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AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

The secretary of the National Association of Manufacturers has made public data compiled during the last few days of April which covers 748 industries, showing an improvement in the industrial situation, which reveals the following facts.

1. The employment recession has not only reached and passed the bottom stage, but now gives definite prospects of continued and permanent mend.
2. During the year, in spite of adverse conditions, 85 of these companies continued to increase their forces; 104 held to their usual number of employees; 559 companies reduced their forces.
3. Seventy-eight companies now report they will increase the number on their payrolls; 603 report no further reduction will be made.
4. The reduction in employes for this spring as compared with a year ago is 16.53 per cent. While the reduction in the leather industry is only 4 per cent, clothing 6 per cent, cement 6 per cent, and that in nine other basic industries the reduction is small, that in jewelry is 30 per cent, indicating that little reduction has been made in the classes known as necessities, while those in the luxury class have been the real sufferers.

The reports also indicate that during the quiet period the manufacturers kept on their payrolls many more persons than were actually needed and also planned ways and means to provide as many jobs as possible.

This authentic information should serve to stimulate confidence that the trend is upward, and encourage normal buying on the part of those who have suffered no reduction of income.

NEWSPAPER CONSOLIDATION

A telegraphic dispatch from Portland brings word that the News has purchased the Telegram and has consolidated the two papers, and thus passes the oldest newspaper of that city; it having been established in 1877.

This consolidation is in line with the trend of the times. The demand of the public for prompt and accurate news of all activities in the local field and of the world, together with the desire of publishers to meet this demand, and at the same time create reader interest so that the advertisers will receive a profitable response to their announcements, has greatly increased the cost of production of the newspaper.

Merchants are desirous of reaching all in their trade territory, but with as little duplication as possible, and this is proving a great factor in bringing about consolidations. Such large cities as Des Moines, Iowa, Flint, Mich., and hundreds of others are now served by one paper — and that paper is doing its utmost to serve the interests of all the people of the community.

STRAW HAT SEASON

While the glories of nature are being extolled by the poets let not sight be lost of the fact that the straw hat season is likewise upon us. Already much in evidence in the southern part of our country, with the advance of the season this comfortable headgear makes its appearance here.

Straw hats were first made or worn by the Romans. However, history records that it was not until many centuries later that straw hats really became popular. It was in the eighteenth century that Mary, Queen of Scots, became interested in the wearing of straw hats, and made them popular. She employed a number of straw hat plaiters, whom she brought to Scotland, from whom her people learned the art of straw hat making.

Styles change but the straw hat seems secure in its position. Its return is always welcome for, like the birds and blossoms, it brings with it sunshine and gladness.

In all the years of its publication we question whether the Congressional Record ever received a communication signed "Constant Reader."

What if a dollar did go farther in the old days? It did not go anywhere nearly so fast.

In Washington

that the senator had been out to see a game on opening day. With him was Mrs. Borah, an ardent fan, who, incidentally, was responsible for his presence. The senator refuses to play golf, cares little for baseball, prefers to take his recreation by daily horseback rides in Rock Creek park.

That other prominent "insurgent" senator, Norris of Nebraska, was all set to go, but was held in a conference too late.

Other senators not held in conference were Watson of Indiana, Mc-

OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

Democratic Party Wins in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, May 6 (AP)—Baltimore returned its municipal affairs to Democratic hands yesterday, electing Howard W. Jackson mayor and his ticket, down to 17 out of a possible 18 councilmen, by the largest majorities ever given municipal candidates. They ranged from 60,000 to 65,000 votes.

Jackson, mayor of the city from 1923 to 1927, defeated William O. Alford, Republican, 120,355 to 57,191 and May 15 will take for four years the reins of government from Mayor William P. Browning, Republican, who replaced him in 1927.

LA GRANDE ONE OF FOUR PICKED FOR TRACK MEET

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general field event paddock has been opened by the deprivations of graduation.

If La Grande and Pendleton fail to come through, climate conditions might have something to do with their failure. The steeper drop from the 2000-foot elevation of the Eastern Oregon plateau to the almost sea-level atmospheric conditions at Corvallis, is certain to affect the athletes.

"The times and distances made in the recent Eastern Oregon meet, have caused the Portlanders to sit up and look sharply. The Rose City coaches now realize that there is plenty of Oregon outside of Portland.

"The 440-yard dash between Arthur Bardley of Commerce, Robert Patrick of Lincoln and Willie White of Grant actually will take place Saturday. All three of these lads have come near the existing record in recent time trials. Another who may be a fourth party to this long anticipated race is John Graber, the long-legged Salem High basketball center.

"The 100-yard dash, javelin throw, figured as ninth victories for Clyde Walker and Gordon McKay of Washington, may develop into duels to the finish. Wilbur Kiddler, of Pendleton, who is quite some punkin as a basketball player, as Jefferson High will tell you, threw the 12-pound ball 47 feet last week in a preliminary meet. McKay's best javelin throw almost was equaled by Willie Torrence, negro star from La Grande. Willie also is quite a broad jumper.

"Art Taaf, Oregon State's Irish publicity demon, announced that 53 competing schools will be represented by 399 athletes. Many of the teams will arrive on the campus Friday afternoon, Art said, in order to warm up on Bell field. The meet will start early Saturday morning, when time trials are held. All competitors must qualify for the finals.

"All eight Portland high schools and Hill Military academy have entered.

"From the times and distances made in the most meets held in the state this spring, the following list of outstanding contenders for the Oregon state event titles has been compiled:

100-yard dash—Beery, La Grande, and Russell, Grant.
220-yard dash—George Dowling, Grant; Ray Woodman, Jefferson; Phil Penn, Jefferson, and Beery, La Grande.
440-yard dash—Arthur Bardley, Commerce; Will White, Grant; Bob Patrick, Lincoln; Bill Patrick, Lincoln, and John Graber, Salem.
800-yard run—Dave Gotthardt,

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Washington; Bill Boils, Grant, and Harold Meyers, Lincoln.
Mile run—Bill Paddock, Grant; Dave Gotthardt, Washington, and Wagner, Helix.
High hurdles—Fred Nowland, La Grande (won last year), and Wilbur Kiddler, Pendleton.
Low hurdles—Bob Grayson, Jefferson (won last year), and Fred Nowland, La Grande.
Shot putt—Clyde Walker, Washington, and Wilbur Kiddler, Pendleton.
Pole vault—Prah, Ontario.
Broad jump—Willie Torrence, La Grande; Bob Biglow, Grant; Russell Hart, Beaverton, and Miller, Mac-Hi.
Discus—Baker, Ontario, and McCasney, Grant.
High jump—Willie Torrence and Fred Nowland, both of La Grande; Dave Bruce, Franklin, and Miller, Chemsawa.
Javelin throw—Gordon McKay, Washington, and Willie Torrence, La Grande.
Half-mile relay—Jefferson (Phil Penn, Ray Woodman, Art Young, Bob Grayson), and Grant (George Canady, Winn Russell, Dave Bronson and George Dowling).
"Indicates record holder.
"All the schools which have entered for the meet follow:
Hill Military academy, West Linn, Eugene; Bend, Salem, Gold Hill, La Grande, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Hood River, Cottage Grove, Oregon City, Bay City, Prairie City, Long Creek, Silverton, Odell, Medford, North Bend, Riverston, Marshfield, Pendleton, Oakland, Coquille, University High of Eugene, Corvallis, Griswold union, McMinnville, MacLoughlin, Chemsawa Indian school, Tillamook, Chiloquin, Beaverton, Garibaldi, Forest Grove, Rogue River, Jefferson (town of), Milwaukie, Albany, Klamath Falls, Dallas, Scappoose, Ontario, Nehalem, Benson, Tech, Lincoln, Jefferson, Grant, Washington, Roosevelt, Franklin and Commerce."

JOSEPH PERSONALS

By Mrs. Maida L. Stevenson (Observer Correspondent)

JOSEPH, Ore. (Special) — Mrs. Rose Alesson and Chester, left Tuesday morning for Salmon, Idaho. Mrs. Alesson is going to raise turkeys and will have seven hundred to hatch about May 15. The boys and girls of Chester's classes in High school gave him a surprise Monday evening when they went to his home and spent a pleasant evening. All the classmates regret because of Chester's leaving and wished him well in his new home.

Robert Hyatt spent Sunday in Enterprise at his former home.

Miss Joseph Lewick, of Enterprise, was in Joseph Sunday visiting. Mrs. Lewick works in the sheriff's office.

Mrs. S. E. Smutz went to Wallowa Sunday taking her baby to a hospital for an examination as she had fallen a few days before. She was happy to learn that no bones were broken.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, of San Francisco, Cal., came in Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Gray's sisters, Mrs. Max Wilson, and Mrs. Walter Woolridge. Mrs. Gray was formerly Miss Beiva Hamilton and lived at Joseph. They left Tuesday.

The Joseph town team played a game of baseball Sunday, losing to Enterprise by a small score.

Albert McKee is building a fire-place for Mrs. Daisy Humble. Mr. McKee lives at South Bend, Ind., but spent the winter here visiting his

THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES

Secret service men began pushing spectators aside for the entrance of the presidential party. The band struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner." At the conclusion, President Hoover turned and greeted Secretary Mellon.

Secretary of Labor Donk, Secretary of State Stimson and Secretary of War Hurley sat near the president. With Secretary Hurley was Mrs. Hurley. She faced the battery of cameras unflinchingly. Cabinet members greeted her.

The president was attired in brown from head to foot. His brown spring suit was set off by a brown tie with small, gold woven dots. His hat and shoes also were brown.

Clark Griffith, president of the Washington ball club, entered the box occupied by the president's party, greeted each one and took Secretary Stimson by the arm and led him out on the field.

THEN THE PARADE

Catching step to the music, Stimson and Griffith led the parade to the flag pole in the center of the park where the flags of each country in the Pan-American Union were to be raised.

Captain Mariast of Fort Meyer had wheeled two guns in front of the left field bleachers. Spic and span soldiers stood ready to fire the presidential salute.

Up went the captain's arm — then down. A gun crashed, then another — one gun for each flag.

Senator Nye of North Dakota winced at each crash. Finally he turned to one side and remarked: "There ought to be a law against this."

The guns ceased firing at that. The parade returned to the stands. President Hoover threw out the ball.

The season of 1931 was on—

Treasury Deficit Nearly a Billion

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The treasury deficit reached \$903,220,797 on May 4.

The treasury's statement today showed that for the fiscal year from last July 1 to May 4, the government had collected from all sources \$2,094,582,531 and had spent \$3,598,093,288. The deficit of nearly a billion dollars compared with a deficit of \$159,950,994 on the same day last year.

The second quarterly payment of income tax due on June 15 will reduce the deficit, however, by whatever amount is received. In addition, foreign governments might pay the interest on their debts in cash which also would be added to the general fund.

CONDUCTORS IN FAVOR OF PENSION PLAN

BALTIMORE, May 6 (AP)—At the Order of Railway Conductors convention which opens in Kansas City, Mo., this week for the first session in three years, six delegates from Oregon will be among those most active in advocating the support of the order for a nation-wide old-age pension plan for railway workers.

Oregon rail workers, along with other states, have taken the plan up with the hope that it may be an aid to combat unemployment by making it possible for older men to re-secure in their sixties instead of the customary 70 now prevailing under the private pension plans of many large roads.

To push the plan, local groups of members of all the standard railway labor organizations have been organized in Portland, Klamath Falls, Eugene, The Dalles, Huntington, and La Grande.

Oregon delegates to the conductors convention are George W. Gray, La Grande; W. Lahr, Eugene; E. J. Ellington, of Salem; J. T. Dockery, Klamath Falls; D. G. Clark, Portland and O. C. McGowan, The Dalles.

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"See the Window Display"

daughter, Mrs. Elmer Hogboom. A jolly party of ten girls spent the weekend at the lake. Those in the party were Miss Maida Caldwell, Misses Marjorie, Dorothy and Gerville Wilson, Mary Allen, Ruth DUBOIS, Beverly Scott, Winnifred Beth, Margaret Fisher and Mrs. Kenneth Blevins.

Mrs. William Needham has purchased the Charles Craven property. Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron have rented it and are moving this week. The funeral of the late Noel Duncan who passed away in a hospital in Portland, was held Sunday from the Methodist church, the Rev. Hall K. Wallis in charge. Mr. Duncan had many friends here who mourn his passing.

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Mrs. Alvira Roup attended a school picnic Tuesday on Prairie Creek, given by the school. Their year closes in two weeks.

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