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A MEASUREMENT OF PROSPERITY.

REPORTS to the Oregon Industrial accident commission show that industries in this state paid 12 1/2 per cent more wages during the year ending July 1 than they did in the year previous. Total wages were \$63,546,798.94 as compared with \$69,517,988.74 during the time when business was in the deepest part of the depression pit. Total work days were 24,489,070 compared with 20,937,826. Through the year the daily average wage in industry was \$3.41 compared with \$3.34 the year previous. The June average was \$3.57 per day compared with \$3.17 in June 1933.

These figures do not include the benefits from the various state and federal work programs, except where such benefits are reflected indirectly as in supply industries and highway contract work. Though far below the boom period levels, they confirm the impression of general business pickup. Had it not been for the dock strike in May and June, the Oregon figures might have been much more impressive. No doubt NRA had its effect on the trend, though it is impossible to measure exactly the results of that plan for improving wages and spreading work.

There is every reason to believe the gains are permanent and that they will even be increased. Some pessimists fear a "recession" as government aids are withdrawn. This withdrawal is proceeding very slowly, perhaps too slowly in view of the taxes which will result. Furthermore it is possible to over-estimate the influence of government aid on business pickup. A great deal of it is due to the natural and inevitable loosening of business credits. Not only do many people have more money to spend but more of them have worked free of old debts. The over-expansion of the boom period has been liquidated to considerable extent and painful as it has been we are now getting the benefits.

We still have the big problem of placement for many thousands of victims of unemployment, but it is a problem which is going to be less urgent as industry approaches a normal basis. Oregon cannot expect to be immune from the far-reaching results of the disastrous drought in the Mid-west. Poverty there cripples one of our most important lumber markets. On the other hand Oregon profits by reason of relatively good crops and rising crop prices and a widened market for all Oregon products. As the big Columbia river projects take shape we may even begin to get the benefits of the expected industrial and agricultural shifts.

What we need in Oregon to hold and add to what we have gained is industrial peace and the careful administration of state and local governments to cure the disease of debts and tax rates. The foundations for recovery here are set.

SPEAKING OF "CIVIL LIBERTIES"

IN the reaction from strike troubles on the Pacific coast, there is an outcropping of organizations to combat radicalism and communism, and this brings with it inevitably loud outcry from rival organizations which are on the alert to protect "civil liberties". To both sides, we offer some friendly advice and frank criticism.

Intolerance is the one danger which above all is to be feared and dreaded. Organized patriots make the common error of supposing that any person who expresses a liberal thought or a radical idea is a communist in league with Moscow. This is not the case. In Eugene, for instance, the number of actual party communists could be counted on the fingers and most of them are stripings of no importance. (Watch the flare-up on this.)

Organized liberals, on the other hand, make the sentimental error of jumping to the defense of every person prosecuted for nuisance activities without regard for facts or circumstances. This has been the history of most of these organizations and it has almost destroyed their usefulness. During the insane "red hunt" of 1921, for instance, it was not the howling guardians of liberty but a few sane men such as Charles Evans Hughes and William Howard Taft who called the country back to its senses.

There is ample law and there are plenty of police to control "revolutionaries". These on either side who step outside the law need to be squelched with heavy-handed methods. It is a swell time for "kibitzers" of both brands to mind their own business.

After reading Roosevelt's speeches at Bonneville and Grand Coulee, McGurk says there is nothing left for California now but to annex the whole Northwest.

The most optimistic view of the Austrian situation seems to be that where you have overpopulation it takes care of itself, as long as the guns and ammunition last.

As near as we can make out Junction City is just one of the Oregon towns that will have reduced debts and falling tax rates. If the tax reformers can be persuaded to let up.

One of the peculiarities of the Oregon budget laws is that it is a serious offense for public officials to operate on a cash basis, although it must be admitted few of them have tried it.

After all there is something to be said for football. It will be coming along in a few weeks before the politicians get a chance to get warmed up.

The files of the U. S. department of justice contain more than 4,000,000 fingerprints. But any home with a baby will show you more than that number on its walls.

Motorists are expected to spend \$2,000,000,000 touring the country this year. Anyhow, when they

get back home, whatever they've spent will feel like three billion.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

WHO IS PASSING THE BUCK?

(The Springfield News)

NOBODY knows whether it is the county, state highway department or the SERA officials that are holding up the gravel sidewalk project in West Springfield. Anyway this sidewalk between Eugene and Springfield city limits, which the highway commission chairman agreed should be built, and the county offered to furnish the necessary crushed rock and other materials, is not getting started.

It has been recommended as a worthy SERA project that will employ common labor of which there is plenty unemployed. Five lives have been lost along this stretch of road the last few years and it behooves those in charge to do something about it. If we are to have several governmental bodies doing the same or similar public work then they should not be "buck-passers."

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—If you haven't grasped the significance of these federally aided self-help colonies—industrial and agricultural—which have sprung up over the country, it's because Harry Hopkins and his Federal Emergency Relief Administration crowd are so awed by the implications that they're reluctant to discuss them yet.

Privately, many of the planners—in and out of FERA—admit that development of these colonies may lead to a new system of national economic life. Or, rather, to two separate economic systems. They see:

One great group of the population, the majority, operating in the same old competitive system with all its incentives of profit, advancement and luxuries.

A second group of millions, the unemployed, living and working outside the competitive system in a giant co-operative whose members would be guaranteed comfortable subsistence in exchange for their labors in production of goods for mutual exchange under federal or state supervision.

Citizens in each group would have complete freedom to change their status. Those in the non-competitive system who might be able to get jobs in the competitive system could do so. And those who lost out in the competitive system could join the second group.

Eventually, it is believed, the federal government would coordinate the innumerable self-help, non-profit farming and factory, and bartering projects which are to be found all over the country.

There's no definite program for this yet and FERA thus far has granted only a million dollars for such organizations.

But RFEA right now figures the scheme is its best bet in the face of 10,000,000 unemployed and about 15,000,000 persons on relief rolls. It is paying out about \$100,000,000 a month for relief and plenty of people are wondering how long that can go on.

The Federal Surplus Relief Corporation has plenty of powers to develop the plan. One of Roosevelt's closest and most trusted advisers, whose name can't be revealed here, for years has been privately proposing a vast sub-section of the present economic system in which persons within a given age limit would work for 25 years or so for subsistence and then be given retirement pensions for the rest of their lives.

FEHA is quietly planning to bring widespread self-help organization on the Pacific coast to Roosevelt's attention on his return from Hawaii.

MILLS OR STONE FOR G. O. P.

A seasoned veteran of the Coolidge and Hoover administrations, who keeps as closely in touch with Republican affairs and sentiment as anyone, was asked by a friend the other day who the G. O. P. would nominate.

"If it looks as if we haven't a chance, we'll probably nominate Ogden Mills," he replied.

"But if it looks as if we might win, we'll pull Justice Harlan Stone down off the supreme bench and run him."

Republican hope for 1936 is far from congealed, but such an answer is in line with efforts of the best guessers. Some strong big business backing for Congressman James W. Wadsworth is reported, but there's little doubt that the party will have to put up a liberal if it hopes to get the votes.

PROVIDENCE MENACES AAA

One of the greatest fears in the hearts of Secretary Wallace and the AAA today is the psychological danger of the situation. Reports to AAA indicate that many farmers are convinced that the drought was a divine punishment visited upon them for slaughtering little pigs, plowing crops underground, and reducing acreage.

Many farmers have been writing to Washington about it and so have some ministers. Other ministers have been spreading the doctrine among farmers that the soil should be tilled to the utmost and that if AAA doesn't stop interfering still worse retaliation from Heaven is in prospect.

Wallace and the AAA are certain that their program must continue to call for crop restriction, despite temporary effects of the drought. They fear they'll have a much harder time obtaining cooperation if the doctrine spreads.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hyege, the Health Magazine.

ONCE upon a time people had the idea that night air was dangerous to health, so that children and adults were huddled in stuffy rooms during the night.

The superstition was due to the fact that mosquitoes came up in the night carrying malaria, and people who slept out at night were bitten by the mosquitoes and became sick with this disease.

When the fresh air treatment for tuberculosis was introduced, opinions changed rapidly, so that today large homes and some apartment houses are equipped with sleeping porches.

In the summer many people like to camp out and sleep in the open air. The healthfulness of the procedure on hot nights cannot be questioned.

Certainly, circulating fresh air is healthful to everyone. Furthermore, on exceedingly hot nights the open air is much cooler than sleeping between any kind of walls or under coverings.

You should realize, however, that there are certain hazards that can be avoided if you understand them. There is the danger of biting by mosquitoes, which is easily overcome through the use of mosquito netting. Anyone who sleeps in the outdoors, on any kind of a bed, ought to be protected against foraging mosquitoes.

There is no reason why an outdoor bed should be any less comfortable than an indoor. Nowadays, reasonable prices are asked for cots which have simple springs and mattress suspended from a triangular frame work. The suspended bed is less likely to be invaded by insects or other pests than the one which rests upon the ground.

You can also provide such a swinging cot with a folding top, like that of a perambulator, for the baby. This may be used in case rain develops suddenly, or when there is necessity of keeping off unusual drafts of wind.

There should also be available a rolled oilcloth or other waterproof covering to go over the bedding in case rain comes up.

Don't think, however, that sleeping outdoors carries with it any panacea against all types of illness. There is no all-in-one road to health. It is more important to get plenty of rest and sleep indoors than one or two hours outdoors.

For those who like the outdoor air, however, and for those who enjoy camping, sleeping under proper conditions under the open sky may be exceedingly delightful.

SIDE GLANCES



"Mamma, tell Louise what I was like when I was a kid."

Creswell News

CRESWELL, Aug. 6.—(Special).—The birthday group entertained Friday evening at a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dersham and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dersham. The birthday guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dersham, Mrs. E. N. Schwaning, Mrs. Cora Olson, H. N. Traxler, and C. E. Leabo. Guests of the group for the evening were Mrs. O. P. Nordling and Miss Martha Wyatt of Eugene and Miss Betty Gorbam of Portland. Thirty-six members were present.

The Epworth League members sponsored a wailer round around a camp fire Friday evening at the old mill. Miss Alberta Gillett of Albany, a former member, was an out of town guest.

Members of Boy Scout troop 28 with their scoutmaster, Rev. W. S. Burgoine, and assistants, Harold Gwyther and Earl Grounbeck, returned Saturday afternoon from a week's camp outing above Oakridge. Tests were passed, trails built for a permanent camp, a bridge built across Hills Creek and a climb taken to Cougar mountain. Seventeen scouts made the trip.

Mrs. S. J. Dillard of Eugene visited Friday and Saturday with her sister, Mrs. L. D. Howe. They were dinner guests Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ogram and daughter, Miss Vivian, honoring Mrs. Howe's birthday anniversary.

Friends have received the announcement of the marriage of Nellie Dee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Leachery, formerly of Creswell to Walter F. Young, July 16, at Santa Barbara, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wanle Olson, Mrs. Marie Botonen and Mrs. Charles Gramling arrived by car Friday evening from Charleston, N. D., to visit at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Olson and Arthur Olson of Creswell and other relatives of this district.

Mrs. J. E. Woodson, Mrs. Miles Wicks, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Olson, Arthur Olson and twin daughters, Marion and Muriel, Mrs. N. E. Steele, D. V. Clark and Loyal Leabo were those from Creswell to make the trip to Bonneville and see President Roosevelt Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Burgoine and daughter Ruth left Monday morning for a two week's trip to Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Dayton of Goldendale, Wash., and daughter, Mrs. Celia Crouter of Butte, Mont., were overnight guests at the Charles Wetzel and J. W. Watson's home Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Howe returned from Springfield Saturday to make her home in her house recently completed in the Bohndorf addition. Her granddaughter, Miss Willoughby Howe, who will teach in the Creswell schools will make her home with her.

Mrs. Howe has spent the past several months with her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Louk, at Springfield.

Harold Kilsberg and Richard Oraw of Salem are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. Wright and family at the Bismarck station. Grandville Ball also of Salem who spent a week with the Wright boys returned home with Mrs. Wright to Salem Saturday.

Oakridge News

OAKRIDGE, Aug. 6.—(Special).—The enrollment at the swimming classes has reached a record number of 37 which is far in advance of the number turning out in previous years. Miss Mary Elizabeth Gullion of the Eugene Red Cross is in charge.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Community church met at the home of Mrs. Claude Jones on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. W. W. Austin, newly elected president, presided. Plans were made for an ice cream social to be held at the home of Mrs. Virgil Winkelman, Aug. 16. Committees were appointed to make arrangements for the aid's annual fair and bazaar which will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall, Sept. 14. Committees named were: Kitchen, Mrs. J. E. Paddock; style show, Mrs. E. E. Smith; dining room, Mrs. Fred Hanson; booth arrangement, Mrs. C. B. McFarland and Mrs. Albert Bloomer; soliciting, Mrs. Ed Clark; fancy work, Mrs. G. J. Gray; decorating, Mrs. Fred Richter; publicity, Mrs. Frank Singletary and Roy Putnam. Two new members were welcomed into the aid. They

EARLY WEEK'S EVENTS VARY

Several Church Groups Plan Meetings

By MARIAN LOWRY

A FEW meetings for organizations make up the most of the early week's social events.

Three sorority alumnae groups meet during the first of the week. Phi Beta Phi alumnae and active members will meet at the home of Mrs. Harold R. Croeland for a supper, Monday evening. Phi Mu alumnae and active members will meet Monday evening at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robert M. Fischer Jr. Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae are to meet Tuesday evening at the sorority chapter house.

Among Tuesday afternoon's events will be the meeting of the Unitarian Women's Alliance at the home of Mrs. Ralph Crow and the meeting of the North division of the Central Presbyterian Aid society at the home of Misses Nettie and Emma Chase.

RECITAL MONDAY

The dance recital of Shirley Van Braken will be held Monday evening at the studio of Miss Elinor Fitch. The public is invited.

HOME FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Burnett and son have returned from a vacation trip to Ashland and vicinity.

LEAVE FOR PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. King and Mrs. King's sister, Miss Willis Loomis, left Sunday for a two weeks trip to Yellowstone park.

TO MEET TUESDAY

The Women of Moose are to have their regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Moose hall.

EKAH STAFF

The Rebekah degree staff is to meet for practice Monday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall.

MISS RUTH'S RECITAL

Miss Moina Ruth, soprano, is to appear in a recital Monday evening at eight o'clock in Gerlinger hall on the campus. The public is invited. Miss Ruth sang one of the leads in the recent Oregon Trail and has appeared in several musical events here. She is a student of Miss Irene Moore.

FORMER STUDENT WEDS

Miss Frances Cherry, graduate of the University of Oregon, was married July 29, to Dr. Samuel Arthur Swayne of Nampa, Idaho. The bride has been society editor and reporter on the Idaho Free Press in Nampa for her past four years. She is a member of Theta Sigma Phi Journalism society on the campus and was active in student affairs while on the campus.

PLAN LUNCHEON

Members of the Westway club of the Women's Benefit Association are to meet Wednesday for a one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Bayard Merrill, 1522 Orchard street.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Of interest to university friends is announcement of the engagement of Frank A. Wilson, former student on the campus, to Miss Florence Breen of Portland. Mr. Wilson is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Phi Beta Kappa scholastic honorary. Mrs. Breen attended St. Mary's academy. The wedding will be August 26.

STANGE WEDS

Another former student of the university was married the past week. Miss Jane Priscilla Stange and Ford Theron Palmer of Hollywood being married Wednesday last at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August J. Stange, at La Grande. The bride attended the university here and the University of Southern California and is a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Mr. Palmer attended U. S. C. and was captain of the Trojan football team last fall. He is a member of Sigma Chi. They are to make their home in Los Angeles.

RETURNS FROM VACATION

Miss Mary Gould Parsons has returned from visiting in La Grande, Portland and Salem.

Miss Jean Wilson of Salem is here for the week as house guest of Miss Parsons.

Calendar

Monday
6 p. m.—Phi Beta Phi alumnae and active meeting at home of Mrs. Harold R. Croeland.
8 p. m.—Rebekah Degree staff meeting, I. O. O. F. hall.
8 p. m.—Phi Mu alumnae and active meeting, home of Mrs. Robert M. Fischer Jr.

Tuesday
2:30 p. m.—Meeting of North division of C. F. Aid at home of Misses Emma and Nettie Chase.
2:30 p. m.—Unitarian Women's Alliance meeting at home of Mrs. Ralph Crow.
8 p. m.—Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae meeting at chapter house.
8 p. m.—Women of Moose meeting, Moose hall.

Wisconsin Club

About forty attended the monthly meeting and picnic of the Wisconsin club, Sunday, at the Parker home near Veneta. There were contests and a musical program arranged by Mrs. O. J. Heckeckweiller. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barger and Mr. and Mrs. York Moore were in charge of the tables. The next meeting for the group will be the first Sunday in September in Skinner Butte park with Mr. and Mrs. Barger, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Heckeckweiller in charge.

Deerhorn Notes

DEERHORN, Aug. 6.—(Special).—Mrs. E. L. Winterberger of Alaska was a special guest at the aid meeting Wednesday for an all day session, at Waltherville. Five Deerhorn members were present. Thursday of next week at 2:30 will be the regular business meeting.

A wiener roast sponsored by the Christian Endeavor was an enjoyable affair Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. R. T. Koozer.

Mrs. M. J. Wearin has hollyhocks growing in her flower garden 18 feet in height.

The Byers family reunion was an event at Benton-Lane park Sunday where 65 or more relatives were present. Mrs. M. J. Wearin was a Byers before marriage. Those going from here were Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wearin, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wearin and children Lila and Jimmie.

Mrs. Joe Younkum and son of Eugene were Sunday guests of Mrs. Younkum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. O'Dell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Farnham and children Gerald and Bertie Lee, Mrs. Jack Hultin and son Emmitt and Will Dehn returned the first of the week from South Fork where they spent several days fishing in the stream.

Mercer Lake Items

MERCER LAKE, Aug. 6.—(Special).—Mrs. Blanche Dahlia has returned from an extended stay at gene.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson and her brother Don Schaffer of Eugene are vacationing at this camp the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen C. Bess and two nephews of Eugene are at the lake shore cottage for a week. They are making considerable improvements on their property.

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...Our adjuster was on the job Wednesday morning and the Drury family will be paid the full amount of the insurance.

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