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HONEST DEBTS

(Walla Walla Union)
There is such a thing as going too far in pressing a man for payment of debts when he cannot pay, and again there is such a thing as expecting too much from creditors in the way of indulgence or immunity, remarks the Spokane Chronicle in speaking of the situation at Moscow, Idaho, where farmers are organizing to protect themselves against what they term unjust pressure for debt collection. Whatever the merits of the Moscow case it must not be the excuse for a general moratorium attitude on the part of people in debt, on the farms or anywhere else. That will not help things any, the paper states, adding the Moscow group may be well within its moral rights in taking the action it has chosen. Farmers of that region have been a conservative lot and good citizens. The main danger lies in thoughtless action which may be patterned after theirs by others who are merely looking for screens behind which to hide. That isn't good citizenship.

The business world is conducted on a policy of each trying to meet his obligations, else someone will suffer. This is as true in Moscow as in Walla Walla, or any other community. The dealer who sells his goods to consumers has a right to expect that the bills will be paid within a reasonable time because the dealer must pay the wholesaler, the wholesaler must pay someone else and so on until the payment comes to the producer who expects his pay and expects to be paid. When anything upsets the plan it results in grief and trouble.

Farmers last year used nearly two billion kilowatt-hours of electric power, and estimates indicate there was an increase in power used per farm despite depression, S. H. McCrary, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, stated recently. An official of one of the western power companies recently reported that there has been an increase in the average consumption per farm served by it, from 422 kilowatt-hours in 1922, to 1,181 kilowatt-hours in 1930. Similar growth has been reported by other power companies.

The American Legion, Department of California, has made fire prevention one of its permanent activities. It is organizing committees on Fire Prevention and Public Safety throughout the state and has instructed its National Committeemen to present a resolution to the next national convention—at Detroit in September—to extend the fight against fire to every Legion Post in the country. This is but another major movement of the Legion in its laudable endeavors to be of practical use to the nation.

The outlook of the Oregon cattle-men is far from bright. In addition to low market prices for beef stuff, range feed is short and dry with poor prospects for winter feed except in a few coast sections, according to the September first report of the Division of Crop & Livestock estimates. Hay and feed crops are short in much of Eastern Oregon which will result in close shipping of livestock in some eastern districts. Livestock are in fair to good condition but are showing some shrink in dry areas.

Crater Lake Park is "sitting pretty"—basking in the generosity of the Carnegie Institute for educational purposes. The Park recently received \$5000 from that organization for the installation of exhibits and equipment in the Sinnott memorial museum at the lake. There are many spots over the entire United States where the memory of the venerable Scot will ever be kept green.

As a matter of fact, the railroad "problem" is more like a horse race. The best horse in the world does not get a fair show for success if he has a jockey who is continually holding him in, to the advantage of his competitors. Neither can hope to carry on when they are faced with constantly increasing truck competition that operates with no regulatory condition whatever.

The marriage license clerk at Reno is giving divorce court a close race. He boosted his battling average materially Sunday, when he issued matrimony tickets to seventy couples; mostly California residents.

Is the noble "iron horse" destined to become as much a novelty as the flesh and blood equine, wheezes a contemporary. Well, brother, not in the flesh anyway.

As a means of securing provisions for the needy during the coming winter, Walla Walla will can surplus fruit and vegetables at the state penitentiary cannery. Walla Walla seems to be united in earnest effort to relieve the unemployment situation and its attendant discomforts which are bound to be experienced with the coming of cold weather.

The tortuous Southern California coast has claimed another steamer, the liner Columbia, but her 300 passengers and crew, thanks to radio and the steamer San Mateo, were every one saved. The S. O. S. has saved many a person from a watery grave since Marconi gave to science his great discovery.

Columbia basin boosters will never boost their project over the top until they all boost together. With the Columbia Basin Irrigation league and the Columbia Basin Development league working at crisscross purposes, your Uncle Samuel just simply will not untie the strings of his money bag.

"Increasing sentiment for prohibition change, sweeping toward Washington," says a writer of national reputation. Fair enough. But when was prohibition anything other than sentiment?

Gandhi was received in London with cheers, and he responded with his famous toothless grin; the grin that won't wear off.

It is intimated by a few newspapers that Illinois will go republican. What for?

Rah! Rah! Football is with us again.

LET THE WEST UNITE

(Morning Oregonian)
The conference of governors of western states which Governor Dern of Utah has called to meet probably in Oregon is designed to agree on the one means of securing due attention to western affairs at the national capital. The east is so crassly ignorant of the west and has such a preponderance of voting power that the west must unite in order to be strong and to be heard. Equal representation with other states in the senate in large part compensates for the west's small representation in the house. By combining the western senators may compel attention.

Preliminary to needed legislation the east needs education, which the west alone can give, on irrigation, waterpower, public land, national forests and national parks, for the east has these problems either not at all or on a small scale. The east knows nothing of irrigation or of such great waterpower as exists in the Columbia or of their relation to one another and to navigation, or of grazing on public land and in national forests. It is taking its first lessons in reforestation, but regards this as a matter of planting having slight experience with natural growth of new forests where old ones have been cut. It knows nothing of grazing on open range, for all its cattle graze in enclosed pastures. It regards western people as spoilers of nature's beauty and is in arms when Idaho farmers ask that a small corner be cut from Yellowstone park to store water which would save their crops.

A program of legislation for the west and of action in bringing about its enactment should be adopted and the claims of the west be drilled into the heads of congress.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Charles H. Potter, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Charles H. Potter, deceased, by an order of 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 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 4th day of September, 1931.
ELLEN F. POTTER, Administratrix.
Watts and Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. S402

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
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 filed her final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 19th day of September, 1931, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house of Umatilla County, at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place, for hearing of said final account and report. Objections, if any there be, to said final account and report should be filed on or before that date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 21st day of August, 1931.
MARGARET J. BANISTER, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of George M. Banister, Deceased.
Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Executrix, A21S18

22 Years Ago

Friday, October 1, 1909

The fourth annual fair of the third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural Society, which opened at Pendleton Monday has been a marked success. The number of exhibits exceed all previous attempts, the attendance has been all that could be expected and the special features of entertainment are all high class.

A very pretty wedding took place in Portland Sunday evening, when Thomas M. Taggart and Miss Nellie I. Foss, of this city were united in marriage, Mr. Reager of the First Christian church of Portland, officiating.

With the crowd yelling like Comanches, Dell Blancett of Endicott, Wash., riding at Spokane for Fay LeGrow made up 10 seconds in the relay race Saturday afternoon, passing Dug Wilson for the \$1000 prize by the small margin of five seconds.

It has been announced that trains Nos. 45 and 46 between Walla Walla and Pendleton will discontinue its express service after the 25th of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards will move to the Chas. Henry cottage on the West side.

Miss Norma Smith has returned from a two weeks visit with Miss Oleson, at Pendleton.

J. E. Froome and Zeph Lockwood took a trip this week to the mines in Walla Walla county, near Lostine.

Eugene Schimpf left Sunday for Portland, where he will finish a course in the Bencke-Walker Business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKinnon and their daughter, Mary, left yesterday for Nanton, Alberta, where they will make their future home.

Mr. Miller, of the firm of Miller & West, the well drillers, will bring his family from Prosser, Wash., to reside in Athena. He has rented the Jarman cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hawks, T. H. Beverly and Miss Nettie Beverly went to Walla Walla Tuesday evening by automobile, and witnessed the splendid comic opera, "The Three Twins."

The high school girls are learning to play basketball. Mr. Case is coach.

Miss Lulu Tharp was over from Walla Walla Sunday. Miss Tharp is well pleased with the Fisher Con-

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J. A. Kirk has purchased Mrs. Pages' farm south of town. By the purchase of this place of 150 acres, Mr. Kirk's holdings there is now 310 acres. The consideration is not given.

Dave Bonifer, who is in the cattle business, will winter his herd of 230 head on Meacham creek. He is hauling in mountain hay for feed. Five head of his stock were recently killed by passenger trains on the O. R. & N. above Gibbon.

The Swiss Bell Ringers entertained a pleased and appreciative audience at the Christian church Monday evening. The "Musical Eckardts" proved to be no misnomer, and their splendid rendition of popular music on Swiss bells and numerous instruments was entertaining to a high degree.

C. S. Jackson, publisher of the Portland Journal, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Judd of Pendleton, were in the city Wednesday. The party came up from Pendleton in automobiles and took a spin to the city park, which they greatly admired.

Mrs. Anna McIntyre has purchased the Terhune property on Hunt avenue; Mr. Brown, the new proprietor of Athena's Department store, has purchased the McBride residence at the corner of 4th and Adams streets; Will Bush purchased the Mitchell cottage in the north part of town. These are the real estate transactions for the week in city property.

W. J. Wilkinson, who is carrying mail on a 60-mile route in the Twin Falls country, met with a painful ac-

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Editorial

While all this cussin' is goin' on about the prices of farm produce, lip-sticks, and female cigarettes, the weather, etc.—We might do a little cussin' about how cheap we are sellin' lumber with no buyers, dog gone it! Lumber's lower to-day than in many years. Wish somebody would make me prove it—try me out—maybe I can.
A. M. JOHNSON, Editor

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Notice—I will not be responsible for any debts contracted on your coal bill this winter. Let me show you how to cut it down. Signed
A. M. JOHNSON.

A Sunday school teacher asked a small girl the other day why Ananias was so severely punished. The little one thought for a minute, then answered:

cident last week. While descending a steep grade the team became unmanageable, ran away and threw Mr. Wilkinson out of the rig. In the fall, his right thigh was broken and he lay helpless until found 22 hours after the accident.

At a depth of 528 feet, a deposit of Anthracite coal was tapped by the big drill used in boring for artesian water by the Athena Land & Trust company. Copper and other minerals have been encountered in drilling this well, but to find the extent of the deposits will require either drilling with a diamond drill, or sinking a shaft. The well is now down 580 feet and there is no perceptible change in the flow of water.

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