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## THE DEPRESSION IN 1857

The world moves in cycles, depression and prosperity following one another in an almost regular cadence. And human nature is prone to exaggerate the times and occurrences of its own moment, as brighter or more depressing, than any in the past. And we are prone to forget that there have been more severe panics in the past half century than this era of depressed business conditions through which the world has been passing since the fall of 1929.

Following is an extract from Harper's Weekly, printed Oct. 10, 1857, a few years before the Civil War, in which the pessimistic outlook was just as freely expressed as it was in 1873 or 1893, or 1907, or in later years, up to the present:

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this paper—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow citizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment, and without the prospect of it.

In France, the political cauldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs, as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent, upon the horizon of Europe; while all of the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly Indian insurrection, and with its disturbed relations in China.

It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference (which, happily, no man pretends to feel) in the issue of events. Of our own troubles no man can see the end. They are, fortunately, as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously to despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this widespread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity.

Good friends—let our conduct prove that the call comes to men who have large hearts, however narrowed their homes may be; who have open hands, however empty their purses. In time of peril we have nothing but manhood, strong in its faith in God, to rely upon; and whoever shows himself truly a God-fearing man now, by helping wherever and however he can, will be blessed and beloved as a great light in darkness.—Harper's Weekly, Oct. 10, 1857.

"Most of our customs can be traced back to ancient usages," says a newspaper clipping. "They have just been modified or changed to suit modern conditions. The Hebrews had a sacrificial goat upon which they placed all blame for their sins and troubles. We have a President."

## R. A. Easton's Weekly Letter

John N. Garner, of Texas, has the opportunity to prove his ability as a wrangler for the great American Donkey. He has the animals led to water. Can he make them drink, or will they go loco?

"The alleged racket for the needy bared," as given in the Oregonian of Dec. 8th, proves that Portland has a lot of gullible people. We knew it but we did not know they would part with their money so easily.

When a man can turn a room into a telephone booth and hire a squad of "soft-voiced solicitors," to call up the esneymarks in the name of the "Labor Temple," seeking funds for "unfortunate children and destitute families" and gather in \$6,000 in double quick time before the police raid the

room and capture the boss, surely proves the hard times racket is being worked over time by some who see a good chance to get easy pickings.

It is so senseless for the people of Portland to get hoodwinked that way for there is the Sunshine Division of the police department and other well known helping-hand relief sources who are giving relief to the needy, that there is no need of the people of Portland or any other town being worked for charity by infamous profiteers.

We may be thankful that the little towns, as well as the big, have those to whom may be entrusted money and merchandise to be given to those in need and know those who are in need are getting the help. It is a sure thing that these are hard times for the easymark whether man, woman, or child, for the spirit of "Coxey's Army" is still merchandising in hard times.

Never was the spirit of helpful aid so manifest as it is today, for which I rejoice and am truly thankful. But we have to beware of the calls of the gold brick philanthropists.

R. A. Easton.



Elimination of the state tax on property for 1932, as announced this week by Governor Meier, will result in a saving of \$105,759.03 in taxes to Coos county property owners, according to figures compiled by the state tax commission.

In connection with the elimination of the property tax for state purposes two facts are emphasized by the state tax commission:

First, that the tax base is in no wise affected;

Second, there has been no waiver of the state tax. The levy is being made as usual up to the full six percent increase permitted under the constitutional restriction. The only difference is that the burden is being transferred from the shoulders of the property owners where it has always rested heretofore, to the shoulders of the corporations and the coupon clippers.

Three factors made possible the elimination of the property tax at this time:

In the first place repeal of the one-mill market road tax by the last legislature wiped out approximately \$1,125,000 of the state tax burden;

Then waiver of the half-mill soldier's bonus levy for 1932 reduced the load by another \$562,500;

The repeal and waiver, however, still left approximately \$4,500,000 to be supplied for state purposes which ordinarily would have to be raised through a tax on property but which for 1932, according to estimates by the tax commission, will be raised by collections from the excise, intangibles and personal income taxes.

Fixed millage taxes for higher educational institutions are not set aside by the elimination of the property tax, but the revenue to meet these taxes will come from intangibles, excise and income taxes next year instead of from a property tax.

In terms of the individual property owner elimination of the property tax for state purposes will mean a reduction of approximately 9 percent in his tax bill next year compared to that of 1931 or a saving of a little more than \$4 on each \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Industry and the individual employer must be aroused to the seriousness of the unemployment situation in Oregon if adequate relief is to be given to the 40,000 jobless men and their 80,000 dependents this winter, J. M. Devers, executive head of Governor Meier's unemployment relief program, declares in a letter to the governor in which he describes the situation throughout the state as "tragically serious." Highway funds and highway work cannot carry the entire load, Devers declares. In fact he points out that the million dollar emergency fund set aside by the highway commission for work this winter will only scratch the surface so far as the need for jobs goes. Devers suggests that women's organizations throughout the state could aid materially by rounding up odd jobs around the home, garden, farm, stores and other places that would provide thousands of days work for needy men during the winter months.

Modern Shylocks, in the person of "hardboiled" creditors and mortgageholders who insist upon their "pound of flesh" under present financial conditions are roundly condemned by J. M. Devers, executive head of the governor's unemployment relief committee. Devers is urging the appointment of advisory committees in every county to assist unemployed men in saving their equities in homes and other

properties.  
 Governor Meier left Sunday night for California to spend the Christmas holidays with his daughter and grandchildren in San Francisco. The governor will also visit other California points returning to Salem about the first of the year. In his absence Willard Marks of Albany, as president of the senate, is holding down the executive chair.

Male members of the state's official family, including department and institution heads and deputies, will meet at the Marion hotel Friday night in their first annual "stag" party. Invitations to the affair admonish the officials to "park your politics" and "deposit dignity at the door." The event which has been incubating for the past two years is intended to be a real "get-together" for the purposes of making the state officials acquainted with one another. Women members of the official family, it is rumored, are planning a party of their own to which none of the men will be invited.

## From School Supt. Office

**Teachers' Examination**  
 State Teachers' Examinations will be given in the office of the county superintendent on Dec. 16, 17, 18 and 19. The hour of beginning will be 9:00 a. m. and the subjects will be given at the same time throughout the state in the following order:

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Writing (Penmanship).

Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, Reading, Composition.

Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology.

Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics.

Friday Forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature.

Friday Afternoon—School Law, Algebra, Geology, Civil Government, Bookkeeping.

Saturday Forenoon—Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon—General History.

## Teachers Complete Class

The Character Education class for teachers closed Tuesday evening with Gertrude Borgard and Elizabeth Bennett, of Myrtle Point, as leaders. This was the sixth lesson of a series which was arranged by county superintendent, Martha E. Mulkey, and was held each Tuesday evening at the Junior High School at Myrtle Point. The average number of teachers attending was 22 and enthusiasm in the discussions was evident. It seems to be the consensus of opinion of the teachers in general that there should be more attention given to the study of character in school but the problem is as to just how this can best be done for the good of children and society at large. Teachers seem most earnest in their attempt to decide on the best course of procedure. One of the several questions which was discussed very fully was the advisability of placing on the children's report card a grade for character traits just as at present a grade is being put on for arithmetic, reading, etc. The question with the teachers was whether this would encourage the development of character of conformity. Another point which was brought out was that children do not discriminate between the giving of needful information and tattling. It is surprising how many children make the proper discrimination.

The character class is the second of two classes which have been organized by the county superintendent this year, the first being one on Primary reading.

Mrs. Mulkey, county superintendent, notes in her rounds a splendid attitude on the part of teachers and pupils in developing the right attitude toward Christmas. Since there are so many people unemployed most schools have agreed that there will not be the usual exchange of 5, 10 and 25 cent present. In some schools this exchange has been eliminated while in others each child is required to make the present without any expense whatsoever to the parents.

All teachers are being urged in every way to help the children in the practicing of economy.

## Bridge

The Bridge district is showing a fine attitude in having organized a district chorus, the club being entitled the "Octave Club." Although they have held only two meetings, there are 16 or 18 members with more coming in. One of the first tasks of the club is rendering the music for the school's Christmas Pageant which will be given on the evening of December 17th. The officers of the "Octave Club" are as follows: director, Alma Larkins; pianist, Mrs. Oliver Clarke; president, Helen Pancoast; vice president, Oliver Clarke; secretary, Harry Brownson; librarian, Orlin Lett.

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<b>PUMPKIN</b> No. 2 1/2 cans <b>2 for 19c</b>	<b>OYSTERS</b> Otter Brand <b>Ea. 10c</b>	<b>BEANS</b> Red Mexican or Idaho Whites <b>6 lbs. 27c</b>
<b>CLEANSER</b> An efficient scouring powder <b>3 cans 13c</b>	<b>BUTTER</b> See our window for Sat. and Mon. price <b>Salad Dressing</b> Best Foods <b>Qt. jar 29c</b>	<b>FIGS</b> Black Fresh Crop <b>3 lbs. 22c</b>
<b>COCOA</b> Our Mother's Brand Pure Cocoa in Cans <b>2 lbs. 27c</b>	<b>Vegetables</b> Pate Miller's, local <b>Lb. 1c</b>	<b>POPCORN</b> Jollytime, in bulk <b>3 lbs. 25c</b>
	<b>GRAPEFRUIT</b> Large Size <b>4 for 15c</b>	<b>CANDY</b> See our display of Xmas Candies. Discount on quantity orders to organizations. <b>FRESH CREAMS</b> <b>Lb. 23c</b> <b>HARD MIX</b> <b>2 lbs. 25c</b>
	<b>CELERY</b> Large Crisp Bunches <b>Ea. 10c</b>	<b>ORANGES</b> Small, sweet and juicy <b>3 doz. 25c</b>

## Immunization Against Dog Salmoning Not Perfected

That serum immunization of dogs against salmon poisoning has not yet reached the point where it can be depended upon is indicated in the following letter from B. T. Simms, professor of veterinary medicine at O. S. C.:

Our studies of immunization against salmon poisoning in dogs are still in the experimental stage. We have had quite good results from using a serum but have lost some dogs which were so treated. The only one originating in your county which has received this serum died. We have lost five out of a few more than 30 dogs which were injected with what we had reason to believe was good serum. Most of the dogs which lived through the treatment have been fed salmon and have shown no symptoms afterward. This seems to prove that they are definitely protected after the immunization process is completed.

This serum is not available in commercial quantities as yet. We had hoped to have a little of this ready to distribute to our veterinarians by December 1, but dog distemper was introduced into our kennels and consequently we had to just about discontinue operations for approximately six weeks. Just when such serum will be available, we cannot say. If you will keep in touch with your county veterinarian, I think he can let you know just as soon as this material is ready for distribution.

## Coast Highway Association to Meet at Newport Saturday

A meeting of the directors of the Oregon Coast Highway Assn. will be held at Newport, Oregon, on Saturday afternoon, December 12th. The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 o'clock, by President A. W. Norblad of Astoria.

This will be the first meeting of the directors of the association since it was founded on October 15th, when some 100 delegates from every coast county of the state assembled at Newport and decided to organize an association for the purpose of looking after the interests of the Coast Highway section.

Since the initial meeting, the Oregon Coast Highway Assn. has been formally incorporated. The purposes

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of the association as outlined in the articles filed with the corporation commissioner are as follows:

To develop a coast consciousness among the people of the seven counties bordering the Pacific to the end that they will co-operate in the solution of those problems common to all and in the promotion and development of their common interests.

To encourage, enhance and promote by all honorable means for all time the spirit of loyalty to the best commercial, economic and social interests of every part of the coastal section of Oregon and the people thereof, not overlooking, however, in so doing, our combined interest, loyalty and patriotism in every part and the whole of our beloved State of Oregon.

To insure the earliest possible completion of the Oregon Coast Highway as a continuous thoroughfare

from the southern to the northern border of the state.

To secure the most adequate ferry service possible over the unbridged rivers and bays along the highway, and to promote the replacement of these ferries with permanent bridges at the earliest possible date.

To spread the fame of the Oregon Coast Highway as an incomparable scenic travelway, and to promote by aggressive action the tourist and business traffic along it.

To bring this highway to its fullest utility as a factor in the development of the rich and latent resources of the coast district of Oregon.

G. E. Kreiger, of Marshfield, is vice-president of the association, and J. E. Norton, H. G. Kern and Herbert Brown, are Coos county's representatives on the board of directors.

Insure your car with Ned C. Kelley.