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Itself in Portland's behalf, or one class of taxpayers, the motorists, carry the burden of Portland's unemployment. Relatively Portland is no worse off than other community. — Salem Capital Journal.

WHY CHANGE HORSES IN MID-STREAM

The fact is frequently mentioned that while in private business administration the United States leads the world; in public business it stands at the foot of the class.

There are many reasons for this. Probably most important is that young men of ambition and ability, seldom if ever choose to enter public life. They enter business or one of the professions. As a result professional office holders as a class, are made up largely of time servers and incompetents. We have no trained public service class, as they have in England and Germany, for example.

Another reason is our established practice of turning out our public service personnel every few years, and replacing them largely by untried men.

What would become of a business corporation that followed that practice?—Let all its trained men out at the end of two years or four years regardless of whether they had given satisfaction or not, and start in to train a new and inexperienced group?

The consequent waste and lost motion would put such a corporation out of the running in no time.

But that is what we do in public business. That is what we are about to do in the coming election.

Realizing the folly of such procedure, a practice has gradually grown up in this country of returning men to public office who have demonstrated their competence, honesty and ability.

This is good sense, absolutely sound public policy, and for the sake of good government, should always be borne in mind, at election time. — Medford Mail Tribune.

OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

Smaller Crop Of Pigs This Year In Wallowa Co.

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent)
WALLOWA, Ore. (Special) — A. W. Johnson, shipping director of the Wallowa County Stock Marketing Association, the latter part of last week loaded out a car of fat hogs from Lostine. Due to less fattening during the past few weeks only occasional shipments of hogs have been made by the association. Those having a few hogs which were about ready for marketing felt it an excellent time to take advantage of the slight rise in prices.

Present indications are that considerably fewer spring pigs may be raised in this community than was the case last year. Beginning with last fall a smaller number of brood sows were held over for spring farrowing and with many of the litters coming during the month of March rather poor luck has been experienced in saving the pigs. In some instances whole litters coming during the cold stormy weather, were lost. There has also been a rather heavy loss of late fall pigs at some of the farms in the community from various causes.

There is still quite a shortage of feed among many of the farmers of the community. With frequent hay shipments reaching here, during the past several weeks many have purchased a few tons of hay to tide them through until they were able to get their stock on grass. However, with feeding still necessary at the greater part of the farms, the small supplies are rapidly being depleted and a steady call for small lots of hay is reported. There has been a considerably better demand for barley and oats for feeding purposes, according to some of the farmers who have had grain of this kind for sale. Some recent sales of feed barley have been made at \$30 per ton.

A community school meeting was scheduled for March 22 at the High school here for the purpose of further discussion of the matter of consolidation of some of the rural schools of the community with the town school. The plan is said to have been favored by some of the people in the outside districts, while others are not impressed with the idea believing that it will likely mean somewhat higher taxes.

Gerald Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harmon who live in the hills northeast of Lostine, underwent an operation recently at the local hospital for appendicitis, his condition was considered very serious at first, however, latest reports are that he is getting along quite satisfactorily.

A considerable number of men have left here recently for Impaha and Snake river sheep camps in an effort to secure work through the lambing season. Among those leaving the early part of the week were Irvn Gastin and Cal Hetrick and on Friday Bob Couch, Clarence Evans and Duard Scott left for the river.

Sam Meek was at the John Bales farm at Leap, the early part of the week getting a load of feed grain. Fred Rinehart and some members of the county road crew were working on the Leap road recently cleaning out a snowbank which blocked the road in the canyon west of the Frank Walker farm.

James Anderson started working at John Couch's the first of last week. Frank Walker, of Leap, was an Eschscholtz business visitor on the latter part of the week. Mr. Walker expects to move from his present home in the Leap community this spring and is looking for a farm to lease at present.

Some of the residents of the Leap section have been able to use their cars some during the past week or two in making weekly trips into town. Sometime ago the most of the snow was removed from the market road leading into the community and the large amount of rain which fell recently has melted away the remaining snow and settled the road bed quite well.

Lambing is starting among some of the other sheep flocks of this section. The most of the small farm flocks which started lambing in late January and February have finished at this time. While a considerable loss of lambs was suffered in the mid winter lambing, many report around 100 per cent lambs saved and in most instances the lambs have made a fairly good growth despite the lack of early grass. Several have been feeding the lambs and are well pleased with results obtained in this manner.

Roy Gastin was at John Bales the latter part of the week getting some barley for feeding purposes. Dee Gastin visited a few days the last of the week at the John Bales home in Leap. J. D. Slaughter who is farming the J. H. Hain ranches in the Parson creek section was a business visitor in town the latter part of the week. He reports the

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now disappearing quite rapidly in that part of the community and says the grass is beginning to get quite well started on the south slopes.

PORTLAND CASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 23 (P)—Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem 61½c. Soft white 52c. Western white 52c. Hard winter 50c. Northern spring 50c. Western red 50c. Oats: No. 2 white \$22.50. Today's car receipts: wheat 24; flour 4; corn 1; hay 3.

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DOES WAR PAY?

The World war has cost the United States fifty-one billion dollars, according to former Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon, and it will have cost us nearly a hundred billion before we are through paying, because of the enormous interest charges.

No sane person believes that we, or any other nation, gained results that are worth anywhere near the cost of the war. So a great many people today are comforting themselves with the thought that there will be no more great wars because war never pays.

They point to Japan (which evidently failed to learn the lesson from the World war) and show how dearly she is paying for her doubtful gains in Manchuria and Eastern China.

And it is certain that modern methods of warfare are so costly that they defeat their own ends. Nations are coming to realize more clearly that in any war both sides lose.

But war does pay! It pays those industries and individuals which supply the needs of armies and navies — and it pays lavishly. Every war creates new millionaires.

Right there is one of the principal roots of war, and that root must be cut if we ever expect to enjoy the blessings of peace on this earth.

It has been proven that certain manufacturers of arms, munitions, and aircraft have paid thousands of dollars for the spread of propaganda intended to break up international disarmament conferences! They put profits above everything else.

Admiral Samuel McGowan, who was purchasing agent for the navy during the World war, had an excellent opportunity to observe the greed and profiteering of that period, and he now urges legislation to make war unprofitable. Here is his plan:

"Amend the constitution so as to require that before war can be declared or participated in (except only in the event of attack or invasion) there shall be a referendum:

"That if a majority of the votes be cast for peace, there the matter ends; if for war, every able bodied male citizen between the ages of 18 and 35 shall be drafted, and

"That from the day war is declared until peace is finally concluded, no price or wage shall exceed what it was 90 days prior to the declaration.

"That all profits in excess of five per cent shall be forfeited to the government, and that no person, firm, or corporation shall in peacetime or wartime be received as a contractor who is not a manufacturer, or a regular dealer, of the articles to be supplied — regular dealer being none other than one who, at the time the offer is submitted, either owns outright the articles offered or dependably controls their source of supply."

The nations must adopt some such measures soon if the will of the masses is to be respected. Otherwise the greed of a few will continue to spread the propaganda that causes the slaughter of thousands.

Other Papers Say:

PLAIN SPEAKING

Declaring it is time for plain speaking, the Oregonian asserts it is the duty of the state highway commission to continue its winter emergency relief work to provide for the unemployed in Portland, even though it is admittedly bad policy to plunge the state further into debt.

This is much the same talk heard in congress where the argument is that a bankrupt treasury must talk further into debt to give federal relief to the unemployed, as the states and communities have exhausted their resources — a proposal the Oregonian disapproves.

The Oregonian continues: Fifteen thousand men who are heads of families in Portland are out of work and without means of support for themselves and their dependents. Some of them are at the verge of desperation. Conditions are not improving here. Unless they do improve these necessities will have to be faced and met. If thousands in destitution are told that the relief program in their behalf has come

to an end they are neither going to remain calm about it indefinitely nor how substantial they are. We who have shall do ourselves no good if we withdraw into a fool's paradise.

This is perhaps the best picture of Hoover prosperity yet presented. It will be remembered that Mr. Hoover in his Palo Alto speech assured the country that his election was all that was necessary to abolish poverty. He said:

Unemployment in the sense of distress is widely disappearing... We in America today are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land. The poor house is vanishing from among us. We have not yet reached the goal, but, given a chance to go forward with the policies of the last eight years, and we shall soon, with the help of God, be in sight of the day when poverty will be banished from this nation. There is no guaranty against poverty equal to a job for every man. That is the primary purpose of the economic policies we advocate.

We see how the miracle worked out, with Portland, the richest city in Oregon which has not begun to tap her own resources for relief of the unemployed clamoring for state aid. In the metropolis is concentrated most of the wealth of the state. Until Portland has exhausted her resources, her citizens should not demand some department of the state bankrupt

Canal Long Projected

The project for the construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama is practically 400 years old. Balboa and other Spanish explorers broached the subject to the emperor of Spain in the early years of the sixteenth century, and surveys were made between 1515 and 1525. The demand for a canal, however, did not become insistent until the beginning of the Nineteenth century, with the introduction of steam navigation.

Named for Configuration

The name of the ancient Greek city Sparta is derived from a Greek verb meaning "to scatter," connected with English "sparse" and "disperse." The name was given because of the scattered, irregular form of the old city of Sparta.

Amherst Student Disappears



A search was instituted for John S. Wright, 17-year-old freshman student, following his disappearance from Amherst college. He's a member of a wealthy Santa Barbara, Cal., family.

Peruvian Plotter Sentenced to Die



Death was the sentence that a court martial pronounced upon youthful, smiling Jose Melgar Marquez, convicted of an attempt to assassinate President Luis M. Cerro of Peru. Here Marquez is pictured after his arrest as a rebel plotter in December. Government agents suspected him of being a figure in a widespread Communist revolutionary conspiracy.

RUSH RELIEF TO STRICKEN AREAS TODAY

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shaped black cloud, flying timbers, then oblivion.

The death list near Cartersville, Ga., was increased to 11 today as rescue workers reached an isolated mountain district and found 20 farm houses in ruins. Here the workers learned Alfred Bightower, 23-year-old farmer, had been killed and 14 hurt.

Thousands Hurt

Estimates of the injured ran as

high as 2500 while the homeless were estimated upward of 7000.

A dawn check of fatalities, which have increased steadily since first reports of seven dead Monday, disclosed 246 known killed in Alabama today, 35 in Georgia, 18 in Tennessee, 2 in South Carolina and 2 in Kentucky for a total of 303 in the five states struck by storms.

Relief workers sent back reports of some of the additional dead after they made their way over storm littered roads to aid communities laid flat by the freakish spring winds. Other reports came as regions isolated by the blasts were able to reestablish communication lines. And still others

followed the search of wreckage. The hundreds of homeless had a wave of cold weather added to their discomforts and farmers over the hardest hit areas faced the prospect of a planting season without shelter, implements or livestock.

As highways were opened today, injured were removed from make-shift hospitals in churches, courthouses and other available buildings pressed into emergency service, to hospitals in the larger cities.

National guardsmen hurried tents, cots and blankets to the devastated areas of Alabama while welfare agencies solicited food and clothing for survivors. Rescue and relief workers called on every available resource to aid the stricken.

Gulls For Contributions Governor B. M. Miller of Alabama, issued a formal proclamation calling on the people of the state to contribute to the relief of storm sufferers and the Red Cross organized for speedy aid to the injured.

National guardsmen patrolled Tuscaloosa and Talladega counties in Alabama to prevent looting and patrols were established at Northport and Sylacauga. An airplane was sent to Lineville, Ala., to survey storm damage there and in surrounding Clay county towns and a truck was held in readiness at Montgomery to send out supplies if needed.

There were reports of damage from high winds in states bordering those hardest struck.

Today chief efforts were devoted to caring for the injured and providing shelter for the homeless.

PEACE WORK AT SHANGHAI THREATENED

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parleys would be delayed at least until Thursday.

Japanese authorities expressed concern over the move, declaring they believed the situation might be more deep-seated than appeared.

An opinion was freely expressed among the public that the Chinese military leaders were anxious to escape participating in the parleys, believing they would be subjected to criticism regardless of the outcome.

Meanwhile the League of Nations commission of inquiry, which had intended to stay here until a truce was assured, arranged today to leave for Nanking on Saturday.

Commission to Divide On the way it will split into two groups, one going to Nanking and the other stopping off to visit the Hangchow airbase where bombs were dropped by Japanese planes. This group will join the others at Nanking later.

For the past two days the commissioners have been studying the local situation with the Chinese and foreign authorities. Japanese business men also have been consulted.

At Nanking they will remain until the end of the month before going to Peiping.

BLOODY CLASH IN MANCHURIA

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, Mar. 23 (P)—A new battle, in which five Japanese and 42 Chinese were killed, broke out today in the widespread revolt in Kirin province against the new Manchurian state.

It was the fourth encounter in 24 hours and occurred at Tsachiatun, 35 miles southwest of here on the South Manchuria railway. The revolt is reported to be under the direction of Tsing Hai, anti-Japanese war lord.

Japanese forces said the Chinese retreated after the encounter. More than 150 were reported killed yesterday in battles at Nanhuto, Huangniho and Tatun.

Newest Justice of Highest Court



Newest member of the highest court of the land, Benjamin N. Cardozo, former Chief Justice of the New York Court of Appeals, is shown above (right) as he arrived at the capitol to be sworn in as an Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. With him is Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes. Justice Cardozo succeeded to the post vacated by the retirement of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

"I Don't Mean to Hurry You, But—"



While nearly a score of "rent strikers" were evicted from their apartments in the Bronx, New York, a heavy police guard was kept busy clearing the street of communist picketers. This picture shows one woman strike sympathizer—and her banner—being hastily escorted from the scene.

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