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EDITORIALS

A good reputation can be made by playing the game fairly; by giving the worth of a dollar for a dollar; by a cheerful cooperation under very trying conditions; by carrying on in the face of difficulties; by doing one's best and sitting tight; and by being resolute enough to own up to your mistakes.

The American is endeavoring to produce an up-to-date, progressive newspaper—one that will be welcomed in all the homes in the valley. Our aim is to make it clean, honest and filled with local and county news. We hold that such a weekly paper has a field here and that such a paper is always read thoroughly, even when several dailies come to the same home. We know our little paper is read by at least a thousand people each week. But our ambition is to double that number. So next week we are starting several new features which we hope our readers will like. We will have a continued story by Cooper, a page of farm news; a department of fashions and items of special interest to women; two columns of comics; state news, etc. These new features will be added to from time to time and together with our regular departments of local news will make The American one of the best weekly papers on the coast. Watch for it.

COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER

A Famous American Writer, the Author of Our Next Serial.

Courtney Ryley Cooper was born in Kansas City, Missouri, October 31, 1886. He was fifteen when he began a kaleidoscopic career by running away from home to become a clown in a circus. Since then he has been a newsboy, trucker, glove salesman, circus press agent, actor, monologist and "back-and-wing" dancer in vaudeville, newspaper man, rodeo organizer, general manager of the world's second greatest circus—and by degrees has become an author of considerable reputation. He has also been press agent and secretary for "Buffalo Bill"—in fact, he helped Mrs. Cody write her "Memories of Buffalo Bill." In 1918 he enlisted in the United States Marines; later he was given a commission and sent to France to collect historical data for the Marine Corps.

He began writing at twenty-four, and has contributed innumerable articles and stories to newspapers and magazines. His books are: "High Country: The Rockies, Yesterday and To-day"; "Go North, Young Man!"; "Under the Big Top"; "Lions 'n' Tigers 'n' Everything"; "Oklahoma"; "The Golden Bubble"; "The Challenge of the Bush"; and "Caged."

In 1916, he married Genevieve E. Furey, of Los Angeles, and they live at Idaho Springs, Colorado. His hobbies are fishing and hunting—boating it up a mountain to a lost lake with a pack of grub on my back and the chance of getting a "big one" when I finally reach there—or "prospecting with pan and pick and shovel where perhaps some grizzled prospector worked fifty years before."

"CAGED"

our next serial is Mr. Cooper's most human story. You will like it and will not want to miss any single installment.

Begins next week in THE AMERICAN

THE TAX ROAD

Practically one-quarter of the national income went to the government in 1931. The exact percentage is 22.1, as compared with 14.4 in 1930 and 6.4 in 1913.

When, in a single year, the proportion of national income consumed by taxes can rise almost eight per cent, it is time for the thoughtful citizen to take action. The present trend is plain—the United States has started on the long, dark road that Australia, Germany, England and other countries have taken. The result, if it keeps to that road, will be the same as in those countries—industrial stagnation, steadily increasing unemployment, unbalanced budgets, possibly impairment of credit—and always, even higher taxation. Government must retrench, exactly as businesses and individuals have retrenched the past two years. It must weed out unnecessary departments, banish waste and duplication of effort—in short, promote thorough efficiency. Present high taxes have not resulted from the cost of legitimate governmental functions, but from the cost of illegitimate functions—ventures into the operation or regulation of business, efforts to artificially peg prices, etc.

High taxes drive capital away from business, and force it into tax-free bonds. They make for hoarding and are thus the best friends of depression. This tax problem is a real problem nowadays—and every citizen must face it.

LEARNING TO COOPERATE

In speaking editorially of the depressed condition of dairy farming in New England, the Boston News Bureau recently said: "He" (the farmer) "must do something for a permanent solution. He must relinquish his old insular individualism and learn to cooperate within his own ranks. . . . That gospel has already had a scattered presentation. Now the pressure of adversity is forcing realization home. . . ."

That is good advice for farmers everywhere. Dairy farmers, wheat farmers, cotton farmers—all have felt the bite of profitless prices and a poor market. By now they should have learned that that is largely their own fault. They have attempted to do business as it was done 50 years ago—each farmer selling to the distributor on his own hook and they have failed. The way out is the cooperative way. Nothing else can give the farmer, as a group, control over the market and the price structure.

Hundreds of thousands of farmers are already organized. But a great many are unorganized and they are the ones to which such messages as these are addressed. They are holding back themselves and their organized neighbors—the best managed cooperative in the world is doomed to defeat if the farmers refuse to give it adequate support. It is high time the farmer stopped complaining about his lot and acted.

Business is getting better. We have had our ear to the ground for a long time (and our nose on the grindstone, if you can feature that), listening for the first sign of a return of confidence. At last we have begun to hear faint whisperings that business is getting better. What may be the cause is beyond our understanding but neither could we understand the cause for the so-called depression. So let's all brace up and take a long breath and just do our best.

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Weekend News Review

(Courtesy Oregon Journal)
Pacific Northwest

White Salmon, Wash.—John Reynolds and Roy Powers, each 12 years old, were drowned in a millrace of the Little Salmon river Saturday afternoon.

Salem—Approximately 400 York Rite Masons will attend the three day annual convention which will open here Monday.

Oregon State College—Twenty Oregon high schools will have entries in the annual band concert to be held here April 15 and 16.

Salem—Collections from the state's excise and income taxes declined \$70,000 from the 1931 total. Receipts to April 1 this year are \$1,121,840.96.

Tacoma—Hurley Fisher of Longview was killed near here in an automobile accident Saturday.

Roseburg—Zane Grey, noted author, has accepted the invitation of the chamber of commerce to fish in the North Umpqua this summer.

Salem—A new high record for registrations and votes cast is expected in the elections of this year, according to David O'Hara, in charge of registration data in the secretary of state's office.

Eugene—The Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce is making arrangements to enter a float in the Portland Rose Festival parade this year.

Albany—A five point plan for canalization of the Willamette river from Oregon City to Eugene was adopted at a meeting of representatives of the river cities.

Lewiston—The annual camas root festival of the Northwest Indians will be held near here this spring.

National
Washington—The United States senate is having a hard time working over the new revenue bill. Considerable controversy has arisen over attempts to write tariff provisions into the measure.

Sacramento—Petitions requesting repeal of the California prohibition

law were filed with the secretary of state.

Washington—Unless the appropriations for the Owyhee project are approved by congress work will have to be suspended through lack of funds to pay the contractors.

Washington—Senator McNary has announced his opposition to the proposal to reduce compensation for veterans when they are under hospitalization.

Washington—President Hoover and Senator James Hamilton Lewis were the only speakers at the annual banquet of the Gridiron club, made up of Washington correspondents.

Hopewell, N. J.—Colonel Lindbergh admitted he has paid \$50,000 to kidnapers of his son, but has not received the child. It is believed the colonel was made the dupe of a swindle plot.

Kansas City—The famous one-pound baby born here Monday continues to thrive and doctors say will have a normal life. The parents have not named the child.

Washington—Payment of the second half of the soldier's bonus will come before congress for action Monday. A concerted campaign has been waged for enactment of the proposed bill.

Washington—Oregon will receive \$3,000,000 as its share of the public roads program approved by congress.

New York—A \$500,000 fire swept through buildings on Governor's island Saturday.

Washington—A tense military situation exists in the Chaco region, where troops of Bolivia and Paraguay face each other. Attempts are being made here to settle the differences peacefully.

New York—Prices on the stock exchange dropped steadily during the week on the threat of a senate investigation of the exchange's methods of operations.

Foreign
Paris—The struggles of France and her satellites against Germany, Italy and allies continued in the con-

ferences held during the week at London, causing unrest among official circles.

Stockholm—Losses in the Ivar Kreuger debacle will total \$240,000,000, according to conservative estimates. The loss equals the national debt of Sweden.

Honolulu—It was learned during the week-end that Mrs. Grace Hubbard Fortescue and her three co-defendants in the charge of murder of the Hawaiian who attacked her daughter, Mrs. Massie, will admit the facts in the case and depend on the jury for vindication.

Berlin—An attempt was made to assassinate Dr. Hans Luther, president of the Reichsbank, as he was boarding a train at Basle Switzerland.

Berlin—Eleven new giant broadcasting stations will be erected in Germany in 1932 to meet the increasing demand for radio entertainment.

Bucharest—A childrens exposition will be held here in May. It will be international in character and will demonstrate newest methods of infant care and training.

Mexico City—Four were fatally wounded in a political celebration at Chatepec, near here.

London—Spotted fever has broken out among the troops at Windsor castle.

Guayaquil—The Ecuadorian revolt ended Saturday when the rebel troops were decisively defeated at Fort Punta Piedras.

Sports
Seattle—The Pacific coast intercollegiate rowing championship was won Saturday by California's sturdy oarsmen when they humbled the Washington Huskies in two out of three races here. Thus ended the two-year supremacy of the Washington crew. The Bear varsity first won by five lengths, then the California jayvees won by 18 lengths. The day was saved from being completely

ruined for Washington when that school's frosh won from the Bear cubs by three and a half lengths in a two-mile run.

Palo Alto—An unofficial world's record for the 880-yard event was set Saturday by Ben Eastman, who only two weeks ago scored a new world record for the 440-yard run, when he clipped it off in 1 minute 51.3 seconds in the triangular track meet here between Stanford university, the San Francisco Olympic club and the University of San Francisco. Stanford, which is Eastman's school, won the meet, with 78 points to U. S. F.'s 16. It is expected that Eastman's record will be declared official as three A. A. U. timers caught him on the watches.

Chicago—The two major leagues will stage their big opening at the 1932 season in eight cities Tuesday. The first major league game, however, will be that between the Senators and Boston Red Sox at Washington Monday. Games scheduled for Tuesday are as follows: National league—Chicago at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at St. Louis, Boston at Brooklyn, Philadelphia at New York; American league—New York at Philadelphia, Washington at Boston, St. Louis at Chicago, Cleveland at Detroit.

Los Angeles—Although the Beavers outlit Los Angeles, the latter team won here Saturday, 9 to 6. This gave Los Angeles a one-game lead in the series. Other Coast games were: Hollywood 2, Oakland 1; Sacramento 14, Missions 4.

Madison—A crowd of about 250 gave Dr. Clarence W. Spears, newly appointed University of Wisconsin football coach and ex-University of Oregon mentor, a rousing welcome when he arrived here, accompanied by his wife and three children. He said he would begin "hard work" immediately.

All is set for the Northwest A. A. U. Olympic wrestling tryouts at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club, April 27 and 28. Preliminary trials

will be held the first day on the second.

New York—Sammy Pallone and Jack ("Kid") Bergland will have a return match at Madison Square Garden. The winner will be made the victor of the D. B. Petrolle engagement at Chicago May 13, according to plans.

Mrs. Lambert and Mr. Wm. Walker moved to 1001 Lost Lake Road and opened an open resort—Hood River.

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