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## The Farm Board Surplus

Last week when Secretary Hyde announced that the farm board intended to market some of its surplus wheat abroad, wheat prices crashed all over the world and overnight the American farmers sustained a loss of fifty million dollars in value of wheat still held on farms. As long as the farm board keeps its surplus intact, it keeps prices depressed, ruins markets for new crops and abandons world markets to competitive nations. Every effort to dispose of any portion, sends the market into a tailspin. Meanwhile storage and depreciation charges are costing the taxpayer additional millions monthly.

This costly elementary lesson in Hoover economics hasn't however, taught the leaders of farm organizations, whose political pressure forced the creation of the farm board, anything, for they are actively fighting every effort made in congress for abolition of the farm board. They have learned nothing from the costly folly of spending hundreds of millions in pegging the price of wheat and cotton by keeping buyers from buying, but are also again urging the old export debenture and stabilization fee quackeries to additionally mule the taxpayer without relieving the farmer.

Representatives of the various farm bodies are now going so far as to protest to a senate committee against the Borah bill to restrict salaries paid by the farm boards cooperative organizations to \$15,000 a year, and defend the \$50,000 and \$75,000 salaries now paid, which Senator Borah declares graft. It is small wonder the farmers get nothing for their crops.

The attitude of these farm organization heads in defending both the costly and futile farm board and its outrageous salaries is however, consistent, for they are all politicians farming the farmer for their own salaries and political prestige, just as the farm board is doing. They are making too much out of utilizing politics as a cure-all for economic ills, to drop a good thing.

All that politicians do for the farmer is to exploit him. Our State Grange has been perverted into a political machine for the leaders, with eyes on public office. The former master of the Grange secured appointment as state market agent. His successor, is now a candidate for secretary of state and his successor running for congress. And numerous other Grange leaders are seeking seats at the picnic counter.

But to get back to the farm board and its surplus. The only sensible thing is to abolish the board and turn its affairs over to the department of agriculture to wind up. No use of two farm bureaus. The surplus wheat, should all be given away like the 40 millions bushels was, to needy humans and starving cattle. It should be gotten rid of as quickly as possible to give the coming crop a market, and at the same time provide suffering people with food. Of course it is a dolt, just as much as so much money, but it has already been paid for by the taxpayers, and the quicker it is consumed the better for everybody.

## Income Taxes Falling Off

Incomes in Oregon in 1931 netted the government \$442,252 in federal income taxes, Clyde C. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, announces. Taxes collected last year for 1930 amounted to \$315,836, or \$373,584 more than was collected this year. There were 32,185 returns filed this year as compared to 36,937 last year including both taxable and non-taxable incomes.

Preliminary reports of tabulations received at Washington indicate a similar falling off in income tax payments over the nation. This will mean a decrease in revenues much greater than estimated by the treasury department and increase the national deficit materially.

All of this emphasizes the need of additional taxation, as well as the urgency of reduction in expenditures. The house has already voted a surtax reaching a maximum rate of 65 percent on incomes exceeding 5 million dollars annually, raising of the normal tax on incomes of \$8,000 a year or more from 5 to 7 percent, and refused exemption of income taxes paid in foreign lands, thus taking a crack at American industrialists, who have been forced by tariff reprisals to establish branch factories abroad.

This seems like "soaking the rich" but the emergency justifies a return to war time rates and it must be remembered that every other country taxes wealth to a far greater extent than the United States does. And the coalition revenue bill also provides for a tax on everybody, rich and poor alike, in the sales tax, the only alternative being excise taxes on luxuries and nuisance taxes. Probably eventually all these tax increases will be necessary to balance the budget. All other countries have them all—and the United States cannot expect to remain an exception.

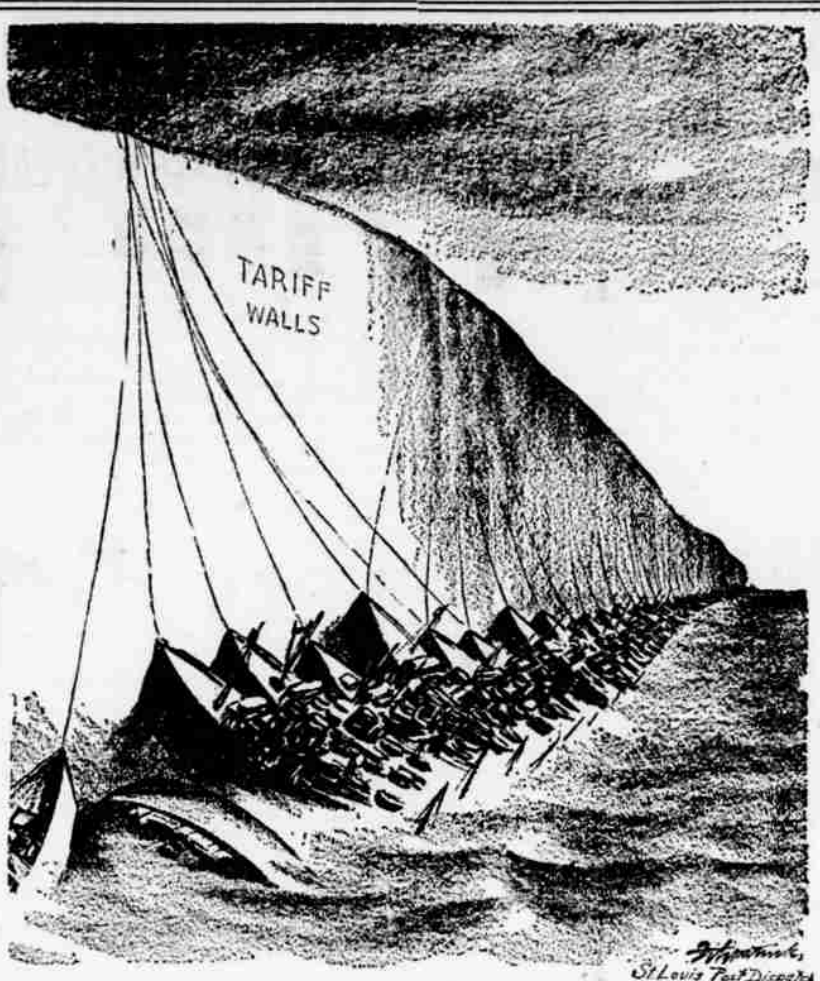
Congressmen, however, who blithely vote additional taxes on everybody, will be illogical unless they drastically slash all government salaries, including their own, and abolish needless bureaus which can be dispensed with, without crippling the necessary functions of government.

Meanwhile the legalization of beer and the imposition of a stiff tax upon it, would go far to solve the problem of raising additional revenue, while the repeal of prohibition and a return to the excise taxes on liquor would automatically transfer the racketeer and rum king profits to the national treasury and end the vicious circle of depletion of national revenues.

**OPERATION AVOIDED**  
Waldo Hills—A. Archibald, who underwent an operation at the Salem hospital ten days ago, is said to be getting along very well. For a time it was feared a second operation would have to be performed before he could recover but now it seems he is recovering without it.

**MRS. JELE RETURNS**  
Auburn—Mrs. Edward Jele of Los Angeles, Calif., was visiting relatives and friends in the community last week. When Mrs. Jele left her five years ago she was in a serious condition of health, however, she is now enjoying very good health. Mrs. Jele has a son in Los Angeles. Accompanying Mrs. Jele is her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Kurta of Minneapolis, Minn., who has been visiting in California, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jo William Helms of Los Angeles, also a friend, Miss Phelonia Rogeman of Minneapolis.

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO WORLD TRADE.



## TRIBUTE TO BRYAN UPON HIS BIRTHDAY

By MILTON A. MILLER  
William Jennings Bryan was one of the world's greatest characters. He talked to more people, perhaps, than any living man and gave more of his time to public questions than any other American statesman. He always espoused the cause of the plain people, and was, therefore, known as the "great commoner."

He was elected to congress in 1890. The Nebraska press gave him credit for making the most brilliant campaign ever made in that state. During his first term in congress he delivered his famous "tariff speech" which brought him into prominence over night. He was at that time 30 years of age.

The Washington "Post" said there was hardly anything else talked about except the brilliant speech of the young Nebraskan in the house. The New York Times said "he was the best tariff speaker the house had produced for years."

His district had been gerrymandered. Prominent republican speakers from outside of the state were sent into the district. Among them was William J. McKinley and Firearm Foraker. Mr. Bryan won by a narrow margin.

It was during his second term in congress that he delivered his second speech against the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law. When he began his speech his time was limited. It was extended and extended until he had occupied nearly three hours.

Many noted men said that was the greatest speech that was made on the money question during that congress. Among them were Burke Corcoran of New York, William L. Wilson of West Virginia, and Senator Burrows of Michigan. Mr. Bryan at this time was 33 years of age.

## SILVER FALLS ROAD PETITIONED

A petition signed by 104 residents of road district No. 23 has been filed with the county court asking for a change of routing of the secondary market road to South Silver Falls from the Drift creek route to the proposed Matheny route.

In a letter attached to the petition and coming from S. P. Matheny he states that he has personally interviewed every signer of the petition and finds that they stand as a unit in their view point as to the route.

"They consider the Matheny route south of the South Falls the most feasible and desirable route, as a better grade, a shorter road, more scenic, more straightways and at least four times the people accommodated," states Matheny's letter. "The valuation of the property on this route is far in excess of the valuation on the other route. This will make a better road for the Silverton loop by way of the Archibald and Victor Point route, and at least two and one-half miles shorter to Salem."

"The people back of the falls who have access to either road have all signed this petition and have expressed their opinion that they would far rather have this road as a state highway than the other. We guarantee the right of way will cause no trouble and will not cost a dollar. These people are not only asking a change but are practically demanding it."

## Chapman's Visit; Are Honor Guests

Based Green—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chapman Sr., entertained recently with a dinner honoring Chapman's sister, Mrs. Clara Chapman of Corvallis. Covers were placed for the honored guest, Mrs. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Grant March, Mrs. Walter Stump, and daughter Donna Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Dunning and daughters Margaret Dorothy and Harriet, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maguire and children Rosemary and Richard, Jack Fasset and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chapman and son Vernon. Mrs. Chapman will remain as a houseguest at her brother's home for an indefinite period.

## CREEK WATER HIGH

Melama—Stout creek, which borders Melama on one side, was up Saturday and carrying much muddy water but it was not giving trouble as it did last year. Heavy rains recently and the last two nights have caused the snow in the mountains to melt and it has brought the little North Fork and the Santiam up.

## POWER ISSUE INJECTED INTO 1932 CAMPAIGN

Washington, March 21 (AP)—A survey of presidential candidates comparing their positions on the power question has been prepared by the national popular government league. It names Governor Franklin Roosevelt of New York as the public's greatest ally in this particular matter.

An accompanying statement by 15 senators and 22 representatives declared the power question would be the major issue in the presidential campaign this year. The statement did not pledge the signers to support the league's rating of candidates on the power issue.

Taking eight phases of the power question, Judson King, director of the league, listed each candidate as for or against public interest. Roosevelt was listed as for the public on all eight.

President Hoover was said to be for the public interest on one phase, against it on six, and silent on the other. Speaker Garner of the house was rated as for the public on two and silent on six. Alfred E. Smith was listed for the public on 2 1/2, for private interests on 1 1/2, silent on four.

The signers of the statement projecting the power issue as of paramount importance were: Democrats: Senators Costigan of Colorado, Dill of Washington, Gore of Oklahoma, Long of Louisiana, McCeller of Tennessee, Walsh of Montana and Wheeler of Montana; Republicans: Brookhart of Iowa, Cutting of New Mexico, Nye and Frazier of North Dakota, Norris and Borah of Nebraska, Johnson of California; and Shipstead, farmer-laborer of Minnesota.

Representatives, democrats: Cannon and Romjue of Missouri, Evans of Montana, Howard and Norton of Nebraska, Disney and Johnson of Oklahoma, Hill of Washington, Rainey of Illinois, Thurman of Texas, Patterson of Alabama, Rankin and Collins of Mississippi, and Martin of Oregon; republicans: Schneider of Wisconsin, LaGuardia of New York, Horr of Washington, Christian and Selvig of Minnesota, J. H. Sinclair of North Dakota; farmer-labor, Kvale of Minnesota.

## JEFFERSON CLUBS ARE PARTY HOSTS

Jefferson—The 4-H sewing club, assisted by their leader, Miss Frances Pierce, entertained with a Leap Year party at the I.O.O.F. hall Friday night. Cards, games and dancing were enjoyed and at a late hour refreshments were served by the club girls.

Club members present were Sylvia Vasek, Jessie Hart, Mervine Thurston, Keith Smith, Jean McKee and the leader, Miss Pierce. Guests present were Margaret, Cochran, Dorothy Marcum, Lucile Pratt, Callista Pratt, Lucile Barnes, Melvin Morris, Clinton Hart, Francis Gatchell, Milo Harris, Lester Stephenson, Robert Hart, Ralph Beach, Robert Gulvin, Maurice Mangia, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman W. Patton, Mrs. Flo Young, Miss Geraldine Reister, Miss Bertha Dillon, Miss Maude Durfee, Mrs. K. S. Thurston, Mrs. Paul McKee and Paul McKee.

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## Doris Blake Says: Man Superior to Women; He Even Admits It.

By DORIS BLAKE  
Women may be better typists than men but in fundamental qualities of makeup, Mr. Anonymous Jones thinks his sex is far superior.

"Take loyalty, urges Mr. A. Jones. In blood ties, perhaps the sense is fairly well developed in women. But in loyalty toward the business job there is none of the fierce loyalty in a woman that is typical of the better grade of male employee."

"Take romanticism. 'In spite of woman's widely heralded romanticism,' Mr. A. Jones claims, 'they are more practical, more material than men.' Boys, he finds, are more willing to accept financial hardships in preference, are willing to lower materially their standard of living to marry a young chap even though he shows promise of a future."

"Yes," adds Mr. Jones, "I have known a number of young men who were willing to sacrifice to lower their standard of living in order to marry, even though, as in many professional cases, they realize such a marriage would definitely hinder their progress and arrival."

And woman's opinion of herself is, to her Mr. Jones tell it, nothing short of preposterous. In contrast to the other sex, she puts an unconscionably high value on herself. "What woman in the world was ever married that didn't think she was conferring the highest honor on a man in consenting to marry him?" asks A. Jones. True, she is honoring him—but isn't he doing as much for her? (Ed. note: Who trained us along this line?)

"Does it cost a woman any more to give herself in marriage than it does a man?" "Take date breaking," and Mr. Jones' last blast at us: "Women feel they can break dates without being called on the carpet—and are greatly aggrieved if an issue is made out of it. But let a man try date breaking and an ultimatum is delivered."

## HANDY AIRPLANE BUILT BY BRITISH

London, (AP)—A general purpose airplane, with a speed surpassed only by that of the latest types of specialized fighting planes, is the latest development in British military aviation.

The new "maid of all work" of the air is a Westland biplane, based in design on the well-known "Wapiti", but much faster. It also climbs much more rapidly and can operate at far greater heights than the "Wapiti", which is the typical British general purpose machine.

Among the many and varied duties required to be undertaken by the general purpose plane are reconnaissance, aerial photography, long range patrol work, message intercepting, army co-operation, ambulance work, offensive and defensive fighting, and day bombing. Thus it will be gathered that a machine combining strength, durability, speed and easy maneuvering qualities is demanded. Generally speaking, a considerable amount of speed has to be sacrificed, but it is claimed that in the new machine, officially known as the P.V. 6, a speed has been attained second only to that of fighting planes.

Facts regarding the actual speed attained at various heights remain an official secret for the present, but a few details of construction are available.

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## ARMY TRAINING AT COLLEGES BRINGS DEBATE

Portland, March 21 (AP)—Storm and strife broke loose here Sunday when attackers and defenders of the proposal to abolish compulsory military training at Oregon and Oregon State college, met in a committee hearing.

The matter will finally be decided at a later private hearing of the military training committee of the state board of higher education. This committee earlier recommended that compulsory military training be eliminated.

Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, chairman of the committee, acted as referee. Those leading the attack on the adverse recommendation included Col. William Henry Patterson, professor of military science and tactics at Oregon State; the Rev. John Wesley Beard of Portland, Presbyterian pastor and chaplain of the 162nd infantry, national guard; Mrs. John Y. Richardson, regent for Oregon of the Daughters of the American Revolution; George Koejin of the national defense committee of the chamber of commerce, and Alex Berry, American Legion commander of Oregon.

Those favoring abolition of such training included Norman F. Coleman, president of Reed College; S. B. Laughlin, professor of economics and sociology at Willamette university, representing the national council for the prevention of war, Salem chapter, and the Salem Friends church; Ray W. Gill, president of the high Oregon state grange; Mrs. G. L. Buland, chairman of the international affairs committee of the Oregon state federation of women's clubs; the Rev. E. C. Farnham, representing the Portland council of churches, and Mrs. Harry P. Cramer, president of the Portland society of the Association of University Women.

## FAVORITE FILM DOM STARS SHOWING HERE

Full houses greeted George Arliss in "The Man Who Played God" at the Warner Bros. Elsinore theater for the opening show. The picture remains through Tuesday night and will be followed by "The Cheat" featuring Talullah Bankhead. Barbara Stanwyck and Adolphe Menjou take the title roles in "Forbidden," the current attraction at the Warner Bros. Capitol theater. Beginning Wednesday for the two-day offering the Capitol presents Joan Bennett and Spencer Tracy in "She Wanted a Millionaire."

Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper return to Salem in "The Champ" now showing at the Hollywood theater. Others in the cast include Roscoe Ates, Edward Brophy, Irene Rich, Hale Hamilton, Jesse Scott and Marcia Mae Jones.

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