

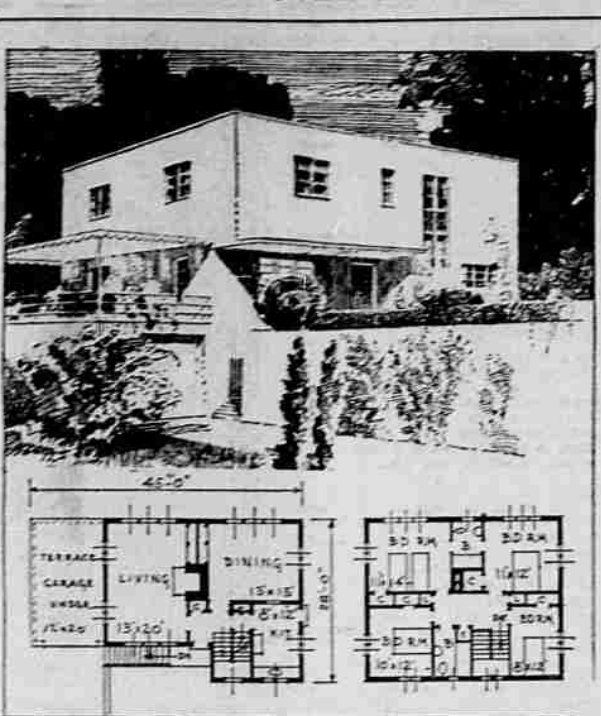
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Captains of Industry, Finance Anxious To Help Agriculture

WASHINGTON—American farmers learned from the international chamber of commerce congress that the captains of the world's industry and finance are really interested in their plight and that the state of American agriculture is closely paralleled by that of agriculture abroad. Agriculture went on the program for the first time. Everyone agreed that agriculture and other raw material producers shared with industrial producers for bringing about the great depression and that in both cases the trouble was overproduction and overconsumption. Aside from this recognition our farmers told what was happening to them and their foreign business partners. In particular, encouragement, American farmers, especially, seem to be at last with two strikes called against them. Competition increases The relative importance of food shrinks as civilization becomes more complex and business's industry and commerce are more and more dependent on a few of several propositions made by former Dean H. L. Russell, of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture. People still eat only in a day. Meanwhile, as birth rates in nearly all civilized countries increase, agriculture constantly expands. Food quick transportation for food products from afar into direct competition with home grown supplies of consuming areas. Russell pointed out. The difference in economic level of production, due to cost of land, labor and the like, place America at a decided disadvantage in meeting world competition. He explained New Zealand farmers, Russell went on, had grass lands available the year around and almost no expense for dairy housing and shelter which in northern United States cost \$200 to \$300 per animal. With milking machines a New Zealand farmer and his boy can handle 50 or 75 cows. And there's a terrible sock at our foreign dairy markets. Too Much Wheat The wheat situation, according to Russell, is primarily due to enormous expansion of acreage in all countries where cheap land could be brought into use during the war. Huge expansions were made in Australia, Argentina, Canada and the United States. Russia has been a year or two who doubled or tripled their plants to scrub business. They mechanized the grain industry, too, further adding to surplus. To save paying out gold, European nations, especially in post-war years, have been making every effort to increase their own food supplies and buy less from America and other exporters. Now Russia comes along with limitless possibilities for wheat expansion and plenty of indication that she will take advantage of them. Already Russia has undertaken American cotton in the Manchester market; she expects to lead the world market as a buyer next year. Pre-war Russia imported between 500,000 and 600,000 tons of wheat a year, of which we supplied more than half. Now she has increased her own cotton production from 41,000 bales in 1921 to an estimated 3,500,000 bales in 1931. Consumption drops Then there is the factor of reduced consumption, especially of cereals, in Europe as well as America. Cereals in pre-war diets were much more important. Among countries using tariffs in the effort to grow their own food Germany has a duty of \$1.02 a bushel of wheat and France has raised its wheat duty 400 per cent in four years. Russell says world agriculture's obvious goal is to reduce production to existing need but that competing countries will not restrict acreage unless under an effective international agreement. At the recent London conference in London, the Home Soviet Russia flatly refused to accede to any agreement for acreage restriction.

TERRACE OVER GARAGE



(By the Associated Press) By providing seven rooms and a garage in an area 28 by 45 feet, this house offers a good example of practical modern architecture. It is planned for a lot of two levels, as indicated, in which case the top of the garage forms a terrace off the living room, but the design may be adapted to a level lot. The exterior finishing material is stucco in some suitable warm but faint tinting, such as light coral or a pale tone of yellow ochre. Window frames in red, violet purple or a shiny black would be attractive in the modern manner and contrast effectively with the wall material. Other combinations may suggest themselves. The overhanging second floor bedroom forms a covering at the entrance and becomes an interesting feature of the house. Another novel point of interest is the two-story window in the stair hall, which provides abundant light. A small group broke away, rushed to dormitory No. 4, Metzger said, tore straw from mattresses on the cot, and immediately set fire to it. Whipped by a vigorous southwest wind, the flames leaped quickly to three adjoining wooden structures. The heat wrecked high tension wires, crippling lighting circuits. There was only the dull red glow from the burning structures by which to quell the riot. Stop Spread of Flames While the guards battled in vain with the prisoners, who were still hurrying rocks, the Vandalla fire department arrived, and began keeping the flames from spreading to other buildings. Meanwhile Superintendent Metzger, who was visiting friends in Vandalla, rushed to the farm, taking charge, he ordered the prisoners to the southwest corner of the stockade. The prisoners meekly complied. Metzger said. From that moment, Metzger said, the rioting was done. Extinguishing of the flames, the assignment of prisoners to dormitories which were unharmed by the fire, and setting up of cots in the dining hall was undertaken. The prison guards were soon supplemented by national guardmen from Salem, Ill., and state highway patrolmen from throughout that section of the state. After an investigation today by Metzger and Col. Frank Whipp, superintendent of state prisoners, the farm head said the four prisoners would be turned over to Fayette county officials for trial in the circuit court on charges of attempting to escape. The penalty is one to five years. History Repeated The great fire in Rome, at which Nero fiddled, lasted for eight days in the year 64. In the year 1584, Rome again had a fire which lasted for eight days. Famous Locomotive The locomotive engine Sabine pulled the first train over Southern Pacific lines west of Morgan City, La., in 1878. In later years it was rebuilt and was in 1923 on display at Lafayette, La. England Grows Sweet Corn Sweet corn has been introduced with success into the Isle of Wight and into parts of southern England. Animal Jumping Record The palgo, or flying lemur, a native of the Indian archipelago, is said to be the champion jumper of animals, clearing about 300 feet on an inclined plane.

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INSURANCE One hundred insurance companies, during the past ten years, had an underwriting loss of one-tenth of one per cent. Yet they continue to flourish and multiply. For their profit they must depend upon their investment income, and in enhancement of the value of the securities they hold. Conditions under which insurance companies in this country do business are a tribute to the service they render. The fact that in many instances underwriting revenue does not quite pay claims and administrative costs is a clear indication that the insured is paying the minimum for his protection. Such companies are making it possible for the greatest number of people to enjoy the protection of insurance. Another service of great merit performed by insurance companies has to do with their investment policy. The funds they invest are turned into channels which they might never find if they were left to the use of their original owner. From insurance companies the farmer gets working capital, industry borrows money essential to its development, and individuals obtain funds for worthy purposes. Insurance companies are one of the largest factors in the investment market today, and the part they play in keeping the nation's currency at work is incalculable. So the profits that come from investments mean a great deal more than the obvious fact that the insurance companies make money on the savings of their policy holders.

CHEERFUL LETTERS Maybe you never thought of it, but a cheerful letter is a fine tonic; and it is no more work to write a cheerful letter than to write a gloomy one. Of course, some of us are better writers than others, but there is no reason why the ordinary letter cannot be cheerful; no reason why the ordinary writer, or even the poor writer, cannot sound a cheerful note while writing an ordinary letter. Cheer is a powerful force. The clever writer of business letters realizes that. He knows the psychological effect of a letter upon the reader is more important than the actual facts presented; and his letters, though mostly matter-of-fact in text, contain that hint of optimism and cheer that never fails to leave a good taste in the mouth of the reader. You are always glad to receive letters from certain people. Why? Because their letters are always cheerful, and you just feel good all over after reading them. On the other hand, some people seem determined to look upon the dark side of everything, and their attitudes are invariably reflected in the letters they send to their friends as business correspondents. A cheerful letter is like a beacon light to the weary traveler who has lost his way; it comes with all the refreshing sweetness of a summer morn.

INNOVATION IN REGULATION Government regulation of commercial aviation in the United States is chiefly concerned with the task of making the air safe for air-minded millions. The aeronautics branch of the department of commerce loses no opportunity to increase the precautions in the interests of safety. Under its new safety code "moral irresponsibility" is added to the causes for suspension or revocation of the licenses of owners and manufacturers of airplanes. It should prove an effective curb. Such a regulation is intended to meet such objectionable practices as the altering of approved specifications without securing official permission, and the selling of aircraft with guarantees that cannot be made good, as well as the sending up of passengers with pilots who are not properly licensed. The new code also restricts pilots to the operation of the class of plane for which they are licensed, and prohibits transport pilots from carrying passengers for hire in any except heavier-than-air ships of conventional design. This federal bureau is unique among regulatory agencies in that it has attempted nothing experimental, but bases its regulations on experience and practice. For this reason it advanced commercial aviation while regulating it, a gratifying innovation in government meddling.

In Washington By Herbert Plummer WASHINGTON—On D street in the northeast section of Washington—somewhat off the more familiar parts of the capital—will be found a government agency known as a coast and geodetic survey. The tip that James McNeill Whistler, acclaimed by some as the greatest of American artists, once worked there as a draftsman at something like \$1.50 a day recently sent us to investigate. Whistler's paintings are much in evidence around Washington and elsewhere. His name is known in all parts of the world. We were anxious to learn something of the days when he was just a government employee. It was not difficult. Whistler's name is almost a by-word around the place. There is one man—Capt. E. H. Packard—chief of the division of charts—who takes great pride in Whistler's association with the survey. He seems to know all the legends that have been handed down through the years about him.

SELDOM ON TIME Whistler came to Washington after poor marks at West Point had forced him out. He worked a year and then went to Europe. He was seldom on time for work and this caused his superiors no little concern. On his drawings of a strictly scientific nature, he was fond of inserting details of his own. In one instance, while drawing a map of an island in California, he put in a flock of geese. The geese were later deleted by official action. Whistler also had a habit of sketching whatever came to mind. Often these sketches would turn up in odd places. They would be found engraved on the margin of copper plates, on the walls of the building and in all sorts of places. The bars white walls leading to the superintendent's office had a special appeal for him. Caratures of the officials of the survey often would turn up in such places. GENIUS APPRECIATED Whistler's disregard for bureaucratic restrictions finally led to the termination of his work. In one instance, he himself said later that: "It was not that I arrived too late in the morning, but the office opened too early." But nevertheless his genius was appreciated. Within a month after his arrival, his name appeared as the designer of a sketch—a distinction never achieved by any other employee in such a short time in Washington. In the great art gallery in Washington now there is a plate known as "The Header" containing sketches on the edges of a survey subject which is regarded as "about perfect."

BUILDING TOTAL REACHES \$42,995 Four More Permits Issued During the Last Week at City Office. Building permits for the year reached a total of \$42,995 at the end of last week with the issuance of four more permits during the last seven days, for \$475 in new construction. The total at the end of April was \$32,520 and so far this month \$4,975 has been added. Permits issued last week at the city office follow: May 19—Edward Streiff, to alter and repair a garage on Jefferson between Greenwood and Hemlock streets, work to cost \$25. May 21—Frank Cleavinger, to alter and repair a home on F avenue, between Second and Third streets, work to cost \$200. May 22—Errett House to erect a garage on Cedar street between Adams and Washington avenues, to cost \$20. May 23—Charles W. Hagdale, to erect a dwelling place on H avenue between First and Second streets, to cost \$250.

Convicts at Vandalla in Night Riot (Continued from Page One) stockade, according to Metzger, watching the escape. One of them, pressed close to the inner fence, fell when a stray bullet fired by the guard outside inflicted a slight wound. This served as a signal for the general outbreak. With a roar the prisoners began hurling rocks at the guard despite their marching the quartet down the fence, through a passageway and into the administration building. With this the prisoners entered their rooms at the offices and the dining halls.

COVE PERSONALS By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVE, (Special)—Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Creasey, of Pendleton, arrived in Cove Wednesday at the location at the Ascension school grounds. Mr. Creasey is getting everything in readiness for the summer school that will begin June 8 and continue for ten days. Rev. William Murray Bradner who lived in Cove a few years ago, but now of Boston, Mass., will arrive in Baker Saturday, May 23. He will visit many of the parishes in the district going from Baker to Vale, Ontario, Nyssa and then to Pendleton, Hood River and The Dalles before coming to Cove June 8 to teach in the summer school. Mrs. J. Mills spent Mon., Tues. and Wednesday on the examining board at La Grande correcting examination papers for the county. Mrs. Mills is eighth grade teacher in Cove and eight of her class of nine pupils passed the examination. Those completing the elementary course were:

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Reynolds Back At Ladder Top At Golf Course M. L. Nelson and Mrs. Jack Murphy were winners in the mixed four-ball foursome tournament played yesterday at the country club golf course, scoring a net of 157. Miss Edna Jones and Sherwood Williams settled 161 for second place and Aug. J. Stange and his daughter, Anne, scored third with a 163 net. About 30 couples participated in the tournament which was one of the three played Sunday. In the ball sweepstakes for men, G. L. Larson was first with a net of 70. His card was 84 and handicap 14. E. Kinzel, with an 81-10-71, and Charles Reynolds, with a 78-7-71, tied for second and third. A feature of the day was Mr. Reynolds regaining his position at the top of the ladder by defeating Mr. Kinzel. Some of the best golf shot this season took place in the match, which ended with Mr. Reynolds one up. In the first round of the spring handicap tournament, R. E. Cate won from Chase Bohnenkamp, four and three; Sherwood Williams defeated

Four Students From La Grande Will Graduate OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 25 (Special)—Four students from La Grande will receive their bachelor of science degrees at the sixty-second annual commencement exercises here June 1, when 542 students will make up the largest class ever to be graduated from Oregon State college. President W. J. Kerr will preside at this twenty-third commencement exercise when he will confer their degrees upon 36 advanced students, 12 pharmaceutical chemist degrees and 496 bachelor of science degrees. The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. W. C. Thompson, president emeritus of Ohio State university. Dr. Herbert S. Johnson of Boston will deliver the baccalaureate address Friday, May 29, in the men's gymnasium. He is a former Oregonian and spoke to the graduating class here three years ago. Valette Hayer will receive her degree in the school of commerce. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary fraternity in education; Phi Chi Theta, national honorary fraternity in commerce for women, and received third prize in the Adolphe Wolfe essay contest on business problems. She is a member of the business staff of the Barometer, college daily paper, was president of Zeta Tau Alpha, national social sorority, a member of Spurs, sophomore service honor society, served on the senior class gift committee and participated in interclass volleyball. Hope Inlow will receive her degree in the school of vocational education, and Irvy Charlton will be graduated in home economics and is a member of "Soc" hall club.

Chet Thompson, two up; Harvey Bygren from Guy Ellis, four and three; Charles Ginger beat W. C. Perkins by default; M. C. Reynolds was victor over W. H. Reuter, four and three; A. W. Nelson won from John Theisen, two and one in 38 holes (they were all square at the 18th and 27th); L. D. McCoy won from John Theisen by default; L. K. Hazel defeated M. L. Nelson four up; C. R. Seitz beat W. C. Williams, one up; Charles Reynolds downed Ray P. Murphy, one up; G. L. Larson won from Harry Zurbrick, four and three; Jack Murphy beat Hal Bohnenkamp, three and two; and Norman Price won from H. Smith by default. The Pendleton golf club will send a team of about 50 players to La Grande next Sunday for an inter-city match, and on Friday the women golfers will journey to Baker. Eight motorcycle races will be run at Richmond, Va., as a sports feature of Memorial day. Two will be for national honors.

TOMORROW "Strangers May Kiss" Have you seen our Teacher: "What did 'How you gettin' on stacks? All painted Sir Walter Raleigh wid youah 'rithmetic. up dark green with say to the Queen Lou? white tops. They when he spread his 'Well, I done learned come in several dif- cloak on the muddy to add up de oughts, ferent lengths. road for her to walk but de fingers bodder me." Gangster (to son): Modern Pupil: "Step on it kid." Before the hot days really get here, why me catch you playing that has turned hard don't you put BAL- with those good little and appears work- SAM WOOL in be- boys again." less, try a 10c pack- tween the ceiling Nothing improves the It cleans 'em out and You would be sur- appearance of a home softens 'em up. prised how much as much as lattice work. We have bottles cooler your home on lattice and picket would be this summer fences, trellis work, and how much easier etc. Free for the ask- to heat next winter. ing. We Sell to Sell Again.

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