

A Fight Ahead

As a means of improving the price of sugar, and aiding in the growth of the sugar industry in this country, and especially the beet sugar industry, the Mountain States Beet Growers' Marketing association is pressing for a higher sugar tariff, leading officers making speeches and engaging the help of the press, especially in Colorado.

And this matter holds interest for the Salem district. The success of the movement would hurry the building of sugar factories in the Willamette valley.

It looks simple. The need of a higher tariff is obvious, as the condition precedent to a great expansion of the area in sugar beets, which would contribute more than any other one thing to farm relief. Mr. Hoover mentioned this in his campaign addresses, as a means of diversifying crops to reduce our exportable surpluses.

But it is not as simple as it looks. The present tariff on raw sugars is about \$2.20 a hundred pounds. That is fair, though it should be slightly higher. But practically all our raw sugar comes in at around \$1.76 a hundred pounds. It comes from Cuba, and that country gets a preferential advantage of 20 percent, under a law passed to help Cuban industries after the Spanish-American war.

Cuba gets practically no benefit from this reduction. It goes to the Wall Street owners of refinery stocks representing the ownership of plants along the Atlantic seaboard. The companies owning the refineries own also the Cuban cane plantations and the mills grinding out the raw sugars in that country. And they have bought up vast tracks of uncleared lands in Cuba for the expansion of the cane fields. The Cuban laborers, under a peon system bordering on slavery, work at pay that would in this country pauperize our working men.

So there is plainly a fight ahead. There is no good excuse for this preferential duty. It helps no one but the Wall Street sugar barons, to an extent worth mentioning.

But their lobby will resist any attempt to raise the sugar tariff rates, or to deprive them of their preferential advantage. Only a year or two back they petitioned for a lowering of the sugar duty, under the elastic provisions of the present tariff law, and raised a great cry when President Coolidge refused their petition, after they had secured what amounted in their showing to a favorable report by the tariff commission, which had been "loaded" with "non-partisans" under the Wilson administration.

Lindbergh's Error

LINDBERGH, with all of his admirable qualities, and in spite of the great credit that has been unstintingly given him, has overlooked one important point. He has failed to realize that his air exploits and his subsequent lionizing have made him a very definite piece of public property.

Such is the price Lindbergh and all others of his ilk must pay for their fame. Not in many years, if ever before, has any individual so absorbed public consciousness. Whereas, Lindbergh might have remained the nonentity he was before his famous flight, he is now something else and before he can come into the full flavor of his position he must be made to understand that he owes something to the people who have accepted him as an institution.

The daring youth himself may be directly and pertinently charged with the world-wide scare that flashed over news wires early Sunday morning, announcing his disappearance. It was not intended as such, unquestionably, but it proved to be a scurvy trick played on millions who watch the movements of their Lindy as they would those of a close kin.

Lindbergh owes it to the public which has accepted him to keep it informed of his movements. His popularity and the appreciation of his public will soon wane if he fails many times. Where and when he goes and very much of what he does is of public concern.

The thoughts of millions went out to Lindbergh Sunday morning in what seemed to be a moment of tragic disaster when the news of his "loss" was flashed from end to end of the earth. Indignation was entirely justified when it was discovered that the young flier had merely changed his plans and had not thought enough of his universal friendships to permit the world to be informed.

To Cure Hard Times

THE proposal of Governor Brewster of Maine to the national conference of governors for a three billion dollar public construction measure reserve to mitigate unemployment is made in the name of Mr. Hoover.

The essence of the program being that every state, and every other governmental unit, shall cooperate by setting aside for hard times certain projects which can be done as well at one time as another, and providing, subject to call, the necessary bond issues or tax levies to finance the emergency construction.

Each unit keeping a two year store of work ahead. The idea is to survey and cover the whole country with such a program.

For its success would depend on widespread cooperation such as will tax even the organizing genius of a Hoover. A single project would bring an influx of unemployed from other localities and thus defeat or minimize the benefits; and vigilance would be required to keep politicians from declaring emergencies if the plan were not made water tight.

"Whether we like it or not," comments a newspaper writer, "we are in a world of changing markets and production methods," so this proposal cannot be offered as a panacea.

But in the mean time we have in this country the paradox of altogether too much suffering alongside of the greatest prosperity the world has ever seen, and while the Hoover job reserve plan may not be perfect it is far better than the "dole" plans of Great Britain.

It is a step towards eliminating soul-destroying charity by providing a "job for every one with a will to work," as promised by Mr. Hoover in his campaign addresses.

Fascism has been celebrating its birthday—it is six years old. It served the purpose of a stop-gap against the deluge. Nothing much different could have availed. But the more birthdays it celebrates the longer will be put off the system that must finally take its place, embracing some form of government of, by and for the people. The stability of such a government for Italy will depend upon the preparation of the Italian people for carrying on such a government.

This is filbert week; worthy of full observance in these parts. The filbert supply of the United States will some day be supplied in almost total tonnage from the district of which Salem will be the central and chief marketing point. The sooner the better for stabilized agricultural conditions.

Kellygrams

BY FRED C. KELLY

FARM land that used to sell for \$100 an acre in a certain locality jumped a few years ago to \$200 an acre almost overnight. The next jump was to \$500 and now I hear that it will sell around \$1,000 an acre for suburban allotment purposes.

Barring an occasional small parcel, few sales have occurred between \$200 and \$500 an acre. This seems strange until we pause to think how people's minds work. We think in round numbers and a farm owner likes to set a price at about double what he thinks his place is worth. When his neighbor sold for \$200, then he decides to double his own price and wait for a while. While he's about it, he jumps his price to the nearest round number and his price becomes \$500. Having now stepped into big money, he begins to dream of the day when his remaining land will be worth \$1,000 an acre.

He makes the jump in price all at once, just as a judge, sentencing a prisoner is likely to send him to the penitentiary for either five years or ten, but not for six or eight. We are constantly subject to the influence of our number habits.

Humpty "Dumb"ty



Who's Who and Timely Views

Alarm Expressed Over Anglo-American Relations

By DAVID LLOYD GEORGE
Former Prime Minister of Great Britain
(David Lloyd George was born at Manchester, England, Jan. 17, 1863. He was educated at Llanystumdwy Church school, and privately, and has received honorary degrees from several English universities. He was solicitor in England in 1884. From 1905 to 1908 he was president of the board of trade; and during the following seven years was chancellor of the exchequer. He was then made minister of munitions for a year and secretary of state for war. Lloyd George was chosen premier and first lord of the treasury in 1916 and served until 1922. Since that time he has been a political observer and writer. His home is in Surrey, England.)

AM frankly alarmed about Great Britain's relations with America. Our relations with European countries are better today than ever, and I wish I could say the same about the United States. But as our relations get better our arguments get bigger. As our friendship improves, so do our weapons. The mailed fist may be useful, but it is no good for a hand shake. The guns that went into action in 1919 were mere toys compared to those of Europe at the present moment. It is no use outlasting war when we are building cruisers, heavy guns, bombing machines, and turning out the most poisonous gases. All Europe is engaged in it, and even President Coolidge is joining in.

The naval accord has well been called a compromise. It compromises our honor and the peace of the world. I hope it has gone forever.

Bee Inspection Law Discussion To Be Resumed

Bee inspection legislation, a question discussed at length at the convention of the Oregon State Bee Keepers association here last week, was referred at the closing session Saturday, to a special meeting of bee keepers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho at Portland December 13, called by the national railway association to consider marketing and other subjects in connection with the honey industry.

The state convention closed Tuesday afternoon with a trip through the state institutions. The forenoon was devoted to departmental discussion.

One-Minute Pulpit

There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up. Thou hast no healing medicines.

All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.—Jeremiah, xxx, 13, 14.

Dinner Stories

BURN'S WIT
Robert Burns was once the guest of a wealthy family, well known in the neighborhood for their frugal fare. The poet was asked to say "grace before meat." This he did in the following words: "O Lord, who blest the loaves and fishes, Look down upon the two bit dishes; And though the tattie be but sma', Lord, make 'em plenty for us a'. But if our stomachs they do fill, 'Twill be another miracle!"

High Pressure Pete



Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks
This is filbert week— Devoted to the hazelnut with a college education—

And it appeals especially to the Salem district, because this is the center of the only section of the United States in which filbert growing can be made a commercial success—in western Oregon and Washington—a black walnut section of northern California—with the available acreage predominating in the Willamette valley.

"Big business" goes into pecan growing in several sections of the United States. There is a field for big business in filberts, English walnuts, chestnuts and black walnuts (and perhaps other nuts) in the Willamette valley.

An effort to enlist large capital here in the nut industry would be worth while. Under the proper auspices, it would succeed.

CHAMBER HEARS OF AD TAX PROPOSES

If Oregon counties, by a tax levy of one-quarter mill, will provide for a program of state advertising, results of great value to the entire state will be the sure result. Such is the belief of Otto W. Miekke, former president of the Portland chamber of commerce and president of Blake, Moffit & Towne, Paper company. Miekke discussed community and state advertising at the Salem chamber meeting Monday.

Mr. Miekke's proposal calls for the enactment of an enabling bill by the next legislature which would permit such counties as wished, to raise money for advertising.

The speaker cited California and Florida as two states which had achieved phenomenal results from advertising. In recent years Los Angeles county's tourist trade has extended from \$300,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000 annually said Miekke who explained that the advertising cost was approximately one per cent of this volume.

America's annual vacation bill is \$2,000,000,000 and what money is one-fourth now goes to Europe. A large amount of this money can be attracted to the northwest, said Miekke, through aggressive, intelligent publicity.

Contrary to ordinary belief, tourist expenditure is not confined to hotels and restaurants. The former receive 21 per cent of the tourist's dollar, the latter 15 per cent. Of the remaining part of each dollar expended retail stores claim an average expenditure of 2 1/2 per cent, manufacturers and wholesalers 16 per cent, theaters 9 1/2 per cent, and all other business 15 per cent. These figures were cited by Mr. Miekke as the experience of the Los Angeles All-Year club.

Governor Patterson, State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Hoss were special guests at the meeting.

METHODIST MEN'S LUNCHEON IS GIVEN

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 26.—(Special)—The Methodist Men's Brotherhood met for its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday night. There were 35 members present.

After a short business session, the subject of good citizenship was taken up and a number of good talks were made.

County Judge G. L. Hawkins gave a 15 minute talk and was followed by Mr. Doughton and Mr. McPherson of the high school teaching staff.

Dr. Hollman and Dr. Smith also gave short talks. A. V. Oliver recited and Eugene Stoller gave two musical numbers after which luncheon was served.

The Dalles Whips Bend; Score 13-00

THE DALLES, Ore., Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Dalles defeated Bend in a high school football game 13 to 0 here Saturday, with Tommy Ward, local quarterback, playing an outstanding game. Ward broke away and raced 75 yards through the entire Bend team for a touchdown a few minutes after the game started. In the second period he made a beautiful 45-yard run around end and made a touchdown after evading half of the Bend team.

Castle U. B. To Elect Soon

A Thanksgiving prayer service will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Castle United Brethren church, corner 17th and Nebraska streets, announces the pastor, L. W. Biddle.

Election of officers will occupy the meeting of the official board Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock. The Ladies' Aid will also hold its regular gathering Wednesday afternoon.

Just 283 Americans had annual incomes of \$1,000,000 or more in 1927. Well, we never did like to be with the minority.

The Grab Bag



November 27, 1928
Who am I? In what sport do I excel? With what other man star did I make an exhibition tour of the U. S.?

What was Mrs. Herbert Hoover's maiden name?

What is the diplomatic rank below that of ambassador?

What animal is the mascot of West Point military academy?

"I am the resurrection, and the life: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Where is this passage found in the Bible?



Today in the Past
On this date, in 1915, Greece was mobilizing for war against Germany.

Today's Horoscope
Persons whose birthday is today are capable of great devotion to their friends. They are very careful to praise the good work of others although they generally have indeed earned it.

A Daily Thought
"Youth is wholly experimental."—Stevenson.

Answers to Foregoing Questions
1. Mary K. Brown; Tennis; Suzanne Lenglen.
2. Lou Henry.
3. Minister.
4. Mule.
5. St. John xi, 25.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

Nov. 27, 1903
Oliver Jory, secretary of the Citizens' party, announces that that party will hold a primary election at a mass convention tomorrow.

Hop men of the coast met in annual banquet in Portland Thanksgiving day, with the following there from Salem: Joseph Harris, Horford Sears, Kola Nels, George Dorcas, Julius Pineus, J. R. Linn, Russell Catlin, Conrad Krebs and Leonard Krebs.

An interesting program was given Thanksgiving day at the Blind school.

A flax mill which will have the capacity to work up over 1000 acres of flax a year, is now nearing completion and will be ready in 10 days.

Nine prisoners, the largest in Marion county's prison for many years, are locked in the county jail now.

LEGION PLANS DANCE
STAYTON, Ore., Nov. 26.—(Special)—Stayton post No. 58, American Legion, is giving a big dance at the Forrester hall Thanksgiving night. "Billie" Mill's orchestra of Salem will furnish music.

By Swau