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**WHAT THE COUNTRY HAS DONE
FOR THE VETERAN**

Every now and then some congressman arises to remind the country about the liberal insurance being given the ex-service men of the world war. To the casual reader, not a veteran, it would seem that the ex-soldier has his hand out and it is being filled with a handsome insurance policy. Not so, the veteran is paying a premium on his insurance the same way as if he held his policy in a private company.

At one time more than two million veterans held these war risk policies for which they paid in about \$7 a month on a \$10,000 policy. Today about 600,000 hold them, or in other words, 1,400,000 have dropped their policies and forfeited the reserve fund built up in the year or more they were in service. Since the war rates have been raised constantly and for limited policies the veteran pays \$1 per month per thousand and \$3 or \$4 on some of the endowment forms. But the least any veteran, who held the limited straight life policies, could have paid to his government since the war on \$10,000 is \$1,400. This is the money that comprises the high trust fund that has been built up—it's the veterans' money and not the government's but the government uses it as collateral on the adjusted service certificates for all veterans and then congressmen boast about the large sums they are setting aside.

The country has done fairly well by the disabled veteran—probably nearly as much as humanly possible, thanks to the watch dog policy of the American Legion. But considering the fact that the war risk policies become preferred risk on young men as soon as war ended it is doubtful whether bad management or short premiums have caused the government to have to contribute to war risk insurance funds. Taking it all in all the government has done nothing for the able bodied ex-service men, and for the most part they are asking nothing that is not due them in a monetary way. But they do ask that congressmen quit making the country as a whole believe that they are being pensioned or are receiving doles out of the public treasury.

Springfield, after the spring cleanup, usually presents an appearance that is much better than the average small town. Located on level land that drains well, with good streets and a fair layout this city can be made attractive with little effort. Cleanup premises and paint up buildings and the traveling public will speak well of us.

The McKenzie pass should be opened early this year. Snow conditions are such that it might have been opened all winter. If nature takes its course travel likely will not start before July 1 while with some assistance use of the road will be had this season several weeks longer.

If it doesn't rain we won't need to worry about the use of water power this coming year; there won't be any, say local people who have been in the mountains and find very little snow. Could it be that the Gods are punishing the legislature.

It must be a tough country where the wells are dry in the winter time. Some of the drought sections still are without drinking water.

NO GROUND FOR FEAR

It is useless to deny that the present state of mind of many Americans is fear of what the future may bring.

Fear seems to be prevalent in all public thinking on economics today. People are afraid that things are not going to "come back," that somehow we have lost our stride as a nation and are not going to be able to get going again at the old pace. There is more money now in savings banks than ever before in history. Much of it has been put there in the past year because people were afraid to replenish their stocks, for fear prices would go down still farther. Individuals have been afraid that conditions were going to get continually worse.

There is nothing in our history to warrant such fears. The only way to judge is by the past. All of our past history reveals a succession of forward steps, never a backward one. The pace has slackened at times, as it has slackened in the past eighteen months, but the movement has always been forward. There is not a single reason for the belief that our economic progress has stopped or that we are going backward. On the contrary, all the signs point in the other direction. There is no ground for fear.

LEGION GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP

Great gains in membership is reported everywhere by the American Legion. Veterans are now learning that in civil life they must stand together as well as in war. A grateful country in time of war has become somewhat indifferent in time of peace when its attentions are on other matters. Even legislation for the relief of the disabled had to be fought for by the Legion and other service organizations or soldiers wounded in battle would have been in poor houses, dependent upon relatives, or begging on the streets. The American Legion is now designed to be the mightiest organization in this country.

WHAT WE DID NOT FURNISH

Business people can well ponder over the following 1929 import figures and products—every dollar of which could be produced in the Pacific northwest:

- 40,000,000 pounds of English Walnuts
- 15,000,000 pounds of filberts
- 16,000,000 pounds of clover, alfalfa, vetch seed
- 84,606,000 pounds of cheese
- 291,000,000 dozen eggs
- 24,460,000 pounds of dried and frozen eggs
- 3,508,000 pounds of egg albumen
- 219,000,000 pounds of tomatoes

And Just Note This: One Portland mill imported 4000 tons of flaxseed from Argentine last year when every pound of it could have been grown right here in Oregon.—Oregon Business.

Seems now that the Grange power bill does not provide for the building of proper transmission lines, and the legislature has no authority to pass a law enabling the power districts to build them. With all this ranting about free power the wires were overlooked. Oh, well free power has served its political purpose. We always suspected there would be a joker somewhere.

The adjusted service loan vote in congress was the greatest victory any major measure has won in many years. All the Oregon congressmen, save Hawley, recognized the government's promises to pay, and voted for the 50 per cent loan bill.

The editor of a dictionary is going to teach radio announcers how to pronounce the words of the English language. Maybe the radio will have the world speaking a universal language some day.

An eastern man has invented an airplane which will land itself safely without the pilot touching the controls. Some day air travel will be the safest mode of transportation.



**BY RADFORD MOBLEY
AUTOCASTER WASHINGTON BUREAU**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26—The President's Emergency Committee for Employment is following up the suggestion first made in Albert T. Reid's cartoon, "Plenty of Horses if They Will All Pull," by asking newspapers throughout the nation to cooperate in giving space to a broad appeal to everybody to furnish odd jobs to neighbors out of work.

A series of display advertisements, listing 100 typical odd jobs, has been prepared under the captions, "Put a Neighbor to Work."

Of the 61 suggestions which definitely indicate the use of materials inside and outside the home, lumber, paint, cement, brick, plumbing, tinning, hardware, electrical wiring, and others are mentioned by name or should have a part in the general work which is recommended.

Make It Community Idea

In placing these suggestions before the public, Col. Arthur Woods, chairman of the President's Emergency Committee for Employment, has asked American citizens not to think of unemployment in terms of the national problem but simply as concerns the unemployed people in the immediate neighborhood. He says:

"Put those people back to work and that ends the unemployment problem in your vicinity. Don't worry about other communities. They will take care of their problem in the same way . . . in fact they are doing so in every part of the United States."

"The Government and local communities are doing their part. What about you? Now, for instance, is the time to make additions, improvements, repairs, to have odd jobs done around your home—to increase the worth of your property—to increase the country's buying power—to give a neighbor a job."

The suggestions promoting direct use of lumber are as follows: Build shelves; build bookcases; build cupboards; construct new partitions; construct wood boxes, etc.; repair furniture; repair walls; rebuild water tanks; construct sun parlor; construct sleeping porch; mend cellar stairway; rebuild coal bins; patch roof; re-shingle roof; repair fences; mend shutters; repair siding; renew weath-er strips; repair garage; construct outbuildings; construct sheds; build window boxes; repair footboards; insulate the attic; build clothes reels; and mend cellar doors. Such jobs as the laying of concrete sidewalks represent important secondary use of lumber.

Of the 61 suggestions which definitely indicate the use of materials rather than of services only, textiles and related products are included specifically in several instances and by inference in others. Readers of the advertisements are urged to reupholster furniture, recover mattresses, lay linoleum, and repair shades. A recommendation to install curtain rods connotes an opportunity for the renew-

or addition of curtains, and, similarly, other suggestions are shaped to create sales possibilities.

The suggestions promoting direct use of paint products are: Refinish furniture, stain floors, varnish floors, paint walls, paint woodwork, refinish picture frames, paint stair treads, whitewash cellars, whitewash out-buildings, paint cement floor, paint house, paint trim, paint shutters, and polish floors. The use of paint logically should follow other of the recommendations involving construction and repair.

Of the 61 suggestions which definitely indicate the use of building materials inside and outside the home, tinning is definitely mentioned in the recommended mending of gutters, mending of leaders, renewal of weather-strips, and repairing of flashing. Further use is connoted in several of the general repair jobs which are enumerated.

The recommendations promoting direct use of plumbing and heating products are: Renovate plumbing, renovate water supply system, rebuild water tanks, renew sewage disposal system and heat garage. Several items of tinning work also are on the list.

Readers are urged specifically to consider renovating their electric light system and installing new electric outlets. Other recommendations such as building a garage or constructing

**Kidney Acids
Break Sleep**

If Getting Up Nights, Backs aches, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Headaches, due to functional Kidney irritation, in acid conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystox Tonic. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Praised by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Cystox (pronounced Siss-tex) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Must quickly ally these conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 60c a bottle.

KETELS DRUG STORE
5th & Main Springfield, Ore.

a new wing to the house should further create a demand for wiring jobs.

**NOTICE OF FINAL
SETTLEMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Ida B. Woolley, executrix of the estate of Perry A. Woolley, deceased, has rendered and filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane, her first and final account and that said Court by and order duly made and entered therein has fixed and appointed Saturday, the 23rd day of March, 1931 at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the County Court room in the County Court house in the City of Eugene Oregon as the day, time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. All objections must be in writing and filed with the Clerk of said Court on or before said day and time.

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Spring Fever

A few warm days and "Spring fever" will be with you. When you feel a loss of energy "pep" up by eating a few bites of candy. It is the most nourishing and concentrated food known. Besides it is mighty pleasant to take—especially if it is made at

EGGIMANN'S

"Where the Service is Different"

His Policies Are Still Sound—

By Albert T. Reid

**Why wish for
Summer?**

vacation
NOW in



California

You don't really have to wait the turn of the calendar for your vacation. Take it now, when you need it most. Board a Southern Pacific train to California.

To San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood . . . perhaps to Agua Caliente or Palm Springs. Somewhere down South you'll find the carefree fun you need to fit you for the year ahead.

Any Southern Pacific agent will help you plan the trip.

**Southern
Pacific**
CARL OLSON,
Agent



The WIRES you never see . . .

The convenience and economy of electricity, your home servant, depend largely on the electric wires behind your walls. Only when the wiring is well planned—providing for handy wall switches and plenty of outlets—can you take full advantage of electric lights, floor lamps, irons, fans, and all the labor-saving appliances. Electric service can go only as far as the wires that carry it. When the home and farm buildings are first wired—or when the wiring is extended—keep in mind that it doesn't pay to scrimp. Adequate, well-planned wiring costs little and soon pays for itself in the added comfort and saving of time and work.

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