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**PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

This country is moving faster toward public ownership than most of us realize. Not the socialistic ownership by government but public ownership of business. The great corporations are being gradually taken over by the investing public until now we have the American Telephone company with 540,000 shareholders and many others with tens and hundreds of thousands of stockholders.

The trust policy of this country is now largely turning to a policy of trust until we see now men of moderate means heading corporations with millions of dollars of capital. We are turning from the capitalistic manager to the business engineer.

In a decade or more industry will be nearly all owned by the public, but conducted on business principals instead of socialistic theory.

**MUST WE BUY?**

"We must buy in order to sell," is what the low tariff people and some economists tell us. Facts are that only about five per cent of the business of this country is foreign trade. Why should we be so immensely concerned with this five per cent business except as it effects the other 95 per cent? Actually we're not so concerned as our tariff discussion would lead one to believe. Take Russian lumber for instance. The volume of this would not be great as compared with the total consumption but it is the effect even this small amount will have on all lumber prices that we are concerned with.

Few people realize that the new Hawley-Smoot bill just passed attempts a new policy in regards to tariff—the restriction of those products that we must import because of shortage. In other words the new tariff attempts more nearly to make this a self sustaining nation. The government is concerning itself with the 95 per cent business instead of its five per cent business as heretofore—just as you or I would in solving our own business problems.

**BANKRUPTCY**

In five years the bankrupt individuals and firms in this country owed their creditors four billions of dollars. They paid out on an average of eight cents on the dollar. Instead of the usual practise in receiverships the New York district has been using a trust company to liquidate the assets of bankrupts. Because of this company's efficiency hundreds of bankrupts have paid out 100 per cent and the average has been many times eight cents. We need this sort of management in Oregon.

It took \$70,000 to get Julius Meier the \$7,500 a year job as governor for a four-year term, according to the campaign expense field with the secretary of state. His principal support was said to be the labor vote. There is no danger in state socialism in Oregon as long as labor wants the rich men to fill high offices and move these jobs out of the reach of the poorer people.

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away" is an old saying. To this might also be added "The wolf also," since hundreds of unemployed have begun selling apples on the streets of New York.

It is with a sense of regret we view the passing of the Eugene Register, a newspaper which has been identified with the history of this part of Oregon since pioneer days. To many people the Register rated next to the Oregonian in excellence for Oregon journalism. Even the capable publishers of The Guard will find they have a job cut out for them to fill the shoes of the old Register and their own too. How well they can do it, time only will tell.

We ate more ice cream and used more gas as a nation this year than ever before, according to statistics. Surely when we continue to please the pallet and enjoy the joy rides to an increasing degree the country is not so bad off as its painted.

**THE WAY OF LIFE  
BY BRUCE BARTON**

YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE THEM TIME

A woman whose son is in his second year at college writes that her boy is well mannered and intelligent but does not seem to have any objective.

"His father and I urge him to decide what he wants to do in life," she says, "but he tells us that can not make up his mind."

For the encouragement of this mother I can cite two interesting cases.

A certain man now stands near the top of his profession, with an income considerably in excess of a hundred thousand dollars a year. He worked hard in college, but his health was poor; he was frequently despondent, and at his graduation he felt that he was not trained for anything.

He took the first job offered, and made surprisingly good progress. Just about the time that his parents thought he was well established, he suddenly chucked the job and started around the world. After a year's travel, which used up all of his savings, he started in another position. The company failed, and he was out again. A third time he started in a different line, but it did not interest him. He could not get to first base.

On his fourth attempt, when he was almost thirty years old, he finally found work that gripped him. Also, he became engaged to be married. He jumped into high speed and has been successful ever since.

I know another man whose ability was clearly recognized by the heads of the big company where he worked, but somehow they could not seem to fit him into the place where he would be really productive. Four or five times they shifted him into different departments. They were just about to turn him into the street when he struck the one thing for which he was really fitted. Today he is vice president of the whole concern.

When I buy an automobile the salesman tells me that it has been perfectly manufactured for its work, and carefully inspected and tuned up. At the same time, he says that I must be patient with it. For the first two thousand miles I must run it slowly, and I must bring it in often and have it adjusted.

We expect this in an automobile. But in a youngster we have the notion that the factory—which is the school or college—ought to turn him out all ready for a championship race at high speed.

It takes a lot of wisdom and patience to be the father of a boy who is starting in life. Boys must have a chance to get adjusted. You've got to give them time.

**NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT  
INSTALL NEW OFFICERS**

The new officers of the Springfield Neighbors of Woodcraft who were elected and installed last week are: Mrs. Nellie Carr, guardian neighbor; Mrs. W. A. Taylor, adviser; Mrs. Minnie Girard, clerk; Mrs. Nina McPherson, banker; Mrs. Jane McPherson, Mrs. Atchel Thatcher and Mrs. Alice Doane, managers; Mrs. Glenn Stone, magician; Mrs. Daisy Pugh, attendant; Alex Stevens, inside guardian; Sam Sweeney, outside guardian; Miss Melba Mullins, captain of the guards; Mrs. Clarine Putman, flag bearer; Miss Doris Girard, musician; Mrs. Myrtle Eggmann, correspondent; Mrs. Elsie Lambert, installing officer.

Miss Adeline Perkins and Miss Audrey McFarland were initiated into the organization following the election and installation.

**CRESWELL BRIDGE TO BE  
DEDICATED BY ASSESSOR**

Formal dedicatory exercises for the bridge spanning the Willamette river one mile east of Creswell which has been completed will be held this afternoon and evening. Ben F. Keeny, Lane county assessor, will be the principal speaker at the afternoon exercises at the bridge. A larger and more elaborate program is being prepared for the evening. This is being sponsored by the business men of Creswell and will be held at the W. O. W. hall at Creswell.

All of the members of the Lane county court are planning to attend the dedication exercises.

**SON OF POSTMASTER GETS  
DIPLOMATIC ADVANCE**

John N. Hamlin, son of F. B. Hamlin, Springfield postmaster, has been made second secretary to the United States embassy at Buenos Aires according to word received by his father here. The younger Hamlin is now serving his second year with the diplomatic corps in South America and has witnessed the recent overthrow of government in Brazil.

**STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS  
WITH BASKET SOCIAL**

High school students raised the sum of \$17 at a basket social held at the high school at noon Thursday of last week. Each girl was asked to bring a basket and the boys bid for them, being limited to fifty cents for each basket. The proceeds will be used in paying for the curtain which was purchased at the school last spring. Another of these basket socials will be held before Christmas.

**HEALTH SEAL CAMPAIGN  
WILL START NEXT WEEK**

The annual health seal sale campaign in Springfield will be started immediately after Thanksgiving according to Mrs. C. O. Wilson who is the general chairman of the drive in this city. The sale will be carried on by the school children again this year says Mrs. Wilson and a prize is being offered the school selling the largest number of the stamps.

**MONTHLY MEETING OF  
P.-T. A. IS TOMORROW**

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held Friday afternoon at the Lincoln school at 3:00 o'clock. A new vice-president will be elected to take the place of Lawrence Moffitt who has assumed duties in Eugene as assistant county school superintendent. Delegates who attended the county council meeting at Elmira recently will make their reports at the meeting.

**FORMER SPRINGFIELD GIRL  
BECOMES BRIDE SUNDAY**

The wedding of Miss Emma Weber, former resident of Springfield, took place at The Dalles on Sunday, November 16. Miss Weber was married to Ted Isaak Sunday morning and the couple drove to McMinnville that day for a wedding dinner which was served at then home of his parents with about 30 guests and friends attending.

Mrs. Isaak is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Weber, and the family formerly lived on South B street. They now make their home near Santa Clara.

**NEEDLECRAFT CLUB TO  
MEET THIS AFTERNOON**

Mrs. Harry M. Stewart will entertain for the members of the Needlecraft club at her home this afternoon. Sewing will be the principal activity for those attending. Refreshments will be served.

**MANY MONROE PEOPLE  
ARE ENTERTAINED HERE**

Mrs. James Laxton entertained a large number of Monroe people, members of the Irish Bend progressive club at her home here last Thursday afternoon. She was assisted by Mrs. Walter Laxton. Those attending were Mrs. Lettie Herron, Leona Richard, Mary Richman, Maude Smith, R. C. Herron, Mrs. H. C. Herron, Mary Jennings, Lizzie Thomas, Mrs. F. M. Stow, Mrs. J. G. Hubbard, Gladys Dodd, Janetta Edwards, Katherine Pinley and Mina Dillard. Oma Belle Emmons of Eugene also attended.

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