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THE STATE OF BUSINESS

HOW'S business? Better! Is the so-called depression, deflation, panic, economic revolution, or whatever you want to call it, over? Business prophesy is not our avocation. No siree! That business seems to be too much even for Mr. Babson. You remember he was going to have all the boys back in the mills by Christmas. Even the price of wheat hasn't reacted enough yet to help Mr. Babson out of that one.

Nevertheless to the person who must judge by watching the news parade, things do seem definitely better. Some badly scared people think that the recent advances in wheat, oil, cotton, steel and many other commodities is the result of clever manipulation by powerful speculators combined with booster propaganda in the press.

Some of these prices may sag again before they go higher, but put this down, no amount of speculation or propaganda could produce the steady gain of the last two months. Talk of war in the Orient may have had some effect, but there hasn't been much enthusiasm for that war even in Wall street.

The upturn in many lines seems to be due to more stable banking conditions, to the fact that deflation in many lines actually has been completed, to the fact that as hysteria has waned, many smart business men have decided that prices are not only as low as the markets warrant, but lower than need be.

Overproduction does not seem to be the factor it was some time back. The world markets need what has been stored and what is being produced. How to pay, even at present prices, is the difficult part of the problem, but we seem to be definitely out of that muck where goods could scarcely be moved "at any price."

Security averages are a fair indication of conditions. On 50 industrial stocks which had an average high bid of 252 in 1929 and an average low of 141.3; an average high of 202.4 in 1930 and an average low of 112.9; and in this year so far a high of 140.2, and a low of 67.8, yesterday's averages were 85.9; last week's 83.9; last month's 81.5. Figures on railroad and utility securities show a parallel trend.

Those who said within six months after the 1929 crash that "deflation had been accomplished" were talking through their hats; those who said the same thing last year were quite as far "off." But there seems to have been a genuine cellar sometime in the last six months. It's a long hard crawl back.

If you have money to build a house, buy a farm, to buy and KEEP a good reliable bond or stock; if you want a suit of clothes, a bedroom suite, a roll of satin, a barrel of paint, a new car, anything within reason, it's a fine time to invest.

THE OLD GRADS RETURN

THESE are "homecoming" days for the graduates of high schools and colleges. The Big Games are being played. Old boys are back to see the team win and to strut a little Success stuff for the edification of the younger generation. The feminine side displays its trophies, mostly husbands and babies. The school "homecoming" with its back-slapping, its reminiscences, its revival of the youthful spirit, is one of our happiest traditions.

In Eugene, this year, however, there is one "homecoming" that is really unique. It's the one which the graduates of the old Geary school are holding. Geary is just a grade school. We don't often think of grade schools as having personality and traditions. Grade schools usually seem pretty remote to people who have gone on through high school and college or through the more strenuous schools of experience.

Yet the grade schools do have their traditions and they do deserve our loyalties. Why should we give all the credit for what we have acquired in ideals or in culture to the higher schools.

They say some 10,000 people have gone through old Geary since it was the city's finest and newest school back in 1890. Some 400 have returned, many of them from huge distances to have a part in this occasion. For 40 years old Geary has been making fine men and women for the community. For the last 25 years, through all kinds of political weather, the school has kept the guidance of kindly, competent Ellis R. Parker.

The building has become something of a civic reproach. For a long time, the people of the Geary district have been entitled to a better building and better equipment. But that doesn't really matter because Geary has something better and more important—a fine tradition of accomplishment. Eugene greets the Geary homecomers. Their tribute to a fine school is noteworthy for its sincerity.

MR. SPAULDING PROPOSES

UNDER the pretext of helping the poor and making work for the unemployed, a politician can sharpen many an axe these days. Thus Highway Commissioner Spaulding's long threatened move to get a downward adjustment of state highway department salaries is dressed up in the guise of a plan to create funds to make work for the unemployed.

If Mr. Spauldnig's ideas are carried out, all engineer salaries over $2400 will be cut 16 2-3 per cent. All lower salaries will be cut 12½ per cent. Mr. Spaulding figures the cuts would give work for men with 2500 dependents. Sounds fine, but—

Mr. Spaulding's calculations now are apparently just as inaccurate as they were in the Woodburn speech in which he declared that Oregon was spending far more for engineers than neighboring states. We published at the time a comparative table showing Oregon salaries definitely below those in California and Washington.

Support for 2500 people by cutting administrative and engineer salaries 12½ to 16 2-3 per cent? Let's see, that would entail fairly regular employment for at least 500 men, average families considered. How much saving is possible? Well, the total administrative expense of the highway department last year was $463,627.09. Of course, that included large sums for office space, supplies, travel expense to and from road jobs. But suppose a cut on the whole amount to be possible. The outside saving would be around $75,000. That would be about $150 per family which isn't very much for 12 months or even six months, even with living on a reduced basis.

Of course, the estimate is far too liberal. In reality the engineering payroll is less than $100,000. It is doubtful if other classes of employes could stand the cuts proposed. Once more Mr. Spaulding seems to have been talking high, wide and handsome for political effects, and with little regard for fairness or accuracy.

The other members of the highway commission have done wisely in tabling Mr. Spaulding's plan for more careful study and deliberation. There has been too much venom in Mr. Spaulding's attitude toward the highway engineers for this proposition to be accepted at face value as a plan for unemployment relief.

When the governor's health permits him to get back to business, one of his first tasks should be to lay firm hands on this highway mess.

OUR EXCITING LIVES

SINCLAIR LEWIS told a Brooklyn audience the other day that we are living today in a "world on fire," and he added that while it may be rather unsettling it is at least exciting; and that, when you think it over, expresses the present state of affairs about as well as anything could.

Whatever else you may say about it, you must at least admit that the race is not stagnating these days. It is going somewhere at a very rapid clip. Possibly, when all is said and done, we are simply rushing down a steep place into the sea; but at least we are rushing, and, as Mr. Lewis says, the process is exciting, if nothing else.

It is rather a good thing to realize this fully, too. The present era, generations hence, will possibly be looked on as one of the great turning points of history.

Business men say we must cut down the overhead. Yes, as the condemned man said mounting the scaffold, if you don't, you go in the hole.

Ten thousand Ethiopians in Africa recently ate raw beef in a celebration, and enjoyed it. It probably was bully.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

VANDALISM AND BURGLARY
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

WE note that President A. B. Hall is quite worked up over the possibility that it was a bunch of Oregon Freshmen who painted orange colored letters over the university campus. We do not know whether it was or not. We recall a few years ago that there was a blow up of Oregon's lemon O on Skinner's butte just before the big game and it was not done by anyone from Corvallis or the O. S. C. campus. Be that as it may, we do not excuse that sort of vandalism, but, what President Hall should be worrying about is a couple of cases of burglary committed by students from the university. For the second time this year they have burglarized the college gymnasium and stolen the college beaver. Burglary is quite a serious offense. Men have been known to go to the penitentiary as a result of it. If we were President Hall, which thank God we are not, we would do some worrying about the thieves on our own campus.

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The faculty of the university has voted to give a day's salary to unemployment relief. That's the right idea and one that every other employed man should be willing to do especially the man on a salary, for his salary is worth 20 percent more than it was two years ago. If every employed man would follow the university faculty's example, there would be no trouble anywhere providing for the unemployed for they constitute such a very small proportion of the population—in this country less than one percent.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—President Hoover's war with the Navy League is really only a by-product of a battle of statistics over the question of getting our navy on a basis of treaty parity with Great Britain.

William Howard Gardiner's pamphlet, although it contained certain nasty flings to which Hoover took violent exception, was primarily an analysis designed to prove in figures that this country was being let in for naval inferiority to Great Britain which would be made worse by the proposed one-year naval holiday.

Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams and the peace societies have been hurling other statistics and interpretations into the fight and the factual bases for the various points in view are summarized herewith because they may be of interest as developments wax warmer.

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The Navy League says:

The United States has only 69 per cent of her treaty quota of naval tonnage built or building, whereas Great Britain has 88.3 per cent and Japan 102 per cent. This applies not to capital ships, but to aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and submarines. It makes the present American-British-Japanese ratio of naval tonnage 3.8—5—3.8, with the Japanese built or building tonnage under treaty age within 65 tons of our own and the British ahead of us by 31 per cent. We are ahead of Japan only in aircraft carriers and cruisers and are led by Britain in each category except submarines. A naval holiday that would stop all building of aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and submarines during 1932 would widen the gap and, placing American naval tonnage at a par of 10, give Britain and Japan comparative ratios of 17.1 and 13.4 respectively. Such a year, taking into account the naval treaty program which runs through 1936, would result in a gain of 15.5 per cent for the British fleet, 19.6 per cent for the Japanese fleet and no gain at all for the American fleet.

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Peace societies, as in the case of the National Council for Prevention of War of which Frederick J. Libby is executive secretary, merely argue that:

We are now building 87,000 tons as compared with 72,000 being built by Great Britain. England is spending $20,000,000 a year for new construction and this country $70,000,000. President Hoover has approved $65,000,000 in construction for next year in the new naval budget. The fact that we are allowed only 175,000 tons by treaty for replacement of cruisers, destroyers and submarines, as against England's allowance of 219,000 tons, shows that our fleet is more up-to-date than the British. British can't replace all her cruisers that become over-age, but we are permitted to replace 150,000 tons of destroyers, many of which are as good as new. We spend more money on our navy than does any other nation.

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Secretary of the Navy Adams, using still another approach in a reply to the peace societies, says:

We spent $375,000,000 on our navy in 1930 and Britain only $350,000,000, but we must pay more for labor, materials and navy personnel and figures for Great Britain do not include expenses for naval forces. Per capita cost of our navy is $3.24 per year as against $6.21 for Great Britain. It costs us more than twice as much to build a ship as it costs in England and five times as much as in Japan.

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Meantime congressional advocates of a strong fleet have taken the field in the battle to demand that the American navy be built up to a parity with Great Britain at once.

Representative Fred Britten, chairman last session of the house naval committee, and Senator David Reed, chairman of the military committee were leading these demands.

Representative Britten announced the full co-operation of Senator Frederick W. Hale, chairman of the senate naval committee, and demanded a program of immediate construction of a $122,500,000 program of destroyers, submarines, a flying-deck cruiser, and an aircraft carrier, 22 ships in all.

He asked for a $750,000,000 authorization for the navy to build up to the treaty limit.

SIDE GLANCES

"Oh, don't worry about that! We'l l teach you to drive in 15 minutes."

DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

DISCOVER CURE FOR BALDNESS, BUT IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine

IT has long been recognized that the glands of internal secretion are definitely associated with the development of what are called the secondary sex characteristics. It is because of the special type of glandular activity that a male develops the way he does in contrast to the female. It is because of glandular activity that a rooster grows a comb and a hen does not.

British investigators have been able to cause a hen to grow a comb by changing its glandular mechanism.

Dr. B. N. Bengston noticed that pituitary extract when injected may develop a profuse growth of hair. Concluding from this that there is some relationship of the secretion of this gland to the growth of hair, he decided to inject people who had suffered a loss of hair with this glandular extract. The regular injection of extracts of the pituitary gland brought about a stimulation and growth of hair in several instances. A man 58 years old who had been bald for two years developed a complete growth of white hair and continued injections caused the gradual growth of some black hair. Some of the cases treated were quite definitely cases of deficiency in the secretion of this gland.

It is not certain that this represents a method for the cure of baldness of all types; indeed, the method is so new that it is not safe to make any certain statements as to its value. On the other hand, enough evidence has been established by Dr. Bengtson to indicate that in certain cases of baldness in which there may be a deficiency of the secretion of this particular gland, the injection of extract of the pituitary gland resulted in overcoming baldness.

Premature baldness is one of the chief sources of income for all sorts of charlatans and for the promotion of various types of nostrums and hair tonics. Institutions have been established where baldness is treated by ultraviolet rays. Probably charlatans may endeavor to reap the usual income from these new investigations. Readers are warned that the time is not yet ripe for every baldheaded man to try the new treatment.

MAIL BAG

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—I have been watching the "Mail Bag" hoping to see a rebuke to Mr. Shaffer's and his supporter's contempt for the Bible, contributed by some one of the ministers of Eugene, but seems they all consider it beneath the dignity of "the cloth" to defend the Bible by the newspaper route. The Christian people of Eugene should applaud the courage of McTorran and Washburne in its noble defense of the Scriptures it has published in its ads for some time.

After reading the letter signed "E. S." in the Register-Guard of Nov. 11th I feel that I would like to join the firm of Hall, Brown and Dimick et al long enough to ask E. S., Mr. Shaffer, and others of their faith to read and meditate upon the following poem published in a recent number of the Christian Advocate:

God Is Not Mocked
(Erna E. Hoefs)

The fool hath said there is no God,
Upon the truth his feet have trod;
And thus attempts to smother all
Which truth may tell, has sought its fall.
Sharp arrows aimed have missed their mark,
There answers back a living spark
Of flaming words from Holy Writ,
Beware ye who would tread on it,
The voice ye seek fore'er to still
Cannot be hushed, and never will.
Though atheists may storm and roar
The voice of truth yet more and more
Resounds, is heard above it all;
Like fiery letters on the wall,
Their blinded souls yet shall see
There is a God! and daily He,
With mercy, comes and stands before
The unbeliever's bolted door.
Poor half-deceiving fools have said
There is no God, and truth is dead.
Ah! though their doors are sealed and locked,
Be not deceived, God is not mocked.

J. A. ADAMS.

MR. SHAFFER EXPLAINS

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Before Mr. Minick can expect to caress and fondle that $10 gold piece and compare it to the streets of a certain city paved with the stuff, he will have to offer something far more substantial proof of the supernatural than a few quotations. I am prompted to submit a few questions.

Is it the all-powerful good God who made the earthquake, the volcano, the cyclone, the death dealing lightning, the octopus, the shark, the viper, the hideous snakes, the sneaking tiger, the disease carrying mosquitoes, flies, rates and roaches, the deadly germs of consumption, typhoid, smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and the black death?

Is it the creator of the famine and the pestilence, the desert of death, the tidal waves and winds of destruction?

Is it omnipotent and omniscient yet permits untold millions to die of starvation while they pray for bread? And untold millions to rot with disease in their ignorance while they pray for light and guidance? Who is all-powerful and all-wise yet permits slavery, massacre, human sacrifice, ignorance, war, disease, misery, and the crimes of men?

Who being all-powerful has permitted ignorant priests and preachers to keep humanity under their subjection by the influence of fear, superstition, rituals and music, magic and mysticism, holy water and holy smoke, the burning bush and the fiery serpent, blood and water, incense and nonsense?

Who has permitted priests and prophets and their followers to persecute and slay men of science and reason who have tried to solve the riddle of life, and dared to conquer the horrors of ignorance and disease by scientific methods?

Who has the power to save from blindness, leprosy, cancer, consumption and madness which fall like blight upon the children of creation yet makes no sign and gives no remedy.

Who has caused the volcano to burst suddenly into action and a city a junk heap, and its inhabitants charred and mangled corpses? Only man pities; only man tries to save.

If man had wisdom and power to prevent war, ignorance, hunger, disease and did not do it, you would call him a dwarf and inhuman, or a cruel and hellish fiend, yet millions of people worship through fear and superstition the kind of a God they could not tolerate in a man.

The idle dream of a merciful heavenly father is but a gleam of priestly mysticism—it is the dream of the traditional jesters—the greatest curse ever imposed upon an ignorant and credulous people.

I do not deny the existence of a "spiritual God." The Supreme Being, the spirit of Love and Wisdom. I know that a God could not be less than good, and a devil no more than evil. I know there is no God of wrath, malice, jealousy or any other harmful spirit, for there can be no harmful God. I know there is no such thing as an almighty who could do anything without sense and nonsense, good and evil, and cast without a reason or wisdom without nonsense, the blame. God created a Devil or evil so relatively absurd, there is nothing positive about evil, and the only positive spirit in the world is the spirit of evil. There is no such thing as occult science for there is no such sense. Either a thing is in accordance with sense or nonsense. Man can conceive of nothing supernatural or that which supercedes nature. Neither can we find any evidence of love or hate outside of a conscious mind.

V. W. SHAFF

Dear Folks:

Starting this Saturday and continuing for two weeks, we are presenting the 83rd anniversary special of Community Plate.

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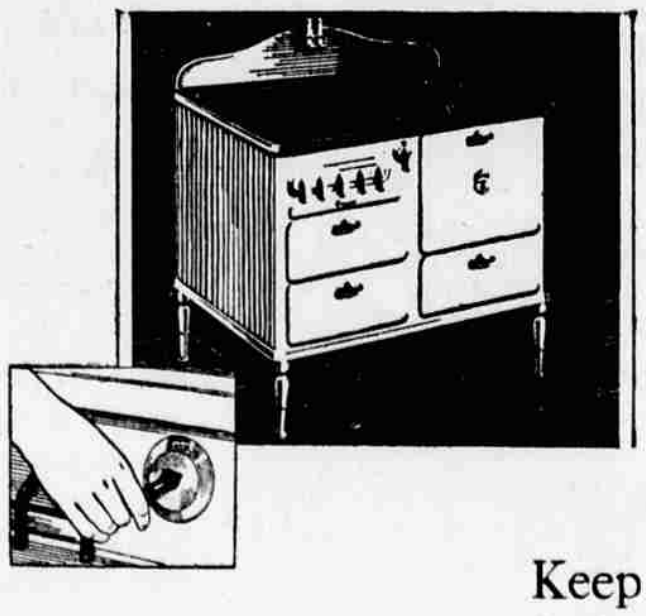

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