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Entered at the postoffice at Weston, Oregon as second-class matter.

Still confident that King Wheat will come back into his own, after perhaps a few more distressing vicissitudes, Rosenbaum Review has this to say: "For the next 30 to 45 days we may witness marked recessions in prices, due to general industrial and commercial situation. However, England, Belgium and France have been buying our wheat in quantity and have been exporting to Germany and Austria. This accounts for the strong export demand. Europe and England take the position that if Germany and Austria go bankrupt the others will follow. Hence the disposition to grant credits to those countries to our late enemies. Certainly they are exacting very heavy profits, but by the time the United States gets ready to grant credits to Germany we are likely to find that she is satisfied with wheat and rye. We shall see around four cents per pound for wheat before a new crop is harvested. But do not try to bull wheat within the short period above specified. We might see even lower prices than we have witnessed." Four cents a pound for wheat this coming spring would surely look good to the grower who with grim determination is holding fast to his crop.

Just now in the violent nausea of "the morning after," our beloved country will soon chafe the damp towel into a corner, finish the contents of the ice water pitcher, and go about its business repentant yet confident. The spree of high prices, inflation and profiteering did not last, and neither will the darksome period of "sobering up." Even with times ahead that may be regarded as a bit depressing in view of great expectations unrealized, great hopes unfulfilled, it is well to remember that no nation on earth is just now tide follows ebb so inevitably must so rich, so fortunate, so blessed as the existing business depression

ours. If some of us are compelled to practice the virtues of thrift and frugality so common to our forebears, it will prove to be a salutary lesson. Meanwhile, the man who did not release the bird in hand while reaching for another in the bush, does not find the period of readjustment at all embarrassing.

With manifest wisdom, Collier's arises to remark: "Our social attitude—the elements of human nature, human temperance, human merit and human wisdom—are the forces upon which we must depend to make co-operation in meeting pinches. Economic facts are facts, and they are inflexible. The flexible, variable, workable, saving element lies in the conduct of human beings. The return of good times will come when employer and employee share the risks of slowly deflating credit, when promises are kept and the seller meets the buyer in the slow decline of prices, and the buyer meets the seller in a demand that prices shall be reduced rather than crashed."

If the "god of things as they ought to be" were in power right now, the United States, England and Japan would be devoting to Chinese, Central Europe and Near East relief the huge sums spent on armaments.

Congress can and did override the president's veto of the finance corporation measure, but cannot bring back to our farmers the lost opportunity to sell their wheat at two dollars a bushel or better.

Herb Hoover is a good republican with the emphasis on the good. The fact that he may not be a good republican of the Penrose stripe should not keep him out of the cabinet.

What the nation needs for the office of president is a paragon. Harding may be able to qualify, but if so he'll be different from any printer we ever met.

Do not get peevish over the proposed Sunday blue laws, since they would merely enhance the great American sport of statute breaking.

While seldom given to "modest stillness and humility," Chicago isn't boasting of its million dollar ring—which happens to be a booze ring.

"As day follows night and flood-tide follows ebb so inevitably must the existing business depression

some time come to an end and the inflooding tide of prosperity begin to rise." Such is the hopeful prospect set forth by the Literary Digest. Economic authorities are said to agree in the view that the industrial depression accompanying the process of deflation will last into spring, but that a revival is due to begin about March or April.

Constantine says he has no hard feelings toward the Allies. Neither did Gulliver display any antipathy for the Brobdnagians.

Whatever their faults, the big packers are pig backers—as different boys' clubs have found throughout the Northwest.

If the rains keep up, the shipping board will atone for a multitude of sins by building an ark for Old Man Oregon.

When even one's eyes are dry, the news that America has raised its largest rye crop is read without emotion.

Lenine would not be running true to form if he failed to put the con in Mr. Vanderlip's Russian concession.

Could Ireland be about to emerge from the fracas with one busted shill-alee and a couple of parliaments.

The manner in which many factory managers are now treating their pay rolls is excessively cutting.

Wilson never gets cold feet, but always has a veto in good working order.

Concerning Motor Car Licenses.

The following announcement from the office of the Secretary of State to all Oregon officers is of interest to local car owners:

"In view of the fact that many motor vehicle owners deferred applying for their 1921 licenses until the last few days of December, 1920, which has caused a congestion in the motor vehicle division of the Department of State, it will be the purpose of the State Inspectors, whose duty it is to aid all local officers in the enforcement of the motor vehicle law, to permit the operation of cars on 1920 licenses by all persons who have applied for 1921 licenses until the 1921 licenses are received from the Secretary of State."

Ford car for sale at a bargain. Andy T. Barnett.

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BREVITIES

A range and heating stove for sale; see me soon if you want them at a bargain. Mrs. N. P. Bennet.

While Dr. C. H. Smith was on his way Monday to make a professional call at the W. L. Smock farm on Reed and Hawley mountain, his automobile got stuck three times in the muddy road. Finally a Fordson tractor had to be commandeered to extricate the doctor's car.

The Weston garage, conducted by Miller & Booher, was closed a few days ago by the proprietors themselves. The reason assigned is that they were unable to collect enough money from outstanding accounts to meet current expenses.

When Charley May harvested his potato crop a few months ago on Weston mountain, he employed a number of transient diggers. He gave one of them a check for \$15.00. The other day the check came back in due course through banking channels. It had been cashed at a Pendleton store, and called for \$50.00. The figures had been raised so cleverly as to deceive any but an expert eye.

Dr. N. P. Bennet has closed his dental office at Weston and gone to Seattle, where he will be associated with Dr. Olsen, a friend and former classmate who has built up a large practice there and who made him a very favorable proposition. The doctor's family will remain at their home in Weston for the present.

William Killgore, well known pioneer, is under Dr. Smith's care with intestinal obstruction at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sarah McDougal.

P. T. Harbour leaves Monday for Pendleton to engage in jury duty. Marvin Adkins will look after Mr. Harbour's business affairs during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waddingham went to ranching again for a couple of weeks at the J. A. King farm during the King family's absence. They are now back in their town home, and are no longer longing for the rural life until the weather improves.

F. H. Coffin, who was engaged in business at Weston some 25 years ago and is well remembered by the town's early residents, was recently called by death at his home in Lebanon, Oregon. He is survived by B. M. Bower; Lonesome Land, B. M. Waddingham in Enterprise.

Mrs. Coffin (formerly Miss Ida Salinger) and one daughter and one son. The son is Gilbert Coffin, a federal bank examiner stationed at San Francisco. The news of Mr. Coffin's death will be received with regret by a large circle of old-time friends in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mayberry were visitors last week end at the home of Mr. Mayberry's brother on the Walla Walla river.

E. T. McCampbell, who resides at the corner of College and Water streets, announces that he has a quantity of Cumberland raspberry plants to give away to all comers. These are ready now, and red raspberry plants will be available later.

Next Tuesday's bill at Memorial hall will include the great picture, Flame of the Yukon, and Fatty Arbuckle and Mabel Normand in comedy. Manager Barnes also announces an especially fine attraction, Don't Ever Marry, for Saturday, the 15th. Tonerville Trolley is the comedy offering.

New Year's day marked the twentieth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Mark A. Phinney. To fittingly honor the event, members of the United Brethren church gathered in the church parlors Friday evening and treated the honor guests to a genuine, old-fashioned surprise party—accompanying the expressions of good will with a generous supply of gifts, both useful and ornamental. During the hour when the Old Year departed and 1921 was ushered in, a delicious lunch was served by the ladies of the congregation. The affair was one of the happiest events of the season's social calendar.

The Saturday Afternoon club will be entertained this week by Mrs. H. Goodwin at the club room in Memorial hall, instead of at the Goodwin residence as previously announced.

Weston citizens awoke New Year's morning to find water rushing down alleys and gutters and a thick coating of slimy mud upon walks and street crossings. A heavy rain during the night washed earth from Joe Key's wheat field at the edge of town over lawns, garden plots and thoroughfares of the village. City Superintendent Avery with a force of workmen were engaged for several hours in restoring conditions to normalcy. Tuesday night the miniature flood was repeated.

R. H. King and family have returned from a pleasant visit of two weeks' duration at the respective homes of J. L. Staggs and Frank Waddingham in Enterprise.

The Weston Library board has purchased the following works, of fiction and placed them on the shelves for circulation: The Barrier, Pardoners and The Crimson Gardenia, all by Rex Beach; The Uphill Climb, B. M. Bower; The Lure of Dim Trails, homes of J. L. Staggs and Frank Waddingham in Enterprise.

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TO YOU BECAUSE WE HAVE GOT TO MEET THE NEW CONDITIONS SQUARELY. WE'LL TAKE OUR LOSSES AND GO ON DOING BUSINESS. THAT'S THE ONLY SPIRIT THAT WILL PUT CONDITIONS BACK TO A NORMAL BASIS. THEREFORE WE HAVE LOWERED OUR PRICES TWICE—

FIRST—By Disregarding Original Costs. Every Piece of Merchandise in Our Stock has been Re-marked to Conform to Prices Prevailing NOW.

SECOND—We are giving you an additional reduction of 10 to 50 percent below this NEW PRICE level.

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