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The department of agriculture finds that competition in the dairy industry is likely to continue during 1931 and perhaps for several years. The number of milk cows in the United States is now about 23 million, or 5 per cent more than when prices reached a peak in 1929. The number of yearling heifers is about 4.7 million, or around 15 per cent more than enough. About 8 per cent fewer heifers were kept in 1930 than in 1929, but still more than needed for replacements. There is now evidence that fewer heifer calves will be raised in 1931. Curtailment is likely to continue while the price of cows remains low. In the past, peak prices for milk cows have been reached at intervals of about 15 years. Fewer cows than usual have been culled out for market during the past year and more beef cows are now being milked than a year ago. With average conditions, an increased production of dairy products in 1931 must be expected. This situation is likely to continue until the number of milk cows is reduced in that part of the country east of the Rocky Mountains.

That the ten principal commodities produced by Iowa farmers brought them over 100 million dollars less income in 1930 than in 1929, is revealed in preliminary figures compiled by the agricultural Economics Department of Iowa State College. The drop was from \$756,632,000 in 1929 to \$631,532,000 in 1930. The ten commodities included in the gross income figures, which have just been compiled by John P. Mimmel, economist at Iowa State, are hogs, cattle (including calves), sheep, corn, oats, wheat, barley, dairy products, eggs and poultry. The greatest declines in gross revenue were from grain, although every one of the ten commodities showed decline of not less than 10 per cent under 1929 figures.

An effort is being made to have the eight-mile gap on the Weston-Elgin highway completed at this time when highway work in general is being pushed to create work for the unemployed. At the present time the only road work of consequence being carried on in Umatilla county is a stretch of highway from the Old Oregon Trail, east across the Umatilla Indian reservation to Thorn Hollow, where it intersects the Adams-Thorn Hollow market road. The grading and surfacing of the gap in the Weston-Elgin highway is urgently needed and if the federal government, the state and the county can see a clear way to have the work done now, the labor situation in the Weston district would be relieved to a great extent.

Seymour Jones, State Market agent, suggests that instead of miniature golf courses, the starting of some frog ponds in these depressed times. He cites as an instance, farmers living at Vita, Manitoba, have discovered a new mortgage lifter, easily an equal of the homely pig, in frogs. What was formerly a local pest has been turned into a valuable asset. Frog production has been placed on a purely commercial basis by that group of enterprising farmers, whose output is now rated in tons and finds a market at good prices in Eastern Canada and the United States, where frogs' legs are esteemed a table delicacy.

While the outlook for beef cattle during the next few years may not be as good as conditions during the past few years, prices should average relatively good compared to the general level of all farm products combined. The low prices for beef cattle during recent months were not due to increased marketings, but because of decreased demand. If business conditions improve, the demand for beef should be better during the next year or two.

In general, more attention has been given to the improvement of state highways during the past ten years than to country roads. The result is that the farmers in many communities are unable to take full benefit of the improved roads through difficulty in getting to them. They are now demanding roads that will be passable for motor vehicles during all seasons of the year—and rightly so.

As The Press sees it, the railroad companies are not against new agencies of transportation, comprising motor buses, trucks and waterways, so much as they are opposing the principal of being clamped down with a system of regulation, while their com-

petition is running rampant without regulation to the point where decrease in railway earnings has become the major problem of operation.

To prevent over-building of warehouses in districts already having sufficient facilities, the Washington State legislature is considering a new law whereby bonds required from warehouses may be as high as \$50,000, with provision that a certificate of necessity and convenience must be shown before construction of an elevator may be permitted.

Thousands of doughboys of the 26th, the "Yankee" division of the A. E. F. paid their last respects to "Daddy," General Edwards, commander of their division, when his remains were interred at Arlington. The 71 year old warrior was a great leader and he loved his soldiers as they loved him.

John Gilbert and his wife, Ina Claire, some months ago agreed to separate for a time to "perfect" the experiment. Evidently the "experiment" was a perfect one, for they have agreed to go it alone permanently—and there is nothing like being frank about it.

Calvin Coolidge is known to be a man who believes what he says, and occasionally he says what he believes. For instance: "The management of Muscle Shoals demonstrates the utter hopelessness of having any considerable business enterprise conducted by the congress."

The Bowles-Loucks trial will begin at Hillsboro, March 2, and the trimmings will be laid before you every day thereafter on the front page of your favorite newspaper.

Lovers of the succulent mushroom should hie themselves to Marshfield. They grow 'em over there weighing over two pounds.

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(Walla Walla Union)
Unemployed who have been selling apples on the streets of San Francisco are not at all honest, the committee reports a loss of \$1200 and states it is largely due to credits advanced to prospective unemployed sales people who disappeared without making cash returns. Apples from the northwest have been sold and the California folks also object to the origin of this fruit and are considering switching to raisins which, they say, are easier to handle and do not spoil as quickly as apples. Also the raisins are produced at home, and California is strong for native stuff. However, if California insists on not handling northwest fruit, the people of the northwest can easily insist on having Florida, Texas and other citrus fruits, which a lot of people insist are better anyhow. California might be biting off her own nose if it continues.

The attention being given to criminal law in many states is a healthy and hopeful sign of the times.

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22 Years Ago

February 26, 1909
Miss Kittie Gholson visited friends at Weston this week.

There is two feet of snow yet in the mountains at Meacham.

The Dime will open tonight with a new motion picture program.

Miss Kathleen McEwen will spend Sunday with Pendleton friends.

D. C. McIntyre and Donald McDonald are making preparations to go to Alberta.

J. C. Stamper has been confined to his home this week with a serious illness. For a time he was threatened with pneumonia.

Judges for the Athena city election are: S. L. Spencer, T. P. DeFreece, and J. C. Stamper; clerks, York Dell, and Fred Kershaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McIntyre are down from their Alberta home on a visit. They spent the winter months in the Willamette valley. Archie likes Alberta and is prospering. A portion of his wheat crop last year yielded 45 bushels per acre.

The Athena band was out last evening and serenaded Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Byron N. Hawks. The band boys proceeded from their rehearsal room to the homes of the newly married young couples and rendered several selections.

Brushup led the way for a fleet bunch in a six-furlong dash at Oakland Tuesday, and won from St. Avon. Mr. LeGrow's little mare has been in the money in every race she has entered on the Oakland track, and this speaks well for her, considering the class of horses running there.

Among the deputy assessors chosen by Assessor Strain, are F. G. Lucas of Briggs; Chas. A. Pinkerton of Weston and G. W. Gross of Athena.

Under the new plan all land will be inspected and each 40 acres will be assessed separately. Farmers will not have to pay taxes on roads adjoining their farms.

Oscar Baer, a Pendleton young man and a bridegroom of last Sunday, was crushed to death at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at Scotts Crossing, on the main line of the O. R. & N. road between Wallula and Riparia. The wreck was caused by a land slide. Young Baer was married Sunday to Miss Bessie Barnes of Colfax.

J. N. B. Gerking has purchased seven acres of land below Freewater. There are no improvements on the land except fencing and a good stand

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Editorial
A man can become a member of the black shirt brigade without going to Italy. Just let him fix the pipes in some basements.
A. M. Johnson, Editor
But on the other hand, a basement can be fixed up fit to serve as the reception room for a king. How? By remodeling and we are glad to show you how.
In a blindfold test conducted recently, 9 out of 10 selected Celotex as the best insulator for their home. If a blindfolded person can tell the difference why can't you?
Passer-by: "What is the horsepower of your car?"
Voice from under: Forty;
"What's wrong with it?"
"As far as I can make out, thirty-nine horses have bolted and the remaining one is too upset to answer questions."

of alfalfa. Mr. Gerking may dispose of his Crook county holdings and now has a chance to exchange his land for city property. He will spend his time in the future on his Freewater property.

Dr. Donaghue, veterinary surgeon of Pendleton, found that the 16 head of horses, which died on the W. Mills ranch near Helix, last week, succumbed to spinal meningitis. The direct cause is attributed to feeding mouldy wheat hay. This mould was of sufficient quantity as to affect the horses seriously and cause the epizootic, which superinduced the paralytic conditions of the horses throats and later cause inflammations which reach the brain and spinal chord, producing cerebro-spinal meningitis.

A meeting of the officers and members of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society will be held in this city, Saturday, March 6, Business of importance will come before the meeting and the date on which the annual picnic will be held, is to be decided on. It is earnestly requested that all members of the society be present at this meeting.

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. F6M6

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. F6M6

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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