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When It's Blackest

DEPRESSION days evoked from economists the theory that people should save in times of prosperity; spend in times of adversity. That policy generally followed, would keep business or a more even keel at all times.

The theory is really not new. Poor Richard taught the lesson of thrift, recognizing many years before the brain trust came on the scene that it is wise "to save against a rainy day."

In the field of economics it is here recognized the law of compensatory forces at work everywhere in nature. In the exact sciences, those in which all elements can be measured to mathematical precision, man has learned after the physicist that "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction."

Man has not learned to gauge the pendulum's swing of compensation so accurately in all of nature's workings. Bound by the theories of the chemist that "matter is never destroyed, merely transformed in appearance" in the chemical processes, and of the physicist that "energy is ever transmitted, never lost" in processes of motivation, man can everywhere see symptoms of the processes at work, yet in nature at large he has not been able to harness them and control them to anything like the degree of efficiency he has attained in the laboratory.

The foregoing is not meant as a scholarly treatise on the law of compensation. It is intended, rather, as the basis for a truism in which hope may be found when prospects appear specially adverse.

Morrow county has been going through its driest fall season of record, from all accounts. The immediate prospect for the growing wheat crop is bleak, indeed. It has led some to conjecture as to whether the great eastern Oregon empire is not being stricken by one of those climatic changes as recorded in eras of geological transformation, that may eventually leave it another Sahara desert. That is a matter which should not greatly concern inhabitants of the region at this time, for transformation of a country such as this into a complete desert is a matter of a million or so years. A more encouraging and more probable theory now, as measured from past experience, is that the drouth pendulum's swing is about to reverse its course. Good crop years have at times followed dry falls in Morrow county. So far, general reports say, seed that has been put in the ground is not greatly injured; will come through with favorable winter and spring growing conditions.

When the night is darkest, the earth turns toward the dawn of a new day.

Railroads operating in Oregon suffered a loss in revenue during 1938, as compared with the previous year while at the same time experiencing a substantial increase in their tax levies, according to a report filed with Governor Sprague this week by O. R. Bean, state public utilities commissioner. Freight tonnage dropped 2,680,199 while the 1,161,400 passengers carried during the year was 236,005 under the 1937 record. Net revenue of the railroads was \$5,565,049, a decrease of \$107,765, while taxes paid totalling \$3,190,380 represents an increase of \$240,049 over the 1937 figure.

River Development To be Stressed at Hood River Meet

The chamber of commerce and civic groups of this community will be invited by W. S. Nelson, manager of The Dalles chamber of commerce and secretary of the Mid-Columbia chamber, to attend the annual meeting and banquet of the regional group at the Columbia Gorge hotel, Hood River, December 14.

Mr. Nelson, well known in this area as an authority on Columbia river development, says that the 1939 session will be turned into an intercommunity forum, in order that frank discussion may be secured toward directing the trend of future action along the lines of best policy for cashing in on the Columbia river's navigation and Bonneville low cost power. Thomas W. Nordby, Bingen lumberman and president of the organization, says the time has been reached again when all Mid-Columbia and contiguous Inland Empire organizations should engage in a coordinated program, such as characterized their activities in the promotional campaigns, which have been successful in attaining physical facilities. A similar coordination will be asked of public agencies, state, regional and federal.

Speakers at the banquet this year will include Dr. Paul J. Rover, administrator of the Bonneville project; Colonel John O. M. Lee, Portland division engineer of the United States engineers; Capt. Robert H. Elliott, Bonneville district engineer; Charles Baker, president of the Inland Empire Waterways association, and Ray Conway, manager of the Oregon State Motor association.

Mr. Nelson will contact Harry D. Proudfoot, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, and endeavor to secure a full representation of this influential organization at the coming chamber session. He says the wheat league will discuss at its annual meeting at Condon the week before the regional session, in an intensive way the development of the Columbia and Snake rivers as advantageous factors for eastern Oregon agriculture. Mr. Nelson says the conclusions reached by the wheat ranchers, and their views on policy will be invaluable for the Hood River discussions.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

"God knows the way, He holds the key,
He guideth with unerring hand;

Educational Forum

Contributed articles from county school leaders telling the purposes of education.

Why Public Speaking Should Be Required in High School

Whatever one plans to do after he finishes school, he will do it better if he possesses the ability to speak well. By learning to speak well, one can expect to be a better clerk, a more efficient stenographer, a more useful farmer, a better nurse, a more capable teacher, a more valuable physician, a more worthwhile citizen.

One certainly does not need to wait two or three years to discover how useful public speaking training is. The football captain will make use of his new knowledge when talking to the pep rally before the big game, the class president will acquire new confidence and poise in presiding over his class, the individual club or class member will find himself participating in the business of the group, the wallflower will blossom, yes, even the history, the algebra, the chemistry, the agriculture student will become increasingly aware of the fact that the public speaking class has given him new and valuable tools to use in the class recitation period. Proficiency in speech surely need not be confined wholly to the public speaking class—the majority of our daily relationships involve the use of speech.

As Americans we should be very thankful that we have the opportunity to express ourselves. What use would there be in a public speaking class in the schools of dictator controlled countries?

Some time with tearless eye we'll see,
And there, up there, we'll understand."

In memory of Brother John O. Kincaid, Ione, Oregon, who died November 3, 1939.

They are not lost in the distant worlds above.

They are our dearest link in God's own love.

The Angel of Death has entered our midst and we are called to mourn the loss of a faithful friend and co-worker.

Our tears are mingled with yours, your sorrows are ours. May the gloom of the sorrowing ones be dispelled by the promise,

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, sayeth the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

Resolved that Bunch Grass Rebekah Lodge No. 91, I. O. O. F., of Ione, in testimony of our loss, be draped in mourning for the allotted time and that we tender the family our deepest sympathy in the affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

ELAINE RIETMANN,
ARVILLA SWANSON,
MARY L. SWANSON,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the many kind neighbors and friends for their help and expressions of sympathy at the time of bereavement of our mother, Alice Cochran.

The Family.

APPRECIATION

My sincere thanks and appreciation

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrators of the estate of Dan C. Doherty, deceased, have filed their final account with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County of their administration of the estate of said deceased, and that said Court has set Saturday, December 23rd, 1939, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day in the County Court room at the Court House at Heppner, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate, and all persons having objections thereto are hereby required to file the same with said court on or before the time set for said hearing.

Dated and first published this 23rd day of November, 1939.

W. T. DOHERTY,
BERNARD F. DOHERTY,
Administrators.

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