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INTERESTING IF TRUE

Down at Medford there is published a newspaper called the Pacific Record Herald, a copy of which recently came to the Argus containing many interesting political observations among which was one that would certainly fit the caption, "Interesting if True," for the charge is made that a political deal was made between Governor Ben Olcott and the Portland crowd that is boosting the Fair.

As the Record Herald has it, the deal was made prior to the calling of the special session, under the terms of which, in return for his calling the lawmakers together, the governor was to have the support of the Portland crowd, who in turn were for good measure, to call off Mayor George Baker's gubernatorial bee.

If the Fair boosters also understood, but of course they did not, that Ben was also to deliver the necessary legislative vote to permit the Fair to go to the people, they evidently were badly stung.

It is hard to believe that the Governor would enter into such a deal. It is certainly beneath the dignity of the office, and any man who would make such a deal is unworthy of the confidence of the people. However, such things have been done, and it does appear from the record so far made that there is ground for suspecting something of this kind. It will be one of the things for Ben to explain.

THE FARMERS GREATEST NEED

When all is said and done the greatest need of the American farmer today is an adequate system of finance. That he has not this right arm of business now is apparent to everyone. It is a fact that call money for speculators in New York is quoted now at 4 per cent, while loans to farmers in the agricultural sections go begging at nearly three times that price.

It requires no extraordinary intelligence to appreciate the effect of this condition. We are putting a handicap upon the farmer and giving the speculator the premium.

Needless to say the American people will not permit this condition to prevail. In fact they cannot allow Agriculture to languish, for it is the basic industry of the nation. Many attempts have already been made to remedy the situation which has become peculiarly acute since deflation from the high priced period during and just following the war, but none of these have as yet proven adequate.

The most recent example of a partially successful effort is that of the War Finance Corporation a quasi governmental agency designed to loan the agricultural interests a billion dollars. Due to the necessary restrictions and red tape of governmental agencies the vast machinery of this credit agency has proven so complicated as to make its operation clumsy and unweildy. Since it could only operate through the banks or specially organized companies and not directly with the borrower, only a small portion of those it was designed to serve have been aided.

The fault is not altogether with the banks, although some might criticize them for not taking advantage of its possibilities. Few country banks are in a position to underwrite long term loans such as those contemplated by the War Finance Corporation.

The War Corporation however has done one service at least. It has demonstrated the absolute necessity for adequate agricultural loans at a low rate of interest, and whether or not this results in permanently putting the government into the banking business or whether the bankers of America will rise to the opportunities before them and supply the necessary machinery of credit for the farmers is immaterial. It is going to come, and the sooner it does, the better for the nation.

Taxpayers who filed income tax returns last year need not write for blanks for making their returns this year. The necessary blank for making out 1921 returns will be mailed by Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue, to every person who filed last year, as soon as these blanks are received from Washington, probably about February 1st.

Don't forget that if you are unmarried and had a net income of $1000 or more during the year 1921 you are required to file an income tax return in the office of Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue, not later than March 15, 1922. Failure to do so makes the delinquent taxpayer liable to heavy penalties.

AMERICAN LEGION DOPE

By W. F. ESCUE, Post Commander

Many former service men, as good and true patriots as any, do not belong to the Legion simply because they have been misinformed about it. Lets give everybody the "dope."

The Legion Scope

There are 10,734 Legion Posts, departments in every state in the Union, and all American overseas possessions and 19 foreign countries. Received international recognition at the Third Annual National American Legion Convention at Kansas City, Mo., October 1921 by the presence of Marshal Foch of France, Admiral Sir David Beatty of England, Baron Jacqes of Belgium, Armando Dias of Italy, Vice President Coolidge of America, representatives of foreign Legions from France and England, General Pershing, Admiral Rodman, Major General Commandant LeJune and many other distinguished guests and Governors from many states of the Union. Marshall Foch toured the country for the American Legion in "Foch American Legion Special" immediately after adjournment of the National Convention.

Dues Too Much?

What? The price of a dozen packages of cigarettes, or a theatre ticket or two? This will maintain National Headquarters, State Department and our local Post, and send you 52 copies of the livest and snappiest magazine on the market worth double the price alone. Three dollars for a membership in an exclusive organization that no millionaire could buy his way into unless he was eligible. The lowest dues of almost any organization in the country—and more work to do with it.

What is the Legion For?

The Legion purposes are set forth admirably in its constitution.—The Legion has no aims, policies, nor activities not covered by this preamble. The purpose of the Legion is thus two-fold—service to its country, and service to its comrades. The organization is exerting all its influence and strength to the end that all ex-service men, especially the disabled and their dependants and the dependants of those who paid the supreme sacrifice, shall receive that just and fair treatment which they have reason to expect from a patriotic and liberal country. In serving the Country the organization is endeavoring to keep alive that spirit which induced all to respond to the Country's call in time of need. This is being done by assisting in the maintenance of a one hundred per cent Americanism, based on fair play and a square deal for all.

What do I Get Out of It?

If you are talking about material things here they are: An American Legion button—the Nation respects it—everybody can't wear one. Any benefits derived from the billion dollars worth of legislation the Legion has secured to which you may be entitled. It has secured more in the way of beneficial legislation in the past two years than the G. A. R. secured in twenty. Fifty-two copies of a bright, snappy and interesting magazine. Now pushing the Federal Adjusted compensation bill. Obtained the State bonus for Oregon and some sixteen other states of the Union. The Legion secured the passage of seventeen laws or rulings beneficial to ex-service men, especially the disabled, this is nationally. All states have passed a score or more of bills. Oregon passed Eighteen such measures for our buddies. Then: If you are talking of something less material, listen: First a chance to help us all to see that our disabled comrades and the dependants of those who didn't come back, taken care of, and overcome the usual Government red tape and other obstacles besetting their path. You get a membership in the greatest patriotic organization of all time. You get an opportunity through our own organization and the fellowship of men who answered the call of the Colors when you did, to foster and uphold certain pinciples and ideals which your forefathers thought enough of to die for.

What has the Legion Done—Nationally and in Oregon?

The book of what legislation was passed through the National Congress by the Legion National Legislative Committee required over three hundred pages and was over an inch thick. The American Legion obtained a raise in compensation for disabled men from $30 to $80 per month, $125,000,000 voted to the War Risk Insurance Bureau for death and disability claims, $80,000,000 voted to the Board of Vocational Training and $46,000,000 obtained preferential rights for ex-service men filing on homesteads. The Legion is actively pushing the adjusted compensation measure, it has already been pushed through the House of Representatives and was only stopped by the President's message. The Legion in Oregon has passed many measures of benefit to former service men, including the Oregon state loan and bonus bill; state relief funds for needy veterans; history of states part in the war and records of former service men and women; law for recording discharge for veterans free of charge by county clerks in the counties of Oregon; passage of law for the protection of the American Legion emblem; making Armistice day a legal holiday; veterans' welfare commission, public expenditure for memorials; grants for funeral expenses ;admission to state hospitals.

What has the Legion Done for the Country?

It is today the most powerful force in existence for constructive American citizenship; nationalism; law and order, and the form of gov- will continue to wield that force for good so long as men who have those ideals at heart join and support the Legion. The Legion can do more good with you in than out —GET IN.

Is the Legion in Politics?

The American Legion is absolutely nonpolitical, there is no class, no creed, no party. No man holding public elective office can hold any office in the Legion. Every National Convention of the Legion has squelched any idea of politics. No Legion Post could be lined up for any political questions. It can't be done.

Is Legion Opposed to Union Labor?

At the National Convention last October Geo. L. Berry who represented the American Federation of Labor, and who is now president of the International Printing Pressmen's Union, and a member of Hawkins County Post No. 1, Rogerville, Tenn., and who delivered the stirring address before 20,000 people on Labor, and the Legion was chosen one of the National Vice Commanders of the American Legion Thousands of Legionaires are Union men. A union man belongs to his union to raise the standard of his trade, and for self protection because he realizes that in organization is strength and efficiency. The same man belongs to the Legion because he realizes the value of organization, and the purpose of obtaining what is due him and his comrades and because of what the Legion stauds for.

I'm Through With the Army and All Its Works

You are through because you earned your discharge, after doing your duty. But you earned more than an honorable discharge, you acquired among other things, the right to preferential treatment which the Legion as an organization has been securing for you and all ex-service men, and which it proposes to continue securing for you. All of us are through with the army, we hope, and of course membership in the Legion must not in any way be confused with an enlistment for military service. The Legion is merely a large group of ex-service men banded together to help make America a better place to live in, and for their own mutual good. We all realize that nothing can be accomplished except through organization. The Legion is not military or militaristic.

Where Can I Join?

Join any of the 105 Posts in Oregon or any one of the 10,734 Posts in the United States and foreign countries—but get in and do it now.

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CONDENSED REPORT OF

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF ONTARIO, OREGON

As Made to the Comptroller of the Currency at the Close of Business December 31, 1921

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	$463,727.14	Capital	$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts	101.58	Surplus and Profits	50,514.93
Bonds and Warrants	27,860.29	Circulation	12,500.00
Realty & Fixtures	39,118.66	Re-discounts	67,750.00
CASH	$231,301.38	Bills Payable	NONE
		DEPOSITS	581,344.12
	$762,109.05		$762,109.05

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

AT ONTARIO, IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DEC. 31st, 1921.

	RESOURCES		
1a	Loans and discounts, including rediscounts (except those shown in b and c)	$463,727.14	
	Total loans	463,727.14	
	Deduct:		
d	Notes and bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold)	67,750.00	395,977.14
2.	Overdrafts, unsecured	101.58	101.58
4.	U. S. Government securities owned:		
a	Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	12,500.00	12,500.00
5.	Other bonds, securities, etc :		15,360.29
6.	Banking House, $32,350.00; Furniture and fixtures $6768.66		39,118.66
8.	Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		36,232.25
9.	Items with Federal Reserve Bank in process of collection (not available as reserve)		661.46
10.	Cash in vault and amount due from national banks		185,744.83
11.	Amount due from state banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, or 10		6,242.37
13.	Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)		282.34
	Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13..	192,931.00	
14.	Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		1,513.13
15.	Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		625.00
	TOTAL		694,359.05
	LIABILITIES		
17.	Capital stock paid in		50,000.00
18.	Surplus fund		50,000.00
19.	Undivided profits		514.93
20.	Circulating notes outstanding		12,500.00
23.	Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United Stated and foreign countries (other than included in Items 21 or 22)		3,449.48
24.	Certified checks outstanding		6.00
	Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and25..	3,455.58	
	Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days:)		
26.	Individual deposits subject to check		373,802.21
27.	Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)		50,237.19
31.	Other demand deposits		9,906.84
	Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27 28, 29, and 31	433,946.24	
	Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
32.	Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		98,932.90
34.	Other time deposits		44,104.90
35.	Postal savings deposits		904.60
	Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34 and 35	143,942.40	
	TOTAL		694,359.05

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF MALHEUR, ss

I, H. B. Cockrum, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. B. COCKRUM, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January, 1922

C. W. PLATT,
Notary Public for Oregon.
My Commission expires, November 21, 1924.
(SEAL)

CORRECT—Attest:
A. L. COCKRUM
T. TURNBULL
L. B. COCKRUM
ETTA COCKRUM
Directors.

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