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ened naturally and with little or no loss from drouth because ex-ry bit of moisture could be used by the plant. It has been plumb miserable, the dust has blown, some wheat has been damaged, women have been short tempered, but it has been worth a million dollars to Sherman county. Perhaps it wouldn't be a bad idea if we did still pray to the wind, for praying doesn't hurt us and giving thanks makes us humble. Certainly a goodly portion of the dollars that roll into farmers pockets this fall will be due to the cooling helpfulness of the wind. Thanks are due.

Kelly's Column

(Continued from Page One) three instances presidents have been elected who did not receive a majority of the popular vote.

According to a report by the subcommittee of the senate committee on judiciary there is enough alcohol on hand or being currently produced over and above the output of industrial alcohol to permit the allocation of 20,000,000 gallons for beverage purposes during the balance of this year. The report charges that WPA estimates have been too high. In this connection it may be remarked that direct military requirements this year are not expected to exceed 30,000,000 gallons and that an allotment of 40,000,000 gallons has been made to lend-lease. The committee believes this quantity could be reduced without injury to the war effort.

VETERAN JOBS

Plans for the rehabilitation of veterans of this war are being made rather slowly considering that the boys may be coming home again before long and that many are already being discharged.

It is reported that fewer than had been expected are taking advantage of educational possibilities offered them. High wages and demand for labor are given as the reasons. That might have been expected. It is not a condition that will prevail for long.

It has been hoped that it would be possible to arrange for work for discharged veterans who return to this county before this, but such plans move slowly. A meeting will be held within a couple of months (depending on harvest) to determine upon a plan for obtaining public support of a plan for providing work.

Roughly, the main plan proposed is that a survey be made of every farm, and every property owner, to find out what repair or building or other work can be done within the period of service man return. When this is done it is hoped that arrangements will be made to finance the work through bonds or savings. With this list an office should be able to place any returned veteran who likes any of the work available in the county.

In Other Days

From the Observer, July 17, 1925 The silver fox recently lost by Mrs Theo. von Borstel, has been found at Walla Walla where it was offered for sale after having been found near Ione where it had traveled after digging out of the von Borstel pen.

Hard federation wheat brought into Moro Tuesday from the C J Thompson farm showed plump kernels some of which were slightly pinched by the hot wave. The first run of the field indicated that the yield would be close to 25 bushels.

T W Alley and wife left last Saturday for Portland where they are enjoying the Elks national convention this week. Before they return they will motor to Camp Lewis where they will visit with their son Edgar, who is an enlisted member of the citizens military training camp at that place.

Misses Marguerette and Gwendolyn Foss returned the first of the week from Portland where they attended the national convention of Christian Endeavor.

From the Observer, July 14, 1905 If Mr Biggs succeeds in selling out in Wasco they will reside in Portland.

The concrete walls, which are to support the brick walls for the new theatre building, are pretty slick work. Builder Nason is on to his job.

Clyde Smith, of Rutledge and Miss Mary Barnett, were married in Grass Valley July 2nd. Mayor J O Elrod has been looking at barrels full of his lucre going into the foundation of his new 80 x 100 brick corner of Main and First. This time next week the shape of the structure may be seen. About 20 men were at work with four teams, last week and this.

From the Observer, July 16, 1915 Hal Morrow was a passenger Wednesday on his way home to Kent. He said the rain had stopped combine work near Wasco.

O W Axtell was a visitor this week from Eugene, on his way home from Rochester, New York where he attended the Presbyterian general assembly as a delegate from Oregon.

At the regular meeting of the Moro farmers union, Saturday, it was voted to lease the Kerr. Big crops was broken. But the Gifford Co., Moro and DeMoas cool wind continued to blow, a wheat warehouses at the figure little rain fell and there was more west wind—a lot more. There has been a daily dozen miles of west wind, cool as the ocean from which it comes. And the grain has rip-

WAKE UP, AMERICA!

Should Labor Unions Engage in Political Activities?

As debated by Hon. Clare E. Hoffman, Congressman, 4th District, Michigan; Member House Labor Committee

MR. MURRAY OPENS: Labor's decision to participate directly in political action is a logical development in the face of conditions imposed upon a labor organization to improve and safeguard the conditions of employment—wages, hours, job security, seniority and humane consideration. These matters are no longer—if they ever were—exclusively confined to bargaining between the union and the employer. Arbitrary restrictions, supported by law, have been imposed upon wages. Other restrictions have been placed on such matters as the union shop. One state enacted a law making it illegal to solicit union membership. Another is seriously considering a law that would nullify every provision of union security from the closed shop to maintenance of membership even when voluntarily agreed upon. Lawmakers of all degrees are proposing legislation to restrict labor. At the same time organized labor, together with the great mass of unorganized workers, is the object of discriminatory tax legislation that would impose a disproportionate share of the cost of government on those least able to bear it. Obviously, labor cannot picket a statute. It cannot deny a tax bill. It is unnecessary to argue here whether it is proper or improper to place legal restrictions and limitations upon unions. So long as such restrictions are proposed, labor must concern itself with them and with the men who propose them. Years of experience have demonstrated the relative futility of addressing petitions and mass appeals to congressmen bent upon shackling labor. The obvious, simple solution is to send better, more representative congressmen to Congress.

CONG. HOFFMAN OPENS: Assuming the question is: Should a labor union, as an organization, engage in political activities?—the answer is no! The reason: If a union, or any other organization as a group, adopts political action as a part of its program, it loses its effectiveness as a labor organization. An illustration: Veterans' organizations, farm organizations and many others have always had as their chief purpose enactment and enforcement of legislation which would secure to members the rights and benefits to which they believed themselves entitled. This is a two-party government. The organization which carries on political campaigns shortly finds itself a political party, ineffective as a representative of the group whose advancement it was organized to promote. Political parties advocate the adoption of certain political theories. The purpose of a labor union is to better the worker's condition and opportunity. Just as the Church and the State should be kept separate, labor unions and political parties should be completely divorced from each other. No man can serve two masters and do a good job for either. If unions desire to form a political party, adopt the name of labor union party or use any other designation, no fault can be found. If that be done, then the union is engaging in dual activities and the political aspect will overshadow and interfere with the exercise of the strictly union function and it will become just another political party, supported by, and only by, those who believe in its political theories.

Whether taxes should be reduced or increased in the postwar period will be considered by a joint committee of three Democrats and three Republicans from the house and senate in collaboration with the treasury department and internal revenue bureau. The compiling of information is already in progress and will continue until sufficient data have been gathered to form the basis for a new tax bill to be introduced shortly after the first of the year.

MR. MURRAY CHALLENGES: Assuming state legislatures and Congress have passed laws with arbitrary restrictions affecting labor the like assumption must be accepted as to legislation affecting other groups. The remedy is not, as suggested by Mr. Murray, the formation and action of a labor political party. That course would but array against labor all groups unfavorably affected by labor's demands. Labor's remedy is not to create a class issue but to select legislative representatives men of sound judgment, of intelligence, of unquestioned integrity and independence and to them present labor's demands. Legislative agents possessing those characteristics will give to labor "equal justice under law" which is by all groups is entitled to by way of legislation.

MR. MURRAY REPLIES: Most Americans are workers. The only difference between organized workers and unorganized workers is that the organized have a powerful medium for making their wants known. Wants of both organized and unorganized are the same—bread and butter, security, peace among others. Where those wants can be met by collective bargaining the union serves as representative. Where those wants must be met by legislation then the union can and must serve as a medium of political action. Organized action by union members has improved standards and conditions for all workers whether organized or unorganized. Political action by union members will similarly serve the best interests of all Americans.

CONG. HOFFMAN REPLIES: A statement that a labor organizer should be ridden on a rail is absurd. Equally absurd and an insult to the intelligence and patriotism of the voters is the intimation that an honest mayor, sheriff or judge cannot or will not be elected unless labor acts as a political organization. As long as unions insist that non-union men for \$50 a month should fight and die but only union men at high wages be permitted to make the guns and planes to aid the fighters and unions hold up production by strikes, they will have no influence as political parties for such an unjust discrimination will not appeal to patriotic Americans.

BOOM OVER BABSON Roger Babson in his half year review gives it as his opinion that the boom is over. "Business volume has been maintained at such a high level, since Pearl Harbor," he says, "that it is hard

for some to realize that there can be any slowing up. However, the past six months witnessed the beginning of the end of our current war boom. As we enter the third quarter the trend will continue downward. From this point on business will have to adjust itself to quite different conditions: with a gradual resumption of more normal activities."

The happiness of life depends less upon what befalls us than upon the way in which we take it. —Layard

Those who would trade freedom for security are deserving of neither.

FOREIGN PLANKS

We are now in that comparatively short space of time in the four year political period when party platforms seem important. Memory proves that they are of little value. Reason proves that they cannot be of much use, except as an indicator to party thinking at the time of conventions.

Particularly valueless this year will be the party platforms on foreign affairs. Republicans have already gone on record as favoring a foreign plank that promises cooperation between this nation and others for the purposes of keeping the peace. More definite agreements as to use of force were evaded, wisely, we think. Americans do not like the prospect of going aboard to exercise force. Certainly we do not want to agree to it as a national policy although we may do it again when and if we consider it necessary. It is expected that the Democrats will write a similar plank although there will be much discussion about minor differences.

If there ever has been a time when international relations could not be prophesied this is it. Any person or political party that hopes to make up its mind now for then next four years is expecting a great deal more than is possible.

We do not know when the war will end, what faction of our enemies we will make the peace with, what will be the conditions of trade labor, agriculture or social affairs in the world in which we will be living. Planning in a political platform about things so indefinite is not possible: general statements must suffice. It is likely, therefore, that both platforms will express a willingness to work with other nations toward establishment of a permanent peace. Minor differences will be exaggerated for the purposes of the campaign. That will be politics. Either party will do its best to follow the dictates of the American people in foreign affairs if elected, and promises will be valueless if they come in conflict with the people's wishes for any long period of time.

Inasmuch as Americans seem agreed on international cooperation, it hardly seems reasonable to expect us to establish definitely just what we will do. That would be a poor basis for cooperation. The interests of the people will be served by the election of national officials who are primarily interested in America. The result will depend on seeing that they are well served.

THE WIND

Ancient man, book say, used to consider nature as animate in all manifestations. The wind, for example, was endowed by our hairy ancestors with a conscious being. Thus, were the wind to have done so much for him as it has for this year. It would have been the object of much prayer and sacrifice.

We don't do that any more. Having discovered that the wind operates by natural laws instead of by a personal, if godly, whim. Nevertheless the west wind has done a very fine job for Sherman county wheat growers this year. At the beginning of June it looked as if the wheat crop would be a rather ordinary one with indications being that our string of little rain fell and there was more west wind—a lot more. There has been a daily dozen miles of west wind, cool as the ocean from which it comes. And the grain has rip-

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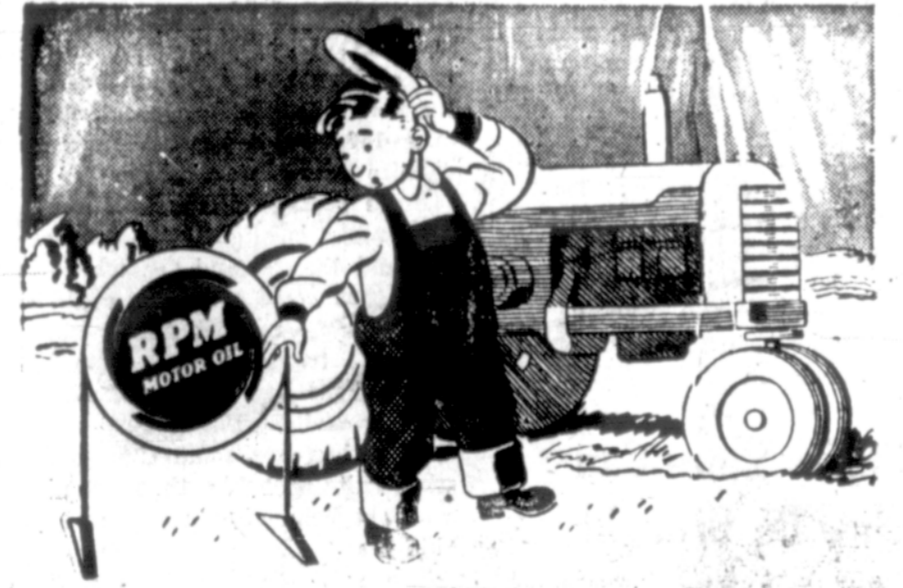
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Mary Edith Sayrs Administratrix J. Tracy Barton The Dalles, Oregon Attorney for the Estate

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