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THE GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS.

We rise to introduce a new organization, the "Federation of American Business Men," banded together to oppose government in business and also to work against government cooperation and regulation of business.

When this country was young and there was no big business and every little small business and that in deadly competition with Europe's better managed firms, the business men of the country implored their legislators for relief and obtained the passage of the protective tariff so that industry could grow and prosper in the United States. Industry grew so large and strong on this tariff milk that regulation by the government was needed to keep them from taking too large a percent of the national income. It is very doubtful if that regulation has kept them from exercising their greed, but let that pass.

Now in this twentieth century after business has been combined and assisted to strength and fatness through government aid, the government is appropriating money to help the farmers in forming a cooperative organization so that agricultural industry could compete with the world. The farmers are one-third of the customers of this same big business; remember.

So along comes the "Federation of American Business Men" and decides that the government should not engage in business or give cooperatives assistance. Business has been aided by the government for 130 years and it is strong and powerful. Now its votaries arise to say "We who have been eating from the public counter for over a century want to abolish pie from the bill of fare when the farmer wants a stool along side of us."

When the marketing act was passed it was not with the intent of putting the government into the business of selling farm produce, at least for no extended time. Farmers need aid in forming an organization so that they could settle their own problems and this the marketing act provided. Whenever the farmers develop their organization so it can be operated successfully without government aid, that aid should be withdrawn. But the farmer is entitled to the same consideration from his government as other business have been receiving since the early days of American government.

It seems that there should be some distinction about this government in business idea. In helping the farmers form great cooperatives it is doing the same service for its citizens as it did when it aided the first manufacturers with a protective tariff. That is legitimate governmental function, but when the government goes into business in competition with an established industry, it is out of its place and to this extent the newly organized business men are correct. Government should regulate business and not compete with it.

LUCK.

A stray bit of verse about luck has been rambling about among the brain cells for weeks, upsetting preconceived notions, arousing sometimes a desire to mend vagrant ways, and in general upsetting the apperception of personal satisfaction. It is one of those mottos that people are forever hanging on their walls to stimulate their brain to occasional thought through repeated warnings.

It coincides nicely in its teachings with another saying that warns, "When having bad luck, overhaul your management." It seems that luck is not a matter of having a rich uncle pass into the great eternity leaving his property in your hands, or of having the boss suddenly raise your salary because a new slant to your immature sideburns. Rather it is a matter of constant and unremitting attention to the business at hand.

We are passing the bit of verse on partly in the hope that once written it may cease to wander around in the byways of a lazy brain kicking latent ambition into shameface action.

LUCK, means rising at six o'clock in the morning, living on a dollar a day if you earn two, mind your own business and not meddling with other people's.

LUCK, means appointments you have never failed to keep. The trains you have never failed to catch.

LUCK, means trusting in God, and your own resources.

—Max O'Rell.

The best we can hope for the new highway commissioner and the Meier highway commission is that they continue the non-political example set by their predecessors.

Now all of the mills of the northwest are busy grinding wheat into flour for the Chinese and the northwest surplus of wheat is gone, used, wiped out. Let's talk about a shortage for a while. We need a change.

If Wasco county would give a little interest to the highway between Shaniko and the junction of the Dalles-Criterion highway with Federal highway No. 97 it would help to that county's prestige with tourists.

Grass Valley

C. B. Doyle has been enjoying a visit from his son who has spent several days here.

John Buether drove to Portland Monday with a truck load of hogs for the appetites of city folks.

Estell Hartley has rented the Eakin garage, vacated by C. W. Fields, and has moved from the Hays garage.

Mat Simon made a trip to Portland the first of the week. Cap. Rutledge accompanied him and remained in the city.

J. W. Shepard and S. B. Holmes were in The Dalles last Tuesday on business connected with the elevator company.

Alfred Kock has bought the old scales of the Tum-A-Lum Company and has moved them to his ranch north of town.

Mrs. R. O. Baldwin, who has been cooking at the Peters' place for a year or more, left for Denver, Colo., the first of the week.

Carson von Borste, returned to his home in Portland last Tuesday after visiting his children here. Amandus drove him to his home.

Rev. York who conducted the revival meetings here, filled the pulpit of the Hinson Memorial church in Portland last Sunday for Rev. Rogers.

Grant Garland of the county road crew passed through town Wednesday with the county machinery. He was on his way to the site of the Sherar's road.

The Grass Valley Elevator has received their final payment on the elevator sold to the Farmers' National Warehousing Corporation and the checks have been mailed to the stockholders.

Miss Polly Mae Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson of Kent, and Dederick Reckmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Reckmann of Grass Valley, were married in The Dalles the first of the week.

J. J. Conroy loaded out his lambs last Tuesday at the stock yards. These were a very good bunch of sheep as the average weight of the 960 was over 73 pounds. Tom Boylan of Pendleton, was the purchaser.

C. W. Fields has left Grass Valley for Bend. Babe has rented a garage in the lumber city and has already moved his tools and equipment. Mrs. Fields and the children will leave as soon as they can rent a house in Bend.

Arthur Justesen has been nursing a very bad finger for three weeks and upon X raying it last Wednesday found that it will be necessary to have a part of it amputated. An operation for the removal of a cyst caused the trouble originally.

J. W. Hays suffered a painful injury last Wednesday night at his garage. He started to the back door to assist Mac Alsop in getting his truck out of a hole and fell into the open pit in the repair shop. The fall knocked him unconscious and those who carried him to the front of the garage thought he was dead, but he was revived. Dr. Foley found that he had broken some ribs and was badly bruised and shaken up.

Grass Valley School Notes

MARIETTA PERRY, EDITOR

The volley ball girls played a very fast, tense, thrilling game with Rufus on the local floor Friday night. In the first half both teams were pretty evenly matched and the half ended with Rufus ahead by a score of 15-12. But the Grass Valley team got together in the last half and succeeded in getting and staying ahead of Rufus. When the final whistle blew the score stood 36-31 in favor of Grass Valley. Their next game will be with the Kent sextet on the local floor.

The Lineup
Marietta Perry Helen Stark
Pauline Newcomb Eva Perry
Cynthia Bell Lois Russell
Those substituting were Maxine Rolfe, Norma Garrett, Ellen Cox and Pearl Bell. Referee for the game was Mr. McGowan.

Bobby Rolfe has returned to school, walking with the assist-

ance of crutches.
Mr. Arch Russell, Rev. York and Rev. Boyce visited school Thursday morning.

Glenn Perry hurt his shoulder while practicing football Monday afternoon.

As no one felt like studying Friday afternoon the remaining students got together and sang songs.

Mr. Hughes and Willard Barnett gave a report Monday morning on the football game at Maupin Friday afternoon.

Kent School Notes

WON FIRST GAME

The Kent volley ball girls won the first game of the season last Friday evening when they defeated Moro on the home floor. At the close of the first half the score was 22-13 in favor of Kent. The second half was more exciting as the girls were determined to stay ahead of the opponents all the time. Although the score was close several times, the game ended 45-29.

The Kent team will go to Grass Valley to play that team on Friday, Oct. 9th.

The freshman initiation party which was given in the gym last Friday evening, Oct. 2, after the volley ball game, was a great success, as parents, patrons, and friends of the school, as well as pupils seem to enjoy themselves.

This is the first of a series of community parties which the school will sponsor.

The pupils of the seventh and eighth grades have subscribed for "Current Events" now and are enjoying that paper very much.

The pupils of the primary room are having a health contest with the boys on one side and the girls on the other. The side that loses will give the others a Halloween party.

Kent News

Miss Loraine Darby spent the week end in Wasco.

Virgil Schadwitz and Walter Wilson left for Portland last Friday where they expect to stay for some time.

Mrs. Wren Hogue, accompanied by Darrow Kelly, motored to Cottage Grove last Friday to bring back Mr. Hogue who has been there on a hunting trip and visit.

Wilbur Helyer and son Durwood returned home Monday from a hunting trip. This time Mr. Helyer succeeded in bringing home a deer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Walton and Mr. and Mrs. Willy Knight and daughter, Anajean, were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and family accompanied by Hester Lyons visited in The Dalles Saturday, after which they went to Rufus where they spent Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams of Antelope visited relatives in Kent Sunday. Mrs. Adams returned home Monday morning.

Mrs. J. H. Schassen and daughter, Hilda, were visitors at the J. L. Davis home over the week end.

Darrel Altermat, James Rees and Lawrence Gott were visitors from Shaniko who attended the volley ball game and high school party last Friday.

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Married.

RECKMANN-WILSON.

Mr. Dietrick Reckmann, Jr. of Grass Valley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrick Reckman, Sr. and Miss Pollie Mae Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, of Kent were united in marriage last Saturday Oct. 3 at The Dalles. Reverend W. I. Eck performed the ceremony. Those who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Clarice and Nellie, son Charles, and Hester Lyons. The young couple left immediately on

a trip to the Willamette valley. After returning they will make their home on the John Reckman place, two miles east of Kent.

News of the Week

NOW coming home to the United States, we read that President Hoover is hard at work pruning down the cost of the federal government

in the effort to meet the prospective treasury deficit of between a billion and a half dollars. According to Washington dispatches, his program contemplates a limited increase in taxes, rigorous economies in government expenditures and congressional appropriations and continued borrowing at lowest interest rates in many years. The interest rate on the public debt, it was pointed out, is much higher than the rate that can be obtained on treasury paper at the present time.

On Tuesday it was announced that Mr. Hoover had decided to eliminate the naval building program laid out for the 1933 fiscal year and, in addition, to cut down the destroyer program, already appropriated for, from eleven ships to five. Reductions for the navy over the next three years, it was stated, stand to run as much as one hundred million dollars.

This certainly will be a terrible blow to Senator Frederick Hale of Maine, chairman of the naval affairs committee, and those of his colleagues who belong in the "big navy" class. Whether they can do anything about it remains to be seen. Navy officials, without wishing to be quoted, point out that if Mr. Hoover's economy plan is carried out, our navy will sink to third place by the end of 1932, when it will rank below that of Japan in all but capital ships. It may be remarked, too, that it doesn't do much good to the steel concerns, the shipyards and their employees.

SENATOR JAMES E. WATSON of Indiana, majority leader of the senate, has called to the attention of President Hoover the fact that higher tariff rates may be necessary to protect American industries from the depreciated currencies of nations, when they have abandoned the gold standard, these now including Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Mr. Watson says he believes that if the depreciated currency program continues for any length of time, the tariff rates of the Hawley-Smoot tariff act will be abrogated and it will be absolutely necessary to raise the rates from 20 to 25 per cent to overcome the lower production costs in countries now on the double currency standard. Canada already has taken such action.

There is still a lot of agitation for the sales tax which Senator Reed of Pennsylvania advocates, but treasury officials are quoted as saying there is small chance for congressional approval of the plan this winter, though they admit it might be workable. The treasury is opposed to balancing the budget through borrowing over any extended period of time, or to even temporary suspension of the sinking fund, which provides for an "orderly retirement" of the public debt.

FOLLOWING the example of United States Steel and other big corporations, the Aluminum Company of America announced a 10 per cent reduction of salaries and wages effective on October 1, throughout the company and all its subsidiaries. This concern is owned almost wholly by the Mellon family. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, still a stockholder, is said not to have been informed that the cut was coming. He declined to make any comment.

The action by the Aluminum company further aroused Congressman Wright Patman of Texas, who already had announced he would seek during the next session of congress to have Mr. Mellon removed from office because of his stock ownership in corporations. Patman says he has been working all summer gathering data to support his resolution for the impeachment of Mr. Mellon. The secretary, he asserts, is "directly interested in the business of trade and commerce" within the meaning of the old law he will cite.

"Mr. Mellon relinquished his position on the board of directors of the Aluminum company," Patman said, "but, as a stockholder, he directs the board. His brother represents him." Among the other large concerns that have just reduced salaries or wages or both are the Delaware, Lackawanna

WASHINGTON officialdom was surprised and scarcely pleased to learn that Senor Don Manuel Telles, ambassador from Mexico and for two years dean of the diplomatic corps, had been recalled to Mexico City, where, it was said, he would be given a post in the foreign office or possible sent to some European capital. He is to be succeeded by Dr. Puig Casauranc.

Senor Telles has been regarded by his colleagues in the diplomatic corps as successful in conducting diplomatic representations before this government. He came to Washington in 1920 as first secretary, shortly afterward became charge d'affaires upon the departure of Ambassador Ronillas, and remained in that capacity until 1925, when he was appointed ambassador by President Calles.

Five years afterward, when Pascual Ortiz Rubio assumed the presidency of Mexico, Telles, conforming to the custom in diplomatic missions, tendered his resignation, but this was declined. Later when Ortiz-Rubio and his family visited the capital they were the guests of the ambassador.

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Fiddler: The leading lady seems to have a break in her enunciation this evening.

Orchestra Leader: Say, you keep your eye on your music.

Fiddler: I'm keeping my eye on business now even if one ear is on the world series part time.—E. E. Gervais, Ward Manager.

Now since the money is all sent out and the bank had to close, let's patronize the local merchant until we build up a new financial standing and get a new bank. The next thing that will happen will be the loss of the railroad. Buy local and get the benefit of carload lots shipment and keep the rails from rusting.

J. S. Taylor, R.R. Agent, Grass Valley, is having one of Tum-A-Lum's special roofs laid over the old one on his residence. Mr. Nelson is doing the work.

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