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WASHINGTON

News Behind the News
 The Inside Story From
 The Capital
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WASH LETTER — ED PAGE
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Government's own scoring chart shows the new deal has had a struggle to keep business at fair levels during the hard winter months.

Mr. Roosevelt has had to be content with holding his own. The end of February now finds him just about where he was in September. That happens to be about the same general level of business at this time two years ago.

There will be a full-hearted sigh of relief among his economic experts when the ice thaws next month and the rivers of commerce start flowing again.

While the immediate past was somewhat cloudy, the immediate future (March and April) is radiant with prospects. Improvement is as certain as anything can be. What will happen after May 1 is anyone's guess.

CHART
 You can figure out where we have been and where we now stand from the following unjudged chart. Each figure shows our relation to normal during the months cited. Normal (100) is the average for the years 1923-'25.

Seasonal fluctuations have been taken out of the calculations, so the figures represent the clearest possible unvarnished estimate of our progress up and down.

MONTH	Industrial Production	Factory Employment	Payrolls	Profit	Department Store Sales	Building Contracts	Imports	Exports
1933 (av.)	119	101.1	107.7	106	111	117	113	115
1930	96	87.8	87.4	92	102	92	79	84
1931	81	74.4	68.0	75	92	63	54	53
Jan. 1932	72	68.1	52.4	64	78	31	42	39
Feb.	69	67.7	53.5	62	78	27	41	38
July	88	88.3	69.6	81	95	40	58	55
Dec.	88	89.1	69.6	81	95	40	58	55
Jan. 1933	85	89.4	69.6	81	95	40	58	55
Feb.	83	89.4	69.6	81	95	40	58	55
March	60	56.6	36.9	50	57	14	26	28
April	66	57.7	38.6	53	67	14	25	29
May	78	60.6	42.0	56	67	16	32	32
June	92	64.5	46.2	60	68	18	42	43
July	100	70.1	49.9	61	77	24	50	38
Aug.	91	73.3	52.7	60	70	30	45	40
Sept.	84	74.3	57.6	60	70	30	45	40
Oct.	77	73.9	57.4	58	70	37	46	42
Nov.	73	72.4	53.6	60	65	48	40	42
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INDUSTRY
 The best news in the business box score is in the first column. It shows industrial production has been picking up slowly for the past four months. Factories are getting busier making products for spring sales.

Their production has been running 13 to 18 per cent better than last year, and 6 to 12 per cent better than two years ago. Last year at this time we were diving for the bottom, so comparisons with last year are apt to be misleading. The best comparison can be obtained from two years ago.

Mr. Roosevelt would be waving his hat and cheering from the White House roof about the industrial production figures. If it were not for the fact that employment and wages have failed to show equal improvement.

PURCHASING POWER
 Industrial employment has been tightening since October. So have wages. Employment has fallen 2 per cent and wages about 4 per cent (while factory output was increasing). Wages in February are estimated to have been only 53 per cent of normal.

That condition is bound to improve almost immediately. Factories cannot continue making more and more goods without putting on additional men and paying out more money in wages.

Therefore the problem is not as serious as it sounds. But it does show that the new deal has failed as yet to work any wonders with private industrial employment and private industrial wages.

WEATHER
 Mr. Roosevelt obviously expected this, or worse. That is why he created the CWA to hand out money until May 1.

He banked heavily also on the public works program. It has washed out on him again. The gods seem to be against the PWA. In December, the PWA was really getting somewhere. During the mild early winter weather, contracts were being filed for actual work at the rate of \$200,000,000 a month.

Then came such cold weather as we have not had in twenty to thirty years in many sections. You cannot pour concrete or do much other work at freezing temperatures. Contracts fell off during the first two weeks in February to half the December rate. But that situation, too, is due for an almost immediate change. Winter cannot last much longer. Work will be ordered through the PWA in strong volume at the first sign of spring.

That is what we have been waiting for since Secretary Ickes started to work on the PWA last July.

PROOF
 The results to date show how wrong are those congressmen and other agitators who want ten or twenty billions allotted to public works, as a sure cure for the depression. There is so much lost motion in the public works employment system that it seems better to give the money away through the CWA. At least you employ people and create purchasing power that way without

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waiting for red tape to unravel or the ground to thaw.

MILLENIUM
 A business executive walked into a large bank here the other day and tried to deposit \$1,000 in a savings account. Bank officials declined to accept it. They said the business man already had too much money on deposit. They did not want any more money.

That situation is supposed to be rather general. The banks are filled with cash because of requirements for liquidity. The deposit insurance applies only to accounts under \$2,500, so most accounts are being held within that limit.

But the real reason the banks do not want more money is that they lose by taking it. They pay three per cent, or around that, on savings accounts. There is not much they can put that money into nowadays at a rate sufficiently above three per cent to make any profit.

REFERENCES
 A government official walked into another bank here with a few hundred dollars to open a savings account.

The bank teller eyed him skeptically and asked: "Any references?"

The official blew up. "Ye gods!" said he, "do I have to furnish references to get you to take my money?"

After some debate, the bank agreed to take the money without references, on condition that it reserved the right to reject any future deposits.

Council Approves Beer Applications

Members of the city council meeting as a committee Tuesday afternoon approved applications of 25 Klamath establishments to serve beer under the Knox law. No applications were rejected by the council and they will now be forwarded to the state liquor commission for final acceptance. A \$5 investigation fee for cities, provided under the law, was taxed each applicant.

SPRING LAKE

SPRING LAKE, Ore.—Many of the farmers in this district are busy preparing their land for the spring planting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Schreiner of Malin were visiting at the home of E. A. Schreiner Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Johnson and Mrs. Arthur Schreiner called on Mrs. Stewart Sunday.

The neighbors of Mrs. Polson were very saddened by the death of her son, Walter, who passed away Friday evening.

Albert Bennett called on Mr. Schreiner Thursday.

F. G. Williams called on Mr. Mack Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smith visited with their parents Friday night.

Tex Cameron and his brother have rented the Charles Mack ranch.

SIDE GLANCES — by George Clark



"You never think of buckwheat cakes until we come to some place like this."

Society News

YOUNGER SET DANCES AT SOUTHWELL HOME

A lovely program dancing party was given Saturday night by Fred Smith and Marjory Southwell at the Southwell home on Summers Lane. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by the hostess assisted by her mother, Mrs. W. W. Southwell.

Guests were Misses Irene McLaughlin, Clara Hector, Mary Margaret Scott, Lena Glath, Marie Collier, Maxine Peterson, Christine DeBord, Barbara Davis, Ora Lea Vannice, Winifred Southwell, Marjory Southwell, and Jack Buchanan, Bob Leslie, Bob O'Sullivan, Stanley Hurley, Joe Kendall, Bob Vannice, Gail Newsum, Paul Crapo, Fred Peterson, and Fred Smith.

FATHERS-SONS ENJOY ANNUAL BANQUET

The Friday evening Father's and Son's banquet sponsored by the First Methodist and Presbyterian churches was an enjoyable and inspiring affair to the large attendance. The banquet was served in the dining hall of the First Methodist church.

The evening was opened at 6:30 with the group singing a number of songs around tables which were appropriately decorated in the patriotic Washington birthday spirit.

The program consisted of a variety of fun and frolic stunts and songs, and a half dozen brief talks. Dr. George I. Wright addressed the gathering on "Boys Keeping Fit." E. M. Chilcote spoke on "If I Were a Kid Again." Responses were given by Melvin Yaden and Frank Drew with "A Kind of Dad Any Boy Likes," as their subject.

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down in the Argentine, as the terminus. He was frankly cynical. "Why," he said, "long before such a road could even begin to be completed the airplane will have taken the place of the automobile as a vehicle for long distance travel, and the airplane DOESN'T NEED roads."

BELIEVE him or not, just as you choose. It certainly doesn't sound reasonable that the airplane will displace the automobile, but then it didn't sound reasonable a few decades back that the automobile would displace the horse and buggy.

But it did.

League Sponsors Recall Meeting

The Klamath Taxpayers League will be sponsor of a meeting to be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the circuit court room at the courthouse.

Members of the league said that the meeting will be devoted to the recall movement, and urged that registered and unregistered voters in sympathy with the tax movement attend. They said there will be "important disclosures of facts as yet unknown to the public," and that several new speakers will be heard.

New York has declared war on bad liquor, but nowadays one doesn't know which is worse, the liquor or the war.

Oxford students joined an unemployment parade in England, but they didn't have to prove they are idle.

Clerk's Office to Stay Open Tonight

County Clerk Mae K. Short announced Tuesday that the clerk's courthouse office will be open Wednesday evening and voters may register at that time.

Mrs. Short said that for the next few weeks the office will be open one night a week, probably Wednesday, to permit registration.

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One of the most useful seasonings on the pantry shelf. For soups, stews, sausage, meat loaf, etc., as well as all poultry and meat dressings.

Schilling
 Poultry Seasoning

Checking All-Night Revelry

THIS talk about the Knox law bringing an end to all-night revelry in outlying establishments has a joker in it. It seems that while the liquor control commission prohibits such places from selling wine and beer from 1 a. m. to 6 a. m., there is nothing to prevent the patron from drinking all the light beverages or hard liquor he wants during those hours so long as he furnishes his own supply. If the establishment operates as a restaurant, and all of them do, it can remain open all night.

The menace of bootleg activities shows up in this situation. The all-night patron might bring his own bottle purchased at the state liquor store earlier in the evening, but if the supply should run low a demand for booze would arise. It seems that when there is a demand for booze, somebody is ready to supply it. Bootleg operations of this sort might develop without the sanction and possibly without the knowledge of the proprietor of the establishment.

A closer check on the countryside amusement establishments could well have been provided by the state legislature. District Attorney T. R. Gillenwaters of Klamath county proposed regulations to that end which failed to get into law. As it stands, the most effective check lies in the threat that the authorities might recommend to the state liquor commission the revocation of licenses of places operating in a disorderly fashion.

The outlying places have been permitted a pretty free rein in the past few years. Public opinion and the authorities are beginning to frown on some of the things that have been going on, and it would seem that to protect their investment, the proprietors of such places should make a determined effort to give their establishments a reputation for propriety and decency, even keeping a few paces ahead of the law in that direction.

Salem's Dilemma

SALEM is faced with a serious problem in connection with its effort to acquire a municipal water system. To get a loan-grant offered by the PWA, it must close its deal with the private company for the existing system within 30 days. The company wants \$950,000, and to get the cash requires the issuance of \$1,050,000 in bonds. The city would then receive \$406,000 as a grant and a loan of \$1,000,000 for construction work at 4 per cent interest.

The other alternatives are to give up the municipal water system plan, or to attempt to condemn the present system and take a chance on a new PWA loan and grant. Purchase of the existing system has been the big obstacle to Salem's municipal water program. The PWA will help finance new construction, but it hasn't any money for outright purchases of systems already built.

Youth Paroled For Three Year State Sentence

Clifford Hayden, who signed the name of Van Vactor and Van Buskirk to forged checks, was given a suspended sentence of three years in state's prison, when he appeared before Judge W. M. Duncan Tuesday.

Young Hayden came into court immediately after the pleadings in the Manning case and a fair-sized audience was on hand to witness his hearing.

After some hesitancy he pleaded guilty to the charge. Judge Duncan asked if he wanted time before sentencing. He said he did and then changed his mind.

The court asked Deputy District Attorney Van Vactor if he wanted to make a recommendation. Van Vactor answered in the affirmative and suggested a parole, stating the boy had never before been in trouble. Van Vactor called attention to the fact the prisoner had used his (Van Vactor's) name on a forged check.

Judge Duncan suspended the sentence, provided Hayden would make good on the three small checks forged.

Just a Man Who Can Take It



OKAY— BUT IT SEEMS A FEW WEEKS EARLY FOR THAT SORT OF THING

GENERAL JOHNSON

KICK ME