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Addressing the American Institute of Cooperation at Manhattan, Kansas, Arthur M. Hyde, secretary of agriculture, said, "the American farmers can reach the golden goal of economic equality. But to do so they will have to sell on world markets at world prices. That means that southern planters shall measure their living standards against those of India and China; and that wheat growers must meet Russian standards of living." This newspaper has never observed anything of particular value Mr. Hyde has done for agriculture or the farmer since he joined Mr. Hoover's cabinet. To the contrary he is generally regarded as being a conservative obstructionist, and the sooner he is ousted from his important office where he is in a position to injure the cause of agriculture by statements such as quoted above, the quicker agricultural depression in this country may be adjusted.

Russia works the world for markets. Recently, reports the American commercial attaché in Begota, she shipped free of charge to a large flour concern in Columbia 50 sacks of wheat for experimental milling purposes in competition with wheat grown in America. This wheat is similar in size, color and shape of kernel to that grown in Manitoba. The milling firm receiving this sample has been supplied heretofore with wheat from the United States.

"Forces are gathering for the next period of prosperity," says The Insurance Field, editorially. "When a firm takes inventory it generally slows down on everything else until the process of itemization is finished. For eighteen months the whole world has been taking inventory of itself, and all industry has slowed down while undergoing the most searching of scrutiny from all directions.

The widow of the late Governor Patterson laid the cornerstone of the log cabin dedicated at old Champeo, honoring the pioneer mothers of Oregon. To the Daughters of the American Revolution belongs the honor of erecting the splendid tribute to the memory of the mothers who participated in the first American government west of the Rocky Mountains.

Among the many measures passed by the last legislature was one pertaining to the county unit for schools. The new law provides that upon presentation of a petition signed by twenty-five per cent of the registered voters the county court shall call an election to decide the matter.

Six northwest canning organizations with headquarters in Portland have united their sales efforts through the creation of a grower-owned regional cooperative under the name North Pacific Canners and Packers, Inc. It was established under Federal Farm Board authority.

A young minister of New Castle, Indiana, has been given a ten-year term in a reformatory for theft of an automobile which he used for three months in making calls pertinent to his ministerial duties. There was no evidence adduced to show there had been any joyriding.

No other great country has so many laws as the United States. No other great country has so much law breaking, it is said. This is not, of course, a coincidence. It is gradually being realized that too many laws are as detrimental as too few laws.

There may be room for the big commercial trucks, pulling their big cumbersome trailers, but reasonable safety to passenger traffic will come only when the state goes to the enormous expense of extending the highways 100 per cent in width.

Scarface Al and sixty-eight members of his "bodyguard" at last have something to think about other than taking somebody for a ride. They are strictly up against Uncle Sam, chief "constable" of the United States.

Oh, Min! Three robbers in Caponville robbed Sydney Smith, cartoonist and creator of "Andy Gump." Their loot was \$51,200 in jewels taken from the artist and his wife. Smith should worry; he's lousy with Tom Carr stock.

We are told the magnolia trees are blossoming in Mississippi and that the farmers down there have begun their annual gamble with drouth, flood and boll weevil in good spirits.

A feature of the Rose Show program at Portland was the dedication of the new St. Johns bridge, a magnificent structure that replaces the last of Portland's old time ferryboats.

A bunch of boat fishermen went fishing the other day off Kiakskvik, Faroe Islands, and came home with a thousand whales. This is not a fish story.

President Hoover is making a speech tour of the mid-western states. Wonder what he will have to say to the Kansas and Nebraska wheat raisers?

Capone having been indicted by a federal grand jury, we may conjecture where Chicago has been getting her beer.

DISASTROUS REGULATION

In a recent address on "The Changing Times," F. W. Robinson, vice-president of the Union Pacific System, reviews the present transportation situation.

He points out that when the railroads were returned to private hands after the war, a definite program of construction was started with a view to making the greatest possible improvement in service. As a result, the American railroads are more efficient, and do their work more economically, than at any other time in their existence but their earnings have for years been below a "fair return."

"Oil and gas pipe lines, buses and trucks, airways and inland waterways, are all receiving a certain amount of business that once went to railroads. That these various carriers serve a useful purpose goes without saying. But railroads are our most regulated industry—and their competitors, for the most part, are either unregulated or regulation is less severe," Mr. Robinson says.

"Railroad men do not complain of fair competition. They do protest against unfair competition. The principal sufferers from the situation at present are railroad employees and stockholders. But if railroad earnings continue to dwindle, the public will feel the results in lost taxes and lowered railroad service—a service which is still and perhaps always will be, the mainstay of transportation. There are two ways out—a more liberal policy toward the railroads, or subjecting other carriers to the railroad type of regulation. The former course is probably the better one from all standpoints, for too much regulation has helped put the railroads where they are today."

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' Grain Elevator company of Athena, Oregon, will be held at the office of the company in Athena, Oregon, at 2 o'clock p. m., on Saturday, June 20, 1931, for the purpose of electing three directors and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 8th day of June 1931. R. L. WILSON, Manager.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Union High School District No. 7, of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at the school house; to begin at the hour of 2 p. m., o'clock to 7 p. m. o'clock on the fourth Monday of June, being the 22 day of June, A. D. 1931.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing a director for the period of five years and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 5th day of June 1931. ARNOLD WOOD, Chairman Board of Directors. Attest: J. F. Kershaw, District Clerk.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix of the estate of Reed Hill, deceased, has filed her final account and report in said estate with the Clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County; and that the Judge thereof has fixed Saturday, the 20th day of June, 1931, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., as the time, and the County Court room in the courthouse at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

MARY I. HILL, Administratrix of the estate of Reed Hill, Deceased. M22J19 Raley, Raley & Warner, John F. Kilkenny, Alfred F. Cunha, Attorneys for Admx., Pendleton, Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of A. M. Gillis, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of A. M. Gillis, deceased, by the above entitled Court.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorneys, Watts & Prestbye, at their law office in Athena, Oregon, within six (6) 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 5th day of June, 1931. P. S. LeGROW, Administrator. Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon. Attorneys for estate. 3533

22 Years Ago

Friday, June 25, 1909

Miller & West, artesian well contractors, arrived in the city over the Northern Pacific Friday evening from Prosser, Wash., with their artesian well boring outfit. The big machine was placed in position on the property of the Athena Land & Trust company, Saturday. Work was started Monday morning, since which time the big drill has been churning away on its quest for a gusher.

John Moon, a wheat grower near Milton, and his wife are prostrated with grief over the tragic death of their son, aged 15, whose body was found in the field, where he had been bitten by a rattlesnake. Accompanied by his dog, the boy left home Monday to catch ground squirrels. The body was found by a searching party. The boy had evidently been bitten by a snake while reaching into a hole to get a squirrel. His tracks showed he had died while trying to reach home.

Hugh and Emory Worthington and Jake Booher spent a few days last week on the river.

Wheat haying has commenced and the merry click of the binder is heard in many fields.

Rev. H. E. Ryder and Chas. Betts are in Portland this week in attendance on the National Baptist Convention.

Mrs. O. M. Castleman, who has been visiting her mother here for some time, returned Monday to her home in Portland.

Arthur Stone has finished his school days, graduating from Whitman college and has returned to his home in this city.

The Rineharts began to settle in their tent homes at the Freewater park Wednesday morning. Every

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train and interurban car that came in brought big delegations and they are still coming, says a Freewater dispatch.

Will Dobson and York Dell, delegates to grand lodge Knights of Pythias session at Pendleton, returned home yesterday. They report a splendid time.

Mrs. B. B. Richards returned home Saturday from LaCrosse, Wash., where she was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Otis Whiteman. She was accompanied home by her little nephew, Dale Whiteman.

John Picard of Salem, is working in the Luna blacksmith shop. Mr. Picard is owner of the fine timber claim in the Blue Mountains.

A. B. McEwen returned Monday from Portland, where he went as delegate from Dolph Lodge of this city to the Masonic grand lodge.

Mrs. J. C. Stamper and daughter, Miss Lela, returned Wednesday from Birch creek, where they visited at the home of Mrs. Stamper's mother.

The big drill in the artesian well, ran afoul of a nest of boulders yesterday at a depth of 70 feet, which caused considerable annoyance and delay. Solid rock formation has not been encountered yet.

It is rather an unusual thing to pick up cotton in the bale around Athena, but such was Agent Smith's experience one day this week. A quantity was spilled on the railroad track, presumably from a carload of cotton in transit.

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Editorial

It is too bad that France wouldn't allow Tex Guinan to tour with her night club show. It was about the only way we know of to get a payment on the foreign debt.

A. M. Johnson, Editor

A smile costs nothing. Start the day with a smile and it will end the same way. A house that is well painted seems to smile and spread cheer throughout the whole neighborhood. Why not make your home the cheerful one. It is easy, inexpensive, and worth while.

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