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The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday, but valley fog in west portion, colder in east portion tonight; moderate changeable wind offshore.
Fair in the east and cloudy and unsettled in the west portion Sunday.

LOCAL WEATHER
Thursday: Maximum 49, minimum 40 above, Rain .07 of inch. Cloudy.
Today: Minimum 39, 7 a. m.—43 above. Partly cloudy.

TO STAGE PLAY MONDAY EVENING

"They Learned About Women," a rural comedy, will be presented Monday evening at the Eagles hall by the Majestic Stock company, it was announced Thursday night when the Eagles held a business session at the hall. The play, in three acts, is a story of a feud in the south, a family quarrel filled with laughs.
Two of the characters, the constable and Marsh Withers, furnish a great deal of the amusement, it is said.
The cast includes Tom Ford, a country boy, played by Ellis Webb; Jerry West, a city boy, Nick Hughes; Tyrus Ford, a rube constable, Emil Geist; Marsh Withers, a farmer, Louis Pinson; Toby Porter, a toby, Eugene Shaw; Ann Dale, a city girl, Margaret Paradise; May Withers, Marsh's daughter, Marion Webb; Myra Withers, Marsh's wife, Ardath Prizzell.

Market Reaction To Budget Talk "Good"

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remaining four billion of the ten to be borrowed in the next six months is for refunding previous obligations.
The president's chief financial aide, whose confirmation in his new post by the senate is expected next week, also disclosed that an intensive effort to collect back taxes is in the making, he having summoned internal revenue collectors and agents to confer with him January 17.
Back taxes exceed \$800,000,000 he told reporters.
Mogenthau said the conference with internal revenue collectors, which will last two days, is only the first of several planned. The week after the revenue collectors assemble, customs collectors will be called in and the following week agents of the narcotics bureau. Later, others will be summoned.
Mogenthau said that just now the treasury has no definite plans as to the exact date of the first financing issue, its size or the type of obligation to be offered.
Each month since July is a happy indication of better days in Oregon business, which depends heavily on exports.
Unit shipments from Oregon ports were also higher during the last six months of 1933, as well as the dollar value of the exports, it was said, with the balance in favor of 1933 again being shown by heavy December shipments. Complete figures are not available here, however.
Miscellaneous: Facts gleaned from other sources also tend to show the increased economic health of the Oregon community.
Marriage licenses are accepted as a reliable indication of economic conditions. In times of economic stress and unemployment, young couples hesitate to embark on home-making.
In Multnomah county, marriage licenses show a marked gain during the last six months of 1933 in comparison with the first half of the year, despite the fact that June, the most popular marriage month, is in the first half of the year. From January to June, inclusive, 688 couples were wed, 206 of them in June. The last half of the year, which does not include the last week in December, shows that 893 couples purchased marriage licenses, a 30 per cent increase which matches a similar increase in bank clearings.
Comparisons between the first half and the last half of 1933 are more vital this year than ever before, as the nation touched the nadir of depression in the spring of 1933, when the bank holiday was forced on the country in March and the index of business activity touched an all-time low in mid-February. All governmental recovery agencies, such as the home owners' loan corporation, the public works administration, civil works administration, national recovery administration and others began their real work on July 1, or later.

Private industry and trade have together swelled the re-employment totals since the NRA program was instituted early in August, figures gathered by Messenger demonstrate. Estimates from all county NRA organizations indicate that not less than 35,000 persons have returned to work in Oregon as a result of NRA code workings.
A recapitulation of all re-employment figures in Oregon, estimated and actual, indicates that not less than 60,000 persons have found work since federal recovery agencies began their work July 1.
If the federal recovery program had accomplished nothing else, it would still be a success," said Messenger. "Ask any one of the 60,000 who were unemployed, and who now are self-supporting, whether the recovery program is a success or not."
Exports: Oregon exports during the latter half of 1933 lagged badly behind a comparable period of 1932 until November, when the spur of the new government monetary policy gave new life to the Oregon export trade in December, likewise, showed that the government policy was invaluable as an aid to foreign commerce.
Exports from July to December, 1932 were valued at \$6,973,516 compared with \$7,481,365 in the last six months of this year. It is notable, however, that exports, despite the unequal competition with deflated foreign currencies, increased every month from July, 1933 through December. The July, 1933 total export value was \$533,116, \$671,870 in August, \$835,877 in September, \$1,450,992 in October, \$1,330,010 in November, and \$2,505,000 in exports have cleared from Oregon to date in December.

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Unemployment statistics, bank clearings, export totals, retail trade volume, public utility outlets and vital statistics, conceded to be reliable pulses indicating the state of business life, together show that the combined recovery program is producing definite economic recovery.
Bank Clearings: The bank clearings statement, issued by the federal reserve branch bank at Portland, shows an increase of 30 per cent during the last six months of 1933 in comparison with the first six months. Total bank clearings from January to June, inclusive, were \$372,000,000 in round figures, while the July-December statement shows clearings of \$479,000,000.
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Retail Trade: After a disappointing fall buying season, blamed partially on unseasonably warm weather which slowed up clothing trade, retail trade in the Oregon country made substantial gains in the pre-Christmas shopping season. The retail trade bureau of the Portland chamber of commerce estimated that pre-Christmas shopping increased 20 per cent in 1933 over the comparable period in 1932.
It was notable that the increases in retail trade were all recorded in merchandise sold in the lower price brackets.
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Re-employment: The Oregon division of the reemployment service, which has supervised the placement of the unemployed on federal and state re-employment projects, reported that 29,051 persons had been returned to work up to Saturday, December 23, on public works. The civil works administration, handled through re-employment offices in the 48 counties of Oregon, has been responsible for approximately 24,000 jobs in the greatest back-to-work movement of the depression. The balance of re-employment work is spread between state and federal highway projects and preliminary work on jobs scheduled by the public works administration in charge of Marshall Dana. G. V. Lintner, director of federal re-employment in Oregon, estimated that 15,000 additional workers would go on PWA projects when they are fully under way.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

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The NIGHTINGALE'S SONG CAN BE HEARD FOR MORE THAN A MILE.

EXCELLENT RAZOR STROPS CAN BE MADE FROM THE FUNGUS KNOWN AS POLYPORUS BETULINUS.

LIGHT TRAVELS FAST ENOUGH TO MAKE THIRTY-ONE ROUND TRIPS BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK IN ONE SECOND.

LESS CORN, HOGS IS AIM OF A. A. PLAN FOR OREGON

CORVALLIS, Ore. (Special)—With wheat in connection with launching the wheat control program practically concluded in this state, members of the Oregon State college extension service are turning their attention to provisions of the new corn-hog control program of the A. A. A. preparatory to taking the information to producers of this state.
Final action has been taken by the state board of review on reports of county wheat control associations in Oregon, so that now growers who signed contracts are in line for benefit payments as soon as the contracts pass through the necessary routine channels in Washington, D. C. Word from the national capitol is that checks aggregating millions of dollars are being mailed out daily now, so it is likely Oregon will begin receiving some shortly.
Essential details of the corn-hog plan, including copies of the contract forms, have been received by extension officials and are being studied carefully in the light of Oregon conditions. Although it will remain for each grower to decide whether he cares to join in the plan, the extension men hope to be armed with sufficient information in advance of any regular educational meetings to be able to give the grower most of the information he will want in coming to a decision.
Participation in the corn-hog reduction plan will be limited to growers producing an average of at least 10 acres of corn or about two litters of pigs annually for the last two years, according to preliminary announcement. An exact statement on the minimum limit with pigs has not been received, but the corn limit appears definite.
A grower qualifying for hogs can receive benefit payments on them even though he has not been raising the minimum amount of corn, by merely agreeing not to increase what corn he has raised. The same is true for one who can qualify only for the corn features.
The government is aiming at helping farmers reduce hog production by 25 per cent and corn 20 per cent, and these are the reductions that a grower agrees to make in signing a contract. Thus if a farmer has averaged 30 acres of corn a year he will agree to plant not more than 40. If he has produced four litters of pigs a year, he will cut it down to only three.
In return the government agrees to pay him for joining in such reduction from the proceeds of the processing taxes on corn and hog products. Such payments, plus the expected rise in prices resulting from reduced volume in production, are expected to bring the grower's returns from these crops close to parity—that is, a fair exchange value as of 1909-1914.

PERFECT BRIDGE HAND
MARION, Ind. (Sp.)—Mrs. S. E. Johnston not only held a perfect bridge hand of thirteen spades here last night—she heard her bid of seven doubled, she redoubled, and her partner in the game of contract totaled her score on the hand at 2490 points.

VETERAN FINDS MESS KIT LOST DURING WORLD WAR
SHREVEPORT, La. (Sp.)—An army mess kit, which W. T. Mayo, Shreveport business man, lost in France during the World War, turned up in a sale of salvaged army goods here the other day and was restored to him.
Stationed at El Paso, Texas, in 1917, he scratched his initials on the kit. It was lost in battle and Mayo forgot the incident until a friend chanced to see it at the sale.

TWIN BROTHERS
Twins were born to Mrs. Floyd McLamb of Sampson county, North Carolina, and a few days later her neighbor of the same name had twins also.

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BONNEVILLE JOB CONTRACT IS LET
PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (Sp.)—With a bid of \$878,305, the contracting firm of Johnson Brothers of Seattle was low for construction of a side dam at the Bonneville navigation-power dam site, when bids were opened late yesterday by army engineers.
The side dam will extend from Bradford Island to Boat Rock and will be 1400 feet long. The first 1000 feet will be 30 feet high, and the other 400 feet long, about 105 feet high. Later the entire structure will be built to a height of 103 feet.

Counties Will Be Relieved of Cost Of Insane Mar. 10
SALEM, Jan. 5 (Sp.)—Counties will be relieved of responsibility for care and maintenance of non-violent insane patients March 10 of this year, under an amendment approved by the special legislative session, an opinion handed down by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle held.
The amendment to the act was originally passed by the regular 1933 session, but was vetoed by the governor. The bill passed in the recent session over the governor's veto. Previously counties were responsible for maintenance of these inmates.
The opinion was requested by William Einzig, secretary of the state board of control, which has charge of collections of these funds.

Milo Reno, Farm Association Head, Raps the New Deal
NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (Sp.)—Milo Reno, president of the Farmers Holiday association sees the new deal as "simply another betrayal of the plain people of the nation."
Speaking before 1,000 persons in Cooper union last night at a meeting called by the former labor political federation to foster formation of a third great national party, Reno said President Roosevelt had been "unfortunate in his advisers." He blamed the "brain trust, academicians and book economists" for what he termed an uneconomic farm program.

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FOUR AIRPORTS APPROVED
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SEEK FUNDS FROM P. W. A.
GRANTS PASS, Jan. 5 (Sp.)—An application to the PWA for funds to extend the C. & O. C. railroad owned by the city from Waters creek to the California state line on the survey to the Crescent city harbor was voted unanimously last night by the Grants Pass city council.

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12-9-1m A. K. PARKER, Cashier.

SCHOOL CHILDREN
You can get scratch paper for school at the Observer. Now 2 pads 5c. 9-14-t.

FOR YOUR CAR
Your broken windshield or side glass quickly and correctly refitted with best new plate at most reasonable prices at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. 1-3-t.

FROM GIRL TO WOMAN
Mrs. R. T. Brown of 437 S. Commercial St., Salem, Ore., said: "When a young girl growing into womanhood I suffered through back pains in my back and sides, had a nervous headache, sharp pains in the back of head and was unable to sleep. But I had no more of this misery when I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for women. Sold by all druggists. New size tablets, 50 cts., Round 100, Large size, 1.00, or Liquid, 1.50. "We Do Our Part."

"The Talk of the Town"
TROTTERS

FIND IT HERE
Copy for this Column must be in by 9 a. m.

Wouldn't that cock your pistol! Auctioneering by Jay Breshers, Allice. 12-8-1 m.

DANCE-EAGLES HALL
Saturday, Jan. 6. Under new management. Men 25c, ladies free. 1-5-2 t.

CLEAN-UP SALE
Wonderful values in miscellaneous pieces of dinnerware in several patterns, also is glassware, lamps, shades, pictures, pottery, costume jewelry and many other lines will be found in the January Clean-Up Sale now at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. 1-3-t t.

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Notice is hereby given that the

Don't Get up Nights USE BUCHU AND GIN
Make This 25c Test
It is as valuable to the bladder as castor oil to the bowels. Drives out impurities and excess acids which cause the irritation resulting in getting up nights, burning, frequent desire, leg pains and backache. On account of the alcohol use juniper oil from which gin is made. Ask for BUKETS, the bladder laxative also containing buchu leaves, etc. After four days, if not pleased your druggist will return your 25c. You are bound to sleep better after this cleansing. Moon Drug Co., says "Buckets is a best seller." -Adv.

TOMORROW! FINAL DAY

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SHIRTS 85c to \$1.55

SOX 5 Pair - \$1.00

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