

### IF ICHABOD CRANE HAD A FLASHLIGHT

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WE ALL remember the story of Ichabod Crane and the headless horseman. There was the dark form by the side of the road—thundering hoofs on the Sleepy Hollow highway—and Ichabod fleeing in confused terror before this terrible monster. If Ichabod had only known that his hobgoblin was an inventive rival disguised with a pumpkin head, he would have had a good laugh and gone on with the business of vanquishing his competitor.

What Ichabod really needed was a modern flashlight. Then he would have discovered the trickery at once. Many business men need the flashlight of analysis to uncover the hobgoblins in their business and then they might sit back and laugh at their rivals who hesitate to investigate and learn the truth.

At this time, when business and banking are making strenuous efforts to have a clear vision ahead, it is especially important that the power of research and analysis be employed to their fullest extent. When those twin brothers of good management have been pressed into service in all fields, I am confident we shall see a further lessening of periods of stress. However, I believe business in general has learned the valuable lesson that any prosperity that is not founded with a little adversity would not seem basically safe or sound.

Various proposals that member banks in the Federal Reserve System should participate more largely in its net earnings through an increase in the dividend rate above the present fixed 6 per cent "would be a very small financial inducement" to them, it is declared in a recent study of this subject by the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association. This is shown, the commission says, by a theoretical forecast, on the basis of the past six years, of additional earnings that would be disbursed to member banks during the next six years under two plans introduced in bills before the United States Senate.

"The Fletcher bill provides that Federal Reserve Bank earnings, after present 6 per cent dividends to members and completion of a 100 per cent surplus, should all be distributed as extra dividends to the stockholder banks," the report says. "If the earnings of each Federal Reserve bank were distributed among its own members there would be no extra dividends in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago and San Francisco districts during the next six years, but the other six Federal Reserve Banks would pay annual extras at the following rates: Richmond, 6.08 per cent; Atlanta, 4.09 per cent; St. Louis, 3.50 per cent; Minneapolis, 9.51 per cent; Kansas City, 6.48 per cent; Dallas, 4.83 per cent.

"If the earnings were pooled and paid out to all members in all districts each member would receive an average annual extra dividend of .73 per cent. Under this plan no franchise tax as now would be paid by the Federal Reserve Banks to the Federal Government.

Another Plan Analyzed

"The Glass bill would provide that, after present 6 per cent dividends, one-half the remainder should be paid to member banks as an extra dividend with the residue going to surplus and Federal Government as franchise tax. The average annual extras to members would be as follows: Boston District, 2.51 per cent; New York, .48 per cent; Philadelphia, 2.05 per cent; Cleveland, 2.09 per cent; Richmond, 3.26 per cent; Atlanta, 4.67 per cent; Chicago, 3.20 per cent; St. Louis, 2.02 per cent; Minneapolis, 4.75 per cent; Kansas City, 2.74 per cent; Dallas, 3.31 per cent; San Francisco, 1.87 per cent.

"If these extra funds were pooled the result would be an extra average annual dividend of 1.73 per cent for each member. Under this plan the system would still pay as now an annual franchise tax, amounting to \$1,941,996 on the average."

By way of concrete instance, the report says, a member bank having capital and surplus of \$200,000, therefore holding Federal Reserve Bank stock amounting to \$4,000 on which it is receiving \$360 under the present 6 per cent dividend arrangement, would with the addition of each 1 per cent to the dividend rate receive an additional income of \$60 a year.

"If each member bank will figure out for itself the dollar-and-cents gain it would enjoy we are confident it will be agreed that the gains are small as against the economic disadvantages which can be pointed out," it concludes.

### RESERVE SYSTEM'S DIVIDENDS ANALYZED

#### Bankers Find Increased Payments to Member Banks Would Be Small Inducement.

### LEGION AND AUXILIARY HOLD MEETINGS JUNE 19 AND 26

Officers to be Nominated for Coming Year and Delegates for State Meet to be Chosen July 3.

The American Legion held their regular meeting Thursday, June 19, at the Legion hall with Post Commander Harry Kelley in charge. He started the members present cleaning up the building by using the old laundry building as a store room and fixing up a smaller room for a meeting place. The next meeting will be held Thursday evening, July 3, when officers will be nominated for the coming year and delegates will be chosen for the state meet which will be held at Baker August 14, 15 and 16. All members are urged to be present at this meeting.

The Legion Auxiliary held their regular meeting Thursday evening in the club rooms when regular business was conducted after which a social hour was enjoyed. At the close of the meeting ice cream and colts were enjoyed by the large number in attendance. The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 10, at the home of Mrs. H. E. Shesley when the members will make a

feather tick which was donated them into pillows for the sun parlor at the Veterans' hospital in Portland.

### HAVE YOU BEEN TOLD

That because one gets seasick is not a certain sign that one will be a victim of airsickness?

That one of the points most emphasized in giving prospects a demonstration of any airplane is the low landing speed?

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Thomas A. Edison, returning from a Winter in Florida, looks ten years younger than his 84 years and is planning additional work. "A man must keep busy," he says.

### UMATILLA ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Higgins of Portland spent Tuesday with Mrs. Higgins sister, Mrs. Harry Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. E. McNabb motored to Pendleton Wednesday. They returned Saturday evening. Raymond McNabb, who has been in the Emanuel hospital in Portland for the past two weeks is allowed up from his bed each day in a wheel chair. The report is that he will be out of the hospital in about a week.

Mrs. J. E. Berwiak returned Thursday from a visit with her father at Willow Creek.

Word has been received here that Charlie Bennett, formerly of Umatilla, has been married.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carlyle who have been residing in Spokane, returned to Umatilla Thursday morning. Mr. Carlyle has his old job.

Mrs. A. E. McFarland and Effie Bulock spent a few days in Portland last week, having gone to the home of their parents for their golden wedding anniversary.

The Ladies Aid held their regular bi-monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at the Community hall. Luncheon was served by Mrs. Frank Clark and Mrs. Jack Cherry.

Mrs. Theresa Eullard has gone to The Dalles for her summer vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones motored

to Pendleton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chapman and son, Donald, motored to The Dalles Thursday returning Saturday.

Irene Fromdahl, who has been visiting relatives in North Dakota, returned to her home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hanson have recently moved into Mrs. Veiga little house which was formerly occupied by Miss Dora Reeves and Miss Rosa Ricco.

Lorine Lash left Saturday for a visit with relatives in and near Portland.

Mrs. D. C. Mahoney spent Friday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bly and son Stanley were Spokane visitors Saturday.

Harold Johnson and his mother of Condon visited at the Harry Jones home Saturday morning.

Will Amon of Kennewick spent Saturday at the D. C. Mahoney home.

Francis Stephens and Dan Ford motored to Walla Walla Saturday where they visited with Wilbur Hanson and returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Chapman and family spent the week-end in Spokane.

Misses Ruth and Naomi Brownell of Portland are visiting with friends and relatives in Umatilla.

Mrs. Fred Knudsen visited Mrs. Butterwood in Spokane Saturday. She reports that Mrs. Butterwood hopes to be home in two weeks under care of a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall have recently moved into the Spinning house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Skeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knudsen returned Thursday from a few weeks visit in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hortsch and family returned from Mount Angel Sunday and have rented the D. R. Brownell house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rodenbough and Mrs. Wm. Switzler motored to Kennewick Saturday evening where they attended a show.

An eight and one-half pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Urael Hiatt Saturday at the Hermiston hospital. Mother and baby are doing fine.

The children's day program Sunday was quite a success though there were not many out for Sunday school. A plan has been adopted whereby all those attending for six consecutive Sundays will be given a picnic. It is hoped that this will be an incentive for more regular attendance.

Posters and tickets are now being distributed for the Tom Thumb Wedding which is to be given by the kdd.

les under 12 years of age at the gymnasium Friday evening.

Mrs. Jenny Bailey left for Walla Walla Sunday where she will spend the summer.

Mrs. Irvin Chapman returned Sunday from a visit with her parents in Portland.

Dwight Mahoney and Mrs. Laura Todd motored to Kennewick Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Reid were called to Portland Saturday to the

bedside of an old friend who is quite ill. Doctor Reid returned Sunday afternoon while Mrs. Reid remained in Portland.

Clarence Powell underwent an operation for ulcers of the stomach Saturday afternoon at Hood River hospital. His father, John Powell, who was with him at the time, returned to his home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobson have sold the Orange and Black cafe and are

now in Bly, Oregon.

Joe Reeves and two sons of Hermiston were Sunday visitors at the Ben Spencer home.

Grandma McFarland, who has been with her son, A. E. McFarland all winter, has returned to her home in Grants Pass.

Miss Sara Rix is spending her summer vacation in Portland.

Phyllis Long of Lone is visiting her cousin, Josephine Connell.



### REDHEADS

The impression that redheaded people are brighter than the general run is widespread. A New York restaurant lately dismissed all of its old staff of waitresses and now employs only redheaded girls, 55 in all. The management reports that the service had been greatly improved. Another New Yorker, a manufacturer of specialties, for years has employed only redheaded men and girls, several hundred of them.

Red hair is said by scientists to indicate a strain of Scandinavian blood. The Scandinavians have been rovers for thousands of years, and have left their strain in the blood of the people of many lands. I am inclined to agree with those who maintain that red hair indicates a quick intelligence and a high degree of nervous energy.

### GAMBLING

Two brothers named Dougherty bought for \$1 a ticket in a Canadian sweepstakes on the Derby horserace. They won the grand prize of \$179,000, went to Canada and collected the money. If they are ordinary human beings, their "luck" will probably ruin them. If they have more than the

average of horse sense, it may be the foundation of a stable fortune.

"Easy come, easy go," is a rule to which there are few exceptions. I have known many successful gamblers, but only one or two who were able to keep their money after they had won it. One family prominent in New York society owes its foundation to the old Louisiana Lottery. After "cleaning up" in New Orleans the founder of the family had sense enough to invest his winnings in property which has steadily increased in value, and his grandchildren hobnob with the Astors and the Vanderbilts. But for every such instance as that, I could point out a dozen where winning something for nothing has literally ruined men who might have amounted to something if they had to work for every dollar they got.

### NAMES

The newly-discovered planet will be named Pluto, following the custom of giving classical names, such as Mars, Venus, Neptune, Saturn, etc., to the heavenly bodies. That is a more sensible system than prevails in most parts of this country in giving names to towns and places.

A classical-minded official of New York's early days gave names out of ancient Greece and Rome to the unsettled townships, whence we have such cities as Syracuse, Rome, Utica, Troy, Niobe, Ilium, Ithaca, Carthage, Pompey and many others whose names mean nothing whatever in America.

The early settlers lacked imagination. Otherwise we would not find in one county in New York the towns of Chatham, North Chatham, East Chatham, Chatham Centre and Old Chatham. Portland, Oregon, got its name because the two men who founded the settlement tossed a coin to see which should name it. One came from Boston, the other from Portland,

Maine, and the Portland man won. And St. Petersburg, Florida, got its name because the man who first settled there was a Russian.

### PIONEERING

More than four-fifths of Alaska is as yet unexplored and unmapped. A group of young American engineers will start soon surveying a highway through the Alaskan wilderness.

I talked the other night with a young German nobleman who was about to start for Peru in an airplane, with American engineers, to investigate the practicability of a railroad over the Andes to open up new land for German colonization. The same day I met an American engineer about to start for Abyssinia, to build a dam there.

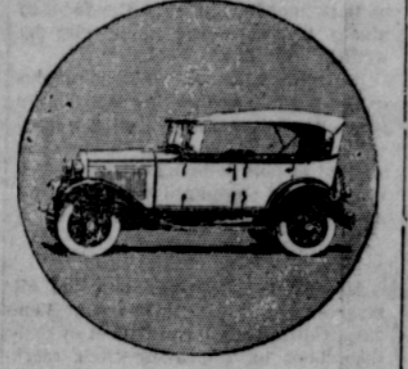
The world is still full of adventure for those who have the same sort of pioneering spirit which actuated the forefathers of us who live in the United States today. It will be centuries before the whole world has been fully explored or even partly settled.

### WATERWAYS

There is a revival of interest in the project to connect the Great Lakes with the sea by a ship canal. Some interests want to make it an international route, using the St. Lawrence River. Others advocate the taking over of the Erie Canal, which connects Buffalo, on Lake Erie, with Albany, on the Hudson River. Army engineers have reported that a 25-foot channel or even a deeper one, all the way from New York to Buffalo, is entirely feasible.

The opposition comes mostly from the railroads. The Erie Canal was built before there were any railroads; otherwise it never would have been built. It made New York the dominant seaport through which commerce to and from the newly-opened West flowed.

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