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PROGRESSING ANYWAY

What history will say about the economic troubles we are now undergoing is uncertain, but it seems possible that, like the flurry of 1907, it will be referred to as a money panic. Just now, it looks as if the financial structure of the country is the cause of the weakness that has tied up the movement of goods throughout the nation.

There has been an effort within the last three or four years to maintain our financial and business firms on a war time basis. This has been particularly true of banks and railroads. It is plain now that this cannot succeed. Everyone has come to the realization that the depression is not a temporary set back in our progress, but is a change to the lower price levels of pre-war days.

With smaller prices and less credit the inflated capitalization of the nineteen twenties cannot continue. Reorganization must be used to reduce overhead, interest charges, excess taxes and other expenses caused by over capitalization. It is the water in organizations that has caused them to freeze.

This movement will not hurt the farmer for he has already been deflated. If the organization of business firms is complete the farmer should profit by lower prices of transportation and other things he has to buy.

The last week's developments seem to foretell the end of banking as we have known it the last twenty years. If the government really guarantees deposits, it will be forced to exercise a control over bank practices and investments that will preclude speculation in bonds, in mortgages and in general business. Banks will be places to keep money, not institutions to control the fates of a communities, counties or a nation.

Apparently we are at the end of the post-war speculative era. The days of silk shirts, big business executives, new cars every spring, jazz, and other manifestations of ready money in abundance are gone to be recalled only in the uninspiring pages of history books. And whether it is for the better or for the worse it is what good Doctor Necessity has ordered and we will take our medicine.

OH, GEE

Ain't nature grand. Ain't human nature wonderful. Wednesday listeners to the noon news broadcast heard that the president, his secretary of agriculture and secretary of treasury believed that the proper price for wheat should be between \$1.12 and \$1.25 tidewater and that they would immediately take steps to adjust the difference between the present price and the proper price.

Were we excited? Say, if a man has been living on beans for three years does he smack his lips over the prospect of fried chicken? Groups buzzed on every corner. There was no topic of conversation but \$1.25 wheat. One couldn't have bought a kernel at a price less than ninety cents here. All the remembrances of the good old days when every farmer was a king were recalled.

It might be that some memories went back to approximately four years ago when the incoming Hoover administration set a price of \$1.13 tidewater and farmers were happy. That the result was not entirely satisfactory in its later developments was forgotten. We were all hopped up over the mere mention of \$1.12 wheat.

The morning's papers were strangely silent on the proposal, however, being interested in banking principally, but there was a story to the effect that a plan for the reduction of acreage would be proposed. The land unused would be rented by the government and held from production.

Thus endeth the dream. But, no one can blame a hungry man for dreaming hopefully of beefsteak and french fried covered with plenty of rich gravy.

Perhaps public sentiment will serve to prevent improper use of public utility power since the Thomas bill failed to pass. Give the public accurate information about the utilities and control is easy.

Here's one for the economy league. As Roosevelt is going to be in absolute control anyway, why not fire congress and use the money for public works, or a subsidy to farmers?

Everytime something happens during a depression we are won't to say, "This must be the turning point."

Walter Pierce wants to locate unemployed on the land. Misery in need of company, eh.

To judge from the hulla-ballo the legislators don't dare go home anyway

Grass Valley

Matt Simon and two daughters spent last week end in The Dalles with the Con Buckley family.

Mrs. R. O. Baldwin is here again this spring to work for Peter Peters. She is a sister of Mrs. Grover Young.

Sherman Chapter, O. E. S. held a special meeting March 1st, for the Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Inez Glaisyer, who was paying an official visit, and was accompanied by Mrs. Helen Priddy, a member of the Jurisprudence Committee and Grand Representative. There were visitors present from Antelope, Moro and Wasco. Light refreshments were served, and a gift was presented by the W. M.

J. H. Wilt and Co. will accept wheat for old and new accounts at 40c per bushel.

Saturday evening March 11, the play "Two Days to Marry," will be given at Grass Valley City Auditorium, by Harlandview Grange, under auspices of Sherars Grange. Admission 15c and 25c.

A cutting scrape in which a former resident of this county was wounded at a dance in the Bakeoven district Saturday night. Oliver Schadewitz had invited some friends for a social dance. After it was over a dispute arose over the distribution of the collection for the musicians and Les Holt, shepherd of Shaniko, attacked Mr. Schadewitz cutting him about the neck and chest. His injury is not considered serious at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hendricks who formerly operated the Valley Inn here visited this week in this county. Mrs. Hendricks is a daughter of Mrs. Lou Schadewitz.

Mrs. Helene Lemley entertained at the home of her sister Mrs. Henry Tetz Wednesday evening.

Members of the Eastern Star enjoyed a session at cards and other entertainment Tuesday night at their hall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Davies and Miss Edmonds of the local teaching staff spent the week end in Portland.

Miss Helen Engstrom has been ill for the past week.

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Neal Cameron, driving a new light truck, made this territory for his company this week.

R. H. Jonas, publisher of the Central Oregonian of Prineville and Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. lodge was here Tuesday. He will return for a meeting between Kent and Grass Valley lodges Saturday night at Kent.

Farmers are putting in the grain in the Liberty settlement this week. The ground is dry enough to work and the farmers are ambitious.

Edison Southerland and Earl Olds returned from upper Washington last week and Edison remained here. They have been watching a mine and both look like they had had plenty of exercise.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES

The English IV class has now completed its work in Literature, and is starting on the M. O. S. work book. This grammar review will absorb the interest of the class for the remaining twelve weeks.

The Freshmen have given a sigh of relief now that grammar review is completed. But, Fresh, don't think that it is over. Literature isn't any snap its self.

The students in American history

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After a few more games of the grade school baseball league being played under the window where Botany class is held, the students will be able to study in a boiler factory.

Last Friday the boys basketball team went to The Dalles to play in the district tournament as the Sherman county A team. A peppy school assembly served as a send off. However, the boys returned the same night defeated in the first game.

Now that basketball is over the girls are playing indoor baseball and the boys have started work on the tennis court. They are getting it in shape so that it can be used as soon as the weather permits.

The report cards were given out Tuesday and those appearing on the honor roll are Cora Bayer, Catherine Burton, Isabelle Fortner, Janet Wilcox, Mildred Alley, Dorothy Fairchild, Lawrence Todd, Vivian Reynolds, and Genevieve Beardsley.

A three act play, "The Adventures of Grandpa," has been selected for the annual school play and casting will be completed this week. It will be given some time this spring.

Too Late For Last Week

The Grass Valley Tigers suffered defeat at the hands of Rufus Monday evening by a score of 17 to 13. Although many baskets were attempted fate had a hold of the ball and they failed to go in. However, the girls were victorious in their attempt to win. Their final score was 20 to 13.

As the basket ball season draws to a close enthusiasm is quickened by the realization that our school is to be represented at the Mid-Columbia Basketball Tournament. The Tournament is to be held at The Dalles this year. Our team will represent Sherman County's A team. The first game will be played with the Hood River County's B team Friday evening.

The two one-act plays directed by Miss Edmonds, were presented at the auditorium Saturday evening by the student body. A great deal of talent was discovered among those taking

part. The characters in "Bargains of Cathay" were: Glendora Garrett, Owen Eakin, Mary Brown, Nova Gervais, Phillip Boyer, Loren Beardsley, and Earle Shipley. In "Dumb Waiter" the characters were: Mildred Alley, Norma Garrett, Ellen Cox, Charlotte Ruggles, Genevieve Beardsley. Intermission numbers were presented by the following students: Norma Garrett, Glendora Garrett, Ellen Cox, Charlotte and Orville Ruggles and Charlotte Beardsley.

Earle McKinney of Moro visited school Tuesday afternoon.

Six weeks exams which are in full swing this week, find everyone in preparation for the finals.

The Washington program given last Tuesday was quite entertaining. The greatest part of the program was presented by the grades, however a few numbers were given by the high school.

The lunch time has again been changed to an hour. Last Wednesday was a holiday as it was Washington's birthday.

Kent News

We wish to thank the many friends who contributed so greatly with words of sympathy and kindness, at the funeral of our Uncle John Daugherty. Also to acknowledge, with thanks the floral offerings.

May M. and B. M. Hawley.

Among those who visited in The Dalles last week were: Miss Murdina Medler, Mrs. Max Pluemke, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthes, Clarice Wilson, Edna Lyons, Mrs. Paul Wilson, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Berna Orr, Della Helyer, Albert Pluemke, Kendrick Dunlap, Jesse Helyer, Walter Nicodemus, Arthus Justesen, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phelan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. MacInnes.

J. H. Kelly who has been suffering from an infected eye is much improved and is able to be back at work after being laid up for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ayres and son Loren made a business trip to Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harbin and son

Earl of Grass Valley spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Essie Wilson.

Mrs. Max Pluemke gave a surprise birthday party for Karl last Friday evening. The evening was spent in dancing and playing cards. At midnight dainty refreshments were served. Among those who attended were: Harley McKay, Arnold Dellinger, Millard Howell, Edna Lyons, Alta and Cecil Norton, Charles, Clarice and Helen Wilson, Jack and Anna Sather, Lorena Young, Charles, Margaret and Kendrick Dunlap, Maxine and Albert Pluemke, Margeurite, Clarice and Robert Mitchell, Marion and Joseph Morrow.

Miss Helen Osborn of Moro and Durward Helyer of Wapinitia spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer.

Leut. Carl Nelson and Miss Murdina Medler spent the week end in The Dalles visiting with the latter's

sister. Ernest Blaylock and son Boyce of Grass Valley were business visitors in Kent last Monday evening.

Kent Grange No. 688 will hold its next regular meeting Saturday evening, March 11th. At that time there will be a St. Patrick program given and also the 3rd and 4th degree initiatory work will be put on.

Roy Barnett and Roy Justesen made a business trip to Portland Wednesday. Roy Justesen remained there to begin work soon.

Will Barnett and Tom Barnett of Grass Valley were visitors Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of the formers sister, Mrs. J. L. Matthes.

Johnnie Decker was a visitor in Portland over the week end.

John and Dick Reckmann were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

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