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## SECOND STAGE OF RECOVERY

Anyone who has studied the public reaction to the recovery program cannot have failed to notice that we recently have passed from the first phase of this experiment into the second. The first phase was the era of unanimous public approval. Few of us understood exactly what was going on, but we could see that some definite action was being taken, and we liked the idea. There were no dissenting votes. Everything that was done drew a round of cheers.

Now things are different. Criticism has begun. The various acts of the recovery program are being submitted to searching analysis, and those who believe they see defects are not backward about calling attention to them.

It would be a mistake to assume that this criticism proceeds solely from those who have private axes to grind. There is some sniping going on, of course, touched off by gross selfishness; yet that in itself is not enough to explain the change in the public's attitude. Evidently we simply came to the end of the period in which our one wish was to see "action, and action now." We couldn't go on cheering forever over the fact that the national government had recovered from an attack of paralysis. It got to be high time for us to bring our critical faculties to life.

This is bound to be a good thing for the administration. No government can give its best if there is a complete and continued absence of criticism. If its every act is hailed as a masterpiece of wisdom, it sooner or later will get to be like an engine without a flywheel. Perhaps the best thing that could have happened to the recovery program as a whole is the fact that people now are ready to speak up in meeting the moment they see a flaw in it.

We are, after all, still a democracy and not a dictatorship. We want to stay that way. By subjecting the recovery program to critical analysis, we simply are proving that our democracy is continuing to function in the proper manner.

## Around the Shops

Following this column with each appearance Mildred or Gentleman of La Grande will find much of interest in what is new for dress and home as chronicled by Bess Duke in her rounds of the local stores.

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produce an effect and yet stay within the budget. Melville's have the key to atmosphere—lamps! A room can't have too many lamps especially when they are charmingly fashionable. Red Wing pottery creations with crisp parchment shades. A black base, gracefully squat, has a shade of pure white parchment decorated sparingly in a black conventional line design. A breath of woodland in green is topped by a more unconventional shade of the same color, with darker green sprays flowers, while a lamp with a red base had a tomato hued shade with darker red decorations.

A fresh old English countryside is the inspiration for Yardley's powders, perfumes and other toiletries, which are handled at the L and L Drug company. "Fragrance," the perfume, bath salts and bath powder all are fragrant lavender. Yardley's is also furnishing a new paste rouge in two tints, natural for daytime wear and cherry for the evening.

Two large potteries on a background of gleaming white have furnished the formal gowns that the Dora Vi Smart Shop is featuring for evening wear during the Christmas holidays. The most outstanding note of the frock are the large red points lined in white, which are buttoned back on the shoulders, furnishing the wide-shouldered effect. The skirt, which is belted at a high waistline, fits snugly until just below the knees where a circular flair swirls to the hips. White moire has been effectively utilized in the gown.

From the gold frogs at the throat to the cuff of the golden slacks, the corduroy lounging pajamas shown at Fuka spell comfort and femininity. Corduroy slacks flop beneath a long tunic coat of brown fastened at the front with two big cord frogs and belted with a wide brown tie belt. The outstanding note of the ensemble, however, is the big Chinese jacket, on the coat on which is embroidered an orange parakeet in golden tendrils.

As shiny as a new-coined coin with the swirl of the tail etched in black, Chase metal ware lends a striking note to the luncheon table. Richardson's Art store is featuring a luncheon service in the new chromium-plated shiny ware, large flat plates, cocktail cups that resemble modestly a half of a silver coated orange peel, and several other appropriate pieces. Striking a repeat in designs, Chase metal ware is modernistic in design for cocktail shakers, drink sets, and the "swizzlers" that are shaped like a golf club and used for mixing individual cocktails, all of which are shown in the same type of ware.

During the Spanish Inquisition an explorer was burned at the stake,

rather a horrid thought at Christmas time, for utilizing rubber to waterproof his clothing, shielding himself from the steady Mexican rains. Today half the world rides on rubber. Giving credit where credit is due, Montgomery Ward and Co. is offering a Christmas special on inner tubes for automobile tires. Give your car a Christmas present of a Hiversador Mate or Deluxe tire with a free inner tube, and still keep way, way within the budget, they suggest.

It squeezes lemons, peels potatoes, grinds sausage, slices, spreads, sharpens knives, opens cans, freezes ice cream, makes drinks, and last, but not least it makes an ideal Christmas present. What is it? The answer to the riddle is at Fred Spaulth's shop—a Sunbeam Mix Master. Simply by a change of appliances, the electric machine will do all the tedious tasks of the housewife.

There is a story that a man named Santa Claus comes down the chimney early Christmas morning and brings things to little boys and girls. As an aid to the jolly old fellow, the C. J. Beaver company has a complete line of children's toys. Perhaps the most amusing of the lot and one that the children will enjoy if the older members of the family don't get it first is the little busking mule with big white leather ears. The mule is wound up and then bucks all over the floor.

A real portable rubberized bathtub with a rubber coil that looks just like a real baby, which is shown at Stevens Van Engelen, is a very acceptable present for little girls. Strict femininity is revealed in the array of bath accessories, a tiny sponge, talcum powder, soap and the minutest of wash clothes.

The shopper in her round of the local stores can't afford to forget the boys, and for them we suggest the black or tan leatherette jackets at Stevens Van Engelen. Collegiate in the 21st degree, the coats combine skin with comfort, their woolly sheepskin linings protecting against the blasts of winter.

Laid spray dresses on a creamy cloth and piled top with Christmas Turkey. A dream on Christmas eve and a reality on Christmas day be-

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## The Weather

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Thursday, with local light rains; snow over high Cascades; moderate temperature; fresh to strong southerly winds offshore.  
**LOCAL WEATHER**  
Tuesday: Maximum 56, minimum 42 above. Rain .94 of inch. Cloudy.  
Today: Minimum 39, 7 a. m.—40 above. Cloudy.

cause W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. is showing complete 32-piece sets of the ivory tinted dishware in new shapes. Small informal beds of gay poses in the ivory field are hemmed in with a band of gold to complete the decoration.

Pudgy cuddle dolls, shown at Norton's Kiddie Shop, are fashioned from novelty corduroy in all the daintiest of baby colors, pink, blue and yellow. The dolls are about a foot long and, because of their softness, can be thrown, kicked, mauled by little hands without injury.

Westinghouse is reverting to the simple in design of electrical equipment, and their new percolators on display at the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, have the balance that characterized early Egyptian art, entirely different from the intricate designs employed in the last few years. The percolators are less cumbersome and enhance the loveliness of the table.

Now a suitable gift for a stenographer, a student, a writer or even a newspaper reporter would be one of the noiseless Portable Typewriters at the Tuckey Typewriter Service. The bakelite ringless keys also save even the most tender fingers, while the letters on a black background save the eyes, and the noiseless action of the keys save the nerves.

A lasting Christmas gift and one which can be used again and again without withering its variety is a book, especially a non-fiction edition, many of which have just been received for Christmas shoppers at the La Grande Book and Stationery Company. All fields of science, art, politics are covered by the wide field of books that they are offering.

Dancing feet must be daintily clad at evening functions if the modern Cinderella wants to intrigue her prince-charming, as did the Cinderella of the fairy tale. Black stain sandals that intrigue even the most fastidious are one of the leading items that Burnett's Shoe Company suggest for the gift for the debutante. The fashionable T-strap is used to advantage in the cut-out slippers.

Cedar chests, walnut finished, are ideal holders for storing linens. Their attractive finish also make them decorative as a piece of furniture. Fitzgerald's Furniture company is showing a line of cedar chests for Christmas shoppers.

Subdued pastel tints with brilliant contrasts of color have been utilized by designers to fashion charming negligees and pajamas of rayon

which are shown during the pre-Christmas shopping season at the sleeves are both shown. The contrast New York store. Puffed and straight in color is attained through a liberal use of applique, superimposing brilliant patterns on the garment.

For the man who likes to spend his Sunday morning mending the breaks and the leaks about the house, Bohnenkamp has the Christmas gift, a set of tools.

Zapper bags which fold up flat into the suitcase are completely outfitted with toilet equipment for men. Trotter's suggest these real leather, well lined bags with shiny black brushes for a gift for men.

A lasting gift that the Red Cross Drug Store is showing for Christmas is the Eastman Kodak. The conventional black leather cases have been jammed up a bit for those who prefer their kodaks colorful and several different types of fabric materials have been utilized.

Make yourself very agreeable with Karsa from Moon's Drug company. Karsa, one of the leading toiletries in popularity among the well-groomed women, includes perfume, face powder, cream, rouge, with a scent that appeals to any masculine nose.

A glass of foaming beer, tall mug and a hospitality tray—and a hostess has a party fit for a king, or perhaps we should be entirely modern and say fit for a dictator. Hospitality trays are to be found at the H and S Electric company. A chromium plated tray holds an automatic toastmaster that can't burn the bread, a knife for slicing off the crusts, and a set of six glass dishes for cheeses, pickles, relishes and the other condiments necessary for a dutch lunch.

Creamy chocolates stuffed with sweet, good things to eat are the suggestions which the Glass Drug company have to offer for an ideal Christmas gift for anybody. Chocolate covered cherries, chestnuts, caramels and many other delightful little bon-bons are packed in boxes decorated for the season.

**'MOTHER BEND MY HAIR'**  
**NAZI SLOGAN FOR GIRLS**  
BERLIN (AP)—Fair Gretchen with the long blond plaits is becoming again the German ideal of feminine beauty.

The revival, stimulated by officialdom, is based on the fact that long locks need ribbons and the ribbon industry is languishing.

Nazi statisticians figure that if all German mothers bid their daughters bind their hair, there will be an immediate daily demand for close to 2,000,000 yards of ribbon.

**GRIDDERS STAR ON HARDWOOD**  
EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—Two of Northwestern's star football players have transferred their activity to the varsity basketball court. Eggs Manake, senior end, was a near-regular on the hardwood last year, and Irvin Kopecky, sophomore tackle, was a prep standout basketballer.

Well, the wets are no doubt in good spirits, particularly if good spirits are in the wets.

## He Swung a Lethal Gavel, Too



Ray L. Olson, Oeden, was the man to first officially pronounce nationwide prohibition dead. He presided at the Utah state convention, 36th to vote for repeal of the 18th amendment. This made the necessary three-fourths approval.

## Chats With Parents

A MEASURE OF AGE

While ordinarily we measure age in terms of years, we know that not every one is as old or as young as his years. Science, however, has need for a measure of constitutional age. Some years ago there was coined the saying "A man is as old as his arteries." There is much truth in this saying.

However, the elasticity of the arteries, or the displacement of plastic protoplasm by hard salt deposits, cannot be measured with any degree of precision.

Recently a new yardstick has been developed. This is the lens of the human eye. The average human being, on passing middle age develops what is technically known as presbyopia. This is farsightedness.

This is recognized as a relative loss of the ability to see printed matter or objects held close to the eye. Farsightedness of the aging individual is accounted for by the loss of elasticity in the tissue of the lens.

The degree of rigidity of the lens can be measured accurately. By studying the average degree of presbyopia developed in normal individuals at various ages, a figure was arrived at which could be taken as standard.

Thus, an individual 40 years old by the calendar, but with a presbyopia corresponding to the average found among those 60 years of age, would be said to be anatomically older than his years, while a 60-year-old individual with the farsight of a 40-year-old man would be said to be young for his years.

Studies made on the histories of large groups showed that in persons in whom the presbyopia is less than average, life expectancy is much greater than in those in whom presbyopia is above the average.

**DUCE GIVES ARMY HALL ROOM GARB**  
ROME (AP)—Evening clothes for army officers constitute one of the innovations established by Benito Mussolini, war minister.

A published announcement informs the officers that a special uniform appropriate for ballroom wear is being designed for them.

The Military Gazette lists this among the important improvements in the service since the duce took over the ministry last July.

**WHITE PLAGUE SCOURGES AFRICA**  
JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa (AP)—Dr. A. D. Pringle, one of South Africa's authorities on tuberculosis, says the disease claims 3,000 victims a year in the union.

# TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Boat Explodes But Crew Makes Escape

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 13 (AP)—The Oakland Tribune said today the ship which exploded and burned off Point Pinos, 85 miles south of San Francisco last night, was the Japanese Abalones fishing boat Utah, and that her captain and crew escaped injury by taking to a motor tender just before the blast and made their way to Monterey this morning. Previous reports had indicated the ship might have been an oil tanker.

## New Federal Credit Agencies Organized

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 13 (AP)—Two new federal credit agencies, the Production Credit corporation and the bank for co-operators, will open here Monday or Tuesday to serve agriculturists of Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Both institutions came into being today when officers appointed yesterday assumed their positions.

## AT THE LIBERTY

Hollywood was combed for a three-year-old boy with Clark Gable's smile and Jean Harlow's hair to play the part of their son in "Hold Your Man," their new co-starring vehicle now showing at the Liberty.

In the story, an original by Anita Loos, there is a scene in which the little child appears. The dramatic action demands that he be instantly recognized as the son of the characters portrayed by Miss Harlow and Gable.

Director Sam Wood, trying to figure the best way to clinch such an identification, decided it was necessary to use a child who had the outstanding characteristics of the co-stars. The casting office sent out a call which was responded to by more than a half hundred anxious mothers with sons of all sizes and descriptions, each insisting their child was a dead-ringer for Miss Harlow and Gable.

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**DEMPSEY VISITS PRISON**  
SALEM, Dec. 13 (AP)—Sometime the "boys" at the Oregon state penitentiary get what they ask, and yesterday was such an occasion. Jack Dempsey, here to referee last night's wrestling matches, spent four hours yesterday viewing the state penitentiary, talking to the boys in their cells and wishing a "Merry Christmas" to 500 assembled for the evening meal.

**STATE GETS \$54,376**  
SALEM, Dec. 13 (AP)—Oregon \$54,376.15 share of rental and timber sale receipts the past year from Oregon federal forest reserve was received today from the federal government, the state treasurer announced. The state receives 25 per cent and the government 75 per cent of the receipts.

The receipts will be apportioned to the various counties in which the federal forest reserves are located.

**ALLOW LUMBER INCREASE**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—Production increase of 12,000,000 board feet in the Redwood lumber division for the first quarter of 1933 compared with the last three months of this year, was authorized today by the national control committee of the lumber code authority.

The committee is meeting here to allocate production throughout the nation, to consider the question of trace-marking and branding lumber and to determine policies for next year.

**ASKS FOR P. W. A. SPEED**  
SALEM, Dec. 13 (AP)—Still another plea urging speed in allocation of federal money for construction of five Oregon Coast highway bridges was made yesterday by Governor Julius L. Meier.

In a telegram to Senator C. J. McNary, governor Meier stated that the legislature and the highway commission have done everything asked by the federal authorities toward securing the funds.

## October Sale Of Gasoline In Gain

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—October sale of gasoline in Oregon this year exceeded the 1932 October period by about 600,000 gallons, increasing the gasoline tax to the state by \$156,000. October sales however fell under the September records by 1,700,000 gallons, with a difference of \$88,000 returns to the state.

The secretary of state records showed the total for the month at 14,014,937 gallons, bringing in \$700,730 tax. The total for the first 10 months of the year was 135,698,305 gallons for a tax of \$6,121,865.

It is not, however, inappropriate for one to realize "baloney dollars" from his daily grind.

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