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Why Such Powers.

It is probable that in normal times the senate would not have granted President Roosevelt sweeping and unusual powers to revise all pensions and compensations...

The federal appropriations for the fiscal year 1933 were \$4,800,730,976 which is in contrast with the sum of \$724,056,000 voted for the year 1916.

Pensions of civil war veterans would be cut a flat 10 per cent for one year. The members also empowers the president to slash the pay of federal, civil, and military employes on a percentage basis in

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accordance with the drop in the cost of living, using the first six months of 1928 as a base, but providing no cut shall exceed 15 per cent. Here the president is taking a step that has been too long delayed.

The Veterans' Administration expended \$1,020,464,000 or nearly one third of the total federal outlay other than debt service in 1933.

The veterans' bureau expends approximately three times the amount expended on the navy and approximately three times the amount spent annually upon the army. The total navy and army expense, military purposes, is but \$634,645,900 or nearly four hundred million dollars less than what is expended for veterans' aid.

Without such sweeping powers being granted to the president the promise of a balanced budget and a 5 per cent reduction in federal expenditures would not be accomplished.

All that we can do is to hope that by placing its own financial house in order the government will bring the return of prosperity.

Off or On Gold?

(From the Oregonian)

To the Editor: There is so much confusion and diversity of opinion as to what is really meant by being on or off the gold standard that I believe it would be a real service to the people if you would give a clear and full explanation of the subject in an editorial. I would greatly appreciate it, and I know of others who would be glad for such a service. Thanking you, I am,

C. D. SAWTELLE, Vancouver, Wash.

The gold standard, as defined in a recent work on money (A Primer of Money, by D. G. Woodward and Marc A. Rose), "fixes the unit of a nation's money as a definite weight of pure gold, or gold of a given fineness, and pledges the nation to pay money for all gold offered, likewise to redeem in gold all money offered, at the specified rate."

Economists generally name three operations as essential to maintenance of the gold standard: (1) free export and import as an ordinary commercial transaction; (2) free conversion of currencies into gold at central banks or government treasuries; (3) purchase or sale of gold at a fixed price by central banks or treasuries on request.

In 1931, when other nations were abandoning the gold standard, it was agreed that departure from any of these operations threw a nation off gold. In the United States a new law placed an embargo on gold exports; free conversion of currency into gold is not permitted; the government will buy gold but will not sell it. But Secretary of the Treasury Woodin denies that the country has gone off the gold standard.

It should be recognized that the present emergency orders with re-

spect to gold are the outgrowth of raids on gold stocks, incidental to a temporary banking or financial disturbance. The controlling circumstances are wholly unlike those which afflicted Great Britain, for example. That country had contracted an enormous war debt representing an enormous war debt represented by the purchase of gold with the depreciated pound. When, after the war, Great Britain restored the gold standard, the pound was brought back to par, and in the struggle to pay off her debts with appreciated money she found it impossible to keep a sufficient gold reserve to redeem the pound sterling at par. It was not a temporary difficulty, as is ours, but one which there was no immediate hope of overcoming.

It should be understood that when a country's currency is tied to gold that a dollar's worth of gold in reserve to redeem on demand every dollar in outstanding paper. The legal reserve is 40 per cent of the amount of issued currency.

We are still maintaining the legal gold reserve. The bulk of our currency in circulation consists of federal reserve notes. On March 3 the reserve notes were backed by 55 per cent in gold. The gold backing had at times during the depression gone as high as 80 per cent.

Federal reserve notes, under the original federal reserve act, were based on 40 per cent gold and on 60 per cent commercial paper. When business and industry collapsed, the quantity of commercial paper available so declined that the gold backing increased proportionately in percentage.

Congress thereupon made government obligations also eligible to make up the 60 per cent above gold. Later, congress, in the emergency banking legislation just passed further enlarged the eligibility of commercial paper as currency backing, within the 60 per cent; and, to get the new currency into the hands of banks and the public, provided for currency advances to federal reserve banks on secured time or demand notes, and for 90-day advances to individuals, partnerships or corporations on notes secured by direct obligations of the United States.

Our currency is still tied to gold and, under normal conditions, gold demands for exchange of currency stocks would be sufficient to redeem for gold. The American dollar, although sold off by foreign speculators, early in the bank crisis, is now stabilized at par on foreign exchanges.

Unlike the more practical departments from the gold standard by nations that were forced to do that policy by depletion of their gold reserves, our own technical departures have not weakened American money. While there is no prospect that American currency will suffer depreciation, in terms of exchange for other currencies, the operation of the quantity factor may conceivably cause an upturn in commodity prices.

Field Peas to be Tried.

HEPPNER—More tests of field peas grown on land that was summer fallowed last year will be tried through Morrow county this year. Seed of the varieties found best at the Moro branch station have been obtained by County Agent Smith for the following growers: J. Y. Gibson, Iona, M. J. Fitzpatrick and O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington.

CHURCH NOTES

HERMISTON UNION CHURCH. W. E. Jones, Pastor. 10:15 A. M., Communion. 10:25 A. M., Song service and announcements. 10:50 A. M., Morning worship. 11:20 A. M., Teaching service. 6:30 P. M., Christian Endeavor. 7:30 P. M., Evening service. The men will have charge of the opening service.

METHODIST CHURCH

O. W. Payne, Minister. Starting Next Sunday we are beginning our morning services at ten o'clock instead of eleven. The Sunday school will open at 11:00 o'clock. Please help us get the word around by passing the news along.

Every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock, instead of every other Sunday morning, there will be preaching services at this church. Remember, preaching services at 10 and Sunday school at 11.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"Substance" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, March 12.

The Golden Text was, "Turn thou to thy God; keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually" (Hosea 12:6).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy: "To himself, mortal and material man seems to be substance, but his sense of substance involves error and therefore is material, temporal. On the other hand, the immortal, spiritual man is really substantial, and reflects the eternal substance, or Spirit, which mortals hope for. He reflects the divine, which constitutes the only real and eternal entity" (p.301).

STANFIELD NEWS NOTES

Mrs. A. A. Laird spent Tuesday at Nolin with her daughter, Mrs. H. Bartholomew.

C. M. Jump has purchased the Wm. Cunningham acreage north of Stanfield and has leased it to Wm. Rodda for this season. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham will ship their stock to Powell, Wyoming, the last of this month where they will make their home.

Notwithstanding depressed conditions, building seems to be quite active in this vicinity. Work has begun on the dairy barn to be erected on the Joe Baumgartner ranch. The barn when completed will have room for 35 dairy cows. The work is in charge of G. R. Robinson of Hermiston.

Sheds and fluming have been built on the dairy ranches of Wayne Coe. E. E. Rugg is building a bungalow to replace the home destroyed by fire in January. Pearl Fletcher of Pilot Rock is head carpenter.

Mr. McGraw has material on the ground for a barn on his ranch and work will be begun at once. Mr. Foster has almost completed a residence on his property near Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis have moved into the cottage north of the Presbyterian church.

Frank Laird attended the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Lane in Pendleton Tuesday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lane met their death in a wreck near Echo Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hood will depart Thursday to make their future home in Parkdale.

The J. F. Rueber, Jack Rueber and John Rueber families attended the house warming at the Henry Lindner home near Hermiston Saturday night.

Miss Sophronia Rhea is spending the week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Jones in Heppner.

Wallace Baker of Eugene and Dr. Bruce Baker of Portland spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Baker.

John Rueber is ill at his home east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Power are now living on one of the Jens Prindle ranches in the Westland district.

Mrs. Frank Nudo returned Sunday, following a two week's visit in Portland. Her brother, Sam Fuscaido came with her, and returned to his home in Portland Monday.

The W. L. Lay family have moved from the Westland district into the Vic Martin residence. Mr. Lay will farm his project ranch east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Stuart motored to Umatilla Sunday to be with Dr. Reid, who is very ill at his home there.

The Study club met at the home

of Mrs. Cora Olday Thursday afternoon when election of the following officers was held: Mrs. J. M. Richards, president; Mrs. T. A. O'Grady, vice president; Mrs. W. T. Reeves, secretary; and Mrs. E. A. Hooser, treasurer. Plans were made for guest day which will be in the near future.

For the literary program Mrs. J. F. Rueber gave a biographical sketch of Mrs. Elizabeth Lambert Wood an Oregon writer. Mrs. Wood was born near Portland where her father Joseph Lambert originated and propagated the Lambert cherry. Mrs. Wood writes nature stories of interest to children and grown-ups. Her best known books are "Silver House of Klone Chuck," "Congar's Pass," "Trail of the Lame Bear," and "Wolves of the Illahee."

The masquerade ball given by the Grange was a success financially in spite of closed banks and the general depression, and from the standpoint of fun and an all-around good time it was more than that.

Prizes for the best sustained character were won by Edna Ott and Ernest Sires, for the best costumes by Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, while the prizes for the most ridiculous costumes went to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards.

The next regular meeting of the Grange is Saturday, March 18. The program will feature St. Patrick's day. Assistant County Agent Best will give a talk on sweet potatoes. New cupboards and a table have been installed in the kitchen of the Grange hall—a gift from the Home Economics club.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Geo. Beddow has been employed in a sheep camp on Butter Creek.

Shorty Wilson has bought part of the old Felthous place which was recently owned by Mr. McCray.

Mrs. Northcott of Baker, who is a sister of Mrs. Jasper Templeton, is visiting with her this week.

Robert Helm was a caller in Columbia Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Brown visited at the Joe Udey home Tuesday.

Kenneth Gregory of Stanfield was a visitor at the Lenz home Sunday. He and Martin spent the day together.

Mrs. Squire Thomas is still confined to her home quite seriously ill.

Mrs. Barham and son Childs was a dinner guest at the Tom Campbell home Sunday.

Word has been received that Peter Hall, who has been visiting his sons in California, fell and broke his ribs recently. He will be unable to return home for some time.

Mrs. Thompson and small granddaughter were guests of Mrs. Miles Barager Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Knotts of Pilot Rock were over-night visitors at the Baxter Hutchison home Monday.

Dan Parker, who runs a store at Iddaman, is making a daily trip to his farm in Columbia getting his spring crop in.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams has been quite ill with the influenza.

Mrs. Belsemper is seriously ill at her home in Columbia.

G. D. Best and C. L. Dyer were business visitors in Columbia district Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Knotts and son Lellian of Pilot Rock were visitors in Columbia district Friday. They are looking for a location.

Miss Florence Udey was an overnight guest of Mrs. M. L. Watson, Thursday.

Orie Thompson was a visitor in Columbia district Friday.

Mrs. F. W. Lenz and Martha and Fred Lenz were business visitors in Pendleton Saturday.

Florence Udey attended the party given at the C. A. Lynch home Saturday evening. She was an overnight guest of Dorcas Throop.

J. E. Hallyburton worked on the Juniper road Thursday.

John Marshfield was a visitor at the Joe Udey home Wednesday evening.

Neighborhood women spent the day Friday at the J. A. Keller home sewing and patching clothes for needy children. A pot-luck dinner was served at noon.

Fern Lindner was a guest of Edna Ott Friday and Saturday.

Mary Jane Hammer was hostess at a dinner party Sunday, given for a number of her friends.

Mrs. Struthers and son Allen and Winston Roberts were visitors at the home of Mrs. Struthers' mother, in Reith Saturday and Sunday.

The Sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Joe Udey Tuesday for an all-day meeting. Those present were Mrs. Miles Barager, Mrs. W. A. Mike sell, and Mrs. Barham.

The Faithful Watchman--



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ble. If so, the sensible way to bring this about is to reduce acreage and let low producing, marginal land go back to pasture or other purposes.

A number of promising varieties believed to offer definite improvement over existing sorts for some areas at least, are reported on in this new bulletin. High-yielding, disease resistant wheats of high quality have been sought through all the wheat breeding and testing work at the branch station. Many years of nursery, plot and field trials are necessary to determine accurately the suitability of new varieties. In fact the task of testing out new wheats takes longer than to produce them, according to the research men.

New winter wheats showing great promise in a number of eastern Oregon sections are selections from the crosses of Fortyfold x Federation, Fortyfold x Hard Federation, and Arcadian x Hard Federation, and have shown such high yields and early maturity that they may replace other varieties when further improved for hardiness and smut resistance. Two smut-resistant selections of Turkey Red wheats, Oro and Rio, have proved superior to the common Turkey wheats and are expected to replace them where hard red winter wheats are favored. Onas, Federation and Hard Federation led in most spring wheat trials over a period of years.

NEW FIRST LADY PRAISES GIRL SCOUT CIVIC TRAINING



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

A training in unselfish service which naturally results in better citizenship and will ultimately result in better government, is one great contribution made by the Girl Scouts to the nation, according to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the new First Lady of the Land.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who has just accepted the invitation of the executive committee of the Girl Scout National Council to become the next honorary president of the organization, gave her views informally on the national value of Girl Scouting which on March 12th attains its twenty-first birthday.

There are several aspects of the program which appeal to Mrs. Roosevelt, but she puts training in citizenship before even that in homemaking.

"A girl who is taught to give unselfish service to her neighbor and her community," Mrs. Roosevelt said, "is being trained unconsciously to be a good citizen. What she does as a girl in her group, she will do as a grown-up in her country."

Mrs. Roosevelt pointed out that parents and teachers nowadays have little time or opportunity to help a girl use her leisure rightly. This help is particularly necessary, she felt, at a time when there are so many diversions, among which a girl can choose.

"The hurry of today and the variety of amusements offered make it imperative for a girl to have guidance," Mrs. Roosevelt declared. "She cannot without experience decide what is best for herself. The Girl Scout program gives her the assistance she needs in selection."

Play Mrs. Roosevelt thinks should be organized as carefully as work, and it should be so organized as to

develop one's creative talents, one's ingenuity. "There were so few diversions in the old days," she pointed out, "that girls had to use their ingenuity. Today, there is little to stimulate it. It must be drawn out, cultivated and educated if it is not to be lost."

Mrs. Roosevelt highly approves the emphasis placed on camping by the Girl Scouts. "It offsets the hurry of modern life," she declared. "It gives the girls a kind of living they cannot get anywhere else today, wholesome, simple, close to the soil. The camping program is even more important to my mind than the housekeeping or home-making."

"A girl will get the latter in some form always in her own home and probably in a more technical way in her school. The camping is less likely to come within her routine experience."

In accepting the position of honorary president of the Girl Scouts Mrs. Roosevelt is the fifth consecutive wife of a United States President to fill the office. The first was the second Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, during whose regime as White House mistress the Girl Scouts first came into prominence as a national organization.

Mrs. Roosevelt is not the first of her immediate family to be associated with Scouting. The new President has long been active in the Boy Scouts and was a speaker at the first joint banquet held by the brother and sister movements in New York about three years ago. Mrs. Curtis B. Dall, daughter of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, has served as a member of the camp committee of the Girl Scouts and is keenly interested in its activities.

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