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A MOTTO FOR THE NATION—We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners; the Lord fulfill all thy petitions. Psalm 29:5.

The summer normal here hopes for a hundred students. It should have had many, at least. The seasons present a fine opportunity to teachers of all Eastern Oregon.

Some folks are still dubious about business this year, but the Steel Trust, alias Business Barometer, is producing at 95 per cent capacity, in the evident expectation that somebody's going to buy and use the stuff.

Some papers in the state are convinced (or so they say) that the Patterson income tax is not going to carry at the special June election. Perhaps they are right, but if they are, can they tell what the state can do next? There would be, we assume, a special legislative session to seek cure for Oregon's deficit. What cure? And if the voters refuse to raise the six per cent limitation base, what then?

Barnum will always be right. There will always be suckers who fall for the jargon of fly-by-night salesmen who promise what any sensible man knows is most improbable if not impossible. The local post office force watches the enactment of economic tragedies every day, hear foolish buyers lament the purchase of a suit of clothes, dress and what-not from some unknown house-to-house solicitor. One postal official says he can more easily excuse people who buy from established and reputable mail-order houses but he is at a loss to understand how some of them will persist in being "bitten" by transient canvassers.

### FLOODS AND BOOMS

There is some talk now of the great Mississippi flood starting a business boom in this country. Theodore H. Price, a leading business analyst, explains the theory in a newspaper article, as follows:

"The dimensions of the extraordinary disaster have come to be appreciated and it is evident that the whole country will demand that its repetition shall be prevented. There is a feeling that the government will be compelled to spend at least a billion dollars in flood prevention work and that the expenditure of this great sum will increase the demand for everything, quicken the circulation of money and resuscitate the speculative movement that appeared to be languishing two weeks ago. How far this theory is warranted remains to be seen, but it is sustained by some precedents, and by its appeal to the imagination the decline in the stock market has been arrested."

Yes, it would live things up generally in the business world, no doubt, if Uncle Sam undertook to spend anything like a billion dollars in flood relief and reconstruction. Many would welcome that. But let us not deceive ourselves about any business boom resulting from that sort of stimulus.

People with necessary materials to sell would profit. Manufacturers and middlemen would gain. Since everybody is a consumer, many consumers, caught in the various currents of prosperity set up by the circulation of so much money, would profit in some way or other. But the great mass of consumers would lose, in having to pay higher prices for their necessities. And the whole public, whose money Uncle Sam spends, would have to pay it sooner or later in the form of taxes.

We might paraphrase a biblical passage and say: "Be not deceived; economic law is not mocked." Whatever is destroyed is a dead loss. Replacement of lost goods, or reconstruction of a bad job, always has to be paid for. A great catastrophe, whether war or fire or flood, inevitably levies its toll first on the immediate sufferers, and then on all of the vast, interwoven social organization they belong to.

Only—and this is worth remembering—the moral and spiritual impulses gained in heroically setting to work to overcome a calamity sometimes carries people ahead so that in the end they are better off than they would have been without the calamity. That is the reward of courage.

## CALIFORNIA LAW CONSTITUTIONAL

### Criminal Syndicalism Statute Declared Valid by U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, May 16, (AP)—The Kansas criminal syndicalism law was upheld today by the supreme court.

WASHINGTON, May 16, (AP)—The criminal syndicalism law of California was declared valid and constitutional by the supreme court in a case brought by Charlotte Anna Whitney.

When first assailed by Miss Whitney, the California criminal syndicalism law was alleged to be an unconstitutional restraint upon the rights of free assembly and free speech.

After the supreme court had dismissed the suit for want of jurisdiction and had remanded it upon a showing that constitutional questions had been presented while the case was before the state courts, counsel for Miss Whitney continued their attack on the application of the law to her particular case. The state asserted this question had been determined by the trial court.

Linked With Radicals  
It was asserted in Miss Whitney's defense that she had not advocated the overthrow of the present form of government by the use of force, but had participated in a meeting of radicals for the purpose of expressing her influence to restrain them from resorting to unlawful means.

The state replied that while Miss Whitney's resolutions had been voted down in the Oakland convention at which the California communist party was organized, she had remained active in its affairs after the party had embraced the Third Internationale of Moscow and had participated in the I. W. O.'s upon their political activities. It insisted that the attack was upon the law itself and that it had been directed and sustained by the Communist labor party and not by Miss Whitney.

Counsel for Miss Whitney contended that it was a violation of her constitutional rights to attempt to punish her for attending meetings of the party and that the guarantee of freedom of speech and the rights of assembly rendered her immune from arrest until she had been guilty of an overt act to use force to change the present form of government.

### UNION PERSONALS

UNION, Ore., (Special)—A fire Wednesday afternoon destroyed the garage of the Smith and Thompson home in the east part of the town. It is supposed that both children were playing in the shed and built a fire in an old stove that had no pipe and that this caused the building to burn. Mrs. Smith, who about a week ago had a high fever and a doctor had taken her out of the house on the day of the fire, thus accidentally saving himself another heavy loss. Although the fire had caused much headway before it was reported the flames were extinguished before any other buildings were damaged.

An advertisement for the Union park show was among the notices published this week. It is a large sign, 35 feet long and stretches across the highway between the Wright Drug store and Corner's store. The sign can be read for several blocks up and down the highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Dwin, who recently returned to Payette, Idaho, taking Mrs. Dwin's grandmother, Mrs. Hecker, to visit with relatives at that place, returned to Union Thursday.

What many considered the best play of the year staged by any of the Union high school classes, was put on at the gym last Thursday night by a cast from the sophomore class. It was an Irish drama entitled "Here We Brought" and included in the cast, Verla Georsten, La Verne Clark, Kathleen Miles, Irene Lovington, Ray DeLap, Robert Cox, Glen Miller, Alfred Bromfield and Willie Schuler.

Stonks, Skully, Roberts, Huffman, Young and Young were over from La Grande to attend the local school play and help out the local fund in furnishing music for the occasion.

Four Raymond Pitts and three boys from the Union high school left for Wheeler Oregon to participate in the Wheeler Oregon fair.

## Farm Pointers

Water may be softened for laundry and cleaning purposes by dosing it with ammonia, borax or washing soda.

Plenty of green feed at all times will help keep chickens in good health and assist in preventing nutritional roup.

Some horses waste their hay by pulling it out and trampling it. This is sometimes caused by feeding two kinds, one especially palatable. In such cases feed the hay to the horse on the more palatable first. He will eat the other hay feebly during the night. Another plan is to withhold the good hay until the other is eaten.

Children should eat bananas only when they are fully ripe. They may then be put in the school lunch box occasionally, sliced over breakfast foods, served in salads or fruit cup, or used with custard as a dessert.

One of the advantages for the home sewer in the great variety of attractive cotton fabrics available this spring is that many of them have a firm, close weave, making them easy to work with.

An average of \$1598 annually per family for living expenses is indicated by a recent survey of the yearly expenditures of 2346 farm families of selected localities in 11 widely separated states.

Debate in the state field and track meet. Jack Cox, Lewis May and Robert Crocker accompanied him.

So well has the plan of trucking logs to the new Oregon Trail saw-mill worked that the pond is full and the logs are stacked up a half way back of the pond. The mill is being tried out as it nears completion and it is believed that regular sawing will be in progress within the next week.

An instructor and a number of students from Gooding college, in Idaho, were visiting the local high school last week.

Farrest Scroggin received word a few days ago of the death of an uncle who lived at Sheehan, Ore., and he and Mrs. Scroggin left early Thursday morning in their car, for the latter place.

Mrs. Clifford Wolf, who formerly lived here, but is now located in Idaho, is here for a few weeks' visit at the home of Mr. Wolf's parents and with other relatives and friends.

B. S. Hughes, formerly pastor of the local Presbyterian church, but now located at Pendleton came over to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary Thompson. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hughes and their daughter Mrs. Constance Nash, the latter of La Grande.

R. H. Honney, superintendent of the Union fish hatchery, is transferring some of the little fish to the rearing ponds near Esterville.

Mrs. Bertha Cunningham, Miss Areta Titus, and Heesah Haley, are spending a few days visiting different points in Idaho. Their trip will take in Homedale and Boise.

L. A. Wright arrived home Thursday from an extended trip in the western part of the state. He went, principally to attend to matters of the fish and game commissions, but his itinerary included Pendleton, Salem and Oregon City. He also visited some of the points that were directly connected with his work as a member of the state commission. He reports an interesting and a busy meeting of the two boards.

### STUDY ON FRIEND

A Frenchman, completing his college course at the age of 55, announces he means to get married. By the time he gets his mind made up, maybe Peggy Joyce will be ready to settle down. . . . He should start with her 190 to week. Then he would have his usual little joke on the ladies by declaring the first hundred years much the same. . . . By the time he attains his master's degree the farmers will be announcing that they're well satisfied with agriculture since Congress passed the relief bill. . . . And by the time he's ready to retire (Chauncey Depew will refuse to have his picture taken on his birthday, Henry Ford will use a blue suit and a pretty girl will be found guilty of murder.

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## "ANCHOR HERE," IS SEATTLE BID



Mayor Bertha Landes of Seattle, and Mayor Will Rogers of Beverly Hills, agreed when the hummer visited the northern city last week, presenting the key of the city to distinguished visitors was passed. So Mrs. Landes presented Rogers with an anchor—a gentle hint to stay awhile.

A Chicago department store has established a silence room for women. A little place where the ladies can go and get respite from those garrulous husbands.

The Elgin district asylum in Scotland has discontinued the use of the word "pauper" in its records. It now refers to penniless inmates as "non-paying patients."

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## Grecian Drapes To Hide Knees, Ballet Master's Style Forecast

CHICAGO, May 14, (AP)—The cycle of feminine fashion may be swinging back to the trailing Grecian draperies of 25 centuries ago.

Andrew Pavley, ballet master of the Chicago Civic Opera company, thinks so. He bases the belief both on the trend in modern fashion and on the artistic deficiency of skirts slashed at the knee.

The knee, says Pavley, is the ugliest spot of woman's physique. The dress should either come well below or far above it. Cut at the throat, tied in the middle and chopped off at the knee, gowns of today fall miserably, he thinks, to beautify women.

Not is the concealment of curves a virtue. The curb he regards as most becoming to woman is one which gives individual expression to the wearer by following the curves, emphasizing the figure, rather than necks and knees.

Despite woman's unwillingness to cede what she regards as freedom and comfort in present fashions, Pavley discerns on the boulevards short dresses with trains which give more than a hint of the coming order. Some have geometric drooping to the ankles.

The new day of trailing draperies, he believes, will be outdoors. Pavley believes in the mode of trailing gowns, and both knee and ankle will be curtailed again.

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