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## HOGS FOR THE SURPLUS

A new booklet has been published over the signatures of E. L. Potter and H. A. Lindgren which has for its purpose the marketing of surplus northwest wheat through livestock.

As is stated in the booklet we import 2,600,000 hogs which, if grown here in the northwest, could use up all the surplus grain, now wanting a market. Furthermore we ship our feeder lambs to the middle west where they are fattened on feed grown there. A million bushels of wheat could be used in this way. A million and a half bushels of wheat could be fed to steers in the northwest, the booklet says.

The idea is undoubtedly excellent. And almost certainly nothing will come of it. There is no present incentive for wheat farmers to fool around with hogs or sheep or cattle. They receive enough income from their wheat and government payments to make livestock growing unnecessary or, at least, the results so indicate. The report shows that hog raising is now more profitable than before the depression when wheat is used for feed. It now brings 4 cents per hundred more than wheat marketed for grain. That is less than 2.5 cents per bushel which is hardly enough to interest the average wheat grower.

## SPENDING PROGRAM FAILS

News that the house had rejected the president's program to put millions, or was it billions, of dollars into circulation through a lending-spending program was not unexpected for the senate had trimmed the bill of many of its features before it was sent to the house.

This last refusal by congress to permit the administration free rein in its keeping with its attitude during the entire session now ending. Whereas it was once the style to follow the president blindly it is now the style to oppose him and his ideas.

While no measures that may be considered economy were passed at the present session the general tendency was away from unconsidered spending. This may be the beginning of a period of paying back what has been spent for the past eight years. It will take a long time. We may now either go through a time of huge federal taxes to repay for the high spending we have been doing or go on until inflation catches up with us and the former seems to be the choice of congress.

The spend-lead program was the most ambitious one as it would have given authority to the government to lend to nearly every person in the nation. It is better that it is defeated.

## OLD HARVEST

Old timers, and many not so old, sit in the shade along the side walk and comment, these days, on the decline of harvest. Time was, they remember, when heading and threshing and wheat hauling and wheat piling required the full time from July to November.

Now, with reduced acres and improved machinery, one may say he had a long harvest if his run goes beyond fifteen days and when it is over it is all done except for putting up a few loads of straw on the farms where there is stock.

They used to cut their grain with a header and the biggest one was 14 feet. The process took days and days for the grain was stacked after being hauled. Then it was preferable to let it "go thru the sweat" and it was often necessary for the commercial threshing machine had to make the rounds and waits were common.

Crews consisted of around twenty hardworking, sweaty men who lived in the open, slept on the straw and ate in the cookshack jammed under the derrick table and sometimes sung on Saturday nights. There was rivalry among crews and each boasted of big days run.

Then there was the job of hauling the grain to town in wagons and long strings of four, six and eight horse teams loaded at the sick piles, pulled wearily toward the warehouses, day after day, until the job was done. Much of it was piled by hand, too.

Now a twenty foot combine, pulled by a tractor, runs over the field gathering the crop that is hauled away in bulk and when the last spear is cut harvest is over. Few men are needed, few days are required. The efficiency of wheat farming is much greater than in the past. Do farmers make more money? Ask them.

A distinction we care for no more than do the residents of Los Angeles is to break a record for extreme weather. Nevertheless last Thursday afternoon the thermometer at the experiment station crawled to one notch above the former record of 110 degrees and established a new high mark for hot weather discomfort. There have been summers in which one would have expected a record to fall but this has not been such a one. The spring and first month of summer had been cool if not cold. Then for some reason that is lost in the vagaries of a rather rogue weather man suddenly awake to his duties the sun bore down with a greater intensity than ever before since official temperature data was kept here. So we have a new record and one that we can keep a long time for all we care.

If distribution of power costs eight or ten times as much as generation of it as J. D. Ross said, efficiency of the distributing company or district is of greater importance than anything else.

## In Other Days

From the Observer August 3, 1901  
W. H. Morehouse supplied his farm with a new separator immediately on losing his first one by fire a week ago.

Dr. I. M. Smith is soaking his ills in Yachima bay this evening. Moro Silver Cornet Band will give a Harvest ball some time soon.

Two new warehouses at Grass Valley are nearing completion. There has been quite a force of men employed on both during the last week.

At a recent meeting of the WCTU it was decided to hold a Silver Medal contest sometime during the month of September.

The C. C. & N. Co.'s fine river steamer Frederick Billings was wrecked below Arlington Tuesday. This was her first trip.

From the Observer August 5, 1910  
Wilkerson and Tom expect to start their threshing by the 8th.

Rufus went dry by a large majority for 8 days. The waterworks were out of commission.

Miss Eliza Morrison returned from the country on the 29th.

Johnnie Hunter was in Moro on night last week from DeMoss.

Mrs. Pernie Johnson is up from the valley lending her aid to Mr. and Mrs. C. N. O'Leary in the harvest.

Fred Rose has been appointed a charge of the K-G warehouse at DeMoss.

Judge Rudolf and Charlie Huck returned from their auto trip south on the 31st.

Bread loaves in The Dalles and Portland are beginning to shrink in size with the approach of fall wheat.

Grass Valley Journal Aug. 6, 1920  
John Karlin was a visitor here Monday evening.

The Antelope Stampede will take place in that city on the 16th, 17th and 18th of September.

Mrs. Wm. Johnston of Antelope spent Monday in Grass Valley, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Thatcher.

Another little touch of warm weather during the fore part of the week; Wednesday at one o'clock the thermometer registered 89 degrees.

Harvest is in full blast at Kent this week. Although the crop is not as good all around as it was estimated some time ago, it is fair. Reports all the way from "7 to 14 sacks. Some of the later wheat will be a little off grade but the quality will average fair.

From the Observer Aug. 6th, 1920

G. E. Mathews, proprietor of Moro Opera House, concluded a deal this week by means of which he also becomes proprietor of the L. W. Ross confectionery.

Mrs. Carl Frederick returned from Portland Sunday from a visit with her parents.

G. H. Hansen and Archie Blue accompanied R. S. Goff and his mother this week on a brief visit to Crater Lake.

Dr. Lloyd Idleman and wife, Mrs. Jeanne Stamey and Miss Helen Idleman, all from Pendleton, were visiting at the A. S. Johnson home this week en route to Crater Lake.

Among the first reported to have finished threshing in the Fairview district was M. Neal who housed his machine Saturday. A good crop averaged better than 13 sacks per acre.

## Statehouse Gossip

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the war department for enough of the new style trousers to supply the 1500 men of the 186th infantry and the 218th Field artillery who have not yet received them.

Twenty-two arrests were brought about through efforts of the livestock theft investigation division of the state department of agriculture during the first half of 1939. Nineteen of the arrests resulted in convictions, one defendant was acquitted and three cases are still pending. Penitentiary terms aggregating 17 years were meted out to six of the defendants but five of them were paroled from the bench and only one of the number actually went to prison.

A private elevator may be a great convenience but it does not afford much relief from the heat as Governor Sprague has discovered during the past week. When the capital architects designed the new building they made provision for shower baths in the offices occupied by the secretary of state and state treasurer but not in the executive suite, thinking, no doubt, that he should be content with a private elevator. Offers by the Governor to trade his elevator for a shower bath have failed to interest his Board of Control colleagues although both have graciously consented to allow the governor to indulge in a cooling shower during the hot weather in exchange for an occasional ride on his elevator.

A bronze plaque honoring former governor Charles H. Martin is soon to be placed in the new capitol. The plaque, the work of George B. Clausen, Portland sculptor in bronze, has been financed through contributions from some 50 prominent Oregon business men, all admirers of the former governor.

Oregon residents paid out a total of \$43,526,444 in insurance premiums upon all classes of insurance during 1938, according to the annual report of Hugh H. Earle, state insurance commissioner.

R. J. Maaske, just elected to the presidency of the Eastern Oregon College of Education at LaGrande, was formerly assistant state superintendent of public instruction under C. A. Howard whom he succeeds at the LaGrande institution. A graduate of the University of Kansas, Maaske began his teaching career at Irrigon in eastern Oregon.

One evening last week a kind hearted motorist traveling along the highway down in Coos county picked up a couple of youthful hitch hikers. The grateful hitch hikers explained to the kind hearted motorist that they had been kept in after school and had missed their bus. They also regaled the kind hearted motorist with tales of their numerous pranks at school at the expense of their teachers most of whom, in the opinion of the youthful hitch hikers were deaf, dumb and blind—especially dumb. All of which interested the kind hearted motorist immensely for he had once been a boy himself, and as a boy had attended school and may have played jokes on his "dumb" teachers even as did these modern hitch hiker youths. Arrived at their destination the boys thanked the kind hearted motorist profusely for the "lift" and he in turn thanked them for their entertainment and as he prepared to "step on the gas" he presented each of his guests with his card. It read: "Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction."

Politess

While appearing at a dinner given in his honor in Denver, Marshal Foch found one of the other guests extremely critical of French politeness.

"There is nothing in it but wind," the man remarked contemptuously.

"Neither is there anything but wind in a pneumatic tire," the Marshal replied calmly, "yet it eases the jolts along life's highway wonderfully."

## Daily Quotation

YOU are bidden to fight with your own selves, with your own desires, with your own affections, with your own reason, and with your own ill; and therefore if you will find your enemies, never look without . . . You must expect to fight a great battle.—John Everard.

## Its Purpose

Mrs. Peck—Have you heard about the women of this village forming a secret society?

Henry (laughingly)—That's a good one, that is. Why, women don't know how to keep a secret.

Mrs. Peck—Oh, but this society isn't going to keep secrets, it's going to tell them.—Pathfinder.

## Mother's 'Breath of Life' Saves Unconscious Infant

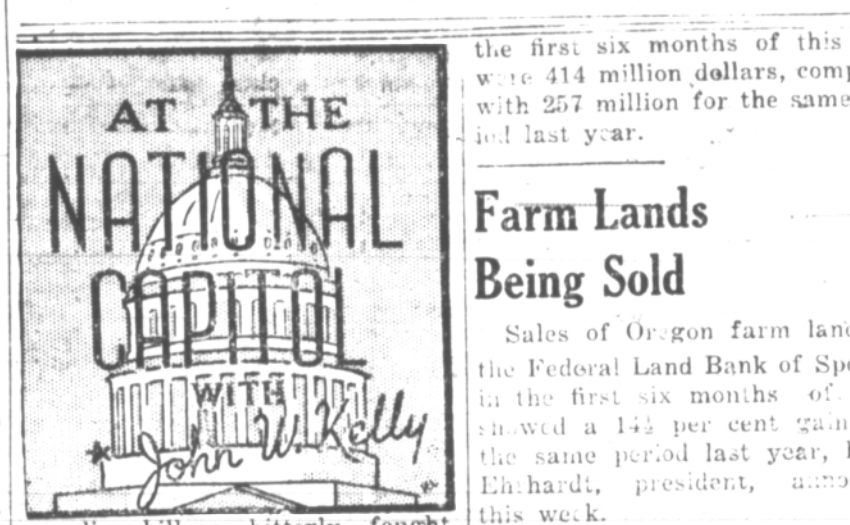


Quick thinking saved a tiny life recently when nine-month old Gary Bucholz was found unconscious in his bathtub by his mother, Mrs. Marie Bucholz, 22, of Chicago. The horror-stricken mother hurriedly picked up the baby and breathed into its mouth, as shown at the left. Recovery rewarded her quick action, and policemen, firemen and a doctor arriving at the home were confronted with this happy ending.

## Where Jews Build a New Homeland



Strongly reminiscent of the pioneers who helped build America are these Jewish settlers in Palestine. A Jewish girl stands guard outside the settlement at Tel Aviv, in the Holy Land. Armed with a shotgun, she takes her turn at sentry duty while the men do work. Even the aged must work, remaining constantly alert for raiding Arabs who resent his seeking a homeland.



spending bill so bitterly fought, was that 13.4 million can be used in Oregon and Washington, mostly Washington. There could be used from this fund \$1,000,000 for Deschutes project (which will cost \$8,400,000 to complete); \$1,500,000 for Yakima-Roza project; \$10,000,000 for Grand Coulee, and \$900,000 for the Modoc division of the Klamath project.

The new schedule of power rates for Bonneville are intended to encourage use of the energy which has been going to waste for going on two years. The rates were submitted to the federal power commission and that body rushed its approval in four days in order to adjourn for the summer. Senators of Oregon and Washington have been advised to notify the commission by August 15 if they have any suggestions to make.

Meanwhile Secretary of the Interior Ickes is asking legislation to have a flock of officials for Bonneville at \$9000 each. It would require the sale of 620 kilowatt years on "at site" rate to pay one salary for one year. To date only 200 kilowatt years have been sold.

Mr. Roosevelt has been condemned again. He said he would not visit Alaska this summer as planned, because there are dense fogs in that region at this time of year. This has scared tourists contemplating an Alaska trip. Unpublished is the hint that Mr. Roosevelt was informed fishing for salmon and steelhead in Oregon is not good in August, but is better in September. He will test this report in September. . . . Congressman James W. Mott's daughter is to be queen of the Astoria regatta, so as a compliment to Mott the entire naval affairs committee of the house will attend. Committee-men planned flying to Astoria in a navy transport plane but cancelled the air voyage because their wives insist on accompanying them and women are not permitted in army or navy planes. . . . Government payments to farmers for

## Farm Lands Being Sold

Sales of Oregon farm lands by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane in the first six months of 1939 showed a 144 per cent gain over the same period last year. E. L. Ehrhardt, president, announced this week.

Reasons for the gain is found in the greater interest being shown in real estate by tenants, adjacent owners and investors, and in the vigorous effort being made by the bank to return its properties to private ownership, he said.

From January through June sales of farms in Oregon by the bank amounted to \$13,372,500. In the entire 12th Farm Credit district—Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana—sales during the period totaled slightly more than \$1,500,000, a substantial gain over last year.

Sales are also being made with more cash down this year than last. Ehrhardt reported, an indication of the confidence buyers are showing in the future of Oregon agriculture.

There are several reasons for the healthy condition of the farmland estate market, it was pointed out. "Land is realistically priced on the basis of normal yields at average prices," Ehrhardt explained. "Values have not been touched by any speculative fever, yet commodity prices are bound to rise in the future, and when they do, land prices will rise with them."

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## Horses Slowly Give Ground To Automobiles

Since the time Dr. Marcus Whitman drove the first horse-drawn vehicle across the plains and mountains to the Oregon country, the horse has played an important role in the development of Oregon but the passing of the equestrian era is no more clearly shown than in traffic accident reports, Ear Snell, secretary of state, said today.

There have been but three fatalities from accidents involving horse-drawn vehicles in this state during the present decade. The last such accident occurred in Lane county in November, 1937, when a car crashed into the rear of a wagon, throwing the driver to the pavement. A year before that in November, 1936, the driver of a junk wagon was killed when a car cut in too close in passing it, and collided with the wagon. The other fatality was in 1931, detail of which were not available at the secretary of state's office.

The sad plight of the horse, mentioned in the advancing civilization to which he contributed so

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much, is illustrated in these accidents which were caused not by any fractiousness on the part of the animals, but by the modern conditions of automobile crowded streets and highways, the secretary of state pointed out.

"At first, legislation was all in favor of the horse, but now it is the other way around," Snell said. "When the first automobiles started using the roads, the country hastened to pass laws protecting Old Dobin from the snorting gasoline machines. Around 1900 Oregon passed a law providing that when any motor car encountered a team, the operator was to avoid frightening the animals, even to the extent of stopping if necessary and remaining stationary till the horses were safely under control of their drivers.

"Another law provided that no vehicle should be driven faster than eight miles an hour in the country when within one hundred yards of any vehicle drawn by horses. Incidentally, this same law set a speed limit of 'one mile in two and one-half minutes' on any public road outside a city. At that time there were only about 200 motor cars in Oregon and the dictates of safety were well satisfied with regulations preventing frightening of horses."

## His Job

The village fire chief was interviewing a number of recruits.

"You," he indicated one. "You know we've only one engine at the fire station. Now, suppose we were called away to a fire while you were left alone at the station, and another fire broke out during our absence. What would you do about the second call?"

The young man thought hard. "I know, sir," he said at last. "I'd try to keep the other one going till you got back from the first."

"Do you give your wife a personal allowance?" asked Brown.

"We tried it, but it didn't work," answered Smith.

"How was that?"

"She always spent it before I could borrow it back."

## Board of Equalization Meeting

Notice: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon, on the second Monday of August, 1939, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within fifteen days from the time it is by law required to meet.

Margaret W. Peetz  
37-40 County Assessor.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Harriet Root, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of Harriet Root, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: July 21, 1939.

G. Herbert Root  
Administrator

Geo. G. Updegraff  
Attorney for Administrator 37-46

## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, Harvey F. Stone, Administrator of the Estate of Grace G. Isaacs deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, his final account, and that Tuesday, August 1st, 1939 at 10 a. m., has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing objections to said report, and the settlement thereof.

Harvey F. Stone,  
Administrator of the Estate of Grace G. Isaacs, Deceased.

Gavin & Gavin,  
Attorneys.