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### The Yuletide

Christmas opening program of local business firms is set for Saturday with thorough co-operation of all to the end that the people of the Hillsboro trading area will have the best of opportunities for early shopping. Stocks in the local stores are more complete than ever before and offer a wide selection. The customer in most cases here is waited upon and served by people that he knows and can trust implicitly. Shop early for Christmas in Hillsboro.

With improving conditions everyone should help in making this a joyous Yuletide season.

### Join the Red Cross

It is not too late to take out that very important Red Cross membership. The world's greatest humanitarian organization needs your help. If you can possibly afford to do so take out a membership. Be sure that your membership is taken out in this county so that your home community will get the benefit of this amount on its quota. Leave your memberships at the Argus with Mrs. E. C. McKinney.

### District Attorneys of the State are on the Right Track when they seek a uniform system for tax foreclosure.

When this is done and a plan worked out that will meet the test of law, political subdivisions of the state will find themselves in better financial condition.

### What Other Editors Say

#### Advertised Goods Are Best

The automobile that used to sell for about \$2000 has since been advertised and can now be bought for about one-fourth the former price. The bicycle since advertised has been reduced to one-fifth the former cost. It is the same with the electric refrigerator, the washing machine, the sewing machine, the various kinds of heating and cooking stoves. In fact to buy advertised articles is a help toward reducing the price to the consumer. Not only are advertised articles reduced in price by advertising, but they are greatly improved in quality and in usefulness as well as in lasting qualities. People who realize this are the ones that are the greatest boosters for newspaper advertising, as they know the advertising not only pays for itself, but gives the manufacturer and dealer a fair profit as well, and brings the consumer better and more enduring goods.

Advertised goods are safe to buy because the manufacturer has too much invested in his product to take any unnecessary chances of having the goods returned.—Archbold (Ohio) Buckeye.

### Public Forum

#### Oregonian Attitude Viewed with Alarm

To the Editor—Many producing dairymen of Washington county are at a loss and somewhat mystified by the Oregonian's fanatical desire to break down the Oregon Milk Control law. In reviewing the Oregonian's stand on the Milk Control act, it has never at any time been friendly to the law, and always was willing to lend its front page and editorial columns to defaming the act.

It seems as if the formerly great Oregonian in its desperation to salvage some of its former glories must stoop to the lowest form of journalism—arraying class against class.

Agriculture has no quarrel nor wishes any with the consuming public; their prosperity should be reflected back to us. Why should we with prices rising in all the commodities we must buy continue to produce the necessities of life at a beggarly wage? Farm groups and organizations of all kinds are fully aware of the danger to agriculture when its income lags behind that of industry and its allied trades. An alert, militant agriculture will see that this condition is not repeated in the future as it has been in the past.

The Oregonian's program at present is to build up public resentment against the Milk Control act then if possible have it repealed at the next session of the legislature. All agriculture must realize the danger here, if we lose what little ground we have gained, we will soon have a complete breakdown in all agricultural commodities.

I feel sure that our Washington county legislators are fully aware of this situation and will do their utmost to protect our interests.

In closing I wish to thank the Argus for the fine support it has given us in the past.

Sincerely, HENRY G. HAGG, Reedville, November 16, 1936.

### Shop Early This Year

The stream of dollars coming out of our pockets is a tremendous improvement in public sentiment. Two years ago only the best informed people realized that business was on the upgrade. A year ago was obvious to everybody that we were rapidly gaining ground. Today it is apparent that we are nearing a prosperity era. There are still several millions of unemployed but I believe that the number is far less than popularly supposed. Outside of this problem the road is fairly clear ahead. I believe that the Roosevelt re-election symbolizes the great change in public viewpoint.

During this coming Christmas season this new attitude will be expressed in terms of real boom buying. "Shop early" is my advice to both men and women. "Carry a complete and heavy line of stock and advertise to the limit" is my warning to merchants and manufacturers. Those who are "sitting tight" with low inventories, big cash balances, high-priced bonds, and an unwise policy are going to be caught asleep at the switch just as they were in 1929 when they were "sitting tight" with a tremendous inventory, a big block of common stock, heavy loans, and cash.

In China, roses are used as much for food as for decoration. "A rose by any other name" is spinach to them.

The log cabin is regaining its popularity in Arkansas. Which is strange, because that "log cabin childhood" story was neglected in the last campaign.

We wonder if that Everett, Mass., man who worked on a "temporary" job for 60 years has ever considered looking for steady work.

### Our Yesterdays

#### Fifteen Years Ago

Argus, November 24, 1921—Dairymen fight liquidation of Dairymen's League.

Washington county wins first prize for the agricultural and horticultural exhibit at the National Orange convention in Portland. Committee in charge included D. B. Burkhalter, Mrs. Stockdale, D. C. Lilly, Mr. Leedy and King Denney.

Dorothy Dick of West Union dies of diphtheria.

Frank Atwood, 16, of Buxton killed instantly while asleep Monday night when tree falls across house in storm. Mother severely injured.

Tillamook railroad line blocked by slides.

Train out of Portland runs only as far as Cochrane.

James H. Davis of North Plains named county recorder to succeed F. A. Everett, who resigned.

Mrs. R. M. Beebe dies at Roy November 10.

#### Thirty Years Ago

Argus, November 22, 1906—"As told in the Hills" played to the second best house of the season in the Crescent theater Sunday evening.

Hillsboro needs more residences. People turned away every week in search for homes. Could now rent 50 houses.

John Marty and Rosie Trachsel of Bethany married November 16.

Mrs. Edythe Tozier Weathered, formerly of this city, is now editor and publisher of "Western Tours," an 80-page magazine published in Berkeley, Cal.

Recorder H. T. Bagley reports receipts of water and light plant for year at \$9,652, the largest in the history of the public ownership of the plant.

### Post-Election Business Best in Many Years

By Roger Babson  
BABSON PARK, Mass., November 20—Post-election business is best in years. Those who feared that the president's re-election would mean a big shake-up have been badly mistaken. The Roosevelt landslide has not only a signal for the present, at least. During the past fortnight wide-awake business men and investors have completely changed their viewpoint. New jobs, wage increases, salary bonuses, dividend boosts and extras, and higher farm income, all point to the biggest and tallest "Christmas tree" since the gilded days of 1929. Base your plans accordingly.

### Transitional Period

A business man is justified in continuing his old policy of sitting tight when he does not know what the future will bring. A business man, however, is not warranted in continuing his old policy when he does know what is ahead of him. The last four years have been years of confusion for business. The country has been passing through a period of transition. Far-reaching legislation has been enacted which has necessitated radical changes in business policies. On the top of it all, some felt there was a possibility that there would be a turnover of administration this year and a wholesale throwing-out of the New Deal.

On November 3 the voters of the nation settled the question. No business man can now give uncertainly an excuse for inaction. We all know what is ahead of us. The next two years anyway and we probably know what is ahead for the next four years. The great majority of the people of this country are happy with the outcome of the election. There is, of course, a minority who are not satisfied with the result but they know what the result is. They should have sense enough to capitalize on the situation. Hence, the unnecessary excuse now no longer holds water.

### Keep in Style

The democratic landslide means easy money rates for some time to come. Spending will be continued. The cost of living has just started to rise. When credit inflation has begun, the chances for a depression may have currency inflation. With such an outlook, business men and investors are cutting off their noses to spite their faces when they say, "The chances for a depression are election and I am just going to sit tight." Nobody can get rich on money in the bank at 2 per cent. High-grade bonds yielding 3 1/2 per cent may be just as dangerous as common stock selling at 30 to 50 times earnings. Surpluses in company treasuries draw no interest but they do draw big tax bills. Now is the time for action—not for sitting tight.

If you own a dry-goods store and fashions turn to rayon, what do you do? As a good merchant, you stock up with rayon irrespective of whether you like it or not. Most of the big newspapers are giving out warnings of what may transpire in the next four years and hoping somewhat sarcastically that Mr. Roosevelt will do all the horrible things they predicted he would do if elected. What makes most of these papers so bitter is probably the realization that their influence with their readers is proven so much smaller than they fondly believed it was.—Astoria Astorian-Budget.

### Escaped Russian Tells His Story

Several books have been written by Russians who have escaped from their native land, since the Reds wrecked the country, but none has revealed the terrible truth like the one just written by Vladimir V. Tchernavin, which came from the press last month. Its title is "I Speak For the Silent."

With demolishing frankness, the author tells the sad story of what millions of people are passing through in the dark night which now exists in the land of the Soviets. He says:

"I tell my own story because I believe that only in this way can I discharge the moral obligation which a kindly fate imposed upon me in helping me to escape from the Soviet terror—the duty to speak for those whose voices cannot be heard.

"In silence they are sent away as convicts to the concentration camps; in silence they suffer torture and go to meet death from Soviet bullets.

"Remember that thousands of men and women of Russian education are still languishing in the filthy cells of the GPU prisons and in the cold barracks of the concentration camps, poorly clad and starving, breaking with exhaustion under the hardships of inhuman slavery."

Mr. Tchernavin was arrested and thrown into an unspendable GPU prison for no crime except that he happened to be an educated and cultured man. His revelations of what goes on inside of Soviet prisons is almost unbelievable. His 11-year old son were subjected to the same torture in an attempt to secure a confession from him. But, as if by a miracle, the family was later reunited and finally succeeded in escaping through wild mountains, forests and swamps, into Finland.

"The Lice Cell"

We will let Mr. Tchernavin give us a little glimpse into the cells occupied by the helpless victims who become a prey for the Red Beasts:

"One day I was given the 'standing test.' In our cell were several men who had been subjected to it. Engineer P., over 50 years of age and heavily built, had stood for six and a half days. He was not given food or drink and was not allowed to sleep; he was taken to the toilet once a day. But he did not 'confess.' After this ordeal he could not walk back to the cell and the guard had to drag him up the stairs. Engineer T., 60 years old, had stood for four and a half days and had finally signed the 'confession.'

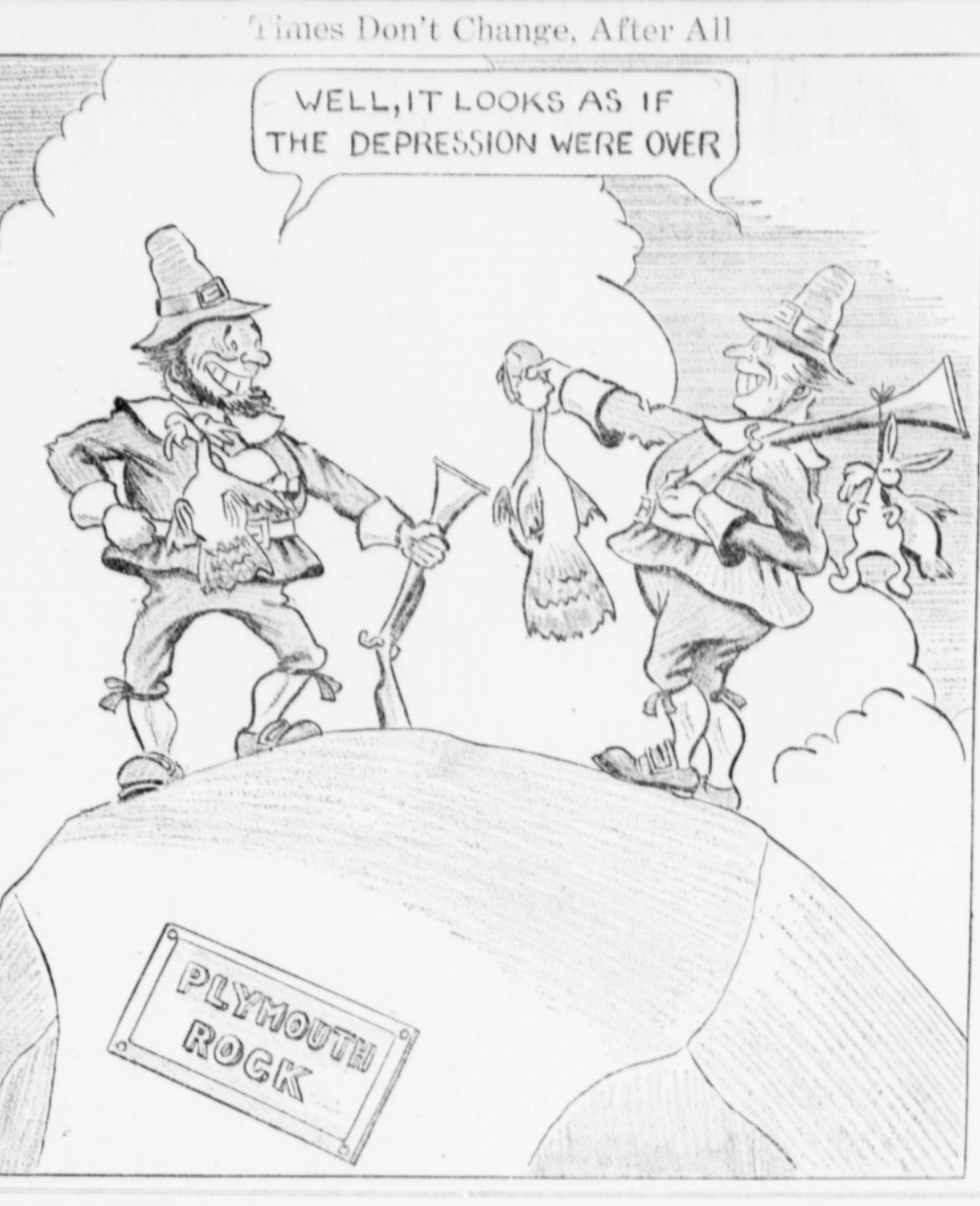
"Frequently the examining officer threatened: 'I'll rot you in the lice cell.' One day an old jeweler returned to our cell after having out of our heads for several days. He had been in the lice cell.

"According to him, two or three hundred persons are jammed into it and must stand pressed closely together. To add to the torture, a high temperature is maintained. Everybody is covered with lice, and fighting them is quite impossible. There is no toilet in the cell. The prisoners are taken out, three at a time, heavily guarded; men and women are taken together to the same toilet. This goes on continuously, day and night.

"The underwear of those who have been in the cell for several days becomes completely rotten and worn out and their entire bodies covered with lice bites and often a rash from nervous eczema. The whole cell can be seen from the corridor. People are taken to see it before examinations and later, on threat of being thrown in there, give up all their money, jewels—anything to save themselves from it.

"The 'Wet Cell'"

The "wet cell" was another means of coercion. Here the floor was flooded with water and the only furniture was a very narrow plank on which one could sit but not lie down. There were no sanitary conveniences and the prisoners were not allowed to leave the cell for any reason. Their feet had to remain in the filthy, putrid water filled with odors; this development ulcers. I knew of one prisoner who after six days in this 'wet cell' finally signed a false confession. But he left behind him another



### Bureau Reports on Genealogy 'Racket'

(By Portland Better Business Bureau, Inc.)  
Two dollars for a typewritten report, containing very general information regarding a family name, is a current proposition being offered Oregonians by a self-styled organization in the east, the Portland Better Business Bureau reports.

The card offers a genealogical report on a particular name of the recipient, but it is said that the information actually sent to those who mail in their two dollars is so general as to be of little interest.

Many reports have been made to the Better Business Bureau by people who sent in for these genealogies, only to find, to their disappointment, that the brief reports sent out do not go into any particular branch of the family tree, but are of a very general character.

In some instances, mailings of this outfit have carried the statement "Member National Better Business Bureau," it is pointed out by Lyle L. Jant, manager of the Portland Better Business Bureau, that the so-called Better Business Bureau referred to has no connection with any regularly established Better Business Bureau, but is a private promotion recently subject of a postoffice fraud order.

### Actual Construction Work Will Start Soon on State Capitol

By A. L. Lindbeck  
SALEM—Actual construction work on Oregon's new capitol building will get under way within the next ten days and the building will be completed within 18 months, according to Ross B. Hammond, head of the Portland construction firm, low bidders on the state house job.

The bid by the Portland firm—\$2,006,137—lowest of the seven submitted to the Capitol Reconstruction commission, was not only well within the fund available for the job, but provides for a white marble exterior. The Hammond company constructed the present state office building, erected in 1929-30 at a cost slightly in excess of \$500,000.

### Claims of Harry Bovin of Klamath county to a cinch on the house speakership are hotly protested by the so-called 'ring' group, who insist that the Klamath member has been counting his chickens before they are hatched. Bovin this week broadcast the announcement that he had the assurance of more than enough votes to insure his election and was ready to consider requests for appointments to the various house committees. The announcement burst like a bombshell in the widely scattered camps of his rivals for the gavel and resulted in a prompt consolidation of opposition support behind Bull of Union with Barnes of Multnomah and Hyde of Lane withdrawing from the race in favor of the eastern Oregon candidate. An active supporter of Bull's candidacy declared while in Salem this week that Bovin could not have more than 10 of the 38 democrats in his camp while several of the 21 republican members were pledged to the Union county man. Friends of Bovin on the other hand insist that the Klamath county candidate knew what he was talking about when he made his announcement and insist that the speakership fight is all over if the Bull-Barnes forces have not yet found it out.

### Washingon Parade

By Ray Johnson and Walter Pierce  
Jim Farley, prophet extraordinary, is missing from the new and sumptuous Post Office Department Building he calls his office. The National Democrat, the President has not sailed for Ireland and a well deserved rest. Big Jim has gone far as a national character since the days when he presided over the New York State Boxing Commission.

Those of us who came in contact with Farley on those days suspected he was headed for some political office. We believed he had his eyes on the Empire State governorship—and it may yet develop we were right. But none of us ever believed we'd see him managing the Democrats in two of the great Presidential landfalls in history.

Francois de Tessant, French Under Secretary of State in the Cabinet of Premier Leon Blum, who wrote a book on the President in France and three years ago, entitled "Franklin Roosevelt" paid a visit to the Capital. Declaring he was an ardent admirer of the President, the distinguished Frenchman drew a parallel between the inner political situation in France and the United States. He added, "We are trying to make a New Deal for France, because our situation is similar to yours. The French have rarely been so interested in an American Presidential election and so content with its result. Henceforth we are going to have our eyes turned on your President on whom every hope is pinned for the continuation of the great liberal and democratic civilization of the Occident."

Philadelphia, where every political abuse aimed at the New Deal was received with glee before a certain day in November, has turned face and through the courtesy of Mayor S. Davis Wilson, a staunch Republican, has announced to the world at large, and to a Philadelphia audience in particular, that it will not countenance any outrage such as "poking fun at the President's wife."

The Mayor witnessing a performance of "New Faces" took offense at a "skit" in which Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt was imaged, and said, "But stop to this at once," roared the Mayor as he strode up the aisle. "Take out that skit or I'll stop the whole show." The offending sketch was taken out. The point of the story is that Mrs. Roosevelt's names, James, Franklin, John and John had seen the show and laughed heartily at the skit. Both President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt had also been told about it several months ago and thought it funny, while Jim Farley, who had seen the performance in New York had liked it and was so quoted in the show's advertising.

On Friday, November 13th, Justice Brandeis of the United States Supreme Court celebrated his eightieth birthday. It is no mere matter of courtesy to say that the venerable judge does not look his 80 years and could easily hold his own among the striplings of 60 or so.

On the bench none of the justices is more gracious than Brandeis. He is not only the lawyer who art pleading, he is the soul of courtesy, often appearing to be trying to help counsel along in difficult spots, rather than embarrassing them as one or two of his colleagues sometimes do. In a well-pitched, melodious voice, which easily carries over the unfortunate acoustics of the new court room, he will interrupt with questions aimed adroitly so as to ascertain the precise legal point or fact needed. We have watched him, a faintly sympathetic smile playing over his face, as though he realized the plight of the man standing alone and addressing a coldly critical audience of nine beyond whose decision there lies no appeal.

The next two years for the aid of dependent children, according to Budget Director Wharton. The federal fund will have to be matched by both the state and county governments for an aggregate of \$2,304,000 all of which will be spent in caring for dependent children, either in the homes of their own parents dependent on relief for support, or in foster homes. The fund is expected to take care of 8000 children on the basis of \$12 a month. The state and county governments are now being cared for in state-aided institutions while others are receiving direct relief. The fund will be administered by the State Relief Commission through the State Child Welfare Commission, which will pass on the eligibility of children to this aid and select the homes in which they are to be cared for.

Secretary of State Snell has announced that he will recommend the repeal of the \$10 license fee on pick-up cars when the legislature meets. Much injustice has resulted from enforcement of this act in the opinion of Snell, who points out that thousands of the cars subjected to this higher fee are nothing but old cars with a box on the back while pleasure cars of much heavier construction escape with the payment of a \$5 fee.

Library workers of Oregon have contributed more than \$200 in cash toward the purchase of reference books for the Bandon public library which was completely destroyed in the recent fire, according to Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. In addition to these donations several large book publishing companies have also made donations of encyclopedias and other reference books.

Oregon's open fall season has had a healthy effect on the state's gasoline tax revenue. Oregon motorists, including the tourists in our midst, consumed a total of 19,693,428 gallons of gasoline during October on which they paid state taxes totaling \$984,671—\$120,000 more than was collected from the same source in October, 1935.

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