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O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years.—Habakkuk 3: 2.

WHAT SATISFACTION?

The government of Greece, angered now by Samuel Insull's efforts to "put one over," says it will ship him back to the United States to finally face charges of embezzlement and grand larceny for which he has been sought for many moons past. At the same time, Canada announces that she will extradite Martin Insull, a brother, desired on the same charge, back to this country.

If such actually takes place and these two apparent crafties are finally returned for trial, long awaiting justice will have its opportunity. Should conviction result—and that from past experience seems more probable than possible—the course of law will be jubilant and satisfied.

But how about the thousands of investors, a host of little fellows—many widowed and aged—who, hoping to improve their condition, invested in the securities that Insull is purported to have guaranteed and then said to have wrecked by his manipulations for vast personal gain. What is their satisfaction?

Taking conviction of the Insulls for granted—if one may be so optimistic—what satisfaction is there to he who has been forced to exchange home for hovel, happiness for despair, and health for wretchedness? What is his satisfaction that his malefactor simply goes to jail—a mere forced imprisonment away from some accustomed luxuries yet with courtesies and privileges that ill gotten gains continue to buy—a veritable "rose room" compared with the accommodations the victims, though free, are "enjoying" on the outside.

Long drawn out trials, re-trials and continued investigations to establish new and necessary stronger evidence and involving tremendous and added new cost to government is about the usual type of "satisfaction package" that John Doe, Richard Roe and others of a mistreated public receive from the return of such high fliers.

Both of these high fliers of finance have given every evidence during their "skipping hours" of possessing ready sums for luxuries and pleasures of kings. Their alleged manipulations are said to have amassed such millions as only fuel to constant fire might consume in the period of time since discovery of their asserted tricky dealings. There has been no fire and somewhere there must be great millions left.

When will our laws, in real justice and satisfaction, also return with conviction of such manipulators the residue of fortunes so gained back to those from whence it came. Or if that be too complicated or impossible, through lack of record, at least compensation into the aid of sadly depleted coffers of government that is a part of the suffering and misguided John Does and Richard Roes.

UNITE FOR DEFENSE

It is to be hoped that the report of the special naval board that will make a new survey of the mouth of the Columbia as adequate for the establishment of a naval base will be more immediately productive of due and just results than similar investigations over the preceding 17 years. The Oregon delegation in congress has recently succeeded in securing from the secretary of navy a promise to send such a board for up-to-minute survey of this natural, strategic and important point of needed strengthening of Pacific Coast defenses.

As early as May, 1917, a special navy board investigated the mouth of the Columbia river and, after going over the situation thoroughly and carefully had the following to say, in part: "That the Tongue Point site appears to possess greater advantages as a submarine and aviation base than any other site in the locality... necessary for the protection of the Columbia River region is imperative... a well equipped base in the Columbia river would meet the requirements of defense at Willapa Bay, Grays Harbor and the coast to the northward and southward of the entrances to the Columbia river."

The commission at that time went further to recommend that legislation be enacted to carry into effect its findings through acquisition by the government of the Tongue Point site either by "purchase or gift" and the sum of \$1,000,000 appropriated toward such acquisition and development. In October, 1919, a second board of high navy officials reported and recommended as had its predecessors. In January, 1921, the people of Clatsop county taxed themselves for \$100,000, purchased the site at Tongue Point, and decided it to the government.

The government quickly accepted the deed but—despite the recommendations of two high naval boards nothing has been done up to this time toward establishment of the base except a small amount of dredging of the channel. Not only has the government failed to keep its pledge to Oregon and the people of Clatsop county, but in this failure has steadfastly refused to return the purchase price to those who gave it in good faith.

We of Eastern Oregon should be as interested in the development of proper defense at the mouth of our great river as the coastal territory more close to its actual location. Let enemy forces, unhampered, take control of our coastal outlet, and our condition inland would be most serious indeed. It is imperative that we, as a part of this great productive territory of the Columbia basin, join with our coastal friends in continued interest in and efforts with our Oregon delegation in congress to further their efforts to bring about the final establishment of the defenses at the mouth of our great river. Millions have been poured into building and improvement of naval and military establishments in Washington and California, while Oregon has been passed by.

In this instance, sectional prejudices and desires should be set aside in a united state-wide effort that will strongly and forcibly recall to our national government its unredeemed pledge to give to this commonwealth the defenses so necessary but neglected for our welfare.

OREGONIAN WINS IN LIBEL ACTION

PORTLAND, Mar. 17 (AP)—Upholding the right of a newspaper to make fair editorial comment on public matters and public officials, Circuit Judge Hall S. Lusk here Friday ordered a \$100,000 judgment in favor of the Oregonian newspaper, defendant in the \$100,000 libel suit brought by Harriett Hale.

Mrs. Hale, member of a grand jury which indicted several public officials

in connection with an investigation of a public market deal here, had contended that the Oregonian editorial remarking on the actions of the grand jury was libelous to her and other members.

The court held the editorial was "fair comment" and not libelous.

State Forester Fred Merrill of Mississippi says more than a million acres of land in that state have been devastated by erosion resulting from improper agricultural practices and forest fires.

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair but becoming unsettled with rain late tonight or Sunday in northwest portion; frost in the east and south portions tonight; slightly warmer in northwest portion tonight; moderate changeable wind becoming fresh and strong southeast offshore.

For the week: Rather frequent rains with normal temperatures prevailing.

LOCAL WEATHER
Friday: Maximum 50, minimum 49 above. Cloudy.
Today: Minimum 27 above, 7 a. m.—32 above. Clear.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mastoid Operation—
Billy Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hall, underwent a mastoid operation at the Grande Ronde hospital and is recovering satisfactorily.

Has Operation—
Mrs. Chester Gadsby, of Union, recently underwent a minor operation at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Mrs. Maynard Here—
Mrs. G. D. Maynard, of Egin, was chopping and transacting business in La Grande earlier this week.

Rank Here Sunday—
Dick Rankin, well-known northwest aviator, will be in La Grande tomorrow. Mr. Rankin plans to fly passengers at the airport tomorrow.

Enterprise Man Visits—
A. G. Butterfield, of Enterprise, arrived in La Grande last night and is transacting business today.

Cowgirl Here—
Ralph Cowgill, engineer for the state game commission, of Medford, is among the visitors in La Grande today. He has been at work in connection with the work on the fish hatchery.

On Business—
W. L. Ortman, of Enterprise, transacted business here yesterday, and returned to his home.

Visit Friends—
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koepke Jr., of Athena, visited friends in La Grande yesterday. They spent several months here last fall while Mr. Koepke was receiving treatment for injuries sustained when his gun accidentally fired, the bullet striking his arm. The accident occurred during elk season.

From Union—
Mrs. D. J. Kimmel, of Union, is a business visitor in La Grande today.

On Vacation—
Howard Stoop, a student at Oregon State college, arrived in La Grande this week to spend the spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stoop.

To Lewiston—
Misses Florence Day and Thelma Whaley, members of the faculty at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, will spend the spring vacation visiting Miss Day's family in Lewiston, Idaho.

Church Services—
Services at the Lutheran church tomorrow include the following: Morning worship at 11 o'clock with a sermon by the pastor, "Jesus Revolutionary Teachings," and an anthem by the choir, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Attendance at the morning services has been excellent. The Sunday school now preparing for its Easter program, convenes at 9:45 for worship and study. Katie Keller will present the fourth chapter of the book, "From Across the Border," at the Mission study class, which follows the regular devotions of the Lutheran league. The enrollment in the class is 100 per cent. The regular topic for the devotional meeting is "The Holy Communion."

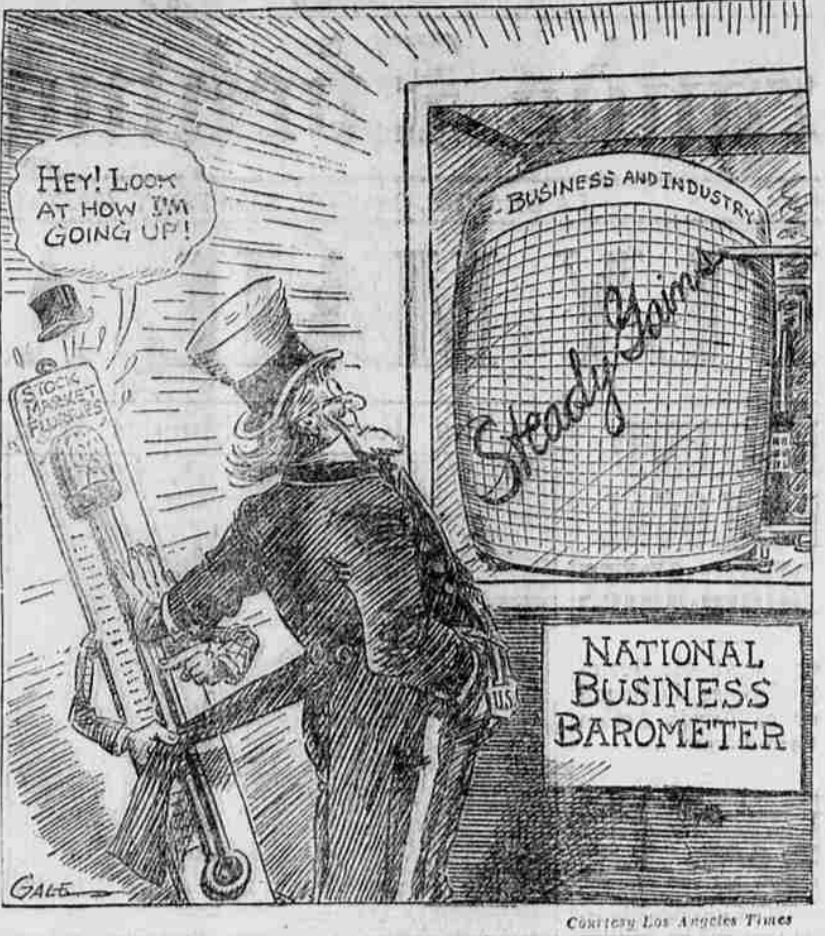
Q. How long does the government expect it to take to pay the 10 billions back that they now want to spend for extraordinary purposes?
Ans. Three years at the rate of 1 1/2 billions for 1934, 3 1/2 for 1935 and 5 1/2 for 1936.

'Passport to Heaven' Is Found

Some early San Franciscan lost assurance of his safe passage to another world recently when workers on the new federal building there uncovered a skeleton clutching a handful of old Spanish and American gold and silver coins. Herbert C. Ball, civil engineer who made the discovery, is pictured above with the coins.



"Don't Bother Me; I'm Busy!"



TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TWO JUSTICES FILE
SALEM, Mar. 17 (AP)—Chief Justice John L. Rand and Justice George Roseman filed with the secretary of state today for reelection to the Oregon state supreme court bench. Their positions are the only two of the seven to be filled at the election this year.

POLK COUNTY PAYS TAX
SALEM, Mar. 17 (AP)—Polk county today turned in \$13,887 to the state treasurer's office completing payment in full for its first quarter state taxes.

SEA SERPENT SIGHTED
ASTORIA, Ore., Mar. 17 (AP)—Further evidence, apparently of state, authenticated, of the presence of the Oregon coast of strange, unclassified creatures of the sea, has come to Astoria again.

Members of the crew of the Columbia river lightship, who were brought ashore yesterday after a tour of duty, reported having had an excellent view of a creature between 25 and 40 feet long, with a slender neck about 8 feet long, and a head some what like a horse's.

PALMER HOME FROM JOURNEY
C. N. Palmer, of the La Grande Printing Co., returned Friday evening from a three weeks' eastern trip that embraced Detroit, Mich., where he accepted delivery of a new sedan purchased through a local agency. Returning he visited relatives at Oklahoma points in Kansas and Oklahoma. Mrs. Palmer met him in Denver and accompanied him home. Among those visited on the return trip were Rev. O. L. Clark, at Twin Falls, Ida., and Rev. William Crosby Ross, at Boise, Ida. In his travels of perhaps 3000 miles, Mr. Palmer says he saw nothing to approach the favorable crop conditions in the Grande Ronde valley, and this community seemed to be on a par with most localities financially.

MUSIC PROGRAM SUNDAY EVENT
An all-stake musical program will be presented at the L. D. S. tabernacle tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. Ida Lewis, of Baker. All wards in the stake will participate. The public is invited.

NEA
Telling officers at Roseburg, Ore., he was satisfied in his own mind he had killed two men while an amnesia victim. Rollin Johnson, above, pleaded guilty to and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Authorities failed to link another slaying with the man.

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Sayre said that under normal conditions the United States exported 10 to 11 per cent of its products, but that in recent years "the United States share of world trade is decreasing while that of other countries is increasing."

NOTICE
Series "C" and series "D" Time Certificates of Deposit issued by the First National Bank of La Grande, Oregon on March 1, 1933 and due on December 15, 1933, and December 15, 1934, respectively, have been called for payment on April 2, 1934. Interest on same ceases after that date.

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CAPITAL NEEDED BY SMALL FIRMS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Official reports from federal reserve banks to the treasury were said by Governor Eugene Black to indicate between \$500,000 and 1,000,000 persons would gain employment if an adequate supply of capital were available for small industries.

The reports were in response to a survey made at the suggestion of Secretary Morgenthau on Black's plan for establishing special industrial banks to supply industry's capital needs.

Detailed figures have not yet been tabulated, but Morgenthau and Black discussed the project with President Roosevelt and satisfactory progress was reported.

Word from the White House was to polish the plan and gather more information before the administration reaches a final decision.

Black declined to say how much capital might be needed for the banks which would be created at each federal reserve center to specialize in long term industrial loans of the five year type.

AT THE LIBERTY
Can a marriage between persons whose temperaments and personal likes and dislikes are as far apart as the poles, even though it is inspired by love, be happy and successful?

This much-discussed question rises to confront Ann Harding and Robert Young in the romantic drama of the love experiences of a lady beauty doctor, RKO-Radio Pictures, "The Right to Romance," opening at the Liberty Sunday.

Dr. Margaret Simmons, New York's most successful plastic surgeon, throws off the shackles of her career, sets out in search of romance, and, after a whirlwind courtship, marries Bob Preble, an excitement-loving playboy.

After a few months of happy wedded life temperamental differences cause a rift in the marital lute. Bobby likes a quiet, peaceful home life. Bobby prefers to go places and do things. Matters reach a crisis when the husband evinces renewed interest in his old sweetheart, played by Sari Maritza, and the wife seeks the consolation and understanding companionship of Nils Asther, an idealistic scientist.

The right supporting cast in "The Strong to Romance" also includes Irving Pichel, Alden Chase, Helen Freeman and Delmar Watson. Dr. Margaret Simmons, the screen play by Sidney Buchman and Henry McCarty is based upon an original story by Myles Connolly.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of Amanda Z. Whisler, Deceased.
The undersigned having been duly appointed by the County Court of Union county, Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Amanda Z. Whisler, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors and all persons having claims against said deceased to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the publication of this notice, to E. R. Ringo, attorney for said administratrix, at his office in the West-Jacobson Building, La Grande, Oregon.

Dated March 17, 1934.
ROSETTA ZELLER,
Administratrix of the Estate of Amanda Z. Whisler, Deceased.
Mar. 17, 24, 31, and April 7.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, OREGON
In the Matter of the Estate of J. J. Conley, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That under and by virtue of an order of the above entitled court, made and entered March 9, 1934, I will sell at private sale, for cash, all the law office of E. R. Ringo, West-Jacobson Building, La Grande, Oregon, from and after April 10, 1934, the following described real estate, situated in Union County, Oregon, and belonging to said estate, to-wit:

The Southwest quarter of Sec. 1, and the Northwest quarter of Sec. 12, in Twp. 3 S, R. 39, E. W. M.

An undivided one-half interest in the South half of the Southwest quarter of Sec. 12, Twp. 3 South, Range 39, E. W. M.

ALMA CONLEY,
Administratrix of said Estate.
March 10, 17, 24, 31.

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