another for wage workers. Employees should seek to produce more in order to get more food, clothing and shelter for their weekly wage. This was the attitude of all during 1921 and 1922, but during the first four months of this year, many employees and wage workers lost their heads. This is one reason for the recent temporary stock market slump. But both employers and wage workers have come again to their senses. At least labor conditions in most sections most industries are better today than they have been during the past four months. In the meantime business is still holding up at 5 per cent above normal as indicated in the Babsonchart and the man who is doing a legitimate business—without speculating in other stocks or commodities—has nothing to fear."

Lamb Loading at Peak.
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 2.—Approximately 64,000 California spring lambs were loaded for central western livestock markets during the week ending May 26, which is the peak for the 1923 season, according to a report of the Federal State Livestock Market News Service here.

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FORD CAR TAKES A QUARTER MILE TRIP THROUGH AIR

ELGIN, June 2.—An accident that might have had very serious results took place on the grade above the Looking Glass Saturday when Frank Perry of Island City and a companion stalled in their Ford car. The machine began to go back on them and the men stepped out.

It went hurtling off the grade and over and down into the water almost a quarter of a mile below. Tires, wheels, top and everything spilled and went everywhere. The machine landed in the stream.

Joe Crum and Arthur Hallgarth, unaware of the accident were fishing along the stream the next day when they came upon an auto wheel, spoke-lace but with the tire intact, floating down stream. A short distance further on they found the wrecked car. Later they met Perry and his companion who had returned in hopes of salvaging their machine. Perry told them that after the car started over the grade and left one tire, either on a wheel with the spokes knocked out, or a spare, broke loose from the machine and went bounding down the mountainside, leaping higher each time it hit until it finally reached the bottom of the canyon.

It is not known whether the two were successful in their efforts to salvage the car, but at best little could have been gotten out of the wreck.

HIGHWAY READY FOR SURFACING

Crews Near Enterprise
Working Night and Day
to Start This Week.

ENTERPRISE, June 2.—Surfacing of the new section of the valley highway will start tomorrow or Saturday, according to the plans of Roscoe Neal, of the Columbia Construction company which has the contract. The rock crusher is at the base of the hill, north of the grade, at Guyano. The rock will be moved first on the section between Guyano and Enterprise, as the trucks cannot get through to the west. The bridge over the river is not finished, nor is the grade approaching it.

While the surfacing is under way, travel will not be convenient for the public. The trucks are very heavy and cannot pull out easily to give the road, and work will continue night and day. Two 10-hour shifts will be kept busy.

For night work the trucks are electrically equipped with dazzling lights which will seriously bother drivers of other cars. So Mr. Neal hopes the public will keep off the road and thus avoid inconvenience both to the men on his crew and to other drivers. The hill road is in excellent condition and there is no need for any to travel the highway except those living on the river.

When the upper half of the new road is surfaced, drivers can use it to reach Enterprise and W. R. Neal's farm, where they can turn into the old county road. It looks as if the public and its approach would be the bridge and its approaches would be the last link to be finished in this highway section. Work is progressing well at the cut around the rock point and the grade probably will be ready for the surfacers by the time they get to it.

The amateur who goes into the chicken business to make money should erect his building so it may be readily converted into a garage.

HUPP CAR DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE

Smith and Press, local Hopmobile agents, recently received the following clipping: "We believe it implicitly, too," they agreed. "For we know what a Hup can do."

The clipping is as follows: "Walter Gobin Smith, noted war veteran, former officer in the cavalry of the Regular Army, also widely known as the tillman of Eagle Creek, performed a stunt with a Hupmobile on Sunday May 6, or rather the Hup performed it with this motor-car man at the wheel, that might seem incredible to persons unfamiliar with the wonderful car called the Hup."

"The Old Top, as Smith is known to his army comrades, with six adult persons aboard and 200 pounds of baggage, drove out to Trout Creek Villa, the other side of Molalla, about 90 miles in speed record time, only to be told by 'experts' at the Villa that the climb up the mud road to the top of Molalla mountain, 15 miles, couldn't be done by mortal man except on foot, horseback or airplane. Late that evening, bowling merrily along toward Portland, past the Villa, the Old Top was singing:

"Some folks said she couldn't make that run,
Lemmon told ya, honey, what this little Hup done done—"

She reached that summit by half past one.

And started back home by the settin' of the sun."

Really Marvelous Performance.

"The writer knows what he is talking about, for he was in the party, march staff during the arduous climb up the mountain. The women in the party—four in number—seemed to be enjoying the experience, seeming to have tons of confidence in Smith. "The Hup was low-geared for two hours and never even boiled. It was the first car to attempt the mountain climb this season. It was a marvelous performance, over a densely wooded and staid mountain trail, full of roots, rocks and deep mud ruts from end to end, jutting logs, sharp curves, high precipices below, sheer walls above, bottomless holes and mountain ripples, without number. At many places, where even the Hup balked, Smith backed the car

away about 50 feet and went over the obstruction with a racer's running jump. In record time for dry road, and it cost all mud this time, the Hup made it to the summit, and on the return made even better time. The wheel chains had to be used, of course. Smith wanted to see what the Hup could do.

Why the Hup Did It.

"Smith, formerly a racer and cross-country endurance driver, who has driven and handled nearly every make of car, said afterward: "A higher-powered, larger car couldn't have made it. The Hup did it, owing to its short turning radius. Sometimes it was at an angle of 45 degrees. It has a good road clearance and wonderful flexibility. It rolls and keeps rolling without bouncing. I always knew the Hup was a fine car, but I didn't know it was capable of such splendid work."

University of Oregon
Offers Musical Courses

EUGENE, June 2.—Regular and special courses in music will be offered in the University of Oregon summer sessions at Eugene and Portland. The Eugene session is from June 27 to August 4, and the Portland session from June 25 to August 3.

Mrs. Anne Landis Beck, professor of public school music, will give beginning and advanced courses in public school methods, as well as a course in history and appreciation of music, at the Eugene session. Piano pedagogy, a course in piano teaching methods, is scheduled at Eugene, with George P. Hopkins, assistant professor of piano, as instructor. Prof. Hopkins will also give courses in elementary harmony and piano playing.

A course in high school orchestra-

tion is available for music supervisors who desire practical and concentrated training in directing, organization, and orchestration. Opportunities are offered in the Eugene session for those who want private instruction in piano, voice, violin, or organ.

William H. Boyer, supervisor of music in the Portland public schools, and Frederick W. Goodrich, instructor of music in the University of Portland Center, will have charge of the music courses at the Portland session.

There was a time when only the bold and naughty went in for chemical loveliness, but now even the good dye young.

We thought for a little while that winter had gone in for this non-stop craze.

TO BAR "FREAK" PLAYS.

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 2.—Spring football is now an established fact at Oregon Agricultural College. Last year this innovation was tried and the results proved highly satisfactory to R. B. Rutherford, director of athletics. The pre-season training is now on to install the rudiments of the game not to develop "freak" plays.

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