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HEAVY LOSSES ALONG THE RIVER

Heavy losses of fine river bottom lands through cutting banks by high water was revealed this week when the writer accompanied the chief army engineer along the Willamette River from Springfield to Harrisburg. Even though there has been no extremely high water the last two years some major changes were revealed since a similar inspection was made by the writer last spring.

Orchards, houses and barns and in some places whole forty and sixty acre farms have disappeared as the angry water charges from bank to bank. One 1200 acre farm near Junction City has lost 350 acres.

The best fruits and vegetables and the highest per acre yield is had from these river bottom lands. They are really the heart of our farming area and if the Willamette valley expects to continue as an agricultural region and continue to grow surely this land must be protected.

Whenever an orchard disappears down river then the effect on the community is even greater than if a house burns down. If the house was insured it can be rebuilt but the orchard can never be put back in place on the same location. A valuable resource has been lost forever. It produces—neither a crop or threat.

In West Springfield the threat of high water again like 1927 is against improvements rather than land erosion. The damage there is estimated at \$50,000 in 1927. Extreme high water again would do far greater damage because of more and better improvements.

More than a million dollar loss has been sustained through floods in Lane county the last ten years. This loss has affected the community as a whole as well as the actual land owner. Because of this business men should give the farmer and land owner whole hearted support in his attempt to secure federal aid for flood control.

DEPRESSION BABIES

The greatest number of babies are born to those families least capable of supporting them. FERA reports that there are 1,849,000 children under five years old, living on public funds. They are babies born since the depression and to families on the relief rolls.

The birth rate for relief families is 60 per cent higher than those of the same economic scale but not on relief, one survey shows. The lowest birth rate in the country is among the full time employed.

Teddy Roosevelt offered a prize for the biggest families but large families among the poor are now one of President Roosevelt's troubles. Too many births among the wrong people is fast becoming a national problem.

MICHIGAN RENIGS ON PENSION TAX

We wonder how the people as a whole would take to the Townsend plan if it were enacted and there was a tax on everything everyone buys for old age pensions. Back in Michigan the state levied a \$2 head tax on the people for old age pensions. Out of nearly three million taxpayers only 184,000 paid their tax when due. It is evident the Michigan law is not going to work. When the citizens have pay enthusiasm for pensions and insurance rapidly wanes. A repeal of the law is soon in order.

Hitler has repudiated the peace terms laid down forcibly for Germany after the Armistice. Well some other nations who are now concerned have repudiated their debts for payment of the war entered into voluntarily with the United States.

Farm income has increased 40 per cent in two years. Two thirds of this gain of \$1,762,000,000 came from farming and one-third came from the government for not farming.

Huey Long's share-or-wealth program appeals to those who have no wealth to share—excepting the other fellows.

After all prosperity depends upon hard and efficient work, fairly but not excessively paid.

The unsuccessful class seem to be laying down rules for the successful to operate under these days.

We wonder if the government is not putting a premium on the desire not to work.

The FAMILY DOCTOR
by JOHN JOSEPH GAINES M.D.
EASY TO ERR

Just had a letter of inquiry from an anxious wife in a neighboring state; she is anxious about her 66-year old husband. Somebody told her to write me.

He had what is known as a "stroke" nearly one year ago. Was at the hospital four weeks immediately following the unfortunate collapse, and, has been in bed "most of the time ever since." Can only hobble around with crutches and with two helpers besides.

This man evidently had a hemorrhage in the brain. One of his arms hangs helpless at his side—the nerves paralyzed. Such things are classified usually under the heading of "nervous Diseases," though they may be broken-down blood-vessels.

The great error: If this man had heeded certain warnings, such as high blood-pressure—and maybe rapid increases in bodily weight—and if he had just kept in touch with his physician and had his diet carefully supervised—he might not have had this serious condition to battle with. But men will push on and on. . . .

Another error: This man must have had good treatment while in the hospital—but expenses were prohibitive; he went home, and, then began the experiment—with a bone-adjuster! Adjusting the bones for a broken blood-vessel inside the cranial cavity! Probably no bone of his entire osseous system was out of place!

This man had a blood-clot in the brain tissue. By this time it has become "organized" into living tissue, and exerts its constant pressure on the center governing the arm. Why manipulate the bones below the head?

Many, many times, efforts put forth with the best of motives are time and money wasted. No cure for the "stroke" now. Simply watch intelligently to keep off another stroke—All we can do.

FORESTERS RAP STATE GAME WORK

Regional Planning By All Agencies Necessary To the Northwest Wild Life

Important fish, game and wild life species of Oregon and Washington are being depleted; others are increasing beyond the food limits of their range and the whole situation calls for scientific handling to secure maximum public benefits, according to the recent game report for 1934 released by the Forest Service.

The report shows that elk and mule deer, the principal game animals of Oregon and Washington, are on the increase in all the forests where they are found. Black-tailed deer however are sharply decreasing in some localities and are hardly holding their own in other areas. While the increase in elk and mule deer is gratifying, according to the report, the numbers have increased to such a point in some localities that a plan for removal of the excess is required. Otherwise the Forest Service expects heavy game losses from starvation in such areas the next hard winter.

Bear Increase Slowly
Mountain sheep are almost extinct in the two states, according to the report, although a few are continually reported in the Wallawalla mountains. Antelope are fairly numerous in Oregon. Mountain goats appear to be numerous in the north Cascade area of Washington, but are extinct in Oregon. Bear are increasing slowly in the two states, according to the estimates.

Coyotes are on the increase throughout the region, presumably on account of the decreased number of hunters which the Biological Survey is able to employ because of reduction in funds. Private trappers kill a considerable number of coyotes each year but appear to be more interested in timber wolves and cougars, it being reported that 221 cougars and 31 wolves were killed in Oregon during the past 19 months.

Fish Problem Serious
With every effort being made by these commissions to maintain satisfactory fishing conditions, the demand continues to be in excess of the supply, says the report, "and some remedy for this condition must be devised." The report shows that many streams which can support only a limited amount of fish life are heavily fished and a growing need appears for more definite restrictions on creel limits in keeping with the productive capacity of the waters.

"Many areas are being overhunted, many streams overfished, and the fur bearers are being constantly overtrapped," states the report. In other areas of the region there are oversupplies of animals or birds to an extent which is endangering their welfare. The report contends that this unsatisfactory situation points to the need for regional planning by all agencies concerned in order that a maximum production of game animals, birds, fish, and fur bearers may be insured indefinitely or on a "sustained yield basis."

OREGON STUDENT TO GET COMMISSION IN MARINES

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 4—A probationary commission as second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps awaits one of this year's honor students in military science at the University of Oregon, it was announced here by Dr. C. V. Boyer, president of the university, and Colonel E. V. D. Murphy, head of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps here. Selection of the appointee, who will become a full-fledged officer following the period of probation, will be made on the basis of ability, scholarship, character, and leadership.

The secretary of war recently approved a plan whereby the Marine Corps may offer 48 such probationary commissions to honor graduates in selected institutions having R. O. T. C. units. Institutions on the Pacific Coast designated to name appointees include the universities of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, California and Washington.

MANY BANDS TO MEET IN CONTEST AT U. O.

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 4—Approximately 30 high school bands, drawn from all sections of Oregon, are expected to compete this year in the annual High School band contest, to be held at the University of Oregon Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, it was announced here today by John Stehn, director of the university band and chairman for the event.

Band competition will be in classes as follows: Class A, bands of 50 or more members; class B, bands of 40 to 49; class C, bands of 30 to 39, and class D, under 30. Solo contests will be held for cornet, clarinet, saxophone, flute, slide trombone, baritone, French horn, oboe, bassoon, Tuba and snare drum.

Three outstanding band musicians of the Pacific coast have been selected as judges.

Goes to Washington—Mrs. Robert Chatterton left Tuesday for Bellingham to visit with her parents.

LOCAL ALUMNI ASKED TO BACK U. OF O. PLAN

Seek Gathering of Former Students At Special Summer Session From June 17 to 22

A number of alumni of the University of Oregon, living in and near this city, will be contacted this week by a committee of faculty members, and if sufficient interest is shown, the first "alumni summer session" will be planned and the proposal for it submitted to the state board of higher education, according to word received here from Dr. C. V. Boyer, president of the university.

If alumni show a desire for such a project, and it is approved by the state board, it will be held during the week between commencement and regular summer session, June 17 to 22, Dr. Boyer says. Alumni from all parts of the state and county will be invited to return to the campus. Faculty members, many of them veterans and favorites with students for many years, will be asked to give short courses and conduct discussion groups during the session.

Other Schools Follow
Since the school will be an attempt to crowd many features of college life into the week, a program of social events that will include dances, picnics, and even "militrae parties" will be planned. The proposal for the unique venture has attracted national attention, and since Oregon announced its plans, several other institutions, among them Cornell and Minnesota, have scheduled similar events.

Dr. Victor P. Morris, professor of economics, heads the committee which will contact prominent alumni during the next few days. The committee will also ask for suggestions as to courses and affairs to be included for the session.

TREASURES OF ARCHERY AT EXPOSITION DISPLAY

San Diego, Calif., April 4—The bow and arrow was used universally in bygone ages, according to the exhibits in the famous Joseph Jessop Archery collection, which will be featured in the Palace of Science at the California Pacific International Exposition, opening here May 29.

Medieval archers went forth to battle with all sizes and types of these lethal instruments, it seems. The collection offers bows, arrows, armor and shields from such widely separated places as China, Burma, Korea, Japan, Guinea, Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, and the villages of the American Indians.

Poisoned darts of African pygmy tribes offer striking contrast to the mighty cross-bows of German warriors of seven centuries ago.

Here, too, is a bow, originated and used by the giant Mongols who were ruled by Ghenghis Kahn. It is of the reflex type, requiring a pull of 100 pounds. The arrow, with a range of 500 yards, driven by this tremendous impulse, is capable of piercing a three-inch plank, or driving itself through a man or horse.

W. E. Pate, curator, states that he has never found a person strong enough to draw this might bow. The back of the bow is of sinew and the belly of whalebone.

FARM TENANTS BUYING PLACES OF THEIR OWN

When tenant farmers begin to "want a place of their own," it is a pretty reliable indication that farming conditions are getting better. At any rate, almost every month during the past year the Federal Land bank of Spokane has registered a gain in sales of properties acquired through foreclosure, and tenant farmers have been among the bank's best "customers."

Farm sales during March reached the high total of \$267,259, bringing the three-month volume of this year to \$731,718, or nearly \$100,000 more than for January, February and March of last year.

Being an unwilling possessor of its acquired farms, the Land bank desires to return them to individual operation as rapidly as suitable buyers can be found, offering favorable terms of purchase to responsible individuals.

ACCIDENT VICTIM WAS NEPHEW OF W. E. BUELL

Kenneth Buell, Klamath Falls, who died Sunday following an accident in which he was fatally injured in the explosion of a dynamite cap, was a nephew of W. E. Buell, Springfield high school principal. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway Buell of Tule Lake, California.

NEW METER PERMITS MEASUREMENT OF HAZE

A new "haze meter" developed at the Pacific Northwest Forest Experiment station enables forest fire lookouts to measure the amount of haze in the air and also measure the distance they should be able to see a small fire should Joe occur.

When the haze becomes too heavy, additional lookouts are necessary.

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M'KEVITT MAKES VIEWS PUBLIC

Townsend Supporter Presents Platform; Sees Need For Tax Reduction

J. A. McKeVitt, retired Eugene businessman and Republican, was named to fill the legislative position held by Howard S. Merriam, by the county court Saturday morning.

Mr. McKeVitt, in a statement issued after the appointment, expressed his appreciation for the honor and continued with the following:

"It is a well-known fact that I have been and am a believer in and an advocate of the Townsend plan for old age pensions. During my term of office in the legislature, I shall give this subject the benefit of my honest convictions which are established. However, in accepting the honor of the appointment of Representative in the Oregon Legislature at the hands of the Lane County Court, I hope I possess other qualifications that merit the appointment.

Sees Tax Cut Need
"I am also deeply interested in tax legislation from a home-owner's standpoint and realize that no additional taxes should be placed on the farm and home and property owners and that every effort should be made for a reduction of taxes through State legislation.

"I also believe that we should fully cooperate with the Federal government and obtain aid for flood control on our rivers, and drainage of waste lands. Here in Lane county, I believe we are losing millions of dollars in values and some of our best lands from lack of flood control. We no doubt have many thousands of acres of unproductive lands that need only drainage and fertilizing to make them very productive.

Timber Tax Loss Serious
"I also have cause to be alarmed at the proposed acquisition of private timber lands for federal reserves unless the federal government will, in turn, insure the counties of this state their tax equities. The loss of our timberlands on the tax rolls, in my way of thinking, can mean only an increase of taxes on the balance of lands and property, privately owned.

"I think state legislation should be so planned and passed that the interests of the counties of the state be considered as the paramount of importance.

"I desire to serve Lane county, as an appointed legislature only with the thought and expectation of serving all the people in a fair, honest and impartial manner."

The new representative is now retired on time service pension by the Western Union telegraph company after 22 years service. He is a member of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, Rotary club, Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Modern Woodmen of America, and is secretary of the Townsend club in precinct 2.

MERRIMAN'S COW MAKES NEW OFFICIAL RECORD

Peterborough, N. H.—A Guernsey cow owned by Mrs. J. A. Merriman of Willakenzie district, has just finished a new official record for production which entitles her to entry in the Advanced Register of the American Guernsey Cattle club. This animal is three years old. Jewel's Princess Katherine with a production of 5681.6 pounds of milk and 339.4 of fat in class EEE.

MISS SNOODGRASS IS BRIDGE CLUB HOSTESS

Members of the O-No card club were entertained at the home of Miss Maxine Snodgrass last Thursday evening with Miss Ann McGookin and Miss Irma Nolt as guests. Honors during the evening went to Miss McGookin, Miss Nolt, Miss Crystal Bryan and Mrs. Willa Cotton. The club meets again on April 11 at the home of Miss Eunice Gerber.

Look-out Range View Limited

Lookouts in Oregon and Washington cannot be expected to discover small forest fires more than 15 miles from their vantage point, even in clear weather, according to analysis of fire reports made by the Pacific Northwest Forest Experiment station.

TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS BETTER YEAR, 1934

Bell System telephones in service at the end of 1934 were 2 per cent greater in number than at the beginning, a net gain of 298,000 telephones as compared with a net loss of 630,000 in 1933, according to President Walter S. Gifford, of the American Telephone and Telegraph company in its annual report for 1934 just received.

At the end of 1934 there were 13,458,000 telephones in service—14 per cent below the maximum development reached in 1930. Including telephones of about 6,700 connecting telephone companies and 25,300 connecting rural lines, there are about 16,800,000 telephones in the United States, practically any one of which can be connected promptly with any other.

Eggs and Bunnies

Easter Eggs and bunnies as well as other confectionery novelties to make the day a festive occasion is here for everyone. As usual Eggimann's is prepared with a large stock and wide selections.

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