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A Very Silly Attitude

HERE and there in the United States there seem to be men to whom the current business depression is not a catastrophe but an opportunity.

Among them, of course, are the Communists. They make their hay, not while the sun shines but while it does not. Bad times for industry are good times for them. They get their audiences when prosperity vanishes.

Also among these people who make the most of the depression are some solid business men who might be expected to know better.

Here is a sample:

The five leading hotels in the city of Cleveland have suddenly seized the opportunity created by the depression to try to break the unions of waiters, cooks and other hotel employes.

Heretofore these hotels have done business directly with the unions. Now, without any wage or other dispute to complicate things, they have abruptly announced that they will do so no more. Instead, each employe must sign an individual contract or working agreement.

The unions, naturally enough, have struck. But one of the hotel officials remarks contemptuously:

"Oh, we're getting all the help we need. It's surprising how many want jobs now. You don't notice it until something like this comes up."

That is precisely the point. What the whole affair comes down to is that these hotels are taking advantage of the business depression to try to break the labor unions.

One can be pardoned for wondering if this is exactly in line with President Hoover's recommendations of last fall concerning industry's obligation to the country. No one, surely, will be so naive as to suppose that this attempt to establish an "open shop" will lead to anything on earth but wage reductions.

Of course, what happens in these Cleveland hotels isn't terribly important to the country as a whole. Less than 200 workers are involved. The principle of the thing, however, is extremely important.

It all comes down to this: is business, generally, going to take the present era of hard times as an opportunity to take a whack at organized labor.

If so, business is acting very foolishly. It is simply laying up trouble for itself in the future.

Prosperity will return, eventually. Labor can be expected to remember this sort of thing; and when labor gets the upper hand, no one need be surprised if labor takes occasion to enforce a few unjustified demands on its own hook.

If the action of these Cleveland hotels in indicative of the attitude of the business world as a whole, the business world has a great deal less sense than the American public likes to give it credit for.

When a vehicle zipped by in the old days, it meant that some horse was feeling his oats—not that some ass was feeling his rye.

If a bank account is evidence of corruption, all the newspaper reporters we know are above reproach.

One explanation of radio programs is that eggs and vegetables long past their prime can't embarrass a loud speaker.

An educated man is one who can tell whether the other eighteen amendments worked, and why.

You can always tell a tourist. He says the weather is rotten. The native says it is unusual.

If the apple made Adam become as one of the gods, our guess is that he squeezed the juice out and let it set a while.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

CHICAGO AND CRIME RATES

New York World: Tired of reading in the exchanges constant references to murder in Chicago, the Tribune of that city prints a page advertisement in New York, calling attention to the fact that many as are Chicago's murders, there are American cities even more given to deeds of violence. Thus Chicago's murder rate per 100,000 of inhabitants is 12.7. But Detroit's is 18.6; Kansas City's, 24.8; New Orleans', 28.9; Atlanta's, 51.3; that of Memphis 66.3. New York, debited in the Tribune's table with 425 murders to Chicago's 401, has a murder rate of 7.1 per 100,000.

Why, then, so much talk about Chicago crime? As the Tribune sees it, because "more people visit Chicago than visit any other city except, perhaps, New York;" because Chicago is an important news center; because people are interested in the place on account of its business importance; so "crimes in Chicago have received a prominence out of proportion to their number." We could add to these reasons: Chicago crime has a newsvalue because of its wholesale character and its picturesqueness, and because of a general belief that criminal gangs play in Chicago a role not often equaled elsewhere of direct participation in the machinery of local government.

Grant all that the Chicago Tribune says, it remains true, as President Hoover told us last month, that life and property in this country are "relatively more unsafe than in any other civilized country in the world." Nor need Chicago boast of a murder rate of 12.7—or, for that matter, New York of a rate of 7.1—as long as towns like Boston and Hartford, Des Moines and Davenport, Lowell and New Bedford, get along with much lower rates.

The problem in Chicago and all American cities should be not to excuse crime, not to explain crime, not to extenuate crime, but to fight it, to punish it, and thus lessen it, so that it shall no longer be a reproach to the nation.

HELLO!

Los Angeles Times: Somebody has counted the number of "Hellos" used on the $1,000,000 telephones of the country and places the estimate at 241,000,000 daily. And it is the starter of the fifty words that telephone officials say comprise 60 per cent of all conversations.

The first part of "Hello" seems a little hot, and the latter part a trifle low; but the word has risen in dignity from the back lots and streets of America and become a friend of the best families. It is now admitted to even highbrow circles. It had to work its way; but it has justified its existence and fills a large vacancy in thought.

There may be other and seemingly more elegant words, but so far they do not seem to have the snap. Nobody lays claim to its invention. It was the small boy's vocabulary a generation ago and often brought reprimand from the purist in the pedagogical chair. Its propulsive power has shot it into the most antagonistic centers.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

Senator McWhorter Meditates on Calvin Coolidge's Newspaper Articles and Decides They Must Be a Great Help to Mr. Hoover—a Recipe for Prosperity's Return

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, July 24—"One of the nicest things about being President Hoover lately," says Senator J. Boomboom McWhorter, "is the fact that one can pick up the morning newspaper here and right on the front page read Calvin Coolidge's directions for encompassing the return of prosperity.

"There is something very touching about this. One only hopes that Mr. Hoover fully appreciates it. You may remember that he got just about the same amount of help from President Coolidge during his presidential campaign as he received from President Monroe and President Millard Fillmore. The way Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hoover felt toward each other was just too bad.

Mr. Coolidge's Success

"Cal had done better with Prosperity than any president we ever had. He kept a firm grip on it and never let it get away from him. Many of us had become just a little tired of Cal when the time came for him to turn prosperity over to Herbert. I guess it was because we were all sure that Herbert would accelerate the pace and give us a bigger and better Prosperity than Cal's brand.

"You might have though that when Herbert fumbled the punt and let Prosperity slip from his clutches Cal would have sneered or at least snickered and reckoned that was none of his business, but that would just show that you had misjudged Cal. He has decided that it is up to him to point the way out of the wilderness.

"Nobody ever said that Cal was dumb and so you do not notice him writing out the recipe for recovering Prosperity and sending it to Mr. Hoover by mail, in which way it might get lost before it had passed through the hands of all the White House secretaries.

"Cal just decided to write the recipe in the newspapers where Herbert would never miss it and even if he did it would be called to his attention. Not only that, he was willing to act as sort of a national cheer leader for the president to pep up the drive for Prosperity which had been sagging for so many months and so he is talking directly to the people and telling them what to do. With the elections coming on, Cal looks very much like the U. S. cavalry dashing up to rescue the paleface maiden from the stake.

"'My countrymen, it is time to stop criticizing and quarreling and start sympathizing and helping,' said Cal in his first appeal to the nation and did you ever see anyone set a nobler example of sympahty and aid for the stricken as Cal has been extending to Herbert?

"Cal can speak boldly. He even admits there has been some 'decline in trade.' If he were an official of the government he would never dare admit anything of the kind. He even is willing to confess that the president has been getting blamed for the 'decline' and probably Herbert hasn't thanked him for that, but there is nothing like speaking out frankly and it probably is all for Herbert's own good.

The Coolidge Recipe

"It appears that the Coolidge recipe for coaxing Prosperity back into camp is having faith in ourselves, fasting and prayer, living 'in the things of the spirit,' 'striving mightily for things that are eternal,' sacrifice, buying goods and everybody who has any money paying up his store bills.

"Cal says that if everybody who has a job and some money would 'pay all their retail merchandise bills and in addition purchase what they need and can afford,' a sound commerce would be created. Of course this sounds as if Cal were doing a little dunning on the side for his old pal Frank Stearns, who owns that big department store in Boston, but Herbert cannot expect to get all the benefit out of Cal's writings and nobody denies that it is a fine feeling to get all your bills paid and to buy some more things if you have any money."

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

As active as he was years ago when he had to travel several days to get to the homes of more than eight neighbors, Steve Stukle came to town this morning on a business trip from his farm below Merrill. He is a pioneer among the pioneers, and years ago farmed the lot now known as Mills addition to Klamath Falls.

Mr. Stukle is 72 years of age. He has unbounded confidence in the future of this section, where he has spent the best days of his life. This morning Mr. Stukle was busy renewing acquaintances with pioneers who reside in the city.

The Klamath Military Band will entertain next Sunday with an excursion to Pelican Bay. The band boys have a lot of new music they are going to try out, and promise to provide ample entertainment for excursionists.

The Hotel Hall is having its grill room fitted up and will have the cafe open to the public in a few days.

In some things the merchants of Klamath Falls appear to be inconsistent. The other day the writer stepped into a drug store and called for a dose of medicine that is passed out almost every place else for a nickle.

"Twenty cents please," said the clerk.

Then he went into a clothing store and bought a suit of clothes for $12.50 that could not be purchased in Portland for $25.

Next he went into a restaurant and paid 20 cents for a side dish of new potatoes, three of 'em, about the size of a marble.

After that he bought two pairs of socks for 10 cents that would cost most any place else in the country two bits.

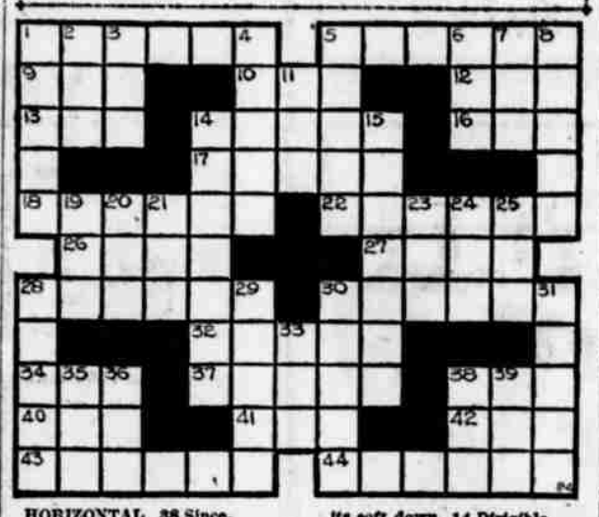
Wish the clothing stores kept boarders.

Rev. M. T. Wire, pastor of the Methodist church at Lakeview, passed through this city today on his way home from his vacation in Northern Oregon.

S. A. Penny, a Lost River farmer, was in the city today. He declares that dairying is proving profitable for him.

"Years ago, when I was tilling the soil excusively, I had a hard time to make a living," said Mr. Penny, "but now that I am going in for dairying, money is a good deal easier."

Know This Villain?



HORIZONTAL
1 "Lily maid of Astolat."
5 "Dark Continent."
9 Electrified particle.
10 To be ill.
12 Excavated.
13 Period.
14 Tapestry.
16 Age.
17 Sluggish.
18 Kings.
22 Dull red.
26 Oceans.
27 Our famous explorer.
28 Tracts of waste lands.
30 Supplicates.
32 Fireplace.
34 Males.
37 Pieces of glass.
38 Since.
40 Epoch.
41 To polish.
42 Blemish.
43 Marked with spots.
44 To betroth.

VERTICAL
1 Sea duck famous for its soft down.
2 Card game.
3 Social insect.
4 Merits.
5 Warning sound.
6 Fish.
7 Mongrel.
8 Another time.
11 Anger.
14 Dirigible.
15 Barns.
19 To employ.
20 Field.
21 To dine.
23 Grain.
24 Coin.
25 Queer.
28 Villain in the story of Queen Esther.
29 Trap.
30 Member of the lowest class at West Point.
31 Account of points in a game.
33 Antelope.
35 Self.
36 Mesh of lace.
38 Wine vessel.
39 Forcible restraint of speech.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Multnomah Group Instructs Goodel Against Tom Kay

PORTLAND, July 24 (AP)—A group of republican precinct committeemen of Multnomah county, 96 in number, met here last night and adopted resolutions urging the Multnomah county member of the state committee not to vote for Tom B. Kay, Phil Metschan or Ralph S. Hamilton. There are more than 400 committeemen in Multnomah county. Lane Goodell is the county committeeman.

At the some time resolutions were adopted urging the delegate to cast his vote for one of the following: J. L. Meier, R. C. Holman, Dan Kellaher, A. E. Clark, Ralph C. Clyde or George A. Palmiter.

Earlier in the week Chairman Gelsy of the county committee, and Secretary Young issued a letter declaring this meeting unauthorized.

Indorsement of Jay H. Upton, state senator from Bend, was refused after his name had been proposed by Seneca Fouts, Portland attorney.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.,—Because it's done in other cities will be no excuse for wearing pajamas on Memphis streets according to Police Chief Will Lee who has announced all pajama-clad persons will be arrested and charged with some sort of misdemeanor.

ERRORGRAMS

There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Grade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Turn to the back page and we'll explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you hat.

Daily CAPITOL News Letter

Farm Problems
Horses vs. Tractors
Overproduction
Less Consumption

SALEM, Ore., July 24, (UP)—The automobile and the tractor are no friends of the farmer—they are the curse which has precipitated him into his present over-production predicament.

HORSES, horses horses—and then more horses, is the solution advanced by the Horse Association of America to boost prices of all farm products. Use the horse and mule instead of the tractor and watch these animals eat up the grain surplus that is causing over-production and consequent low prices, says the association.

Must Pay the Fiddler

ITS EXPLANATION of the situation has been sent out from Chicago to farm leaders throughout the country.

"WE HAVE danced to the motor's tune; now we must pay the fiddler," declares the document. "Farmers, through destruction of a most important market outlet, pay most of all.

Reduces Consumption

"ARGUMENTS that evolution of the automobile into a many billion-dollar industry has given the farmer better markets by increasing the purchasing power of the wage-earner, positively cannot be proved. As a matter of fact, the consumption of food per person actually is less, because of the greater number of persons leading sedentary lives.

"AND WHEN a person has had all he wants to eat he is not interesetd in more food; nor do wage earners who can buy silk and rayon seem interested in wearing cotton. Similarly, the general use of cars has reduced the wear on shoe leather.

What About Farmer

"WHERE, then, does the farmer get off? For these are the things he produces—food and clothing."

IN OTHER words, grain that once went to feed millions of horses and mules is now glutting the world markets with the public completely unable to absorb reduction. Also, this business of riding around in automobies has ruined appetites, maybe even extending to the farm hand who spends his days on a tractor and can't get down five pork chops and trimmings.

AND ALSO the ladies wear silk stockings instead of cotton, with shoes never wearing out because they don't touch the pavements.

IT ALL looks pretty glum for the farmer, according to the view of things taken by the association.

For the first quarter of 1930, 644,802 automobiles were sold on the time payment plan in the United States. About $277,494,000 in debts was incurred on them.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"We are settling down to a steady development of air machines as a fighting force, just as we have done with armies and navies."—Air Marshall Sir Hugh Trenchard, Great Britain.

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"There are today from three quarters to a million men and women in the United States actively engaged in politics—holding large or small public jobs."—Frank R. Kent, journalist.

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"Who in Europe does not know that one more war in the West and the civilization of ages will fall with as great a shock as that of Rome? Who indeed?"—Ex-Premier Stanley Baldwin, Great Britain.

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"A cure for leprosy? I doubt it, doubt it very much."—Brother Joseph Dutton, 87, missionary to lepers.

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"I admire a well-dressed man."—"Babe" Ruth.

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"When I hear my children crooning love songs that come from Hollywood, I wonder how love really exists."—Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins.

Pioneer Resident Dies in Bonanza

Another pioneer resident of the Klamath country passed away Wednesday afternoon, when Mary Jemima Chastain, 85, died at her home in Bonanza, following an illness of several days.

Mrs. Chastain settled in the Bonanza district when she and her husband came to the Klamath country, 43 years ago, from Phoenix, Ore. Mr. Chastain died 15 years ago. The deceased was born in Illinois, April 11, 1845, and is survived by four sons, George and John, of this city; William, of Portland, and Claud, of Sacramento; three daughters, Mrs. Etta Kilgore and Mrs. A. T. Langell, of Bonanza, and Mrs. Goff, of Salem; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Matilda Baty, who resides in Missouri.

When 14 years of age Mrs. Chastain was converted and was affiliated with the Baptist church at the age of 21. She was a prominent member of the Order of Eastern Star and also of the Rebekahs.

Funeral services will be held from the Bonanza church Friday afternoon at 2:30 with Rev. L. Sigle officiating. Interment will be made in the Bonanza cemetery.

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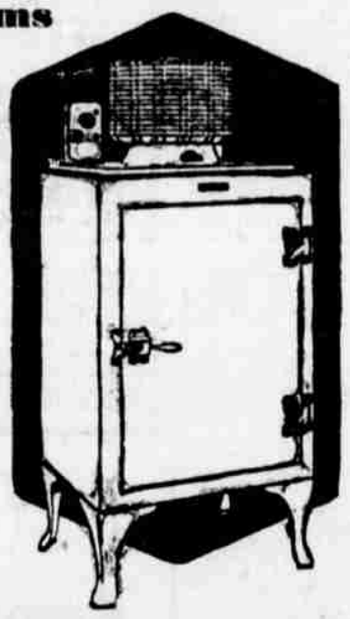

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