

AMERICA IS OFF THE GOLD BASIS

Twice in a While

"If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and just can repair. The event is in the hands of God." George Washington.

Well, guess we had better shut up about the weather. Every time we speak of Spring, Old Man Winter hauls off and hands us a jolt. So you can just fix your own weather without any aid from us.

All Southern Oregon is spending its spare time now, sitting on the side lines and watching how paying is laid. Also criticizing the work and the workers. The age of machinery, etc. This week we counted over fifty men scattered along the new Medford-Central Point cutoff, just looking on. We'll admit the job is interesting, at that. That larned, straddle-bug machine which follows in the wake of the giant concrete mixer and smooths, and tamps and irons out the wrinkles is sure some machine. It gave us a headache just to watch its strange movements. And then to watch those men leveling and smoothing and roweling out the surface with 20-foot trowels is quite interesting. And finally that giant safety razor with which the final bumps are shaved off. We can see that riding over this stretch of the Pacific Highway is going to put many drivers to sleep. Such smoothness is certainly not the rule.

So far we haven't heard of any great catches of fish this year. Maybe the poor things are frozen up, or maybe they have been scared out of Jackson county on account of the awful political scandal of recent months.

We see that the bad boys on the county court have called a halt on the using of county stationery, county typewriters and court stenographers in the preparation of certain editorial matter. That's always our luck! Just when we were getting ready to ask for a special stenographer, to be paid by the county, for ourselves, along come those cussed economical commissioners, who seem to have no regard for the honor and dignity of certain "duly elected and qualified" county officials, and spoil our plans. This life is getting to be just one darned thing after another.

And the longer we live, we more and more clearly see how foolish it is for anyone to try to step into some sphere of life than the one for which we are trained and mentally fitted. And when and if a man has shown aptitude as a mechanic, a fruit market man or the like, he ought to "stick to his last" and stay out of the "fourth estate." But we have long noted how many people there are who think they could run a newspaper without half trying. They are always ready to heap criticism on the head of some poor editor who in his human way, makes an occasional mistake.

If Earl H. Fehl, "duly elected, etc." and Lewellyn A. Banks had been content to stick to the job for which they were fitted by nature and training, much of the trouble and turmoil which have besmirched the fair name of Jackson county and made it the by-word and laughing stock of the whole Pacific coast would have been avoided. "Foolish rush in where angels fear to tread." And the records show that Fehl and Banks have cost the taxpayers of this county far, far more than they have ever saved to them.

We have been interviewing quite a number of prominent business men lately, getting their ideas as to the future outlook for this valley. The general opinion seems to be that the worst is over and that business is slowly but steadily improving. We asked Floyd Hart, manager of the Timber Products company as to the outlook for lumber and wood products this year. He said he thought that his company was going to have a good year. Credit conditions are improving and already more orders are coming in than at this time last year. And by the way, we wish all business concerns were as careful of the interests of their employees as the Tomlin company has been. Their

STATE MONEY FOR ROADS IS NOT PROBABLE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19—(Sp)—Toll roads, if constructed in Oregon will have to be financed by federal or local money, the state highway commission today informed groups backing projects in the central and northern parts of the state. Bids were opened on three highway graveling projects in southern Oregon at today's meeting.

Will Engineer
The commission will agree to furnish engineering and legal advice as to the proposed toll roads, but will not pledge resources of the state to meet the obligations should they be built. Present plans are to borrow funds from the Reconstruction Finance corporation and repay the loans through the tolls collected.

Projects Talked
Projects discussed before the commission meeting today were the Wilson river the Wolf creek roads to the coast, the North Umpqua, Santiam and Willamette highways, and five toll bridges along the Oregon coast highway.

B. L. Eddy of Roseburg was the spokesman of the group seeking the Umpqua, Santiam and Willamette projects to aid unemployment in Douglas, Linn, Lane and Benton counties.

A. Gillenwater of Klamath Falls, who appeared in the interests of the Klamath-Weed extension of the Dalles-California highway, said he was willing to join this project with the others in their efforts to secure R. F. C. aid.

Trail Bid Opened
Low-bid contracts opened at today's meeting included: Graveling Trail-Prospect section of the Crater Lake highway, E. R. Metzker, Roseburg, \$4,695; graveling, Klamath county, Dunn & Baker, Klamath Falls, \$14,625; Mystic creek section Coos Bay highway, A. S. Wallace Roseburg, \$5,700.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE
"The codfish lays a million eggs While the helpful hen lays one; But the codfish does not cackle To inform us what she's done. And so we scorn the codfish coy, While the helpful hen we prize; Which indicates to thoughtful minds That it pays to advertise."

aim has always been to give the workmen a fair share of the profits.

Prices of farm products are slowly rising. Wheat is up. Corn is up. Livestock is showing signs of improved prices. In fact nearly every thing the farmer raises is coming back. This is a hopeful sign. Once let the farmer prosper and we all prosper.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?
That the merchants of your home city are the lifeblood of the home city. Without them you would have no city.

As they progress so will your city progress.

The more prosperous they are, the more prosperous your city will be.

If their business is poor, so will your chances of success be poor: your property will depreciate in value—your city will go back.

They are the men who give you credit when you need it.

They are the men who guarantee the goods they sell you, and if the goods are not as represented they give you your money back.

They are your friends, your neighbors.

They are the people who pay heavy taxes to support your city.

They help to support your schools, your churches, and they talk and boost for your city all the time.

These men are the ones your city must depend upon for development. Better business for your business men is the way to build your city into a bigger city.

Boost good business for the home city!

Drivers May Get Renewed License Now

Here's a tip for the thrifty motorist!

Drivers licenses will sell for exactly twice the present price after June 9, the fee having been raised to one dollar under the new law which will become effective at that time. Those who get their licenses renewed before June 9 will not only save half the cost but will avoid the last minute rush which is certain to occur reports Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

The new Oregon motor vehicle law provides that all drivers licenses issued prior to July 1, 1931, must expire on September 1, and every two years thereafter, beginning on June 30, 1935. This means that every operator carrying one of the old-type licenses must have it renewed before September and because there are some 400,000 drivers affected by the law, the department will be flooded with applications as the dead-line approaches.

"Persons desiring to renew their operators cards before June 9 should secure an examiners schedule and an Oregon Motorist's Manual," advises Secretary Hoss. "These may be obtained from state police, county sheriffs, chiefs of police, newspapers, or by writing to my office. No one should attempt to take the examination without first having carefully studied the information contained in the manual," Mr. Hoss adds.

Depression Circus Coming to Town Friday, April 28

Friday evening, April 28 at 7:00 o'clock, the G. A. A. Depression circus will open its doors for its only performance in this city.

This circus not only boasts of a pin-headed woman, bearded lady, a wild man and other freaks but also a fortune teller, a boxing match, and a snake charmer.

Besides the side shows mentioned, there will be a main show featuring Sales Tax, the Elephant, Technocracy, the Cook, and other animal acts.

A parade will be sponsored in the afternoon, prior to the evening performance displaying the talented circus folk and their trained animals.

On account of the present conditions that we now have the business manager has made very reasonable prices. Adults 10c and children 5c. Everyone is welcome.

Rebekah's Nominate Officers for Year

Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge met in regular session in the I. O. O. F. Hall April 19th.

Nominations of officers were in order. Sister Erma Hedgepeth was nominated N. G. Sister Bessie Fredenburg V. G. Sister Florence Eddy, Sec., and Sister Luzella Damon Treas.

Sister Purkeypile resigned as delegate to Grand Lodge leaving Sister Southwell to go alone to Pendleton next month. Sister Buckles is to be District Deputy. Sister Rostell was reported as improving from a recent operation, but is still in Portland in the Surgical Hospital.

After lodge closed the evening was spent in playing cards.—Publicity Correspondent.

Boswell Appointed As Cadet Colonel At State College

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 19.—Carl K. Boswell of Central Point, senior in education, has been appointed colonel of the entire cadet corps of the Oregon State R. O. T. C. by Colonel W. H. Patterson, commandant. Boswell was colonel of the infantry unit before this promotion.

Support Is Taken From U. S Dollar As Prices Advance

ROOSEVELT SAYS MOVE TAKEN TO KEEP GOLD AT HOME. MEANS DOLLAR WILL SEEK NATURAL LEVEL. PREPARES PLAN TO GET WORLD BACK TO ITS FORMER STATUS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19—(Sp)—The United States swung away from the gold standard today as President Roosevelt prepared to ask congress tomorrow for new powers to effect a controlled inflation.

Senator Thomas, democrat, Oklahoma, and administration advisers later drafted an amendment to the farm bill to give the president broad powers to inflate currency, which will be offered subject to the approval of the chief executive.

The amendment would permit the president at his discretion to issue currency, accept silver in payment of war debts under certain conditions or decrease the gold content of the dollar by international agreement or otherwise.

Woodin Interprets Move
It was drafted late today by Thomas, Senators Byrnes, democrat, South Carolina; Pittman, democrat Nevada, and Professor Raymond Moley, assistant secretary of state and close advisor of the president.

The draft was sent to the White House for study by the president, and Thomas and he would offer it as a rider to the farm bill if approved by Mr. Roosevelt.

Withdrawal of gold support for the American dollar in foreign exchanges by the president was interpreted by his secretary of the treasury, William H. Woodin, as meaning temporary suspension of the traditional gold standard basis of currency.

Later Move Planned.
In his first move the president boldly put himself into a position to negotiate for a revised world gold standard by withdrawing support of the American dollar in foreign exchanges to combat the depreciated currencies of the foreign nations now off the standard.

He has in mind bringing all nations back to the gold standard as a measure of stability, but he is considering a new standard whereby the present ratio of 40 per cent gold reserve for currency would be reduced.

He will insist upon common action by all the nations in establishing the new ratio, which will permit more currency to be circulated on the same world supply of the precious gold basis.

Meanwhile the administration attacked the problem from its purely domestic angle. Governors of the 12 federal reserve banks reported promising outlooks to Secretary Woodin and then studied means of pumping available idle currency into circulation.

The governors also tackled the task of freeing the four to five billions still locked up in closed banks. Quick action appeared in prospect tonight.

In his bold maneuvers in the world of finance, the president stilled for the moment, at least, the clamor on congressional hill for forthright inflation.

He appeared to have won command of the situation with his move for inflation that will respond to control and place within the power of the government a counter-deflation program.

Money Movement Wanted
On the senate floor the veterans Fletcher of Florida, chairman of the banking committee, hailed the cause of "controlled inflation," as a necessary step with international action to stabilize currencies and raise commodity prices.

"What is needed," said Fletcher "is not so much more money, as increased velocity in its movement. What appears to be in circulation is not really circulating."

"We must put our dollar on an equal basis with the currency of other great trading nations.

"If England and the United States would adopt a measure of value, consisting of gold and silver, the rest of

the world would follow and we would have a stable measure which would stimulate trade, raise values and change the psychological condition from one of fear to hope and gradually lead to prosperity."

Price Control Sought.
The whole attack is planned by President Roosevelt as one leading to a controlled price level—a level higher than that now existing but restrained from rising to inordinate heights.

Aware of the probable effect on the bond market of the drastic steps immediately required to bring about controlled inflation, the administration has virtually abandoned for the time being the long-time public works program which would have to be financed by bonds.

Instead, attention is going to be focused on providing jobs between now and next spring. This public improvement plan would not necessarily involve a huge bond issue but it will be centered at the same time on providing immediate jobs.

In withdrawing the gold support of the American dollar in foreign exchanges Mr. Roosevelt regarded the move as one calculated both to improve American commodity prices and to put this nation in the same position as the other countries which have depreciated their currencies by going off the gold standard.

This, of course, puts him in a more strategic position to bargain for the return to a revised gold standard which he has in mind.

Easter Picnic Is A Huge Success

The Easter picnic that was held Sunday was a big success. The first one of these picnics was held 18 years ago. There were about 35 present, ranging from 18 months to 75 years in age. This picnic was held on the river near Gold Hill. They had a big bonfire, coffee and every good thing imaginable to eat. The children had an Easter egg hunt. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. Slagle and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richardson an daughter Erma Mr. and Mrs. Orin Randle, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Richardson and Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Kinde, and daughter, Helen, Mr. and Ms Laurence Bodin and son Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Gleason, Misses Maxine Vaughn, Marion Patterson Lois Hill, Fran La Dieu, Nancy Wilson, Mr. John Blackford, Irnell Caster, and Mrs. Ward Davis.

Mrs. Houlihan Is Called to Rest

Indiana Houlihan passed away from a complication of diseases at the family residence, on the Pacific Highway, above Central Point, Oregon near the overhead crossing at 9 o'clock Sunday evening, after an illness covering the past month.

Mrs. Houlihan was born at New Carlisle, Indiana, April 25 1882. She had been a resident of southern Oregon for the past two years, and had many friends who will mourn her passing.

Indiana Fenton was united to John Houlihan at Monterey, Virginia on November 16, 1899, and the following children were born to this union. Three daughters and one son. Mrs. C. E. Trumbull of Whittier Calif., Mrs. Mark Smith of Medford, Dorothy Houlihan at home, Fenton (Houlihan of Long Beach, Calif., her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fenton at home, also six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Peri Funeral home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. W. R. Baird of the Christian church officiating. Interment took place in Siskiyou Memorial park.

Belknap Sues On Mortgage From Banks

L. F. Belknap and wife filed suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$16,000 against L. A. Banks and Edith R. Banks. Belknap asks possession of his orchards property, located near the fairgrounds, an dthat he be given the fairgrounds, and that he be given the complaint sets forth that in October 1929, Banks entered into an agreement with Belknap, to purchase the orchard for \$17,000. Banks agreed to make yearly payments of not less than \$4500. The complaint cites that he made one payment of \$1000 and interest on the principal retaining possession of the property for more than three years.

The complaint also asks that all other claims against the orchard be made secondary to the mortgage.

Farmers Should Apply at Once For Crop Loans

Farmers who are contemplating securing loans from the Crop Production Loan Office should do so at an early date, according to H. T. Pankey, assistant field inspector, who is spending a few days in Medford in the interests of the Crop Production Loan Office.

According to a ruling of the United States Department of Agriculture the time for filing these applications will close on April 30th; that is, the applications must be mailed in time to be presented at the Crop Production Loan office in Minneapolis not later than April 30, 1933. To insure arrival within the specified time the applications should be mailed not later than April 25th.

Blank forms for making application for loans from \$25.00 to \$300 may be secured at the Medford office of the county agent, where other necessary information can be secured and assistance rendered in filling out the applications in accordance with the regulations governing the crop production loan work.

These loans are for the purpose of assisting the farmers to secure seed, spraying and dusting material and fertilizer in producing the 1933 crop.

Now that the system is in full operation applications are going thru more promptly, according to Mr. Pankey, and applications filed recently were returned for record with the checks for the growers in the period of ten days, where the applications were correct in all details.

Mortgage Relief Plan In Detail

WASHINGTON, April 13—If you are hard pressed to meet mortgage payments on your home, and it does not exceed \$10,000 in value, this is the way the Roosevelt plan for refinancing would operate:

Insurance company holds a \$4,000 mortgage — for example—on owner's home now valued at \$9,000 on which the interest rate is 6 per cent or above, but owner is unable to pay.

Either the insurance company or the owner has to approach the "Home Owners' Corporation" offices for refinancing.

The insurance company will accept in exchange for the mortgages, bonds issued by the corporation on which the government guarantees 4 per cent interest. In return for the sure interest the company may agree to mark down the debt to \$5,000.

The corporation then gives the owner a new mortgage with a face value of \$5,000 payable in 15 years at 5 per cent interest.

In addition, the corporation may advance him the cash for payment of taxes and necessary repairs and cover it in the mortgage.

In the discretion of the home loan board, the owner may be given a three-year moratorium on his debt. The owner could make his payments monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

Berean Bible Class Holds Meet

The Berean Bible class met Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. Webster, with Mrs. Case, Class president, in the chair. Prayer by Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Grimes. Following the Scripture lesson a reading was given by Mrs. Smith.

Games and contests were enjoyed by Mesdames H. P. Jewett, Gay Tex, R. B. Langston, A. A. Thompson, A. H. Case, L. A. Williams, R. W. Nichols, Paul Nitzscheck, J. M. Johnson, C. G. Duncan, Louise Ayers, H. L. Borah, Betta Pankey, E. C. Faber John Clark, W. J. Gebhard, Henry Meyer, Alice McKim, J. W. Casad W. P. Grimes, Viola Lampman, S. D. Hill, Louise Grimes, R. M. Wyatt, E. C. Richmond, C. E. Hamrick, O. M. Munnick, Rodney Richards, L. H. Smith, A. Webster and several small children.

At four o'clock the Sunday School Class of Mrs. Faber came in and sang a group of songs. They were Misses Roberta Pankey, Betty Hill Lucille Williams, Esther Lathrop, Neldage Ayers, Eleanor Clark, Barbara Lee Koehler, Viola Robins, Erma Thompson, Laurabelle Wilson Lavonne Kaiser.

Candy was served by the hostess, Mrs. Webster.

PRESBYTERIANS CLOSE SESSION AT CENTRAL PT.

The annual spring meeting of the Presbytery of southwest Oregon in session at the Central Point Federated church since Monday evening, closed Wednesday with a Bible conference hour, led by Dr. F. W. Russell of Mt. Hermon and San Francisco. Dr. Russell was the guest speaker for this meeting and gave seven interesting and inspiring addresses.

Commissioners or delegates to the national meeting at Columbus, Ohio, in May were chosen, the four being Revs. E. V. Ostrander of Myrtle Point, and Alexander Muirhead and Elders H. F. W. Spilver of Medford and George A. Martin of Medford.

This Presbytery includes the counties of Jackson Josephine, Douglas, Curry, Klamath and Lake, with 26 Presbyterian churches and 36 ministers enrolled, some of the latter being of age to retire and living elsewhere.

Except for financial stringency, the work of the year has been unusually encouraging in many ways and this was much the best meeting of the Presbytery and was the best attended for years. The Central Point church and pastor were splendid and most gracious hosts, and the church was filed Tuesday night with many people in attendance from Central Point and over the valley from Ashland to Grants Pass.

Rogue River was chosen again this year as the place for holding the young people's summer conference which will be from June 26 to July 2, inclusive. With a registered attendance of over 90 at this conference last summer, the largest of the three held in Oregon, the outlook is for an even better one this year.

At this meeting of the Presbytery Rev. Adolph Haberly was received from the Presbytery of Highland Kansas, and Rev. J. L. Beatty was transferred to the Willamette Presbytery, Oregon.

Wednesday morning at Central Point the Presbytery voted in favor of biennial meeting of the general assembly and of a less number of commissioners to it from the Presbyteries, of which there are now 291, with usually about 1000 commissioners attending general assembly each year.

James Hennikson from the Central Point church and a senior student this year in the theological seminary at San Anselmo, Calif., is to be examined and then ordained, if the way be clear, at the adjourned meeting of the Presbytery to be held May 9 in the Grants Pass church.