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**A NEW PANACEA**

The conference of governors back in Indiana in this year before the presidential campaign gets under full power shows the tendency of the times and points the way the political winds will blow in 1932. Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, offers the government ownership of public utilities plan and Governor Roosevelt, of New York seems to favor it as well.

So, in the nation as in Oregon we are to have a great campaign to put the government into business and we suppose that it will be promised to do so without cost to the taxpayers, and it is also safe to predict that many thousands of people will believe it possible for a government to purchase millions of dollars worth of utilities and operate them by elected officers without investment or operative costs.

It is the duty of the government to protect its citizens from the rapacity of corporations just as it protects them from individuals and this should certainly be easier for the government to do than it would for it to endeavor to actually own and operate the corporations themselves. If we are to continue to be free acting individuals we have long boasted of being we should resent this step toward socialism.

Government operation of public utilities might easily come to include operation of all business, as any business house is in a sense a public concern.

The course of our present depression can not be laid at the door of independent business; rather should it be blamed to a too much governmental interference with business. Of the reasons listed as possible cause we have the high tariff which was certainly made by the government. Some blame the single monetary standard that makes it difficult for India and China to buy our goods with their silver. Others believe that war debts have made it impossible for other countries to buy from us as all their surplus goes for war materials already bought.

Government ownership is no panacea for our economic ills. It will not bring us a return of prosperity unless our faults are corrected. Our democracy swings from fatuous belief in one idea until it is worn out or until some popular idol develops something else to catch the popular fancy and is elevated to high position. Government ownership catches the present fancy and is elevated to position. Government ownership catches the present fancy like frost busting of twenty-five years ago with its huge uncollected and uncollectable fines.

**JUPITER GOES ON A SPREE**

We think too little has been said and written about rain. Snow gets most of the praise and bouquets. It may be called the beautiful blanket of ermine and alluded to as white and pure but for the practical uses of the farmer the rain must be depended upon to put the profit on the crop.

Sometimes, in this county, we are unfortunate in our rains. It seems that Jupiter Pluvius is endeavoring to stop the habit of sending rain as an old toper tries to stop the habit of strong liquors. So it was the past week. When Friday nights little show wet the fields it was like a drink to one long dry and Sunday with a roar of hail Jupiter went on a rainy spree that was like a sot falling off the wagon with a drunk that aroused the natives.

Of course nothing can be done about it. The weather is one thing we must take as it comes, but just the same it is unfortunate that rains are delayed until their most advantageous time is over and then must come in torrents that destroy some crops while making others.

**THE GRANGE RENIGS**

Now isn't this most peculiar. Last December the Pomona Grange in their meeting at Grass Valley passed a resolution strongly favoring the continuance of the county fair and sent a delegation to the budget meeting in Moro to petition the budget committee to allow funds for the fair.

At the June meeting of the Pomona Grange another resolution was passed asking the county court to kill the fair for this year and stop any and all preparations toward that end.

The court ordered that the bidding of the grange be followed in each case so the county fair is out until the grange changes its mind again.

Thus we have the spectacle of an agricultural society, formed for the express purpose of aiding agriculture, voting against an exhibit that was instituted primarily for its benefit.

The ways of this world are strange.

Al Capone, according to the papers is caught, tried, condemned and sentenced already with the news that five thousand indictments are out against him. This certainly sounds like counting your chickens before they are hatched. No one doubts that many undesirable things should be meted out to the scar-faced one, but we have heard before that the reign of Chicago gangsters was over. We shall see what we shall see.

One cheering thought for better times is that now one can occasionally hear some one say "they can't afford it." A few years ago they never admitted it but went and bought.

Now you see it, now you don't see it is to be part of the examination for automobile drivers. Sounds like the croon of the black mustached man behind the shells.

**Grass Valley**

E. E. Gervais made a business trip to Shaniko Tuesday.

Mac Alsop left Wednesday for Portland to be gone for a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Clodfelter drove to Portland Sunday with a load of sheep.

Mrs. Robt. Johnson and son and Barbara Walpole, returned from Portland Sunday.

Jim Dennis is able to be around town again after a bad sick spell.

Mrs. E. M. Alley has been operator of the telephone switchboard for the past week while Mrs. Burns is on a vacation.

Dell Olds and Mrs. W. J. Davis left Tuesday for Warm Springs to bring Mrs. Olds and Sam Davis and wife home.

Mrs. R. B. Jackson and son are visiting the Poley family this week.

Mrs. Tommy Barnett is in the hospital in The Dalles where she is expected to remain for a few days.

C. P. Adams was chairman of the committee on education at the convention of the State Grange in Medford last week.

J. W. Shepard and J. E. Davis were the representatives of the Grass Valley Grain Growers at the Spokane meeting of the regional of that organization. They returned Tuesday.

Mrs. Margaret Morrison and Mrs. Walter Lane visited at the George Wilcox home last Monday evening. Mrs. Lane is the wife of a former station agent here and is now located at Cascade Locks.

Miss Helen Engstrom is helping in the Zeigler store for a few days.

Mrs. Dick Patjens was here for a short time Tuesday from her home in Vancouver. She is an old time resident of this district.

Fishing at Sherar's Bridge will occasion a much longer trip than formerly since the grade was so completely washed out in the cloudburst. It is reported that there are holes almost 20 feet deep where the road was formerly located.

Harold Hughes is here after finishing a year as instructor and student at the University of Oregon. Mrs. Hughes arrived several days ago. Tuesday they left for Camp Sherman for a short vacation accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tetz.

Mrs. Tom Garrett and daughter and Mrs. C. W. Fields and sons are spending a few days at Camp Sherman this week.

After Sunday school was over at the Baptist church last Sunday the primary class gave a short Children's Day program.

Fred Cox and wife were visiting in Hood River last week with relatives and friends, returning Saturday.

The Baker family held their annual reunion picnic at Eagle Creek last Sunday when members of the family from here met valley residents at that camping place. Four brothers and their families were there, Sam of Jants Pass, Everett of Portland, Bert of Gresham, and Roy of Grass Valley, with their wives and families.

**Resolutions.**

We, the members of Pomona Grange, express our deep regrets and sorrow for the loss by death of our dear Sister and Co-worker, Mrs. Rachel Howell, who was ever a help and inspiration in all our work. We will miss her here and she will always hold a place in our hearts.

We know that she did not live in vain; May our lives be true until we meet again.

Signed:

Mrs. Florence Adams  
Mrs. Lohise Eaton  
Mrs. Kate Andrews  
Mrs. Ethel Belshie.

**Call For Bids**

School District No. 33 will accept sealed bids for school bus driver for school year 1931-1932, until July 1, 1931, at 12 o'clock.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
PAULINE WILCOX, Clerk.  
Grass Valley, Oregon.

**OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

**THE MARKETS**

Portland  
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, soft white and western white, 55c; hard winter, northern spring and western red, 55c.

Hay—Buying price, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, \$14@15; valley timothy \$15.50 @16; eastern Oregon timothy, \$18@18.50; clover, \$11; oat hay, \$11; oats and vetch, \$10@10.50.

Butterfat—13@21c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 13@15c.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.50@7.75.  
Hogs—Good to choice, \$6.60@6.85.  
Lamb—Good to choice, \$5.50@6.00.

Seattle  
Wheat—Soft white, western white, bluestem, 55c; western red, northern spring, hard winter, 57c.

Eggs—Ranch, 13@20c.  
Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@7.50.  
Hogs—Good to choice, \$6.50@7.  
Lamb—Choice, \$6@6.75.

Spokane  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$6.50@7.  
Hogs—Good to choice, \$6.25@6.35.  
Lamb—Medium to good, \$5.50@6.

The 39th annual reunion of Umatilla county pioneers was held recently in Weston.

Approximately 20 miles of the McKenzie highway will be oiled this summer by the state highway department, beginning June 26.

A state crew has started oiling of the Old Oregon trail from Haines to the city limits of Baker. Work is expected to be completed soon.

The non-skid surfacing will be placed on 59 miles of the blacktop pavement between Eugene and Wilbur at once, it has been announced.

The haying season at Sweet Home has opened, with several fields in the shock. The hay this year is not so heavy as in previous years, and much earlier.

Pilot Rock has substituted poison for the fabled Pied Piper. The town, overrun by rodents, staged "rat killing week" June 8 to 13. Poison was placed in meat bait.

Through arrangements with the county court, Gold Hill will have its streets on the thoroughfare of the Gold Hill-Trail cut-off highway to Crater Lake park oiled.

H. Quetschke, 30, of Philomath, was killed when a box of dynamite caps exploded in his hands as he was working in the woods at Pacific Spruce camp No. 1, at Waldport.

The feasibility of shipping perishable fruit to middle-western markets in less than carload lots by airplane is to be tested by Salem fruit growers the latter part of this month.

The state road oiling trucks, tanks and other equipment to oil the Coast highway from the Waldport ferry to Yachats, about 20 cars in all, have arrived in Waldport and began work.

O. W. Russell appeared at the county clerk's office at Salem recently with 543 gopher scalps, on which he claims the statutory bounty. The gophers were killed in the Mission bottom vicinity.

The board of directors for the Lower Umpqua fair at Reedsport has set September 11 and 12 as the dates for the exposition. Committees have been appointed and are busy making arrangements.

Lane county is busy at preliminary work toward a new bridge across Fiddle creek, at the foot of the hill on the Five Mile side on the Glenada-Gardiner road. The bridge will parallel the old site.

Nine thousand five hundred acres of land in the Klamath basin will be devoted to potatoes this season. Planting is now 90 per cent complete. The increase in acreage over last year is about 35 per cent.

The summer session at the Southern Oregon State Normal school began Monday, June 15. A number of new courses are being offered for the benefit of the teachers in the state who are attending.

Approximately 1200, including many sportsmen from every section of the state, participated in the annual salmon bake sponsored by the Douglas County Sportsmen's association near Roseburg, recently.

"Walking disease," a queer malady which makes farm horses walk themselves to death during the spring of the year, is being studied in Umatilla county by an expert in animal diseases, according to Walter Holt, county agent.

C. H. Waymire, rancher of Kentuck inlet, has found that deer have taken possession of his fields, and are eating his hay. He chases the animals away in the evening, but has to be up at daylight to keep them from spoiling his crop.

Portland Berry Growers association at Banks, eight miles north of Forest Grove, started barreling strawberries, with a daily output of 120 barrels.

The Mount Emily Lumber company sawmill, idle since December, has resumed operations. Its owners said indications point to a continuous run for a long time. It is one of the largest pine mills in eastern Oregon.

Two men were killed, one of them literally blown to bits, and a third was injured seriously when a powder charge they were planting on the Harmon & Tuttle-McKenzie highway construction job near Waltherville was prematurely discharged.

More than \$100 has been contributed by the people of Silverton towards the breeding pen for Chinese pheasants, construction of an Izank Walton The pen will be built on the Ed Overlund farm in the Bethany district under the direction of the league.

Definite steps toward organizing a cherry growers' co-operative association were taken at a meeting of 100 growers held in Salem. Sentiment at the meeting was strong for a co-operative unit, which would tend to stabilize the market and increase prices.

Upwards of 20 tons of razor clams have been taken from the Seaside beach during the past three months, according to long-experienced commercial diggers. Many clam diggers have come from Washington coast towns, attracted by the plentiful supply there.

The state prohibition department participated in 129 arrests for violation of the liquor laws during May, according to a report prepared by George Alexander, state prohibition director. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$12,755, with jail sentences aggregating 2475 days.

Kern & Kibbe have started delivery of rock for the north Umpqua river jetty, which will require 60,000 tons for the projects scheduled for completion by October 1. The rock is being quarried near the banks of the river about eight miles east of Reedsport and towed to the jetty on scows.

Fire unquestionably started by an incendiary practically wiped out the plant of the Oregon Canning company at Newberg, with a loss estimated to be in excess of \$200,000. The large frame buildings housing the cannery proper, with all its machinery, a large amount of stock and the offices were destroyed.

A vast bonfire, covering several hundred acres of water-killed timber twisted into a dangerous tinder heap by recent high winds, will be started in the Crane Prairie country late this fall. A contract for the construction of a 10-mile fire-break has been let and the prairie basin has been closed by forest officials.

Fair prices to visitors at the Pendleton Round-Up is the pledge to be asked of local business establishments by stockholders of the Round-Up this year. A forfeiture of \$100 will be made in case a breach of the pledge is discovered. Directors feel that criticism of unfairness from visitors hurts the show and the city.

Between 3000 and 5000 acres of grass and wheat burned recently near Alpine in the north end of Morrow county. E. McDaid was smoking his pipe on the edge of his field when he stumbled and fell, dropping his pipe, sparks from which immediately took fire. Both Heppner and Lexington were telephoned for aid, which was sent.

Hood River cherry growers have been offered 3 1/2 cents a pound for their Royal Anns and have refused to contract for this low price. It is stated that on account of the poor crop it will probably cost two cents a pound for picking.

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