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FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1921
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Through the clouds engendered by the wheat market slump gleams a ray of sunshine that brightens the price prospect for the coming harvest season. Thus saith no less an authority than The National City Bank of New York: "Argentina and Australia are now the chief sources of supply for the importing countries, and their supplies appear to be ample for all demands. This country is thought to have sold about all it has to spare, and the movement to put an import duty on wheat has stimulated the movement from Canada to this country to provide against possible needs. The world's carry-over will not be large, and as it is now quite improbable that Russia will contribute anything to the next year's supply for western Europe, and as the Argentine and Australian crops this year were much above the average of those countries, the outlook for the price of wheat from the 1921 crop would seem to be very good. Moreover, it will be produced at lower cost."

Week by week Collier's has stated its belief that no panic has been near or in prospect, says that optimistic weekly; has voiced its conviction that America is proceeding in an orderly way through an ever-lessening period of readjustment after the flame and roar of war, and the industrial fog of post-war conditions. There is plenty of business to be done; there is an ever-growing disposition on the part of the merchant as well as the manufacturer to slice his inventory to replacement cost; and there is strong determination on the part of every good salesman to go back to work and sell goods. So long as there is work to be done in the United States, and men to do it, and materials for them to do it with, let us quit worrying about mysterious help from our federal government and keep interested in our own personal accomplishment.

Now cometh the brilliant editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times and speaketh thusly of the versatile editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel: "A story emanating from Cottage Grove is published in the Oregonian to the effect that Elbert Bede was pinched for leaving his car parked from 5:30 a. m. to 7 p. m. in a 'restricted' district. Anyone who knows Bede knows that the reporter who wrote the story has a vivid imagination, for the reasons that there are no busy sections in Cottage Grove and that Elbert Bede never got up at 5:30. We have a suspicion that Bede wrote the story himself."

It must be that the so-called "slump in business" is a horrid nightmare following repletion—especially as it relates to the Pacific Coast. Far from slumping, business has gained 8.1 percent in six cities of the twelfth federal reserve district, according to the federal reserve bank of San Francisco. The comparison is made between February, 1919, and February, 1920, and the figures relate to volume of sales. The three largest Portland department stores report a gain of 8 to 12 percent, according to The Oregonian. Let us

refuse further to be obsessed and depressed by a "state of mind."

The remarks of "A Friend of Progress" published elsewhere are pertinent and timely. It is time that Weston should make an effort to get out of the rut, if it does not expect to remain forever in the crossroads village class. Action is needed, however, on the part of the entire community. The whole burden of responsibility for the proposed street improvement should not be left with the council. Let every citizen, whether or not he or she is in sympathy with the improvement, attend the next council meeting—Wednesday evening, April 6. Thus only can the community's wishes be ascertained and community sentiment crystallized. The council needs your help.

We learn from the Baltimore American that "John Barleycorn is a hard guy. Every month or two he kicks the lid off his coffin and grins in the faces of his executioners. He was a hard guy alive, and he is a hard guy dead. Congress convicted him; three-fourths of the states sentenced him; Executioner Volstead hanged him and the supreme court released the drop, but John refuses to remain dead." All of which feeling remarks are inspired by the Palmer ruling.

A Philadelphia builder says that "the shortage of homes in the United States is now 1,500,000, and in addition we need 500,000 factories, 5000 schools and public buildings, 60,000 apartment buildings, 150 freight terminals and 15,000 railroad stations." That may be what we need; but what we are likely to get is more battle cruisers, more battle planes, more implements of warfare and more war.

May wheat in Chicago touched the lowest point Tuesday since 1916. It is becoming evident that Editor Pickell, the breezy and entertaining prophet of Rosenbaum Review fame, displays better diction than prediction.

Soviet Russia wants to "resume trade relations" with the United States. The suspicion lingers that any relations with the bolsheviks are apt to develop into poor relations.

Clara Smith Hamon has joined an Oklahoma church and will also become a motion picture star. She seems to have swapped her virtue to pretty fair advantage.

Washington is generally a few jumps ahead of Oregon in the race of progress, but on this side of the line we haven't any \$5.00 poll tax to pay.

An army aviator dropped nearly five miles in Illinois. Having been prudent enough to take a parachute along, he broke nothing but a record.

Germany lost a war but won a pleisite—with the harrowing result that she has again begun to sing Deutschland Uber Alles."

The only Bill that Germany feels like paying is living in luxurious seduction on the income she provides.

According to a Boston paper, "it isn't considered good form to ride to the synagogue in a Ford car."

Evidently Mrs. James Stillman of New York "took the wrong path" in following that Indian guide.

Germany may be a bit shy with her marks, but her remarks are bestowed in superabundance.

"I have no patience with the feeble-minded people who talk about disarmament," says Senator Nicholson, in advocating a bigger navy. Well, let's turn over the remaining seven

cents of our federal dollar for war, and seek an asylum.

Not a few "patients" will be sure to find that beer is good for what ails 'em.

The "cabinet debutante" may be a Mellon, but she looks like a peach.

However, the farmer is not alone in needing a loan.

Weston Organizes for Baseball

Weston is lined up for baseball strong this spring, a scannon's vacation having whetted the desire of both fans and players to see the horsehide sail. An effort will be made to break into the Blue Mountain league, of which until last year Weston had always been a member, and it is understood that Weston will have the support of Athena in this laudable ambition.

Organization was effected at an enthusiastic meeting Monday evening, and it was evident from the attendance and eagerness of prospective players that there will be no lack of team material. R. L. Reynaud was chosen business manager and Ed. L. Wood team manager, the election of both being unanimous.

Lester O'Harra and J. H. Price were appointed on a finance committee with Manager Reynaud as chairman to raise funds for equipment. About \$200 is required. This amount is being secured from fans as a loan, to be repaid out of gate receipts. Much encouragement is reported.

Only five new baseball suits will be required. However, there are a catcher's glove, mask and protector, a first baseman's glove, bats, balls, bases and other paraphernalia to buy, and the grand stand and grounds must be put in condition.

SCHOOL NOTES

The High school baseball nine expects to play Athena High at Athena today, should the weather permit. It will be a practice game. The local boys expect to be arrayed in their new green and tan uniforms. Athena, it is said, has practically the same line-up as last year.

Work was begun last Tuesday on the school play, under the direction of Miss Esther Husbands. "Mary's Millions" is the title of the breezy three-act comedy by Frederick Johnson. The cast is as follows: Jack Henderson Nari Jones
Jimmie Barnes Arden Lucas
Ezra Stoneham Harold Phipney
Abija Boggs Leonard Bullfinch
Count De Selles Walt Rayborn
Mrs. Stoneham Charlotte Hass
Eudora Gwen Compton
Countess De Selles Esther Davis
Mrs. Mudge Emma Thony
Betty Blanche Thorsen
Mary Helen Rayborn

Friday night was featured as "high school night" at the Baptist revival services. A fair number of the students were present.

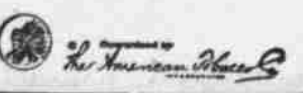
The ball ground was dragged and put into shape Saturday with the aid of Charley Bullfinch's team.

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Four counties, Benton, Sherman, Crook and Umatilla, have made plans to call special elections in the near future to pass on the question of adopting the county unit system of administration and taxation for school affairs, under a law enacted at the recent session of the legislature.



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BREVITIES

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S. J. Culley, leading Weston farmer, is in Spokane this week, together with Sam Thompson of Pendleton. They are attending the Northwest Farm Bureau convention as delegates from Umatilla county.

Miss Wilma Harbour, who is preparing for the teacher's profession at the Cheney Normal, is at her home in Weston for the Easter vacation.

William R. Beaton reports that he is making good progress with the sale of tickets for the Memorial Hall benefit picture show, at which a new Ford touring car will be given away. He has representatives at Pendleton, Milton and Athena, who are disposing of a large number of tickets. The sale at Weston is also going well.

Statistics issued by the weather bureau show that the rainfall for 1920 in this district was 24.13 inches, an excess over normal of 1.64 inches. Observer Baker reports that 1.20 inches of moisture fell during the recent storms in this locality. We have the word of the farmers that this is quite enough for the present.

Jess Lieualien, who for years has been a familiar figure at the sheep shearing camps throughout the Northwest, decided to ply the shears in California this year for a change. He has begun the season's wool harvest at Marysville.

Mrs. L. M. Funk of Walla Walla was here Sunday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. I. E. Saling, and sister, Mrs. Ida Coffin.

Mrs. E. M. Smith went to Walla Walla Tuesday, accompanying Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price, for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Smith.

Leon Lundell received the third degree at Friday night's meeting of the local Masonic lodge. Friday night of next week, the lodge will have work in both the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees.

OREGON NEWS NOTES

The annual meeting of the Western Oregon Olders Girls' conference was held under the auspices of the Oregon State Sunday School association in McMinnville last week. Delegates from all Sunday schools in western Oregon were present at the conference. The homes of the city entertained at least 250 girls between the ages of 16 and 21 during the conference.

By a vote of more than two to one, voters of The Dalles rejected at a special election the proposal that the city bond itself for \$250,000, the money to be used in the construction of a dam, storage reservoir and pipeline, by means of which 1,000,000 gallons of water a day would have been added to the present city water supply during the three hot summer months.

A quarantine against strawberry vines from Marion county that have the soil of that section of the state clinging to their roots has been declared by Lane county officials at the suggestion of C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector. This action has been taken to prevent the spread in Lane county of pear thrips, which the fruit inspector says infest the ground in Marion county.

Sea lions along the Oregon coast eat 1,840,000 fish during the open season for salmon, a period of 157 days, according to Carl D. Shoemaker, secretary of the state fish commission. They consume at this rate 41,448,000 pounds of fish in the open season alone, which is equal to 637,661 cases of salmon. This amount is more than the total number of cases packed on all of the waters of the state of Oregon.

President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding, have been invited by Lane county post, No. 3, American Legion, to visit Eugene and take a trip up the Mezenie river during the state convention of the Legion early in July. As the president is contemplating making a trip to the coast and to Alaska this summer, it is believed by members of the Legion that he may be persuaded to time his trip so that he will be able to be here during the convention.

All measures, constitutional amendments and resolutions referred to the voters at the recent session of the legislature, a total of six, will go on the ballot at the special election scheduled for June 7, according to I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general. These include the measures authorizing the state to use its credit to the extent of 3 per cent based on the valuation of all assessable property, for the payment of the so-called soldier bonus, mental and physical examination of all persons applying for marriage licenses, jury service for women, 60 days' session of the legislature and increasing the compensation of legislators from \$3 to \$5 a day, and single item veto by the governor.

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Daniel A. May, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons whom it may concern that Ida L. May, administratrix of the estate of Daniel A. May, deceased, has filed her final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Tuesday the 5th day of April, 1921, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the county courthouse at Pendleton as the place where all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and a settlement of the estate made.

Dated this 3d day of March, 1921.
IDA L. MAY,
Administratrix.
PETERSON, BISHOP & CLARK,
Attorneys for Administratrix.

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