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Metals Boom

UP the ladder skip the prices of metals. Copper, zinc, lead, upsidaisy; just as they did in war days. And for nearly the same reason. It is rearmament of the powers which is increasing the demand so fast that mines long idle are going into production. The higher prices mean higher wages and more employment in Butte and Wallace, in Arizona, on Howe Sound, and in Rhodesia. The merry days of scramble for commodities are here again, and speculators are dipping into the commodity markets in a big way.

Staid old iron and steel have come out of the dumps, come out so far they will accept unionism rather than sacrifice good business now in sight. Perhaps they reason that unions may be cracked again when times get tough. The boom in iron and steel is described thus by Col. Ayres, statistician of the Cleveland Trust:

"The world is now producing more iron and steel than ever before. It may be that the nations are already in conflict through this industry, and that this time the war demands are being experienced in anticipation of hostilities, or in the hope of avoiding them, instead of becoming urgent after their outbreak. In this country the output is reaching a greater tonnage than it has ever reached in the history of the industry. The steel ingot output of January was exceeded during a few months at the peak of the boom in 1929, but never previously in our history. In 1929 some 66 million tons of iron ore were brought down the Great Lakes, and already arrangements have been made to bring down 60 million tons this year. It may be that the ore carriers now available are reaching a greater tonnage than that, and plans are being discussed for heavy shipments by rail. The steel industry is now operating at 86 percent of capacity, which is the highest rate reached since the summer of 1929. Over 70 percent of all blast furnaces are now active, and even in the war years the percentage averaged only a little above 80."

So it goes: feast or famine, prince or pauper. Lumber is the same way; and there probably will be no strike in lumber because men see the prospect of steady work and mills the prospect of a steady flow of orders. Industries long starved do not stop to reckon on coming booms. Seize the day; make hay while the sun shines; these are the slogans.

Classic Architecture

JAMES MACVEAGH, son of a former secretary of the treasury, and now supervisor of exhibits in the housing division of PWA, condemns severely the "Roman forum" architecture in Washington, particularly the designs recently approved for the new Mellon art gallery and for the Jefferson memorial. Both were the work of John Russell Pope, a New York architect.

MacVeagh says "We now have in Washington a petrified forest of Greek and Roman columns. The mall and triangle are a kind of Roman forum." He objects to the Jefferson memorial, saying it "employs the same portico and squat dome" as the Mellon art gallery.

The criticism is not surprising. For the Jefferson memorial there was reason for adapting the forum style, because Jefferson himself used the Roman designs for his own architectural expression in Monticello and in the University of Virginia. The Mellon art gallery, however, shows little influence of modern feeling in architecture, and thus seems rather "dated" before it is built. Much of the modern will be "dated" too in its time; but its influence cannot be ignored because it is expressive of the spirit of the age,—one of streamlined efficiency.

The new Oregon capitol, in the opinion of many critics, offers a very successful blend of the old and new. While little of the modern novelty is employed, the old styles of capitol architecture have been given a fresh interpretation. The accompanying buildings in the Salem civic center will partake of the same feeling; so that Salem will not be charged with being another Roman forum. In fact, if the designs work out as hoped for, the structures here may prove enduring monuments of art in our national architecture.

Pinball Referenda

FOES of the Martin and Carney bills are planning the circulation of petitions for the reference of both these bills to the people. The effect of such filings would be to suspend the operation of the bills as laws until they are approved by the people. Since no election is in sight for nearly two years that gives a very profitable stay of time for the operators.

Meantime no appeal will be taken from the adverse decision of Judge Crawford in the Marion county cases, in an obvious attempt to postpone getting a decisive ruling from the state supreme court. The strategy will be to assert that the pinball machines are legal until the supreme court rules; and since the cases will not be appealed by the losers no ruling can be made by the high court.

The next step is plan for Marion county, and that is to put into effect the ruling of Judge Crawford. That will bar all machines in this county and put an end to the irritating situation of prohibition of the machines within the city and their tolerance outside.

Mister Mussolini blew blasts of hot words to the Roman populace Tuesday on his return from his triumphal march through Libya. His vain-glorious boastings are but the trappings of his office, for he must stir the passions of his people from time to time to let them know he is still on the job. The occasion was propitious, both because of his return from a journey across the sea, and because of the jolt his soldiers were getting in Spain at the lands of the loyalist forces (whether Spanish, Russian, or foreign legionnaires is not known). It does seem to blow off steam this way at intervals, so the rest of the world will hardly get nervous over his latest outburst.

New York state is selling fifteen million dollars worth of bonds the money from which will go to the elimination of grade crossings. This is only a starter. At the rate the Salem undercrossing cost that sum would take care of only about 50. However the Salem cost was high because the railroad crosses the highway on an angle, which required a longer tunnel. Steady progress must be made however in removing the menace to life caused by the grade crossing. With both train and motor cars operating at higher speeds the margins of safety are reduced which adds to the need of keeping rails and motor cars operating on separate levels.

A vicious turn has been given in the east to the child labor amendment. It is now called the "youth control" amendment. There is a vast difference between banning of child labor and control of the training, education and development of youth. The only purpose of the child labor amendment is to prevent the exploitation of children; and church and other groups who fear "youth control" are taking a strained interpretation of the text of the amendment. The propaganda effect of using "youth control" as descriptive of the child-labor amendment is of course paralyzing. Maybe that is why the words were chosen.

Headline writers gave the banners to Amelia Earhart last week. The results were varied. The Eugene News said: "Miss Earhart starts flight with 3 men companions." The Coos Bay Times said next day: "Amelia off on second lap of flight." Comes the belated Vancouver, B. C. News-Herald with a head: "Famous Flyer leaves Oakland on first leg." Maybe it's just as well she's coming back home for a fresh start.

The price of gasoline goes up half-a-cent. In the good old days this was the season for gas wars and ten-cent gas. Now the big operators have the situation well in hand and the little fellows stay well in line. Since it is some time before political campaigns the companies probably figure it is entirely safe to increase the levy on the consumer.

A professional diver who dived from the new Oakland bridge into San Francisco bay, got a broken back. From the hospital he sent word to his wife that he had "arched too much." He seems to have gotten a broken back out of fallen arches.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Admiral Richmond Pearson Hobson was related to the Oregon Hobsons, pioneers in Marion: Likely the reader saw this Associated Press dispatch from New York, dated March 16:

"Rear Admiral Richmond P. Hobson, the Spanish-American war hero famed for his dramatic attempt to bottle up the enemy's fleet in Santiago harbor, died suddenly today of heart disease. He was 66."

"The retired naval officer, who had devoted his energies in later years to an unremitting war against the use of narcotics, was stricken as he prepared to leave his Lexington home for his office. 'Statesman,' a tubercular lecturer and advocate of worldwide prohibition, Admiral Hobson shot into international prominence as a young naval lieutenant when he ran the dismantled Collier Merrimac into the entrance of Santiago harbor and sank it amid a hail of gunfire."

"With his crew of seven volunteers he was fished out of the water by an enemy ship and made a prisoner of war. A month later, Hobson and his gallant men were released in an exchange of prisoners."

Well, Richmond Pearson Hobson was a cousin, and tradition has it that cousin of Hadley Hobson, 912 Mill street, Salem, and Lemuel Hobson, 180 West Owen street, brothers, this city, the last named one of the oldest living natives of Marion county, born May 13, 1850. And by the same sign, the famous rear admiral had what is not far short of a multitude of relatives in Oregon, near and several times removed cousins, including the in-laws.

A Hobson of the same clan, William, founded Newberg, and it is believed those of that name who were among first comers to the vicinity of Astoria, and to Tillamook county, belonged to this clan.

Among the first of the clan to reach the Willamette valley was Hadley Hobson, born in North Carolina Sept. 6, 1811, who married Emily S. Speinhauer, a native of South Carolina.

That Hadley Hobson started in 1847 for Oregon from Missouri with one of the covered wagon trains of the great 1847 immigration, largest of the epochal trek up to that time. He was accompanied by wife and children and two of his brothers, George and Alfred.

Through a mischance, those Hobsons were directed to California. Here Hadley mined for a year and came to Oregon by sea the next year, the journey to the Columbia river taking five weeks. The Hadley Hobsons came to the Willamette valley and took a 640 acre donation land claim at the site of the site of Stayton. More of that family later.

Richmond Pearson Hobson was born at Greensboro, Alabama, August 17, 1870. He graduated from the United States naval academy with the class of 1893. Later he took a course in the leading French maritime school at Paris. The summer of 1895 he was on the flag ship New York with the North Atlantic squadron.

He later had courses in the construction of battleships, and in 1897-8 he was with the North Atlantic squadron giving post graduate work in ship construction to naval students.

Hobson served as naval constructor with that fleet. He was on duty with the flag ship New York in the bombardment of Mantanzas in the expedition against Juan de Puerto Rico.

Next came the exploit that made Hobson famous, rendered him a hero in the eyes of Americans; singled him out to his own embarrassment as the object of kisses from women as he went about his chosen duties as lecturer after the Spanish-American war was over.

He volunteered in the dangerous duty as commander of the Collier Merrimac and, with his little crew of seven other volunteers willing to risk their lives along with his, sank her in Santiago harbor.

Along with that crew, he was a prisoner in a Spanish fortress from June 2 to July 6, 1898. Hobson was next made inspector for his government of Spanish wrecks, and put in charge of operations to save them. He succeeded with the Teresa on the Atlantic coast.

His duties took him to the Far East, where he remained through the 1899-1900 period. He directed at Hong Kong the reconstruction of three Spanish gunboats, the Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon and Don Juan de Austria.

Next, Hobson had charge of construction in the department of Cavite, Philippine Islands, and thereafter was assigned to duties in general naval construction. He resigned from the U. S. navy Feb. 6, 1903.

(Concluded tomorrow.)

SPECIAL: For reasons that will appear at a later time, the Bits man wants to know if any reader can give him ACCURATELY an American Indian warwhoop. Phone 9101, or address R. J. Hendricks, Salem, Oregon.

Undergoes Operation

AMITY, March 23—Mrs. Robert Callender, south of Amity, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the McMinnville hospital Saturday and last report is that her condition is satisfactory.

Girl to Fred Lauwers

UNIONVILLE, March 23—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lauwers are the parents of a 9 1/2 pound daughter born at their home March 20.

Setting the Stage



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On the Record

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

IN A SUBURBAN TRAIN
Rushing for the suburban train Friday night hastening to catch it, in order to spend an hour with my little boy before he went to bed, I snatched the evening newspaper from the mother leaning over him... They were digging a history class out of the ground, from under the bricks. Parents took home the wrong children, they said, frantic, hysterical parents. It was hard to know what had been one's own child. I read as much as I could. One feels such a fool, in a train, with people all around, when tears are streaming down one's face.

Then I remembered a verse from Elizabeth Barrett Browning. I think it is "Anora, Letitia."
"A red-haired child
Sick in a fever, if you touch him
Once,
Though but so little as a finger tip,
Will set you weeping but a million
Sick..."

You could soon weep for the rule of the "Anora, Letitia" or compound fractions.

One weeps for the children blown to bits in Texas. One aches in one's very bones for their mothers, for their fathers. One rages at human errors: Were the heating apparatus faulty, did not one check on it? One wonders at the irony of a situation, where the wealth of a community, the oil and gas in the ground, the resource that supported the school itself, explode to confound men. There must have been carelessness, somewhere, one thinks, raging that there is ever carelessness where children's lives are concerned.

But, listen. Children starved in Germany from 1914 to 1918, and then they starved for months more, after the war was over, after the armistice was signed, with ships blockading the ports through which food might have come to them. Mothers tried to find some new way of cooking the watery turnips, some new way of dressing the kraut. Fathers pushed the tin pat of butter across the table. Let the kids have it, they said. Sacharin in the pudding; carrots in the marmalade; "ersatz." In Vienna the hospital wards were crowded with pallid, coughing children. Tuberculosis... undernourishment... Mothers brought their children to perfect strangers. "Are you going to England? Are you going to Denmark? Could you take her with you? Perhaps somebody there, where there is food, would keep her for a while." They crowded the trains with children, and sent them away, far from home, to the houses of strangers, who spoke another tongue, just that their legs might not shrivel, and their bellies blast, and their heads hang limp on their necks with rickets. In our times.

Today, for the sake of the "national honor," mothers again dole out the jam, or the margarine. Cannons instead of butter, says General Goering. Go slow on fats; go slow on sugar; bacon is a luxury; citrus fruits are unapatriotic. Eat more rhubarb—when there is rhubarb.

Hundreds of children were killed in the great blast. Killed by a freak. Killed by an accident, by forces out of the bowels of the earth. Had they lived, only think, they might have been blown to bits for an ideology.

People debate ideologies. Are you for Order with Franco or for Freedom. Democracy and the Rights of the Workers with the Loyalties? For the sake of Order let us make a shambles. For the sake of the Workers let us blow up other workers' children. There must be no intervention. So, Mussolini, you guard the seas most open to you—and under that guard send in another ten, another twenty thousand troops. Eat margarine and eschew butter in Germany and starve your own child to bring Order to Spain. And, by all means, let us raise a few battalions in this country. Join a League against War and Fascism and espouse war, if it's only a civil war. Civil wars have some sort of special holiness.

At the battle of Cold Harbor, in our own Civil War, they killed 10,000 men in twenty minutes. Men? Hundreds of them were sixteen and seventeen year old boys. Children, according to the child labor amendment.

They have a new heaven and a new earth in Russia. A workers' commonwealth. For his men dreamed. Spades beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks... neither shall they know any more. Yeah? Join the Osavlachim and give a ruble to the Society for Chemical and Aviation Defense. Learn parachute jumping; we will land whole armies with parachutes. Women can do it as well as men. Have more children. Russia needs them.

Russia is menaced by Fascist armies. No doubt, no doubt. But when I was in Russia in 1927 England was the menace. Military airplanes circled over the Red Spare painted with the words: Our Answer to Austen Chamberlain. Children had gas mask drills in the schools. World capitalism menaces us. Change the words on the air-planes: Our Answer to Hitler. Capitalistic democracies are a real right. England is fine. Gas masks for the march against Germany.

Get your rights, workers! Occupy the factories; barricade the doors; defy the law! Economic freedom! Join the epidemic. This way lies the new heaven and the new earth. Or: Law and order must be maintained! Don't compromise! Vigilantes, arm yourselves! For the defense of the home. If the law falls, lynch!

Children blown to bits. It was

Suits Purchased For Softball Boys

Business Men Aid Mt. Angel Team; Also Will Put Park in Shape

MT. ANGEL, March 23.—According to plans revealed at the meeting of the Business Men's club Monday night, the opening of the softball season here. A number of special features are being planned, among them an award of prizes to the players for special achievements during the season. Alois Keber reported that the committee had completed the purchase of suits for the team, sponsored by the Business Men's club. The suits will be a striking gold and black combination. The club has undertaken the job of putting the ball park in tiptop shape. Some time during the coming week members of the club will meet at the park to clean up and get everything in readiness for the coming season.

To Aid in Celebration
A committee of business men, consisting of P. N. Smith, Val Eberle and Bill Beyer, was appointed to represent the club in helping in the preparations for the three-day celebration in honor of the golden jubilee of the founding of Mt. Angel college.

Road Committee Chairman
Alois Keber reported that he had consulted with the highway committee with regard to making the Woodlawn-Silverton highway through Mt. Angel safer by adding a non-skid surface. Jos. Brockhaus extended an invitation to the club to hold its next meeting at the Mt. Angel Vaux company.

Dance Increases Playground Fund

VICTOR POINT, March 23.—The Silver Cliff Parent-Teachers' association sponsored a benefit program-dance at the W.O.W. hall in Silverton Saturday night which proved a decided success, netting more than \$25 for school playground equipment.

Three-act play, "Henry's Mall Order Wife," by Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Mulkey, Mrs. Jim Mulkey, Roma Lala, Robert Gotberg and Jimmie Mulkey; pianologue and reading, Mrs. Ralph Mulkey; piano solo, Robert Gotberg; reading, Robert Gotberg. Music for dancing was played by the Jim Mulkey orchestra.

The Victor Point Parent-Teachers' association will hold its regular meeting at the school-house Friday night. The study of Oregon will be continued at the meeting. The McAlpin Parent-Teachers' group will meet Friday night at the schoolhouse.

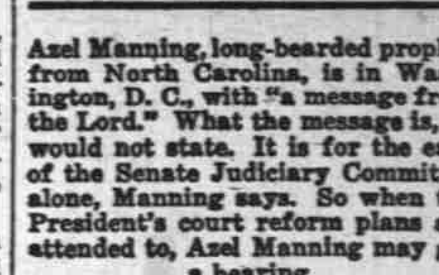
Woman at Jefferson Badly Sprains Ankle, Result Light Failure

JEFFERSON, March 23.—Mrs. Charles Loveland is confined to her home because of a badly sprained ankle. The town was in darkness because the street lights were out and Mrs. Loveland stepped off the sidewalk, causing the injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Henderson of McCleary, Wash., were weekend guests at the home of Elmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson. They also visited Mrs. Henderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox, in the Knox Butte district.

Radio Programs

- KOAO—WEDNESDAY—560 Kc.
9:00—The Showmakers' hour.
9:00—Weather forecast.
10:15—Story-hour for adults.
10:30—Book of the air.
12:15—Noon farm hour.
1:15—Variety.
2:00—Guarding your health.
2:30—Travel's radio review.
3:00—A.A.U.W. half hour.
3:45—The World's News.
4:30—Stories for boys and girls.
5:00—On the campus.
5:30—Farm broadcast.
7:45—Municipal hospital, "Hillside," Modern Sewage Disposal Plant, J. B. Medical.
8:15—Fritz's craft.
8:30—First Presbyterian church of Albany choir.
KOIN—WEDNESDAY—940 Kc.
6:30—Clock.
8:30—News.
8:45—Sons of Pioneers, vocal.
9:00—Comedian news.
9:15—Music club.
9:30—Helen Trent, serial.
9:45—Rich Man's Darling, serial.
10:00—Eddy and Bob, serial.
10:15—Modern Cinderella, music-serial.
10:30—Betty Crocker, housemaker.
10:36—Hymns of all churches, choir-organ.
10:48—Who's who in news.
11:00—The Sister, 11:15—This and That.
11:45—Myrt and Marge.
12:00—Theaters, varied.
12:30—Steve Reporter.
1:15—Homesbakers, 1:30—News.
1:45—Eye of the West, 2:15—Stadia.
2:30—News Through Women's Eyes.
2:45—This and That.
3:00—The White sing.
4:00—Newlyweds, 4:15—Variety.
4:45—Home Town sketches.
5:00—Housing 5:15—Tops retzue.
6:00—Kostelanska orch.
6:30—Beauty Box Theatre.
7:00—Gangsters, drama.
7:30—Musical Moments.
7:45—Little Show.
8:00—Society Dances, comedy.
8:15—Pretty Kitty Kelly, serial.
8:30—Burns and Allen, patter, orch.-sing.
9:00—Western News, 9:15—Variety.
9:30—Lee orch. 9:45—Memory's Corner.
10:00—The First drama.
10:30—Oliver King, 10:45—Radio-Bits orch.
11:00—Tucker orch.
11:45—12—Peely's 12—Dooley orch.
KOW—WEDNESDAY—830 Kc.
7:00—Morning melodies, (ET).
7:30—Petinastina, (ET).
8:00—Financial.
8:15—Stars of Today, (ET).
8:30—Voice of Experience.
9:00—News, 9:15—Mary Martin, serial.
9:30—How to Be Charming.
9:45—Lee White sing.
10:00—Women in Headlines.
10:30—Mrs. Wiggs of Cabbage Patch.
10:45—Just Plain Bill, serial.
11:00—Musical, (ET). 11:15—News.
11:45—Hollywood in Person.
12:00—Pepper Young's Family, drama.
12:15—Ma Perkins, drama.
12:30—Trio and Solo, drama.
12:45—O'Connell, 1—Dance arch.
1:15—Concert minutes.
1:30—Follow the Moon, drama.
1:45—Guiding Light, drama.
2:00—Hollywood news.
2:05—Checkers, comedy.
2:15—Helen Jane Balke, sing.
2:30—Ringing Sam, (ET). 2:45—Clinic.
3:00—News, 3:15—Variety.
3:15—Woman's Magazine, varied.
4:00—Espanyol, (ET).
4:05—Cocktail hour.
4:30—Jewish Theological Center.
4:45—Me and My Shadow.
5:00—One Man's Family, drama.
5:30—Stars of Today, (ET).
6:00—Homer concert.
6:30—Thrills, drama.
6:45—The Parade and Sweepstakes.
7:30—Armbruster orch. Gloria Swarthout, Frank Chapman.
8:00—Songs of Andy.
8:15—The Tern, comedy.
8:30—Following the West.
8:45—The West, variety.
9:00—News, 9:15—Herman's orch.
9:30—Hopkins orch. 11—Treat orch.
11:30—Destitute orch.
12:00—Weather report.
KEK—WEDNESDAY—1180 Kc.
6:30—Clock, (ET).
7:00—Calvary tabernacle.
7:30—Josh Higgins, 7:45—News.
8:00—Varieties, 8:05—Vagabonds, sing.
8:30—Robert Gately, sing.
8:45—The Blue Bird.
8:45—Gospel singer.
9:00—Honey and Sassafras.
9:15—News, 9:30—Variety.
9:30—Federation of Women's club.
10:00—Theater.
10:02—Jingletown Gazette.
10:15—Wood Magician.
10:30—Love and Learn, serial.
10:45—Neighbor Nell, speech.
11:00—Nature Trails.
11:00—Makia's music.
11:30—Western farm and home.
12:00—Market reports, 12:35—Visitor.
12:45—Newborn sisters, vocal trio.
1:00—Singing evangelists.
1:30—Bobby Axton, sing.
1:45—Young Blacktop, drama.
2:00—Airbreaks, variety.
2:30—Directors.
2:45—Holy Week respers.
3:00—Kogen orch.
3:30—Financial and grain reports.
3:30—News, 3:45—Stars of Rose, (ET).
4:00—Three Chorus, vocal.
4:15—Show window.
4:30—Clary and Gillum.
4:45—J. Mark Wilcox, talk.
5:00—Beauz Art orch.
5:30—Makia's music.
6:00—115—Dinner melodies.
6:30—Lena and Abner, comedy.
8:30—Yinnesse echoes.
9:00—Abner Benbowing, violin.
9:15—Congress orch, 9:30—Wrestling.
10:30—Billmore orch. 11—News.
11:15—Carnegie organ.
12:00—Weather and police reports.



Cutsforth's Sell Portion of Land, Occupy New Home

PARKERSVILLE, March 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cutsforth have sold a house and three acres of land to Mrs. Nanis E. Coles of Aberdeen, Wash. Mrs. Coles is moving in immediately and Mr. and Mrs. Cutsforth have moved into their new home adjoining their former property.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McCullum of Corcoran, Calif., but formerly of this neighborhood, have gone to Seattle for the summer. They purchased a boat 31 feet long with a cabin and expect to spend the summer on the boat cruising.

Another Case Scarlet Fever Found, Mt. Angel; Doctors Eye All Grades

MT. ANGEL, March 23.—Another case of scarlet fever was reported here. Christine Eberle, eighth grade pupil of St. Mary's public school, came down with the disease Friday. To take precautions against a spread of the disease, Drs. Scherbaum and Van Cleave of Mt. Angel examined all the 47 children of the eighth grade thoroughly Monday morning and all the children of the school are being watched for symptoms.

The first case, also an eighth grade pupil, was discovered several weeks ago and no further sign of the disease had shown up until now.

Missionary Society at Middle Grove to Meet at Malm Home Today

MIDDLE GROVE, March 23.—The Woman's Missionary society will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clara Malm. Mrs. A. Anna Hammer is spending a few days with relatives in Grants ass.

Anita Gregg, who has been very low with flu, was removed last week to the General hospital, where it was necessary to give her a blood transfusion. Her condition is improved.