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"Survival of the Fittest"

In the bleak year of 1934 there were 12,093 business failures with total liabilities of \$333,959,000. From then on, the number and total losses declined until in 1945 only 809 concerns turned up their toes with liabilities only a tenth of those in 1934, \$30,225,000. But in 1949, believe it or not, the total had risen to 9,246 failures for a total of \$308,109,000.

Of course in 1934 the number of business concerns operating had dwindled sharply from the 1929 peak, and low price levels made the liability account low as compared with that of today.

Now why did these businesses fail? Dun & Bradstreet, the veteran credit rating agency, has completed a study of this subject. It finds that in many cases the failures are human failures: "Failures in judgment, personality, decision and know-how." Of the 9,162 failures in 1950, 95 per cent were found due to the individual who owned the business. Another thing: "The first five years are the hardest."

Two out of every three that failed last year had been in business for five years or less.

The Pacific coast has a bad record in this respect. Between 1940 and 1950 the biggest upswing in business failures occurred on the Pacific coast. Last year our score was 24.1 per cent of the total, exceeded only by the middle Atlantic states with 31.9 per cent.

Naturally the states with more nearly static economies showed a lower rate of failures.

One page of the D & B study gives the failure rate per 10,000 concerns in five retail lines, as follows: food, 20; apparel, 75; furniture, 53; electrical appliances, 85; shoes, 68. (Too much charge in electric goods?)

Personal deficiencies on the part of owners resulted in conditions which brought on failure. Diagnosis of these conditions by percentages was as follows: inadequate sales, 45.7; heavy operating expenses, 10.7; difficulties on receivables, 9.6; inventory difficulties, 11; excessive fixed assets, 10.9; poor location, 4.2; competitive weakness, 13.7; other 6.1.

In a fluid economy like our own there are bound to be failures. In trade there is always competition, if not within one's own line then with other lines contending for larger shares of the customer's dollar.

Many times individuals profit from the experience of failing in one line. They may make a new venture and attain marked success. Frequently one reads of men who have made and lost several fortunes. They were in truth soldiers of fortune (and misfortune).

The record of business failure should not be too discouraging. While many fail, others succeed, in greater or less degree. The old adage still has virtue: Nothing ventured, nothing won.

Great Debate, Here and Abroad
As the senate hearings resume today the great debate will pick up where it left off last week. In fact Senators Taft and McMahon had a week-end radio argument which ended in the usual draw, neither one convincing the other.

Taft claimed that the administration was applying most of the recommendations of MacArthur in the Korean war; McMahon denied it. Stopping the flow of strategic materials to China was voted by U.N., and Dean Rusk of the state department has said we will help the anti-red Chinese; but we still haven't started bombing the enemy bases in Manchuria or laid down a naval blockade. Meantime the U.N. armies have done a good job in holding their lines near the

38th parallel by smashing the waves of communist attack.

Senator Wiley suggests the senate committee should consider calling the president to testify; but he will get nowhere on that. The committee voted 18 to 8 against trying to force Gen. Bradley to report the conversations he had with the president on the firing of MacArthur, the basis of the vote being the regard for the independence of the executive department under our constitution.

Bradley returns to testify today. After him will come the chiefs of staff of the services: army, navy, airforce. Secretary Acheson is expected to testify which should provide a Roman holiday for his senatorial critics. And General MacArthur may be heard in rebuttal.

Already though there are signs the senators have heard about enough. They are beginning to show more concern about the future course of action than why the president gave MacArthur a ticket home. That is more important, and there again the decisions must be based on events as they transpire. What occurs in Korea (or Peiping or Moscow) may be of greater significance presently than what happens in Washington. Behind their iron and silken curtains a great debate may be in progress between or among our enemies. Watch for how that argument is settled.

No Appeasement Please

The United States made concessions to get Robert Vogeler out of prison in Hungary, and now is confronted with demands from Czechoslovakia before the latter country will release William N. Oatis, AP correspondent who was summarily arrested in Prague. The reported demand is that the U. S. stop the broadcasts of Radio Free Europe now made from Munich.

We trust the United States will repudiate the proposal. There may have been some excuse for the Vogeler deal, but if it is to become a precedent then the satellite states will pick off as victims American citizens who fall within their clutches and make fresh demands on us. There is no ground for arresting and holding Oatis, for he is an experienced correspondent, long in the service of Associated Press, which has strict requirements covering the performance of its workers abroad. There is no chance that he has violated rules of AP or that he has engaged in anti-state activities as alleged by the communist government in Prague.

Radio Free Europe is not a government-operated or sponsored institution. It is financed by voluntary gifts of Americans. It broadcasts truths to the imprisoned peoples behind the iron curtain. Its message should be continued to tell these people that the light of truth is kept burning in the west.

Can't the United States twist the arm of Czechoslovakia? Two can play at the game, though our methods are more humane. Give the Czechs a taste of their medicine and see if reprisals will not bring quick release for Oatis.

Congress has been in session for four and a half months. Why hasn't it made more progress on bills for statehood for Alaska and Hawaii? Practice seems to be to kill off this legislation by harrowing delays. No hearings are being held—no need for them—but neither house has put this legislation to a vote. Time for action . . . now.

Overheard at the "lawyers' table" at the Portland hotel: "Old judges never die, they just draw their pay."

Soviets May Retreat in Asia in Order to Build Up Pressure in West Against Rearmament
By William L. Ryan
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—The general tone of the Soviet press today points to this possibility: The Kremlin at almost any time may make a spectacular move in an attempt to force the communist brand of peace. That would mean only a temporary truce.

The pattern of the other Soviet strategic retreats in the past is being followed again—and communist logic would seem to indicate a move.

There have been many rumors in the past few days of communist peace overtures to the west, and broad hints the Soviet Union is out to get some sort of settlement which might end the open air eastern hostilities.

If American and other western statesmen have taken the experiences of the past to heart, they will be extremely wary.

The Russians have made their aims fully clear. The aim is to push the United States into chaos in a long war of attrition. A spectacular peace bid now would be part of that war.

Western statesmen know the Soviet Union is aware of the pressures which would be brought about by such a move—not only in the United States, but in England, France, Italy and western Germany.

With a lessening of the tension by an end to hostilities, the politico would count on heavy pressure in these countries for relief from high taxes, for an end to heavy military spending. The pressure could be so great as to topple governments in Europe, and to force cutbacks in the United States, the Kremlin would figure.

This, for the Soviets, would serve a number of purposes:

1. The Atlantic alliance would be weakened. The strong military front now building in Eu-

WELCOME MOISTURE IN THE OLD DUST BOWL



IT SEEMS TO ME

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inquiry into the RFC "asinine" though the disclosures forced the president to move for its immediate reorganization.

Considerable of this is petty stink, just the grafting of cheap-skates. Some of it is just "crowding the pole" for favors because persons happen to be on the inside of the administration, like Donald Dawson taking free hotel accommodations at a Florida hotel.

Some of course angled for big things, like Rosenbaum in dickering over RFC loan applications. Ex-Congressman Casey seems to have turned his hand, perhaps legitimately, on big deals which netted him and associates large profits on purchase and sale of tankers. Some of the deals in purchase of merchant vessels in the late war and then in disposal of vessels after the war were shocking in the costs to the government. Even if the transactions were on the up-and-up the losses sustained by the government created an atmosphere of "come and get it" which spread all through the ranks.

On many major matters President Truman as acted to protect the public interest. Against heavy pressures from men in his own party he vetoed a bill to let off-shore oillands revert to the states, and another bill exempting certain producers of natural gas from jurisdiction of the federal power commission. But he seems to have a blind spot where his cronies are concerned.

A fresh broom is needed to sweep out the accumulation of vermin who have gotten a foothold in Washington. But there is always the danger that instead of sweeping out the vermin we merely let another tribe of lice come to inhabit the place. For grafters, big and little, operate on bipartisan lines.

Quote for the Day
A word fitly spoken is like an apple of gold in a picture of silver.—Proverbs 25:11.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Is latest miracle drug, comrade commissar . . . is effecting some new, remarkable confessions! . . ."

Consolidation Of Libraries Aired at Meet

Consolidation of large library units into regional libraries and training of librarians were among topics discussed at the Oregon Library association annual meeting in Eugene Saturday.

Nearly 200 delegates took part in the discussion which pointed out that many Oregon counties are without adequate library facilities. A plan discussed would consolidate a county's library facilities into larger units offering better service.

A new state law permitting Oregon students to attend other northwest state schools on an exchange basis was hailed as an advantage for the training of library students. Oregon has no library school but students here could train at a state library school in Washington.

Sixteen Salem delegates represented the state, city and Willamette university libraries. Hugh Morrow, Salem city librarian, retired as treasurer of the association and was succeeded by Marcia Hill of Salem, state library employee. New president is Cora Mason, public librarian at Ashland. Also taking part in the day's program were State Librarian Eleanor Stevens and Eloise Ebert, state library worker.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It was him who told me of the unverified rumor."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "clandestine"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Ensemble, environment, enterprise, compromise.
4. What does the word "grandiose" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "a" that means "having a meaning"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "It was he who told me of the rumor (omit unverified)." No rumor is verified. 2. Pronounce klan-des-tin, as in an, as in set, i as in tin, accent on second syllable. 3. Enterprise. 4. Impressive or elevating in effect. "His manner was grandiose." 5. Significant.

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Song Composer To Appear on Salem Program

Tim Spencer, organizer and leader of the "Sons of the Pioneers," cowboy singing group, will appear in person Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. in Salem high school auditorium.

He is the composer of many popular songs including "Room Full of Roses" which reached the top of the Hit Parade recently. He is a spark plug in the Hollywood Christian group. He will sing and play.

Phil Kerr, pianist and song writer, also will appear in the free program. Kerr has written over 1,200 songs and choruses, and is considered an expert on hymnology. He has made more than 70 coast-to-coast concert tours. He is a leader in the Youth for Christ movement.

The program is open to the public and is sponsored by the Salem Christian Business Men's committee.

Battery Firm Gets Money For New Plant

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Albert H. Daggett, president, announced yesterday that under a refinancing plan, Gould-National Batteries, Inc. has arranged to borrow \$8,000,000 from three life insurance companies.

Of the total amount \$5,000,000 will be used to retire notes presently outstanding and the balance will be added to working capital and will be available for the construction of new plants, the purchase of new equipment or other purposes.

The additional funds provided will be available for the accomplishment of the company's \$5,000,000 program providing increased capacity, particularly in the industrial division to manufacture batteries required by the armed services.

(Gould-National Batteries operated the battery production plant in westside Salem. On a recent visit here, President Daggett said expansion was being planned for the local plant.)

Hobo King Due At Funeral for General Coxey

SEATTLE, May 20—(AP)—Hobo King Jeff Davis headed east today, riding first class.

The man, who rode to fame on the rods of the nation's railroads, boarded an airliner for a sad trip east.

He was hurrying to the funeral services of the most famous step and ject, "General" Jacob S. Coxey, a trustee of the Hoboes of America.

Coxey, who led a march on Washington in 1894, died in Massillon, O. He will be buried Monday.

The "General" was arrested for trespassing on the capitol lawn. In 1944 he stood on the capitol steps and finished the speech he began 57 years ago. This time he was presiding over the annual convention of the Hoboes of America.

The king will be a pallbearer for the general and will speak at his rites.

ACTOR'S WIFE BETTER

HOLLYWOOD, May 20—(AP)—Actor Jimmy Stewart said today that the condition of his wife, Gloria, has improved so much he is able to return to work.

Employer Told Not to Assist Anti-Red Union

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—The belief that a union has pro-communist leadership doesn't justify an employer in helping a rival union organize his workers, the national labor relations board held today.

The ruling, voted by the NLRB 4 to 1, involves the Stewart-Warner corporation, the United Electrical Workers (UE) which had expelled from the CIO on charges of following communist party programs rather than CIO policy, and the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). It was charged that the employer aided the IBEW in unseating the UE as bargaining agent for its Chicago plants.

Although the charges first were filed by three UE members, including John Kelliher, president of the UP local, the board chose to act upon similar charges of employer interference filed later by the CIO-International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE). This union was chartered by the CIO over the UE's jurisdiction after the UE was thrown out of the CIO. The IUE has taken away many major contracts once held by the UE.

James J. Reynolds, lone member of the board to dissent, said he would have dismissed the charges against the employer for lack of evidence that the IBEW actually had been aided by the employer. In his dissent he did not discuss the communist issue.

The board said congress, through the Taft-Hartley act, had not authorized the board to condone employer violations even though they "may be motivated in part by patriotic objectives." The law prohibits the boss from interfering with the organizing activities of his employees.

K. of C. Elects State Officers

GRANTS PASS, May 20—(AP)—The annual state convention of the Oregon Knights of Columbus concluded here today with re-election of all officers.

They are: Jasper W. Kennedy, Eugene, deputy; Edward J. Bell, Stayton, secretary; Vernon W. Collier, Reedsport, treasurer; Walter R. Hansen, Bend, advocate; Jack Lynch, Oregon City, warden.

Delegates to the national convention are Dr. F. A. Reiling, Eugene; William Plasker, Tillamook; Kennedy and Sylvester Smith.

Alternates include Don Doerfler, Salem; Thomas Bagan, Salem; W. Douglas Harris, Mt. Angel, and F. Ross Coleman, St. Paul.

Salem was selected for the 1952 convention. Delegates voted to hold a state-wide "Catholic day" July 8 at Champeog state park.

Radio Program To Feature 4-H Members

Salem 4-H club members and leaders will participate in the state 4-H club radio program over KOAC, Corvallis, tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Club members taking part from the state school for the blind are Gayle Sandine, piano solo; Darrell Beers, and Homer Ding and Jack Brazier, instrumental trio. Frank Sanders, music instructor and James Rybloom, dean of boys and 4-H club leader will accompany the group.

Mrs. Jack French, president of the Salem -H leaders' association and leader of a clothing club, Kay Nickerbocker and Jean Hubbard, to discuss the 4-H club program. James Bishop, Salem 4-H club extension agent, will accompany the group to Corvallis.

The half hour program tonight is one of two given by Salem 4-H members and leaders during the year, Bishop said.

ORCHESTRA SINGER KILLED
SLOATSBURG, N. Y., May 20—(AP)—Donald Brown, 29, featured vocalist with Tommy Tucker's orchestra for the last three years, and another musician were killed today when their automobile smashed into a store-front in the Sloatsburg business district.

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Columbia River To Crest Tuesday

PORTLAND, May 20—(AP)—The Columbia and Willamette rivers in the Vancouver, Wash.-Portland area will rise slowly and crest at 20.5 feet Tuesday, river forecasters reported today.

The expected crest is not high compared with last year's spring high water mark of 25 feet, the weather bureau reported.

Mid-Valley's Iris Gardens In Full Bloom

By Lillie L. Madson
Garden Editor, The Statesman

Although iris growers report that they have had the worst spring in their Willamette valley iris growing experience, you would not guess it in looking over the blooms and arrangements at the Cooley Iris garden headquarters on James avenue, Silverton.

The annual Iris Week at Silverton opened here Sunday and will continue through this week and over next Sunday. Visitors are also being welcomed this week at the Cooley Iris farm, known as the old Benson farm, on Brush Creek road. Because of the closed road at Brush Creek, the only entrance to the farm is from the Silverton side.

Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, nationally known iris breeder at Silverton, says that in his 30 years of iris growing he has never seen a worse winter for them. Those that are blooming in good shape, are certainly hardy, he added. First the "summer weather" of December and January advanced the iris greatly, enabling them to be caught properly in the heavy freeze of February. The late April frost and the heavy hail Silverton had in May all gave assistance to keeping iris from being at their best.

However, the Cooley iris house is filled with a fine collection of colorful bloom all from their own iris gardens. Mrs. Blahm Cooley's arrangements, which have added much to the success of the show in recent years, are exceptionally fine this year.

All irises are labeled at the show and there is always someone at hand to discuss iris culture or give other information. Too, there are members of the firm at the iris farm who will show visitors about.

Some new introductions, which had been expected to be out for the show, will not bloom this spring at all, and a few will be too late for the show. However, this week is definitely the peak of the iris blooming season in the Willamette valley.

Open to visitors too, are the lovely display beds of the Schreiner iris gardens in Salem County, 2, in the Quincy area. The beds will be at their best all this week, and Sunday found the scores of visitors who came to the Cooley Iris show motoring out by the Schreiner's Gardens, to view them also. The Schreiner family are extending a welcome to all visitors throughout the week.

GOP Banker Said in Line For RFC Job

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—A Chicago banker, active in republican politics, was reported today to be President Truman's choice for the post of No. 2 man in the reconstruction finance corporation.

Highly informed sources who declined to be named said Mr. Truman—barring some unexpected last minute hitch—will name Peter I. Bukowski, president of the Cosmopolitan National Bank of Chicago, as deputy RFC administrator under W. Stuart Symington.

Bukowski is a former manager of the RFC's Chicago loan agency and a long-time friend of Symington.

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