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Quit Kicking and Go To Work

Continual howling about reduced earnings of many corporations is doing much to prolong the depression, intimidate the individual and drive money into hiding.

Why shouldn't corporation and private earnings fall below the peaks of two or three years ago? We were then living under abnormal conditions.

When an automobile salesman without any capital could open an expensive show room and sell automobiles as fast as he could get them, we were not living in normal times. When a bond salesman without any practical experience, capital or knowledge of the intrinsic value of the securities he handled, could open an office equipped with expensive furniture and oriental rugs, and sell securities, bonds, stocks, etc., to a clamoring public, and make money faster than he ever dreamed of, ordinary caution should have warned anybody conditions were not normal. When a real estate operator could take practically worthless land and sell it at fabulous figures which no normal crop value could justify, it should have been self-evident that there was something wrong. And so on through every line of industrial, agricultural and financial activity.

During ten years of inflation, countless persons came to think that by their own ability and shrewdness they were creating wealth for themselves by speculation when, as a matter of fact, most of them were creating nothing and saving nothing while they lived in a fool's paradise which they thought would last forever.

The majority of persons have more today than they had in pre-war times but they complain about having less because they are making comparisons on a false basis.

This is true of individuals and it is true of companies. Industrial concerns expanded beyond any normal requirements. They have endeavored to maintain operations on an inflated basis which cannot be done because there is no longer any artificial demand to maintain such production.

All over the nation, one-man industries and one-man farms are starting again on a deflated basis. You can drive through the country and see little "shacks" springing up on cheap land and in the far-away places. The occupants of these little homes are going to produce their living and gradually make a little surplus. The big farmers who bought high-priced land on the strength of high-priced crops, as well as the industries which built and equipped plants at peak prices and built up peak overheads, are all going to have to readjust themselves to the basis of the man who is starting at the bottom today. The laboring man who enjoyed wartime wages for the past decade, is in the same boat.

The same inflation that affected industry and the individual also affected government and taxation, and government is among the last to recognize conditions and reduce its mushroom expansion accordingly. The trouble with government is that its managers (our public officials and public servants) will not reduce their own functions voluntarily. The reduction will have to be forced by a tax-wary people who, after they have adjusted their own personal and business affairs, will turn to their governmental problems which in a large measure they have permitted to expand, by their own indifference, without check during the past decade.

Emphasizing the term "hard times" has become more or less a racket indulged in by a growing army of theorists who would remedy our ills through schemes which try to create employment at public expense, thereby further discouraging industry through exorbitant taxation, thus creating more unemployment. Most of our economic doctors are afraid to state in plain English that we are on a new basis; that products of all kinds will be selling at pre-war prices; that a large part of our unemployed are going to have to make employment for themselves at wages more nearly what they received before the war. Many of the jobs they enjoyed will never return because the conditions that produced them are gone forever unless we start another world-wide war, which would be a terrific price to pay to stimulate employment.

It may be hard medicine to take but it is reality and the sooner we recognize the conditions and adjust ourselves to them, the sooner will we conquer the depression by merely returning to more normal standards of living.

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From the Gold Hill News,
July 20, 1906

Dr. R. C. Kelsey, founder of the Grants Pass hospital, and for a number of years surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at White Rock, S. D., has located in Gold Hill and will take up the practice of his profession in this city. He has established his office in the Odd Fellows building. Mr. Kelsey comes highly recommended to Gold Hill.

Marshal J. A. Harvey went out to Agate Monday, having warrants for a party of deer skimmers. They had evidently got wind of their approaching arrest for they went to Central Point, pleaded guilty and were each fined \$25. The complaints named Harry, Hugh and Tracy Hayes and Jim Hall as the offenders.

A party of fishermen composed of H. T. Kady of Portland, Col. J. E. Caven of the Miller Electrical company, C. P. Dorian, Fred Eddings and Editor Lynn Purdin of Gold Hill made a trip up Rogue river as far as Gold Ray Sunday. There has been no shortage of fish in Rogue river since they returned.

J. A. Horvey, C. W. McClendon and Johnnie Reed did the honors for Gold Hill on Booster's day at Ashland.

E. W. Cooper of Sams Valley was in Gold Hill Saturday. Mr. Cooper is preparing to open his new store in Moonville on next Monday and has posters out announcing the same.

Locomotive Engineer Robert Steiger and brakeman C. D. Lockerman are dead and brakeman Sam Wylie was severely injured as the result of the wild runaway, derailment and wreck of a Southern Pacific freight train a few minutes after noon on Saturday on the north side of the Siskiyou, just south of Ashland. The wreck is the most disastrous in the history of railroading on the Siskiyou.

Ashland Attorney Enters Race as Independent

M. O. Wilkens, an attorney of Ashland, Saturday issued a long statement to the press, announcing his intentions of becoming an independent candidate for district attorney in the fall.

The statement alleges that the "independent" citizens of Jackson county look with disapproval on both the regular candidates, and that their hope that an independent would arise to lead them, has been answered by "the person named herein."

The statement gives assurance

that if elected, Attorney Wilkins will ever "defend the people of Jackson county against crime and criminals, and will see that justice is restored to its proper place."

Attorney Wilkins makes a pledge to consider all information brought before him, by all the people, and promises economy, justice, efficiency, and a square deal.

Attorney Wilkins has been a resident of this county for about four years, and has figured in a number of cases that commanded public interest. One was the Gore divorce and alienation suits; and another was the damage suit of Mrs. Marco against the county jailer and the county physician for \$30,000.

He recently became counsel for F. A. Bates, the aged gold miner, indicted for allegedly threatening to commit a felony. The case was one of those heralded as "a breakdown of law and order in Jackson county."



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Fighting Airplanes Coming to the Rogue River Valley

Aerial maneuvers, including combat and formation flying will be features of interest to Rogue river valley residents when a half dozen planes of the Twentieth squadron under Major C. H. Tinker are stationed at the Medford airport in September.

Major Tinker was at the airport early this week and announced that two sets of fast pursuit planes will come, one group making its head-

quarters at the Medford airport and the others at some landing field in the valley. The two will engage in maneuvers as a part of their summer schedule of training.

Major Tinker, together with Lt. Gordon Saville and Bill Clarkson, manager of the airport, spent the week end fishing at Diamond Lake and reported fair catches. While in the valley he visited with Charles Stead and Al Davis, airmail pilots, who were acquainted with him through wartime experience.

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