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PRESENT CONGRESS NOT REMARKABLE

The most remarkable thing about the present congress is its lack of remarkableness. Before it convened the prediction was that it would simply be an echo of the President with, possibly, a few false notes to add interest. Nineteen-thirty-four is, after all, the year in which all the Representatives run for re-election, and normally there would be a lot of personal political fence building done in both houses. But Congress has been even more of a rubber-stamp than was forecast. Matters have reached the point where its doings, outside of routine approval of one Roosevelt measure or another, aren't even front page news. The Republican party has made only sporadic attempts to prepare for elections. It has no general program, no outstanding national leader, no unanimity of opinion among its members. A large percentage of Republicans in both houses vote with the President.

The meaning of all this, of course, is that most Senators and Representatives believe that the New Deal, taking it as a whole, still has the public confidence, is still popular. They believe that to oppose it in a strenuous way is equivalent of political suicide although practically all the Republicans, outside of the insurgent wing, and many of the Democrats, fear it is being carried too far, that the experiments in various instances are getting out of hand, that some of the new laws and bureaus are hampering, not forwarding, the progress of recovery. The NRA and the consumer is a case in point. A definite feeling is growing that the big manufacturing industries are running rampant so far as prices are concerned, and are sticking the buyer good and plenty. Costs have gone up appreciably faster than has the average income. But only a handful of Congressmen have had nerve enough to speak of this. And what they've said hasn't made a dent.

So far as general business is concerned, the most important law to come before Congress in the near future will probably be a White House supported plan for revising the securities act. A number of grave errors were made in the draft that became the law of the land at the last Congress. It was designed to prevent the selling of dubious stocks and bonds—but as matters turned out it prevented the selling of the most honest securities. Capital has simply ceased to flow into industries which sorely need it and are entitled to it. Revision of the bill will probably include modification of the liability provisions and will tone it down generally so that honest businesses wishing new capital will have nothing to fear when offering securities to the public.

RECOVERY DEPENDANT ON PRIVATE INITIATIVE

Roger Babson has been long respected for his statements on economic trends when he believes that facts and statistics justify an opinion. In a copyrighted article from Babson Park, Florida, he now points out the dangers of our menacing tax bill.

He shows that the rapidity of circulation of money is the key to prosperity, and that the velocity of circulation depends upon the confidence and willingness of those who have capital and courage to start new enterprises and take risks.

He lists basic industries that are still in deep depression because those who understand such industries refuse to risk money for development unless they have confidence that their income will not be taxed away from them.

"It is, therefore, vitally important," says Mr. Babson, "for every citizen interested in restoring employment, to fight against new and increased taxes."

Mr. Babson praises the President for his endeavor to raise commodity prices to the 1926 level, but he points out that he should realize that to do this he must have "the same confidence, enthusiasm and willingness to take risks among business people, as existed in 1926."

"Instead of holding back recovery

by discouraging private initiative, the government should offer those with capital some incentive to risk it in new enterprises and new building. Every citizen can help by appealing to his senators and congressmen as follows:

"1. Protest against increases in corporate taxes, income taxes and surtaxes.

"2. Urge that a certain percentage of funds spent by individuals for new building or new business, be deductible from income surtax payments.

"3. Protest against increases in taxes of all types."

TEACHING FIRE SAFETY!

Some time ago the Boy Scouts of America requested the National Board of Fire Underwriters to provide them with material on fire prevention with which to instruct their members. The result was a sixty-five-page book entitled "Firemanship," for Merit Badge examinations. Over sixty thousand Boy Scouts use it in preparing for tests each year.

It would be an excellent idea if a national program was started to acquaint children of all ages with the hazards of fire, and how to do away with them. Fire is one of the most serious of problems. It touches every life, every piece of property. It menaces us all. It inflates taxes, destroys jobs and investments and business opportunities. Many cases are on record where a single great fire has so devastated a community that many years were required to recover from it.

The schools have in recent years, almost universally included accident prevention work in their curricula. They have instructed children in proper conduct on streets and highways, in the home, at play—wherever carelessness or ignorance might cause an accident. The consequence has been a great reduction in the number of deaths and injuries among children of school age. The same thing should be done in the case of fire. It would be simple, inexpensive and enormously effective. In due course of time, it would create a people who were congenitally awake to fire dangers and how to cope with them.

STATE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TOURNEY ON

Eugene Ore., Feb. 23—High school debate teams in all parts of Oregon start competition this month to determine district winners, and on March 5 competition between districts will begin at the University of Oregon.

The subject chosen this year, "Resolved: that the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation," is arousing unusual interest, it is reported, since it is of universal interest due to wide ownership of radio receiving sets. It was recently discussed over a nation-wide hook-up through the National Broadcasting company.

Winning debate teams will be selected in each of 11 districts. Winners are then selected for eastern and western Oregon, and these sectional champions will meet about May 5 in a broadcast debate of radio station KOAC. District winners must be determined by March 5, and the sectional winners by April 16.

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Hodgen-Brewster and Columbia Will Produce Stock and Poultry Feeds

Another annual payroll of \$50,000 is assured by a merger of two pioneering manufacturing plants of Portland, the Hodgen-Brewster Milling company and the Columbia Milling company the latter being a subsidiary of the Centennial Flouring mills, large flour and feed distributors of the Pacific northwest. Announcement that the consolidation had been effected was made Tuesday by Charles M. Thomsen, president of the Centennial and S. E. Hodgen, president of Hodgen-Brewster company.

There will be no change in the managing personnel of the two merged concerns it was stated, the Hodgen-Brewster company taking over the direction of the new corporation, with Mr. Hodgen as Portland divisional manager. Professor C. S. Brewster will be retained as head of the poultry department. The firm name of the new company will be the Hodgen-Brewster-Centennial Flouring Mills company. Offices will be in the Guardian building, Third and Alder Streets.

About 35 or 40 employees will be added to the payrolls said Mr. Hodgen.

The individual feed brands and formulas used by the Hodgen-Brewster company and distributed in this territory will continue to be marketed. The Hodgen-Brewster company has grown in prominence in Oregon during the past decade as a manufacturer of stock, dairy and poultry feeds.

The Centennial mills were founded by the late Moritz Thomsen, northwest business pioneer, who started the first mill at Spokane 45 years ago. The company now operates other mills in Tacoma, Seattle, Wenatchee, Ritzville, Reardan and Sprague, Wn. The mills are best known for their "silk-killed" flour. The company maintains grain warehouses and elevators in many parts of the northwest.

GIVEN CHANCE TO WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

University scholarships will be the goal of high school girls of this city who compete in a nation-wide essay contest just announced in detail to local teachers of home economics.

National, sectional, and state winners are selected each year. Miss Grace Ebert, a Forest Grove girl, was the state champion of Oregon last year.

Contestants have until March 15 to get their essays in.

Selection of the winning essays will be in the hands of a committee of eminent home economics authorities whose names will be made public at a little later date, according to the announcement. Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the federal bureau of home economics, headed this committee last year.

Teachers say they have found this type of competition of value not only for the scholarships it affords but also for the training it provides in the interests of better homemaking in the future, according to the Board.

O. S. C. HOPES TO RECEIVE CWA FUNDS FOR STUDENTS

Oregon State college, along with other institutions in the state, has applied for its share of the proposed allotment of CWA funds to provide work for students who otherwise would not be able to attend college or would have to drop out before the end of the year. It is not known yet for certain that the funds will be granted or, if so, when they will be received, but it is hoped to have the plan in operation by the start of the new term late in March.

Senator Frederick Steiwer, a graduate of both O. S. C. and U. of O. did a great deal of work in getting this plan adopted by the relief administration, and was instrumental in having an early provision requiring waiving of fees eliminated.

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Our Luck is Still Bad

Just to sorta change our luck, we went to see a nigger prize fight last Thursday night. We waited and waited. Finally the referee came out. "I regret to announce," said he, "that the fight is off. The two opponents have quarreled."

Page the Major!

There is a bozo in our camp whose brains are made of punk. He says he thinks a cow-bar is a place where guys get drunk. "An arch enemy is one who rights with his feet," says Goboosis, the office cat.

Doctor Jasper

Inspector Jap Russell came to town last Saturday. When he took us out to dinner as per usual, a little blonde waitress stepped up to take the order. Said she: "I have stewed kidneys, boiled tongue, fried liver and pig's feet."

"Don't tell me your troubles, girly," says Jap. "Bring me some chicken a la coon."

An itinerant musician was stranded in a village one Sunday morning, and as he was playing his cornet in the street he was approached by the clergyman of the parish, who said "Do you know the Fourth Commandment, my good man?"

"No," the man replied, "but if you will just whistle it over, I'll do my best."—London Daily Telegraph.

Young Bride—To commemorate an awful quarrel we had last week, Jim and I planted a tree in the garden.

Friend—Well, now that is a nice idea. If Fred and I had done that, we should have a wonderful forest by now.—Tit-Bits.

COLTS SAVED BY FEEDING MARES IODINE REGULARLY

Horses are now coming back so fast in the favor of farmers that every colt saved and reared this year will mean money ahead for the owner. That being the case any system of management that will cut down losses of foals from close to 60 per cent to less than 16 would seem to be highly valuable just now.

Such a system is announced by B. W. Rodenwald, in charge of horse breeding at Oregon State college, and Dr. B. T. Simms, head of the veterinary department there. They have announced results of their studies in the control of goitre in foals by feeding iodine during the last half of the pregnancy of the mare.

For years the animal husbandry department at the college experienced severe losses in colts, just as are reported by many breeders. Over one period of years out of 40 colts that were born only 18 were raised to maturity. About half died within a few days and the deaths were attributed to navel trouble, generally weakness and other difficulties.

Careful examination convinced them in charge that many of these colts were suffering from thyroid trouble as the result of a weakened condition due to faulty nutrition before birth.

Experiments were conducted with feeding potassium iodine in five grain doses to the mares, but it was without effect. Then the dose was increased to 15 grains a week to each mare during the last half of the gestation period and the result was immediate. Out of 19 foals born under such condition, 16 were raised, and only one of the remainder had any indication of goiter.

Since then this practice of feeding iodine to mares has been continued at the college and practically all of the trouble with weak colts has disappeared.

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appeared. The word was passed on to other experiment stations in "goiterous areas" where subsequent work has confirmed results obtained in Oregon.

The OSC specialists say there is undoubtedly a difference in the amount of iodine required in different sections of the state, as well as the United States, and breeders might well consult the experiment station before feeding iodine, as it might produce disastrous results if not fed with caution.

Canada Has 7 Canal Systems

There are seven canal systems in Canada under the control of the Dominion government in connection with navigable lakes and rivers. By means of these canals a total waterway of 1,846 miles is open to navigation. The actual mileage of the canals is 509. A total capital expenditure of \$244,835,825 was made in the canals by the government of Canada, of which the new Welland ship canal accounted for \$125,080,222.

Enemy of the Prickly Pear

A natural enemy of the prickly pear, an importation into Australia of a great notoriety as the rabbit, the cactoblastis insect has proved an inestimable boon. Since the insect was introduced a few years ago from the United States, it has cleared 80 per cent of what was an impenetrable mass of prickly pear in Queensland and from 50 to 60 per cent in New South Wales.

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