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HOW THE LOAN BANK WOULD AID

The Interpreter

By S. O. BURGDORF

We have been told, time and again, that London and virtually all England has little crime, thanks to the efficiency of Scotland Yard and the other police organizations and also to the rigorouslyness and celerity with which the British courts handle criminal cases. But there seems to have been a slip up somewhere. Scotland Yard reports that there has been a steady increase in crime and that more men are needed to combat it with any success. A great increase in burglaries is reported and this is ascribed to the hard times. The user of automobiles in robberies is credited to the example set by American outlaws. Motor car thefts have increased by 50 per cent.

Well, we'll have to do something besides shutting down the oil wells. That certainly reduces the supply of American oil but what are you going to do about imported oil? One of the Oklahoma refining companies announces that it is going to import Russian oil to fill orders and supply retail stations. It seems that every time we get things fixed up to suit us in this country, somebody sends an SOS to Russia and then all we have done goes for naught.

A Chicago packing house has taken steps to help the cotton planter. It is going to spend 10 per cent of its returns on its sales in the south to buy and store cotton. The packing house will get a lot of good publicity out of the scheme even if it doesn't help the planter any.

Somebody sent a lot of juvenile books to police headquarters in Lynn, Mass. Much surprise was expressed. But we think it was a good idea. Those police ought to read the Elsie Dinsmore stories instead of the stuff they do read, if they read anything. The Elsie books won't hurt them.

An Albany, U. Y., man has written 17 Lord's prayers on a dime. He also is the hero who wrote a 16,033 word history of the United States on a post card. These accomplishments leave us cold. We think a good deal more of a man who can write a check for \$5 and get it cashed at the bank. That's what we call writing.

The New York police wanted to send a guard along when Rudy Vallee planned a trip to Albany. Rudy refused. Rudy is married now and probably safe from girls but there was a time when it would have been a good thing to guard him against them.

The country ought to be under obligations to Senator J. Ham, Lewis of Illinois. He has announced that he would not accept the nomination for vice president. Well, no one has talked about that very much but it is just as well to have the air cleared in advance. J. Ham, didn't say anything about the nomination for president. Maybe he thinks that if he lets the folks know that he won't accept the vice presidency, they'll be forced to name him for president. At the convention that named Hoover Senator Watson of Indiana said, when asked if he were a candidate, "You might go further and fare worse." So the Republicans did. That may be the course of events in the case of Mr. Lewis. The Democrats will probably go further and fare worse.

The Chicago Dental society reports that it has made a world-wide survey and has discovered that American teeth are the healthiest and the strongest. We have also found them reliable since an adhesive powder has been made available. We used to have trouble with ours dropping out when we got excited.

We used to think blackberrying was a great sport. We never thought of it as a business. A farmer in Milam county, Texas, has made it a regular business, however, and reports that he has picked 500 gallons from an acre of blackberries and sold the berries for 25 cents a gallon. Let's see. That makes a total of \$125. Pays better than wheat or cotton, as a rule, doesn't it?

LET TAXPAYERS HAVE THE TRUTH IN THE MATTER

Resolution

WHEREAS, a large number of taxpayers of Jackson county, Oregon, are financially distressed, and unable to pay interest and taxes;

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, believe they could be materially relieved by cutting costs of county governmental overhead in the engineer's department by county commissioners overseeing all highway construction and repair work by appointing supervisors to carry out their instructions;

ALSO, that said supervisors shall receive \$5 per day, same as deputy assessors, and no mileage;

ALSO, that all purchases of machinery, equipment, supplies, etc., shall be made in open court by sealed bids, and all bids to be opened in open court at a subsequent date, and all bids to be made open to public inspection;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we submit this resolution for your earnest support and endorsement.

Also that a copy be forwarded the honorable county court. Sponsored by Sams Valley Grange Road committee.

(Signed) L. M. SWEET, Chairman
GEO. McDONOUGH, Sec.
J. L. FRINK
P. H. McKINNIS
M. A. SCHULZ

By L. M. SWEET

Pomona grange held with Bellevue subordinate October 24, passed overwhelmingly by the above resolution, which has been misinterpreted and misconstrued by some to such a degree that I feel, as author of the resolution, it deserves clarifying in justice to public interest.

Under the heading, "We, the undersigned," calls for overseeing of all construction and repairing of highways by the county commissioners through supervisors appointed by them to carry out their instructions. This paragraph has been construed as meaning that commissioners are to be on the job steadily on full pay, car furnished, likewise gas, oil etc. The public must not be deceived into believing all it hears, and sometimes imagines. The records disclose the fact that our supervisors have been receiving annually between \$7000 and \$8000 in traveling fees which we maintain is mostly a nasty, petty, inexcusable, indefensible graft. How easy to become travel minded when a straw boss or two can do the work just as well (Continued on Page Four)

Library Report Shows Gain in Reader Interest

Central Point may well be proud of her library. The report of the librarian for November, just issued, shows that constant progress is being made and that many new readers are being added.

There were 1122 books and magazines loaned in November. Sixteen new readers were added during the month and \$157 in fines collected. Mrs. Moore, the librarian, has worked hard and faithfully for a number of years in the interest of the library and the report just issued shows that her work is being appreciated by the people of Central Point.

Has Recovered; To Return Home

Mrs. L. L. Poutre, who has been confined in the Community hospital in Medford for five or six weeks, as a result of injuries received in a car accident, will be removed by ambulance Saturday to her home a mile west of this city.

Mrs. Poutre will be confined to her bed for a month or six weeks. She is a victim of a hit-and-run driver who collided with the Poutre car on the highway a mile south of town.

Annual Dinner Christmas Tree And Presents

The Past Noble Grand club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Inez Ferguson. A chicken dinner was served at noon.

This was the annual Christmas meeting and a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts was very entertaining.

Those present were Mesdames Clara Vincent, Mary Richardson, Catherine Merritt, Nellie Simmons, Ida Henderson, Emma Gleason, Iva Copinger, Ernestine Rostell, Luzella Damon, Minnie Moore and the guests were Minnie Buckles, Florence Eddy and Baby Bert Rostell.

The next meeting will be at the home of Betta Pankey and it will center around election of officers.

Council Hears Assault Case Special Meet

The common council held a hearing at the city hall Monday night in connection with the trouble that arose over the attempt to take out the fire truck when a false alarm was turned in last Thursday night.

In the mixup "Sonny" Gleason was hit over the head by Night Watchman Myers and it is claimed that it was an unwarranted assault.

Gleason was represented by Attorney Enright and Myers by Attorney F. E. Newman.

The hearing was held before a packed house. The evidence was considered by the common council and a disposition of it will be made by that body at their regular meeting next Monday night.

A conflict of authority seems to have been the real issue and cause of the trouble.

Song Service Union Church Was Enjoyed

Last Sunday evening the following program was given at the Union church:

Piano prelude, variations, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," song, congregation; prayer, Rev. Johnson; songs by choir, "Keep Silence Before Him," "His Mercy Endureth," "Let Jesus Have His Way," "Come, Let Us Worship;" announcements for week; "Sing Unto the Lord," choir; response by choir; "A Good Thing to Give Thanks," choir; sermon, Rev. Johnson; "When the Harvest is Fast," choir.

Lee Smith in Divorce Suit

Hattie L. Smith of Central Point filed suit for divorce from Lee Smith in circuit court Wednesday. She charges cruel and inhuman treatment, desertion and infidelity.

The two were married in Vancouver, Washington, on August 19, 1921, and have two children, Mildred Louise, 7, and Barbara Lee, 2. Mrs. Smith asks custody of both of the children.

Mrs. Smith also wants the property in Central Point, valued at \$750, and owned by the two, \$75 attorney's fees and \$40 a month support during the settling of the case. She is represented by G. W. Trill, local attorney.

The Smiths are quite well known in this city and their home is just across the street north of the Valandra Hotel cabins. Mr. Smith has recently figured in the Medford police court.

Nancy Wilson will leave soon for San Francisco to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Balke and family.

New Financial System Would Aid Prosperity

Examples of The Workings of The System of Home Loan Banking Shows Many Benefits For The Family. Read The Article

In the November 27 issue of The American appears an article headed, "Favors New Loan Banking System." President Hoover proposes a system of home loan banks to encourage home owning.

We have been asked for an explanation of the plan and print below and article from the Science Monitor, one of the nation's leading daily newspapers, which will give our readers an intelligent understanding. We quote:

"President Hoover's plan for establishing a system of home loan discount banks, similar in the home-building field to the federal reserve banks in the field of general commerce, is a project which comes closer home—both figuratively and literally—to the ordinary family than anything else that has yet been done to turn the economic tide.

It is the president's second effort to restore confidence in the American financial system. His first, the launching of the National Credit corporation to help small commercial banks keep afloat, has already checked the medieval practice of hoarding. This, although the corporation itself is only getting under way. The stress on country banks has been relieved by the knowledge that support is coming. Similarly the announcement of the mortgage bank plan will encourage confidence in the realm of home building and home financing even before the necessary congressional enactments can put it into operation.

The ways in which it will help when once established are numerous, but a few examples will illustrate their effect. Here, for instance, is a factory worker whom we may call Henry Blair. He has been laid off most of the time for months, and interest on the mortgage on the Blair bungalow has gone unpaid. John Kelsey of the Home Savings bank, which holds the mortgage, does not want to foreclose it, but has told Mr. Blair he may have to do so. Now the mortgage discount bank is organized, and while he probably cannot take Mr. Blair's mortgage there and get it discounted, Mr. Kelsey has some

Agricultural Program Was Very Interesting

C. C. Hoover, lecturer of the Jacksonville grange, presented an agricultural program to a large group of grangers Friday evening. Different phases of farm and orchard work were discussed by various members each on his own line of work. Some very interesting and practical facts were disclosed not from the point of theory but from the actual personal experiences of the respective speakers.

The grange has been invited to put on a program at the Phoenix grange December 8 and plans are being arranged by the lecturer.

Nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at the next meeting December 11.

I. O. O. F. Lodge Elects Officers

At a regular meeting of Central Point lodge, I. O. O. F., Monday night, the following members were elected as officers:

Al Henderson, N. G.; Ernest Reames, V. G.; Ed J. Vincent, secretary; Earl Scott, treasurer. There were about 100 present, including visiting members from Medford, Ashland, Jacksonville and Gold Hill lodges. The fraternal good time had is related in another local item.

other mortgages upon which the discount bank will lend him enough money to meet his bank's present needs without having to foreclose on the Blair home and sell it.

At the same time, Mr. Blair hears from his cousin Will that the latter has succeeded in getting the mortgage on his farm renewed after he had almost despaired of it. Behind the scenes the reason is that Banker Brown knows now he can take Cousin Will's mortgage to the discount bank and get money on it if he should need to do so to meet an emergency.

And down the street, Ernest Williams, who has a steady job in the post office and has been putting his savings into the building and loan association for years, has decided this is the time to build a house. But the building and loan association, with a lot of its money tied up in property, has been putting him off for several months about the loan. Now it can let him have it. And Mr. Blair, who has more than one string to his bow, will get a few days' work as a plasterer's helper.

These are some of the things that are meant when the financiers say the new institution will help the building and loan associations, savings banks, commercial banks and farm loan companies to thaw out their frozen assets and to maintain liquidity. The main result of the new move will be an encouragement of normal banking functions. Among these is investment in first-class mortgages.

No business is more fruitful in the development of responsible citizenship than home purchasing. The movement, which was growing at the rate of 200,000 a year up to 1929, has been interrupted as a result of the financial insecurity felt during the last two years both by potential home owners and by potential lenders of funds for home buying. The president's move, taken after extensive consultation, will re-instate faith in homes as a medium of savings by the people and of investment by the banks. In so doing it will help greatly to set general business recovery in motion.

Mason's Planning New Chapter

Scottish Rite Masons of Medford and Jackson county are busy getting ready for the Ceremony of Constituting the Chapter of Rose Croix, next Monday evening, December 7, charter for which was recently granted by the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the installation of its first officers. Sixty-two Chapter of Rose Croix was organized under Letters Temporary in January of 1929, the second of four co-ordinate bodies of the Scottish Rite to be established in the Rogue River Valley. It had seventy members on the petition for Letters Temporary, and it now has more than one hundred and twenty-five members whose names appear on the charter.

Dinner will be served at six o'clock at the Masonic temple in Medford. The ceremony of constituting the Chapter, and the installation of officers will start at 7:30. After the ritualistic ceremonies, there will be an address by a prominent member of the Rite from Portland. The Scottish Rite boys are expecting every Scottish Rite Mason in Jackson county to be present, and will be disappointed if they are not there.

Mrs. Lombard and Mrs. Charles Howell of Griffin Creek district were in the city Tuesday attending the Sunday school workers' conference at the brick church.

Turning In Of False Alarms Must Stop!

The practise of turning in false fire alarms has ceased to be funny. It is no longer a joke and the citizens of Central Point are aroused over this foolish and cowardly trick. Business men who are reposing peacefully at home, sleeping the sleep of the just, refuse to keep silent on the matter and are entering a vigorous protest.

Some action should be taken to apprehend the person guilty of the offense and good, swift punishment should be passed to the offender.

The common council will do the people of this city a great favor by digging in and stopping the turning in of false fire alarms. And the time to start digging into the matter is right now.

Men's Forum Is Organized At Meeting

At a meeting and supper held at the Christian church Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock a men's forum club was organized. The tables were arranged in the form of a square and places were arranged for 24. The dinner was served by a committee of ladies from the church.

Rev. D. E. Millard acted as chairman and after the delicious dinner had been disposed of called on all the men present for an expression of opinion as to the advisability of forming a Forum club in Central Point. The opinions were unanimous in favor of the idea. It was the general opinion that such a club, meeting about a dinner table once a month, where discussions of the mutual problems confronting our city and county could be heard, would react for the benefit of all the members and be a means of better understanding and service to the community.

After several talks by Judge Sparrow, W. E. Alexander, Prof. Jewett and others, E. E. Scott was elected as president of the new club and Ed J. Vincent secretary-treasurer.

The ladies of the Christian church have agreed to prepare and serve the dinners for the club at cost.

Musical selections were given during the evening and will be a regular feature of the meetings.

The next meeting of the club will be some time in January. Announcement will be made later as to the time and all men interested in the betterment of our city are urged to attend.

Christian Endeavor Works on Plans For New Year

The executive committee of the Christian Endeavor held a meeting at the home of Carl Hofer, president of the society, Wednesday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint committees for the work this coming year and to discuss plans to make a better society.

Eula Tomson was appointed chairman of the prayer meeting committee with Helen Lees and Ardis Casad working with her. Dorothy Imamus was appointed chairman of the social committee. On the lookout committee are Elizabeth Fleischer, chairman, John Lathrop and Ethelyn Scott. Elizabeth Southwell was appointed chairman of music committee. Bessie Milton, pianist; Henrietta Huggar, assistant, and Elizabeth Fleischer, song leader. Others who were appointed for work are Laurine Huggar and Janice Hessegrave for poster making and Grace Hermanson as publicity reporter.

A very unusual meeting was held Sunday night which consisted of a radio program. This proved very interesting. Ethelyn Scott, who was leader, is to be complimented on her work.

All young people are invited to attend the meetings each Sunday night.

HARBOR PLAN MEETS SUPPORT BY SENATORS

Even if the report of the division engineer, who is working on the plans and estimates for the development of Crescent City harbor, is not submitted before congress convenes, the appropriation will be included in the first Rivers and Harbors legislative bill, according to a telegram received Wednesday by C. E. Gates, president of the Northern California-Southern Oregon development association from Senator McNary, now in Washington.

It is expected though, the message points out, that the report will be submitted before congress convenes, and every effort is being made to expedite the completion of the report. Senator McNary assured President Gates that he was doing everything he could to see that the bill went through and that the appropriation would be made.

Mr. Gates firmly believes that action will be taken at this session of congress, and recently wired Senator McNary that the association would not tolerate any delay and asked the Senator to determine what progress was being made on the report of the division engineer. The original report called for an expenditure of five million dollars and it is believed that if this sum is reduced the Board of Army Engineers will approve it. It is pointed out that a reduction, however, would not necessarily mean less depth of water in the harbor than was suggested in the original report.

Telegrams have also been received from Senators Hiram W. Johnson and Samuel H. Shortridge and Representative Clarence F. Lea, all of California, and it is expected that once the revised estimates of the Division engineer are in Washington, that little trouble will be experienced in having the harbor project placed before congress in the regular manner through a rivers and harbors bill.

At the hearings which have been held during the past two years, the association has submitted a mass of information and data which, it is claimed, proved conclusively that a water outlet is absolutely necessary to Northern California and Southern Oregon if any appreciable development of their resources is to be made.

Another Pioneer Of Central Point Passes Away

Henry Hobart Taylor passed away at his home near Central Point early Sunday morning from a heart attack. He was born May 23, 1854, on the donation land claim near Medford, which is now known as the Westlund orchards. He was the sixth white child born in Jackson county. His entire life was spent in the Rogue River valley in the farming industry, with the exception of a few years when he was engaged in stock raising in Malheur county.

He was married to Florence Isadora Hockeramith December 8, 1881, in Ashland, Oregon.

Preparations were practically completed to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on December 8, of this year with a family reunion to be held at their home in Central Point.

He leaves his wife and the following children: Jesse M. and Edwin H. Taylor of Ruth, Ore.; Leon C. Taylor of Central Point, Stella Anderson and John N. Taylor, Medford; Florence Throckmorton, Eagle Point; Isabel Witcher, Redding, Calif.; one brother, C. C. Taylor, Sedro Woolley, Wash.; one sister, Ellen Aschoff Troutdale, Ore., and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Conger Funeral parlors Tuesday, December 1, at 2 p. m. Rev. D. E. Millard was in charge of services and burial was made in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Mrs. L. E. Edmund's parents of Dorris, Calif., have been visiting at her home the past two weeks.