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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Samuel R. Oldaker, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned as executor of the estate of Samuel R. Oldaker, deceased, has filed his final account in the above entitled Court and that Saturday, the 21st day of January, 1933, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day and the rooms of said Court in the County Court House in Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published December 22, 1932.

Date of last publication January 19, 1933.

F. B. Swayze, Executor. W. J. Warner, Attorney. (Dec. 22 - Jan. 12)

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Devitt C. Brownell, Deceased.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, Umatilla County.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the Estate of DeWitt C. Brownell, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at 508 Pacific Building, Portland, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published, January 5, 1933.

Last publication, February 2, 1933.

CYRIL G. BROWNELL, Executor.

John P. Winter and Normal Kuykendall, Attorneys for said Executor. (Jan. 5 to Feb. 2)

FARM MORTGAGE SITUATION PERPLEXES ALL CONCERNED.

The farm mortgage situation is one of the serious economic problems confronting the country, according to a review of the agricultural situation by the Oregon State college extension service in the current agricultural situation reports. Due to the sharp drop in farm income, this problem is perplexing a great many farm owners and mortgage holders in Oregon.

Based on preliminary data, the Oregon cash farm income index is given at 43 per cent of the 1926-1930 average. This compares with around 55 for 1931, 84 for 1930, and 109 for 1929. Most of the decline in income is due to low prices, as gross production has been fairly well maintained.

The report points out that the payment of fixed charges for interest in indebtedness out of farm income is now quite a different matter than it was three or four years ago when income was much greater.

"What can be done is the question being asked far and wide. Foreclosure! Moratorium! Adjustment! Legislation! All are being discussed and acted upon more or less," the statement says.

"In several states, county farm mortgage boards have been set up through which debtors and creditors may obtain assistance in making adjustments," the report points out. "These county boards are composed of persons who are capable of supplying valuable information and suggestions to both creditors and debtors in the present emergency."

The report also gives data on the amount of farm mortgage indebtedness and the percentage held by various loaning agencies, and an outline of possible legislative action by congress. Copies of the report are available from county agricultural agents.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cable were guests Saturday at the home of Mrs. Cable's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mikesell, on their return trip home from Portland. They left Sunday for their home in Pilot Rock.

Mrs. Laura Morris and daughter Pauline and Mrs. Harris were visitors in Pendleton Saturday.

Dorothy Buell, who has been employed in a photographer shop in Portland, spent the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Buell.

Mrs. August Linder, who spent the Christmas vacation with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Blessing, in Portland, returned Friday.

Mrs. Baragar was employed at Burnham's store Friday and Saturday.

Agnes Roberts left Monday morning for Portland where she will continue with her work.

Elsie Paxton of Pendleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Paxton and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Wray McCoy and daughter of La Grande, were week end visitors at the John Paxton home for New Years day. Miss Paxton and Mrs. McCoy are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Paxton, and Mr. Paxton is their son.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Upham and son Dick, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Linder and son Bill and daughter Fern were guests at the John Jendrzewski home Saturday evening for a turkey dinner. The party ended after watching the New Year in and the old year out.

Hugh Roberts left Tuesday for Portland for a visit. He accompanied Mr. Moore who took his daughter Lois to Portland, where she is attending school.

Hazel Frank returned Monday to attend the Advents school. She spent the holidays with her father in Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. August Linder and Mrs. Barham and her son Childs, were dinner guests at the Mitchell home Sunday.

PINE CITY NEWS

Miss Lila Bartholomew returned to Eugene Monday evening, where she will continue her school course at the University. Miss Bartholomew has been spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew.

Mrs. Ollie Neill and Miss Neva Neill were in Echo and Hermiston on business Saturday.

Mrs. Roy O'Mohundro was called to The Dalles to the bed side of her father, DeForest Baker, who was then not expected to live. Mr. Baker is recovering now however.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch were business visitors in Echo and Hermiston Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wattenburger and son Vernon of Echo visited at the A. E. Wattenburger home Monday and Tuesday.

Those entertained at the Bert Mitchell home New Years day were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDaid and son Edward; Mr. and Mrs. Edward McDaid of Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. John Callem and daughter Mary Francis; Misses Nora, Margaret, Katherine and Mary McDaid of Hermiston; Ed Ditty; and Tom Hanson.

A number of Pine City young people met at the home of Mrs. Ollie Neill Saturday evening to watch the coming of the New Year. The evening was spent in playing games.

Burl and Earl Wattenburger made a business trip to Condon and Fossil Thursday.

Miss Neva and Oleta Neill visited Miss Lila Bartholomew Friday afternoon.

James O'Brien returned to Salem Monday evening to continue his school work there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Healy and family and Tom O'Brien and son James attended the dance given at Tweedy's Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ray Applegate and daughters Wanda and Mava visited at the home of Marion Finch Friday.

Mrs. Ollie Neill and daughters Neva and Lenna, and Albert Kogar were guests at the A. E. Wattenburger home Tuesday.

Miss Elsie Strain visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger Saturday evening and Sunday. Miss Strain also visited Miss Alma Neill Sunday afternoon.

Miss Iris O'Mohundro rode horseback Monday to the Bert Mitchell home. Miss Reitha Howard returned home with her to spend the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helms and daughters were in Echo Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ayers and son Ray have been confined to their home for several days with the flu.

Murray Potts spent the Christmas vacation visiting relatives in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Fred Lee and Miss Evelyn Lee were business visitors in Echo Saturday.

Those entertained at the C. H. Bartholomew home Saturday were: Misses Lida, Opal and Shirley Jarmon; Roy Jarmon; Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Thomson and family; Mrs. O. F. Thomson; and Mr. and Mrs. Ace Thomson.

Miss Alma Neill and Jasper Myers, and Miss Reitha Howard and Hugh Neill visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Plourd near Pendleton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Neill and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Neill Sunday evening.

Mrs. Faye Newman and daughter, Mary Jean and son John, visited Mrs. Newman's sister, Mrs. Earl Abbott, during the Christmas vacation. John Healy and sons Tom and Jack made a trip to Ione Sunday to start their sheep, that have been ranging there, home. The sheep got to the Healy ranch Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foley visited at the Frank Helms home Sunday.

NATION'S LAW MAKERS SEEN AS HARD WORKERS

Banker Tells of Labor Put in by Members of Congress on Mass of Technical Measures

OUTLINING legislative procedure, Robert V. Fleming, President Ricks National Bank, Washington, D. C., gave the recent convention of the American Bankers Association a description of the difficulties and problems confronting the law-makers. Mr. Fleming said in part:

"The most important part of organization of the two branches of congress is election of standing committees. There are 34 standing committees in the Senate and 46 in the House. These are the workshops of Congress and the real work of lawmaking is done in Committee Rooms.

"The task of legislating for 124,000,000 people is a tremendous one. Of recent years approximately 20,000 bills are introduced annually in the two Houses. Only a small percentage become law, but they must be weighed in committee, accepted or rejected, perhaps amended, reported out, and then considered on the floor.

"Lawmaking involves about 99% of hard and unglorious work and about 1% of oratory. Few tasks appear so easy and are so difficult as enactment of sound and satisfactory legislation. Few individuals in any line of activity work harder or longer hours than the chairmen of the important committees during a session. I have great sympathy for the members of Congress whose constituents expect undivided attention to every piece of legislation in which they may be interested. From my personal observation, they earnestly and conscientiously endeavor to do all that is humanly possible.

Public Hearings

"When a bill is introduced, referred to committee and printed the next step, if it is a measure of considerable importance, is to conduct a public hearing. The committee makes an effort to listen to anyone who cares to be heard either for or against a measure, although witnesses are frequently limited as to time. Members of the Cabinet and other officials of the administrative departments of the Government usually testify on measures in which they are interested and furnish the committee information in executive session or otherwise. In this way the Administration takes a prominent part in shaping legislation.

"Due to pressure of work and the fact that it is impossible for members of Congress to be technical experts on every subject of legislation, the committees are inclined to give consideration to the merits of arguments presented in testimony and the recommendations of the Cabinet and other officials. It is therefore highly desirable, both from the standpoint of Congress as well as those affected by proposed legislation, that the latter have an opportunity to discuss frankly the effects of such legislation.

"We sometimes complain about the technicalities of legislation, but when we observe organized minorities endeavoring to force class legislation through one House it is a comfort to know such measures may be caught in the meshes of technical procedure in the other and there suffer what is termed automatic asphyxiation."

A Country Editor Looks at Banking

THE editor of the Norwalk, Ohio, Herald takes a somewhat different view of the banking situation from a good many people. His idea is as follows:

"With rents falling and unpaid, real estate does not present a happy picture. Nor does the owner of carefully selected bonds feel any happier, with a bunch of them going wrong. A lot of folks very carefully invested in preferred and common stocks in the finest companies in the world and have seen them fall to perhaps a tenth of what they paid for them, and no dividends at all. Some folks kept their money in savings accounts in banks, and some banks have closed and left them high and dry. But the situation is worth looking at very carefully.

"On government authority, most banks that closed were really solvent but for frozen assets and popular timidity. Gradually the closed banks are coming out from under and depositors in even bad cases will get at least 50 per cent of their savings. That's tough of course; nobody likes to lose half of what they had scrimped and sacrificed and saved. But when you board and stick the roll of bills in a coffee pot or under a mattress, some plug-ugly comes along and burns your feet till you tell him to take it and welcome.

"And what about the great majority of banks that weathered the storm, met all comers and are doing business as usual, carefully and conservatively, but safely? What about the savings in those banks? They are a full 100 per cent today—and they are the only thing we know of at 100 per cent anywhere. After all is said and done, a good, well managed bank is still the best place in all the world for money or savings. Right now in Ohio the banks pay the taxes on all savings and pay their depositors net interest on their savings. We can't think, just now, of many other investments that are a tenth as safe as a savings account in a solid bank. Why, even a savings account in a closed bank is actually worth more today than most stocks."

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

THE MARKETS

Portland Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard wheat, 50c; soft white and western white, 48 1/2c; hard winter, northern spring and western red, 37 1/2c.

Hay—Baying prices, t. o. b. Port land; Alfalfa, Yakima, \$12. Butterfat—19@20c.

Eggs—Ranch, 22@24c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$5@5.50. Hogs—Good to choice, \$3.25@4. Lamba—Good to choice, \$4.75@5.10.

Seattle Wheat—Soft white and western white, 39c; hard winter, western red and northern spring, 40c; bluestem, 49c. Butterfat—19c. Eggs—Ranch, 23c. Hogs—Good to choice, \$3.50@3.65. Cattle—Choice steers, \$4.25@5. Sheep—Spring lambs, \$4.25@5.

Spokane Cattle—Steers, good, \$4.25@4.75. Hogs—Good to choice, \$3.10@3.25. Lamba—Medium to good, \$4@4.50.

The Sylvanite mine, said to be one of the richest claims in the Gold Hill district, was sold recently at sheriff's sale.

Equipment for a complete blacksmith shop has been stolen from the Hausser Construction company road camp north of Bend.

The city of Eugene has sold two elk bulls for \$30 and has turned the money over to the city police matron to buy beef for needy families.

A small, isolated of a \$12-mill tax levy on all real property in the state of Oregon will be levied this year by the state tax commission.

Equipment and camp supplies are being assembled by the forest service on the Innaha river for construction of a new grade up Grizzly ridge.

Oregon's oldest native son, Francis M. Kealey, died recently at his home in Hillsboro. He was born on the site of Hillsboro on January 16, 1845.

Losses estimated at \$5000 were suffered at Salem recently at the linen mills from a fire that may have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

Outstanding features in the revised Deschutes county budget for 1933 are: expense reduction \$50,931, cut in estimated revenues \$17,990 and reduction in tax levy \$11,651.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gibson of Cove held a joint celebration on their 55th wedding anniversary and Christmas by having a family dinner at their home on Christmas day.

Since the frost has thawed out of the ground sufficiently to permit a survey, many farmers in the Silverton country are reporting heavy losses to crops from the cold weather.

During the hard winchstorm recently the 100-foot-span bridge over the north fork of the Nehalem river three miles above Nehalem was blown off its piers and into the river.

The city of Butte Falls, Jackson county, has prepared an application to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan of \$1000 to be used in construction of a water system.

Cos Day Lumber company plant, employing 225 men, resumed operations January 2, and will continue to operate throughout the month, according to officials of the concern.

Activities of a chicken thief that entered a coop owned by Mrs. R. H. Lewellan of Bend and took 11 plump hens, ended suddenly when the prowler, a badger, was caught in a trap.

The La Grande Lions club distributed toys to needy children Christmas. It received the co-operation of the entire city in collecting broken toys, which the club members repaired.

For state and county purposes Malheur county taxpayers for 1932 will pay \$30,153 less than in the pre-war year 1913, according to a tabulation by County Commissioner Fairman.

The Douglas County Chamber of Commerce has gone on record in opposition to the removal of bounties on predatory animals and also against the imposition of a state property tax.

The millage levy for the city of Eugene is 15.3 mills. Last year it was 17.5 mills. The Eugene school district levy will be 14.4 mills, a decrease of two tenths of a mill from last year.

The Clarno oil well created a little excitement Christmas morning when workmen uncovered it to commence work. It threw mud and water with great force, but they immediately capped it. This well is close to the depth of 2600 feet.

The Columbia county court made a Christmas present to dog owners of the county when it enacted a reduction in the dog license fee for 1933. It will be 50 cents for either male or female, as compared with \$1 for males and \$2 for females this year.

The opening of the eastern link of the Siuslaw highway will be celebrated September 25 at a point half a mile south of Junction City on the Prairie road.

Bunks in the office of a partly destroyed cannery at McMinnville will be provided for transients this winter. Sleepers will have to earn their bunk privileges.

The Edy prune drier at Middleton, near Tigard, commenced operations recently. The price for drying prunes was set at 1 1/4 cents a pound on 300 pounds or more.

Frost damage to the potato crop of Klamath county has been estimated at 20 per cent. It is thought that the frost killed 200,000 sacks of an estimated yield of 1,500,000 sacks.

The voters of The Dalles will be asked this fall to appropriate funds for the purchase of fire department equipment. The proposition will be placed on the November ballot.

Representative S. L. Stewart of McCoy, near Amity, has a Scotch collie dog that gave birth to 12 pups, 11 of which are alive and happy. Mr. Stewart believes that this is a record.

Deschutes county officers will be housed in the old First National bank building and the Deschutes Investment company building after December 1 at a monthly rental of \$477.

Anna Marie, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Morris of Canby, near Eugene, died in a hospital at Eugene from burns. She fell into a tub of hot water at the family home.

Wasco county will seek a loan of \$30,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to relieve unemployed this winter. The loan will be repaid from the delinquent road tax.

The policy of making no further charity does from their own relief fund to able-bodied persons unless work is performed in return has been adopted by teachers in the Medford schools.

The Peacock Mill company at Free-water resumed operations again last week after a brief shutdown.

Rescue crews recently went to the aid of hundreds of wild ducks and geese imprisoned in the ice on upper Klamath Lake.

The total amount to be raised by Eugene, according to the 1933 budget, is \$244,000, a reduction of \$20,657, compared with the 1932 budget.

A flock of wild swan are reported to be frequenting Gaston lake, a few miles north of Newberg. These birds are rare in northern Oregon waters.

The city council of The Dalles has voted to retain its prohibition ordinance until the national government outlines some definite method of procedure.

A carrot taken from the garden of H. A. Choppard at Hazel Bend, Tillamook county, measured 21 inches in length and 35 inches in circumference and weighed 9 pounds.

A rancher with 60,000 acres of range under fence near Gateway, has written Commissioner J. E. Bennett of Portland, asking for a few of the excess buffalo in the city zoo.

In a warm session Douglas county taxpayers overruled action taken by the tax league and voted to retain the office of county agent and the expense item in the budget for the 4-H club leader.

Formation of a company to sell lubricating and motor fuel oil was started at Hillsboro recently by the Washington county unit of the Farmers' union. Stock was subscribed by those present.

The most remarkable road in central Oregon has been completed by the forest service. It runs to the top of Lava butte on The Dalles-California highway south of Bend and circles a deep crater.

For the first time in several years the Willamette river was frozen over above the bridge at Oregon City. The ice was thin and river steamers had no trouble in breaking through to reach the locks.

Mrs. H. R. Goddard, 85, was burned to death recently at Cottage Grove when her clothing caught fire from a heating stove while her crippled husband, 92, received severe burns in a vain attempt to save her.

Eliminating approximately \$45,000 from the county budget tentatively considered to cover tax delinquencies, and making other major cuts, the Jackson county budget calls for a levy of \$332,871 as compared with \$333,529 last year.

The W. A. Woodard Lumber company at Cottage Grove has resumed operations with a skeleton crew. The employment of possibly 100 men in at least part-time operations during the winter will greatly relieve the unemployment situation locally.

A gust of wind which swept open a garage door probably saved the life of Miss Marion Bowen, Deschutes county social worker, rendered unconscious by carbon monoxide gas from a running motor. Miss Bowen came to her senses when she felt a cold breeze blowing on her as she lay on the floor of her garage in Bend.

Turnips Replace Grain for Cows. TILLAMOOK—Bortfeld turnips have replaced grain in the dairy ration on the Joahn Kominoth farm from late August through November with no falling off in the milk flow as compared with a year ago. Kominoth cooperated with County Agent Bergstrom in conducting a fertilizer trial with his root crop this year with the result that on a plot given 400 pounds of super phosphate per acre the yield was 41 tons to the acre compared with 34 tons on the check plot. This extra seven tons of roots represented a gain of \$17.50 an acre when figured in the equivalent of grain at \$25 a ton.

Turkeys Grade Nearly Perfect. ROSEBURG—Seventy-seven prime grade turkeys out of 78 delivered for the November shipment is the record made by J. H. Garnes this year, reports J. C. Leedy, county agent and secretary of the Oregon Turkey Growers marketing association. Leedy says marked improvement in the quality of turkeys delivered to the receiving stations was noted this year. Sixty-four new members were added this season.

Gets Record Yield of Corn. NEWBERG—The best yield of corn he has ever grown was obtained by H. Nelson this year on his farm near here on one of the trial plantings conducted in cooperation with the McMinnville grange and the county agent's office. The yield from selected Minnesota 13 seed was nearly 70 bushels green weight or about 50 bushels dry weight. Some of this corn took second place at the Pacific International Livestock show.

Rubber Tractor Tires Coming. CORVALLIS—Farmers here will soon have an opportunity to see in action a set of the new balloon tractor rubber tires that are said to be a revolutionary advance in tractor making. A set of the tires on special rims has been shipped to the agricultural engineering department at the state college where a tractor equipped with these tires will be tried out in comparison with one of the same make but with the regulation steel wheels.

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