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DON'T BLAME WALL STREET

An editorial in a recent issue of Collier's weekly comments on the continuance of our unprecedented national prosperity, and shows that it is well-grounded and should be permanent. High wages, more efficient business, steady employment and improving farm conditions are most promising auguries for the future.

"In consequence of this great national development," Collier's continues, "prices of securities have been enormously enhanced."

"Much of this rise has been of the soundest character."

"Stocks have reflected the increased earnings of corporations and millions of people have been enriched."

"All this is solid and desirable. But accompanying this actual prosperity based on increased production and consumption is the artificial prosperity built upon gambling in stocks."

"Wall Street" is not to blame for this. Men and women from every walk of life and from every state in the union have caught the fever. Stock gambling has become a great national pastime.

"Gambling threatens to stop the goose from laying her golden eggs."

UNBIASED RAILROAD OPINION

"The most conspicuous aspect of railway transportation during recent years has been the steady improvement in quality of service rendered," says a report by the Department of Commerce. "It is estimated that the time required for a given shipment is now at least one-third less than at the close of the war. This improvement in railway service has reduced the costs and risks of industry and of distribution. It has made it possible to do business without carrying excessive stocks of commodities."

"The betterment of railway service has been the result of deliberate effort on the part of the railway companies themselves and of cooperation on the part of shippers and receivers of merchandise. The railway companies have improved their roadbeds and their equipment. Better equipment has made possible longer trains with consequent lower operating costs; the average train in 1927-28 carried 781 tons of freight as compared with 656 in 1921-22."

We believe there are plenty of fish, both for commercial fishermen and sportsmen. With proper enforcement of open and closed season regulations, the commercial fishermen should reap sufficient reward for their labor, but they should observe commercial fishing regulations. On the other hand, anglers, if they could have their way would oust the commercial fishers from certain streams, entirely. There is no stream in Oregon of sufficient size to promote commercial fishing but what is large enough to fully accommodate both the angler and the man who fishes for a livelihood. Fishing lodge promoters are just as hard for the common everyday angler to get along with as is the man who earns his three meals per day with a row boat and a net in proper season. If he is that kind of a fisherman, he'll pass an angler over his stretch of water with a wave of his hand. But you're a fishing lodge club member, or a gold-dust eater from California, when you fish in waters controlled by most fishing lodges.

Chicago gang warfare has taken on massacre proportions. Seven members of the Moran gang were lined up facing a brick wall and exterminated with machine guns, the killers calmly returning to their car at the curb and driving away. "Bugs" Moran, chief of the gang members murdered says he has no idea as to who did the killing, and one of the victims still alive when police arrived on the scene died in true gangland stoicism without "talking." Suffice to say that the murderers escaped and that gang leaders Moran, Al Capone and other murder chiefs remain unmolested to organize other gangs, to the disgrace of Chicago, her city government and her law enforcement organization.

The blockading of a Northern Pacific train by snow for five days, reads more like a railroad winter incident in some of the prairie states rather than transpiring within a few miles of Athena, situated in the salubrious climate of the Pacific slope. But the unusual transpires out here once in awhile.

In the opinion of Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard University "there is no one thing in all the departments of government or business that is carried on with less scientific

or orderly method than the making of laws." Commenting on this, Warden Lawes of Sing Sing penitentiary, says that "I would add that this arraignment is particularly true of our criminal laws."

Just when the Northwest was getting ready to stroll around the corner to extend greetings to Spring, Spokane and Walla Walla threw the monkeywrench at the weather man, and he retaliated with another snow-storm, but considerably missed us.

There was recently merged in the Pacific northwest, 413 chain grocery stores with a total capitalization of between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000. A chain within a chain, as it were.

France permits the sale of counterfeit diamonds. Some of our friends (who have been there) tell us that by no means are diamonds the only counterfeit to be found there.

According to a comprehensive report by the Highway Research Board there is a strong indication that low cost improved roads will include in the future as in the past more than half the surfaced mileage in the United States.

Chicago society note: "Bugs" Moran and Joe Saltis are leaving the city soon to join "Scarface" Al Capone and other windy city high-ups at Miami Beach.

We read that plans have been completed for the erection of large rabbit houses at Forest Grove. Another outlet for the Echo-Hermiston product.

President Hoover took the sails out of his fishing party the other day in Florida when he caught the biggest sailfish on the trip.

Hawaiians have been listening to their music broadcasted from American radios and it sounds good to them.

PEOPLE WILL TALK

If threadbare your dress and old-fashioned your hat, someone will surely take notice of that, and hint rather strong that you can't pay your way; but don't get excited, whatever they say.

For people will talk.

If your dress is in fashion, don't think to escape, for they criticize then in a different shape, you're ahead of your means, or your tailor is unpaid; but mind your own business, there's naught to be made.

For people will talk.

Now the best way to do is to do as you please, for your mind, if you have one, will then be at ease. Of course, you will meet with all sorts of abuse, but don't think to stop them, it's not any use.

For people will talk.

You may get through the world, but 'twill be very slow, if you listen to all that is said as you go; you'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew, for meddlesome tongues must have something to do.

For people will talk.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed that your humbled position is only assumed; you're a wolf in sheep's clothing, or else you're a fool; but don't get excited, keep perfectly cool.

For people will talk.

And then if you show the least boldness of heart, or a slight inclination to take your own part, they will say you're an upstart, conceited and vain. But keep straight ahead, don't stop to explain.

For people will talk.

—Mrs. Anna M. Sommers.



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These trees that stand here, ready for the winter. Had not one voice to cry, We love You, God! And yet, who else has proved affection better Than they who drew rich splendor from dull sod? —Violet Alleyen Storey.

SOME SOUPS

Cuts suitable for soup meat are the shank, plate and neck of beef, or shank, or breast pieces of lamb and veal.



Wipe the meat with a damp cloth and cut into small pieces. Have the bones sawed in small pieces.

Saute part of the meat in some of the fat, then add to the remainder with the bones. Cover with cold water and allow one quart to each two pounds of meat. Let stand one-half hour before putting over the heat. Cook slowly at the simmering point for six hours. The last two hours of the cooking add a small onion, a stalk of celery and two carrots, a bayleaf, three peppercorns, one teaspoonful of salt and a few dashes of pepper. Remove the bones; if desired to remove fat cool and then reheat.

Creamed Vegetable Soup.—To one quart of soup stock add one quart of boiling water, one cupful each of diced carrots and turnips, one-half cupful of rice and cook until tender; only a little liquid should remain. Melt three tablespoonfuls of fat and add four tablespoonfuls of flour, then slowly add one quart of milk, two teaspoonfuls of salt and a little pepper with one teaspoonful of worcestershire sauce. Add one cupful each of cooked string beans and peas and reheat.

Luncheon Pepper Pot.—Take one quart of clear strong soup, add one pint of water, four tablespoonfuls each of shredded carrot and green pepper and celery. Cook until the vegetables are tender, season highly with salt and cayenne. Divide the portions into four soup bowls or casseroles. Have ready four rounds of toast on which has been melted a thin slice of cheese. Lay one on each casserole, then place a poached egg on each, dust with pepper and salt and dot with butter. Serve at once.

Nellie Maxwell

Evil Reputation of Sargasso Sea Myth

The Sargasso sea is a region of the Atlantic ocean lying off the American coast about the latitude of Florida. It is composed of floating masses of brown seaweed, characterized by numerous small berry-like bladders. This dense gulf weed (Sargassum bacciferum) is the home of many small marine animals, crabs, prawns, etc. It is supposed that the weed grows on the American coast, is torn away by the waves and washed by the currents round the North Atlantic ocean into the comparatively still waters where it floats in accumulated masses. The older masses of weed slowly lose their power to float and then sink and perish. Columbus was becalmed in the Sargasso sea, and this made his men despair of ever reaching land. For a long time this sea had an unfavorable reputation, as it was thought that the ship which was forced into it was doomed. Recent scientific expeditions have demonstrated that ships need have little fear of the masses of weed.

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