

# NO MENAGE IN SURPLUS PRODUCTION

### Over-Supply Described As Small Compared to Demand — Small Shift in Conditions Would Wipe Out Commodity Margin.

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WASHINGTON, May 7. — (AP) — Weakness of the scale of general commodity prices plus widespread complaint of overproduction in many lines, should not, in the opinion of Robert P. Lamont, secretary of commerce, be allowed to cloud the business vision because of one cheerful and material fact.

In his opinion, based on observation from his official post as well as on long and rich business experience, such an oversupply of commodities as now exists, as compared to demand, is relatively small. Serious as has been its effect on prices — bringing about a fall in the general index ratios that ranges from 6 to 8 per cent since December — it is inclined to regard it as surplus as one that showing in many lines may swiftly disappear.

It is rather remarkable how small a difference is needed between supply and consumption to affect weight on prices, or conversely, to thrust them up. Lamont said: "We need to find in the case of pig iron that a variation of one or two per cent of supply over demand or the reverse, was more than sufficient to vary prices.

"From all of our studies, it does not seem that industrial goods have been piled up high enough in any staple line to threaten a protracted period of absorption before they are moved, and before production and distribution can be resumed at normal pressure. With a steady increase in population in the country, with a permanent disposition in our people to consume — in the long run — individually more goods and services, it does not seem to me that a general appearance of overproduction of commodities can be long maintained. Any apparent surplus that now exists, and is affecting prices, can be taken up rather quickly in the United States by a relatively small shift of conditions."

## NORTH CAROLINIANS BAR REGISTRY QUIZ

RALEIGH, N. C., May 7. — (AP) — Registrars in North Carolina were barred today from asking persons registering for the state primary whether they voted for Alfred E. Smith, the democratic presidential nominee in 1928, under a ruling given by Attorney-General Dennis G. Brummitt.

## PIPER MEMORIAL CHAIR WILL BE ESTABLISHED

SALEM, Ore., May 7. — (AP) — The work of completing the Piper Memorial fund for the establishment of a chair of journalism at Willamette university will be undertaken next week under the direction of Dr. Charles M. King, of Chicago, according to announcement by university authorities. The chair will be in honor of the late Edgar B. Piper of the Portland Oregonian. It is proposed to raise a fund of \$200,000.

## FLORENCE STREET PAVE ORDERED BY VOTE OF COUNCIL

Of general interest to Medford was a resolution passed by the city council last night covering the paving of Florence street, leading from East Main to the Sacred Heart hospital. This street, perhaps, is one of the roughest in Medford and efforts to have it paved have been underway for years. The hospital a year or so ago paved the road around its building to a point on Florence street.

A resolution was also passed covering the paving of South Central avenue from Boyd street to Riverside avenue. These along with other street resolutions are to be published in a short time and a hearing will be held shortly after. Improvement work also includes paving of West Palm street from Peach to Summit and grading of West Palm west from North Oakdale. Grading is also to take place on Fourth street.

## AMERICAN CATHOLICS ARRIVE IN CARTHAGE

CARTHAGE, Tunisia, May 7. — (AP) — The American delegation to the Eucharistic congress landed in this Moslem land today from the French liner Rochambeau.

The party comprising 313 pilgrims and their wives, from eight dioceses of the new world, were greeted by congress officials and the usual colorful bands of Arab peddlers. They proceeded immediately, tourist-fashion, to delve into the mysteries of this ancient state.

## Meteorological Report

May 7, 1930  
Medford and vicinity: Tonight and Thursday fair with frost to night; rising temperature Thursday.

Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday; frosts in interior tonight; rising temperature in interior Thursday.

Local Data.

Local Data	5 P. M.	7 P. M.	9 P. M.	10 P. M.	11 P. M.	12 A. M.
Temperature (degrees)	48	55	55	55	55	55
Highest (last 12 hours)	44	42	42	42	42	42
Lowest (last 12 hours)	40	35	35	35	35	35
Rel. humidity (per cent)	88	87	87	87	87	87
Precipitation (inches)	.17	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04
State of weather	Light P. Cdy.					
Lowest temperature this morning	34 degrees.					
Total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1929	13.49 inches.					
Temperatures a year ago today:	Highest 76; lowest 31.					
Sunset today	7:16 p. m.					
Sunrise Thursday	4:28 a. m.					
Sunset Thursday	7:17 p. m.					
Observations Taken at 5 A. M., 120th Meridian Time						
CITY	High	Low	Wind	Weather		
Baker City	46	32	Cloudy			
Bismarck	38	24	Cloudy			
Boise	26	40	Cloudy			
Denver	60	38	Clear			
Des Moines	72	69	Rain			
Proso	70	44	Clear			
Helena	59	34	P. Cdy.			
Los Angeles	64	52	Clear			
Marshfield	52	36	Cloudy			
Phoenix	74	59	Clear			
Portland	52	38	Cloudy			
Red Bluff	66	44	Clear			
Roseburg	58	38	Rain			
Salt Lake	59	40	P. Cdy.			
San Francisco	58	46	Clear			
Santa Fe	52	32	P. Cdy.			
Seattle	52	38	Cloudy			
Spokane	54	34	Clear			
Walla Walla	56	38	Cloudy			
Winnipeg	52	46	Cloudy			

W. J. HUTCHISON, Meteorologist.

## Canadian National President Talks with Washington from World's Fastest Train



SIR HENRY THORNTON, Chairman and President of the Canadian National Railways, talking over the telephone to the Hon. R. P. Lamont, Secretary of Commerce, Washington, from the "International National Telegraphs, who is at the train switchboard, developed and perfected the world's first two-way system of train telephone communication which was put into public service as a regular feature of the Canadian National Railways concurrently with operation of new trains covering the 334 miles between Montreal and Toronto in 360 minutes, the fastest trains in the world traveling a like distance. The "International Limited," in addition to the telephone, is equipped with radio receiving sets, the Canadian National having also been the pioneer railway of the world in that field.

## BRIDE-TO-BE HONORED BY EAGLE POINT CLUB

EAGLE POINT, Ore., May 7. — (Sp.) — Members of the Civic Improvement club were hostesses at their club rooms Thursday afternoon, complimenting Miss Mildred L. Burt, whose marriage will take place sometime in June. Instead of the usual business, the hours were spent in the presentation of a large may basket filled with remembrances and decorated with spring flowers.

Those present were Mrs. S. E. Howlett, Edith Weidman, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Hattie Howlett, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. Davies and little daughter, Mrs. Bardahl, Mrs. Lena Stowell, Mrs. Cora Smith, Mrs. Stella VanCoy, Mrs. S. B. Holmes, Mrs. M. L. Pruitt, Mrs. Royal Brown, Mrs. Lottie VanCoy, Mrs. Hankins, Mrs. Lottie Cline, Mrs. Lake Kinrad, Mrs. Enid Carter, Mrs. Irma Seaman, Mrs. Will Brown, Mrs. Cora Morgan, Misses Hazel Smith, Donna Brown, Marguerite Marshall, Dorothy Whitte, Dorothy Pearce, Sybil Carter, Freda Chambers, Miss Miller, Miss Aiken, Miss Darnelle and Miss Burt. Visitors from Phoenix were Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Gammel.

Waipori — War department approved plans for construction of highway bridge across Lint slough at this place.

## On the Air

7:30 to 7:45 p. m. — Amos n' Andy — NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KQMG, KGW, KECA.

7:45 to 8:00 p. m. — Literary Digest — NBC service to KQMG, KHQ, KQMG.

8:00 to 8:30 p. m. — Let's Get Associated — NBC service to KQMG, KQMG, KQMG, KQMG.

8:30 to 9:00 p. m. — Hill Billy Boys — NBC service to KGO.

9:00 to 9:15 p. m. — NBC Concert Favorites — NBC service to KGO.

9:15 to 9:30 p. m. — Violin Recital — NBC service to KGO.

9:30 to 9:45 p. m. — Evening Melodians — NBC service to KHQ, KQMG, KGW, KSL.

9:45 to 10:00 p. m. — Miniature Biographies — NBC service to KGO.

10:00 to 11:00 p. m. — Cotton Blossom Minstrels — NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KGW, KOA.

11:00 to 12:00 p. m. — Lauchner-Harris Hotel St. Francis Dance Orchestra — NBC service to KGO, KQMG; 11:45 to 12:00 p. m.

## FOOTS CREEK SCHOOL ANNEXATION TO VOTE

FOOTS CREEK, Ore., May 7. — (Sp.) — The question of consolidating the Foots Creek school district No. 32 with the Gold Hill district No. 27 is to be voted on June 6th. A straw vote was taken on consolidation two weeks ago, but only those opposing consolidation appeared, the others waiting until the election on June 6th to vote.

## VETERAN WOODBURN OFFICIAL SUCCUMBS

WOODBURN, Ore., May 7. — (AP) — George H. Beebe, 76, city recorder continuously since 1924, and re-elected for two terms prior to that, died of heart failure at his home today. He was found sitting in a chair about 8:30 by Street Commissioner John Muir after failing to report at the city hall. Physicians said he had been dead about two hours.

Seaside — Number of Neon signs installed in this town.

## Three Oregon Bands Win Honors in Annual High School Contest at O.S.C.



Jefferson high band of Portland (bottom), Roosevelt high of Portland (top), and the Seaside girls band are the 1930 champions in classes A, B and C, having scored the highest among 17 contestants at the annual contest held at Oregon State college. All of these together with second place winners, Albany, West Linn and Estacada, are eligible to enter the national competition at Flint, Mich., in May. Jefferson and Seaside are "two time winners," having triumphed in their class a year ago.

## Timely Hints For Medford Tables

The rainy and cool weather of the past week or two has done much to hold back the appearance of home grown produce on local markets and one grocer today declared the weather is responsible for fully a 25 per cent decrease in quantity and for a delay of two or three weeks in other produce that is usually on the market at this time of the year.

## JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 7. — (Sp.) — Jacksonville defeated Provolet, 5 to 4, in a game of baseball Sunday on the local diamond.

## FOOTS CREEK

FOOTS CREEK, Ore., May 7. — (Sp.) — The Foots Creek school will hold its school picnic on Wednesday, May 14th. The school children will also have a program that day, and on May 25th the Sunday school will have a picnic.

## MOTHERS DAY PROGRAM EAGLE POINT CHURCH

EAGLE POINT, Ore., May 7. — (Sp.) — Mother's Day will be fittingly observed in the morning church service at the Presbyterian church Sunday, May 11th. Special music is being arranged. Mr. Davidson will preach. Sunday school, 10 a. m. All are welcome to one or all services. Junior Christian Endeavor, 3 in the afternoon. Senior Endeavor, 7 p. m.

## EAGLE POINT OPERETTA ON FRIDAY EVENING

EAGLE POINT, Ore., May 7. — (Sp.) — Don't forget the "Wild Rose" operetta to be given Friday evening, May 8th, in the school gym. A very capable cast of characters has been chosen by Miss Miller and all are invited to come early to avoid the crush at 8 o'clock p. m.

## Burglar Sentenced

BAKER, Ore., May 7. — (AP) — Joe Kelly, transient, about 55, was sentenced to one year in state prison late yesterday when he was found guilty of burglary of a house at Durkee Sunday. He waived hearing and indictment. He said he was from Idaho.

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