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EDITORIALS

WHO BEARS THE BURDEN?

It is often said that laborers, including both white collar and hand workmen, have suffered more from depression than have investors, and that most of the burden of hard times has fallen on those least able to bear it. Now recent studies, produced by the National Bureau of Economic Research, decisively destroy this belief. During the years 1930, 1931 and 1932, for which complete statistics have been collected, industrial profits practically ceased to exist. American business did not even break even—it was forced to fall back upon the reserves built up during better times to meet its obligations.

In 1929, for example, business paid out \$81,800,000,000, while earnings totaled \$83,000,000,000, leaving a profit of some \$1,800,000,000. In 1930 expenses paid out exceeded income produced by over \$5,000,000,000. In 1932, the deficit caused by expenses exceeding earnings amounted to almost \$10,000,000,000. No comparable survey has been made for the years since then, but reports indicate that industry has undergone a similar experience.

Both capital and labor have necessarily taken it on the chin during depression, and capital has absorbed most of the losses.

WHERE ALL BENEFIT

In a recent address the general manager of a large cooperative association said: "Our egg cooperatives are getting the eggs to the consumers in more nearly the degree of freshness they possess when laid in the nest. . . . Through cooperative efforts the poultrymen of Petaluma, California, or the Willamette Valley of Oregon, or Western Washington are nearer the New York consumer than most farms in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Sound cooperation has done it—a job peculiarly possible ONLY through cooperation."

Other cooperatives, dealing in milk, cotton and similar products, have made records of this kind. Important as the cooperative is in aiding the farmer, it is likewise of great importance in assuring the consuming public a constant supply of first-quality farm products at a fair price. When cooperatives succeed, every person and concern involved—from farmer to distributor to processor to buyer—is benefitted.

The thinking public is solidly behind business-like cooperative movements. It knows that cooperation is bringing stability out of agricultural chaos. It knows profitless agriculture makes general recovery impossible—and that better times for those who till the soil will be felt throughout the entire nation, in every industry and calling. And it realizes that cooperative managements, thru far-sightedness and fair-dealing, earn the faith that is placed in them both by farmers and the public at large.

TURN OUR EYES BACK

In a recent address celebrating the 151st anniversary of General Simon Bolivar, the great South American patriot, John L. Merrill, President of the Pan American Society, said: "In this day of selfish men and selfish politicians . . . we are apt to become despondent and our simple American faith is apt to be shaken. It is fitting, therefore, that once in a while we turn our faces back to the glorious, matchless figures of our Washington and our Bolivar, for a new inspiration."

Never was it more important that we look backward for that inspiration than in these discordant times. Washington and Bolivar knew the true meaning of patriotism—patriotism that puts country above self, and the interests of the great masses of people above personal ambition, chains of tyranny, and established freedom—freedom of thought, of action, of belief. They too looked to the past—as we should look now—

and from the lessons it produced they built for the present and the future.

There can be no progress if the individual is suppressed—if he is made a vassal of an all-powerful state. Independence of thought, faith in our capabilities, inflexible character—to these things can we lay our past achievements. We must not lose them.

A PRACTICAL WAY TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT

A large number of prominent industrialists, along with an army of public officials and economists, are of the opinion that stimulated residential construction offers the best chance of accelerating the pace of recovery.

Construction is a local industry. The money that is spent goes first to local people—to workers, contractors, building supply houses. Every business in the community is benefited, from the corner grocery to the electric utility. Every pocket-book feels the fattening effect of construction dollars.

The great drive to boom construction is getting underway now. Private capital that has been tied up in non-productive channels is going to work. A vast need for housing exists, in both urban and rural localities—there has never been so great a potential demand for better and more modern homes.

So far as the individual citizen is concerned, he is now being offered an unprecedented opportunity to build on extremely favorable terms. Almost all the costs involved—from paints to interest charges—are well under previous levels. It is the part of wisdom to make the fullest possible use of that opportunity.

THE ABC OF SAFETY

The cause of safety has a very simple and important A. B. C. The letters mean—Always Be Careful.

That motto should govern conduct in every home, in every place

of business—and especially in every automobile. Because it is constantly violated, thousands of people die needlessly each year, 33,000 of them in motor accidents alone, and property damage runs into the billions. In no other nation do accidents take so great a toll.

There is nothing difficult about "playing safe." The main thing to remember is to never take a needless chance—never do anything unnecessarily that might lead to injury. An automobile driver, for example, can probably pass cars on curves nine hundred and ninety-nine times without anything happening. On the thousandth time he may kill and maim and injure. The element of risk is always there—a little thought will reduce it to a minimum.

There is no greater and more absolute waste than that caused by accidents. No kind of waste possesses less justification—the unavoidable accident is so rare as to be almost non-existent. Nearly every accident is caused because someone was reckless, careless, ignorant. Remember the A. B. C. of safety—and you will be doing your part to eliminate hazards that menace every citizen.

Diet of Oregon Trout Discussed By Bulletin

The bulk of the diet of cutthroat, rainbow and eastern brook trout found in Oregon streams and lakes consists of animal matter and while they evidently prefer insects such as mayflies, stoneflies, caddis flies, midges and blackflies, they are known to eat crustaceans, spiders, watermites, mollusks, fish, fish eggs, and occasionally earthworms, free-living nematodes, leeches, millipeds, centipeds, scorpions, frogs, snakes, birds and small mammals.

This fact, together with a great deal of detailed information on the eating habits of various kinds and

sizes of Oregon trout, is contained in "A Preliminary Survey of the Food of Oregon Trout,"—a bulletin just issued by the Oregon State college experiment station. This publication is in the nature of a progress report on the cooperative investigations undertaken by the station at the request of Oregon State Game Commission. It presents, however, basic knowledge valuable to sportsmen and to the game commission alike, leading to an ultimate study of the productivity of Oregon streams and lakes.

The surveys so far has brought out, for instance, the fact that naturally selected food varies with the size of fish as well as the kind indicating that hatchery reared fish of difference sizes should be liberated in places along streams and in the parts of lakes where their natural food is present.

Although the major portion of the fish food investigations so far have been restricted to laboratory analyses of fish stomach contents, partial stream and lake surveys of fish foods in several sections of the state have been made, the bulletin says. While these surveys were incomplete they nevertheless indicated that the amounts and kinds of fish food organisms vary greatly between different waterways. Some streams and lakes are so sparsely populated with fish food organisms that the planting of additional fish would be an unwise procedure. The majority of the waterways investigated, however, appear to have ample food organisms present. Fish food organisms were also found to vary in amounts and kinds along the courses of waterways.

Copies of the new publication may be obtained upon request from Oregon State college.

50 Minerals Are Described in Booklet

Anyone in Oregon with a bent for

hunting or collecting minerals may obtain free a simple aid to the identification of those to be found in Oregon. Such a guide has just been compiled by J. H. Hatchellar, secretary of the Oregon State Mining board and professor of mining engineering at Oregon State college.

The mimeograph leaflet lists a simple set of equipment for use in identifying minerals, gives easily followed directions for their use and includes a key for determination of minerals. Description is included for 53 minerals, 50 of which may be found in various parts of Oregon. Several others, such as chromite, hematite and manganese oxides are included as it would be greatly to the advantage of the state if these should be found, says Professor Hatchellar.

The leaflet is free on request, except for six cents required for postage, inasmuch as no funds have been provided the mining board for this purpose.

Several federal mining publications are also available from Professor Hatchellar's office, one of which deals with small scale placer mining methods. It includes maps showing placer mining districts in western states and gives detailed instructions for building simple placer mining equipment. Another circular discusses the legendary white metal and its so-called ore.

Dallas—Many Polk county orchardists are convinced that the best time to plant cover crops is before

the fall rains start, says County Agent J. R. Beck, as they have found that they get the best growth by seeding late in August. The cheapness of vetch seed this year offers an excellent opportunity for making use of this green manure crop, Mr. Beck says. The cost of a vetch cover crop will be less than \$1 per acre, he believes, and in some cases not more than 75 cents if the seed is purchased before it is cleaned

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