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## DEPRESSION HITS THE HOBOS!

With business humming along and employment back in a wholesome condition, a depression is beginning to cinch down on knights of the road.

A couple of years ago it was pretty difficult to sift the deserving hungry from the professional panhandler, but now, with work to be done by the able bodied and willing, Mr. Hobo stands out in all his indolent prominence. And, because of this, tough times are beginning for habitual moochers.

Ashland, situated as it is on the Pacific highway and served by the Southern Pacific railroad, receives its full share of visitors looking for a bonanza of dimes, sandwiches and free beers. Lately, it seems, the vagrant army has been increasing. Chilly weather bestirs the lazy.

Many businessmen have declared the present crop of moochers to be a downright nuisance, and are becoming irritated at the continual parade of button-holing individuals who always seem to want a "cup of coffee" when their breath is so heavy with alcohol it burns your eyes. Yet all of us are, occasionally, suckers for panhandlers who make such a nuisance of themselves it is worth a dime to get rid of them.

Transients who ask for work, of course, deserve consideration unless their reaction to proffered employment disproves their sincerity. But the typical nuisance panhandler wants money, not food, and should be hurried on his way, for no longer are conditions such that the willing cannot find work to do.

The rosy days of sympathetic response to panhandling are gone.

## THE AGE OF CIVILIZATION!

Too much cannot be said of the great strides humanity has taken in the name of civilization.

Mortal man, the vain, blind fool!

The greatest empire in the world shaken to the bottom of its vittles over the question of whether its king can marry whom he chooses, or whether he should remain wed to tradition.

Another nation, once dominant in world affairs, torn to bleeding bits by revolution fed from without by busy-body nations stroking the Holy Bible with one hand and passing bombs to rebels with the other.

Our own great nation, swelled with its own importance, boasting of its mechanical progress while thousands of people are run down by autos every day; pointing to our great industrialization while workers strike and plead for their share of the swag.

Westerners telling southerners how to handle the negro problem; southerners telling westerners how to handle their oriental problem. Rich men telling poor men how to get along on what they have; poor men explaining how nations' finances should be handled.

Childless women lecturing on care of babies; tired business men reprimanding sons for philandering.

And, worst of all, small town editors having something to say about the whole darned business.

## PLANNING BOARD ON OREGON'S FUTURE!

The following paragraphs are first excerpts from a report given Governor Martin on recommended policies for sale of Bonneville power by the state planning board. The question involved, that of Oregon's future, is of vital interest to every resident, and the Miner will reprint the complete report in several instalments, the first of which follows:

Analysis and interpretation of pertinent facts show that two divergent paths confront the people of Oregon. One is the continuation of past trends, exploiting the state's resources of raw materials, with its economic life dependent principally on agriculture and lumbering. The other path, which would insure a more stable base and greater opportunities, is toward the development of diversified manufacturing to balance Oregon's present lopsided economic structure.

From the beginning, Oregon's lands and waters have been used for extractive purposes. Farming, lumbering, fishing and shipping and some mineral production have been the chief occupation of the people. Manufacturing is below the national average.

The exchange value of Oregon's products is reduced through a double burden of transportation



costs. The state's raw materials are sold on the outside at world market prices, out of which the producer must absorb transportation costs from Oregon to consuming centers. But when Oregon buys manufactured commodities produced outside the state, they must be bought at the market price, plus transportation charges to Oregon from the point of production. A million bushels of Oregon wheat will buy fewer automobiles for Oregon farmers than the same quantity grown in other areas situated nearer large centers of production and consumption.

A study recently made by the board's research staff shows that raw materials are sold under a yielding price structure determined by world economic conditions. Conversely, manufactured articles are sold under more rigid price structures maintained by each separate industry. Oregon is thus at an economic disadvantage compared with those areas having a better balance between the production of raw materials and manufactured commodities.

If Oregon continues as a state producing chiefly raw materials, exploiting its land and mining its soils, its future will follow the same direction as its past. Its people will remain at the mercy of outside economic conditions, with their purchasing power dictated by prices prevailing for raw materials in world markets.

On the other hand, if diversified industries are developed in Oregon to manufacture articles for home consumption and for Pacific coast markets, as well as for export, the outlook will be changed. Industrial development will provide support for increased numbers through employment both in the manufacturing and extractive industries, and in the service occupations arising from population growth. Not only in Oregon, but also in other Pacific Northwest states—Washington, Idaho and western Montana—would greatly benefit by the markets thus provided for their agricultural products and raw materials and by improved industrial balance in the region.

The nearer to their source that natural resources are processed, manufactured and consumed, the greater is the net economy to the nation. Moreover, the manufacture into finished goods of Oregon's raw agricultural and lumber products would provide other work to counterbalance the present fluctuating seasonal employment in agriculture and the forest industries.

More than anything else, this region needs increased population to consume the products of its resources and to provide markets for locally manufactured commodities. Already many immigrants from the drought and dust stricken regions are coming to the Pacific Northwest. These are Americans who should be given opportunities for making a living. Good agricultural land is limited, and comprehensive programs for irrigation, drainage and flood control improvements must be completed before any considerable areas of new rich land will be available.

Oregon is handicapped by absence of known commercial deposits of coal, petroleum and natural gas. This deficiency of available basic fuels has retarded Oregon's industrial development, so that the state lags behind the national average. It also has been a contributing cause of Oregon's economic unbalance.

However, Oregon has an inexhaustible source of energy in its falling waters. Development of hydroelectric power from its abundant streams will conserve unreplenishable fuel supplies, and enable the state to compensate for its deficiencies in other sources of energy. The combination of electric power at low cost on a tidewater ship channel at Bonneville, where raw materials may be bought from and manufactured products delivered to the markets of the world without transshipment, is unparalleled, except possibly on the St. Lawrence waterway.

• The Ladies club gave a benefit bridge party at the club rooms Friday evening. Funds raised from sale of tickets is to be used for the community Christmas tree supplies. Mrs. Mora Bailey was chairman and was assisted by the Mesdames J. Clark, G. Holmberg, W. Bray, and D. Black. Eight tables were in play. High prizes were won by Mrs. Bob Gilberg and G. Holmberg. Low were won by Mrs. Harris and Billy Bray, jr. Mince pie and coffee were served.

• Miss Lippi spent Thanksgiving in McCloud.

**TELEPHONE RATES CUT**  
A \$12,000,000 annual reduction in interstate long distance telephone rates by the American Telephone and Telegraph company was announced by the federal communications commission this week.

• Mr. and Mrs. E. Vail and sons Wesley and Curtiss went to Weed Thursday.

• Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelson and family spent a week in Stockton, Calif.

## LET US BE THANKFUL

By  
LEONARD A. BARRETT

To be truly thankful implies a realizing sense of obligation sincerely expressed not only in words but also in appreciative service. We naturally desire to do something really worthwhile for one who has befriended us, not as a return favor, but as a voluntary act of loyalty and love.

When we speak of the things for which we should be thankful, material possessions purchasable with money immediately come to mind. Some men who have been successful in a business adventure feel that; others do not. But the things money can buy are not, or should not be the chief cause of thankfulness. Most of life's real blessings cannot be purchased. Frankly, they are not for sale. A woman's kiss that can be bought for a price is not worth having. As an expression of love and devotion, its price is above rubies. The realities for which we are truly thankful are gifts free, generous, unsold, measured not by extrinsic value but by the intrinsic spirit in the heart of the giver. Let us be thankful for the trust which little children have in us. A man cannot be very evil, if little children like him. When William the Silent, the Prince of Orange, died, it is said that the little children cried in the streets. Our own children treasure as one of their most glorious possessions the memories of home. Their affection still expressed to us is a blessing for which we should be truly thankful. "Worse than a serpent's tooth is it, to have a thankless child."

For the blessings which come to us without money and without price, let us be thankful.

The warm color of a rose.  
The fluttering of a butterfly's wing.  
Flickering firelight.  
Easter lilies in candle light.

Let us be thankful for a world of beauty, from the glorious sunsets to the tiny blade of grass and the humblest flower. All nature is vocal with her invitation that we not only appreciate this beauty but that we permit it to become an important factor in moulding our character. Let us be thankful for nature's abundant harvests; for trees laden with fruit; for the absence of famine and pestilence; for the absence of revolutions that ravage and lay waste a land.

Let us be thankful for friends, home, and native land; for the spirit of our Fathers who through sacrifice and toil, laid the foundations of our democracy.

Whatever political changes come, our liberty cannot be sacrificed, nor the spirit of our freedom thwarted. It was bought too dearly not to be

## KNOT HOLE NEWS

By KEN WEIL

**HOWDY FOLKS:**  
With things picking up, as they are, the girls should be able to get their finger nails out of the red.

Which reminds me about the girl on the other side of town who said that her little brother learned about necking from a book. It seems that he had been reading her diary.

Did you see our display up town? Of course we don't belong there, being on the wrong side of the track, but we just couldn't resist the opportunity to break in on the big time.

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Our inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are forever secure in hearts that are right and truly thankful.

Let us be thankful also for the spirit of religious liberty. Here we may worship God according to the dictate of our own conscience. The doors of our churches swing open to all who will participate in Christian opportunity and service, no matter what their denominational belief. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Is America thankful enough for this great blessing? If we would be thankful, we must be mindful of all life about us. In being helpful, we may be thankful. Let us be thankful.

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• Billy and Chuck Cowan of Medford were staying for a visit at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis, sr., last week.

• Miss Kuhn was in Red Bluff over the holidays.

• G. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams and family attended a show in Medford Thursday evening.

## Look Ahead to Christmas and Beyond

Look ahead to Christmas. How many boys and girls, young men and women are there on your list for whom a savings account would be an appropriate gift?

Look BEYOND Christmas, and ask yourself what finer present you can bestow than such encouragement to thrift.

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