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LOOKING AHEAD

NATION'S industrial situation shows itself, as a rule, in the statements issued by the banks of the country.

Thus, periods of prosperity are marked by increases in commercial as well as savings deposits. Periods of readjustment, with their accompanying problems of unemployment, show themselves in a decline of commercial deposits and a slight change of savings deposits. And as times become better and the future looms big with possibilities, bank deposits grow again and business comes to life.

As we look ahead the best advice that this bank can give is: "GET YOUR FINANCES WELL IN HAND. BUILD UP YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT. PREPARE YOURSELF TO MEET OPPORTUNITY WITH A CASH RESERVE AND CREDIT POSSIBILITIES."

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Cultivated Corn On Hands And Knees



Warren W. Simpson of Northfield, Minn., set an inspiring example for Corn Club boys and girls when, though crippled, he crawled on hands and knees to raise 105 bushels to the acre and win first prize. Now he teaches agriculture at Lewiston, Minn.

New Vice-President Of Farm Bureau



Dr. W. H. Walker of California, always active in National Farm Bureau Federation affairs, was the unanimous choice for vice-president for 1922. He will be an active assistant to the new president, Oscar Bradute of Ohio.

Prize Essay Contest By Oregon Society, Sons American Revolution

The Oregon Society, Sons of the American Revolution takes pleasure in offering a series of prizes totaling the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the pupils of the public schools of the State of Oregon for essays on topics connected with the war for American Independence. There will be three prizes awarded this year: Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the best, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the second, and ten dollars (\$10.00) for the third best essay, respectively.

The conditions governing this essay contest are as follows: The essays are limited in length to three thousand words, must be written on one side only of paper, and accompanied by a statement from the writer's teacher that the writer is a pupil in a designated class and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work.

The Mayor (who we are inclined to think has been trying very hard to knock the Arlington-Heppner stage out of business) has been the busiest man in Morrow county during the week giving all his friends joy rides between the county seat and Cecil. The fine weather of the present time has called the Mayor back to the farm and he is now working by the sweat of his brow in the irrigation ditches of Buttery Flats.

HERBERT B. AUGUR, Chairman, FRANK L. GRIFFIN, C. C. CHAPMAN, Committee.

WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS UNDER WILSON INDICTED ON GRAFT CHARGES

Department of Justice Presents Evidence to Federal Grand Jury Which Results in Criminal Indictment of Former Assistant Secretary of War and Others for Conspiracy to Defraud Government in Hundreds of Contracts.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—As a result of the activities of the Department of Justice under the direction of Attorney General Daugherty, a special federal grand jury in the District of Columbia has returned indictments against Benedict Crowell, former Assistant Secretary of War during the Wilson administration under Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, and six others connected with the War department at that time. The indictments charge the accused with conspiracy to defraud the government, with defeating the administration of law, with having participated unlawfully in the award of contracts let by the government during the war and with the embezzlement of government funds.

Each of the accused is charged with fraudulently planning to get control of the emergency construction program for his own gain and for the gain of friends and past and future clients. It is charged that the defendants were instrumental in having the system of competitive bidding, which has been used in letting of all government contracts, abolished in connection with the letting of contracts of substantially all building construction which involved the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars and included, among other things, sixteen national army cantonments, sixteen national guard camps, aviation fields, ordnance plants and fortifications, hospitals, warehouses, port terminals and other construction comprising altogether over 5000 separate contracts.

It is charged that officers of the War department regularly and legally responsible for the administration of construction work who found themselves out of harmony with the plans of the accused defendants were replaced by others as a part of the program of the defendants "to procure control of the determination of the policy and plan to be used in the administration of said construction program of the United States by and for themselves and the other conspirators."

It is charged that the defendants, regardless of the interests of the United States, awarded and caused to be awarded contracts for construction without offering any opportunity for a competitive bidding, and procured persons directly interested in furnishing certain classes of materials to the government to inspect and pass upon such materials.

It is charged that the form of contracts used was grossly unfavorable to the government and correspondingly favorable to the contractors. It is charged that the accused refused offers of reliable contractors to do government work at less than the price written into the cost-plus contracts made by the defendants. It is charged that the accused "so administered the laws and regulations of the United States as to surry favor with the persons and concerns with whom they were dealing as contractors" and particularly with certain persons and concerns among which were contractors who were prominent in the construction and engineering industries, to the end that each of the said conspirators would and should and most of them did procure, in return for such prejudicial and favorable administration, lucrative positions in said industries from and at the hands of said favored persons and concerns. It is charged that the defendants awarded great contracts to firms in which they had pecuniary interest. It is specifically charged that the defendants after Armistice Day entered into great contracts obligating the United States government for extensive new war and military construction, "the exact amount of which is to the jurors unknown, but which was in excess of \$50,000,000, of which amount in excess of \$11,000,000 was to contractors selected by said conspirators and given such work under the cost-plus form of contract."

Taft Urges Speed In Federal Courts

Chief Justice Taft of the U. S. Supreme Court is making an effort to expedite work in the Federal Courts all over the country. This photo shows Circuit Judges from all parts of the United States after a conference at Washington. In the group are Circuit Judges Bingham, Rogers, Hoffman, Knapp, Walker, Knapp, Baker and Kenyon. Taft is in the center.

Mac Smith, weather man of Heppner, is back again in Cecil where he always has a hearty welcome for he certainly brings the good weather with him, and if Mr. Gorton of Morrow county was to visit Cecil now he would have no trouble to have the sun shine on him while with us. Mac, besides making good weather, is also engaged with hammer and saw, etc., making things look good on the Last Camp and other ranches at Cecil belonging to Minor & Krebs.

Walter Pope and Leon Logan were doing business in Arlington Thursday. Mrs. T. H. Lowe and daughter Miss Annie C. of Cecil were visiting Mrs. Alf Shaw at Buttery Flats Friday. Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Tyler and children of Rhea spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McEntire at Killarney. Mr. and Mrs. W. Church of Rhea were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe at Cecil on Sunday. Neil Doherty of Lena was hunting up his horses in the Cecil district on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. May of Lone Star ranch were calling in Cecil on Sunday.

Poem by Uncle John

That wimmen-folks is human, has been amply demonstrated. No further proofs is lacking. If they'd leave the wimmen-folks to their own devices, I've knocked around considerable in this female dispensation, so it's natural that Cupid somehow, put me up a tree, and I reckon I am justified to show some attention, if my Better Half can celebrate the day she married me!



Rev. Wm. F. Barton, pastor of the First Congregational Church at Oak Park, Ill., officiated at the weddings of five of his children. Now he is baptizing grandchildren. Photo shows five new arrivals for a New Year christening, brought from all parts of the country by famous parents, including the child of Bruce Barton, famous editor.

Dates For Convention Changed to Feb. 2-3

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 15.—(Special)—The date of the annual conventions of the Oregon High School Press Association and the Association of Oregon High School Student Body Presidents and Secretaries held under the auspices of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and the Associated Students has been changed from January 19 and 20 to February 2 and 3. The change was made because the first semester in many of the high schools will end about the time of the former date and examinations would make attendance impossible from those schools.

The president of the press association is Harry G. Johnson, Portland; secretary-treasurer, Corvallis; secretary-treasurer, Corvallis; president, Lester Lemun, Corvallis; secretary-treasurer, Corvallis; president, Orlando Hollis, Eugene; vice-president, Lucille Moore, Salem; secretary, Mildred McKilligan, West Linn; treasurer, Byron Anderson, Portland.

Machinery Care Cheaper Than Cost of Neglect

Proper housing of machinery is the first essential in cutting down expenses of upkeep, says A. E. Brandt of the farm mechanics department, O. A. C. "The saving on the machinery will repay the cost of the building many times over, especially in western Oregon and Washington where rainfall is heavy in winter," he explains. "When the fall work is finished, all implements should be carefully overhauled and cleaned. Use of a little paint, grease and varnish will go a long way toward reducing depreciation. Unpolished metal surfaces and wooden parts of machinery should be painted. All bearings should be oiled or greased. Polished metal surfaces, such as mould boards, plowshares, and cultivator shovels, may be covered with varnish. "Many persons use grease or paint for protecting polished surfaces, but varnish is preferable as it is impossible to exclude all moisture by use of grease. Paint excludes the moisture but is hard to remove. Varnish is easily removed by use of a strong lye solution when it is desired to use the machine again."

Inquiries regarding farm problems are welcomed by the farm mechanics department. Plans and specifications of farm structures are furnished free of charge.

Punchettes

THE CHURCHLESS CHURCH. The title of this article ought to convey greater truth than perhaps the space will permit me to express. We are speaking of churches that have lost their church position, have become cheap, second rate, inefficient, and have seen in the ruin of the cheapness of the world to get the attention of man. The church that has to make itself cheap in any way to induce the people to attend its services has lost its churchness and the cheaper it makes itself the more disgusted people become and the less they attend it. Take the publicity of some of the ministers. The very titles of their sermons are disgusting. They do not know how to write the advertisement. They do not know how to put a title to their sermons. The titles do not convey the subject matter of their would-be discourses; consequently the titles are frauds, the advertise-



Maybell Griffin of Baltimore, won \$500.00 in cash and a dress worth \$1,000.00 in a beauty contest. Now she has been asked to pay Income Tax on her prizes, both cash and dress.