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## EAGLE'S FEATHERS PLUCKED

Business interests of the country, if they are correctly reported in the daily press, are showing a commendable spirit in declaring intention to continue the principles of the NRA in regard to hours of employment, etc.

The constitutionality of the act, which was knocked out by a unanimous opinion of the U. S. supreme court on Monday, has been doubted by lawyers and business men for many months, but the case to test its constitutionality has not reached that body until recently.

The unthinking may condemn the Supreme court for its decision, as is done in so many cases where the lawmakers have gone beyond their province in extending new powers to the executive branch, but the constitution was the result of concentrated effort by those whose ancestors for generations were the sufferers from special privilege; they realized what religious and political freedom could mean, and they framed the most progressive document the world had ever known at that time. If it were not for the constitution how long would it be before the United States would no longer be united, and a reign of anarchy prevail? The constitution is not sacred, but it is the most liberal human document ever written.

If Marshfield can get away with it, there is no reason why the city of Coquille should continue to pay six per cent on its general fund warrants, those to be issued in the future. Last Monday evening the city council at Marshfield adopted an ordinance declaring the interest rate on its city warrants henceforth would be 4 1/2 per cent. The city also sold \$140,000 worth of refunding bonds, at rates of 4 1/2 and 4 per cent, for \$378 premium.

## What Is Necessary to

### Secure An HOLC Loan

Dealing with the amendment to the Home Owners' Loan Act, signed May 29th by President Roosevelt, which permits the Home Owners' Loan Corporation for a period of thirty days to accept new loan applications, John H. Fahey, Chairman of the Corporation, has issued the following statement, emphasizing that such applications will be accepted only from home owners who are clearly in distress, and are threatened with the loss of their homes through foreclosure:

The same tests of eligibility of HOLC applicants which have applied in the past will in general continue in full force under this new legislation. The Corporation intends to make every effort to assist home owners who are in genuine financial difficulty, but it will be forced to reject every application which is not clearly eligible.

No home owner should apply for a loan until he has first made certain that his application will be eligible under the Corporation's restrictions. He should realize that the rejection of an ineligible application, on grounds of deliberate default on existing debts, is likely to cause the home owner the loss of his property, because of the unwillingness of his present mortgagee to carry the loan following such default.

Largely as a result of more than 2 1/2 billion dollars in bonds already disbursed to them by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, lending institutions are in a far stronger position today than they were a year ago. They are well able to recast and carry reasonably sound mortgage loans, instead of coercing, or even encouraging such borrowers to make application to this Corporation.

The tests of eligibility are as follows:

1. The applicant must have been in involuntary default on his home loan on June 13, 1933, and unable to carry or refund his present mortgage, unless it can be shown to the Corporation's satisfaction that a default occurring later than June 13, 1933, was the result of unemployment or other misfortune beyond the applicant's control. The Corporation was created to protect honest home owners who are in temporary difficulty, and not for the purpose of saving lenders from the results of their own past mistakes in making excessive loans, or in lending to persons not entitled

to credit.  
2. The past record of the applicant for integrity is a vital factor. Any applicant will be rejected as ineligible if his general record is unsatisfactory, particularly if he has deliberately defaulted on his existing indebtedness and has a record of not paying his bills when he is able to do so.

3. To redeem the home from forced sale or voluntary surrender, such sale or surrender must have taken place since January 1, 1930.

4. The applicant must be in actual distress with his mortgage indebtedness and threatened with the loss of his home by foreclosure. Applicants who have no present or prospective income of any character, and clearly could not meet the indebtedness, are ineligible unless their notes are also signed by responsible parties.

5. The property must be used by the owner and, as a rule, it must have been his home on June 13, 1933.

6. The home must have a value not exceeding \$20,000 as appraised by the Corporation. No loan may be made for an amount exceeding \$14,000 or 70 per cent of the Corporation's appraisal of the property, which ever is the smaller.

7. Ordinary farm property is not eligible unless the applicant draws his main livelihood from non-farm occupations.

8. No applicant will be granted a loan if such refinancing is intended only to protect a bank loan or other business obligation.

9. The Corporation will not refinance the home of an owner who can continue to carry his present loan."

## Washington Snap-Shots

There is strong evidence that the Administration is making a determined effort to repulse the radicals, left-wingers, and motley brigade of theorists in general who have attached themselves to the New Deal. It is not surprising that these panacea peddlers invaded Washington with the advent of the New Deal. The Administration's first moves encouraged the conclusion that it would serve as pilot for labor unions, inflationists, Government-ownership advocates, and various reforms in the "more abundant life" category.

Proof that the President is taking less advice from the reformers appeared in his order establishing wage scales for the work-relief program. There is nothing about these wages to encourage regular work "on the Government." Tremendous pressure was exercised to have Mr. Roosevelt order work-relief wages that ranged close to the scale of "prevailing wages" in private employment. He totally ignored the pressure gang. This was no official reference to this point, but it is common knowledge around Washington that the scale for unskilled labor was set low enough to enable farmers to meet or exceed the pay on work-relief projects.

Organized minorities received a sharp slap from the President in his personally-delivered message vetoing the Patman Bonus Bill. He said: "Today the credit of the United States is safe. But it cannot ultimately be safe if we engage in a policy of yielding to each and all of the groups that are able to enforce upon the Congress claims for special consideration. To do so is to abandon the principle of Government by and for the American people and to put in its place Government by and for political coercion by minorities."

## County School News

Many of the children of the little Pleasant Hill school have received writing awards. They are as follows: Glenn Olson, Ilene Cotton and Ivan Cotton, final certificates; Donald Cotton and Robert Cotton, progress pins; and Lyle Olson, Louise Crumley and Junior Walker, Palmer method buttons.

Two 4-H Clubs have been formed for summer work. These are Camp Cookery Club of Powers and a sewing club of Coos River. The leader of the Powers club is Ella Miller; president, Lois Wylan; vice president, Clara Quilbaugh; secretary Lillie Milburn. In the Coos River club the leader is Margaret Hughes; president, Mary Patton; vice president, June Smith; Secretary, Genevieve Hughes.

The new committee for the County Music Festival met Thursday. The members are Alfa Bang, Coquille; Marie Whobrey Wagner, Sumner; Carl Morrison, North Bend; Elma Russell, Myrtle Point; and C. E. Ellison, Bridge. This committee selected a group of songs which will be presented to teachers at the beginning of the school year. The first festival which was held in April was most successful. Therefore, teachers and pupils desire to make this a permanent affair.

No candidates have been nominated for director of the Non-High school district for Zone 2. The school districts included in this zone are: Eastside, Sumner, Allegany, West Allegany and Catching Inlet. If any names are to appear on the ballot they must be received by June 2.



By A. L. L. L.

Neither H. L. Corbett, of Multnomah county, nor Dean Walker of Polk county, lost their seats in the state senate when they were elected and appointed to other public positions, Attorney General Van Winkle has ruled.

The Port of Portland commission of which Corbett is a member being a municipal body does not come within the purview of the constitutional inhibition which applies only to state offices, the attorney general held, while Senator Walker was said to have escaped the effect of the constitutional barrier when he failed to formally accept appointment to the state library board. Although Walker received his appointment last January and attended a meeting of the library board on March 28 he never filed his oath of office and on May 10 after his status as a legislator had been questioned decided that he did not want to serve on the board and so notified the governor.

In the same opinion the attorney general held that Representatives John Cooter and Henry Semon were no longer eligible to serve on the emergency board since they had forfeited their legislative seats when they accepted other public appointments. This leaves only five members on the board, a bare statutory majority necessary for the approval of a deficiency appropriation. Neither can the vacancies on the board be filled except during a legislative session, the attorney general declared.

Any man who wants to work is going to be given the full protection of the state General Martin declared in ordering out state police to disperse mobs gathered at the Stimson mill in Washington county this week. Had the police found the situation too hot to handle the governor was prepared to order the national guard to the scene of action.

Profits from the sale of hard liquors in Oregon are running slightly above \$100,000 a month, according to the report of the Oregon Liquor Control commission. Gross sales for the first three months of 1935 totalled \$1,874,227 with profits amounting to \$374,544.

Razing of the walls of the old capitol building still awaits permission from the courts. Most of the debris has now been cleaned out of the building and hauled away. F. G. Leary, in charge of wrecking operations plans to blast the walls down if it is finally decided that it is not practical to use them in a new building.

Plans for a new building at the state hospital to cost approximately \$100,000 has been approved by the board of control and construction operations will get under way at once. The building, which will accommodate 200 additional patients was authorized by the last legislature.

The new Oregon road maps now being distributed by the highway department are by far the most attractive ever issued. Seventy-five thousand copies of the map have been printed for distribution.

The controversy over the governor's salary has been revived. Ed Jory, Marion county taxpayer, has filed suit in the circuit court attacking the constitutionality of the statutory salary of \$7500 a year. He contends that the governor is entitled only to the \$1500 provided by the constitution makers.

Under the terms of a new legislative act employers who fail to pay an employee promptly upon the termination of his services either through resignation or dismissal, is subject to a penalty up to an additional 30 days' pay, according to C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner. In event of a dispute over wages due the employee the employer is required to pay the amount he concedes to be due at once, leaving the disputed balance for settlement by the courts or otherwise.

Fraternal and sororities at Corvallis and Eugene have appealed to the state tax commission in an effort to secure a reduction in their assessments. The assessors of Benton and Lane counties are opposing the request.

More than 12,500 adults and 500 children of pre-school age have been enrolled in the emergency education classes and nursery schools conducted throughout Oregon during the past year, according to C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

The program has given employment to more than 500 teachers of adult classes and 32 teachers and 16 part time cooks in connection with the nursery schools conducted as a

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Adult classes were conducted in every county of the state but the nursery schools which were in the nature of an experiment and demonstration were established in only 14 counties, with three of the nurseries operating in Portland. Children enrolled in the nursery schools ranged from two to four years of age and came entirely from families on relief rolls.

The adult education program offered instruction in Americanization or literacy, vocational subjects, vocational rehabilitation and general adult education. More than 7000 adults were enrolled in the general education classes. Vocational education courses attracted more than 3300 adults while more than 1000 foreign born adults took advantage of the Americanization classes to improve their chances for naturalization. Seventy-nine physically handicapped persons were placed in position to earn their own livelihood through the vocational rehabilitation program.

April gasoline sales slumped more than 500,000 gallons below the record for April, 1934. Incidentally gasoline taxes collected by the state were down \$26,885 for the month as compared with the same month a year ago. At that, however, sales for the year to April 30 are 144,000 gallons ahead of the 1934 record, retail sales for the first four months of this year totalling \$48,129,779.

## Driest May and Fire Hazards

The driest month of May since 1890 and the driest May with one possible exception since 1875, has created a forest fire situation which every vacationist should bear in mind as he starts his recreation trip in the next few days or in June, according to the forest service. "Added to the unusually dry condition of the forest," say forest officials, "spring vegetation, ordinarily serving as a valuable fire check at this time of year, has been delayed, owing to the cold earlier months, and the result is a fire hazard extraordinarily acute for this season."

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## Many Valuable Records of State Were Saved

Salvaging operations of the state department following the fire that destroyed the Capitol building on April 25, have brought to light many documents and much equipment that was first thought to have been lost, and great care has been exercised in the removal of material to preserve the valuable records and as many supplies as possible, reports Earl Snell, secretary of state.

"One of the most fortunate occurrences as far as records of the state department are concerned," states Mr. Snell, "was the preservation of documents stored in the large three-story vault in my office. Concentration of fire-fighting efforts on the north wing of the Capitol, when it became apparent that the building was doomed, kept the contents of the vaults in the state treasurer's office and the state department intact, and thus prevented great loss of historical data as well as auditing records controlling the state's financial system."

One interesting relic saved in the vault was the original handwritten constitution of the state of Oregon, a book of yellowed sheets that were not damaged by the heat and steam in the vault. The framed painting of the seal of the state, as drafted by the committee of early days, was also unharmed. An extremely valuable collection of law books, dating back to the state's formation, which comprised the library termed the Oregon Archives, was carried to safety during the fire and has been reassembled in a new location in the present headquarters of the secretary of state in the State Office building.

"The assistance of many onlookers at the fire was most helpful," comments Mr. Snell, "and the work of Boy Scouts, townspeople, as well as employees of the department, was invaluable in carrying material from the burning building and assisting in guarding it until suitable quarters could be obtained to carry on departmental activities. The state of Oregon owes these people a debt of gratitude for their effective help."

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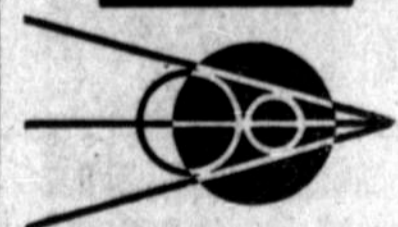
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