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HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

What will be effect of the independent election upset on future Oregon politics? Meier, the overwhelming winner, is dripping wet, Metschan was for a condition about as is, while Bailey was supposed to be somewhat drier.

The Joseph platform will no doubt have vanished in the thin air from which it came by 1932 but this wet and dry issue will stand out like a sore thumb.

Clever Al Smith passed the "noble experiment" in prohibition square up to the Republican party, which if it had its way would be no wetter or drier than the democrats. Prohibition is giving the Hoover administration more trouble than anything else. Despite wholesale arrests the country seems to be drinking more and more every year. Prohibition is an issue that flourishes even more than other things when there is business depression and discontent.

A few more congressmen like General Martin, who beat Korrell in Portland with nothing but a wet plank for the repeal of the 18th amendment, and we will be at it again.

However, if the country swings back to prosperity again two years hence the dries will probably be able to hold their grounds. If depression continues—we'll expect to see the battle of the century waged over wet and dry. Already both sides are whetting up their swords.

THE EMPLOYMENT RACKET

An employment "racket" is reported to be working on the McKenzie highway jobs, where there is a large turnover of men. The highway department should check up on this for under present conditions no one should charge a laborer to get him a job, then to get only a few days work after he travels 100 miles.

Nine out of every ten highway jobs could be filled anyway with competent help from among the idle men in Springfield and Eugene. It could also be done by free agencies instead of by commission agents.

Oregon people in the past have largely been "gipped" on a good many highway jobs judging from the number of California licenses on cars parked around these works.

A sheep man states that it cost more to ship his wool from Yoncalla to Portland, 165 miles by rail, than from Portland to Boston, 6065 miles by water. That is one of the pertinent reasons why barge navigation on the Willamette river would be money in the pockets of farmers and stock raisers in this part of Oregon.

The population of Robinson Crusoe's Island has arisen to 24,000, we are told. But they have no bank, dentist or newspaper among other things missing. Must be a happy and painless place to live.

The Harrisburg Bulletin suggests that at next election someone start an amendment to the constitution exempting real estate from taxation. Well, we'll bet it would get a whale of a vote.

Many a man has gone by a dollar chasing an elusive dime.

Time to start cultivating that Thankful spirit.

Build Now (Portland Journal of Commerce)

A number of people are realizing the truth of reports on low building costs at the present time, and are taking advantage of the existing price decline to carry out construction of homes and buildings. Many, however, are hesitant about evincing their faith in a practical way in the general statistics that indicate the downward trend of building prices. Something more concrete is needed to give them the final urge, something of tangible nature to bolster up their half-formed beliefs in the truth of current low building costs.

Perhaps, then, the results obtained by a Middle West lumber dealer may help them to come to a decision, for his findings are quite as applicable locally as in his own city. This lumberman, as reported to the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, recently called for an itemized bid on the construction of a frame dwelling reproducing exactly one that was erected in March and April, 1929, on which all cost data were available. The contractor submitting the bid guaranteed to duplicate for \$4349.46 a house which last year cost \$5013.33, a decrease of \$663.87.

It was found that every item of material, equipment and labor, except gas service, surveying, insurance and the building permit, which were identical, was lower than a year ago. The greatest decreases were in excavation and in finish hardware, both of which were 35 per cent less. Window shades were quoted at 33 per cent less; tile, 24 per cent; worked lumber, 20 per cent; painting, 16 per cent; yard lumber, 14 per cent; mason work, 12 per cent; carpenter work, 10 per cent, and wiring, 10 per cent. The items in which there were only negligible reductions were plastering, plumbing, heating and rough hardware.

While the above percentage of price declines may not be similar to those that exist in this city, yet the principle of lower costs is materially evident in local construction circles, to the great advantage of those who realize the opportunity to build. This condition, however, may not be expected to last very long, in the opinion of experts, who believe that the bottom has been reached. For those, then, who have any intention of building, it would be wise to lose no time in putting operations under way, for as surely as activity increases, so will prices begin their upward climb. Delaying construction to a later date only means greater costs to the eventual builder. Build NOW!

THE FARM BOARD IS LEARNING

The Federal Farm Board has had sixteen months of experience in its work of administering the Cooperative Marketing law. Its members have learned a great deal in that time. In the beginning they were new to the job. Only one of them, Chairman Legee, had anything which might be called national experience in agricultural problems. The others were able enough men, but their individual experience was limited to territorial activities or to the marketing of certain commodities.

There is evidence that the Farm Board members are acquiring a national point of view, and that they have discovered several fundamental facts, concerning which there seemed at the beginning to be some doubt among the Board members. Those facts, as stated by Mr. Teague in a recent address, are:

Agricultural problems will not be solved by legislation.

The law of supply and demand cannot be ignored.

The greatest assistance to agriculture by the Government will be the gradual development of grower-owned marketing systems.

Now that the Farm Board has learned those things, and we have Mr. Teague's word for it that all of the members now accept them as truth, there is hope that more rapid progress may be made in bringing agricultural marketing to a point where growers really get what their products are worth.

EIGHT ATTEND RED CROSS BANQUET FRIDAY NOON

Eight Springfield people attended the "kick-off" luncheon given by the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross which was held at the Osborn hotel in Eugene on Friday. They were Mrs. W. K. Barnell, Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, Mrs. C. O. Wilson, Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, Mrs. Myrtle Leubow, Miss Edna Swarts and Major and Mrs. M. B. Huntly.

The annual roll call drive for memberships is being conducted between Armistice day and Thanksgiving all over the United States. Mrs. Kenyon, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah have been appointed captains of the drive in Springfield which is being headed by Mrs. Huntly and which was started here Tuesday.

MISSION SOCIETY SENDS BOX TO KOREAN PEOPLE

A box of Christmas things was packed by the members of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church at their meeting held at the home of Mrs. Wm. G. Hughes on Friday afternoon. The box was shipped early this week to the mission fields in Korea. Mrs. L. K. Page led the program discussion at the meeting Friday.

TRAPPING SEASON OPENS FIRST OF NEXT MONTH

Trapping season in Oregon begins on December 1, and all trappers are urged to secure their applications for license as early as possible according to Rodney Roach, deputy game warden. The application blanks can be obtained at the office of the Lane county clerk and the licenses are sent out from the office of the State Game commission at Portland. No trapping will be permitted before the opening of the season and all reports of violation will be investigated closely says Roach.

What A Woman 44 YEARS OLD Should Weigh

Are You Getting Fat?

These are authentic figures—look over the table below—if your weight and height match them—Congratulations yourself—your figure is a shape ly one—free from fat—weigh yourself today.

Table with 3 columns: Height (4 Ft. 11 In. to 5 Ft. 10 In.), Weight (126 Pounds to 162 Pounds), and corresponding weight values.

Weights given includes ordinary indoor clothing. If you are overweight cut out pies, pastries and cake—also candy for 4 weeks—then weigh yourself again—Go light on potatoes—rice, butter, cream and sugar—eat lean meat—chicken, fish, salad—green vegetables and fruits.

Take one half teaspoon of Kruschen Salts in a glass of hot water every morning before breakfast—This is the easy, safe and sensible way to take off fat—and 85 cent bottle of Kruschen Salts lasts 4 weeks—Get it at Ketels' Drug Store or any drug store in the world—You'll be gloriously alive—vigorous and vivacious in 4 weeks.

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If Getting Up Nights, Backache, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Burning, due to functional Bladder Irritation, in acid conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystex Test. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Praised by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Cystex (pronounced Siss-tex) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Must quickly ally these conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 50c at KETELS DRUG STORE 5th & Main Springfield, Ore.

Advertisement for Dr. E. C. Meade, Ophthalmologist, featuring a portrait of a woman and text about eye examinations and vision correction.

Visit at Junction City—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Larson and family and Mrs. Tony Charret of New York City, aunt of Mr. Larson, spent Sunday at Junction City at the home of Mrs. Larson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toftdahl.

Closes for Funeral—The Springfield office of the Mountain States Power company closed between the hours of 1:30 and 4:00 o'clock Monday for the funeral of Seth M. McPherson, brother of Miss Lulu McPherson, book-keeper for the power company.

The Candy you eat for pleasure is a marvelously useful food... Candy lovers, have you ever thought of candy as a remarkably useful, wholesome food? Candy is so appetizing, so ingratiating that we forget it plays the serious role of supply us with resistance and strength to carry on.

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