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Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth: Sing forth the glory of his name: Make his praise glorious.—Psalm 66:1, 2.

## DECLAMATORY CONTEST

The people of La Grande and Union county will have the opportunity, next Saturday evening, to witness a type of entertainment which has become almost uncommon in the past decade or two. Pupils of the several high schools, outside of La Grande, and of the grade schools, both rural and urban, outside of La Grande, will appear on the platform of the Normal school auditorium in the annual county declamatory contest.

Saturday evening's program will be the result of many weeks of hard work on the part of both teachers and students. The fact that such contests demand so much time and effort may be one reason that they are becoming rare in this busy, modern age. Each grade school held its own contest in order to select its best talent; then all the schools in the county were divided into three zones, and contests in each of these zones eliminated all but the three best contestants in each class. The high schools have held separate contests and each will enter its two best speakers.

The young people who are taking part in these contests are doing so mainly from the natural desire to excel and to attain recognition for honest effort and worthy talent. But the parents and teachers, who have been co-operating in the preliminary contests, assure us that even those who do not excel are certain to obtain great benefit from the declamatory work.

In learning their declamations these school students become familiar with really good things in literature, providing the teachers made wise selections of material; and they receive the very best training in the interpretation of literature — training which will help them to get more enjoyment out of their reading and their personal experiences in later life.

The contest also teaches the youngsters that not all can be winners; and one cannot learn too early how to put forth every effort to win and then take a loss philosophically. People who witnessed last year's contest were impressed by the modesty of the winners and the cheerfulness of the losers.

And winners and losers alike receive benefit from the opportunity of appearing before a large audience and learning to exercise poise, self-control, and stage presence. How many adults now wish they could have learned in their youth to face an audience without becoming nervous, excited, and ill at ease?

## SHORT SELLING

The question whether or not a man ought to be permitted to sell stock that he does not own is evidently about to become one of the leading issues of the day.

The administration at Washington wants the right restricted; officials of the New York Stock Exchange oppose this plan. And the ordinary man, vaguely distrustful of both politicians and stockbrokers, does not always have a very clear notion of what all the shooting is about.

Short-selling is one of those ingenious devices that only a race of very clever traders could ever have thought of. It works like this. You order your broker to sell for you a certain quantity of some stock. You own none of the stock, and on the following day you must deliver the quantity sold to the purchaser. To do this, you simply borrow it from your broker, who is holding it for some unsuspecting third party.

You have now fulfilled your obligation to the purchaser, but you must make good on your borrowing from the broker; so you go into the market and buy stock in order to make delivery to him.

Obviously, the only way in which this is going to be profitable for you is for the price of the stock to decline between the time you make your original sale and the time you have to buy stock to cover your borrowing. If the price does go down, you make money; if, as now and then happens, it goes up, you lose. If it goes up far enough, you lose your shirt.

The short-seller, consequently, is interested in seeing prices decline. He thrives on calamity. Frequently, when he sells in large enough quantities, he brings about the very decline that he is looking for.

Stock market experts insist that this custom has its uses. It tends, they say, to keep prices from rising above a reasonable relationship to real values; it tends to keep declines from going to undue extremes, since the "shorts," sooner or

later, must buy heavily. It gives the market a needed flexibility.

But its possible abuses are obvious. Unless a very well-reasoned defense can be set up, the general public will probably agree that a curb is needed.

A self-made man is one who selected a wife that made him work.

## Other Papers Say:

### THE MINISTER FEATURE

The Lindbergh kidnaping case reveals a most amazing breakdown of the administration of justice, with the federal, state and local police running around impotently in circles, with every move recorded and no results. And at the same time a sinister willingness to compromise with crime prevails.

The distracted father appeals to the underworld with "contacts" established through gang leaders; clergymen volunteer as go-betweens to assure immunity with abduction; racketeering kings like Al Capone offer assistance from behind prison bars; degenerate slayers like Loeb and Leopold offer from Joliet their "insight into criminal minds"; convicted murderers at Sing Sing offer the benefits of their experience as kidnapers; a woman under death sentence volunteers her "woman's intuition"; even ex-Secretary Fall is welcomed as a master-mind in "handling under-cover financial affairs"; the Indiana grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, serving life sentence for killing a girl, offers to rally the forces of the "Invisible Empire" to seek the baby, etc., etc. And no results after a month of frenzied antics.

As the Toronto Globe comments: "The police are being crowded out of the picture. They are merely officials of the state, nominal agents of the law; but helpless. The deplorable aspect of this whole business is that it is being seriously discussed in the press and by the public. Compromising with crime does not seem to be regarded as a terrible thing. But there must be in the republic a strong-if silent so far—element of the population that is shocked by such action; such yielding to a power that works underground, in the dark. This capitulation to the agencies of evil may be what is required to arouse the national conscience. The republic is in the midst of a crisis, and in such circumstances there generally is an unmistakable assertion of the common sense of the people as a whole. For the sake of the reputation of a great country there must be action—and at once."—Salem Capital Journal.

### BUYERS SPEAK ON ADVERTISING

Anxious to learn at first hand what kind of advertising was most effective, the Chattanooga, Tenn., chamber of commerce conducted a survey by sending out questionnaires to local families. The questions covered preference between the various advertising mediums. Each one was asked to vote for a first, second and third choice. The returns follow:

1st	2d	3d
Chattanooga newspapers	158	27
Circular letters	5	14
Handbills	3	9
Billboards	0	4
Mail orders catalogues	1	6
Friends' suggestion	5	23
Window displays	88	91
Radio	7	16

It will be noted that newspapers received about three times as many first choice votes as all others combined, while most of those who did not vote for newspapers for first choice voted for window displays, a splendid means of advertising which is in no sense competitive with the papers. Almost every merchant who is wide awake enough to prepare fine window displays will be noted that the media competing with the press got very, very few first choice votes. The failure of radio to impress the Chattanooga people was especially significant.—Baker Democrat-Herald.

### Teachers employed in the schools at The Dalles are to be required to abstain from the use of tobacco in any form, according to the Chronicle.

In the past, contracts with the school board at The Dalles have had a clause forbidding teachers to use intoxicants but this year the anti-tobacco rule has been added.—Pebbleton East Oregonian.

His defeat is almost certain, but in fairness to Mr. Hoover it should be said that the same fate would be in store for any other man unfortunate enough to be president at this time.—Weston Leader.

## In Washington

By Herbert Franmer  
WASHINGTON — On the day that the veteran of the house — white-haired, kindly, 73-year-old Gilbert N. Haugen — broke all records for continuous service in the house at 33 years and 20 days he revealed how near he came to missing the distinction he enjoys today.

It was back in 1898 when Haugen, then 39 and fresh from six years as treasurer of his home county and two terms in the Iowa legislature, went to the fourth district Republican convention at New Hampton with aspirations to come to Washington.

There opposing him was Thomas Updegraff, who had represented that district for four terms in the house, as well as another candidate by the name of Bland.

"In a three cornered race," said Haugen, "almost anything can happen. This was no exception."

The convention started balloting. They continued all day, through the night until 3 o'clock in the morning. By that time 365 ballots had been taken without a selection, so an adjournment was ordered.

"The next morning I went in to the convention confident. I was not to be disappointed. When the 368th ballot was counted, I had won and started on a congressional career that was to bring me 17 successive re-elections, dean of the house and the champion 'house sifter' of all time."

It was typical of Haugen to say on the day he broke the house record that he could do as much work on the farm now as he ever did.

Both in his public and private life agriculture has exerted at all times a profound influence on him.

At the age of 9 he fitted out to work for his brother to be paid as many dollars a month as he was old. This rate of pay continued until he was 12, when he began the task of supporting himself and getting an education.

Battles For Farmer  
Before he was 19 he had bought a farm of his own. Frugal habits had enabled him to save \$50, and he lent this out at interest. This transaction impressed him with the possibilities of banking. So later he became one of the organizers of a banking company and has since served as president.

In congress his activity has been marked by unceasing battles for the farmer and farm relief. He has devoted much of his attention to farm legislation.

The McNary-Haugen bill, containing the famed equalization fee, passed by congress twice and vetoed as many times by President Coolidge, is evidence of his abiding interest in this subject.

While chairman of the agricultural committee he sponsored much legislation relating to the farming industry, including, besides the farm relief bill, the packer control and stockyards act.

## BONUS MEASURE IS EXPECTED TO PASS THE HOUSE

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Representative Patman, Democrat, Tex., and Rankin, Democrat, Mississippi, that new currency be issued to make new bonus payments as "too absurd to discuss."

"I understand the secretary of the treasury has suggested if such notes are issued they carry the picture of Representative Patman on one side, Fish said. "My amendment would be that they place Rankin's picture on the other side."

"Rankin's statement that all that is necessary is to issue new paper money was inconceivable to me. The same principle would apply to balancing the budget, and if his argument bore any weight we would only have to issue new money to balance the budget."

Fish said he had told the president it was his opinion that over one-half of the veterans in the house were opposed to additional bonus legislation, adding he believed that "any attempt to appropriate \$2,400,000,000 for this purpose in the present national emergency would knock the props from under the entire program of national economy and would destroy economic confidence."

### Synthetic

When synthetic rubber is added to synthetic gas, all we will need is a synthetic automobile.—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

### Presidential Adviser

The attorney general of the United States is the official whose duty it is to advise the President, when requested, on the legality of any actions he may desire to take.

### From the Greek

The term "gas" was invented by the chemist Van Helmont of Brussels, who died in 1684. He applied it to a supposed vapor produced from water by cold. Its form was suggested to him by the Greek word chaos.

### Cattle Swim Well

Cattle like most hoofed animals, are good swimmers, and have often been known to swim several hundred yards. The distance would depend somewhat on the current or roughness of the water.

### Man's Greatest Invention?

The art of alphabetical writing is perhaps the most important invention made by man.

## SEEDS

## GARDEN TOOLS

It's time to check your requirements.

SEE US!

## BOHNENKAMP'S

## Alter Irish Reply To British Note

DUBLIN, Mar. 31 (AP) — The Press association reported today that a serious difference of opinion had developed in the Free State cabinet over the Irish reply to the British note regarding the oath to the crown and the land annuities.

## WALLOWA PERSONALS

By G. C. Neek (Observer Correspondent)

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Judging from reports heard from various parts of the community the stormy, backward weather has not had any serious effects on the ground squirrel population. Many of the farmers in the hill sections say the rodents appear to be more plentiful than for a number of years. A considerable amount of poisoning was done at many of the farms a few weeks ago when the first squirrels began to appear, and fairly good success was experienced in getting many of them. However, since the ground has become bare in many places they do not seem to be taking to the poisoned grain very readily.

L. W. Minor, who has part of his sheep on range in the McDonald pasture a few miles east of town, reports the loss of several lambs recently when coyotes get into the band during the early morning hours.

Frank Walker, of Leap, was an Enterprise business visitor the latter part of the week. He made a trip to the Alder slope section looking over a ranch with view to leasing it this year.

Charles McCauley, one of the pioneer residents of the Troy section, has been visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marion McCrae, during the past few days. Mr. McCauley has been at Enterprise part of the past week doing jury duty. He reports feed becoming quite short with many of the stockmen of Troy and says grass has been rather slow in getting started on the brakes, but that much of the stock has been turned out at this time.

Mrs. Kate Gastin spent the week-end visiting at the T. M. Gastin home. Miss Olivia Rurchfield, who has been visiting the past week at the Meek home in Leap, returned to La Grande the latter part of the week, being called there by the death of her uncle, William Eckstein, of Elgin.

Bob Walker arrived here recently from Idaho for a visit with home folks. He is a son of Frank Walker, of the Leap community.

Pete and Bill Cramer were making preparations the last of the week for having their band of sheep to range in the Bear creek section. They report the grass beginning to get started fairly well on the range there.

Frank Mingel, of La Grande, has been helping C. W. Marshall cut and load wood at Wade point. A number of cars of wood have been loaded out from this camp during the past few weeks. The wood is being shipped to La Grande.

### Old Formula

The Manchester Guardian quoted "the editor of one of the earliest of South African newspapers" on how to bag lions in the Kalahari desert, as follows: "The Kalahari is principally composed of sand and lions. First sift the sand through a large sieve when only the lions will remain. These you place in a bag carried for your purpose."

### Action of Dynamite

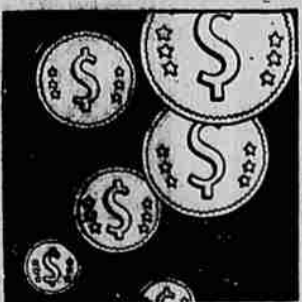
Dynamite explodes under certain conditions even though no spark or flame is present. It is sensitive to blows, and this sensitivity increases with the temperature so that, according to Essler, at 350 degrees Fahrenheit, the fall on it of a dime will explode it.

### Chinese Fancy

The Bus of the white shark, most vicious of all sharks and most feared by man, are prized by the Chinese, who use them in making soup.

### Darwin's Error

Mr. Darwin couldn't have been right. No matter how much you pet a monkey, it doesn't try to boss you.—Hamilton (Ohio) Journal.



## EXTRA MONEY

YOU can use it can't you? Why not sell some of those things you no longer have use for — you can do it with a Want-Ad in the

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## PRESBYTERIANS HOLD MEETING

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years who are to serve together with those whose terms have not yet expired are Lynne Bohnenkamp, Harley Stoneking and S. B. Morgan. W. C. Perkins tendered his resignation as a trustee and Walter Liesman was elected to fill the vacancy.

Due to a system of rotation adopted for the board of deacons and board of elders two years ago, those who had served a full term of three years were not eligible for re-election for one year. Mrs. Lynne Bohnenkamp, Miss Hulda Anderson and Mrs. C. A. Bingham were elected deacons. C. E. Anderson, H. R. Hanna, John Bennett and Ralph Clark were elected to serve three years as elders.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to L. E. Moe who retired as trustee after some 20 years of continuous service.

Rev. J. Geo. Wain, who has just completed his fifth year in the pastorate of the Presbyterian church officiated as moderator of the congregational meeting and Dr. J. L. Ingle as chairman of the meeting of the corporation.

## WILBUR SPEAKS FOR CHANGE IN TRADE STATUTES

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Wilbur said the government has a direct interest in controlling production as an owner of enormous quantities of natural resources.

Stelwer proposed an amendment which would more emphatically bestow upon the natural resource industries the right to make agreements for controlling production, saying if this were incorporated, he would drop a separate measure introduced by him to accomplish a similar end.

The anti-trust laws were criticized by Charles F. Abbott, executive director of the American Institute of Steel Construction, who testified in favor of the bill.

He said "destructive competition" in industry has resulted in "ten million working men walking the streets looking in vain for work" because agreements to check such competition are not permitted.

Abbott also charged recipients of government construction contracts are engaging in "vicious bid-peddling" under which they "auction off" sub-contracts and by "preying upon the disorganized state of industry," force sub-contracts through "at prices 20 to 25 per cent below the figure represented by what the government was paying for the job."

Mentioning specifically a Portland, Oregon, postoffice contract, Abbott said in answer to questions from members of the sub-committee that the general contractor (often is not a contractor at all but merely a broker) who "sets himself up in a hotel room" and "starts the bid-peddling."

"The sub-contractor," he said, "suffers the loss."

### Words Most Used

Although there are 450,000 live words, the, of, that, it, I, is, and, to, a, and in comprise 25 per cent of all the words used in spoken and written communications.



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## Extra Values For Friday and Saturday

### Macaroni

4 lbs. . . . . 19c

### Kraut

Hillsdale  
No. 2 1/2 Cans  
2 cans . . . . . 25c

### Oysters

Gulf Kist  
No. 1 Cans  
3 cans . . . . . 35c

### Pancake Flour

Sperry's  
9-lb. sack . . 53c

### BUTTER

Local Creamery  
2 lb. roll 49c

### Pineapple

Broken Sliced  
No. 2 1/2 Tins  
2 tins . . . 25c

### CARNATION Oats

Non-Premium  
Pkg. . . . 21c

### Soap

White Laundry  
10 bars . 25c

### Salt

Iodized  
2 pkgs. . . . 15c

### Sandwich Spread

Flavor Foods  
1/2 pt. . . . . 19c

### Coffee

McClay's Best  
Our Finest Quality  
3 lbs. . . . . \$1.00

### Wheaties

3 pkgs. . . . 33c

## Try Our Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

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2 lbs. for . . . 25c

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Nice size  
Per head . 15c

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4 lbs. for . . . 19c