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READ AND UNDERSTAND—Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people. . . . and Ezra blessed the Lord, the

Congress adjourned—business returned to normal.

Speaking of wild parties, there is one in the agricultural section since the McNary-Haugen bill was killed. A wild thirteenth party.

Thirty-five miles an hour—the new Oregon speed limit. A happy change if the man who has been driving ten miles over the limit doesn't interpret the amendment as permission to step up now to forty-five.

When the La Grande high school basketball team left here this morning for Salem where it will enter the state tournament, it carried not only the best wishes of this city, but of the district as a whole.

La Grande's fame as THE city of Eastern Oregon is spreading. The normal school, a new hotel and many other building projects combine to lend emphasis to the fact. An excellent year is in prospect and a new era of development and activity is conservatively anticipated.

### NO EXCUSES NECESSARY

Governor Patterson was the guest of honor at a dinner in Eugene Saturday evening, seat of the university which is denied three badly needed appropriations as a result of the executive veto last week. And though he unquestionably expressed regret to Eugene and university people that they were lost, he didn't need to make excuses. None was necessary. The money was not to be had and even the most partisan supporters of the institution's development program could not logically blame the governor greatly for doing a rather obvious duty.

Not even President Hall, desirous as he is for more adequate facilities through which university service can be extended, can feel, we are sure, that the course of the executive could have been materially altered. He is experienced in government, is acquainted with the handicaps of a state institution.

The people of the state have learned a lesson, however. Appropriations so deserving of support, so important to Oregon's development, will not suffer a similar fate next time—and the university was not the only meritorious thing to suffer. Letters from all corners of the state, from farmers and business men, from manufacturers and professional men, from labor and capital, have come to President Hall expressing regret at the appropriation loss. But they have expressed more, too—a confidence in Dr. Hall's leadership and a determination that university needs will be properly provided for two years from now.

Public opinion is forming rapidly these days in support of a university in keeping with Oregon's position as a state. It will grow. Two years from now it is not only going to be illegal for the legislature to fail to provide these and other badly needed appropriations, but it is going to be impossible. Voters will see to that. Legislators may well take notice and prepare accordingly.

Oregon, fifth in per capita wealth and thirteenth in per capita income in the union, is going ahead. Governor Patterson is in accord with its anticipated progress. He will stress economy and good business management, as he should, but he will not stand in the way of or be indifferent to worthwhile development. The temporary delay due to legislative muddling will not be a serious disaster. It forecasts, we believe, more attentive, energetic, and intelligent action in the future.

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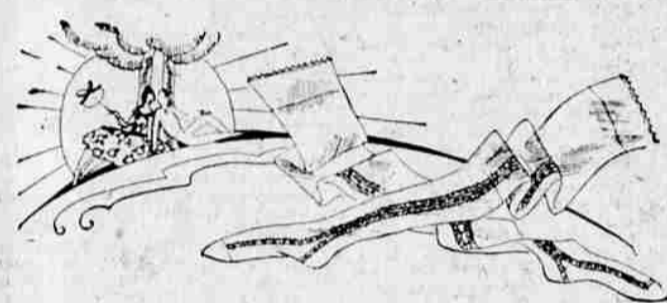
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### Farming Season Getting Under Way Early—Coast Activities Speed Up

The agricultural season is getting under way early this year, according to the March 1 report of the bureau of agricultural economics, United States department of agriculture, on the farming situation. Spring work and crop growth in the South are reported as progressing rapidly. Many fruit trees were in full bloom by the middle of February in the Gulf states and even farther north.

Shipments of early truck crops have been heavy, the daily movement lately running around 100 cars of celery, 25 cars of tomatoes and 12 cars of strawberries from Florida; 200 cars of lettuce from the Imperial valley, and 75 cars of squash from Texas.

Dairy Outlook O. K. The dairy outlook in the Eastern states is considered good for the year. Field work has been begun in the more southern areas of the corn belt, although the land generally throughout the belt is unfit to work as yet.

Winter wheat growth and conditions are reported as fairly good. Livestock have wintered well. Hog numbers are optimistic. There is talk of increased hog breeding this year, depending, however, on corn prospects.

Cats are being sown in the southern portions of the wheat belt, with earlier sowings already up. Wheat looks good in the eastern part of the belt, but not so good in the West. Late snows helped grain in western Kansas. The spring wheat territory is now

Spring work is well under way on the Pacific coast. Fruit is in bloom in the north, and winter grain is growing rapidly. Earlier field crops generally are doing well. There is an excellent stand of sugar beets in the Sacramento valley. Heavy shipments of oranges, lemons, and vegetables are being made from southern California.

The report says that "the south probably will grow considerably more corn and other feed crops this year, so that if acreages are sustained elsewhere a good grow-

ing season might bring another year of cheap feed stuffs. Nevertheless, the farm community is in much better position to make a profit out of low-priced feed crops this year than from low-priced cash crops."

The department's index of purchasing power of farm products in terms of non-agricultural commodities is placed at 81 for January, against 80 in December, the 5 pre-war years being considered as 100. This compares with 85 the previous January and 84 two years previous.

The department economists see nothing in the business situation which offers any outstanding signal so far as the plans of farmers might be concerned. The general presumption is that the domestic market will continue to absorb farm products this year "about as usual."

### Delegates Urged To Bring Sticks

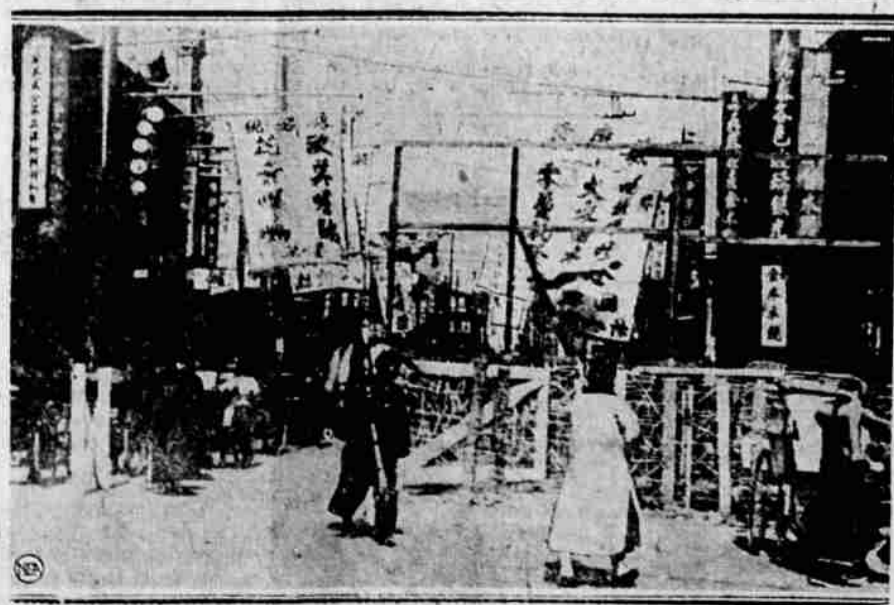
PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 8. (AP)—Delegates to the convention of the Pacific Coast Advertising Clubs' association here June 19 to 22, have been notified to bring along their golf sticks. A part of the varied entertainment will be held on the Multnomah golf club's greens without fees. The Multnomah Amateur Athletic club has announced the delegates will have free use of the club's plant.

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