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Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord. — Psalm 27:14.

SCHOOL VACATIONS

Hundreds of children in La Grande and other cities and towns throughout the nation are now enjoying the first glorious days of summer vacation, having been released from their school rooms for three months.

Some of these children will benefit physically from the opportunities for outdoor life afforded by the vacation. Others, especially the older ones, may use the vacation period profitably by earning a little money or helping with the summer farm work.

But many will have difficulty in making wise use of the time. Many will test the patience of their parents by making nuisances of themselves around the house, while others may elude parental restraint and fall into evil companionships which encourage loafing and worse habits.

Parents have long realized that the school vacation is a problem. In the cities there have been proposals to continue school sessions throughout the summer, since few of the children have the privilege of vacationing in the country, and the city makes leisure dangerous.

City parents point out that the whole system of vacations is based upon the needs of rural communities where the children are needed in the fields and gardens during the summer, and that the system should be revised now to meet the changed conditions.

If any such change is made, it will come slowly; but perhaps the change has been creeping upon us during the past few years without our notice. Summer sessions in grade schools, high schools, and colleges have been increasing in popularity everywhere.

Here in La Grande there are children taking summer courses in the Ackerman Training school, a group of high school students are taking a summer course in history and civics, and a large number of teachers and normal training students are studying during the summer at the Normal.

A new feature at the high school this year is being instituted by Mr. Loney, newly appointed supervisor of music. He is offering all young people interested in playing in the band or orchestra the privilege of special training on their chosen instruments during the summer.

Separate classes for the players of reed, string, and brass instruments will be formed. This will cost the young people nothing, and will be of great value to them, not only in occupying their spare time, but in developing musical ability.

Such activities may be the ultimate solution of the summer vacation problem.

A TYPICAL "SURVEY"

Congress having decreed that governmental economies could not be adequate to obviate tax increases, it is of interest to the taxpayers to know what some of the unavoidable and indispensable expenditures of public monies are.

Particularly interesting is an appropriation for conducting a department of commerce investigation of the retail grocery business in Philadelphia. Perhaps this inquest is typical of scores conducted each year by this department, which spent \$11,000,000 in 1913 and \$61,000,000 in 1931.

Two laboratories will be established and a staff of experts maintained in Philadelphia to check purchases, sales and operating costs, charge accounts and other factors in the business. When this work is done additional months will be consumed in compiling, analyzing and printing the reports, which nobody will read.

It is a foregone conclusion that the "experts" from Washington, after spending thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money, will tell the grocers nothing about their business they do not already know, much less save grocery consumers even a fraction of what the investigation will cost.

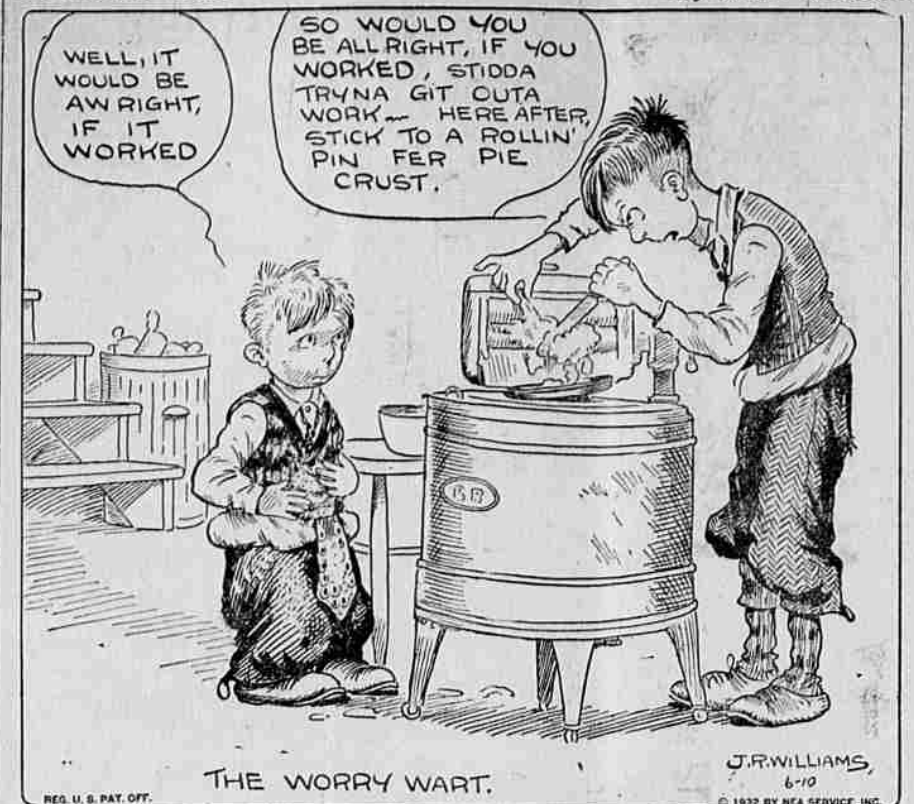
Government may argue that its help is needed most when business is in distress, but the suspicion is prevalent that government help of this sort is more distressing than helpful.

ALDA BLANK BURIED TODAY AT COVE, ORE.

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)
COVE (Special)—After a brief illness, Miss Alda Blank died at the Grande Ronde hospital Wednesday and Evelyn Blank and two evening. She was born in Jefferson,

Wis., Feb. 3, 1915, and was 17 years, four months and five days old. She was a junior in the Cove high school and carried all of her school activities until the close of school. She then gave up to her tired feeling and went to bed. After a few days her condition was found serious and she was taken to the hospital. She was revived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Blank, two sisters, Mrs. Stella Grande Ronde hospital Wednesday and Evelyn Blank and two evening. She was born in Jefferson,

OUT OUR WAY



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other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were held in the Cove Baptist church today and interment was in the Cove cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Amos and family, who have been living here since last fall, left Wednesday for Idaho.

Miss Lillian Allen, Eva June, Patsy Maguire and Frank Paige, who have been visiting relatives in Colorado, are expected home this week.

Mrs. Lorenz became quite suddenly ill Saturday, and is still quite sick.

William Marks, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marks is ill, threatened with pneumonia.

Misses Margaret Klopfenstein and Cecile Clemmons, of La Grande, were weekend visitors last week of Mrs. C. Bertsch in the canyon.

Mrs. Tabitha Tarrence, of Dayton, Wash., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Alice Duffy.

SWEAT BOX KILLS YOUNG PRISONER

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feet in stocks and a chain about his neck.

Officers at the camp said Mallefret deliberately swung his feet off the ground to hang himself, but County Detective W. H. Gasque said he believed the youth was too fatigued to stand and strangled when he involuntarily sagged on the chain.

An autopsy surgeon said the prisoner's stomach revealed he had not eaten for 12 hours or more. Mallefret was serving nine years on robbery charges.

TWO ATTORNEYS TO AID GOVERNOR IN WALKER CASE

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list of fifteen allegations against Mayor Walker, on which the committee counsel, saying he acted as a private citizen rather than as a quasi-public officer, urged the mayor's removal from office.

Close upon the filing of the Seabury "analysis," William J. Schieferlin, chairman of the New York City committee of one thousand, telegraphed the governor yesterday that his organization was filing formal charges against the mayor. It was indicated also that other organizations in the greater city, including the citizens union would either take similar action or support the committee of one thousand.

Other Papers Say:
BICKERING IN EDUCATION
A high example of educational ethics is set by Dr. William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture and the experiment stations at Oregon State college.

Calling attention to the petitions in circulation for consolidation of the two major institutions of higher education in Oregon on the Corvallis campus, Dr. Schoenfeld says in a letter to the school of agriculture, and agricultural experiment station staff:

Since this petition might embarrass the state board of higher education in its attempt to bring about an orderly system of higher education in the state of Oregon, and since it would be unethical and improper for us as staff personnel of the state board to participate in any activities that might subsequently embarrass the board, may I ask that you refrain from signing any petition that may be presented to you involving an initiative measure covering the consolidation of the two major institutions of higher learning of the state of Oregon?

This is a high example of educational ethics that ought to be universal in the educational personnel of the state. It is an example that could well be followed by persons not in the educational personnel.

If there ever was a reason for education to be protected from feudalism, backbiting and factionalism it is now, when the world is a very, upset and utterly abnormal. The spectacle of crops and goods so abundant that they cannot all be consumed, with millions walking the earth hungry and jobless, is not the product of

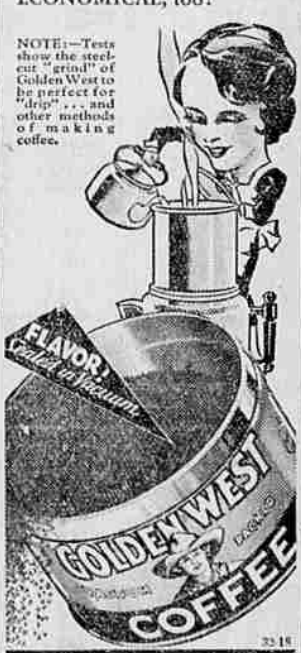
these cities are bankrupt and impotent to aid their jobless citizens, though their budgets total hundreds of millions of dollars.

Why are they bankrupt? Because of the kind of governments they elect. In nearly all of them graft and corruption have run rampant. It is the result of electing buffoons, crooners and wise-crackers to the highest offices, of turning over public affairs to clowns and men, who are merely tools of big business racketeers in looting the cities. As the Baltimore Sun puts it:

They represent the nation's heritage to new era politics just as some of the sharp practices unearthed by the senate's short-selling committee represent the tone of a great deal of new era finance. They represent what happens when whoopee is king and the only public response to criticism of Jimmie Walker's capriciousness or Big Bill Thompson's ballyhoo is, "What's the difference? They put on a good show." Just as nobody cared whether a security salesman was a liar or an assassin so long as he "got me out of the high," so nobody cared whether our politicians were mountebanks, so long as they said amusing things to the talking movies

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and concealed the deficit. If we eventually discover that the entertainment was part of a plan to distract public attention from certain very realistic sub rosa transactions we shall have little to complain of beyond our nullibility. Deflation and other "acts of God" make things difficult enough, but when to these are added whole groups of politicians whose controlling idea is to get a free ride disaster becomes imminent.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

"BONUS PAYMENT GOOD BUSINESS" Cove, Ore.

To the Editor:
The greatest battle of the 72d congress is just now getting under way — that for and against the World War veterans' adjusted compensation. Just why the president should be so utterly opposed to the payment at this time is explicable in the face of his frantic efforts to get back a hoarded billion dollars into circulation in order to thus build up bank deposits and credits, claiming that every hoarded dollar brought into circulation would count for 10, and the government itself is hoarding enough surplus gold in the treasury to have issued at any time in several years an additional two and a quarter billions. Then why not stop the futile ballyhoo about the desperate need for additional money in circulation, and also the frantic efforts in regard to hoarded money, and all this vociferous talk about endangering the credit of our country, when there is now available the best method imaginable to get \$2,400,000,000 into general circulation through the 3 1/2 million soldiers to whom we owe it, and who need it, and when it will create something like 30 billions of bank credits and come near lifting our country out of this destructive depression?

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the imperative need of additional money in circulation and here is the best chance to fill that need, and without floating bonds, and still leave 40 per cent gold reserve for the additional issue. All statements to the contrary are meant only to fool the people and get away from paying the veterans.

There is another avenue the administration can use for payment of this so-called "bonus"—by issuing bonds to the veterans' bureau that it can redeem and cash up through the federal reserve banks under the recently enacted Glass-Steagall measure. The American people are certainly not willing to pay the veterans the second half of their compensation by the being eaten up by the compound interest on the first half for 14 years.

Immediate payment of this debt would bring into Oregon \$23,000,000, of which Multnomah county would get over \$8,000,000, and rural counties like Union and Umatilla would get about half a million each; it would certainly double the money in circulation and within a year enable the banks to function in a fairly normal way. The fact is, this measure as outlined would do 10 times more good than all the Hoover measures combined, and do it almost instantly.

The veterans are the only war-time creditors of the nation that have not been paid what is acknowledged as their just due. Hoover had better change his mind.

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