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that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and his wonderful works to the children of men. — Psalm 21.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC

The high school band left this morning on its journey toallis where it will enter the state high school music nament. The excellent performance of the musicians in arsing their contest numbers at the assembly yesterday ping was ample proof of the careful training they have ived and of their worthiness to enter the state contest. nd the large number of townspeople who packed the torium to capacity at that assembly was unmistakable ence of the popular appreciation of the value of music e public schools.

ore high school students are participating in the band, estra, and glee club activities this year than ever before e history of the school; and they are accomplishing e, too. The young people enjoy their musical training e, but they will realize its true value only in later life; e they will find that music was one of the most important s of their education.

the face of this ever increasing interest in music, dised by students and parents alike, it is strange indeed that ain members of our school board propose to eliminate ic from our schools next year.

uch action is dictated, they say, by the necessity of pracg economy in school administration. But all of of the on's great educators are warning us that there is great er in eliminating entire departments from the school gram; that if we must economize, we should cut a little n each department, thus keeping our program well baland able to serve the best interests of all students, even ough the facilities are decidedly curtailed.

he majority of the school students and the majority of r parents are emphatically in favor of continuing the artment of music in the schools next year. And even the ple who have no children in the schools have expressed et at the elimination of that phase of education.

The citizens of La Grande refused to allow the municipald to disintegrate. Hundreds of them were willing to pay d cash to prevent it. The people of La Grande have ind that they can get what they want if they only get toher and go after it. It is almost certain that they will o to it that the opportunities of musical training are not ied our young people next year.

THE MORAL SIDE

When Dr. William Oxley Thompson, president emeritus of io State University, told an audience of college men the er day that the real issues facing the country today are t economic but moral, a good many of his hearers probab ed themselves to a skeptical "Oh, yeah?"

Industry is stagnant, agriculture is on the rocks, millions en are out of work and there are breadlines in every city and the main issues are not economic? It is easy to be eptical about that statement.

And yet, when you stop to think about it, there is a whole t of truth in it. We are reaping, just now, that which e sowed during the decade following the Armistice; and we d the sowing with both eyes fixed on the main chance, ith economic issues uppermost in our minds, with all moral sues utterly forgotten — and look what it brought us!

In a material way, civilization took a long step forward uring those years. Men learned how to produce more things an ever before. They learned how to sell things more ickly and more widely. They learned how to let machines o the hard work that human muscles used to have to do, hey learned how to move from place to place faster than ver before, they learned how to increase profits beyond nything dreamed of before.

But no one took the time to wonder just what the spiritual mplications of all of this might be. Production, sales, profits —these became ends in themselves. We never asked our- selves where our absorption in economic issues was leading s.

Now we are paying for it all. We are discovering that schemes which boost sales and profits can be horribly wrong if they do not make allowances for the intangible human values. If we are told, now, that it is time for us to give our attention chiefly to moral issues, we ought not to be surprised.

It is probable that the country will never again be as completely absorbed in material things as it was during the past 10 years. That attitude, inevitably, leads to a blind tumble into a ditch.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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Other Papers Say:

ALFALFA BILL RUNS OUT ON Governor Murray of Oklahoma didn't make much political hay in Oregon. In fact he didn't even try. After two speeches he suddenly left for home without a word of explanation and was missing for many hours until finally located last night in Pocatello.

The governor came to this state without making the necessary arrangements. He had no advance agent to rent halls or put out suitable publicity. The latter was hardly needed for the newspapers gave him yards and yards of it but without definite announcements of when and where he would speak it was somewhat ineffective. Some of the speaking dates were made clear enough but others were left "up in the air." For instance the date here was announced first for 2:30 locally and for 3 p. m. from the Murray headquarters at Oklahoma City. After Murray arrived in the state he never did make his plans clear for the Eastern Oregon tour.

The result was confusion and when the southern candidate learned as he doubtless did that almost all the Democrats out here were on the Roosevelt band wagon, he pulled a temperamental fit and hit for Oklahoma on the first train without telling anybody.

The Murray Oregon tour was one of the biggest farces a presidential candidate ever perpetrated. A bigger mystery than the one day thriller caused by his disappearance is how such a fellow ever came to imagine himself White House timber. If he can't even arrange a simple little campaign tour and keep his mind on the same track long enough to complete it how could he ever expect to handle the multitudinous duties of president?—Baker Democrat-Herald.

GOOD TIMES ARE COMING? Stock markets continue to wobble. The graphs and diagrams of the statistical experts continue to look like toboggan slides. The financial prognosticators and prophets continue to talk only in parables. Some of them merely stutter. The reconstruction finance corporation (or the "re-election romance" corporation, as one

of our friends out by Vaughn chooses to call it) continues to be a set of algebraic signs.

Here, however, is an opinion in plain English, from a man not an expert but a fairly keen observer of business conditions. He is the general manager of one of the largest newspaper syndicates in the world. He has just passed through Eugene on his annual tour of his customers throughout the nation. He has been a month or so on the road and expects to spend a month or so more just sating things up with a view to future plans. Says he:

"I didn't hear any serious calamity talk till I got to Seattle. All the way across the country I found more optimism than I have found at any time since the big smash in 1929. I found business actually better than at any time since 1929. This was not a mere personal impression.

"When I left New York I contacted a friend of mine who was making a similar trip in an entirely different line of business—textiles. I arranged to meet him at various cities, and at every point he reported the best sales his company has had in several years. Merchants shelves at last are really empty. They are buying and the public is buying, encouraged by the new buying values.

"I was actually surprised to find business still dragging in the Northwest, but I believe I can understand it for I think you are getting the tail end of the big storm. As business improves in the rest of the country, business is bound to feel the stimulus here. b) ause as business improves in the east it is bound to bring building activities, especially home building which will help your big lumber industry here.

"I don't pretend to be an expert or a prophet but I believe business is just about adjusted to its new levels and the depression is over." Take these observations for what they are worth. This man, having hobnobbed with business men in many different lines in many different parts of the country, predicts an upturn in the business curves when the latest sales reports go in.—Eugene Register-Guard.

In Washington

By Herbert Plimmer
WASHINGTON—If size and power of voice are desirable characteristics of a whip in congress, then in Carl Bachmann of West Virginia the Re-

publicans have the right man.

Bachmann, just appointed to succeed the late Albert Vestal of Indiana as minority leader Snell's right hand man in the house, is physically capable of doing just what his title implies. Tall, bald, broad shouldered and aggressive, he would have little trouble in getting 'em on the floor at any time.

He was not until this session that Bachmann showed much activity on the floor. He came up to Washington from Wheeling, W. Va., in 1925 as a member of the 69th congress, served two terms, then made a race in 1928 that shattered some election precedents in his state.

He succeeded in returning to congress by polling the largest majority of votes ever given a candidate for congress in West Virginia.

WRECKING CREW MEMBER

During the present congress he has been active on the floor of the house. Given the job of assistant whip, he had entree to the organization of his party.

One of his principal tasks is to sit in on private calendar day—that day set aside for consideration of the many hundreds of small private bills—and watch. He is a member of what is sometimes called the "wrecking crew," because so many minor bills are thrown into the discard by this group.

Bachmann's appointment as whip in his fourth term is quite a distinction. Usually jobs of that kind go to old-timers—the faithful who have served long and well. Vestal, for example, was serving his 15th year. John McDuffie, the Democratic whip, has been in congress since 1919.

With the Democrats having at present the largest majority they have enjoyed so far in this congress, Bachmann's duties probably will not be as exacting as they would have been earlier in the session.

DEMOCRATS IN HAND

A few months ago, when the Democratic majority was so slim, the whips of both parties had to keep on their toes. Absence of members from the floor at crucial moments might have spelled defeat for either side.

McDuffie says he has his Democrats in hand better now than ever before. From the beginning they have shown an alacrity and willingness to respond to his calls.

BABY ALIVE ACCORDING TO LATEST WORD

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well. Regret we cannot give any further information at this time." Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock, third of the Norfolk men who have been dealing with a person they believed represents the kidnapers, was still optimistic. He said that prior to the futile ransom payment, he and his colleagues had arranged a plan for the child's return without danger of double-crossing.

"It is still of the utmost importance for us and our representatives to move about without being questioned and followed," said Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh's statement, which also expressed appreciation for past co-operation by the press.

Dr. John F. Condon—the "Jafsie," who, as Lindbergh's emissary, arranged the recent \$50,000 payment, made several trips from his Bronx home yesterday, and said the kidnapers were an extremely shrewd band of criminals.

The statement emphasizing the need for continued secrecy issued from the Lindbergh home over Colonel Lindbergh's signature last night reads:

"Mrs. Lindbergh and I want to express our great appreciation to those members of the press who in many instances have given us their cooperation, often to their own disadvantage. It is still of the utmost importance for us and our representatives to move about without being questioned or followed, and we are again requesting the complete cooperation of all members of the press to this end."

GOVERNMENT ACTING

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (AP)—The federal government has been moving secretly to invoke the income tax evasion laws against the kidnapers of the infant Lindbergh who received the \$50,000 ransom, if they are caught.

It is assumed no income tax return would be made for the ransom money, and in this event the government stands ready to proceed against them the way it did in jailing Al Capone.

Under the law, the treasury—in ad-

dition to the penal provisions, for tax evasion—could demand the regular income tax and an additional penalty tax on the ransom. As revealed today by the Evening Star, however, this technical right to commandeer a tax share of the \$50,000 would be waived.

Internal revenue agents have been in touch with Charles A. Lindbergh at Hopewell, N. J., for some time. They were kept advised of the negotiations centering about Dr. John F. Condon, and knew of the final arrangements for the ransom payment Apr. 2.

At the request of Lindbergh, they remained away from the scene of the actual transaction.

The treasury's activities have been known to the Star for several weeks, but publication was withheld in a desire not to embarrass the government or Lindbergh.

SCHOFFEL COMMUNICATES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (AP)—Major Charles H. Schoffel, of the New Jersey police, who arrived in Vienna Apr. 13 to make investigations in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping case, has been in touch with the state department but the department refused today to make any statement.

NATIONAL FARM GROUP HEAD FOR BONUS PAYMENTS

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against the bonus payment at the Detroit legion convention on grounds of patriotism were "an insult."

Recalls Railroad Bill Representative Withrow (R., Wis.) contended the government "lets out a bonus to the railroads for willful misconduct and now quibbles about this payment to the soldiers."

Withrow, a former railroad employe, said freight trains deliberately were mishandled during the war by railroad officials to increase costs received from the government.

"It is inconsistent to give one group a silver spoon and the other boys a mitten," Withrow concluded.

The new airport at Galveston, Tex., recently was dedicated on the twentieth anniversary of the first air mail flight in the south.



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