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Determination Needed

Oregonians in many walks of life admire the determination with which Govenor Martin is endeavoring to bring a settlement to the jurisdictional dispute between the C. I. O. and A. F. of L. so that the great northwest lumber industry might again function and restore the economic equilibrium of this section. This industry is so important to the economic welfare of the northwest that its well-being affects all lines of industry and labor.

Yet, Madame Secretary of Labor Perkins says the labor department will not interfere in the jurisdictional war between C. I. O. and A. F. of L. in the northwest. In other words it would mean that the great northwest can go to pot as it can very easily do with this important industry tied up.

This impasse and other labor strife in the country, which have resulted in the greatest loss of man hours through strikes in our history, are unquestionably the result of the Wagner labor relations act, sponsored by the administration. This is a great handicap to economic recovery and stability, but the labor department says nothing will be done to interfere.

This labor act should be amended to give protection to the man who wants to earn an honest living as every American should be entitled to do, and also for the protection of the honest and fair employer. In the meantime the administration should work with as much determination to bring about peaceful industrial relations for the benefits of worker and employer and the general welfare as Governor Martin is doing in Oregon.

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Is It Equitable?

Social security taxes are becoming a decided burden on business and together with all the other kinds of taxes, it is going to take a lot of figuring for many commercial institutions to keep their heads above water. Yet it is supposed to be promoting stability. The costs on a small business, when the law comes into full effect and the maximum percentage on the payroll is assessed, would be sufficient in many cases to employ another person.

Social security would be fine if everyone paid into the fund, perhaps through a transactions tax, and everyone was to receive its benefits. It is interesting to reflect on what might happen in a sample case. A small business, picked at random, might be paying approximately $60 a month or $720 a year. Say for example the head of this business is 40 and paid the sum yearly until 65 years of age, when his employes would be eligible to the pension. In that time he would pay in $18,000 and his employes $9,000. Should bad luck hit him at that time and the business man went broke, he would not be eligible to any of the sum that he had paid in.

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Labor, according to political wiseheads, is to be the feature of the coming political campaign in Oregon. The events of the last few years and particularly of this year have provided plenty of reasons for its holding the center of attention.

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The nation has lost one of its great leaders in the death of Newton D. Baker, secretary of war during the Wilson administration. He was the head of the war department during the World war and accomplished one of the greatest tasks in the nation's history.

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Eight more former high Russian soviet officials have been executed in the Stalin purge. Under this communistic government they quickly get rid of the opposition.

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It is to be hoped that under the proposed telephone changes the system will be worked out whereby it will not be necessary for people, logically in this trade area, to use long distance service when calling to this city.

Happy New Year

A Happy New Year to all subscribers, advertisers and correspondents is the wish of the Argus publishers. May the New Year be a prosperous one for all.

The co-operation, encouragement, loyalty and support of our friends is an important factor in publishing the kind of a newspaper that this community deserves. It is the aim and hope of publishers and employes to always produce a paper that will be welcomed in the homes of this county and be of greater community service.

Let us hope that the new year sees an end to the labor strife that has been so destructive to the economic welfare of the northwest and also a decided upward turn on the road to prosperity.

Other Editors

Not Too Far

Columnist David Lawrence, one of the administration's bitter critics during the past four years, has switched from his chronic pounding at the Roosevelt methods, and has taken a crack or two at the business men who have criticized Roosevelt more loudly than has he. He refers particularly to the recent convention of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Like many another observer who has become distrustful of the administration's methods, while still approving many of its ideals and goals, Lawrence would amend some of its laws, perhaps abolish some, but would not like to see the nation go as far in reaction as such ultra-conservatives as the NAM represents. It is probable that he speaks for a very large number of administration critics—particularly most recent converts to the critic ranks—when he flays the NAM.

The manufacturers, while indicating something of a conciliatory mood in response to Mr. Roosevelt's recent efforts toward wooing them, still spoke in such a way that they plainly revealed their desire to do away with all governmental "interference in regulating business, its labor relations, its issue of stocks, its methods of building holding companies, and other things in which the Roosevelt administration has, often blunderingly, set out to curb the old ways of unlimited 'rugged individualism'."

The ultra-conservatives among business men would go too far in reaction. They would abolish the SEC and put nothing in its place. They would abolish the Wagner act, substituting nothing on the grounds that working men can do better dealing with their employers direct than through such a third party as labor unions.

Such ultra-reaction should not be permitted. The nation has advanced during the Roosevelt regime. It has undoubtedly, advanced too swiftly and too far toward the left since there have been injustices in connection with the advance. A reaction is in order, but it also should not be too far.—Astoria Astorian-Budget.

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Overbearing Officials

Some time some public official is going to make an everlasting name for himself by adopting for contact with those from whom he must collect fees and taxes something of the system that the ordinary business must use.

When a statement comes from a state or federal official, and even from some county and city officials, the "customer" often is threatened as to what will happen if he does not respond promptly. Usually the law upon the subject is quoted in bold face type, with penalties in even larger type.

The ordinary person expects to respond promptly to notices of taxes and fees due the government and is irked by the assumtion implied in official notices that he is going to try to evade payment.

Federal offices in particular seem to have clerks who must try to provide themselves with work. Apparently they spend much of their time drawing up forms to be sent delinquents. A person who fails to make some return that should have gone with his income tax reports is likely to receive an ill-worded demad that he send the missing form pronto and at the same time sign a statement that the error was not made with felonious intent.

After all, this is our government, and those in public office are our employes. It does not become an employe to be too severe with his employer, although none of us would take exceptin to being courteously reminded of what our government requires of us.

The kind of notices we get from state and federal employes under a democracy may be an indication of what we might expect under a dictatorship.

These fellows in government offices now may be back in private employment or private business at an unexpected moment and it might be well for them to develop some of the tactics that have to be used by successful business.—Portland Spectator.

Our Yesterdays

Fifteen Years Ago

Argus, December 28, 1922—Sixty new homes, including that of Senator Haré, built here during year at cost estimated at $150,000. Masonic temple near completion.

Gordon Gates and Rita Williams married December 23.

Carnation company has been paying $2.50 for milk in last half of December.

Labor has big year in Hillsboro. Condenser running every day of the year, has big output. Ray-Maling cannery payroll will be around $100,000. B. E. Maling says orders least of his troubles these days—it is to get the output to fill them. G. H. P. Lumber company payroll will be around $50,000. Hillsboro Sash, Door and Planing mill employing 12 men most of time.

County streams at flood stage. Gales creek reported on rampage by County Treasurer Sappington.

Record number of Christmas packages handled by local post office.

G. L. Woodworth elected consul Modern Woodmen.

County budget meeting votes to retain county agent and to build county poor farm.

Glenn F. Bell elected president of Hillsboro Commercial club. Other officers are: Frank Austin, vice-president; Ed. L. Moore, secretary, and J. L. Crow, treasurer.

Martin Vanderzanden, early resident Verboort-Roy section, dies December 22.

Mrs. Columbia Dickerson of Cornelius dies December 21.

Thirty Years Ago

Argus, December 26, 1907—County has had prosperous year, but bigger things are expected in 1908. Two electric railways projected.

Frank Bailey elected master of Green Mountain Grange at Buxton.

Frank Schultheiz of Bethany experiments with alfalfa on his farm.

H. T. Bagley elected chancellor commander Knights of Pythias and Mrs. Elsie Schulmerich named most excellent chief Pythian Sisters.

Church Services

Congregational Church

January 2: church school, 10 a. m., Lawrence Francis, superintendent. "Morning Worship: Invited Nearer. A Communion Meditation," at 11. Invitation to church membership. Choir, "Grieve Not the Holy Spirit," Stainer. Vocal solo by Mrs. MacKenzie. Young people's meeting, 7 p. m., Mrs. Yount supervising.—T. Arthur Dungan, minister.

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Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church

You are cordially invited to attend these services. Sabbath preaching services at 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; C. E., 8 p. m.; Missionary society last Wednesday of each month at 2 p. m.—J. F. Gibson, minister.

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First Baptist Church

No prayer service this Thursday. Friday night which is New Year's eve, we shall hold a watchnight meeting beginning at 8:30. Social fellowship for both young and old, followed by a baptismal service. Everyone is welcome. Sunday school, 9:45; morning worship at 11. New Year's message by the pastor. B. Y. P. U. at 7. Evening service at 8 with an evangelistic message for all.—Ortiz W. Weniger, pastor.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist

Services are held every Sunday at 11 a. m.; Wednesday evening services at 8 o'clock; Sunday school at 11 a. m. Pupils up to the age of 20 years are welcomed. Free reading room open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 until 4 p. m.

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Seventh-day Adventist Church

Services are held each Sabbath (Saturday) as follows: Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m.; preaching service at 11; young people's meeting at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visitors are welcome at any service.—Dr. Walter Huntington, pastor. tf

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The Orenco-Reedville Parish

Sunday school in both churches, 10 a. m.; worship service in the Orenco church, 11 a. m.; worship service in the Reedville church, 8 p. m. Women's Missionary society meets at Orenco on the third Wednesday of each month and at Reedville on the fourth Thursday of each month. tf

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M. E. Church (Bethany)

On Germantown road. Sunday service every Sunday, 10 a. m. Sunday school, 11 a. m.—John Place, pastor. tf

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Christian Church

Lord's day unified study-worship service, 9:45-11:45 a. m. Church school, 9:45. Our aim: A greater school in 1938. Morning worship, 10:45. New Year's service. Special music by male voices. Sermon: "Whither Bound?" Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m., intermediate and young people. A study of Book of Revelation for adults, 6:30 p. m. Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m. Orchestra prelude. Song service assisted by orchestra and young people's choir. Sermon: "The Bread of Life." Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., official board meeting. Choir night every Wednesday, 8 to 9 p. m. Thursday (tonight), 7:30, mid-week service, Mrs. H. A. Ball, leader. Young people invited to take part in discussion. The monthly pot luck dinner fellowship is New Year's eve at 7. Members and friends invited. Program consisting of music and renowned talkie, "The Sign of the Cross," by Cecil De Mille, 8:30 p. m. A silver offering will be taken. Come, let's make it a grand Watch Party until midnight.—R. L. Putnam, pastor.

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Trinity Lutheran Church

New Year's day will be observed with a service at 10 a. m. Sermon topic, "Divine Guardianship"—1 Pet. 5, 7. The services on Sunday will begin at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:45. Sermon topic, "Divine Guidance"—Prov. 3, 6. You are cordially welcomed to worship with us. The annual business meeting of the church will be held on Tuesday, January 4, at 8 p. m. All voting members are requested to be present.

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Whosoever Will
(Above North Plains)

Friday, midnight watch service, beginning at 8 and continuing through the midnight hour. Several speakers; communion service administered at midnight. Everybody welcome. Sunday morning, Sunday school at 10, sermon following. Sunday, 8 p. m., evangelistic service. All day prayer meeting Tuesday. Sunday, 3 p. m., service at Whosoever Will in Hillsboro. Subject, "The Church's Hope."

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Foursquare Gospel Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., classes for all ages; morning worship at 11, Rev. Ray Birkland; Crusader prayer meeting, 5:45 p. m.; Crusader meeting, 6:15 p. m., Wanda Park, president; evangelistic service, 7:30, Rev. Ray Birkland. Friday, 9 p. m., watch night service. In the absence of the pastor at the annual Foursquare convention, Rev. Ray Birkland is the guest speaker Sunday. The Crusaders will present a special illustrated song service at their Sunday evening meeting. All young people are invited.—J. W. Carmain, pastor.

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Assembly of God, Aloha

At Huber dance hall next Sunday morning there will be a foreign missionary to speak. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m.—Lloyd Huntly, pastor.

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All Saints Episcopal Church

Services for the second Sunday after Christmas: church school, 9:45 a. m. Holy communion and confirmation at 11 a. m. Bishop Dagwell will preach. Service at the county home at 2:30 p. m. Friday, December 31, there will be a brief choir rehearsal. Last Thursday the church school had its Christmas tree and exercises. Many parents and friends attended. Ted Gardner played several carols on his cornet outside the church. Following program was given: song by the beginners and primary department; recitations, Tommy Casswell, Robert Burnett and Polly Melhuish; "Silent Night" by beginners and primary; Christmas in other lands, by Miss Helen Wick's class; violin solo, Ronnie Haworth, "Silent Night." His cousin, Barbara Gates, sang one verse of the song he played. This was Ronnie's first appearance in public. Closing carol by Mrs. N. E. Haworth's class. After the program gifts, candy and oranges were distributed. Christmas day service was well attended, considering the weather. Mrs. Vesey W. Gardner sang the offertory solo. Everyone is invited to hear Bishop Dagwell Sunday morning. He is well known and very popular, both in the church and among all denominations. The vicar and Mrs. Hicks wish to thank everyone who helped make their Christmas so happy. Especially the various organizations of the church. May the coming year be very happy and prosperous for all.—Reginald Hicks, vicar.

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Beaverton Christian Church

Bible school, 9:45 a. m., Mrs. Vernon Hopper, superintendent. Communion service, 11 a. m. and sermon by the pastor, subject, "The Midnight Hour." Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m., subject, "What and Where is Heaven." Election of church officers postponed from last Lord's day will be held the following morning assembly.—G. H. Hatch, pastor.

Pentecostal Tabernacle

Sunday school Sunday, 10 a. m.; Delmar Wyatt, superintendent; classes for all ages, send the children to Sunday school. Morning worship at 11 o'clock, at which time communion will be served. Young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. Miss Madeline Newbrey president. Evening evangelistic service, subject: "Keeping Right with God." Midweek services: Tuesday evening, prayer meeting; Friday night, December 31, watch night service will begin at 8:45. Preaching service Saturday night at 7:45. All welcome.—J. F. Shackelford, pastor.

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Pilgrim House

January 1: Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord. January 2: chapel service of public worship, 10:30 a. m., with liturgy for second Sunday after Christmas, and preparatory worship for communion. Sermon: "How to Insure a Happy New Year." January 6 is the Feast of the Epiphany, the traditional coming of the wise men to Bethlehem, and the end of the Christmas season. The holy communion of the Lord's Supper will be administered Sunday, January 9, at 10:30 a. m. Pastor Henry S. Haller may be consulted any day, except Monday, between the hours of 10 a. m. and noon, between 4 and 6 p. m., or by appointment, at the House office, 232 North Third avenue.

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Methodist Episcopal Church

New Year's Sunday, January 2. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., C. C. Weber, superintendent; church worship, 11 a. m.; young people's leagues, 6:30 p. m.; evening worship at 7:30. Visitors welcome.—Alexander Hawthorne, pastor.

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St. Francis Catholic Church, Roy

Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, New Year's day; next Saturday, New Year's day, is a holy day of obligation. Holy mass will held at 8 and 10:30 a. m. After the last mass, benediction of the most blessed sacrament will be given. Next Sunday holy mass will be celebrated again at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and at 3 p. m. the devotion in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be held, followed by benediction of the most blessed sacrament.—Father Joseph B. Saal.

Great American Home

HELLO GRAN'PA, HOW DO YOU LIKE MY MASQUERADE DANCE OUTFIT? BET I MAKE A BIG SPLASH IN THIS COSTUME!

Highlights in the Week's News

Thursday, December 23

National labor relations board representatives arrive in Portland to hold hearing on charges Plylock corporation has violated Wagner labor act.

Six die in earthquake, which shakes five Mexican states.

Japanese sponsor new Chinese regime at Nanking.

National labor relations board holds Ford Motor company violated Wagner labor act by showing unconcealed hostility to unionization.

Australia and United States linked by air service.

Friday, December 24

Universal peace, plea of President Roosevelt.

Japanese assume blame for bombing of Panay and place brunt on navy.

Ford drafts legal campaign to resist national labor relations board order that it cease anti-union activities.

Two large lighters and tug cut adrift from Newport moorage. Labor troubles may be back of it.

Saturday, December 25

U. S. accepts apology of Japan over Panay bombing. Stern warning given against a repetition of attack.

Newton D. Baker, secretary of war during the World war, dies in Cleveland, Ohio, of heart attack.

Young Vancouver, Wash., girl kills father in quarrel over preparing dinner.

Soviet Russia purge results in 400 executions monthly.

King George in traditional greetings urges world to dispel enmity and fear.

Sunday, December 26

Four hundred and ninety persons die in festive Yuletide week-end throughout nation.

C. C. Colt resigns as vice-president and director of First National bank.

Sailor lost from freighter in storm off Vancouver island.

Japanese impose strict new rules in China. Rights of foreign powers believed affected.

Senator Capper of Kansas declares American ships and men should be withdrawn from the war zone.

Monday, December 27

Northwest storm toll reaches seven. Ralph McCullough, Portland, electrocuted by short circuit in flooded basement. Two railroad firemen killed in train wreck caused by slide near Washougal, Wash.

Japanese praise Panay crisis settlement, saying it demonstrates ability of "two civilized nations" to solve their serious problems.

Japanese capture Tsinan, capitol of Shantung.

Tuesday, December 28

Films of Panay bombing in China reach U. S. via clipper ship. Federal agents guard boxes.

Fireman missing as Great Northern train hurtles into Skykomish river near Monroe, Wash.

Stock market suffers further losses. General Motors lays off 30,000 men.

More workmen called to jobs in Portland. Doernbecher furniture plant, Oregon's largest single payroll, reopens and third shift added at Inman-Poulsen.

Hood River packing plant destroyed in $160,000 fire.

Allan Rinehart, 31, named Portland's leading junior citizen for 1937.

Maurice Ravel, famed French composer, dies in Paris.

Answers children of London gave at a Scotch school examination:

Matrimony is a place where souls suffer for a time on account of their sin.

A crisis is a thing which hangs up in the winter and comes down in the summer as a butterfly.

Tarzan is a short name for the American flag. It's full name is Tarzan Stripes.

A republic is a country where no one can do anything in private.

An active verb shows action, as, he kissed her, and a passive verb shows passion, as, she kissed him.

Jobless Claims Due

(By A. L. Lindbeck)

SALEM—Jobless workers who have been registering at the 28 state employment bureaus the past few weeks will begin filing their claims for unemployment compensation next week. Officials of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation commission expect a deluge of claims with no fewer than 30,000 unemployed workers applying for the new insurance.

A. L. Lindbeck

In anticipation of the claim payment period, which begins with the New Year, the commission has built up a fund of approximately $6,000,000 during the past two years through a tax on industrial payrolls—one per cent during 1936 and two per cent during 1937. Next year this payroll tax will jump to three per cent. All Oregon industries employing four or more persons are subject to this tax. Benefits under the compensation act are regulated by the earnings of the worker during the past year, but in no case will they exceed $15 a week for a maximum duration of 16 weeks.

Not all workers are covered by the unemployment insurance. Classes which are not covered include farm hands, domestics employed in private homes and public employes. Seasonal workers are entitled to jobless insurance only during the normal season of employment in the particular industry in which they are engaged. Because of these exemptions, it is believed, thousands of those who file for benefits will be disqualified. The status of thousands of other jobless workers will also depend upon a "determination" to be made by the Unemployment Compensation commission. This is eespecially true of unemployed workers from the Portland lumber mills, which are closed because of the jurisdictional controversy between the A. F. of L. and C. I. O.

Unemployed workers are entitled to compensation benefits only after they have registered with the state unemployment service and that service has not been able to place them in a job comparable to the one which they previously held.

Designed primarily to stablize employment the compensation act seeks to reward employers who maintain their payrolls on a level plane the year round by reducing their contributions to the fund. On the other hand employers whose payrolls show abnormal peaks and valleys are penalized through increased levies.

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Abolish Party Lines

A revised draft of his initiative measure providing for a blanket primary law was filed with the state department this week by Elbert Eastman, Portland attorney. The new draft attempts to avoid the weaknesses in the original measure which were pointed out by Attorney General VanWinkle at the time he prepared the ballot title. The measure seeks to abolish party lines in the selection of public officials in this state in the future, throwing all candidates in to a single pot in the primary election, the two high candidates for each office to "run it off" in the general election.

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Investigate Charges

Charges that representatives of the National Labor Relations board "exerted undue influence" in order to swing the election held by employes of the Inman-Poulsen lumber mill in Portland to the C. I. O. are being investigated by Governor Martin. The charges were made by B. W. Sleeman and Frank Chapman, representatives of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, an A. F. of L. affiliate. The "undue influence" charges include promises of back pay for the idle workers as well as state aid in the form of unemployment compensation.

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Debt Reduced

Cities of Oregon reduced their debt load approximately $6,000,000 during the year ending July 1, according to a survey just completed by State Treasurer Rufus Holman. At that the net indebtedness of Oregon municipalities aggregated $58,254,299 at the end of the year, the survey shows.

Bonded debt of the several cities at the end of the fiscal year amounted to $70,576,940.80 while outstanding warrants on the same date totaled $1,251,345.25. Partially offsetting this debt load were sinking funds aggregating $13,473,986.52.

Cornelius in Washington county was one of 29 Oregon cities having neither bonded debt nor outstanding warrants on July 1.

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Slaps Wrist

Governor Martin this week extended his pants kicking activities to the National Labor Relations board and Madam Perkins, secretary of labor, with a gentle slap on the wrist for the president thrown in for good measure. The governor's criticism of the federal officials was voiced during a speech at Astoria in which he placed blame for the impotency of the federal administration in dealing with labor troubles which have paralyzed the Oregon lumber industry.

The governor's speech drew immediate fire from Howard Latourette, democratic national committeeman, who charged that the governor had always been an enemy of the president and his New Deal program.

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Would Restrict Sale

The next legislature will be asked to restrict the sale of fortified wines to state liquor stores and agencies, according to Arthur McMahan, chairman of the liquor control commission. McMahan blames much of the trouble now being experienced on account of drunkenness on the unrestricted sale of these wines, some of which have an alcoholic content as high as 21.7 per cent.

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Earl Fehl, former county judge of Jackson county, entered the state hospital for insane at Salem this week, having been committeed to the institution by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton following an examination by a board of alienists.

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Jots in Jest

Santa has a good reason for coming down the chimney. Think of all the bill collectors he'd let in the front door.

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A chemist has discovered a gas that sobers a drunk instantly, giving the imbiber the same return on his investment as a venture into the stock market.

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Evidently the modern woman, buying the new style oversize hat, wants to get the most for her money.

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Experts should devote their efforts toward some means of keeping snow off the city dwellers' sidewalks and distributing it on farmers' fields.

What Must be Done for Business in 1938

(By Roger W. Babson)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24, 1937—The season for resolutions is right at hand, so I have prepared a list of "business resolutions" for 1938. This is not a catalogue of trifling and annoying personal habits which must be abolished. It is a list of basic national problems which must be ironed out if you readers want business to start up the come-back trail in 1938. Let me enumerate.

Roger W. Babson

1. LABOR—Wage workers and employers should resolve that they will stop their bickerings and quarrelings. I think the "sit-downs" of last spring paved the way for the business break this fall. I am confident, however, that we are going to see far less labor trouble this coming year than we have seen in 1937. Labor has passed its peak for this cycle. Its power is now on the down-grade for awhile. Public reaction and worker coolness toward "labor leaders" have turned the tide. **The feature of 1938 will be a sharp decline in strikes and other labor controversies.**

2. TAXES—Congress should resolve that it will mend the tax situation. The undistributed profits tax should be eliminated entirely and capital gains assessments should be altered. High estate and income levies should be modified. The repeal or softening of taxes is a necessary psychological remedy now. It would help to rebuild business confidence, although there is no assurance that tax repeal or modification will start a boom immediately. **Reports from Washington indicate that congress will ease up on taxes.**

ROGER BABSON'S HOPES FOR 1938

His List of Resolutions for New Year

1. LABOR—That wage workers and employers will resolve to stop quarreling.
2. TAXES—That congress will resolve to modify and repeal taxes.
3. UTILITIES—That President Roosevelt will resolve to make peace with utilities.
4. RAILROADS—That the I. C. C. will resolve to grant a reasonable freight rate increase.
5. BUILDING—That the building people will resolve to lower construction costs.
6. FOREIGN TRADE—That manufacturers will resolve to help negotiate trade agreements.
7. CONGRESS—That politicians will resolve not to pass new half-baked "reform" or spending laws.
8. RELIGION—That we will resolve to do more for the good of the world as a whole and try to love our neighbors as we do ourselves.

3. UTILITIES—The administration and the utility executives should resolve to give way until they meet on common ground in 1938. Failure to settle their differences now will be a costly mistake not only to the administration and to the utilities but also to all the people. Mr. Roosevelt needs good business badly and he wants the utilities to spend deferred construction money—estimated at $2,000,000,000. **Hence, I believe 1938 will see an armistice between the president and the power companies.**

4. RAILROADS—The I. C. C. should resolve to grant the railroads an increase in freight rates. Without such an advance only a few of the most powerful railroads in the country can avert receivership. Only higher freight rates will safeguard the investments of thousands of banks, insurance companies, benevolent institutions, and individuals. Furthermore, a rate boost would put the carriers back into the market for equipment. Railroad equipment purchases ordinarily have a big influence on business activity. **Because of the absolute necessity for an advance, I believe that the rate increase will go through.**

5. BUILDING—Building workers and material makers should resolve to lower their costs. Millions of masons, carpenters, painters, and other building tradesmen are unemployed because it costs too much to build a home today. In the last 18 months the cost of building a house has increased 15 per cent. Meanwhile, construction volume has dropped 30 per cent. The building boom was well underway a year ago until hasty wage advances and inflated material prices snuffed it out. Government pressure and the new construction program should force down many individual items in the cost of erecting a home. **Building, however, will not be cheap by any means next year.**

6. FOREIGN TRADE—Manufacturers and Secretary Hull should resolve they are going to work together for the benefit of the nation's total business. Industrialists should help the state department by making some sacrifice so that Secretary Hull can increase our trade with other nations in order that other nations may increase their business with us. Reviving world markets is the soundest path to recovery in America and the best way to guarantee a good standard of living both here and abroad. **Next year should see some more reciprocal trade agreements.**

7. POLITICS—The law-makers should resolve that they are going to pass legislation on its **merits** only. New bills calling for additional federal outlays should be killed. Spending must be watched more closely than ever. While there is no hope of a balanced budget next year, the "resolution" spirit can at least slow down the trend toward further inflation. There will be plenty of new legislation in 1938, but it will be more carefully drawn than that of the past five years. **New legislation next year will be aimed at giving relief to "business."**

8. RELIGION—We citizens should resolve to give more thought to the teachings of Jesus. Only as we ourselves become less selfish and more honest, can we expect others to do what I above urge.

The faithful following of these eight resolutions during 1938 would restore badly shaken confidence and give everybody new hope. Some of them will be broken from time to time, as are most New Year resolutions. But I am confident that they can be carried out in the main. For that reason, I am much more optimistic than are most of the people with whom I talk. **Remember, America has a habit of pulling herself together in emergencies. We are not all cock-eyed yet!**