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## RAILROADS AND OUR PROSPERITY

NO section of the country has a bigger interest in the return of railroad prosperity than the Northwest. Railroads, hard hit by aggressive truck and boat competition as well as by ordinary depression have had to make tremendous curtailments. They are facing the necessity of writing off millions invested in feeder lines which have grown obsolete. How drastic their curtailments have been can be seen from the following figures:

RAILROAD PURCHASES

| | 1931 | 1929 |
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| Fuel | $224,200,000 | $364,392,000 |
| Steel | 220,000,000 | 437,840,000 |
| Forest products | 75,500,000 | 157,551,000 |
| Other | 175,300,000 | 369,752,000 |

The shrinkage of nearly $80,000,000 in purchases of forest products would keep many a lumber mill in the Northwest going for many months. Will the railroads ever again be the big customers they were before the big changes in transportation? It is difficult to tell. Our guess is that railroad transportation will tend to draw more and more into main line rapid transit and heavy transit over long distances.

The railroads are not "licked," as some think. There will be within the next few years developments for the fast handling of both freight and passengers which will be amazing. Railroads are being forced to do a lot of new thinking. Old timers who cannot adapt themselves to changed methods are going to have to give way to executives who can meet them.

Meantime, the public is going to have to revise some of its ideas about the railroad industry. It needs relief from taxation which has grown excessive. Especially does it need relief from regulation which binds it hand and foot against competition.

Perhaps the most necessary change is permission for the grouping of transportation services. It is nonsense to allign railroads against boats and truck lines. What industry needs to achieve minimum rates is transportation service by companies free to use whatever vehicles are best adapted to the particular hauling situation.

The problem is one involving a complete reorganization of transport systems, a rebuilding of rate structures and a complete break with the theory that genuine public service can be achieved by a mere system of penalties.

Financial reports keep saying that industrial recovery depends heavily on rail recovery. It would be more accurate to say that it depends on tranport reorganization. In the Northwest where so much of our industrial prosperity depends on transport service and transport customers we have a vital interest in the situation.

## WILLIAM N. FERRIN, JR.

IN the tragic death of William N. Ferrin, Jr., at Westfir, Lane county loses one of its most progressive and useful citizens. "Bill" Ferrin was deservedly popular. He managed the big lumber operation at Westfir with skill, kept it going steadily through the worst of the depression. He showed a personal interest in the welfare of everybody in his immediate community whether on or off his payroll.

In Eugene, Bill Ferrin was best known as one of the builders of the new Willamette highway. He work incessantly for the completion of the road because he believed it to be unnatural for Eugene and the Upper Willamette communities to be cut off from each other a large part of the year.. Bill was not a noisy booster but a quiet and tireless worker.

Accidents are a part of the lumber business. Ferrin was not a man to stay tucked away safely in an office. He liked to be where the men were, out in the woods with the fallers, up along the big North Fork incline, or out around the mill in Westfir. He didn't mind the risks. Accidents are part of the lumber business, but they are cruel just the same. Fellows like Ferrin are rare.

## SOMEWHERE IN OREGON

SOMEWHERE in Oregon, according to Washington dispatches, the navy department is going to establish a base for dirigibles like the one in Sunnyvale, Cal. Two more ships of the Akron type are to be constructed in the near future. One of them probably will be assigned to the Northwest station.

Here's an opportunity the Chamber of Commerce might investigate promptly. A site near Eugene was reported under consideration at the time the Sunnyvale base was chosen. The California site drew preference at the time because the intention then was to have only one Pacific Coast station.

A site in this part of the Willamette valley has the advantage of easy access to the ocean without difficulty from high winds around the base of operations. Most of the accidents with dirigibles come from high winds which interfere with mooring them. A dirigible base would be an interesting enterprise for this city.

## SCOTT INVITED BACK

LESLIE SCOTT, of Portland, is invited to reconsider his resignation as chairman of the state highway commission and get back on the job. It is to be hoped he will accept the invitation.

Although there was no "break" between Governor Meier and Mr. Scott, at the time of the resignation, it is known that there was a certain difference between them as to certain policies—notably wage scales for relief labor, and proposed bond issues for relief purposes. These differences should not be irreconcilable and the governor shows a fine spirit in suggesting that Mr. Scott should come back and that they should get together.

The relief problem as it confronts the highway commission is one of the most difficult situations in state government. The highway department is being asked to bear more than its share of the relief load, simply because it is the only department which can get at money readily.

Mr. Scott has been entirely right in his feeling that highway safety should not be jeopardized by turning the department into a relief agency. On the other hand, the emergency is so pressing and th difficulty of getting relief in any other way is so great that strict business practice is overshadowed by common humanity.

One of the first tasks of the legislature next January should be to devise a relief program which will be financed as such so that highway accounting will not be jumbled with vast expenditures not properly charged to the highway program. The relief problem is one which taxpayers must face as such. Highway expenditures must be limited by sound highway policy.

## WE WILL PAY IT TOO

WHEN you get your next electric light and power bill from the Eugene water board, don't grieve if you find a three per cent addition for federal depression tax. Municipal power plants are not exempted from the duty of collecting this tax from customers. In fact, they are required specifically to act as agents of the federal government in collecting it.

A ruling issued yesterday by the internal revenue bureau says:

"The tax applies to the amount paid for ALL electrical energy furnished for DOMESTIC OR COMMERCIAL consumption by any person or agency, WHETHER PRIVATE, PUBLIC, OR QUASI-PUBLIC."

Well, that seems to settle it, although it doesn't make it any sweeter. The tax is not on plants or companies but on users. The high cost of depression must be paid for some way.

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A subscriber corrects a news item which related that Dr. Estlia Ford Warner, "from the state of Washington," is the first woman ever appointed a surgeon in the public health service. Dr. Warner, our subscriber informs us, is most decidedly from Oregon. We are glad to accept the correction. The news service making the error will be notified.

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Swarms of gorgeous orange tipped butterflies have been adding to the natural beauties in Crater Lake park, returned tourists inform us. Is that "gilding the lily?"

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The office wag says that the man who has gone to Reno to sit on a flagpole till he gets a divorce is probably doing so because the wife kept him on the uneasy seat.

## WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

### HOME LOAN BANK ACT HAILED

(Coos Bay Times)

WHILE local bankers and real estate men are reluctant to express an opinion concerning the new federal home loan bank act until such time as its operation definitely proves successful, it is generally agreed that the plan has every chance of being a powerful influence for better appraisal of home loans and more uniform mortgage methods.

The bank as a permanent institution is expected to encourage home ownership and stimulate building necessary housing units as well as check very definitely the number of foreclosures. Demonstrated safety of investment should eventuate in better terms and lower costs in financing homes, it is pointed out. In the northwest it is expected to prove a very definite stimulant to the lumber industry by increasing the demand for the products of the forest.

From eight to twelve regional discount banks are to be set up under the provisions of the bill for the sole purpose of making loans to member home financing institutions, these loans to be secured on home mortgages. The capital will be subscribed by member institutions. The initial capital of $125,000,000 will be subscribed to the extent needed from the federal treasury. This fund will be made available through the Reconstruction Finance corporation. The minimum capital of each bank is to be $5,000,000.

The discount banks can issue bonds, notes and other securities when and if needed. The unpaid principal of mortgages deposited as collateral for bonds and debentures issued by a discount bank must equal 100 per cent of such issues. The governing board will consist of five fulltime members named by the president. The term of office will be six years. Not more than three members may be taken from one political partr.

Institutions eligible to membership are building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, cooperative banks, homestead associations, insurance companies and savings banks. These institutions must be subject to state or federal mortgage loans.

Enactment of the federal home loan bank act is regarded in real estate circles as one of the most important steps which has ever been taken in this country with respect to home ownership.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
(NEA Service Writer)

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Just as Congressman Sol Bloom, the shrinking violet of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, was being given up for lost, he was discovered romping through the Congressional Record.

Nobody had been hearing much about Sol since Congress cut his 1932 budget for the commission from $400,000 to $200,000 and because of the contrast with his previous gigantic effort of ballyhoo — although perhaps that isn't exactly the word—that Sol had broken down under the strain and had been tucked away for a couple of years of rest.

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**BUSY AS A BEAVER**

But Sol blooms forth in all his glory in the final appendix of the Congressional Record, on which $15,000 has been spent since Congress adjourned so that members might get their little after-thoughts in at government expense.

Of 56 speeches in the last appendix, aside from the innumerable little tributes to departed members, 11 are speeches of Sol's about George Washington.

It appears that Sol has been working beaverishly at the commission's big headquarters and one thing that he saw to was that more than a score of his Washington speeches were printed so that copies might be bought cheap from the government printer and mailed out to an avaricious public.

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**JUST PLUGGING AWAY**

The commission has been plugging along in its quiet way, even if half of its 135 employes did have to be released when appropriations were cut and although most of the rest must go by Sept. 1.

It boasts that "a thousand letters a day" are coming in from feverish citizens who want material to help them observe the big bicentennial.

Sol and his associates are especially pleased by reports from many public-spirited citizens that the bicentennial has kept people "sane and patriotic" and that it has "staved off the wave of bolshevism." One of the principal but unannounced ideas of the celebration was that it would be a counter-irritant to the "Red Menace" and Sol proudly points to the fact that there have been mighty few riots in the country when you consider how things are.

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**SOL ALMOST LEFT OUT**

It wasn't Sol's fault that a lot of people here yelled "Ouch!" when they saw all those speeches reprinted in the Record. Sol's idea was to ease them in, one by one, over a period of weeks. But a jam developed somewhere during the flow and it was necessary to scramble at the last moment to get them all in at once before it was too late. Even so, they only got in one-fifth of the speeches Sol made.

But the words were good enough, even if Sol didn't write them, to preserve for posterity and now you can get, free or at least very cheap, his orations on George the garden-maker, George as described by Sol under the cherry trees, and so on.

Sample quotation for prospective customers: "As I stand here in the presence of this distinguished company to express the inspiring thoughts that come to me, I can, in memory, retrace the years to the fairyland of my childhood. My heart responds to this scene as the most bewitching abode of elfin beauty ever unrolled before human eyes. . . ."

## SIDE GLANCES

"I think she's just acting stubborn, but she won't eat a bite of her dinner."

## Halsey Personals

HALSEY, July 3.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran of Portland are visiting at the home of Mr. Corcoran's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Corcoran.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Linville and granddaughter, Barbara Linville, of Astoria came Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Marietta Fox. Mr. Linville was a cousin of Mrs. Fox by marriage.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church will hold its mite box opening at the home of Mrs. H. L. Straley Friday afternoon. The Standard Bearers, King's Herald and Light Bearers societies will also be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cross and daughter LaRene of Portland visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

George Lusby and daughter, Gloria, of Corbett and Tom Lusby and Ralph Helean of Bridal Veil visited Mrs. Vera Isom and son Vyron Friday.

A reunion of the Cross family was held at Idylwood Sunday. Those making up the party were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. P. LaFollette, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cross and daughter LaRene, Mr. and Mrs. George Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cross and son Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cross and Mrs. Edith Robnett.

Karl Bramwell and son, Lindon, returned Sunday from a trip to Newport, leaving Mrs. Bramwell and Roberta for a longer stay.

Clay Foresman, a resident of Linn county for many years, was buried in the Masonic cemetery at Alford Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gansle and daughter Leila, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Isom, son Carl and daughter Beverley and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gansle and daughter Doris enjoyed a picnic supper and swimming at the Willamette river Monday evening.

J. Willis Hale, pastor of the Church of Christ, announces as his sermon topic for Sunday morning, "Things Which Abide," and for Sunday evening, "The Unemployed Carpenter."

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## FREQUENT VISITS TO PHYSICIAN URGED TO CHECK ILLS OF AGED

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

THE changes that occur in the skin of the aged are due to gradual loss of activity on the part of the glands and of the tissues responsible for immunity. Because the aged are likely to be a little less scrupulous in the care of the skin, slight infections occur repeatedly. There are also bed sores. Itching is a stimulus to severe scratching and secondary infections take place in the scratches.

The blood vessels may lose their contractile power and there are occasional tiny hemorrhages under the skin. One of the most severe conditions that affects the aged is the reaction called herpes zoster. It is a form of shingles which develops along the course of a nerve and which in the aged may be exceedingly painful. Moreover, once the attack has passed, the pains may continue and return at intervals without the eruption.

These conditions must be watched closely and treated immediately.

Of course, the aged suffer frequently with dizziness due to many possible causes. Sometimes it is due to accumulated hard wax in the ear, sometimes to changes that have taken place in the internal ear; frequently it is associated with high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, and changes in the circulation of the blood in the brain.

Sometimes a result is a difficulty of co-ordination between the eye, the ear, and the sense of balance, so that the aged may stagger or fall when the eyes are raised suddenly or under some similar stimulus.

One of the diseases more likely to occur in the aged than in the young is paralysis agitans or the shaking palsy. Although this disease may occur in youth, the vast majority of cases occur in people between 50 and 70 years of age.

The disease occurs twice as often in men as in women. It is marked by tremor of the hands, with a pill-rolling movement, and it tends to progress, running a complete course in from 10 to 15 years.

The aged should be especially careful to consult a good physician when any of the symptoms described in this article occur. While they may be simple results of old age, without more serious implication, they should be checked at frequent intervals by the family doctor.

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## MAIL BAG

### ON WAR DEBTS

JUNCTION CITY, Ore.—(To the Editor).—Never in the ten years of reading your paper have I enjoyed reading your "editorial" so much as the article "The War Debts." It is real from the beginning to the end. You seemed to have pushed up the mask that was pulled so cleverly over the eyes of the U. S. citizen. You seem to notice the real facts and good for you, you don't seem to be afraid to tell them. It seems as, after Germany is fleeced to the bare hide and bankruptcy, the U. S. turn seems to come next. Think of it as an ally of the entente. The gentlemen's agreement binds it.

Your idea is so much in contrast with an "editorial" of the Portland "News-Telegram." The editor was whining, that the man at Dora was resting in peace, while the other entente statesmen were struggling.

The difference: Wilhelm was struggling to keep the entente from getting a chance to fleece Germany. Well, we in the states better keep an eye on the European nations to fleece us. Hurrah for you. Keep off the mark and see with an open eye. We need that kind of men now. Your old subscriber, W. H. STRUCKRATH.

### WHEELER HERE

Halvor C. Wheeler, prominent farmer of Pleasant Hill, was a business visitor in Eugene Monday.

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