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### AN INDUSTRY'S BIRTHDAY

So far as careful research can determine, this is the seventy-third birthday of the oil industry, the mammoth enterprise which has become perhaps the greatest industrial phenomenon of modern times—the greatest, because that other marvel, the automotive industry, is still its dependent child.

Petroleum was not a novelty prior to August 28, 1859. It had been known and used, principally for medicinal purposes and for heat or crude illumination, for centuries. But its possibilities were not suspected nor its extensive distribution in great quantities imagined. It was merely hoped that it might be obtained in sufficient quantity to serve as a partial substitute for whale-oil, which was growing scarce due to excessive exploitation of the whale fisheries.

The first well was drilled near Titusville, Pa., by Samuel Smith, his brother and a few other men working under the instructions of Colonel E. L. Drake of New Haven. They were deemed crazy, but they persisted, and at a depth of 70 feet the well came in. Within a year Pennsylvania wells were producing 500,000 barrels a day and towns had mushroomed into being in the spectacular fashion of the California gold rush.

It is difficult to look back to the day when gasoline was a nuisance and was surreptitiously released at night into watercourses from tanks in which it had been accumulated. But there was no use for it then. It was merely a dangerously volatile and highly explosive liquid that had to be distilled off the crude before the precious kerosene could be obtained. And as a matter of fact equally fantastic episodes have occurred since in the oil industry. With the advent of the electric light and the automobile, making kerosene obsolete and gasoline valuable, it was necessary to create new markets for the former. The story goes that one great company sought to convert the Chinese to the use of oil lamps, but failed to win the battle against Oriental habit and tradition until it bought a lamp factory, produced lamps by the million, gave them away and then finally sold the Chinese the oil to burn in them.

Since then the "cracking" process has been so perfected that by means of it almost any petroleum distillate can be broken up, under the proper conditions of pressure and high temperature, into a gasoline stock, making it possible to obtain a greatly increased percentage of motor fuel from crude. It is not inconceivable that this tendency will become so marked as to force the striking of a

## DESIGN SUGGESTS HOSPITALITY



This house, combining as it does Colonial and Georgian features, looks hospitable and appears a good deal larger than it really is.

Much of the reason lies in the low roof line; putting the garage at the right with a bedroom above has lengthened it considerably however.

This design never should be built on a narrow lot, since everything depends on the living room and bedrooms facing the garden at the rear.

Hall arrangements both upstairs and down are most unusual, and the number of closets will prove a joy as will a well arranged kitchen.

Stair arrangement is simple and good, and bedrooms all have cross ventilation, the two in the center by opening the hall doors.

Interesting variations such as a terrace, perhaps even balconies, will suggest themselves. A more suitable design for a neighborhood where street noises are bad would be difficult to find.

Walls of stucco or brick should be a light gray or buff, with white trim around chimneys, dark gray or brown shutters, and a dark reddish brown roof.

The lot must be at least 75 by 100 feet, and the cost will range between \$9000 and \$11,000.

order to make certain that there would be a relief bill passed.

Speaker Garner, who seems to plague the Democrats every time he bobs up anywhere as their vice presidential nominee, complained that there would be a lot of "selected clients" among those who applied for and received loans and of course he had help from a certain class sufficient to make this accusation widespread.

But the bubble has burst. The publicity has been given and Mr. Garner and those who fell in line with him have little to say about any "selected list" of B. F. C. beneficiaries.

The fact is that the banks and concerns which were accommodated were invariably in a position to pass on the benefits almost at once to the rank and file of people in the communities which they serve. Banks are not reservoirs of money piled up by a few. They are depositories of the savings of the many. When a bank is enabled to render a wider service, the wage earner who maintains a balance there averaging \$50

is benefited many times more, in proportion, than the person who may have a sum many times that large on a certificate or deposit.

## August Building On Coast Shows Decided Upturn

By Walter Warren (Associated Press Staff Writer)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6 (AP)—Optimism in the business world got a big boost of sunshine from the building statistics of the Pacific coast. The ten largest cities in the three coast states produced a gain of 14 per cent in building operations in August as compared with July.

And that was only part of the sunshine—the increase came in the face of an expected drop of about 10 per cent, such as was the average move in the last three years.

The aggregate value of building started in August was found by the Associated Press survey to be \$2,778,000 in round figures for the 10 cities. This compared with \$2,444,000 in July, and with \$7,867,000 in August of last year. The August building was about 95 per cent under last year in spite of the gain over July.

So the upturn will have to run considerably farther to catch up to what the coast has been used to in building development.

The upturn in building was regarded in some quarters as the most significant development occurring in this territory to back up the bright forecasts of the stock market's rise in the last two months.

A noteworthy feature of the reports of the 10 largest cities is that six of the 10 showed July-August increases. The six were San Francisco, Seattle, Sacramento, San Diego, Spokane and Tacoma. These cities, along with Los Angeles, Portland, Oakland and Long Beach, had an aggregate building in the first eight months of this year of \$36,423,000 roughly. That figure was only about half the total for the first two-thirds of 1931, which was \$78,923,000. The 1930 period a total of \$121,553,000 for these same cities, or about three times the building values of this year.

It was pointed out that in comparing building values with previous years an appreciable allowance should be made for declining costs, both in materials and in wages. The number of permits issued showed nowhere near the shrinkage the valuations did. For example Portland issued 2926 this year against 3417 in the same eight months last year, and other cities reported a similar proportion. Portland actually issued more permits in August this year than in the same month a year ago, and Oakland was only five permits short of last year's August figure.

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Dated this 22nd day of August, 1932. JESSE BRESHEARS, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.

Aug. 22, 29. Sept. 5, 12, 19.

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Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.—John 11:25.

## AN INTERESTING AUTUMN AHEAD

With the Labor Day weekend marking the close of the summer season—at least in the minds of most of us—La Grande swings into autumn, which is usually one of the most delightful periods of the year in the Grande Ronde valley.

From early September to late in November and sometimes early December our fall season continues, turning into Indian summer frequently during September and October, and it is always a period of great activity.

On the farms, where harvesting is being completed, young folks are starting to school again, and all the necessary preparations for the coming winter are being made, fall is traditionally and actually a season of much enjoyment. And in addition to the usual activities there will be the Grange Fair and Home Products show, several excursions to town to see the big football games, and good old-fashioned parties at Halloween time, all adding to the pleasure of the season.

And for the city-dweller it is scarcely less enjoyable. We must see that the window screens are taken down and that the fruit shelves are well stocked. To many men and boys it is a great pleasure to be able to put away the lawn mower for the winter, and then get out in the woods to hunt deer and other kinds of game. The women, too, enjoy the season which marks the resumption of social activities and the countless events in musical and intellectual circles.

But this fall promises much more than in ordinary years. In the first place, we are looking forward to fulfillment of the predictions for a gradual return to economic normalcy, or at least a firmly grounded start along the highway to better times. And from present indications it would appear that the predictions are well based.

Secondly, we have a presidential election this year. It promises to be one of the most interesting political contests of the present century, with its wet and dry issue, the many economic questions, the rise in strength of the minority party, and other elements which will make the results very uncertain until the final votes are counted.

Then, of course, there are many factors of minor importance, but none the less interesting. There will be the colorful accounts of another world's series in baseball, reports of exciting grid contests between the great colleges and universities, and the new styles for milady.

We can think of only one disadvantage to our glorious autumn seasons; that is that when we are busy and happy, the time goes by so rapidly that winter is here almost before we realize it! And then we have to wrestle with that inevitable question—"How many shopping days until Christmas?"

## STRANGER THAN FICTION

The truth is not only stranger than fiction, now and then; it is often a whole lot more interesting.

Novelists have written until their hands were cramped, trying to spin tales of eerie horror; but did they ever invent anything to beat that recent story from Natchez, Miss., about the filing of murder charges against Miss Octavia Dockery and Richard Dana?

Consider the elements in this story. First there were these two ancient estates, Glen Burnie, home of Miss Jane Merrill, who was slain, and Glenwood, adjoining it, home of Dana. Once these were famous southern plantations. Now they are dilapidated, unkempt, weed-grown, their fine manor houses grown decrepit and gloomy, their imposing driveways bordered with rank grasses and undergrowth.

And the people themselves had trodden the same path. Forty years ago Miss Merrill, daughter of a former ambassador and one-time "belle of the south," had wealth, position and fame. So did Miss Dockery, daughter of a Confederate general, and Dana, nephew of the famous New York editor. Typical of the finest culture of the south were these people and their homes—a generation ago.

But something went wrong, somewhere. Heaven only knows what it may have been; but it seems clear that these three people became three dour and suspicious recluses, eccentric, grim-lipped, mysterious. The gay old culture departed from their pillared mansions; and when the murder was being investigated neighbors told the officers that there had been enmity between Miss Merrill and Dana because of an argument over some goats and pigs which Dana owned!

And the picture of the murder, as sketched by the sheriff, adds the final touch; two people entering a decaying mansion, one holding an oil lamp while the other levelled a gun to kill the aged woman who was once the belle of the south.

Could a novelist have invented a more fascinating, hair-raising tale of decay and morbid gloom than this one from real life?

PROPOSE MARKER TO GIDDINGS  
JEFFERSON, Ohio (AP)—A bronze tablet to mark the house where Joshua Reed Giddings, congressman, wrote the first Republican platform for the national convention is being proposed here. The Ohio delegation to the Republican national convention this year endorsed the proposal.

The first fighter John L. Sullivan ever signed to meet was a Cleveland, Prof. John L. Donaldson, but Donaldson turned down the match.

## Roosevelt Ready for 8000-Mile Campaign Tour



The route chosen by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt (right), Democratic presidential candidate, for his forthcoming trans-continental speaking tour which will touch 21 states and represent approximately 8000 miles of travel, is given on the above map, which shows cities in which he plans to speak. Leaving Albany on Sept. 12, Roosevelt will make his first speech at Topeka, Kan., proceed to the Pacific northwest, turn south to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego and return by the route shown, ending his speaking tour at Buffalo on Oct. 3. He will make several major addresses and speak briefly at the other stops.

## OUT OUR WAY



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## Building Total For Year Stands At \$16,728,000

The building total for the first two-thirds of 1932 in La Grande stood at \$16,728,000 as of Aug. 31 and at \$16,728,000 today.

New permits issued during the last week follow:  
Aug. 29—Robert E. Clark, to alter and repair a building on Depot between Z and the north city limits, work to cost \$50.

Sept. 1—Frances D. Hart, to erect a garage on Oak between Pennsylvania and Spring, to cost \$400.

SKILL WITH EGGS HELPS GOLFER THROUGH SCHOOL.  
DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Dennis Laverdor, former Texas amateur golf champion who studies journalism at Southern Methodist university when he isn't on the links, has an unusual campus job. He's the official egg fryer for "fraternity row."

He earns part of his way through school by arising early each morning, lighting the gas and cooking 60 eggs. He keeps a list of his "customers" with their preferences as to methods of preparation.

Willie Knapp, trainer for the thoroughbreds raced by Mrs. John D. Hertz, of Chicago, is a former jockey.

## FIND IT HERE

Copy for this column must be in by 9 a. m.

Deer season opens Sept. 20th. Register for the big buck contest at Wagner's Hardware. 9-2-4 t.

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