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PROGRESSIVE INFLATION

Most all of us will agree that we are in a spiral of inflation and a good many believe that we have and will continue to have what is known as progressive inflation, meaning that prices will be deflated in the course of time, but when the deflation comes, it will not be as low as in previous periods of depression. The belief is based on the fact that as our standard of living is raised, we may have our difficult times, but these times won't be as bad as they were in the panic of 1893 or even 1932. Facts appear to support this belief and old timers who remember both the panic of 1893 and the depression of 1932 agree that the latter was not as bad as the former and that people generally had more to eat and more to wear in 1932 than in some of the good years of the pioneer days. The belief is also based on the fact that the standard of living of the world has also risen.

In discussing "Is a major business decline in prospect?" O. C. Burrell, professor of business administration, University of Oregon, in citing some of the differences between 1919, or the post war period of the first world war and the present year, calls attention to the fact that the United States is now on a paper standard rather than a gold standard, whereas in 1919 we were approaching the legal minimum of 40 per cent of the gold reserves of the federal reserve, which meant bank expansion had to cease and now the only practical limit to bank expansion is a popular revolt against the consequences of expansion. And we will be approaching the limit of the present expansion when the cost of goods outrun the wage increases.

A newspaper reporter at Hillsboro, Texas asked fifteen people on December 7th if the day had any special significance. Only two of the fifteen could remember that December 7th was Pearl Harbor day. Perhaps it's a good thing to be able to forget easily, the people of Japan would certainly like to forget December 7th. The lesson for us is that we need not celebrate the day, but never forget the lesson it taught us.

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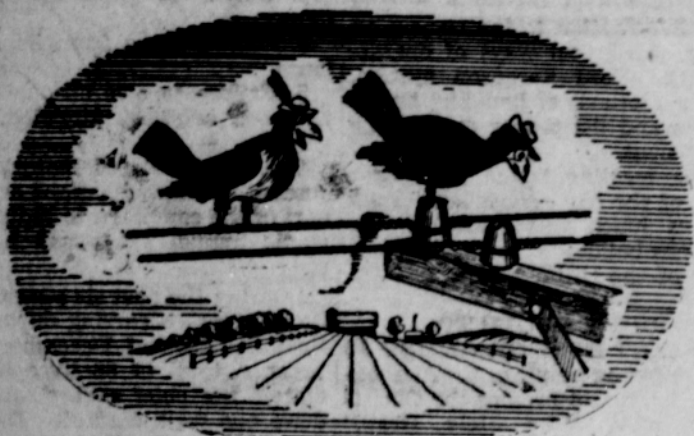
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WILL LEWIS WIN?

A good many people would lay you a bet that John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers will eventually win his point with the government, although his decision to capitulate and come to terms and send the miners back to work indicates that he lost face, at least some of it. He gave two reasons for his decision, one was that the supreme court might be free to consider the case free from public pressure superinduced by the hysteria and frenzy of an economic crisis and that the public necessity required the quantitative production of coal during such period. The question naturally arises that if Lewis is as smart as he is given credit for, why did not he know this before the strike was called or why did he fail to gauge the public reaction if he is as intelligent as he is cracked up to be.

Lewis evidently called the strike under the impression that he could find sanctuary in the courts, which he believed to be pro labor, but perhaps the decision of the lower court forced him to change his impression.

The supreme question is not how smart Mr. Lewis is or whether he will get more wages for the miners, but whether or not he will eventually ruin the coal industry and kill the proverbial goose that is laying the golden egg. Coal consumers are growing weary of wondering what Mr. Lewis will do next after 25 years of Lewisism and are turning to other fuels. A lot of the public may be in sympathy with Lewis and his objectives, but this sympathy does not put coal in empty bins nor lessen the worry about where the next week's supply is coming from.

Lewis may win more money for the miners, but the oil industry, an industry which has been singularly free from strikes continues to get new customers and may gradually dry up the coal business with the aid of other fuels. At least until another war and then we may all be in a pickle.

HATS OFF TO FATHER

Mama and her market basket have been widely proclaimed as the country's greatest bulwark against runaway prices. But it has remained for Father to score the most spectacular single triumph.

Father's effective indifference to high priced millinery (an indifference which Mama seldom shares) has moved a popular hat manufacturer to put an \$8.45 ceiling on his products, which used to run up as high as \$15.

We can only hope that this maker has started a trend. And we hasten to offer our congratulations to Father for keeping his head in a crisis—even though the head is a bare one.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

Homecoming for A F & A M Dec. 4th

Cottage Grove lodge A. F. & A. M. held its annual homecoming and election of officers December 4 in the Masonic temple. Dinner was served at 6:30 by members of the Constellation club and as usual the custom of taking plates of generous servings of the various courses to the members who are shuttles was observed.

There were visitors from other parts of the state and from California. Among those attending from out of town were Walter Ransom, grand senior warden; and Worth Harvey, grand senior deacon of Oregon. Ed Bailey of Eugene was the main speaker of the evening.

The officers elected during the business hour were Louis Caldwell, worshipful master; Matt Smith, senior warden; Littleton Lasater, junior warden; Sam Veatch, treasurer; Earl Hill, secretary and Wayne Gates, trustee for three years. Installation will be held Wednesday evening, December 18.

was hostess with Avanel Wicks as co-hostess. This meeting was a Xmas party with gift exchange and Santa.

Hall's Construction Company has moved out this week but the sub-contractor will not move out until some time next week as they are still working on the railroad.

Larry Steele of Creswell is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steele.

Picked Up On Main

According to reports from San Francisco, Hap Wolfard made a daily trip to the city zoo while spending a few days in Frisco recently to watch the monkeys and now he's talking of moving down to the Bay City so he can be near the zoo and watch the monkeys perform.

Bill Thum, retired west side poultry raiser and the only democrat to serve on the city council has puzzled his political friends with the announcement that he was resigning from the city council because he knew too much. Does Bill mean that there is something crooked around the city hall that he knows about or is his resignation due to the fact that he thinks he is too intelligent to continue to serve and be in line for the next mayor?

CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE

On December 19th the Child Health conference will be held in the health room from 1:00 to 3:00 o'clock. For appointments please call Mrs. Lance Naish 293L.

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THOUGHTLETS

By Carl B. Balch

The world does move! In the trial for the lynching of four negroes now being held at Athens, Georgia, there are two negroes on the jury.

In Oakland, California, we have the spectacle of organized labor paralyzing the activities of the city. Action like this is government by force and is undemocratic. There must be some other way to settle labor disputes.

Radio commentator, Baukhage, says that punitive measures will not settle strikes. And I believe he is right.

Just now the prospect of writing the peace treaties, for the German satellite nations in the near future is the brightest it has ever been, and also for the real advancement in the matters before the United Nations Assembly. This is due to unexpected and very welcome concession on the part of Russia.

In many cases the greed of management is matched by the selfishness of labor.

Is this government to be a government of labor unions for labor unions by labor unions?

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Here are the extreme views held over the coal strike controversy. A prominent radio commentator, Baukhage, by name, calls John L. Lewis' act against the government, "treason" while William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor calls the government's action against Lewis "tyranny."

VOLGAMORE MEMBER CONDON CLUB

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, December 11. (Special) - Election of members and associate members to the University of Oregon Condon club, honorary of geology students, was announced recently.

Among the 18 students thus honored was John Volgamore, son of Mrs. Helen L. Cavey, Lorane route, Cottage Grove.

Mr. Volgamore, a sophomore in geology, was elected to associate membership.

LOGGER KILLED

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