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When Spring is in the Air

This is the time of year when that seasonal "disease," spring fever, runs its course. One of its more common manifestations is an urge to clean up one's property, in order to get rid of winter's accumulation of rubbish, both indoors and out.

These individual clean-up campaigns are usually inaugurated for the purpose of improving a home's physical appearance—but, whether the property-owner realizes it or not, they likewise contribute toward fattening his pocketbook, inasmuch as they eliminate many ordinary and unnecessary fire hazards.

The attic is one of the places in the home where odds and ends accumulate—and it is also one of the commonest starting places for residential fires. That accumulation of ancient newspapers—those dog-eared magazines—those old clothes which you'll never wear again—that broken down furniture, all offer an invitation to fire. Start your clean-up campaign by giving these cast-offs to the needy, either directly or thru some local charitable organization, where they can give comfort and use again. Then burn the sheer rubbish—be sure to accomplish that latter task on a windless day, with the aid of an incinerator.

Closets should be subjected to the same process. And the chances are that your basement is in about the same disorder as your attic. Due to the nearness of the heating plant, basements are one of the most prolific sources of fire and should be kept free of papers, rags and improperly stored inflammables.

Spring is here! Clean-up—lest you burn.

Three Power Conference

The Stresa three-power conference, between Italy, France and England, has closed—and representatives assert that they have reached full agreement on ways and means to save Europe from war.

Highlights of the parley were: Decision to support France's appeal to the League of Nations against Germany's treaty violation in rearming; approval of the principles of an air pact for combined attack upon any aerial aggressor; approval of rearmament, to an extent not yet specified, for Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria.

If the conference really does assure peace it will have worked a miracle, in the belief of most authorities, who feel that no pact can long prevent war in Europe.

Potential Wealth

The possibility of future industrial development in this country is far

Dairy Council Invites Governor Chas. Martin to Speak at Annual Meet

Governor Charles W. Martin has been invited to be the guest of honor at the fourth annual dinner and meeting of the Oregon Dairy Council which will be held the first week in May. The annual business meeting will be held in an afternoon session at the Multnomah Hotel and the dinner at the same place in the evening. The definite date will be announced next week at which time invitations will be sent to leaders of the dairy industry all over the state.

A report of the year's activities, the election of the directors, and the executive committee, and the adoption of a program for the current year will be taken up at the business meeting. Many other notable features of the state, including S. T. White, director of Agriculture; the newly appointed Milk Control Board; Department heads of the State College and the Health Division of the City of Portland will also be invited to attend the annual dinner.

\$453,027 Paid in Taxes For 1934 in 8 Counties

To help support state and local governments, Portland Gas & Coke Company paid the net amount of \$453,027.59 in taxes in the week ending March 15 in eight counties in Oregon and two counties in Wash-

ington, according to Noble H. Stephens, supervisor of the general accounting department.

The total assessed taxes for 1934 was \$467,038.76. Because the real and personal property taxes were paid on or before March 15, the company received the benefit of the three per cent discount for prompt payment, a total of \$14,011.17.

Multnomah county led all other counties with \$394,031.08 the net total. The assessed taxes amounted to \$406,217.61. By prompt payment, the company saved \$12,186.53.

Other net tax totals by counties: Clackamas county, \$17,272.30; Marion county, \$16,590.88; Washington county \$10,773.37; Linn county \$4,241.36; Polk county, \$3,330.35; Benton county, \$2,979.82; Yamhill county, \$1,382.24; Clark county, Washington, \$2,300.81; and King county, Washington, \$125.38.

Eighteen Years Ago

Eighteen years ago the United States went to war with Germany and her allies. The people of this country were lured by the hope that it would be a "war to end wars."

There is no use to discuss the surge of nationalism that has engulfed the world since that struggle ended, or to speculate upon what might have been. Suffice it to say that the year 1935 finds the world bristling with armaments, the nations suspicious and the reign of peace apparently threatened on many fronts.

Democracy itself is somewhat submerged at this writing, with dictators in power in many states and new orders being established in others. Fundamentally, however, the rule of the people represents the hope of the world and we look forward confidently to the rebirth of a democracy that will be more substantial than ever when judged by its fruits in the lives of average men and women.

A sound mind in a sound body isn't the work of chance.

When an individual becomes a partisan his reason is, in part, impaired.

The great lesson in life is to learn the value of temperance in all things.

Children are the best assets of any community; why not develop them fully.

Washington Snap Shots

A picture of Washington today would defy any camera—or even words—to portray. Momentous legislation awaits in Congress, measures that are more important than those of 1933, for they are designed for permanency rather than temporary relief. As a result the hotels and the halls of Congress are filled with those giving warning against many of these proposals and their effect upon recovery.

In the steadily expanding Government departments and bureaus—with their increased personnel and payrolls—things move at top speed reminiscent of war days. Although in the past ten years many large and beautiful government buildings have been erected, the Government bureaus have overflowed into all available office space is on the upgrade, as Washington control of local affairs expands.

David Lawrence, eminent newspaper correspondent, describes the situation in this manner:

"The real problem of the moment is for persons who come to Washington to see their representatives in Congress on business. Many a company is faced with ruin by pending legislation. Many a company will have its operations materially curtailed or restrained if some of the bills go through. Should all the Administration measures be passed, for instance, there will be a revolutionary change in the management of business related to foods, drugs, cosmetics, agricultural products that are processed, public utilities, banks and trust companies, certain aspects of advertising and manufacturing establishments that employ large numbers of employees, especially as labor relations may produce more strikes and more labor controversies."

Illustrative of these dangerous bills is the Social Security legislation which would embark America upon a huge program of welfare work. Discussing this problem the Washington Post points out that "if this initial effort to establish a system of Federal old age pensions and provide other forms of social relief were less ambitious and if an attempt had been made to keep costs within reasonable limits, the program would have a much better chance of succeeding. As it is, the heavy burdens which the Doughton bill proposes to place upon industry and upon the Federal government would doubtless increase the economic insecurity of the workers whom the bill is designated to safeguard against the major hazards and vicissitudes of life."

Latest reports from the Commerce Department showed better business conditions in February over the preceding month and February of last year, with employment, payrolls, farm income and distribution improved. Reports from the steel industry showed an aggregate loss of \$24,500,000 in 1934. This made a total loss over the past four years of \$285,000,000.

Into consideration of pro-union labor legislation in Washington came an unwholesome picture recently of union activity. An exposé by the Government in Chicago, which reached the Capitol, showed the business agent for the Motion Picture Operators Union, who was slain recently, with a \$4,000 bathroom and a \$5,000 bar in his home, and \$24,000 expenses for a grand trip through Europe, all paid for by union activities. In the investigation by Federal agents, deals involving hundreds of thousands of dollars were turned up, and other incidents to high living of union organizers were turned up while "checking" the wages of workers, and at times double-crossing them by taking money from the other side.

Not a Matter of Politics

Huge expenditures for relief, experiments and social developments have reached the point where politics is laid aside while Democrats and Republicans alike warn that the Government can not continue to pour out billions of dollars without retarding recovery and endangering the jobs of the millions working.

The danger is obvious that in following hastily thought out schemes to aid those out of work the Government might make the position of the unemployed worse and throw many of the vast majority now working on to the relief rolls.

This viewpoint was expressed by Democrats and Republicans as the vast new relief bill was forced thru Congress.

"I want unemployment relief that gives relief and will continue to give it as long as relief is necessary," said Senator Barbour, a New Jersey Republican. "I voted against a further four billion dollars for public works because obviously such a program will not keep pace with unemployment and is the most costly approach to relief. It is an approach that no country can continue to pursue."

And Senator Van Nuys, an Indiana Democrat, said: "I thoroughly appreciate the fact that such severe drains upon the Federal Treasury cannot continue indefinitely. Sooner or later we shall reach the bottom of the barrel."

"As I see it the instant duty of the Administration and the Congress is to encourage the states and private industry to rehabilitate themselves through their own efforts. "I deplore the growing tendency to depend more and more upon Federal aid."

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Next Grange Convention On the Pacific Coast

Big Gathering in November Is Scheduled for Sacramento

Members of the Grange in all parts of the United States are interested in the fact that a decision has just been made to hold the 69th annual convention of the National Grange in the city of Sacramento, California, the dates being November 13-21, next. Sacramento offers exceptional facilities for the holding of a large convention, as it has a beautiful new municipal auditorium, beautifully equipped, while the hotel accommodations of California's capital city are unexcelled.

Already Grange members in the eastern section of the country are contemplating a coast-to-coast trip, following the same plan which carried a large delegation to the Pacific Coast whenever the National Grange has held its annual session in that part of the country. In 1921 at Portland, Oregon, 1925 at Sacramento, 1929 at Seattle and 1933 at Boise, Idaho, large Eastern delegations were present and the California experience of 1925 is so pleasantly remembered as to constitute an attraction for the coming November.

The entire Pacific Coast Grange organization will unite in extending hospitality to the November convention and large groups from Washington, Oregon and Idaho will swell the class from California which will take the Seventh Degree, the highest in the Grange. Predictions of a class of 5,000 candidates are named and it is expected that the coming convention will give great impetus to the organization of new Granges on the Pacific Coast during the season ahead.

Home Recreation Vital Oregon Parents Believe

Oregon homemakers are coming to realize that recreation, no less than food and clothing, has an important place in family living. A widespread interest is being shown in ways and means of providing this recreation within the home.

Indications of this interest are found in the eager participation of homemakers in the recreation programs in the series of family living conferences held in many counties throughout the state this spring, and in the ever-increasing number of requests for suggestions on games, crafts and other activities for the family group.

A new mimeographed leaflet on home recreation just prepared by Miss Skow, home demonstration agent, has already been mailed upon request to more than 600 homemakers, and more are going out daily. It includes 32 suggestions for active games, puzzles, stunts, and other forms of recreation for all members of the family. It is known as HE 711 and like all extension service publications, is free upon request to Oregonians.

Miss Skow also prepares a monthly bulletin for community recreation leaders with suggestions for games, songs and other amusements on a community basis.

Local Manager Predicts Sales Increase This Year

C. J. Barnes, popular Beaverton branch manager for General Petroleum, compared notes with all other district and branch managers for Oregon at a meeting held in Portland Thursday, and predicts that the company will show at least a 20 per cent increase in volume of gasoline sales this year.

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Growers Vote in Favor of Marketing Agreement on Melons and Tomatoes

Growers of melons and tomatoes in Oregon and Washington have indicated by balloting that they are in favor of acreage control for the 1935 season, according to Morton Tompkins, control board chairman of the two-state Marketing Agreement on those commodities. As a result of this voting, the agreement will proceed with its program of acreage allotment and control. Plans are not to decrease acreage beneath past years, but to prevent large increases. Quotas for growers were based on the amount of melons and tomatoes grown during the past four years. Each new grower is allowed to plant one-half acre each of melons and tomatoes. The agreement is enforceable under the Agricultural Adjustment Acts recently renewed by the legislatures of Oregon and Washington.

Survey Made on Availability of Bank Credit

Because of numerous complaints on the part of would-be borrowers from banks, a credit survey was set up, late in August, 1934, by the Graphic Arts Monthly of Chicago, Ill., to act as a fact-finding body to determine the situation with respect to the availability of bank credit to small and moderate-sized business concerns. The Seventh Federal Reserve district which comprises the entire state of Iowa, and the major portions of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, was taken as a sample area for the purpose of investigation.

One of the most important findings was: That a very large proportion of would-be borrowers are persons whose equity in the business they control is so small that any bank or individual who lends them substantial amounts is assuming a major part of the risk of the business, rather than the normal risk of a creditor. Another is that the effort of direct lending on the part of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Chicago agency of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation have so far had a negligible effect on the general state of credit.

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