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FARM RELIEF IS UP TO PRESIDENT

Twice in a While

"If, to please the people, we offer what we resolve to disapprove, how can we afterwards find 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, another week has rolled by, and here we are again at our desk, pondering what the heck to write about now. The weather is taboo. It is county politics and criticism of banks and Fehl. So what is left?

But speaking of Fehl, we saw a crew of men at work the other day moving the printing machinery out of the building next to the stoffice in Medford. We understand that the Neidermeyers' have taken the machinery and placed it in storage. Which puts another lump in the so-called "free press" the county. We wonder what will happen next. In 1919 this crew moved that same equipment from the old Ashland Record office in Medford and set it up in the old Ike rooms above the Rex cafe. We liked establish Mr. Fehl in the newspaper business and saw the beginning of his editorial career. We admit we have been amazed at times to see how he has hung on.

This writer has had a hand in a lot of newspaper history in Southern Oregon. When we came to Medford in the fall 1908, we went to work for A. S. Bliton on the Morning Mail. After the Tribune bought the Mail and changed its name to the Mail Tribune, we worked for time as foreman there. Later we took the job of pressman and helped set up the first web press in the county. This press we operated for many years.

Where are the men who worked in us then? Scattered from "breakfast" or dead, most of them by A. B. ("Abe") Williams and F. (Fred) Steniett remain of the bunch. Mr. Bliton is credit manager; Mr. Putnam is editor of the Capital Journal in Salem. And hate to start naming those who have passed on. One of the first we got acquainted with in that print shop, Art Brown, died on a short time ago.

When I consider all the friends, linked together, I've seen around fall, like leaves in wintry weather, I feel like one who treads alone, in banquet hall, deserted, whose lights are fled, whose garlands dead, and all but he departed.
It sure gives one the creeps!

Say, what's the matter with this ley? Here we have a cheese factory, with a cheese market crying heaven for "more of that good Rogue River" cheese", unable to secure milk enough to even run the factory to capacity. We have been in letters and telegrams from over the West calling for "more cheese", yet the factory cannot get any as much milk as it should. I wish some of you farmers and irymen would come forward with an answer. Won't you just write the American and tell us what, in your opinion, is the matter? Thiser will be glad to print anything which will throw light on this subject.

Just a few more days and school will be out. Another class will have graduated from our high school. We wonder just how much they have really absorbed from their school years. Are they better fitted for than they would have been had not provided the kind of school did? We sincerely hope so.

We have been hearing a lot lately about the awful cost of our schools. Our taxes have grown late years. Why, this writer believes in the value of education. We believe in schools and have a healthy respect for teachers in general. And are opposed to any talk of closing our schools and turning the children loose, just because the law have caused tax money to be paid in slowly. The coming generation should not be made to suffer the sins of this one, more than be helped. Just because we ran wild in getting our county and into debt, what with bond issues for this, that, and the other

FORESTS FRINGING CRATER HIGHWAY DANGERED BY AXE

Unless something is done immediately by the State of Oregon to preserve the timber along the Crater Lake highway between Prospect and the forest service boundary, a stretch of about four and one-half miles, the timber may be cut and sawed into lumber by the end of the summer, according to E. C. Sosinsky, superintendent of Crater Lake National park, who returned from Portland this morning.

Negotiations between the Rogue River Timber company, owners of the timber, and the state highway commission, have been going on for several months in an effort to effect a trade of timber between the forest service and the Rogue River Timber company so the timber on the highway can be preserved. Such a trade, according to officials of the timber company, is out of the question, as the forest service has no timber to offer for trade that the timber company could take and cut at this time. Immediate need of finances to pay taxes and repay bonded indebtedness makes it imperative for the timber company to liquidate now. The forest service, according to its officials in Portland, has no timber to trade that could be cut and marketed now.

Two proposals are before the state highway commission. One is to buy a 1000-foot strip of timber from Prospect to the forest service boundary, and the other is to buy the timber between Rogue river and Mill creek, thus creating a park of some 5000 acres, which would remain for generations as one of the most beautiful strips of sugar pine and Douglas fir in the northwest.

Unless action to purchase the timber from the Rogue River Timber company is taken immediately, cutting of timber will start before tourist travel starts. Contracts for the cutting of 15,000,000 feet of the timber are now ready to sign, and logging contractors are ready to move onto the grounds. By the end of the summer the now beautiful strip of timber will be nothing but stumpeage according to officials, and tourists will drive from Prospect to the forest service boundary through stumps and brush instead of through the forest.

The Rogue River Timber company recently made a tax payment of about \$9000 on this timber, and bonded indebtedness is due. The timber must be cut and sold, they say, either to sawmills, or to the state.—Mail Tribune.

The sophomore class of the Central Point High School held their yearly swimming party at Jackson Springs Friday evening with about 27 in attendance. After swimming a light lunch of sandwiches, pickles, salad and cup cakes was served. They then drove to Medford where they attended a show at the Roxy. Alvin Williams furnished the transportation.

There is no reason we should default in our obligation to the children.

Did you ever take your pencil and figure out just how much you pay each year for school tax? You will find that it amounts to \$15.10 a year on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation. At that rate how many people are there in this district who can lay their depressed financial condition to what our schools cost them each year? Just think it over before you holler.

As the junior member of the board of directors for the Central Point school district, we wish to thank the superintendent and teachers for the cheerful cooperation they have shown during the year and for their consideration for our shortcomings as an inexperienced school officer. May you all have a good vacation this summer.

H. T. Pankey Will View Crop Loans

L. J. Paulson, Regional Manager of the Crop Production Loan Office at Minneapolis, has instructed H. T. Pankey, assistant field inspector for Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Lane, Coos and Curry counties, to immediately complete plans for an inspection of the seeding program of all Crop Production Loan borrowers. It is expected that Mr. Pankey will devote practically all of his time during the several weeks immediately after April 30 (this being the final limit on loan applications) to this inspection work. It is necessary that the regulations surrounding these government advances be strictly followed. Borrowers, in consideration of the loans received are obligated to reduce acreage of cash crops 30%, besides which they must seed the entire acreage for which loans are obtained or return the overborrowing either to Mr. Pankey or to the regional office at Minneapolis.

Oregon Projects Are Included in Rivers and Harbors Bill

A Rivers and Harbors bill introduced into the House of Representatives today by the Rivers and Harbors committee, includes several Oregon projects and provides for the expenditure of federal funds in Oregon as follows: Umpqua River, \$700,000.00; Dredging of Columbia River at St. Helens, \$50,000.00; Columbia River, mouth of Willamette to Vancouver, \$57,000.00; Young's Bay and River, \$5,000.00; and Multnomah channel, \$20,000.00.

These developments include all of the projects which have been approved by the Board of Army Engineers, although Congressman James W. Mott of the First District for Oregon, after a conference with Senator McNary announced that a further hearing for the Willamette River development has been granted for May 17th, and it is hoped that this project may also be authorized by the Board of Engineers at that time so that it could be included in the Rivers and Harbors bill before passage by the Senate.

The Oregon Congressman was advised today by the Board of Engineers that the Tillamook Bay project calling for the construction of a south jetty has been disapproved pending further showing for necessity of additional improvement at this time, and Mr. Mott announced that he would request a rehearing on this project at an early date, as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made to present further evidence to the Board.

Early this week Mr. Mott was informed by the War Department that the maintenance fund for the Skipanon water way development, which had been temporarily held up, was now released and the funds made available for immediate use.

Music Program Will Be Given at Gym on Friday

Music lovers of Central Point are anticipating a rare treat Friday afternoon when the school orchestra from Butte Falls, Gold Hill, Eagle Point and Central Point gather here for a program celebrating National Music Week. These orchestras have been instructed by Mr. R. A. Botts for the past year or two and will be assembled here on Friday. Invitations have been sent to the teachers, pupils and patrons of the Willow Springs, Tolo, Azate and Table Rock schools and the people of Central Point are urged to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear these orchestras. —Because of the large crowd expected the program will be held in the gymnasium. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. Republicans: Austin, Carey, Cou-

Measure Carries Wide Powers to Expand Currency

COST OF PRODUCTION PROVISION STRICKEN AT INSISTANCE OF ADMINISTRATION. PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE IS EXPECTED SOON. WIDE POWER GIVEN.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—The Norris-Simpson cost of production amendment, to which the administration objected, was stricken from the farm bill by the senate today, sending the bill to President Roosevelt.

The bill includes a section which gives President Roosevelt wide powers to expand the currency. The Norris-Simpson cost of production provision, opposed by Secretary Wallace, came out as the senate yielded to house insistence that it be removed.

This, together with an earlier vote of 52 to 28 approving the report of senate and house conferees, who previously had agreed on every section except the production cost plan, automatically sent the bill to President Roosevelt.

Norris Gives Up Senator Norris (R., Neb.) who had championed the production cost plan in the senate, called on colleagues to reject his amendment. "The house rejected this amendment by an overwhelming majority," Norris said. "I would have liked to have seen it stay in, but that looks like an impossibility."

Senator Borah (R., Idaho), interrupted to assert "the cost of production section is the most important part of the farm sections."

Norris agreed, but reminded colleagues of the house vote. Wheeler (D., Mont.) appealed to senators not to eliminate the section.

The president is expected to sign the mammoth bill without delay and arrangements are being made to put the credit inflation provisions into effect by purchase in the open market of up to three billion dollars in federal bonds.

The senate vote on the cost of production amendment was 48 to 33. The measure seeks to life farm income to pre-war levels by giving wide power to Secretary Wallace to make marketing agreements, levy processing taxes on basic commodities, and compensatory taxes on competing products. It also proposes to refinance farm mortgages at 4½ per cent interest through the land bank system.

It lists as basic commodities: Cotton, corn, wheat, hogs, rice, tobacco and dairy products.

Refinance Mortgages Farm mortgages would be refinanced through a two billion dollar land bank bond issue. To aid the farmer further, it provides \$200,000,000 from the R. F. C. for loans to farmers to enable them to refinance other debts through composition with creditors, as provided in the bankruptcy law.

The inflation section gives the president broad discretionary powers over the currency, authorizing him to: Expand federal reserve credit by \$3,000,000,000. Issue \$3,000,000,000 new currency.

Reduce the gold content of the dollar by not more than 50 per cent. Accept up to \$200,000,000 in silver at 50 cents an ounce on the war debts and issue silver certificates on such metal. Provides Free Coinage Remonetize silver at a definite ratio with gold and provide for free and unlimited coinage.

The roll call on the motion to eliminate the cost of production amendment follows: Democrats for elimination: Adams, Ashurst, Bailey, Bankhead, Barkley, Black, Brown, Bulkeley, Byrd, Byrnes, Connally, Coolidge, Copeland, Dietrich, Fletcher, George, Glass, Harrison, Hayden, Hendrick, Logan, Long, McNeill, Murphy, Neely, Overton, Pope, Reynolds, Russell, Thomas of Oklahoma, Thomas of Utah, Van Nuys and Wheeler—21. Republicans: Borah, Cutting, Frazier, Hatfield, LaFollette, Norbeck, Norris, Nye, Robinson of Indiana, Schall and Vandenberg—11. Farmer-Labor: Shipstead—1. Grand total—33.

The Golden Link Bible Class of the Christian Church will meet Friday May 12, at the home of Mrs. F. O. Cochran.

Wages Rise In Many Parts U.S.

(By the Associated Press.) In scattered regions wages started uphill today and employment gained momentum.

The Planters Nut and Chocolate company at Suffolk, Va., announced a 20 per cent pay increase for more than 700 employees, effective today.

The Norwalk (Conn.), Tire and Rubber company announced a 5 per cent bonus on weekly wages of all employees.

Two barrel stove manufacturing plants at Harboursville, Ky., added night shifts. The Briggs & Stratton corporation, Milwaukee manufacturer of auto accessories and motors increased its operations from three to five days a week.

The Commerce (G.) National Manufacturing company added several hundred employees to its payroll and opened its mills at night, its order books swollen.

President Roosevelt's advisers were ready to submit to him the completed broad program for revival of business through a \$3,000,000,000 public construction plan and federal cooperation on industrial regulation.

E. L. Cord, head of several large companies, with a total of more than 10,000 employees, announced a 5 per cent wage boost for all of them, beginning tomorrow.

The companies involved include the Auburn Automobile company, the Lyeomcing company Manufacturing company, Deussenburg, Inc., and American Airways.

Other announcements, in line with President Roosevelt's request for wage increases, were: Ten per cent increase to some 9,000 South Carolina textile mill workers.

A seven per cent increase for employees of the Standard Kid company of Wilmington, Del.

A ten per cent boost in wages for employees of the J. S. Bache & Co., brokerage firm, who were with the concern prior to January 1.

At the same time, things looked brighter for hog and lamb raisers whose products forged ahead yesterday to new highs for recent weeks in the Chicago markets.

LOCALS

A music program consisting of the Butte Falls, Eagle Point, Gold Hill and Central Point orchestras under the direction of Mr. R. A. Botts will present a program in the gymnasium Friday afternoon. No admission will be charged.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moran and two daughters were visiting friends and relatives in Medford Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Cockran has been confined to her home since Saturday with a severely sprained ankle.

Try the bloomer whose elastic out wears the garment, sold exclusively by ETHELWYN B. HOFFMANN.

Cap Miller of this city underwent an operation on his nose at Dr. Emmon's Office Monday. He is reported as getting along nicely.

R. H. Moore says he has a stray dog at his place which seems to be lost from its owner. So if your dog is missing call on Mr. Moore.

Miss Irene Hay entertained the following teachers with a bridge party at her home this afternoon: Mesdames Richardson, Fletcher, Hanson, Ross, Murphy and the Misses Hamilton, Seabrook, Franklin, Blood and Mrs. Leever. Little Zoe Hill brought in tiny orchid and yellow corsages, with the announcement of the engagement of Miss Seabrook and Cecil Merrier in the center. Dainty refreshments were served of orchid, heart-shaped ice cream and cake.

HOMEMAKER'S DAY MEETING IS HELD IN MEDFORD MAY 3

One hundred two homemakers representing eighteen communities attended the Second Annual County Homemakers Day held at the Christian Church in Medford, Wednesday, May 3rd. The meeting opened with the singing of a group of songs, directed by Mrs. Mabel Sims of Jacksonville and Mrs. George Wandt, pianist.

Miss Alice Hanley, Chairman of the County Extension Committee who was presiding, welcomed the delegates and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review the recommendations of last year, measure the progress of work, and make recommendations for the Extension projects to be included in next year.

Miss Claribel Nye, State Leader of Home Economics Extension gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on County Costs which showed the division of federal funds, and the small percentage of the Department of Agriculture funds that is used for Extension and experimental work.

Mrs. Mabel C. Mack, home demonstration agent explained the recommendations of last years homemakers day. The program adopted and the results achieved. Seventeen units are actively engaged in home extension project work at the present time and are carrying an average of three projects a year. Nineteen communities were enrolled in foods and nutrition projects last year, with 662 enrolled. This included projects in low cost meals, food preservation, healthful sweets, milk eggs and cheese.

Twelve communities were enrolled in clothing work, eight in child development and twenty two in recreation and dramatics. Mrs. Mack stated.

Following this report the assembly was divided into five interest groups as follows:

Organization—Mrs. Effie Birdseye, Chairman, Miss Claribel Nye Secretary.

Food & Nutrition—Mrs. Ethel Lathrop, Chairman, Miss Lucy Case Secretary.

Child Development—Mrs. Eudora Bohner, Chairman, Mrs. Mabel C. Mack, Secretary.

Clothing & Textiles—Mrs. Susie Maust, Chairman, Mrs. Azalea Sager, Secretary.

Recreation & Dramatics—Miss Claire Hanley, Chairman, Mrs. Sara Wertz, Secretary.

Mrs. Bertha Glasgow, a member of the County Extension Committee presided at the noon luncheon, which was a demonstration of the low cost meals project and was served by the Women's Assn. of the Christian Church. Mrs. Glasgow introduced the guests—Miss Claribel Nye, State Leader; Mrs. Azalea Sager, and Miss Lucy Case, Extension Specialist; Ralph Billings and R. E. Nealon, County Commissioners and R. G. Fowler, County Agent. Mr. Fowler gave a short talk on the home vegetable garden.

This was followed by reports of chairman of the Home Extension Units of work done during the past year.

Interest group meetings were resumed after lunch to complete discussions and write recommendations. When all gathered in the auditorium at 2:30, Mrs. Nellie Niedermeyer entertained with reading a collection of Kitchen Sonnets written by Mrs. Romig Fuller, Oregon poet.

A style show was given as a practical demonstration of the clothing renovation project, with Mrs. Ralph Wilcox, Phoenix, Mrs. Effie Birdseye, Rogue River; Mrs. Atchley, Me-Leod; Mrs. Arnold Bohner, Central Point; Mrs. Arlee Ragsdale, Trail; Mrs. Ireta Ralston, Evans Valley; and Mrs. G. E. Ousterhaut, Eagle Point participating. The garments remodeled included suits, dresses, and costume jackets.

Reports of the interest groups (Continued on Page Four)