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EDITORIALS

Fairness

We have been criticized for our attitude regarding the economic situation. We are told we are against the farmer, the laboring man and for the capitalist. We had prided ourselves on our fairness. To our mind no policy, public or private can long endure which is unfair to any one group. Fairness to all is the American ideal and we believe thoroughly in it.

To advocate a plan for the reconstruction of the financial stability of our country which gives all the advantages to one class—be it farmer, laborer, capitalist, or what have you—does not seem to us to have much hope of permanent success.

We have tried to see the questions now troubling us from both sides. We hold that capital is a very important link in the chain—even as labor is an equally important link. Neither can get anywhere without the other.

We can see no reason why the man who tills the soil is any better than the man who takes any other of the natural products of the earth and makes them into things our civilization needs. Both are producers and both are entitled to a fair living.

To our mind, the farmer has had much discrimination against him for several years. But that is no reason he should ask to have the other fellow penalized. It is our belief the "spread" between what the farmer gets for his produce and what the consumer pays has been entirely too great. There are too many hands in between to grab off their bit.

We have had a strong sympathy for the farmer all our lives. We have always lived among them; have worked for them and with them. We have owned and worked as farmers ourselves and believe we understand their viewpoint. And to be accused of being capitalistically minded gets our goat.

But for all our sympathy and understanding of farm problems, we still believe right is right and that the man who invests his money otherwise has rights also. We may not understand all we should about the Grange program. And perhaps a better, clearer view might be ours of the men seeking office under Grange banners; but so far we believe many of the ideas advanced by these men are unworkable and too visionary.

How Can He Do It?

In a radio address at Medford the other day Mr. Zimmerman made several statements regarding closed banks and other things we wish to call attention to. He spoke of the large number of people in the state who have money tied up in defunct Savings and Loan associations, and said it was time to do something about it. He advocates winding up these affairs at once to save the cost of receivership, etc.

Will some one please tell us just what the Governor can do about it. If the officials of such banks loaned too much money on a farm in proportion to its actual valuation (as was done many times) will the sudden closing up of the receivership help any to collect the loan? Can the Governor by any act of his restore the lost valuation and put the money into the bank again? This talk sounds like a lot of political hooey to us.

We fear Mr. Zimmerman will have some job on his hands if he carries out the promises he is making. But some of the things he advocates sound all right to us. He says he is in favor of an old age pension. So are we, but not the kind of old age pension law we now have. This law places too much burden on property. It would cost this county alone \$140,000 a year to pay the full pensions of \$20 per month to all who are entitled to it. And that money would all have to come from increased property tax.

COMMUNICATED

As a rule it is against our policy to print anonymous letters, but the following may be of interest:
Central Point, Oregon
October 8, 1934

To that dyed in the wool, soaked in the vat, hard hearted, one track, Democrite slammimg, merciless editor, who writes those quince like editorials in the American, I dedicate a smart man's version of what causes depressions. Thank you.

Last winter too much cold and too many chills.

Too many doctors and too many pills.

Too many druggists and too many stills.

Too much booze and too many stills.

Too many taxes and too many bills.

Too many widows and too many wills.

Too many autos and too many spills.

Too many millers and too many mills.

Too many rivers and too many rills.

Too many mountains and too many hills.

Too many movies and too many thrills.

Too much fashion and too many frills.

Too many people following the rails.

Too many crooks putting honest men in jails.

Too many farmers burning up their straw.

Too many lawmakers, too much law.

Too many farmers with too much land.

Too many editors full of sand.

Too many officers sitting on stools.

Too many wise guys, too many fools.

Too many people bemoaning our said fate.

Too many war debts on the old slate.

Too many butchers with too much tough meat.

Too many people with nothing to eat.

Too many bakers charging too much for pie.

Too many people who want to die.

Too many (busted bankers) with too much gold.

And frozen assets (it was sure as hell cold)

Too many mail clerks with nothing to do.

So I have to pay three cents to mail this to you.

Answers to Questions
Show Trend of
National Sentiment

(Continued from page one)

ment system of old age pensions? Total replies, 4,599; Yes, 2,970, or 64.6%; No, 1,517, or 33.0%; Doubtful, 112, or 2.4%.

Cost & Organization of Government
Does public opinion in your community favor further increase in the national debt? Total replies, 4,895; Yes, 353, or 7.3%; No, 4,279, or 89.1%; Doubtful, 173, or 3.6%.

Does public opinion in your community favor reducing the number of employees on the government payroll? Total replies, 4,838; Yes, 4,224, or 87.3%; No, 515, or 10.6%; Doubtful, 99, or 2.0%.

Does public opinion in your community favor application of the Civil Service Law to new agencies of the Federal Government? Total replies, 4,584; Yes, 3,572, or 77.9%; No, 926, or 20.2%; Doubtful, 86, or 1.9%.

Government and Business
Does public opinion in your community favor the fixing of selling prices by the Federal Government for farm products? Total replies, 4,903; Yes, 1,154, or 23.5%; No, 3,609, or 73.6%; Doubtful, 140, or 2.9%.

Does public opinion in your community favor the fixing of selling prices by the Federal Government for factory products? Total replies, 4,681; Yes, 796, or 17.0%; No, 3,784, or 80.8%; Doubtful, 101, or 2.2%.

Does public opinion in your community favor government restricting farmers as to what crops they shall plant and what acreage for each crop? Total replies, 4,921; Yes, 867, or 17.6%; No, 3,919, or 79.6%; Doubtful, 135, or 2.7%.

Does public opinion in your community favor government restricting manufacturers as to amount of goods they shall produce? Total replies, 4,780; Yes, 524, or 11.0%; No, 4,153, or 86.9%; Doubtful, 103, or 2.2%.

Does public opinion in your community favor establishment by law of definite standards of private business management to be enforced by judicial proceedings and court action? Total replies, 4,743; Yes, 1,022, or 21.6%; No, 3,609, or 76.1%; Doubtful, 112, or 2.4%.

Does public opinion in your community favor control of the management of private business enterprises by government bureaus or officials? Total replies, 4,874; Yes, 256, or

5.3%; No, 4,562, or 94.6%; Doubtful, 55, or 1.1%.

Does public opinion in your community favor Federal Government going into business in competition with transportation companies? Total replies, 4,872; Yes, 542, or 11.1%; No, 4,269, or 87.4%; Doubtful, 79, or 1.4%.

Does public opinion in your community favor Federal Government going into business in competition with power companies? Total replies, 4,857; Yes, 1,249, or 25.5%; No, 3,435, or 71.8%; Doubtful, 132, or 2.7%.

Does public opinion in your community favor Federal Government going into business in competition with other industry? Total replies, 4,754; Yes, 170, or 3.6%; No, 4,513, or 94.9%; Doubtful, 71, or 1.5%.

Would public opinion in your community favor Government taking over the banking system? Total replies, 4,756; Yes, 1,691, or 35.6%; No, 2,839, or 59.7%; Doubtful, 226, or 4.8%.

Does public opinion in your community favor giving administrative officials of the Federal Government sole power to change from time to time the purchasing value of the dollar? Total replies, 4,448; Yes, 1,193, or 26.7%; No, 3,283, or 70.6%; Doubtful, 172, or 3.7%.

Does public opinion in your community favor use by the Government of its taxing power or other powers for the specific purpose of taking away wealth or income from one group and giving it to another? Total replies, 4,751; Yes, 1,012, or 21.3%; No, 3,525, or 74.2%; Doubtful, 214, or 4.5%.

Does public opinion in your community believe that the hope of profits is essential to the progress of business enterprise? Total replies, 4,859; Yes, 4,581, or 94.3%; No, 234, or 4.8%; Doubtful, 44, or 0.9%.

Does public opinion in your community favor government control or regulation of profits in industries other than public utilities? Total replies, 4,789; Yes, 1,205, or 25.2%; No, 3,417, or 71.5%; Doubtful, 158, or 3.3%.

Government and Labor
Does public opinion in your community favor making membership in a labor union a necessary condition of employment? Total replies, 4,888; Yes, 231, or 4.7%; No, 4,601, or 94.1%; Doubtful, 56, or 1.1%.

Does public opinion in your community favor government fixing of minimum wages? Total replies, 4,616; Yes, 2,519, or 54.6%; No, 2,021, or 43.8%; Doubtful, 76, or 1.6%.

Does public opinion in your community favor government fixing of maximum working hours? Total replies, 4,462; Yes, 2,262, or 50.7%; No, 2,134, or 47.8%; Doubtful, 66, or 1.5%.

Would public opinion in your community favor making sympathetic strikes and lockouts illegal? Total replies, 4,685; Yes, 3,549, or 75.8%; No, 1,011, or 21.6%; Doubtful, 125, or 2.7%.

With reference to the question concerning the choice of factors that in the judgment of editors would contribute most toward increasing business confidence, from 66% to 73% noted "Decreasing government control," "Decreasing government expenditure," "Balancing budget," "Stabilizing currency." Only 15.7% favored "Inflation of the currency" and only 8.8% "Increasing govern-

YOUR CHILD AND THE SCHOOL

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Football

The football season is worry time for most parents. Perhaps most of our fears are groundless, particularly in the case of the senior high school boy. But for the younger boy in the grades and junior high school, football becomes a hazard.

Most leaders in athletics and physical education believe that the boy should not play the real game until he is in the senior school. And then only when he is in the best condition as shown by a physician's examination. Every candidate for any school athletic team should be thoroughly examined before being allowed to join the squad.

As a part of the examination some schools are demanding a tuberculin test and an X-ray of the chest. This practice will become general in time for all students. To the parent of a player, the football season is the ideal time to put the health rules into practice. At this time, the boy will do anything under the guise of training.

The coach and the trainer have a real educational opportunity. Let football be the vehicle for valuable lessons in nutrition, the correct diet, the value of milk, sleep, bathing, and the like. The boy will feel the good effects, so utilize his interest in an effort to have him carry over the health practices when the season is ended.

Dr. Ireland will discuss food essentials for the school child in his next series.

ment control". Around 24% mentioned "Tariff reduction" as a factor conducive to greater business confidence, and an approximately equal number favored "No change in tariff". Slight over 16% favored "Higher tariffs".

Three Million in AAA Payments Due; Hog Quota is Larger

Agricultural adjustment benefit payments in excess of \$3,000,000 are scheduled to be distributed to Oregon farmers during October and early November under provisions of the wheat and corn-hog adjustment programs, according to figures compiled by the Oregon Extension service. These payments, all made from the receipts from federal processing taxes, are to compensate Oregon growers for restricting their production in line with the nation plan for these commodities.

The amount to be received under the corn-hog plan is more than twice as much as would have been due Oregon farmers under the original state production figure assigned by the bureau of crop estimates, though it is still below the figure considered just by many county allotment committees and the state college extension service.

The final base production figure allowed Oregon is 229,165 hogs for the total of all contracts. This figure compares with 108,250 total contract base given in the first estimate of 142,250 for the entire state including those hogs not under contract. On the other hand it falls more than 20,000 hogs short of the

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On Oregon Farms

Linn Farmers to Try Lime

Albany—To determine the reaction of alfalfa in Linn county to applications of lime, three tons of this material have been obtained from the Dallas lime plant by the Linn county agent, and will be distributed to about 20 farmers of the county for trials on one-fifth acre plots. Farmers who have already indicated a desire to cooperate in these trials are Clarence Brown, L. O. Weber and Walter Hense of Shedd; Vincent Grimes, Harrisburg; J. J. Underwood and Wilbur Evans of Halsey, and E. C. McClain of Lebanon.

Weed Killer Orders Pooled

DALLAS—Ten Polk county farmers have pooled orders through the county agent's office during the past month for 1,100 pounds of sodium chlorate to be used in fall applications on Canada thistle. Excellent results in weed extermination work have been obtained in this county through use of this chemical.

More Spray Used on Peaches

MEDFORD—Following a successful marketing season for peaches in Jackson county, growers are showing an increased interest in caring for their orchards, reports L. P. Wilcox, county agent. More Bordeaux spray has been applied this fall for the control of peach blight than in any former season, he says.

White Federation Grown

HEPPNER—B. H. Peck of Morrow county who planted White Federation wheat last year, reports a yield from this variety more than twice as large as he got from his Turkey wheat on land where drouth was severe. The White Federation was not certified, although it could have been if time had permitted, and Mr. Peck plans to certify next year, according to County Agent Joe Belanger. Some of the seed will be distributed to other farmers in the county this fall.

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350,000 which the extension officials considered the absolute minimum which could justly be assigned as Oregon's quota.

While the summer-long effort of the farmer leaders and extension service representatives to obtain a just quota for Oregon was not entirely successful, the outcome was a considerable gain even over what was declared to be the third and "final" quota of 213,000 hogs, points out F. L. Ballard, vice-director of the extension service.

Mr. Ballard adds that the troubles encountered in Oregon and a number of other states in carrying thru the corn-hog program were not the fault of the plan itself, which was fundamentally sound, but arose from poor administration of the plan in this state by some representatives of the corn-hog section.

Corn-hog benefit payments authorized for Oregon now total \$359,365 of which two-fifths is payable at once. Under the original quota they would have been less than half that sum. Baker and Union are the first Oregon counties to receive the first payment checks.

Final 1933 wheat payments are estimated at \$834,800 in this state, while the first 1934 wheat payment, to be distributed immediately after the former, is estimated at \$1,829,427, making a total distribution for the next month or so of more than three million dollars in this state.

Meanwhile county corn-hog committees have completed arrangements for taking the referendum among contract signers on the two questions of continuing some corn-hog plan for 1935 and of working out a single contract for all grains and livestock starting in 1936. Votes will be taken in one or two meetings in each county before October 18.

Additional purchases of drouth cattle, in excess of the original quotas which expired in September, have been authorized in Washington as a "tapering off" process. Oregon has been allotted \$63,374 in this cleanup buying which will purchase about 4500 head additional. State directors in charge of the cattle buying have been authorized to purchase cattle only from producers clearly unable to provide adequate feed supplies for their stock.

Oregon wheat farmers used nearly half of their contracted acres as additional fallow land, according to a survey made of 26 states including Oregon. The figures gathered by the AAA show for Oregon 46.6 per cent of the land left out of wheat used for fallow; 23.3 per cent was in new seedings for pasture or hay, slightly more than 20 per cent lay completely idle, and 8.3 per cent was used for food and feed production for home use. Less than 2 per cent was devoted to weed control and other miscellaneous uses.

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