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**From an exchange:**  
"What's your objection to Communists?"  
"Well, one is that they don't go to church."  
"You don't, either."  
"I know, but they give a reason for it."

**THE SECONDARY ROAD**

Only when we are faced with an unimproved dirt road glazed with mud and water do we realize what the farmer who is compelled to travel it, is really up against. We who live near and travel on surfaced highways, fail to comprehend the disadvantages residents of undeveloped road districts have to contend with. There are roads leading to improved Athena highways that have been practically impassable at times and there are hundreds of miles of farm roads throughout Umatilla county in like condition. We read that there are three million miles of roads in the United States. One hundred and twenty thousand miles are high-type main highways, 600,000 miles are stone, gravel or sand-clay. Fifty thousand miles more have been graded. And the balance is unimproved.

"To produce this result more than \$12,000,000,000 has been spent," says a statistically-inclined journal. "Yet there are millions of Americans principally on farms, whose business and social contacts are out of adjustment because of poor roads, impassable during several months of each year."

"Only by the wisest, most cautious use of road funds can necessary secondary roads now be built without plunging communities into debt. We take a justifiable pride in the magnificent, heavy traffic, trunk highways that go here and there throughout the nation—each mile of them represents necessary expenditure of tens of thousands of dollars. In contrast to this, full-width roads, passable at all times of the year, and adequate for tributary traffic, can be built of local materials, bituminously treated, at a fraction of the cost."

"The secondary, farm-to-market road might be called the backbone of our highway system. A million dollar highway is of small use to a farmer who lives five miles away on a dirt road, or to a merchant in a village which tourists avoid because of the bane of dangerous, semi-impassable roads. America's highway evolution will not be complete until our primary highway system is augmented by nation-wide feeder arteries of inexpensive, but weatherproof, local roads."

Wheat markets weakened during the past week and domestic future prices for new crop deliveries declined to new low levels for the season, influenced principally by heavy Southern Hemisphere and Russian shipments and generally favorable prospects for the new 1931 crop in the Northern Hemisphere, according to the U. S. Grain Market Review. Pacific coast markets were dull, reflecting the lack of export outlet and slow domestic demand. Marketings increased sharply at Portland and Seattle, but storage space at terminals filled rapidly. Domestic flour mills were taking small amounts of wheat and export mills were absorbing moderate quantities for grinding into export flour, small sales of which had been made to the Orient. During the week rains put the ground in excellent condition for spring seeding and improved the winter wheat crop. At the close of March 20 No. 1 Hard White Big Bend Bluestem was quoted at Portland at 69c and at Seattle at 68c per bushel.

No catastrophe is more appalling than the earthquake. Fire and flood devastating as they may be, give relief to fear by quick cessation, but not so the temblor. Constant fear and horror of recurrent visitation lends added depression to misery and hunger of survivors in the quake zones. This week at Managua, Nicaragua, twenty-five thousand famished, half-clad refugees camped in the hills overlooking the ruins of their homes. Hardly a house is left standing in the city and the toll of death is expected to reach 2000.

Wheat growers are now told by the Federal Farm Board to place their reliance on first principles, supply and demand, and not to expect government aid in making prices, using these words: "As to permanent relief for the wheat grower, the Board emphasizes that production should be limited to domestic demands."

California still wants rain. The dry spell now prevalent in the southern part of the state is the longest since 1878. Had there been some manner of transportation, Oregon could have spared a share of the moisture that "ran off" last week.

The Morning Oregonian, among five other metropolitan papers has been awarded a certificate of excellence in newspaper typography. The New York Herald-Tribune won first honors.

The Fred Wilson who spoke in Portland favoring the Wallula cutoff, was not from Athena, as stated. If anyone should want to know, there is no one in Athena who favors the cutoff.

Jimmy Walker is back home from California. Maybe facing his critics—and maybe too, it's all the same to Jimmy.

Walla Walla has dug out of the flood and is again smiling in the sunshine.

The 36-hour rainfall of last week was more than just a spell of rain; it was a flood spell.

The skids have at last been put under Chicago's buffoon mayor, "Big" Bill Thompson.

**22 Years Ago**  
Friday, April 16, 1909  
For a consideration of \$18,000, B. F. Ogle of this city has sold his land and city property, including town lots, buildings, etc., to the Athena Land & Trust company, a newly organized corporation, which proposes to sell the Ogle place in small acreage tracts. The corporation is officered by Z. F. Lockwood, president; William Booher, vice president; A. B. McEwen, treasurer, and S. F. Wilson, secretary.

The Colts waxed it to the Pendleton "Winged P's" in a six inning contest Sunday to the tune of 5 to 3. La Brasche had everything and at no time during the matinee was Pendleton dangerous. Catcher Lieualen hooked a dislocated digit out of the scrimmage and was relieved by Booher behind the bat.

Lester O'Harra and wife spent Sunday at Weston.

Miss Ada DeFreece was a Pendleton visitor yesterday.

Charley Baddeley shipped a carload of horses to Portland this week.

Born, April 12, to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hartle, in this city, a girl.

C. A. Barrett is serving as foreman of the grand jury at Pendleton, this week.

F. S. LeGrow and Grover Bowles left Wednesday for the John Day stock country.

Misses Lela Jones, Irma Edwards and other Normal students, were shopping in the city Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Garfield, of Walla Walla was the guest of her grandparents.

**FOR EX-SERVICE MEN**  
Commander Harris of the Athena-Weston American Legion Post informs The Press that posts throughout the country are recruiting new post members as a result of the recent action taken by congress giving ex-service men an opportunity of securing bonus loans. At this time special effort is being made to increase the membership on the roll of the local Post. With this object in view, Commander Harris submits the following statement of facts:

"Ex-service men outside the American Legion, you need the American Legion and the Legion needs you. It is a privilege to belong to the American Legion, one that can't be bought by money, prestige or power—you must have that little old honorable discharge from the armed forces of the World war to be eligible."

"Don't be content to just sit on the band wagon and let the American Legion push you. Come on in and signify your willingness to help by joining your local Post. Every benefit to which you are entitled or are now enjoying as an ex-service man the American Legion fought out for you in congress or state legislatures."

"The local Post is now ready to serve you in matters pertaining to hospitalization, or to get your bonus loan. In fact to help you in all things to which you are entitled."

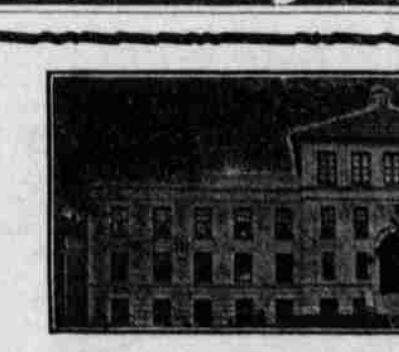
**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Nora E. Hagen, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Aime Tardiff, executor, and Lurna (Lorena) Miller, executrix, of the last will and testament of Nora E. Hagen, deceased, have filed their final account and report in the administration of the estate with the clerk of this court; that the County Judge by order duly made and entered has appointed Monday the 20th day of April, 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 20th day of March, 1931.  
AIME TARDIFF, Executor,  
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