This map shows business conditions in every state in the Union as shown in the March number of The Nation's Business, the official publication of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Oregon Leads Northwest In Business Prospects

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Trade and industry in January were substantially better than the same months in 1925 says Frank Greene in his monthly review of general business conditions in the current number of Nation's Business Magazine, published by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

As evidence that business as a whole is in a healthy condition, Mr. Greene cites the following records or near records established in January.

"Bank clearings for the entire country reached the second highest total ever recorded, being exceeded only by those for December, 1925, while clearings at New York were the largest in history.

"Failures for January were the fewest for that month since 1921, and liabilities the smallest since 1920.

"Car loadings, it is true, were slightly below 1925, in which a record was established for the month of January, the decrease this year being caused by smaller movements of coal, lumber and grain, with a much larger movement of manufactured goods than last year.

"Silk imports and takings by mills were the highest ever tabulated for the month.

"Iron production showed a [illegible] December, but [illegible] of blast furnaces in operation February 1 was only [illegible] 234 in operation on January 1, a net loss of 10 furnaces. This may, perhaps, have been caused by the high price of coke, which makes it more profitable for some furnaces to close down and sell their coke stocks than to use it in producing iron.

"Automobile output in January totaled 333,727 units, an increase of 44% over the first month of last year and constituting the largest January production recorded by the industry.

"The two leading mail-order houses reported a gain in sales of 9% over January last year, and the chain stores showed an increase of 12.7% for the same period."

With regard to the outlook for continued good business into the spring months, Mr. Greene writes:

"Buying for spring, at wholesale, opened fairly well, although some jobbers complained of the continuance of the small-and-frequent order policy on the part of retailers. With transportation perfection perhaps as closely as it has ever done, and factories in almost all lines able to increase their production very rapidly, the retailers apparently do not feel obliged to carry heavy stocks, and most of them keep their supplies of goods at the lowest possible point.

"Spring trade was well ahead of last year, and jobbers were fairly well satisfied with the results. A feature this year was heavier buying from the south, where purchasing power seemed to be better than for several years past. In fact, the buying power of the country as a whole appeared to be very good except in the hard-coal fields.

"Trade conditions and style shows were held in important jobbing centers and attracted much attention from retailers, great interest being expressed in the new fashions in textiles, clothing and and shoes. In general, highly styled goods moved better than staples. Thus, the new broad silks, rayons, mixtures and worsteds were in very heavy demand, while staple cottons and woolens were quieter.

"At the opening of the principal woolen producers' fall lines, prices were from 10 to 15% lower han a year ago, but practically on the same level as those named for this spring. In wearing apparel lines, 'sports' clothing moved very well, while ready-to-wear garments were inclined to lag. The same was true in the shoe trade, in which demand was active for new lasts and leathers, with the regular stock patterns playing a small part.

"The luxury lines, such as furs and jewelry, sold much more freely than usual in the post-holiday month, and some wholesale jewelers reported sales 40% larger than in the like month of 1925.

"As a natural consequence of the very heavy holiday trade, collections showed some improvement after the first of the year, and, while they could not be called good, they were much better than in the latter part of 1925 and somewhat easier than in the first month of that year.

"Automobile production, as already noted was high and automobile shows were the most successful, in the total of sales concluded, ever held. Price changes were numerous, the general trend being downward. The principal manufacturing center had about 75,000 more men employed on February 1 than on the same date last year, and a number of concerns were reported to be extending their plants and preparing to increase their output.

"Retail trade suffered the usual post-holiday slump, but was well ahead of last year. Cold weather in the latter part of the month helped sales of heavy clothing, blankets, and footwear, which had been very quiet. Numerous clearance sales were held, to reduce stocks left over from the holiday trade, with fair success. Furniture, especially the cheaper grades sold moderately well, with most purchases made on the installment plan. The same was true of radios and musical instruments, sales of which in some cities were the heaviest ever known.

"Industrially, the month was a good one.

"Building was very active for a winter month, and the total of expenditures for January was the largest ever recorded for that month, although it showed the usual seasonal decline from December. The distribution of new work was very irregular, however, the middle Atlantic, southern and southwestern states recording good increases over the previous year, while the central western, northwestern, and farwestern groups showed declines."

FORMER PLAYER KILLED

CLYMER, ONCE MAJOR STAR DIES IN CRASH

ST. PAUL, Feb. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Otis F. Clymer, 50 of Hudson, Wis., former major league baseball star was killed here tonight when his automobile collided with another machine on a bridge and plunged 90 feet to the railroad yards below.

WITH THE WOMEN

Mrs. Eleanor R. Wembridge.

The problem of the wayward girl whose parents "cannot do a thing with her" is one, like the poor, that we have always with us. But our methods of dealing with her have changed. We used to beat, imprison and otherwise try to show her the error of her ways, but now we psycho-analyze her and try to understand the cause of her waywardness—whether it results from wrong home training or mental unfitness to grasp the difference between right and wrong

Mrs. Eleanor Rowland Wembridge, psychologist for the Cleveland Woman's Protective Association, applies mental tests to girls who have strayed from the path of rectitude, and has writen a book, to be published shortly, which records the stories of some of the cases that have come to her for solution. The book is titled "Other People's Daughters."

At Radcliffe College, from which she was graduated, Mrs. Wembridge specialized in psychology. Later she taught that subject in Mt. Holyoke, Mass., and in Reed College, Oregon. Then she married and went to live in Cleveland Ohio. Life at home was delightful but she felt she was wasting a good deal of time, and when a chance came to spend part of it in helping the Protective Association wrestle with its many problems, she was glad to do so.

In her estimation the waywardness of girls is not so much the result of a mother who is too busy helping earn the family income to bother with her daughter. It is rather the result of the ignorant mother, the quarrelsome mother, the silly mother—the mother who does not understand. Mothers who do not read or study, play the piano or do anything worthwhile themselves expect their daughters to do all of these things.

And then there is the problem of the subnormal girl, not the "sheer imbecile," but the one the total of whose "aptitudes and defects is just a trifle too meager for the complex demands of modern life, and who cannot be made to develop further. In her we confront the moron or the border-line feeble-minded, or the dull or the retarded. All these terms designate different varieties of weak but often likeable individuals. They are doomed to carry loads too heavy for them." says Mrs. Wembridge in a recent magazine article.

Mrs. Wembridge's stories of some of the cases she has handled are delightfully writen and full of humor, but behind the amusing incidents which make one smile is the tragedy of these human misfits, as she sees them, and the ever-repeated and never-answered question of how to solve it.

An adorable year-old baby daughter is Mrs. Wembridge's most promising subject, and she says she will not promise how much time she will give to the Protective Association's problems when Mary Althea gets a little older and demands more of her companionship.

Women's incomes are raising rapidly, according to tax officials. The increased income of women is explained as due to the fact that new lines of business constantly are being opened to them, and women have been quick to take advantage of their broader oppor-

MEDFORD HOTEL PLAN ANNOUNCED

State Terminal Company, Through W. W. Chadwick, Outlines Move

The Stage Terminal Hotel company which operates hotels in Salem, Eugene and Roseburg, yesterday closed a deal for the opening of a fourth hotel in Medford.

The building will be erected by Porter J. Neff and J. H. Cooley and will cost approximately $125,000, exclusive of the furnishings which will represent an outlay of $30,000. The structure will be four stories high, of concrete fireproof construction and will contain 72 rooms. Stage terminal facilities will be located in the rear of the building.

The new hotel will be completed on August 1, according to the terms of the contract. Announcement of the deal was made by W. W. Chadwick, president and general manager of the State Terminal Hotel corporation.

The hotel will be located at Central avenue at Eighth street.

PROTEST FLAG SALUTE

RELIGIOUS CULT DECLARES ACT IS FALSE WORSHIP

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 27.—Saluting the American flag as an outward display of patriotism is merely a form of "idol worship," which is forbidden by the Bible, the Jehovites, a religious cult here declared today in announcing they would take an appeal to the state board of education from a recent ruling by the county superintendent of schools, requiring pupils to salute the flag.

Denver school children are required to salute the stars and stripes at noon and evening at flag ceremonies. The children of the Jehovites, sometimes known locally as children of Israel refused when ordered to take part, and the cult leaders, quoting the Bible words "Thou shalt have no ohter God before Me," claimed their congraced by the school authorities.

WEST OF TODAY IS PORTRAYED IN FILM

Airplanes and Machine Guns Exemplify Moderness of "Enchanted Hill"

To those doubting Thomases, who believe that all western productions are cast from the same mold and are, therefore, as alike as the proverbial peas, we enthusiastically recommend a visit to the Oregon theater where "The Enchanted Hill" is now playing.

This picture, based on Peter B. Kyne's latest novel, not only blazes a new trail in outdoor photoplays, being possessed of a plot that develops along novel and original lines, but it is as modern and up to date as the newest Paris gown, dealing as it does with the west of today and employing such startling innovations as airplanes and machine guns.

A story of action, romance, mystery and intrigue is "The Enchanted Hill," which gets its title from the fact that the ranch house, around which the action centers, has been built on a very high hill commanding a magnificent view of the country for miles around.

The central character is Lee Purdy, a bold, brave and romantic ex-army aviator who comes to New Mexico, buys a cattle ranch and makes two discoveries. The first is that Gail Ormsby, owner of the adjoining ranch, is just about the most beautiful girl he has ever laid eyes on, and second, that for some mysterious reason a gang of raiders are very anxious to get rid of him and get control of his land.

Lee's fight to hold his property and his efforts to win the lovely Gail provide no end of excitement and not a little fun. It is spirited entertainment all the way through and helped along by the skillful playing of a stellar cast that includes Jack Holt, Florence Vidor, Noah Beery and May Brian. Irvin Willat, who directed, deserves a large share of the credit, and a word of praise is also in order for James Hamilton the scenarist, and Al Gilks, the cmeraman.

COUNTY WILL FACE EXCITING CAMPAIGN

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Salem running for office on the republican ticket.

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 27.—(By the Associated Press).—At a meeting of the Jackson county republican central committee and precinct committemen, March 30, was named as the date for the holding of a pre-primary convention, to recommend candidates to be voted upon at the May primaries.

The pre-primary convention is the first to be held in the state. At the last session of the Oregon legislature, a bill authorizing such convention was defeated by a narrow margin.

NORMAL SCHOOL LOSES

CHENEY, Wash., Feb. 27.—Bellingham normal debaters defeated the Cheney normal team 2 to 1 here tonight in a debate on the question of entrance of the United States in the world court with the Harding-Hughes reservations. Bellingham upheld the affirmative.

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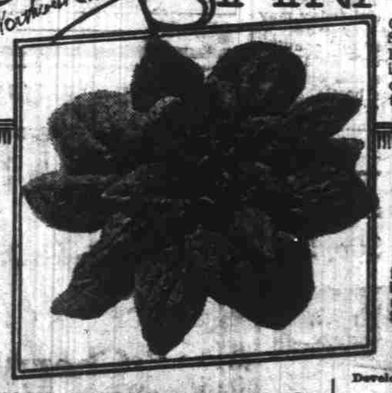

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