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EDITORIALS

NO POLITICS IN RELIEF.

The depression may have been due to politics. We'll not argue about that. But let there be no politics in relief.

There can be no political line in the depression. It strikes the members of both parties alike.

There will be sharp and profound differences as to the cause. These will flare up as the national conventions near.

SHED NO TEARS.

Inquiry at Chicago has disclosed the fact that most of the women wearing the Empress Eugenie hats have no idea who the empress was.

We eat sandwiches without knowing anything about the earl who invented them. We ride in broughams without knowing they were devised by a British peer of that name.

OUR NATION'S FROZEN ASSETS.

When a bank fails and is announced that it was due to "frozen assets" it is informative but far from being encouraging.

This nation has some "frozen assets," a big load of them, and so have most of all the other nations on earth.

We and all the other nations have spent billions on the construction and upkeep of these ships and forts and guns.

Now the whole world is in distress and crying for money. The leaders are beginning to realize that one of the greatest causes of the bankruptcy prevalent throughout the world is the incalculable lot of money tied up in these frozen assets.

CLINGING TO OLD FORMS.

One benefit may grow out of the depression. Hard times may teach us to take a close look at our system of government and rid ourselves of many obsolete features of it.

We have accepted without question for almost 300 years the utility of county, town, village, school district and other forms of local government.

These local governments are feeling the pinch of hard times more than any others because most of their revenue is derived from real estate.

It may be that not all of the old system should be abandoned. We may find we want some of the necessary duties of government performed locally.

NEW YORK VS. THE GANGSTERS.

There was tremendous enthusiasm aroused at New York's meeting of protest against the gangsters.

It is well known and universally admitted that gangsterism had its origin in its close association with politics and politicians.

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England Protects Her Gold.

Since 1925 Great Britain has made a desperate struggle to maintain intact the integrity of its currency.

If this were wholly a problem for the British Isles we might well say: "Let Britain find its own way out."

The causes of the British crisis lie not merely in Britain, and the effects of that situation will extend far beyond the United Kingdom.

Acting swiftly, the British Government has met its problem for the moment, just as the Powers under Mr. Hoover's leadership met the German crisis temporarily with the war-debt moratorium.

The inequitable distribution of gold, the disorderly movement of short-term credits and the sluggishness of international commerce are a challenge, not simply to the nations now bearing the brunt of fiscal troubles, but to all the principal Powers, and especially to France and America, who alone have the resources to act positively.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

There was some suggestive testimony given in behalf of the railroads when the question of the raise in rates was being examined at the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing in Chicago.

The railroads, said Mr. Dick, would soon be bankrupt unless their revenue increased. "They can't raise new money through the old channels," he said.

Government ownership is not as alarming a phrase as once it was. Many cities have gone in for municipal ownership of utilities and with profit to themselves and improvement in service.

LEGAL NOTICE

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They Tell Me

By Al Piche

ALCOHOLIC'S ALIBIS.

Drunkards always have alibis. Just now they explain that there's no use trying to keep sober, because Prohibition compels all self-respecting citizens to "licker up."

If Prohibition were repealed, these gentlemen or ladies would get drunk to celebrate—and then THAT would be their life long alibi.

Total abstinence, it should be said firmly, is nearer to temperance than drunkenness is. Those who can't "Take it or leave it alone" should by all means LEAVE IT ALONE.

PAGING PA.

Amid the war on China's shore. Where rifles crack and cannon roar The tidings tell us more and more Of good old General Ma.

We hear of Ma's undoubted skill. Of Ma's attack on yonder hill. Ma seems to run the war, and still We never hear of Pa.

Wet Pavement Fatal for Deer

A deer raced across the Pacific highway near Three Oaks, north of Central Point, slipped on the wet pavement, and broke its neck when it plunged head first into the embankment.

State police estimate that so far this winter, more than 100 deer have been turned over to the Salvation Army and other relief organizations.

A few of the high school boys attended a party at the home of Mrs. Davidson at Table Rock Tuesday eve.

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LEGAL NOTICE

You, and each of you, are hereby notified and will take notice that the following described personal property, to-wit: Buick Coupe, Oregon License No. 142-537, for the year 1931-32, Motor No. 2102322, was seized by an Oregon State Police Officer of Jackson County, Oregon, on the 16th day of December, 1931, at about the hour of 11:30 o'clock, P. M., of said day, in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, in the vicinity of Central Point, in said county; that said Buick Coupe ever since has been, and now is, in the possession and custody of the Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon, and is being proceeded against in the above entitled Court for the forfeiture of the same for a violation of Provisions of Section 15-407, Oregon Code, for 1930, the same being an act relating to the forfeiture and sale of boats, vehicles and other conveyances used in the unlawful transportation or possession of intoxicating liquor within the State of Oregon; and that all persons having or claiming any interest in said Buick Coupe are hereby required to appear before the above entitled Court in the County Court House of Jackson County, Oregon, at Medford, Oregon, on Friday, the 5th day of February, 1932, which said day has heretofore been duly set by the above entitled Court as an answer day herein, and to defend against said proceedings, and that upon their failure so to do, a judgment of forfeiture of said Buick Coupe will be entered.

This Notice is issued and given to you, and each of you, pursuant to an order duly made by Hon. H. D. Norton, presiding Judge of the above entitled Court, on the 6th day of January, 1932.

Fishing in Rogue River Is Opened During January

PORTLAND, ORE., JAN. 11.—The Oregon State Game Commission today questioned the legality and the wisdom of the recent ruling by the state board of control limiting by the state-owned cars to an eight hour working day and a five and a half day week.

Commissioner Matt Corrigan was instructed to ask Attorney General Van Winkle for an opinion on the control board's right to interfere in the use of state game commission funds.

The order will result in virtual paralysis of game law enforcement and the provision reducing mileage allowances from six cents to five cents will force the most valued game wardens out of the service; the commissioners said. They declared wardens could not operate cars over rough roads for that figure.

Open Rouge

The game group opened the main streams of the Rogue and Illinois rivers to winter trout fishing. The two were closed by the last legislature, subject to later decision of the commission. Trout of 10 inches or larger can be taken until January 31.

Siltcoos Lake was opened to bass fishing the year round.

The commission will post notices and prevent net fishing at the mouth of the Sandy river as soon as it obtains a favorable opinion from the Attorney General that the game commission can proceed independently of the fish commission and has authority to summarily close streams to commercial fishing.

Close Sandy to Nets

The game commission decided to close the Sandy to net fishing when trout holding ponds were acquired on the stream.

An open season on elk was displayed at the meeting. An elk census will be taken in conjunction with the annual federal survey of deer with the view of shaping the future policy of the commission.

The commission will cooperate with the national forest service in developing recreational facilities of the skyline trail along the summit of the Cascades from Crater Lake to Mount Hood.

Many Lakes

There are 250 lakes in the region, within five or six miles of the trail. The commission voted to provide fish to stock the lakes and the forest service will transport and plant the fish. The forest service will construct trails and roads to make the lakes accessible to the public.

The antelope on the Lake county reserve are in good condition and are not in danger of starvation, Commissioner Vandever reported.

S. Harris of the California game commission urged cooperation between Oregon and California commissions, particularly in establishing refuges for migratory birds at upper Klamath and Malheur lakes.

Fish racks will be removed from the Alsea river, a letter from the fish commission declared.

Counties Await Move to Amend Land Grant Bill

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 11.—County Judges and commissioners representing seven land grant counties took no formal action at a morning session here, called to discuss the possibility that congress may attempt to amend the land grant act at its present session.

Lack of definite information as to what congress may propose to do made it impossible to attempt to formulate any possible action. Word has been received that congress might attempt to transfer reversioned grant lands to the forest service in order to reduce payments now being advanced counties in lieu of taxes.

As no confirmation has been received the judges and commissioners considered any action ill-advised until they know what congress intends to do.

Considerable time was given to a discussion of a proposed state amendment permitting the tax levy of any one of three years to be used as a base for forming the county budget. Judges contended it would be in the interest of economy, as it would permit economies to be worked out effectively when conditions permitted without endangering the base which now is restricted under the 6 per cent limitation, or without forcing the expense of a special election to restore the base if it were once reduced.

County judges of Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Coos, Lane, Linn and Douglas counties were represented at the meeting.

To Pour Footings On New Courthouse

Excavation of the basement for the new county courthouse will be completed within the next week, when the pouring of cement for the footings will be started.

A huge tower has been erected for the hoisting of cement to the upper floors. Sixty to 75 men will be used in the cement work. Men with three or more dependents will be given preference and they will be rotated, as will other public work during the present times. It is not known definitely when the work will start.

The remainder of the excavating work on the courthouse basement several of the worst. It consist of a hard frozen frontation, similar to gravelled concrete, and every foot will have to be blasted.

The dirt now piled about the edges of the courthouse site will be used in terracing the courthouse lawn. This will be one of the first jobs, and will be conducted to save the trees.

Offices have been established on the site for L. O. Hoffman, the county auditor, the plumbing contractor, and the Schmidt of this city and the electrical contractor, the People's Electric company, J. G. Lisk, the architect, also has an office.

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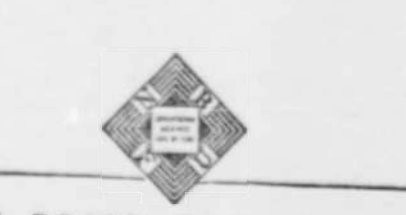
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