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Brief Comment

AMERICA has some fine national customs, and one of them is the observance of Memorial Day. In Klamath Falls the American Legion, and other patriotic groups, annually come forward to make and execute plans for the proper observance of that day in this community. By their work, and that alone, the day is not permitted to pass by here without something being done publicly to honor the nation's heroic dead. So many of us are busy trying to have a good time when there is a holiday that one may ponder how there happens to be those who are willing to forego a little personal pleasure to help make possible a public demonstration in keeping with the spirit of such a day as this. What they do calls attention to the significance of Memorial day, and that significance is something which we would do well not to forget.

Forest fires caused by careless smokers and campers have decreased during the last few years, but they still average two-thirds of the annual number of fires covered by the forest service. Lightning, which receives much publicity as the cause of forest fires, actually is at the basis of only about one-third. The forest service states that the 1936 season, due to exceptional dryness in April, is off to a bad start, with 35 fires already reported in Oregon. It is up to the camper and the motorist, to anyone who uses a light or a fire in any way, to consider himself responsible for checking his cigarette stubs, his cast-off matches, his dying camp-fire, whenever he is in forest land. Only in this way can timber resources be saved. And the pitiful thing is, that in many forest fires, it is not only trees that are burned, but small homes, livestock and—only too often, the lives of fire fighters—are jeopardized in fighting living walls of flame caused by a moment's carelessness on the part of an otherwise good citizen.

Klamath county republicans have rightly re-elected Arthur Priaulx state committeeman. Priaulx has served as chairman of the republican state committee during the past two years. He took the job when the republican party was deep in the doldrums, and when it took courage to accept its leadership. Now that the party seems to be perking up, some of the old guard, who slipped into the background in tough times, are coming to the fore again. It was pretty obvious, when he polled only a few votes in Multnomah county for election as delegate to the national convention, that the Multnomah boys weren't doing exactly right by Priaulx. The Klamath man has put in some hard and able work for the party, and he deserves better treatment.

All indications are that the county health board chose well in the selection of Dr. Neil Black, now of San Francisco, who was named to head the new public health set-up here. Dr. Black is a graduate of the University of Oregon medical school, and has had considerable training and experience in public health work. He is comparatively young, and is enthusiastic about the possibilities of the program here. The state health officer is authority for the statement that Klamath's public health problems and needs are as great as any in the state. It is to be hoped the county board and the newly-named health officer can work out and carry on a program that will answer those needs.

Gasoline taxes accounted for 54 per cent of the entire revenue of the Oregon state highway commission in 1935, it is shown in the commission's annual report. Oregon motorists paid three times as much in gas taxes as they did in license fees. The gasoline tax is a sales tax, and one of the most equitable taxes ever devised. In Oregon it has made possible the development of a great highway system in a state of big distances and relatively small population.

Why not fill the old suitcase with potatoes and take off for Seattle? They ought to bring enough up there to pay for the trip.

We aren't saying anything about the Memorial Day weather.

Telling the Editor

ECONOMY OF PLENTY
 Klamath Falls, Ore.—(To the Editor): Your paper seems liberal in printing both sides of questions. I wish to agree with some statements of a recent writer for this column.
 1st: To concentrate the voting power to put over the plan sponsored. I contend that we should vote for people who will put in force the plan needed. The important question is not "Does the man drink Sunday school?" or "Does he drink whiskey?" Lincoln was a great man; people complained to him about General Grant drinking whiskey. Lincoln replied "that he wished to find out what brand of whiskey Grant drank, so he could recommend it to other generals." (Some of them were not go-getters like Grant was). Understand, I do not recommend drinking, but to clinch my argument.

2nd: The pitiful condition of the plumed millions should open the eyes of all who are not totally blind to the conditions prevailing.
 3rd: Usury or interest will ruin any civilization if continued long enough. It is condemned by the Bible, but who ever heard a preacher mention it? They think they know on which side their bread is buttered. 150 years of voting, for the best man, and for the best of two parties. And see where it has led to. The thought is very naïve. Some wise person please tell us what benefit our congress and our legislature are to most of us in the long run. I believe in an economy of plenty, not an economy of scarcity, as is being tried out. Something is wrong. What is it?

Sincerely,
 O. C. NEWSOM.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 30, (P)—The Portland chamber of commerce directors adopted a budget today calling for \$137,000 for the coming fiscal year.
 Half goes toward maintaining service activities and the remainder for: stimulation of tourist travel; land settlement and development; industrial development and development of traffic in the Port of Portland.

Thirty out of every 100,000 people in the United States are killed by automobiles each year.

WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
 The Inside Story From The Capital
 By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, May 30.—No news is usually the best news for business, and there is no news in the business statistics this month. The under-current of self-generating demand for heavy goods like steel, autos, cement and plate glass is continuing. It was stimulated considerably late in April and during the first half of May because the floods caused orders to pile up. This is what forced industrial production up to 100 per cent in April and is keeping it at about 99 for May. If you level off this spurt and consider the figures for the first five months of the year as a whole, you will see these broad general facts:

Factory employment has not improved since the first of the year, but payrolls have. Production has been very near normal (average years 1923, '24 and '25), but employment has been only about 84 per cent normal and payrolls about 75 per cent. Sales are good, farm and food prices somewhat cheaper, industrial prices firm. The railroads are

doing about 70 per cent of normal business. Building is coming back, but not fast, and there is nothing like a boom in that line yet. In fact, building now is only about 46 per cent of normal.

CHART
 These deductions stick out on the monthly business chart of statistics collected by the government, which follows. Each figure is based on 1923-24 averages as 100, except prices, which are based on 1926. The production figure is a federal reserve board index, employment and payrolls are gathered by the bureau of labor statistics and the others are by business groups outside the government. The figures are adjusted for seasonal variations.

Note—The chart was originally devised by Mr. Hoover in a message to congress, and its principles have since been generally adopted in all business statistics.

Year	Production	Employment	Payrolls	Buildings	Contract	Department	Stores	Freight	Loadings	Prices
1929 Aver.	115	104.8	109.1	106	111	117	95.3			
1930 Aver.	96	91.5	85.7	92	102	92	86.4			
1931 Aver.	81	77.4	67.5	75	92	63	73.0			
1932 Aver.	64	64.2	45.3	56	69	28	64.8			
1933 Aver.	76	69.0	47.5	58	67	27	65.9			
1934 Aver.	79	78.8	61.9	62	75	32	74.9			
1935 Aver.	82	82.1	70.2	63	79	37	80.0			
1936 May	85	81.2	68.5	61	76	25	80.2			
1936 January	98	84.9	72.2	70	79	61	80.6			
February	94	84.0	72.3	70	80	52	80.6			
March	93	84.2	76.3	66	88	47	79.6			
April	100	84.9	77.8	69	81	48	79.7			
May Est.	99	84.5	77.5	71	84	46	78.3			

Note—More than half a million autos were assembled in April. It was the biggest auto month since 1929. The bulk of recent increases in manufacturing output is in steel. The steel demand comes largely from building, railroads, machinery and autos. The auto demand is falling off now. Next month will probably be slightly lower. The reason Secretary Perkins' figures show a much larger employment increase than the chart is because the seasonal demand for farm, road building and other outdoor labor is on. This is not reflected in the chart, which covers only factory employment. Since the first of the year, farm and food prices have gone off about five points. The food index is down from 84 to 77. April was the best month the machine tool industry has had in many years. Steel got up to 70 per cent capacity operation.

some system and so are a majority of senators.

REINFORCEMENT
 This is one summer Jack Garner, the vice-president, will not spend fishing. In general Garner leans toward the red and real method of political campaigning. Four years ago he talked little, you may recall. He was against Mr. Roosevelt taking the long western swing around the circle in the last campaign. But plans are already being made for him to take a far more active part this time. The White House House crowd seems to believe he will be a far more effective orator than some they now have.

ECONOMY
 A perennial pet economy is the elimination of useless army posts. It was recommended in the

Hoover administration, but nothing was done. It was insisted upon by Mr. Roosevelt, but nothing ever happened. Here's why: The house refused by an overwhelming vote the other day to withdraw an air corps technical school from a certain democratic congressional district in Illinois, although the army recommended it. The leaders made no secret of their reason. They passed the word that they did not want to hand the democratic congressman in his re-election campaign. Congressmen are elected for what they can get out of the federal treasury, not for what they can save.

From Other Editors

MARRIAGE LAWS
 (Eugene News)
 Dr. John Evans, psychiatrist at the state hospital for the insane, has characterized Oregon's marriage laws as "silly," according to a report in Sheldon F. Sackett's "The Crow's Nest" column in the Coos Bay Times. The report continues:

"No examination is required of women and men may circumvent the requirements of a physical examination by going to a friendly doctor or skipping over to Vancouver, Wash., for a license. Dr. Evans knows whereof he speaks, for he daily sees the harvest of the marriage of mental incompetents. It is such marriages which produce the greatest single source of inmates for the state hospital. Evans urges with reason supporting him that both parties to a marriage should undergo rigid mental and physical tests and that the state should rigorously forbid the marriage of all parties whose mental traits indicate that offspring will be born to them who stand the reasonable certainty of hospitalization by the time they reach majority. Along with more strict marriage laws must go greater power to state doctors to perform sterilizations. These operations effectively check the breeding of mental inferiors, do no harm to the patient, and are imperative if the race is not to be progressively weakened by filling our insane asylums with an increasing population."

A strengthening of sterilization laws will probably have to wait on the development of public opinion.

but there is certainly no reason for delay in imposing physical examinations upon women as well as men as a condition to issuance of marriage licenses. It is a peculiar situation which requires that men be tested for venereal disease but permits women to enter into a marital contract without passing a similar test.

As to the practice of escaping examination by going over to Washington, it is high time neighboring states undertook to cooperate with each other in attempts at social betterment.

"STEADILY DECREASING DEFICITS"
 (Minneapolis Tribune)
 The calmness with which congress and the country received Secretary Morgenthau's statement that the federal deficit at the end of the current fiscal year would be \$5,990,000,000 was astounding. The only comment made by Senator Harrison, chairman of the senate finance committee, is "we've got to raise a little more revenue."

In a single year Mr. Roosevelt spends almost as much as Mr. Hoover did in the first three years of his administration, and Mr. Roosevelt once called Mr. Hoover's policies extravagant. This apathy is encouraged by the feeling that the nation's fiscal affairs are not as bad as they are painted, and that we are rapidly approaching a balanced budget. The assertions which the president has been making about the deficit are misleading, and instead of facing a serious situation frankly the administration has consistently sought to minimize its seriousness. Was President Roosevelt guilty of nothing more than an error of judgment when he told the country four months ago that the deficit was "steadily decreasing?"

Somewhat one cannot help feeling in this matter as Mr. Roosevelt did in 1932, when he said: "Our people and the world are entitled to reasonable accuracy and reasonable prudence, and above all they are entitled to complete frankness. They have a right and a duty to place in retirement those who conceal realities and abuse confidence."

If accuracy, prudence and frankness were virtues in 1932, the lack of which warranted Mr. Roosevelt in demanding that President Hoover be turned out of office, what is one to say about Mr. Roosevelt's own performance when it is tested by the standards which he then set up?

ENDS TODAY

SINCLAIR LEWIS' FAMOUS "MAIN STREET," BROUGHT TO THE SCREEN IN A PICTURE AS POWERFUL AS THE AUTHOR—AS POWERFUL AS ITS SPLENDID CAST!

"I Married a Doctor"

PAT O'BRIEN

JOSEPHINE HUTCHINSON

GUY KIBBEE • ROSS ALEXANDER • LOUISE FAZENDA

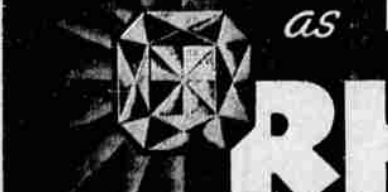


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OREGON CITY, Ore., May 30, (P)—The Clackamas Producers Co-operative sold members' strawberries today at five cents a pound to Bodie and Co., of Seattle and Portland.

The Red Heart berries were sold at six and one-half cents a pound, and will be shipped to the Ray-Maling cannery at Woodburn. Berries must be hulled before accepted.

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 30, (P)—The Clackamas county planning board called upon the Oregon fish commission today to sue the Portland General Electric company in efforts to make it build fish ladders over Cascade dam and Oak Grove dam on the Clackamas river and to improve the ladder at River Mill dam.

LAST DAY! THE TONTO KID

TOMORROW



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