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### Keep the Fair

A strong demand for the continuance of the county fair was rightly taken by the county Farmers' Union, when it held that it should not go out of existence through lack of funds. This fine institution is worthwhile from many angles, but particularly from that of stimulating the 4-H clubs of the county. The fair should have the wholehearted and unselfish backing of all interests in the county. The county fair is one of America's finest institutions and it would be a pity to see it go by the board.

The free gate, as established by the board several years ago, is also an excellent feature of the local fair. Attendance makes for success because people like to go where their friends are and where they may meet and greet old friends and make new friends.

## State Capital News Letter

BY A. L. LINDSECK

### State Pension Set-Up Given Approval by the Government

SALEM—Old age pensions in Oregon, under the new plan just approved by the National Security board, will continue to be administered by the county relief committees but subject to the supervision of and rules and regulations made by the state relief committee. The county committees will determine the eligibility of applicants for old age assistance and fix the amount of their monthly pension, subject to approval by the state committee. Any grievance had by any applicant for a pension against the county committee will be referred to the state committee for its decision.

Applicants for old age pensions to be eligible for assistance must have attained the age of 70 years; be a married citizen of the United States or a native born American woman who was married to an alien prior to September 22, 1922, and who thereby lost her American citizenship but who otherwise is qualified by reason of age and residence; have resided in Oregon for five years during the last ten years and must have resided continuously in the state for at least one year continuously immediately preceding the date of application for aid; is not an inmate of any public or private home for the aged; must not have made any assignment of property so as to render himself eligible for assistance; and is not subject to institutional care.

## Public Forum

### Proponent Answers Letter

To the Editor of the Argus—I wish to extend my thanks to Mr. Cady for his reference to my ability as a salesman. The simple secret is it is easy to sell to the facts. My chart showed the municipal power system of Tacoma never cost the people of their district one red cent. They have paid 7.5 per cent of their gross earnings in taxes and have accumulated over \$15,000,000 of property besides saving the rate-payer \$16,350,982 in the last five years as compared with the Edison Electric Institute's national average for private companies for the same period.

Now the answer by Mr. McQuirk to my chart at the hearing. The Portland General Electric company could pay dividends to the security holders and retire bonds had it not been scuttled by eastern holding companies. I would like, should the Argus concede space, to show a chart explaining how Albert E. Pierce took Mr. Cady's stock and therefore severed his partnership, from which he says he expects to share profit with the other victims. I am certain that should the directors of your new partnership with your fellow citizens in this district steal 20 per cent and leave 10 per cent of the 30 per cent profit of the power dollar to retire the utility certificates, you would be better off and have the satisfaction that Oregon men got it instead of the shlylock bankers of the east.

Since the public's attention has been centered on this matter I wish to make an appeal to all who seek the truth, to write the Tennessee valley authority for information regarding districts in operation and see if they are bonded or taxed to death as nearly every citizen who has advocated a sales tax here so emphatically tells you. A great revelation will await you. You will find some districts, which will pay out in six years with a 10 per cent surtax added to replace collected taxes by the private companies. Here is an example from the records of the TVA of one farmer: In September 1933, this farmer was billed for 348 kilowatt hours of electric energy from the power trust for which he paid \$20.14. In September, 1934, under TVA rates he used 487 kilowatt hours for which he paid \$6.85. He increased his consumption 42 per cent and reduced his bill 66 per cent. The flowery speeches (such on taxes) of the Alabama Power company before the U. S. supreme court had, as Chief Justice Hughes said, in fact, no merit. The argument that power districts or municipal systems are supported by taxes in order to get lower rates is merely propaganda. I ask for an example. The federal government will receive every dollar back with interest and will save over the entire nation, according to Representative Rankin of Mississippi, nearly \$1,000,000,000 a year in rates.

The systems of taxing tangible property existing in this district are iniquitous. Instead of taxing tangible property the honest way would be a tax according to the ability to pay. The records at Salem show that all the gentlemen connected with the vested interests voted for your heavy taxes on your property, for all irrigation districts and all bonded indebtedness for purposes other than revenue bonding. Now figure out their reason, keeping in mind that an irrigation district or a school district bears no revenue. Distribution of the electricity is a very small percentage of cost, bearing in mind the cheaper the rates the greater the consumption. Under Mr. Cady's reasoning Portland should have lower rates than Tacoma and we had to fight hard to get Portland rates for Hillsboro.

For information asked regarding another chart, I wish to call attention to such a chart presented to the Hydro-Electric commission of Oregon by the sponsors of the People's Utility District. The required map shows all potential customers and deals, as required by law directly with the feasibility. The commission will make a report in the very near future. Any portion of this district which has not the required number of users per mile as a matter of fact will be stricken out by the commission. Yes, do send for a copy of the law and when you study it compare it with the law which attempts to regulate private utilities and which guarantees a return on their investment and allows them to collect taxes for the state. Also remember this People's Utility District law is the only instrument by which the people can avail themselves of the power from their own natural resource. The law wished by the federal government, passed by the states of California and Washington. Strange indeed, it was killed in Oregon.

I do not believe the younger generation will be satisfied to resort to the candles of the oxcart days, but rather, with vision will utilize prudently the great resource God gave them. The day of bonding property is over. Senate bill No. 3483 by the Hon. George H. Morrison of Nebraska offers the utility certificate. Senate bill No. 3339 by Senator McNary reserves a great portion of the Bonneville power for these districts. We are now passing from the age of coal and iron into the electrical world and establishing a foundation for a new civilization based upon the most sacred and enduring of all earthly institutions, the American Home.—L. C. KRAMEN, 210 E. Main street, Hillsboro.

### Urges Co-operation for Fair

Editor of the Argus—That the inspiration and enthusiasm stimulated by the county fair endures from one year to the next was well demonstrated at the recent county Farmers' Union meeting when they were told that the fair might be discontinued for want of funds. Response when asked for assistance was almost unanimous and all agreed that the fair must be allowed to go by the boards for want of funds.

Perhaps most of us realize that some money is necessary, but after all, the getting together is the big thing—the opportunity to meet with our urban brothers on a common plane, the value of creative effort, when our city dwellers view with envy and admiration the humble efforts of the farmer folks. These are some of the real values of such institutions as our county fair.

Some felt that to ask for funds from the county treasury was contrary to our demands for lower taxes, while the majority agreed that the fair was of more importance than some of the things remaining in the county budget. According to this ruling, gate receipts were taboo for did we not want all to have the privilege of coming as often as they wished. Concessions were held not to be the best way to finance a fair, for they were apt to demand the lion's share of the profits, and, again, all concessions were not desirable. And each time they would fall back upon the taxpayer dollar.

Now let us all view the thing in the light of reason, and try and co-operate in such a way that the funds available will suffice. And while some people must be bribed to put forth their best efforts it is not true of the majority and if we each do our bit we can have the fair "dollar or no dollar."—MRS. MARY L. HORNER, Cornelius Rt. 2.

Each application for old age pensions must be determined upon its own merits after an investigation by agents of the county committee and assistance awards "shall be made to the cross-wind of safety." The pursuers may have failed to notice his broken rifle in under the spruce, or else they thought he was hiding in the willow, waiting for them to come within range of the constable's service pistol.

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"I'm worried. And you—G—d—you here all this way? You're coming. Rifle gone? They're coming. Get up—go back."

"Coming!" she cried. "That murderer! He'll kill you! Go on, Alan. Hurry. I'll follow."

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A bullet fanned the girl's pain-whitened cheek. Another bullet struck the wing edge between her and Garth. He jerked her down off the wing. The firing ceased. But the angle of the shot in the flags were presented to the governor, Secretary of State Snell and C. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, this week by Ray Conway representing the state motor association.

## CAUGHT IN THE WILD

By Robert Ames Bennett  
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(Continued from last week)

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## WASHINGTON LETTER

### Administration of Relief Funds Becomes Main Campaign Issue

—BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON.—Eight months before election, the biggest issue of the presidential campaign is relief—with its close relation to budget balancing, taxation, continued unemployment, and recovery. The Constitution issue, the dictatorship and regimentation issues, and the "Socialist" issue have, for the time being at least, begun to fade.

Republicans already are hammering away at the administration of relief. They charge that it is inefficient, extravagant, and riddled with political graft.

Young Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia (a Democrat, by the way) asserts that the WPA program in his state is being used to build up a personal political machine. Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas, G. O. P. presidential candidate, accuses the administration of wrecking the relief program by "confusion, contradiction, delay, and miserable party politics." Senator Arthur Vandenberg says he has proof that relief clients in Pennsylvania are being assessed for political contributions by local Democratic organizations. You will be hearing many more stories like these between now and election.

The main Democratic strategy at the present time, however, is based on returning prosperity. Democratic spokesmen, and the president himself, frequently contrast conditions in 1933 with those today. They cite business improvement and bettered position of the farmer.

MR. ROOSEVELT is making efforts to appear as a budget-balancer. He can be expected to try to show that rising federal revenues and a declining relief load, due to business improvement, will wipe out the annual deficit. He also is determined to force Congress to provide additional taxes to pay for any extra appropriations.

The Democratic leadership also will rely heavily on the positive legislative reforms put on the books. The Social Security Act, insurance of bank deposits, regulation of the stock exchange, the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, the Wagner Labor Relations Act, and the Guffey Coal Act, will be used as bids for a vote of confidence.

The natural tendency of politicians, when their party is in power, to use funds at their command for partisan purposes easily might turn the four billion dollar relief appropriation into a bonanza for the national administration.

Along with the attack on relief waste, Republican leaders are denouncing the unbalanced federal budget. Much is being said about the alleged broken campaign

meat. At the side of the entrance lay the potato stone that Garth had made into an Eskimo lamp.

He pointed to an outspread caribou skin. "Crawl in on that. Then rub your face and pound yourself."

(To be continued)

Telling the Truth  
Judge: "I'll have to sentence you to jail for a month. Have you anything to say?"

## Brief Chats on Local Business

What do you know about radios other than where to turn the dials to find your favorite programs? Probably very little, but there's really little need to know much about them, since Hillsboro has one of the best equipped radio service shops in the state—the Douglas Radio Service in the Selfridge Furniture store.

"Charley" Douglas has spent the past nine years ironing out the squeals and difficulties of radio sets in the Hillsboro area. He is constantly keeping abreast of the latest in radio as evidenced by a recent purchase of \$200 worth of last minute testing apparatus.

His reputation as the doctor of radio sets is not confined to Hillsboro. He was recently invited to become one of 10 charter members of the Radio Research club in Portland, a group of men who test new radio equipment of various types.

Watch this space for other "Brief Chats on Local Business."

Argus classified ads get results.

## Give Local Man a Chance

All public bodies should buy everything possible within the bounds of Washington county. Often times there are local people that serve as agents in different lines, who can furnish materials at the same price as the Portland firms, and part of the money expended remains at home. Give the local merchants and firms the first chance, they pay taxes to maintain all these local governmental functions. This refers to printing and stationery supplies as well, and there are quite a few of these concerns in Washington county, all employing labor and all paying taxes.

Congratulations are due Kenneth Linklater, Hillsboro boy, who has gone to Washington, D. C., to accept an appointment as a special investigator in the Works Progress Administration. Kenneth was an outstanding student in law at the University of Oregon and should be fully capable of handling the new position. His scores of friends here wish him good fortune.

In the death of Theodore Bernards, resident of Verboort for 57 years, the county has lost an excellent citizen and a fine gentleman. His pleasant and pleasing personality won him hundreds of friends, who mourn his death.

The inimitable Elbert Bede has sold his newspaper interest at Cottage Grove. Any gathering of newspapermen would not seem natural without Elbert on hand and if his present move means that he is out of the game he will be missed by his fellow newspapermen.

Oregon reduced its auto death toll for 1935, while the nation's list of automobile accident-deaths increased. Organizations and individuals that have helped to make the people of Oregon conscious of this great death-dealing device should keep up the good work and see to it that by the end of 1936 our record is still better.

That relief has been used for building up a political machine seems disproved in this county where a staunch republican served as manager of the relief office for about two years. There have been so many republicans holding office under such setups around over the country that many of the faithful democrats have felt slighted. The office here was about evenly divided as to parties.

Serious injury to a Stanford football player has caused University of California to give consideration to taking out blanket insurance policies on its athletes. Why not? Such action might very well be taken by our colleges and by high schools if at all possible. Athletes go out with the old spirit of "do or die" and the results have sometimes resulted in lifetime injuries or even death to the great sorrow of loving parents.

## Our Yesterdays

Argus, March 10 1921—Aloha is enjoying a building boom these days.

Farm Bureau drive completed in county, 1640 farmers visited. Scholls-Kinton ahead with 103 members.

Mrs. Mahala Jane Lindsay, county resident since 1875, dies here March 7.

Benton County Courier industrial edition published by O. A. C. students with W. Verne McKinney as managing editor.

Argus, March 15, 1906  
Herick hall burns at Pacific university.  
James Robb Sr. of near Centerville died March 14.

Thirty-third anniversary of founding of Tualatin Plains Presbyterian church celebrated Monday.

## Hilhi News

Co-operate With Your Hilhi News Staff

Edited by Hillsboro Union High School Student Body

Blue-H Dinner Friday, Success

The Blue-H club dinner was given Friday at Hilhi's restaurant and was a success. Twenty-two attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Goodman. It is believed that everyone was satisfied with the meal but Mohr—he went away hungry. There was plenty of food but his arm was only slightly frosted when Garth reached the brink of the lateral moraine, a little below the foot of the glacier.

He went out across the rocky stream gulch bed. Within a few moments Lillith suddenly found herself chilled. The light snow and the white gloom of the storm. She could not see. Her elbow rasped along a smooth wall. Then she was placed upon a ledge.

A match flared in Garth's upraised hand. The light glinted and sparkled on ice walls. She was in the mouth of the cave, up inside the glacier-stream tunnel. The rock floor was heaped with the caribou

### Editorial

These parties are such a strain on the nervous system. The girls are all a-twitter about getting a date but they're so timid they are afraid they will grab someone else's "man." Will it make — mad at me I take — or shall I ask — whom I don't like at all, and be safe? Shall I chisel or shall I not chisel? Are they going steady or are they not going steady? Will he return the invitation? Oh, why is there going to be a party anyhow? Such are some of the questions which I have found myself running through the Philo girls' heads for the past two weeks. Perhaps if we were really wise we would follow the example set by a certain university and establish a date bureau. Only, unlike them, it would be for everyone, not for the handful only.

### Strange As It Seems

No one seems to feel it his duty to take the flag down at sunset so the flag simply remains on its staff day and night.

A member of the Linfield quartet in one of his songs pointed out the freshman class without any previous knowledge of the position in the assembly hall.

### Writups Due

The annual write-ups from clubs, sports and classes have been called in, which makes things begin to appear encouraging. Everyone should begin putting pennies into the old sock so that he will be financially able to buy an annual when the time comes.

Paul Hickenlooper and Melvin and Lester Lukas have moved to Portland.

Our first alumni program was given on Wednesday. We hope to make this an annual event.

Erna Ketchum, who was absent attending high school in Grants Pass, entered Hilhi Monday morning.

Mr. Barnes spent the week-end in Salem where he was attending to some school business.

### Taking Pictures

What's this? Finger-waved girls, necktie boys, phone calls! Yes, it's picture time. Everyone is learning to "smile at the little birdie" and lift his chin a little higher. The Coffey Studio is taking the individual pictures for the annual this week. Group pictures will be taken next week.

### Girls Practice

The girls' basketball team has been getting in a lot of good practice since the boys are no longer practicing the gym. They have played several games, and although they have never won the victory they are gaining a great deal of experience.

### Health Improves

Our health is improving. Only fifty were absent on Monday and twenty-three returned.

### Vacation Starts

Spring vacation will be from Friday to March 30.

Mrs. Parr has been absent the past few days due to the loss of her mother, and Dorothy Jackson is substituting for her. We wish to extend to Miss Parr our sincerest sympathy in regard to her recent sad bereavement.

### Varieties April 10

The Hilhi Varieties of 1936, an all-school program, will be held April 10 in the high school auditorium. The program will be varied.

The original composition group of the Literary club has written a play, which they intend to produce. All the costumes, stage directions and lighting will be taken care of by members of the club.

Clara Vanderzanden, a freshman of last year, was renewing old acquaintances Friday.

What's wrong with this picture? Warren Warner was seen walking down the hall with a boy.