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The Worm Has Turned

LAST Saturday was the best day enjoyed by Medford merchants in over a year. The streets were crowded. Cash sales mounted to new high totals. As one of the leading merchants remarked to the writer, "It looked like old times."

This welcome change in the business situation was not just a happenstance. There was a reason. With the harvesting of the fruit crop, thousands of dollars have been paid workers, and those thousands of dollars are being put into circulation.

Just as one good turn deserves another, so one good day deserves another. As the harvesting of the pear crop continues, more money will be placed in circulation.

If the pear market improves—and with the clearing-up of the California pears, and improved trade conditions in the East it SHOULD—then there will be a succession of good days, and the fall of 1932 will be one of the best in Medford and Jackson county in many years.

ALL that is needed to attain this desirable end, is a normal attitude of mind, on the part of the rank and file. By normal we don't mean any artificial whooping-up of the departed boom propaganda,—for that can't be done, and we question the desirability if it COULD be,—we do MEAN a banishment of needless doubts and fears, an attitude of mind, which actual conditions justify.

WHAT are those actual conditions? The buyers strike, which has prostrated business for so long, is over; not because any miracle has been performed, but because the buyers strike has worn itself out. Retail stocks have become depleted, just as, for the individual, the necessities of life have become exhausted.

As a result the people have started buying. And as a result the retailers have started buying. This demand for goods, has opened some factories, and increased working hours and force, in other factories. One of the largest textile factories in the Midwest, opened up two weeks ago, on a 24 hour shift, for the first time in two years. Therefore prices have started to rise. This in turn, has stimulated buying, for immediate purchases have meant, taking advantage of low prices that are certain to become higher.

NO one could complete a 5000 mile journey across the country and back, as the present writer has done, and not be impressed by one overwhelming, undeniable fact, namely—EVERYONE IS FEELING BETTER!

With hundreds of thousands still unemployed, with relief work still demanded to avoid actual suffering and destitution, one is at first inclined to doubt that this better feeling is warranted.

Nevertheless it IS. It IS, because of the facts noted above; it is because this country hit rock bottom last July, because the last of that month the worm at last turned, and material conditions have been improving ever since.

They will continue to improve, because of this condition alone. Not because so many people are DOING better, but because EVERYONE IS FEELING BETTER.

That means a new psychology. And just as the psychological factor is an important factor in starting a depression, a change in it is the essential factor in ending it.

SO in view of that good day last Saturday, and in view of the better feeling, from one coast of the country to the other, the time has come for the people of this community, and every other, to throw off their habiliments of gloom, and forebodings of disaster, and by entering into this new psychology wholeheartedly, not only insure its continuance, but enjoy its MAXIMUM benefits.

Give Dr. Kerr a Chance

NOW that Dr. Kerr has been appointed chancellor in our new system of higher education, and the long conflict that has torn our institutions of higher learning asunder, is over, we hope the warring factions will get together, bury the hatchet, and give Dr. Kerr that whole-hearted support, which ANY success, in the administration of his new office, demands.

With the college year about to open, the supremely important thing is peace. Without peace, nothing can be done; with peace, everything can be done.

Many good friends of the University of Oregon,—particularly among the alumni—opposed Dr. Kerr's appointment. This was natural. Because of his long affiliation with a rival institution, O. S. C., they felt he could not be fair, to his own.

THE Mail Tribune believes he CAN be. The Mail Tribune believes he is a big enough man, to administer the affairs of higher education in this state, not only capably, but fairly,—giving a square deal to all, special considerations to none.

AT ANY RATE, now that the appointment HAS BEEN MADE, the only thing for all true friends of higher education in this state to do, is to stop fighting, reserve judgment for or against,—in other words, GIVE DR. KERR A CHANCE.

GIVEN a fair chance,—if he fails, he will have only himself to blame; denied a fair chance, the responsibility for failure would rest directly upon those unwilling to let bygones be bygones, and place the welfare of state education, above all factional and personal considerations.

TAXES IN GAMING CAUSING INCREASE GERMAN REVENUE

BERLIN—(AP)—Taxing the "gambling" instincts of the burghers proves one of the best means the German state treasury has of improving its revenues.

Figures reveal that receipts from lottery, playing card and betting taxes are steadily increasing while ordinary taxes show a marked decline.

Statistics show an increase of more than 50 per cent in tax revenue in horse racing bets. The tax offices cashed in more than 27,000,000 marks (roughly \$5,750,000) in 1931 as compared with only 17,000,000 marks in 1924.

No depression is being felt in the German playing card industry. About 16 German factories are fully employed to fill the demands of their customers.

Tax on cards brought roughly \$450,000 last year, a little more than during the previous year. The increase is mainly due to the growing number of bridge fans in Germany, the factories say.

A tax on lotteries, however, brought the fastest financial yield, which increased nearly 100 per cent since 1927. The state treasury received roughly \$15,000,000 from selling lottery tickets in 1931. The same source brought only \$8,000,000 in 1927.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane. There Is Much News, There Were Fairies, Spain's Sudden Change, Rejoice and Be Glad.

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Much news today. A person no less important than the Reverend Canon J. A. MacCulloch, says belief in fairies has a real foundation. In glacial times there lived in Britain a pygmy race, now disappeared, so small they could have been called fairies.

Others will be more interested in news from Stockholm that Greta Garbo is in bed with a bad cold, on her Swedish island.

Those with a "world view" of things will be interested in Germany's argument with Paris on the German demand for the right to build up a big army. Germany says she will build it anyhow. Consent or no consent. France is asking our opinion about it. We ought not to have an opinion, it is not our business.

Rudy Vallee's wife decides not to divorce her husband after all, and hurries away from Reno as fast as trains, airplanes and taxicabs can take her, saying "all a mistake, I love my husband."

The favorite quotation of Mrs. Eleanor Patterson, distinguished editor and publisher of Washington, D. C., fits this occasion.

Souvent femme varie, mal habille, qui s'y fie.

Spain has abolished the death penalty, the maximum term of imprisonment 20 years, no life imprisonment. Also, new in Spain, unfaithful husbands and wives are to be punished equally, no favors for the husband.

This ending of the death penalty is all the more striking because Spain, through the centuries, has specialized in the infliction of death, with thousands burned and tortured, for religious disbelief, death inflicted on slight provocation.

Old fashioned people will say "You can't have any justice if you do away with the death penalty."

In France, after the revolution, judges said, "Justice will be a farce, if you don't allow us to torture witnesses to make them tell the truth, even when they are not accused of any crime."

If you speculate in stocks, rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for in August the total value of listed stocks increased on paper by more than seven thousand million dollars.

However, that didn't put the eleven million idle back to work. An increase of seven thousand million dollars is pleasant. Not so pleasant is the fact that idleness of eleven million men costs this country more than thirty-six thousand millions a year in lost wages. The rise in stocks reminds you of the pretty mutter that Nero is supposed to have played, while Rome burned.

Strange scene in Germany, Colonel Theodore Duestenberg, candidate for the German presidency and second leader of the monarchist, Stahlhelm, or steel helmet society of Germany, a man who distinguished himself in the war, resigns his important position, telling his associates: "I actually originated from Jews, but I have only now learned the facts myself."

His father was named Abraham Selig. Newspapers had attacked him because of his Jewish ancestry. The steel helmet gentlemen may learn, as the Kaiser did after 1914, that it is foolish to ignore wise Jewish co-operation and advice if you can get them. Any one of a thousand Jews could have told the Kaiser that Italy would not stick to Germany and Austria, and that England would go to the assistance of France.

Germany's diplomatic service excluded Jews, and Germans paid the price of the exclusion.

So-called "reds" who are in reality men out of work, miserable and dissatisfied, demanded a talk with Joseph V. McKee, for the time, is mayor of New York. To their surprise the new mayor said "Come down on Saturday and we can talk all you like."

That is a queer idea, but it may be a good idea in a country which usually believes in sitting on the safety valve. England has always let people talk to their hearts content in Hyde Park and elsewhere, on the theory that if you let them talk they will get off.

War off in London across the bounding sea, Mayor Cermak, of Chicago, says his blood "boils at the raw deal that Chicago is getting in European papers, particularly British."

Nevertheless he invites everybody

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

MODERN TREATMENT OF A COMMON AFFLICTION

Once I had a patient—but I didn't know how to treat him, and so he died, of hemorrhoids. The truth is that I didn't treat him at all. I wanted to treat him, I was afraid, and threatened, but, no, he would have none of it. At the time I believed I did my full duty. I offered to operate on the patient. He feared operations. He didn't relish the idea of taking an anesthetic. He had a complex in respect to hospitals. And he had always weathered his attacks somehow before, so he elected to worry along through this one without benefit of surgery. And I finally gave up, washed my hands of the matter, informed his relatives I could do no more, left for any reasoning or intelligent thought. So you couldn't tell him anything that did not coincide with his notions. The sort of ignorance that irks.

I was ignorant, too. Had I been better informed I might have saved my patient in spite of himself. But my education had been sadly neglected. Nobody had ever told me that it is feasible to offer such a patient an alternative treatment. Of course, I had heard vaguely of the practice of certain quacks who pretended to treat hemorrhoids successfully by "non-surgical" methods, and even to cure the trouble without requiring the patient to enter a hospital or give up his work or regular occupation for several weeks. But the fact that only quacks or doctors of no repute gave such treatments sufficed to convince me it was unsatisfactory or dangerous treatment—otherwise reputable physicians or specialists would use such treatment at least in some cases.

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COTTON TAKES DIP AS YIELD EXPANDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Cotton broke \$3 to \$4 a bale here today on the government crop report, which placed the indicated yield well above the trade expectations. At the reopening of the market following the report, contracts were sold heavily. The trade had looked for an indicated yield of around 10,700,000 bales, while the government forecast was 11,300,000 bales.

Heavy liquidation of long cotton came into the market, as well as general selling from many sources.

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Cattle 75, calves 10, quatably steady. Hogs 150; steady. Sheep and lambs 700; quatably steady.

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Live poultry—net buying price: Heavy hens, colored 4 1/2 lbs. up, 13@14c; do. medium, 9c; lights, 8c; springs, colored 15c; all weights, white, 15c; old roosters, 7c; ducks, Pekin, 11@12c. Butter, butterfat, eggs and country meats unchanged.

Onions, potatoes, wool and hay quotations unchanged.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Wheat futures: Open High Low Close. Sept. 54 1/2 54 1/2 53 1/2 53 1/2. Dec. 59 1/2 59 1/2 58 1/2 58 1/2. May 61 1/2 61 1/2 59 3/4 59 3/4.

Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem 58 1/2. Soft white 53. Western white 53 1/2. Hard winter 52. Northern spring 52 1/2. Western red 51 1/2. Oats—No. 2 white, 87. Today's car receipts: Wheat 96, flour 14, corn 2, hay 4.

Stock Sale Averages (Copyright, 1932, Standard Statistics Co.)

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NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Influenced by an extreme break of about \$5 a bale in cotton, stocks slumped today in one of the most active sessions of the last two years. Transactions approximated 5,000,000 shares.

Net losses of 81 to 83 or so were recorded by leading issues as heavy selling rolled over the list late. Cotton's weakness followed publication of the government's figures estimating a small decrease in the indicated crop as of September 1, whereas traders had been expecting a large reduction. Wheat lost about a cent a bushel.

Final stock prices were around the low of the day. Today's closing prices for 31 selected stocks follow:

Al. Chem. & Dye 84 1/2. Am. Can 59 1/2. Am. & Egn. Pow. 13 1/2. A. T. & T. 116 1/2. Anaconda 17 1/2. Atch. P. & S. P. 59 1/2. Bendix Avia. 15. Beth. Steel 10 1/2. Chrysler 19 1/2. Coml. Solv. 12 1/2. Curtis Wright 23 1/2. DuPont 43 1/2. Gen. Foods 32 1/2. Gen. Mot. 18 1/2. Int. Harvest. 30 1/2. I. T. & T. 14 1/2. Johns Man. 30 1/2. Mont. Ward 14 1/2. North Amer. 40 1/2. Param. Public 7 1/2. Pennsy. (C.) 23 1/2. Phillips Pet. 7 1/2. Radio 12 1/2. South. Pac. 30 1/2. Std. Brands 16 1/2. St. Oil Cal. 30 1/2. St. Oil N. J. 36. Trans. Amer. 6 1/2. Union Carb. 29 1/2. Unit. Aircraft 30. U. S. Steel 48 1/2. Corp. Trust Shares 2.40.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Although so many scientists are trying to find out the nature of the cosmic ray that it is from page news in the world's daily papers, a great deal really is known already.

The ray is very much like several well known kinds of radiation, resembling rays of radium, the ultra-violet light causing sunburn and the beams of electrons seen in glowing radio tubes.

The cosmic ray has characteristics of all the better known beams, resembling so close that scientists are sure it belongs to the same great family of rays that begins with radio includes heat, visible light, X-rays and radium.

It resembles radium in penetration, although driving through obstacles that stop radium rays. It penetrates 30 feet of lead, 200 feet of water, 800 feet deep into the earth. Because of this penetration its wave lengths are assumed with confidence as being much shorter than those of any other kind of rays.

In some respects the cosmic rays act like the streams of particles of water that stop radium beams instead of wave. It is mostly to settle this difference that the world-wide investigations of Millikan, Piccard, Compton, Regener and others are undertaken.

In all measurements thus far made the cosmic rays strike the earth's surface from straight overhead. As high as man has been able to send detecting instruments, they still come from above. All this is taken to indicate that their source is outside the world.

But their volume is the same day and night, and no more seem to come from the direction of the sun and clusters of stars like the Milky Way than from comparatively empty spaces in the sky.

Detected 18 Years Ago. Hence scientists suspect that when their source is found it will reveal important information on the sources of material creation.

The rays first were detected about 18 years ago in Europe. Electroscopes records them. When one makes a device hit on an atom of the atmosphere, it causes an electrical disturbance called ionization. The ionization can be measured almost atom by atom and also turned into sound.

So instruments have been made which record the passage of cosmic rays with a series of clicking sounds. This sound path even has been charted, and it, too, shows the rays coming from overhead.

Information thus far gleaned indicates they are useful to man. Neon lights probably would not work without their constant electrification of the gases in these tubes. Dr. Millikan has discovered that they are a sensitive and accurate indicator of atmospheric pressure. That is an element in weather forecasting.

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Frank Hawley, 82, died in a hospital here today from burns suffered when he fell into a bonfire.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 24 and 10 Year Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY September 8, 1922. (It was Friday.) Medford Armory to be completed in three months, is plan.

Four Anti-Saloon league speakers visited valley, and make two speeches each.

A man is hanged in the state prison at Salem. He pleads his innocence as he faces doom.

Three Fords come together at Main and Oakdale avenue.

Auto racing machines tuned up for fair events.

Cannery help is greatest need at Talent right now.

Gold Hill "booster" is fined \$250 for possession of quart of liquor.

Miss Alice Hanley secures many fine attractions for women's building at county fair.

Rain predicted for opening day of county fair.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY September 8, 1912. (It was Sunday.) Twenty four hundred ninety-six tourists visit Crater lake during month of August.

Jackson County Fair and Pear Show September 17-21.

President may call special session of congress on Mexican mess.

Portland courtroom crowded to hear "scarlet woman" accused of murder tell the story of her life.

Woodrow Wilson to four west coast states.

Picking of Boac and Comice pears starts in valley. Shortage of pickers.

Oats on Pankey ranch in Sams Valley go 54 bushels to the acre.

RESEMBLES Well Known Beams, But Penetrates Farther—First Detected 18 Years Ago in Europe

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