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KEEP THE STATIONS

Director of the budget Douglass is apparently determined to do away with dry land field stations now operating under the department of agriculture. This will entirely stop the Pendleton and the Hermiston stations in Oregon and will remove some of the funds from the local station and from the state college.

The director contends that dry land and irrigated farmers are producing too much already. An opposite contention, which seems to us to be reasonable, is that the knowledge gained by experimentation in agriculture will tend to make farming more efficient and in the end lower costs and raise profits. The aim of the government should be to take out of production entirely that part of the land now growing crops unprofitably. Every aid should be given to increasing production on good land.

If growers of wheat on dry land can be taught by the government to increase their production by better methods wheat can be produced cheaper and this nation can more nearly complete with foreign growers. If we stop scientific work and drop back to inefficient methods we will be years regaining the leading position we now hold.

When temporary overproduction hits manufacturing no sensible man contends that shoes should again be made by hand or that stocking should be woven on hand looms. It is no more sensible to contend that farmers should adopt poorer methods or stop experiments that will retard progress.

HAL HOSS

Hal Hoss is gone and friends all over the state are recalling his friendliness. Probably there has been no one in public life for a generation with as many friends as Hal Hoss, for he had the faculty of genuine interest in everyone he met. He liked people and people, as they will, responded by liking him.

It is easy for the cynic to say that it was mere political ability that caused Hoss to remember so graciously every acquaintance, but it would be error. Because he had worked at many things, lived with all classes of people, Hoss was interested in everyone, liked them, wanted to help them with their problems and often did.

A BANK

Word from Heppner is to the effect that the newly established branch bank has already received deposits far in excess of the sum expected until after harvest. This is good news for Heppner and it is also good news for Sherman countians who have contended that in case a bank was established in this county deposits would be satisfactory to the bank.

This paper contends that a county with a per capita income as large as that of Sherman county will not be long without a bank. It may be necessary for bankers to try it out before they become convinced, but once a branch, or an independent bank, is started here we are sure the result will be pleasing. It has proven to be in Morrow county.

Strange as it may seem bankers are looking for places to loan more money. They insist on good security, and prompt payment of course. They will have more opportunities to make such loans when they put branches in districts where such loans are possible. Therefore it cannot be many moons before a bank is in operation here.

The political pot has begun to simmer. Already Mr. Brown and Mr. Martin have become hot enough to announce to an anxiously awaiting world their intentions on the governorship. Before it is over we hope some one well acquainted with the state, especially eastern Oregon gets into the race.

Sherman county is only a month behind in its warrants and is catching up rapidly. If taxes are paid in March we should be on a cash basis again. You can't keep a good county down.

An actress has made the headlines by the simple expedient of fighting with her husband. She says she likes to fight. So do I. That's the reason they do it.

It seems there is always a dark cloud on the brightest horizon. Some are worried over the lack of snow in the mountains.

France has called a former president, a smiling man, to come to the rescue. Ah ha. "The cheerful grin let you in."

A lot of folks ain't goin' to feel good all summer unless it snows or freezes some time this month.

Review of
Week's Events

Young Bremer has not been found. After three days of waiting for more word from the kidnappers the father said he would turn the matter over to the police. It is feared in some quarters that the young man was slain as a letter to the family disclosed.

The government's gold program which was designed to drive down the value of the American dollar in foreign markets has been working very slowly for the few days it has been in operation. The first day the pound remained the same and during the second day it actually fell instead of rising as lowered value of the dollar was supposed to make it. As gold is worth more in the United States per ounce than in Europe there is reported to be much gold on the way to America for sale. The secretary of treasury has a fund of two billion with which to buy this gold if and when it arrives.

The NRA is still being criticized. Those interested in the consumer hold that the ultimate consumer is at a decided disadvantage under the plan and friends of the small business man are contending that he has little chance against the big corporations unless relieved from the provisions of the codes. Criticism has also been directed against the administrators of many of the codes as they are reported to be men who are from big business companies and who see things from the corporation angle instead of from that of the general welfare.

Gay Patee is gay no more. Streets that were at one time filled with pleasure seekers are now filled with rioters who have thrown up barricades and who are trying to reach government buildings. The entire affair is an outgrowth of the public scandals attendant on the recent disclosures about the man Stavisky who smoothly robbed the people of many thousands of francs. It is thought that government officials were aiding him in his theft and therefore the anger at the government. One cabinet member has fallen and the new one, headed by Daladier is not strong enough to cope with the rioters so far, and may fall.

An ex-soldier named Hoyt has confessed to derailing the freight train on the north bank road last summer. In that wreck near Wishram two men were killed and ten were badly mangled by flying timbers. Hoyt claims that he had been put off a freight train and that he was trying to get even with the railroad company. He was caught as he was trying to wreck another train.

What may result in a government scandal is being unearthed in Washington over reputed graft in war department contracts and mail contracts. It is charged that air mail companies were given huge contracts to carry mail that was unduly profitable.

There is talk of devaluing silver to aid in the controlled inflation. There has been a call from the president for the reduction of interest rates for the purpose of aiding the debtor to get even with the world and there is a proposal that the federal tax on gasoline be raised and the income surtaxes be lowered. All of these are matters that in quieter times would be heralded with black headlines and discussed on every corner. Today they are received with almost a yawn for the average reader has become so accustomed to having radical proposals made that no day is complete without at least one such "hoax." Men and women of America have found that even the most violent changes in governmental policy do not effect them as much as they have been led to believe.

Grass Valley

Arnold Sharp and wife returned to Grass Valley Tuesday after a trip through Washington from Olympia where they have spent the last few months.

Hans Koepke is home from a trip to Portland where he spent the week end.

The faculty play "A Pair of Sixes" will be given Saturday night February 10th at the Civic Auditorium. Due to local regulations there will be no dance after the show as previously announced.

Henry Patjens says he has fed his sheep but four days all this winter. He will begin tagging shortly.

Art Bibby returned from Portland Thursday bringing his wife and son up with him for a few weeks visit with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. B. F. Strange is visiting here from Portland. She is the mother of Mrs. M. Simon.

L. R. French was absent from the city for a few days while on a business trip to Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peters spent a few days in Portland and St. Helens this week.

Fred Cox, Grass Valley representative on the county fair board, attended a meeting of that board in Moro Wednesday.

It is reported here that Don Smith and Erasmus Baker drove on into California after their recent visit here last week end.

Neal Freemap was here Tuesday checking local business houses for the United States department of commerce.

Mrs. John Henry Flynn is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peters. Mrs. Flynn is a sister of Mrs. Peters.

LATEST SHOES HIDE
SIZE OF YOUR FOOT

Actually, they tell us that women are wearing shoes from a size to a size and a half longer than they were a decade ago. But the new shoes for spring are so artfully designed that they make the foot look inches shorter.

The tendency toward a higher cut is more marked than ever in this new footwear, with many versions of the oxford and the monk's shoe in evidence. Toes are rounder, and heels cupped to give a shorter effect to the foot.

Sports shoes are smartly sturdy, and calf, the ideal material for this type of shoes, is promised more importance than usual for spring wear with tweeds and sweaters. Buckskin, and other suede-finished leathers, also promise to hold good for the coming season.

Buttons Trim New Gowns
for Summer Evenings

Buttons are used to trim a summer evening gown of pink cross-bar organdie. The buttons, covered with the same material, are set in a prim row down the front of the high basque-like bodice and in the back below the waist on the deep yoke of the skirt.

Beads of White Coral
Real white coral is so inexpensive in these days of low prices that it is possible to get necklaces, bracelets and earrings for the price one paid for imitation a few seasons ago. They are smart with white or dark clothes.

Jacket Blouse
A black crepe dress with a glimpse of pleated white marquisette is charming for late afternoon and informal dinner. A jacket with three-quarter puff sleeves is made to go over it and button up the back, transforming it into a perfect daytime costume.

THRIFTY FASHIONS
ARE NOW SMARTEST

Thrifty fashions are often the smartest ones—at least that is the contention of a good many of the most important French dressmakers. Current French fashions, as illustrated by the style shows now going on in Paris, show a marked tendency toward more simple clothes and toward a general practicality.

One of the favorite examples of these new thrifty fashions is the suit whose jacket portion is a three-quarter coat. A coat of this type is considered neither an out-and-out jacket nor is it listed among the topcoats—so it results in sharing the advantages of each.

University Debaters Practise

EUGENE, Ore.—An entirely new system of forensics, called the symposium plan, which abolishes altogether the old style debate where "judges" weighed the "arguments" and "methods of presentation" and then gave a decision for the "affirmative or negative" side, has been adopted at the University of Oregon. It was announced here today by John L. Casteel and W. A. Dahlberg, forensic directors. Under the new system the teams will not just meet other schools, but will go from community to community over the state and will present their questions before audiences of citizens.

The season opened February 1, when the students journeyed to Westfir, near Eugene, and presented their views on the question, "Is there an inequitable tax distribution in the state of Oregon?"

"The whole object behind the new plan is to train college men and women so that they can approach vital problems objectively and with a scientific mind," states Mr. Casteel. "It is our conviction that these people who support our state institutions are interested in having their young men and women who are sent

to college bring back to their communities solutions to problems that are current and vital."

Communities that are already on the schedule include Kerby, Glendale, Aurora, Buell, Sheridan, Willakenzie, Portland, Westfir, and others.

A second question that will be taken up by the squad is "Is there a wasteful expenditure of the Oregon tax dollar with regard to our public elementary and secondary schools?"

New Wheat
Grows Important

The outlook for the new 1934 wheat crop is becoming an increasingly important feature in the wheat situation. Taken altogether, the acreage sown to winter wheat in the Northern hemisphere this season, shows little change from that of a year ago. Moderate decreases have occurred in the United States and in important wheat producing areas if Europe, including France, Italy and Germany. In the Danubian countries, seeding last autumn was delayed and the total acreage of winter wheat was reduced to 17,564,000 acres as against 18,962,000 acres seeded in 1932. This brings the total for European countries reporting, outside of Russia, to 51,062,000 acres against 53,616,000 acres a year earlier. The Russian planned acreage for winter wheat was 31,135,000 acres in 1933, compared with 36,101,000 acres in 1932. Actual seedings, however, amounted to 29,785,000 acres this season, compared with 28,058,000 acres seeded for the 1933 crop.

The smaller seedings in North America and Europe however, are mostly offset by an increase of 7 per cent in India, the largest wheat producer of winter wheat, outside of the United States. The acreage is placed at 34,053,000 acres, as against 31,831,000 acres reported in the corresponding period last year. Crop conditions are generally less favorable than last year. The U. S. crop germinated unevenly as a result of inadequate moisture in important areas. Dry weather has persisted in the Western Great Plains, with continued deterioration in winter wheat and in places grain is beyond recovery. Subzero weather during the week damaged wheat in the Central Ohio valley and Eastern Great Plains. Alternate freezing and thawing has caused some deterioration to European crops but the condition of the Indian crop is reported most favorable of recent years.

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Fred James of Hood River were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson Sunday afternoon.

W. R. Adams was an overnight guest at the J. C. Wilson home while enroute to his home at Antelope from Seattle, Washington, where he has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Melvin and Emma Schadewitz and Mrs. Ramsey of Moro and Mrs. E. J. Barnett of Clem and Mrs. J. L. Matthes were dinner guests Wednesday of Mrs. G. L. Barnett.

BRIGHTER COLORS
SPRING FORECAST

Watermelon-Rose and Almond
Green Popular Shades.

Brighter colors are forecast for spring wear. Watermelon-rose, purple, almond green and sapphire blue wool ensembles combined with harmonious hues are an outstanding note.

Most of the new ensembles combine a straight line frock with a brief fitted matching jacket which ends at the hipbones. Sleeves of the dresses are long or short, waistlines remain at the natural line, while necks often show a high draped line.

A long sleeved frock of watermelon-rose angora wool appears with a short fitted jacket of the same hue, and a soft almond green wool dress is worn with a matching jacket and turban accented by a bow or black cire ribbon.

Others stress more daring color combinations. A purple frock of soft wool has a bodice of pale lavender wool under its little purple jacket, while an ensemble of sapphire blue is marked by a blouse and jacket lining of brilliant emerald green.

Black Chiffon Is Being

Revived for Evening Wear
Black chiffon, an old favorite evening fashion, is being revived. Many smart women, tired of bright red crepe and black satins, are taking up a fashion that has always had big seasons of success, and are adapting it to 1933 silhouettes.

Many of the newest evening dresses appearing at fashionable theater openings are either entirely of black chiffon, or are of chiffon combined with lace or with satin.

Mrs. Carl Schadewitz is recovering from her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barnett and daughters of Grass Valley were all day guests Sunday at the home of J. L. and Mrs. Matthes.

Woodrow Cox of Antelope was visiting Charles Wilson Sunday.

Wilbur Haggerty, Mr. and Mrs. John MacInnes and Mrs. Ida Davis and Pauline attended services at the Baptist church in Grass Valley Sunday night.

John Decker went to Portland Sunday to spend a few days with his sister Hazel who is in school in the city.

Jay and Harley McKay, Alta Norton, and Phoebe Lyons spent Sunday with friends in The Dalles.

Marguerite Mitchell is spending a few days this week in Portland visiting relatives.

Those in The Dalles shopping and transacting business from Kent this week were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dellinger and son Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and son Lester, A. A. Dunlap and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Charles and daughter Nellie, Mrs. Ida Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer.

The American Legion gave a dance here Saturday night with a good attendance.

The Kent Sunday school had an attendance of 44, with an offering of

\$1.98.
Kendrick Dunlap, who is in school at Oregon State Normal at Monmouth, came home Thursday evening accompanied by his mother Mrs. A. A. Dunlap who has been in Portland for some time receiving medical treatment.

Kent School Notes

The jinks is bust! The girls won a game! They defeated the town team Friday night to a score of 38-20. The girls hope that it has been this jinks that has caused them to lose all the games so far and that now they will snap out of it and win a few.

There will be two games on the Kent floor this week end, both of them town teams. The boys play Maupin Friday and Wapinitia Saturday. The grade teams will play a game first each night.

The Intermediate room is presenting a play "All about Washington" for our Washington Day program. The play concerns school children who think they know all about Washington but who fail to recognize him when they see him.

Mr. Knighton spent Tuesday afternoon here helping organize a 4-H club. There seems to be quite a bit of interest.

The upper grade room elected Luther Davis president and Edna McKay secretary of their student body for the present semester.

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