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Farm incomes from the production of 1930 are expected to be lower than for any season since 1921, according to Secretary Hyde of the U. S. department of agriculture. He says: "The gross income from the 1929 production amounted to about \$11,851,000,000, or about \$110,000,000 greater than that for 1928. The aggregate gross income from the 1930 production will probably be about \$9,950,000,000, or 16 per cent below that of 1929. Last year all sections suffered because of world-wide industrial depression. In addition farmers in a wide area suffered seriously from drought. Mainly, readjustments in acreage are necessary as a corrective of low prices. Wise acreage adjustments can help to decrease the unit cost, as well as the value of production, and thus to widen the favorable margin, when any exists, between costs and prices, or to decrease that margin when it is unfavorable."

The trading in potato futures, which started recently in Chicago, is so far confined to Idaho Russets, U. S. grade No. 1, which must undergo inspection by the U. S. department of agriculture. The margin established by the mercantile exchange on such potatoes is \$12.50 per car, the brokerage is \$12.50 for non-members and \$6.25 for members; also there are exchange charges and a government tax amounting to \$2.35 a car. There is much speculation as to the outcome of this new experiment in futures. If it proves successful in the one kind of potatoes now included, of course it will be extended to the potato products of other localities and varieties.

The serious loss by smut to the wheat growers of Morrow county is brought to their attention by the Gazette-Times from the figures of County Agent Smith. Of 1,327,514 bushels warehoused the past season 754,903 bushels were docked for smut. Of that amount 457,514 bushels were docked "1/2"; 125,119 bushels were docked "1" and 172,380 bushels were docked more than "1." Two varieties were listed in the compilation, showing Soft Federation to have been docked the heaviest, with only 14 1/2 per cent being free from smut. Riddit, of which 4,204 bushels were received, was the only variety entirely free from smut.

Reading General Pershing's memoirs running in the Morning Oregonian one is brought face to face with the probable catastrophe awaiting any country that is unprepared for Pershing to his country and to his calling as a soldier can never be fully realized nor appreciated until one reads of what he was compelled to go through and the wholly unnecessary and uncalled for obstacles he had to surmount as the result of lethargic activity here at home, in assembling and providing for his army in France.

Various states use part of this gas tax fund for schools, buildings, sea walls, inland waterways, tax reduction on other types of property, oyster conservation and the like. There is a well defined move to shift more and more of the cost of the government onto the motorist. Primarily, gas tax is to be used for road construction and when used for any other purpose, until highways, including market roads are completed, the tax should be used for no other purpose, whatever.

Money diverted from a state treasury must be replaced, observes an exchange. It is for this reason that a proposed Oregon Legislative bill, similar to one which the California voters smothered last year, to make available half of all state insurance premium taxes for fire and police pensions is extremely dangerous. The premium tax is an ultimate cost to the thrifty who carry insurance and pay the premiums.

The number of cattle on feed for market January 1 this year was the smallest since 1921 and probably the smallest since 1916. The decrease this year was due to the short corn crop of 1930; to the heavy losses suffered by many feeders in 1929; to the difficulties in financing feeding operations this year in some sections; and to the relatively small supply of feeding cattle available at markets.

No law at all is better than a poor law. If the American people show a contempt for legal restrictions, it is the fault of our lawmakers, who have, in the past twenty years, gone a long way toward banishing the

liberties of a supposedly free people. A wholesale revision and weeding out of laws in all states would probably do more to cure real crime than anything else.

The biggest plane in the world, the German Do-X, bringing 19 persons and 180,000 pieces of mail from Lisbon to the United States via South America, no doubt will complete the trip. The ship is powered with twelve Yankee motors.

Policeman Anderson, serving on the Klamath Falls force since January 1, was fined \$5 for improper use of his automobile license and lost his job, as a reminder that officers are required to have respect for, obey and enforce the law.

Gandhi is out of the hoosgow, and no sooner out than he begins to give Ramsay McDonald something more to think about. The affairs of state in India have not been settled, not by a long shot.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Parnell, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That The First National Bank of Pendleton, executor of the last will and testament of Robert Parnell, deceased, has filed its final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge by order duly made and entered has appointed Monday the 9th day of March, 1931, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton as the place where all objections and exceptions to said final account and report will be heard and a settlement of the estate made.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1931. THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PENDLETON, Executor. Peterson and Lewis, Attorneys for Executor. FGM6

FINAL NOTICE In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the matter of the estate of Anna Redhawk, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the administrator has filed his final report with the above entitled court, and that the Judge thereof has designated Monday, March 9, 1931, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon as the time, and the county court room in Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, when and where hearing shall be had thereon. All persons interested are hereby notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why said report should not be approved and the administrator discharged and exonerated.

Date this 6th day of February, 1931. GEORGE RED HAWK, Administrator of the estate of Anna Redhawk, deceased. FGM6

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of George M. Banister, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of George M. Banister, deceased, by an order of the above entitled court.

All persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby notified to present the same to me, or to my attorneys, Watts & Prestbye, at their office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 23d day of January, 1931. MARGARET J. BANISTER, Executrix of the last will and testament of George M. Banister, Deceased. Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon. Attorneys for Executrix. J23F20

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Snow Survey

After experimenting for three years with the snow survey method of predicting stream run-off, the Oregon engineering department has discovered that it is possible to forecast with a fair degree of accuracy the low-water flow of streams in Oregon before the annual spring runoff has started.

So efficient is this method of estimating the flow of the various power and irrigation rivers before the water has reached the normal low states, State Engineer Stricklin asserts there is less than 5 per cent error in the pre-calculations possible.

Snow measurements are conducted at snow-survey stations established on the headwaters of streams that are considered to represent average conditions on the watersheds.

At these stations, snow samples are taken and first measured to obtain depth of snow cover, and then weighed to get the density or its equivalent in inches of water. An average is taken of all samples to give a representative mean.

The relationship once established between the depth of snow and its water content, it is then possible for the investigators to estimate most accurately the amount of power and irrigation supply that may be expected during the summer in any given locality.

"The value of such information can be readily appreciated," State Engineer Stricklin said. "If the farmers and power operators can know in advance that they will be short of water during the period of maximum use, and just how short they will be, they can arrange accordingly."

"On the other hand, if the predictions indicate a plentiful supply throughout the coming dry season, they can proceed to use the water liberally."

The state engineer maintains snow survey stations on the Snake river drainage, Malheur drainage, Powder river, Grande Ronde, Walla Walla, Umatilla, John Day, Deschutes, Rogue river, Goose lake, Klamath river, Warner lake, Albert lake, Summer lake, Silver lake tributaries between Bend and Crooked river, Crooked river drainage and Five Mile creek drainage.

Four stations are maintained above Bend on the Deschutes river drainage, while four stations also are maintained in the Rogue river drainage.

The state engineer said additional records were needed in the Wallowa river watershed, and to the stream basins of Hood, Silvies, Powder and John Day rivers.

22 Years Ago

Friday, February 5, 1909 B. W. Myers, for many years head miller for the Preston-Parton Milling company, has resigned his position and William Littlejohn, an employee of the firm at Waitsburg, has taken charge of the milling department of the Athena plant. Mr. Myers is one of the best millers in the Northwest, being one of the coast pioneers in the business.

Plowing is in progress in the Walla Walla valley, and onion seed is being sown at Hudson Bay.

James Mosgrove is down from Alberta on a business visit and will remain in the city for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Harris of this city officiated as judges at the declamation contest at Weston Normal school last Saturday night.

East Oregonian: Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers, at their home on the north side of the river, a nine pound girl.

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The members of Dolph Lodge No. 80, A. F. & A. M. are highly pleased at receiving a present of a new bible from Joseph Norton Dolph, nephew of the late Senator J. N. Dolph, for whom the local lodge was named at

the time of its organization, August 4, 1883. In gold letters, the following inscription appears on the cover: "Presented to Dolph Blue Lodge of Athena, Oregon, by Joseph Norton Dolph, of Portland, in memory of his late uncle, U. S. Senator Joseph N. Dolph."

The wheat warehouse, owned by the Pacific Coast Elevator company located on the O. R. & N., in the north part of the city, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon when the wind storm was at its highest velocity. The fire started on the roof of the building and was caused by sparks from the locomotive pulling passenger train No. 8. The location of the building was outside of the fire department limits, and although the department responded promptly to the alarm, the fire laddies were powerless to be of any assistance and the building, which was valued at \$2,500 soon burned. Firebrands were carried by the wind over a quarter of a mile north, and set fire to a stubble field.

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Editorial The difference between learning to drive a car and learning to play golf is that when you learn to play golf you don't hit anything. A. M. Johnson, Editor. Don't be deceived by this balmy weather, keep the coal bin full and "be prepared." It is time to start thinking of caring for those little chicks that will be hatching out before long. Then they must have warm quarters for next year if they are to be money makers. Ask for our plans, or we will design one especially for you. Two spinsters were discussing men. "Which would you prefer in your husband—wealth, ability, or appearance?" "Appearance," replied the other. "And the sooner the better." Short Love Story In a City a beautiful girl sued