

### Rogue River Valley Quail

By PLEASANT HERBERT LAWTON  
Being new to this Valley—in love with its charm,  
Altho' raised in the Middle West,  
I'm enraptured with people and sunshine and birds,  
In the Valley I now love best.

So the various songs from meadows and fields  
Bring memories of yesteryears,  
As I stand in a glorious Spring-morning sun,  
Hearing songs we all should love to hear.

Are children playing out in the field?  
I see none—it surely can't be—  
But some child is having hilarious times,  
It sounds like "ha-HA-ha" to me.

Ah! There comes to me a familiar sweet song—  
A whippoorwill's roundelay—  
But no! It can't be, or my memory's wrong—  
Do whippoorwills sing in the day?

When I ask information a good neighbor says,  
"That's a Prairie quail's call to his mate."  
Altho' I had traveled for thousands of miles  
I had heard it in no other state.

So I laughingly say to the Spring-morning sun  
"What cruel birds they must be;  
One of them saying to whip poor Will  
And another "ha-HA-ha's" with glee.

To me who have lived in the "prairiest" states  
'Tis a matter of sore travail  
That any bird other than Old Bob White  
Should be christened a PRAIRIE quail.

But I've learned to admire this bold Valley quail—  
Dark gray he seems, proud, without fear—  
And his rollicking, boldly hilarious call  
Is thrillingly loud and clear.

Let Old Bob White whistle his name  
In the states of his vast domain,  
But our little dark quail, with the pointed crest—  
Let him O're this grand Valley reign.

He honors our valley—we're proud of the bird—  
He's a friend and a game little sport!  
Let's name him the Rogue River Valley quail,  
Call him Valley quail for short.

### Land Bank Loans Now Paid in Cash

On Monday of this week the Federal Land bank of Spokane returned to its normal practice of closing new loans in cash, as a result of the ready demand for federal farm mortgage corporation bonds in the investment markets, according to a statement by President E. M. Ehrhardt.

For the last year and a half the Land bank has been exchanging its own consolidated bonds for federal farm mortgage corporation bonds which are guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the federal government, and closing its loans partly with mortgage corporation bonds and partly with cash.

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## Economic Highlights

### Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

The march of New Deal legislation through the courts continues. Within the past three weeks, three major Administration measures have been subjected to judicial scrutiny—and two of the three have been found wanting. Last words, of course will be said by the Supreme Court, when it meets for its next term, but present decisions provide a lead on what the highest court of all is likely to decide.

First case concerned the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. This bureau pays farmers for restricting their crops, raises the money through processing and floor taxes. Plaintiff in the case was a milling company, which had refused to pay \$82,000 demanded by the collector of internal revenue. In the district court, the Government was upheld, and the company was ordered to come through with the \$82,000. It appealed to the circuit court in Boston, which reversed the lower court, by a 2-to-1 decision, and held that Congress did not possess the power to delegate taxing authority to the Secretary of Agriculture. If this decision is given validity by the Supreme Court, the Government may have to refund processing taxes already collected, and pay future benefits out of regular funds.

Second case concerned the policy of the Public Works Administration in condemning land to use for low-cost federal housing projects. This is very close to the heart of Secretary Ickes, who has planned a \$250,000,000 slum clearance and low-cost housing program. Suit was brought by a property-owner who did not wish to sell at the Government's price, wished to bargain for greater compensation. The Cincinnati circuit court held for the plaintiff, said that the Government has not the power to condemn land for this purpose.

Third case involved one of the most debated of Administration activities—the Tennessee Valley Authority. A few months ago a suit was brought of restraint the Authority from selling electric power in competition with private producers and to invalidate contracts made between the Authority and various towns in the Tennessee Valley area. Federal District Judge Grubb held for the plaintiff, decided the contracts were illegal. The Government appealed to the Appellate court in New Orleans, and the judges overruled Judge Grubb, decided that the Government can sell power in competition with private parties.

This the New Deal came to the bar three times—won once, and lost twice. This is similar to past experience, and illustrates a fact recognized by Administration friends and opponents alike—that much of the legislation proposed and pushed by the President cannot be held valid without Constitutional change. And

that promises to be the prime plank in next year's general election.

Every business publication and commentator seems agreed on this: The business outlook continues to improve, with advances especially noteworthy in the durable goods industries. These heavy industries are in a better position now than at any time since depression set in. In the words of one magazine, "It's a durable goods summer."

Here is some specific information: COPPER—Recent demand exceptionally heavy. Tonnage sold in first half of July was equal to the quota for two months under the NRA code. Price advances forecast by some.

MACHINE TOOL—Tremendous gain registered in dollar volume. Index recently touched 91 per cent of the 1926 average—best level since 1929.

MOTORS—Reports continue to be good. Passenger car sales for the first half of the year ran about 45 per cent ahead of the same period in 1934. In June, Ford sold most cars for that month since 1930. Chevrolet surpassed all June records since 1929.

ELECTRIC POWER—Recent month showed highest consumption since the latter part of 1931.

STEEL—At 40 per cent of capacity, a substantial advance over a few months ago.

RETAIL TRADE—Held steady into the summer, avoiding the usual seasonal drop. These serve to illustrate the trend. Question now is, can advance be continued?

European observers who can spare time from the Italian-Ethiopian trouble, are casting cynical glances on Germany these days.

Another Hitler "purge" is underway—bloodless as yet, though many fear blood-letting will soon start.

Objects of persecution are, of course, the Jews. And along with them are the Catholics, clergymen of all denominations, and members of the Stahlheim—the German equivalent of the American Legion. Reason for the attack on the veterans is that they continue "reactionaries"—in other words, men who are opposed to the Hitler dictatorship.

Stricter censorship prevails in Germany. Individual liberties are further proscribed. Concentration camps are jammed. Hitler's sword again hangs above those Germans who think him less than divine.

### List of Farms Now Available

A booklet of 54 pages in which is listed the more than 410 farm pro-

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erties held by the World War Veterans State Aid Commission in Oregon outside of Multnomah county, is off the press and is available to all interested parties, according to Jerrold Owen, secretary to the Commission.

Detailed information is given about the individual state-owned farms and no doubt there are a number of the readers of The Central Point American who are interested in the purchase of farms and homes.

The brochures are free for the asking and can be obtained by contacting Carl Y. Tengwald of Medford who is the Jackson county representative of the Commission, or by writing direct to the Salem office.

Compilers of the pamphlet have endeavored to condense the data as much as possible. Sale prices range from \$125 for a Baker county holding to \$10,000 for a farm in Harney county, but the average, according to Sergeant Earl R. Goodwin, assis-

tant secretary of the Commission, is approximately \$2515.

The Commission also has listings of city located holdings which are available to the public and every effort is being made to return the state-owned property to the hands of responsible parties. In making inquiry please designate the county or city desired and also please mention The American. Attractive terms can be arranged.



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