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WASHINGTON'S ODD POSITION

"Man proposes—God disposes," says the old proverb. It proves a fact that has the department of agriculture and high government officials giddy and dismayed.

Everything went along well—until the power of God appeared, in the form of the worst drought in generations. The wheat and cotton crops of whole states were literally burned to dust—cattle died of thirst and starvation—high winds whirled away seed and top-soil, making a desert of what had been the finest and richest farm land in the country.

Outside of the afflicted areas, the American people had little idea of what the result of this would be. They read the headlines, felt pity for the farmers whose year's income had vanished, agreed that the government should administer relief. What they did not realize was that the drought, following upon the man-made campaign to destroy produce, had turned the crop surplus into a crop deficit.

President Roosevelt, Secretary Wallace and others have said that all the power of government will be used to prevent profiteering, that the consumer will be protected. But no law exists which can keep farmers from hanging onto what crops they have left in the hope of higher prices—no power has yet been called into play that can prevent speculation all along the line, from the farm to the grocery store.

Washington is worried and uncertain—and in the meantime the government is in the odd position of forcing crop reduction on one hand, while administering relief to crop sufferers on the other!

IT WOULD HELP

Among other things, the world needs a radio that will permit the radio audience to register its objections to crooners, alleged humorists and advertising blab-blah artists in a physical and thoroughly understandable way.

THE OPEN COURT

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

WHY?

Some three or four years ago the lion's share of this city was very active in getting work started on what is known as the Starkey-Ukiah road. They did very good work along with other local organizations and for awhile considerable employment was given to those in need of the work during the winter months.

About a year ago the state highway commission requested that certain roads be placed in the secondary highway system, so that the state could provide for the maintenance of such roads. In nearly all cases there were roads that had been completed by the respective counties.

The commission requested that the Starkey-Ukiah road be placed in this class although the road was not completed and would not be completed for some time to come.

Since this road has been so classed, all work towards its development has ceased and as far as upkeep is concerned, there is nothing to keep up. Certain members of the commission did not want this road completed, representing as they do a district not friendly to La Grande.

No amount of effort on the part of the Ukiah county court or the citizens of Ukiah county have been able to get anything done on the road since it was classed as above mentioned.

In an article in the Oregonian of August 16th, there appears just one short sentence in a review of the projects outlined by the commission, which says:

"Request of Ukiah county for designation and construction of the Starkey-Ukiah route as a forest highway was denied."

Anyone familiar with the country but what can see the advantage of such a road to La Grande, opening as it would the Central Oregon country where the Pendleton-John Day highway is completed. There is a vast amount of privately and government owned timber in the country through which the road would pass.

Some day a timber fire will develop and millions of fine timber will be lost because of inability to get men and supplies into the territory affected. Jealousy of one district against another, all controlled by one man who holds the key, will be the reason solely. That this can be and is being done, even against the wishes of lo-

Quarter Million Loss In California City

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For a time the entire business district appeared doomed to destruction as the flames were driven over a high wind. But by the novel means of removing a building from the path of the blast and the arrival of fire fighting reinforcements from nearby communities, the fire was brought under control.

Fifteen buildings were reduced to ashes at an incalculably estimated loss of \$250,000. No one was reported injured.



This diagram superimposed on an actual photo of the scene of Brooklyn's spectacular \$427,000 holdup graphically illustrates the military precision with which the raid was carried out. Part of the gang had been waiting nearby for several hours, others arrived in the three cars that followed the armored truck into Bay 19th Street.

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Thursday; thunderstorms in the mountains of the east portion; moderate temperature; moderate north-west wind offshore.

LOCAL WEATHER Tuesday: Maximum 89, minimum 63 above. Partly cloudy. Today: Minimum 64, 7 a. m. — 68 above. Cloudy. Traces of rain.

East Oregon County Agents in Meeting

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adjustment administration farm record books which the administration requests all co-operating farmers to keep or similar record in proving compliance on their wheat or corn-bush reduction contracts. Later in the year each county agent will assist growers with keeping records. Besides Mr. Avery who represented Union county, there were county agents from Umatilla, Deschutes, Crook, Wasco, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties.

AUTHOR WINS DEMOCRATIC PREFERENCE

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Roosevelt's "new deal" piled up the most imposing total in Tuesday's voting. His total of 295,692 with nearly four-fifths of the precincts reported was 125,000 above that of his nearest rival, George Creel, war-time director of propaganda, and 60,000 above the conservative Republican whom he will oppose in November.

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TODAY AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JUDGE LEAVITT DIES

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 29 (AP)—Judge A. L. Leavitt, 74, one of the best known pioneers of the Klamath country, died in his sleep early this morning.

SPokane YOUTHS CHARGED

PENDELTON, Ore., Aug. 29 (AP)—Charges of assault with intent to kill were laid today by two Spokane youths, Henri Diveny, 18, and Allen McMillan.

PORTLAND AUTO FATALITY

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 29 (AP)—Todd J. McTraucken, 16, died late last night from injuries suffered yesterday afternoon when his automobile crashed over a 10-foot embankment near Portland.

TUNA FISH CAUGHT

DE POH BAY, Ore., Aug. 29 (AP)—Five from their native haunts, two tuna fish weighing 30 pounds each were caught off the Oregon shore here by Carol Johnson.

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LOCALS

Tonsil Operation—Henry Hess Jr., underwent an operation this morning for the removal of his tonsils. He is the son of Henry Hess, prominent attorney of this city.

From Pendleton—Fred Falconer, of Pendleton, was looking after business matters in La Grande yesterday. During his stay here he was registered at the Sackajawa Inn.

Returns Home—Mrs. Esther A. E. May returned today to her home at Pendleton after having spent several days here recuperating from a nasal operation which she underwent at the Botby hospital last week.

From Pendleton—John Dickson prominent accountant and auditor of Pendleton, accompanied by his family, was a business visitor in La Grande yesterday.

From Enterprise—Mrs. Peter Bowen was a visitor in La Grande Monday from her home at Enterprise.

Tonsillectomy—From Seaside, of Hummerville, underwent a tonsillectomy this morning in La Grande and is recovering nicely.

From Vancouver—Captain E. G. Pregel who is stationed at Vancouver Barracks is looking after business matters in La Grande today. During his stay here this captain is registered at the Sackajawa.

Big Cut in U. S. Liquor Taxes To Be Proposed

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aided by experts attached to the house ways and means committee. Secretary Morgenthau has indicated he is opposed at present to any reduction in the existing 64 percent tax. He is seeking to kill the illicit traffic by a large force of internal revenue agents.

ANOTHER WHEATMAN LAD LOOMS

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—On the shoulders of Bill Mook, sophomore candidate for halfback on the Northwestern eleven, falls the burden this year of upholding the reputation of Wheaton, Ill., for turning out good football material. Greatest of Wheaton's athletes was Red Grange. He was followed by Vic Gustafson, Northwestern captain in 1927, and Ollie Olson, Northwestern kicker last year.

Wife and 20 Triplets were born in Kentucky during 1933.

Territory that now constitutes the state of Tennessee was ceded to the United States government by North Carolina in 1790.

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NORTHWEST PAYS SPECIAL TAXES TO GOVERNMENT

By H. C. Hunter WASHINGTON (AP)—The states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Utah furnished 25,782 payers of special taxes to aid in filling the coffers of the United States treasury during the fiscal year of 1934.

While the sum paid by these taxpayers was not disclosed by officials of the bureau of internal revenue, the bureau assessments over a period of a full year would amount to \$472,994. The actual sum paid, however, would not reach the total, inasmuch as many of the special taxes were levied for only a portion of the fiscal year.

Washington state led the field with a total of 11,156 such payers, of which \$246 paid special taxes on retailers of fermented malt liquors. In second place close behind were the retailers of distilled liquors, numbering 3,856. While none of these assessments covered a full year and were for various lengths of time, their special taxes over a full 12 months period would total \$79,729 for the beer dealers and \$96,400 for the liquor retailers.

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LOVE LAUGHS AT COUNTY LINE

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C. (AP)—A couple obtained a marriage license in Rutherford county, came to Gray's Chapel church, most of which stands in the adjoining county of Polk, and asked Pastor P. A. Fry to unite them. State law specifies a marriage must be performed in the county that issued the license, so Mr. Fry solved the problem by ushering the couple to the small far corner of the church that is in Rutherford by a few inches—and there the vows were taken.

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MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Table with market news for CHICAGO WHEAT, CHICAGO CORN, and PORTLAND WHEAT. Columns include Open, High, Low, Close, and various price points.

STOCK MARKET IN IRREGULAR CLOSE

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AP)—The stock market held a firm undertone during the greater part of today's session. A downward drift developed in the final hour, however, and a number of early gains were cancelled or replaced with small declines.

GRAIN GROWERS TO PLANT MORE

Union county growers who have signed wheat control contracts with the government will be permitted to plant 90 per cent of their former base acreage the coming year, it was learned here.

Officials of the Oregon State college extension service were notified from Washington Monday of the five per cent increase over the 85 per cent quota this year.

Legal details necessary to put this program into effect were being completed by the agricultural adjustment administration, it was stated.

The change in the amount planted will not affect benefit payments if these are based on the allotment of bushels rather than on acreage grown. It will mean 7000 Oregon contract holders will be able to plant more than 40,000 acres increase over this year. The additional acre normally would produce 750,000 bushels.

The AAA estimated holding the acreage to 10 per cent below the base instead of 15 per cent would provide for all domestic needs with 375,000, 000 bushels remaining for export purposes and for carryover until the following season.

Hermiston Melons Topping N. W. Mart

PORTLAND, Aug. 29 (AP)—A further advance has been forced in the price on Hermiston watermelons and melons to retailers have been boosted to 2c a pound. Owing to their superior quality, demand for the Umatilla county product has spread to practically all sections of the Pacific northwest.

DOCTOR SAYS POWDER MAY CAUSE CATARRH

BOURNEMOUTH, England (AP)—Thornton Just, London aural surgeon, said at the annual conference of the British Medical association that nasal catarrh was more common among young women than other persons.

"I think the reason is not that they are more neurotic," he declared, "but that practically all women use soap powder."

"Many women are particularly susceptible to orris root and I am told that orris root is to be found in certain makes of powder."

Advertisement for Cameo Brand Brandy. Features a bottle of brandy and text: "CAMEO Brand Brandy 90 Proof. DINT FIFTH 175 120. A GOOD BRANDY at an unusually LOW PRICE."

LIBERTY Today and Thursday



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with JOHN BOLES. HELEN VINSON - MOLLY O'DAY. AN RKO RADIO PICTURE.

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