

EAGLE EDITORIALS

A CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED—

SATURDAY EVENING brought to a close the three-weeks subscription drive staged by The Eagle working with the direction of a circulation service which has both here and at other places proven itself of the best in the manner in which the campaign is conducted and the personnel in charge.

The Eagle now has on its list a large number of new subscribers in addition to those receiving the weekly edition. It is the sincere hope of the staff that those new readers will look forward to each weekly issue for the news and advertising it may contain of activities of Vernonia and the Upper Nehalem Valley. Let those readers rest assured that every attempt will continue to be made to give them the utmost in value.

Sixteen boys and girls have participated in the campaign. We hope they have enjoyed their work and the contacts they have made in their search for renewals and new subscriptions. We also hope their acquaintance with the staff of The Eagle has been pleasant and that they will continue the relationship.

All of you, both those participating and their parents, have had the chance to become acquainted with the campaign manager. He has given you directions and the assistance to make it possible for you to proceed in the work of contacting prospects. His work is completed in a manner that can leave no doubt of his ability and no doubt of his pleasure in your acquaintance.

PROTECTION NOT ALL THAT'S NEEDED—

CONSTRUCTION OF what will be termed a guard fence is underway at the present time at the southern end of the Treharne bridge south of Vernonia. The work, when completed by the highway department, will leave a substantial fence at the danger point of the curve which has seen many automobiles leave the road after negotiating the bridge while traveling to the south.

A considerable portion of straight, smooth road leads to the curve allowing motorists a measure of speed in excess of safety unless they are well acquainted with the road.

The fence, undoubtedly, is a necessary feature but in another aspect it fails as a remedy in that it does not remove the cause. The fence is of heavy construction and will withstand an impact of great force. However, the reason for those impact still remains—a sharp turn partly obstructed to the motorist's view at the end of a straight portion of road. The fence acts just as a temporary improvement, not as a cure of the cause.

There is only one sure manner in which those accidents may be prevented—a straightening of the road at that point. Until that move is taken, accidents will continue whether the guard fence is in evidence or whether it is not.

BUSINESS BREAKDOWN AND ITS CAUSE—

ALL THAT business needs to recover is a chance. How many are the times that expression or one implying the same meaning is heard in the daily incidental conversation? A tabulation of the number would be needless to say the least but the number would be large. Perhaps there is a reason, or several reasons, why business does not recover as the general opinion is that so far it has not.

A good deal of the blame is placed on the government itself for the action it has taken towards the regulation of market conditions and that old law of supply and demand that has been preached by economists for years.

But with the subject there can be another thought. Has anything happened in the world to make today's recovery problem different than the recovery of past periods? All economists will agree that the operation of a free market where forces of supply and demand determine price is the controlling feature of the system of business now in operation in this country—the capitalistic system.

A number of forces might be said to operate against recovery to a point where business was at a peak or at least in the higher brackets of conditions considered good and any one force would not be the cause alone.

A market breakdown has been experienced wherein exchange on the world market has collapsed or is drawing near to that point. The automatic operation of trade is now under control of the government, not alone in this nation but in others of the world as well. Along with less regulation in former times was the facility of a sound monetary system that permitted the operation of that market. Consider the standard upon which it operated in those former times. That standard, gold, does not now serve as a means of stability in any country except possibly the United States.

Increased armaments, preparation for war, is more and more coming to the fore as a control of trade and not the factors of quality, price and the ability of a nation to produce. That situation has not occurred to complicate the recovery problem of past depressions.

A surplus of capital has accumulated in banks and remains there, inactive as a sound stimulant to business activity. Indecision as to policies of the future bring fear of loss and the resulting lack of financial investment. In former times this country assisted its return to a high business level by the investment of excess funds in foreign countries and that, too, is a thing of the past.

To add to these reasons there are others. Population growth has lessened. In the years of 1920-21 there came about the greatest population growth in the history of the nation, computed figures will show. From these figures the increase amounted to 16,000,000 in ten years. The decade of the 1930's has seen that increase slow by 50 per cent, with barely 8,000,000 being added. Great opportunity for business expansion has been lost.

Eastern states were said to feel the decline before the western and at the same time are experiencing an increase in some lines of business previous to the western. Complaints have been frequent in Vernonia that business is slow, that there is no activity, especially so in some industries while in others there has been an increase showing since the first of the year as compared with the same period in 1938. It has always been true that certain business activities improve, with the advent of improving times, more speedily than others. Leading economists throughout the nation have predicted a great year for 1939 and they base their opinions on studies—studies that have led to correct results at other times.

Then we could say that the armament race has increased business activity unnaturally as compared with other recovery periods while increased government meddlesomeness has on the other hand tended to decrease that activity. For any economist to make a declaration in the face of those circumstances when his predictions are made on the basis of years of study under different conditions would seem somewhat foolhardy. The possibilities are great that he would not be accurate.

SEVEN-ARTICLE SERIES GIVEN FOR CHANGES—

THE EAGLE started publication last week of a series of seven articles relative to changes in the state unemployment compensation law as provided by the 40th legislative assembly.

The law has reached complicated proportions under changes which have been enacted since its first drafting so that considerable study is necessary before complete understanding of the act is possible. It is the hope that the presentation of the articles will make possible somewhat of an understanding or assist in bringing about comprehension of the law as it now reads.

along the streets leading into St. Helens last week than were placed out by residents and picked up on "tin can" day held April 5 under orders of the St. Helens city council. It was revealed Monday by Merle Yettick, city street commissioner who had charge of the clean-ups.

Seventy-nine truck loads of tin cans and debris were picked up in two and one-half days following the annual observance of "tin-can" day set by councilmen for Wednesday, April 5.

WARREN AND YANKTON FARMERS ASK PROTECTION—

Residents and farmers living in Warren, Yankton, Bachelor Flat and Columbia City who desire fire protection from the City of St. Helens have been asked to meet with the St. Helens City Council at its regular meeting scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Monday, April 24, in the city hall, to discuss the matter.

Three plans worked out in other cities for rural fire protection were reviewed at the meeting Monday evening by Councilman Swepton Morton, Jr.

COUNTY TENNIS TOURNAMENT DUE APRIL 22—

St. Helens high school student body will play host to tennis teams from Vernonia, Rainier and Scappoose on April 22, starting at 9:00 a. m. It is the first time a tennis tournament has been held in Columbia county and sponsors are of the belief it will inaugurate a new sport.

Girls singles and doubles, boys singles and doubles and a mixed match will be played. The winning school will be awarded a permanent cup.

RADIO SERVICE SHOP ROBBED TUESDAY EVE—

Radio Service company, operated by Emil Torquato next door to Robinson's confectionery near 4th Street and Columbia boulevard, was burglarized between 7:30 and 9:30 Tuesday evening and \$25 in currency and silver taken. Living quarters and the shop were ransacked. Admittance to the building was gained by forcing a side door in Robinson's confectionery, stated city police who investigated.

The robbery was discovered about 9:30 Tuesday evening by Mrs. Torquato when she returned home.

PEACE OFFICERS WILL MEET HERE APRIL 19—

St. Helens will be host to the Lower Columbia Peace Officers association when they meet here at 12:30 Wednesday, April 19, in the Orcadia hotel. About 35 are expected to attend.

Methods of blockading roads will be discussed and reports made on the outcome of such efforts by peace officers.

Sergeant A. B. Little of the Washington State Patrol, Kelso, is president and will preside at the meetings.

SERVICES MONDAY FOR MAX FESSANT—

Stanley Max Fessant, 42, St. Helens papermill employee who had been ill for the past three months from a heart ailment, died at his home Saturday. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Rogers Funeral home by Rev. C. O. Heath. Cremation services were held at Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland.

Clatskanie--

BOLLINGER BUYS KELSO TRIBUNE—

Charles F. Bollinger Tuesday closed a deal whereby he became half owner of the Kelsonian Tribune, daily newspaper of Kelso, and is now in that city, having taken immediate control.

They still own the variety store here and it will be managed by Bob Phillips for the present at least. Mr. Bollinger is an experienced

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newspaper man, having formerly been associated with the Oregon City Enterprise. He was on the staff there when the late Hal E. Hoss was elected secretary of state and he took Mr. Hoss's place as managing editor, holding that title until the paper was sold by E. E. Brodie and it was then that the Bollinger family came to Clatskanie to make their home and enter business.

CREW IS ARRIVING FOR MARKET ROAD WORK—

The crew of the Mountain States Construction Co. which has the contract for the rocking and oiling of the Mist-Clatskanie market road to the summit, has been arriving in town this week.

There are 16 or 18 men in the crew, and some of them are coming with their families. Two families came Saturday and others arrived yesterday. C. J. Miller, city recorder, has been finding housing accommodations for them.

LODGES

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CITY IS VOTED AN EASEMENT

School district No. 5 at a special election last Saturday afternoon voted to give an easement to the city of Clatskanie to lay two pipe lines through the high school grounds by a vote of 59-9.

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COUNTY NEWS--
St. Helens--
TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR STREET CLEANING—
Plans for the City of St. Helens to own street cleaning equipment were made by city fathers at a meeting of the council Monday evening when it was agreed to purchase a ton and a half Ford truck from Jordan Motor company for \$250; and a second-hand oil tank holding 1700 gallons of water from

a Portland concern, at a cost of not to exceed \$100, including mounting the tank on the truck.
The street cleaning device when fully equipped would employ only one man to operate it, thus saving the city considerable expense for street cleaning, it was pointed out.
SEVENTY-NINE TRUCK LOADS CANS REMOVED—
More tin cans were picked up