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DEBT POSTPONEMENT.

President Hoover's proposal for debt settlements will do more to make the name of the United States respected in Europe than any thing that has happened since the war. Since the end of that conflict we have been known to the people across the Atlantic as a nation of grasping moneylenders that exacted the last penny of principal and interest from European debtors. Now we have an opportunity to change this option into one that is more favorable and should result in better trade relations between the United States and buyers across the sea.

The government is following the same policy as private money lenders are finding it necessary to follow—giving more time to pay debts when needed. Europe has just so much money that can be sent to this country. If it comes in the form of cash orders for goods it keeps mills and factories busy, labor employed and farmers more prosperous. If it comes in the form of debt repayment and interest it goes into the coffers of the government from where it is paid out to bond holders who in most cases reinvest it again if times are good or withhold it from use if conditions do not seem favorable.

If this plan is accepted by the other nations it will determine whether those who have advocated cancellation of debts are correct in their theory or not and will perhaps lead the way to more satisfactory international agreements.

SHERAR'S GRADE

The loss of the Sherar's grade road in the recent cloudburst raises a question about roads in general that requires some explanation before it can be settled.

This washout comes at a time when the market road money of the county for this year has been spent and at a time in the history of roadbuilding in the state when a new system of financing market road construction is going into effect. The washout is so complete that ordinary emergency funds would be of no avail in putting it in shape for travel. It will require the expenditure of several thousand dollars to make a road to take the place of the one washed out and it is probable that a place for a new grade can be found that will be cheaper than would construction on the old route.

The state highway commission has to pass on improvements or building of market roads or roads that connect main highways so it will be necessary to get the support of the commission before the Shearers road can be repaired or rebuilt.

It is an important road and will become more so when a good grade is built. Then those who travel the Wapinitia cutoff to the interior or for a Sunday drive can come through the wheat fields of Sherman county with comfort all the way. It is very likely that this cloudburst will hasten the construction of a good grade up the canyon from Sherar's quicker than anything else would have done, for now it is absolutely necessary to build a grade as soon as plans can be prepared and arrangements made with the state.

RAILROAD SUICIDE.

It seems that the railroad companies will persist in cutting their own throats. They lost a part of the hauling business because their rates are too high and are now imploring the Interstate Commerce Commission to allow them to raise them still higher.

When they lowered rates on less than car load shipments in this territory their business increased while at the same time car load shipments decreased because rates remained high. Oil companies have been bringing their gasoline in by truck because it is cheaper than rail, and it is safe to predict that a great deal of wheat will be hauled to market by truck unless rail rates are lowered by the time harvest is on.

Truck haulers have been bringing wood and lumber into Sherman county for the past month or more cheaper than the rail roads will haul it and to the detriment of local dealers in these commodities. If this was hauled in the fall of the year wheat would be taken out on the return trip.

If any other firm or business charges more than their service is worth, or can be bought from some other place, lose they customers, and we see no reason why the railroads should not come under the same rule.

The G. A. R. men who marched in the parade in Portland instead of riding showed the same urge to do their duty, the same pride of physical ability that distinguished them when Lincoln called for national defenders.

A man in South Carolina quarrelled with his wife about the amount of chicken he consumed at one meal and he shot her. Her cooking was evidently better than her disposition or his appetite was greater than his good humor.

So they closed the children's walkaton. Well, we suppose, children must be trained to be smarter than their parents.

It might be a good idea to have the depression go on until some other prices drop down to the level of farmers income.

This weather is fine for wheat. It just gets better and better every day.

People's Column

Grass Valley, Ore., June 21, '31
Dear Sir: Your editorial of last edition, "The Grange Renigs" has caused considerable comment which I believe is not justified by the conditions as they now exist.

You as well as those who have studied the economic conditions realize the financial crisis facing agriculture today; and how unpractical it would be to endeavor to hold an Agricultural Fair facing a deficit which the Fair Board do not wish to cover by their personal notes.

The Grange is always ready to stand firmly for anything that promotes the welfare of agriculture, but do not wish to be censured for not sponsoring an agricultural exhibit which would not meet the approval of the county at large and especially the tax payers who may not be members of the grange.

Permit me to again state that the grange is ready and willing to cooperate with the Fair Board at any and all times.

But we as an organization do not wish to be classed as (One who renigs) in matters concerning the welfare of agriculture.

C. P. Adams,
Master Sherman County Pomona.

Grass Valley

Lewis Zogg is here from Oxonard, California, to pick up his household goods and move them to the south where the family will make their home.

Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Taylor were here a few hours last Friday to visit friends and view the destruction wrought by the hail storm.

Mrs. Herman Zeigler and children are visiting in Hillsboro this week and Mr. Zeigler left Friday to see his folks for a few days. They will return Sunday.

Miss Victoria Wedam is visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. John Buether, from her home in Chehalis.

Delmar Baker is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Baker, this week.

Corlious Andrews and Earl Olds were practicing fancy gold shots on the greens at The Dalles last Sunday.

J. W. Shepard made a trip to Pendleton the last of the week to attend the meeting of co-operative managers of the local grain growers.

W. Ray Blake has been out of town for a few days, leaving Mr. Will to handle the business by himself.

Henry Tetz and wife have gone to California to visit with relatives for a week or so.

A hot golf match was pulled off in The Dalles last Thursday when Tom Garrett and George Wilcox challenged Earl Olds and Corlious Andrews to decide supremacy in their chosen game.

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, noon.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

PAULINE WILCOX, Clerk,
Grass Valley, Oregon.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Issuance of motor vehicle licenses for the period July 1, 1931, to June 30, 1932, started in both the Salem and Portland offices of the state motor vehicle department June 18th.

Water taken from a drinking fountain on Main street, Baker, a few days ago by a representative of the state health department is reported to have tested "A," the highest rating possible.

Mrs. Sue Hair of Eugene had the tallest delphiniums in bloom in the vicinity. Some of the plants measured 10 feet 8 inches in height and some of the blooms 2 1/2 inches in diameter.

The small black ground flea has caused considerable damage to vetch in the Salem section of Oregon, according to reports of growers. Experts of Oregon State college have been notified.

The green pea harvest in The Dalles area is ended. A total of 24 refrigerators were shipped. Owing to the dry weather and low price, shipments did not come up to the 45 cars predicted.

Fire which spread so quickly that two workmen had to flee for their lives destroyed the Raines-Rogers sawmill at Glenwood, 16 miles northwest of Forest Grove, with a loss of about \$25,000.

Scappoose dike-land farmers are planting cucumbers and cabbages again this season for the conserving plant. Over 500 acres has been put out. This is a considerable increase over last year.

A Holstein cow owned by C. R. Smith, Pendleton dairyman, led all other cows in the Umatilla County Cow Test association for May with a record butterfat production of 85.1 pounds from 2502 pounds of milk.

Farmers of the St. Helens community are to have a co-operative feed and seed store under the supervision of the Lower Columbia Co-operative Creamery. The store will carry a complete line of feeds and seeds for the dairy and poultry farmer.

E. K. Hunter's registered bull, Noble Chief Joseph, was named the outstanding sire of the dairy division in eastern Oregon's livestock show. Hunter is from Wallawa. Kenneth Kooch's registered Ayrshire cow was chosen the outstanding dairy cow.

Members of the Pacific Northwest Library association, which includes the states of Oregon, Washington, Utah, Montana, Idaho and the province of British Columbia, held their 21st annual convention at the Gearhart hotel in Gearhart last week.

The United States forest service is conducting a survey in Coos county to determine the rate at which forests are being cut away and marketed. The work is under direction of H. M. Johnson. The government has no definite information on these subjects.

Preparations for the Freiberg Passion Play, to be given in Marshfield three successive evenings on July 3 to 5, are under way and workmen are erecting the scenery and stage. The play will be rendered on Golden field, athletic grounds of the local high school.

The recent heavy rains have destroyed the entire cherry crop of the Hood River valley and surrounding country. It is estimated that the loss in the White Salmon, Underwood, Mosier and Hood River districts will total \$500,000.

A spectacular fire swept through the Fir-Pine Lumber company's plant at Medford, doing damage estimated at \$35,000. Origin was unknown. The box factory was swept by fire early this spring and resumed operations a short while ago.

Times of the northwest particularly and of the entire world generally will be invited to Albany for the third Albany-Twin round-up Labor day, September 7.

The fifth annual ram sale sponsored by the Oregon Wool Growers' association will be held in Pendleton this year on August 18, according to Walter A. Holt, secretary of the as-

sociation. A picnic lunch and program was enjoyed by 110 persons at Battle Mountain park recently, when the Umatilla county women's auxiliary of the Oregon State Wool Growers' association sponsored what may become an annual event for Umatilla county wool growers.

Loganberries, chief of the small fruit crop of the Estacada district, promise better returns than in any previous season. Last year's shipments were 185 tons and it is expected that with improved climatic conditions and increased acreage this year's shipments will amount to 300 tons.

Golfers of southern Oregon will gather at Marshfield July 4 and 5 for the dedication of the Coos County Club's new \$10,000 clubhouse. Invitations have been extended to the golf clubs of Ashland, Bandon, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Medford and Roseburg.

Each year the Molalla Buckaroo features Indians. The show on July 3, 4 and 5 this year will emphasize this feature. Chief Powette and a number of the Simanassa tribe will establish an Indian village on the grounds. They will arrive on June 26 and will be used for advertising in neighboring cities.

Plans for a state-wide meeting of tax equalization leagues to be held in McMinnville July 11 were made at McMinnville recently when Yamhill, Marion and Washington county league members met there. Discussion at the meet will center on a test suit on discriminatory taxes on real property as compared with personal.

When a turkey hen on the E. D. Jones farm near Shelburne deserted her nest a gobbler took up the work. Recently the hen changed her mind and threatened trouble. Mrs. Jones pacified the hen by giving her eight of the gobbler's setting, leaving him ten. Now Mr. and Mrs. Turkey are harmoniously co-operating in the business of raising a family.

Two would-be burglars received the surprise of their lives when they broke into the Hickford & Son store at Pine Grove. One of them touched a burglar alarm and without warning the entire store was flooded with light. The yeggs, expecting a fusillade of shots, yelled with fright as they raced for their car. They escaped, leaving behind tools for safe-breaking.

The old state fair board, although not actually terminated until July 1, transferred its records and duties to Max Gohlhar, director of the new state agricultural department, created by an act of the 1931 legislature. The state fair was one of the departments absorbed by the new state activity. Mrs. Ella Shultz Wilson, secretary of the state fair board for many years, will be retained, it was said.

Marion county's famous cherries are on the tree one day and bringing a bonus price in the Denver market the next day as the result of Lee Eyrly and his airplane. The first cargo was

A CREED FOR 1931.

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I believe in the United States of America.

I believe in the American ability to beat any beatable set of circumstances and come up smiling.

I believe in the ability of the American citizen to swim up stream, hit fast ball pitching, break out of a half-nelson and have a pretty good time in the bargain.

I believe that in the long run fair weather overbalances the bad, that all "breaks" are subject to the law of average, that the expression "Good old days" is relative and that everything comes out all right in the wash.

I believe a little optimism never hurt anybody and can be taken straight.

I believe in the capacity of the American industrial leader and in the common sense of the American workman.

I believe that Uncle Sam is still at the old stand with a brave heart and a clear head and I do not believe he is in any danger of losing his pants, coat, vest or shirt.

I believe in the total inability of Russia to change the course of the stars, to rearrange the general appearance of the heavens, to eliminate the constellations, to discontinue the daily rising of the sun, to subject the rain bow to a five-year plan or to make the American of normal backbone jump into a hole and pull it in after him.

I believe that American railroads are worth considerable more than a dime a dozen.

I believe the United States Steel Corporation, the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, the General Electric Corporation and other big industrial institutions will stay in business and that none of them is in any danger of having to take on a side line of lead pencils or apples.

I do not believe there is any danger of seeing John Pierpont Morgan, Owen D. Young, General Atterbury, Charlie Schwab or James A. Ferrell throwing their

jobs overboard and deciding to make a living as ferryboat musicians.

I believe that what the country needs more than any thing else is a restoration of the ducking stool for professional pessimists, squawkers, calamity howlers and confirmed grouches.

I believe in the ability, instinct, capacity and power of the average American to fight his way out of any difficulty, to scale any reasonable heights, to make the final payment on the automobile, to put something in the bank and to look adversity in the face and tell it to go to hell.

I believe the American people will continue to own and operate automobiles and that there is not a Chinaman's chance that conditions will arise which will make them decide it is a good idea to go back to the bicycle and the buggy.

I believe the American housewife will continue to have an electric ice box and will never again be satisfied to spend a half day mopping up the kitchen after the visit of the old-fashioned iceman.

I believe the old fashioned wash tub has gone for good and that anybody who thinks the American wife is going back to the old days of drudgery and inconveniences is two-thirds cuckoo and one-third army mule.

I believe three square meals a day will always be the American standard, but that even if we miss one or two it won't hurt us.

I believe in common sense and natural vision as opposed to the "fidgets" and the use of smoked glasses when anything goes wrong. I believe in the silver lining, the rainbow after the storm, the infallibility of the slogan "never lead with your chin," and the potency of the cries "Block that kick!" and "Hold'em, Yale!"

I believe that much of the world depression is "done by mirrors."

I believe the worst is over and that it never was as bad as it was advertised.

H. I. Phillips.

MORO STATE BANK

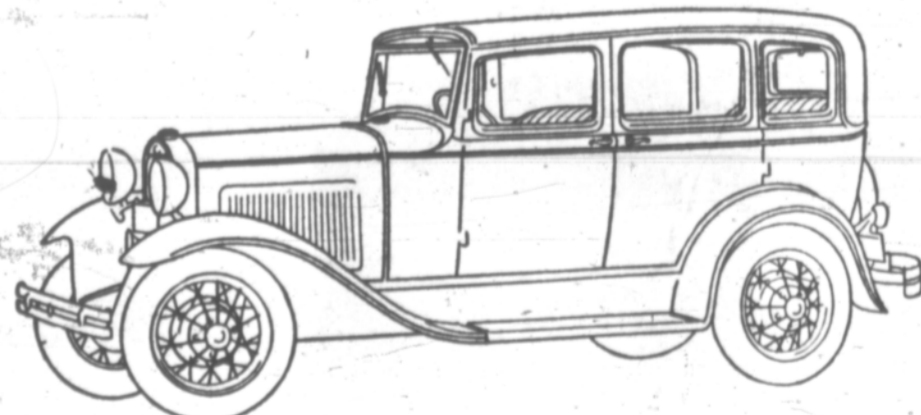
delivered in Denver at 6 o'clock in the evening after leaving Salem in the morning. Deliveries every other day are to follow. The altitude at which the plane flies eliminates the necessity of refrigeration.

A reduction in freight rates on canners pears between Medford and San Francisco was announced by the Southern Pacific railroad. The new rate, effective this season, is 33 1/2 cents a hundred. The old rate was 49 1/2 cents. The new rate gives the Medford district north and south markets and cuts the heavy differential which has favored Portland and the

Willamette valley. The Portland rate is 23 1/2 cents, and the Salem rate is 25 cents.

Before commanding officers and assembled soldiers of the 32d Infantry brigade of the Oregon national guard, and a throng of ex-associates, friends and admirers, a stately memorial in enduring gray granite was dedicated last week to the late George W. Joseph, at Camp Clatsop. The dedication occurred just a year from the day when Senator Joseph, republican nominee for governor of Oregon and long a member of its state senate, dropped dead while watching maneuvers of the 162d infantry.

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