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Homes and Recovery

As a nation that has but recently emerged from tepees and log cabins, we have built our homes rapidly and sometimes with abandon.

Summing up the situation and analyzing the problem that it presents, we find that:

"A nation can always be better built."

Even in prosperous times there has been an appalling lack of proper homes in the United States for people in the lower income brackets, while the rush to build the nation has led to the erection of many homes for all income groups that should be improved.

The National Housing Act, that brought recognition of the fact and seeks to meet it by utilizing the "time-tried and proven forces of private enterprise."

By following through on that recognition, we can, find the key to recovery. Before a home has been completed and furnished by building industry, every phase of our commercial and economic life has been summoned to action.

Here is a problem that is not just a football for economists, but one in which we all have an interest. It represents a challenge to us to better our personal lives and our community.

To Our Young People

Every once in a while we try to address one of our editorials to the young people. This week we call their attention to the fact that man is, in a measure, only an animal, but that the difference between human beings and the other animals is that people must have a sense of proportion as to time, appreciating, if they are wise the relativity of the past, the present and the future.

The young man or woman who plans to make somebody of himself or herself should begin by realizing the immense value of present time. The use that we make of our present time, whether wise or foolish, depends in good measure, upon our absorption of the lessons that the past has furnished our race.

It behooves all thoughtful young people to give some heed to what older persons say and do. The chances are that the older people are right, but not always, fortunately. If young persons acted as old people and failed to take chances for themselves the progress of the world would end. However realizing that the older people are apt to be right a young man or woman is better fitted to weigh the chances of success when undertaking any new effort.

Then to all the young people, we urge faith in their own powers. Rely upon them, after taking full counsel of the wisdom that is available. Never falter, but press on, and succeed.

Nature Takes its Course

Nature is repeating herself. Last year she brought the greatest drought in history to the mid-west, turned millions of acres of rich wheat land into deserts, and had the laugh on the puny efforts of the mere man to control production.

As if that lesson weren't severe enough, Nature is again menacing crops—dust clouds recently swept day after day across 50,000,000 acres of mid-west wheat country. The result, unless late rains do the unexpected and remedy the situation, will be an inconsequential crop.

Fortunately, certain restrictions removed on the planting of spring wheat, will cause a rise of from 10 to 30 million bushels in the normal spring crop.

First Fireproof Bird's Nest

A news item from a Southern city stated that "the first fireproof bird's nest ever seen in this country, so far as known, was discovered on the roof of a hotel. The nest was constructed entirely of small pieces of wire and there was not a twig or a piece of string in it."

One would almost think that the birds that built this nest had heard of the recommendations, which advocates fire-resistant construction as a primary means of reducing the great toll in life and property taken by fire each year.

Dwelling houses of frame construction offer an invitation to fire, as the hollow walls permit flames to spread throughout the entire structure. Even such buildings can be made fire-resistant to an extent by means of comparatively simple precautions.

The first fireproof bird's nest was news—it will be bigger news when a town or city can report that all of its buildings are of fire-resistant construction.

"All that the country needs now is thorough spirit of cooperation. And when I say 'cooperation' I mean a condition in which government does not attack business and business does not attack government."—Silas H. Strawn, U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

If there is anybody entirely satisfied with everything, let him come forward and receive the booby prize.

You can do your part in the upbuilding of the home town by helping to make it the best in Oregon in which to raise boys and girls. No town has a greater challenge than this.

The Filipinos, it is said, have their plans for the future. So have the Japs.

AN APPRAISAL

At the halfway point the Roosevelt Administration has succeeded in:

(1) Piling up an eleven billion dollar deficit—which the party and the candidate in 1932 solemnly covenanted would not happen.

(2) Adding tens of thousands of useless offices—although the candidate in 1932 pledged himself to "abolish useless offices."

(3) Creating the illusion that this is a non-partisan administration when in reality none in a half century has been so ruthlessly partisan.

(4) Nearly wrecking the aviation industry by making charges which are yet to be proved true.

(5) Violating the sacredness of government postage stamps for the first time and then explaining it away with the fish story that the principal actor was just a great big, innocent, generous boy.

(6) Using ten dollar words to describe five cent ideas and thus goldbrick the people into believing that the ideas were ten dollar ones.

(7) Seiling the nation plan after plan that was sure to create a new heaven and a new earth whereas none as yet has done more than to create more soft jobs for deserving Democrats.

(8) Requiring all New Deal high officials to smile when the photographs were taken, thus to prove, apparently, that all is well in these troublesome times.

(9) Placing in the popular mind a conviction that saving and thrift are old fashioned and obscene; that the greater your deficit the better off you are.

(10) Making, for the time being, intellectual dishonesty and superficial judgment attractive to many people.

(11) Defaming ideas which have helped sustain the race and substituting for them half-baked ideas advanced by hitherto unknown theorists.

(12) Tammanyizing the entire nation, and making the people like it, as witness the Ickes order which demands that New York City fire Robert Moses, one of its ablest public servants, because Moses criticized some New Deal actions and policies.

State House Gossip

BY ERNEST L. GRAY

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er, and paid him fine compliments when he informed him Saturday of the change.

Scott's removal will be regretted by all Oregon. Scott, himself, understands the picture and was non-committal. Within two years, when the 20 year trustee proposal for the Oregonian outlined by Pittock's will, will have ended, Scott was expected to assume the active management of the Morning Oregonian, as one of the major owners.

The changes on the highway commission was not expected to alter the department set-up of the present administration. Satisfaction with the engineers and the employees has often been expressed. There will be one exception, however, and dope indicates that J. M. Devers, ambitious attorney for the commission, may be out of a job.

Further, reliable reports gathered by our correspondent, indicates that Senator John D. Goss, of Marshfield, who has consistently turned down other offers, may accept the attorneyship of the highway commission. Goss, a democratic leader in the upper house, refused to accept the post as liquor administrator, but was understood to have this other proposal under favorable consideration.

Recent changes in the liquor commission also have been subject to considerable comment, particularly over the summary dismissal of Frank Spencer of Portland and appointment of Jack Allen, democratic Senator from Pendleton, to that post. But stories emanating in Portland that there were "shady reasons" have been given little credence upon investigation.

Eugene Kelly, former newspaperman from Klamath Falls and son of the editor of the Oregonian, Paul Kelly, has been advanced to assistant administrator. Kelly—a good official—has been supervisor and does well under the liquor set-up as he has aided George Sammis, former commissioner, very materially. The change has met with public favor.

The county courts of Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties will meet, probably about April 11 in Pendleton to appoint a successor to Allen in the

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April Showers



Senate. The Lane county court—all democrats—named a republican to take the place of the most famous legislator—Howard Merriam—who was recalled by Townsendsites, showing again that politics can never be accurately doped.

During the current week it was expected the Governor would start removal proceedings against Mrs. Walter M. Pierce as a member of the state board of higher education. The law provides that since her term is not up the governor must cite cause against her and give her a hearing. This naturally will be done.

The governor was expected to cite cause that she has not been in attendance at many meetings, since she is secretary to her husband in Congress, and he will set a hearing. It is known that Former Governor Pierce would not attend the hearing, therefore making it easy for the Governor to remove her. It is known that Former Governor Pierce and Governor Martin have not been friends when both were in Congress. Reasons apparently enough to fire Mrs. Pierce, who was formerly state librarian.

The Blessed Event, as first predicted in these columns, occurred to Beatrice Walton Sackett, formerly secretary to four governors. The little girl arrived last Tuesday morning and father, daughter and mother are doing fine.

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For the week ending March 16 the total deliveries of Dodge and Plymouth passenger cars and trucks were up 113 per cent over the preceding week.

The only geyser in Oregon is near Lakeview, and it is proposed to build an airport close by so as to use the geyser as an indicator of the direction and velocity of the wind. The hangar would be heated by the hot water from the geyser. Why not capitalize it?

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