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## THE OUTLOOK FOR 1933

"Who knoweth what good fortune the day may bring forth?"

What it is we cannot explain but there is something about beginning anew, about the arrival of a new year, that tends to revive waning hopes. We know it will be different than the old one and in that knowledge lies our hopes for better times in 1933.

Encouraging factors are numerous. Trade trend is no longer down and everyone believes the low in farm prices has been reached, that the next inevitable step is upward. Uncertainties of election are over. The stock market low occurred last June and it has been improving since. Autumn brought far less bank failures than the first six months of 1932 and confidence has been repaired. Christmas trade the country over was better than forecasts indicated. The war debt situation is at least beginning to clarify. It was a

hard pill to take but tax agencies the country over are getting over the spending spree of boom years.

We believe the year 1933 will be one of readjustment in matters of money and in trade and in the mental outlook of the people. We believe 1933 will see material progress.

## SALES TAX WOULD SOAK POOR

Opposition to the proposed 2 per cent sales tax is largely based upon the belief that it would soak the poor and save the rich.

George Palmiter, the former master of the Oregon State grange, is the authority for the following comparison of much interest. Take a home owner whose place is valued at \$1000. On a state levy of 3 mills, his state tax would be \$3. If that same man spent \$1000 a year for living expenses, the proposed 2 per cent sales tax would cost him \$20 or \$17 more than he would pay under a straight property tax.

Take the citizen with property assessed at \$100,000. On a 3 mill state tax his property tax for state purposes would be \$300. Assuming that his income is \$10,000, it is reasonable that he spends \$500 a year for living expenses. With a 2 per cent sales tax he would pay a state tax of \$100 instead of the \$300 that his state tax would be under a 3 mill property tax. The citizen with the big income and valuable property would save \$200.

Byron Defenbach of Idaho says the burden of the sales tax would fall upon the "small man." "Mississippi spending about four times as much in a biennium as Idaho found itself faced in a recent biennium with a deficit of four million dollars," he said. "The small property owner could not pay his taxes or would not. There remained only the consumption of taxes; taxes on things that people had to buy in order to live. He emphasized that approval of the Mississippi system came from the large taxpayers who would benefit by a shift in the tax to the poorer elements of the nation."

## TECHNOCRACY

Something new, or something not so new under a new guise, is "technocracy." Although writers declare it another form of communism, such a vast store of really important statistics relative to machine production, human labor and wealth has been gathered, technocracy is attracting no little interest all over the country and may prove helpful in the readjustment of American industry which is sure to come about.

The claim of the technocrats that "there is enough machinery in the United States to provide a \$10,000 standard of living for every family in the country, with men between the ages of 20 and 45 working four hours a day, four days a week," is inviting attention. How to work out such a plan is not only visionary but at once comes in for the attack that it would destroy the individualism of the American.

Perhaps the only good that will develop from this latest cure-all is the diagnosis of our present dilemma, faulty distribution of the products of labor under our highly advanced machine age. All of us believe this true and many able men are venturing into the realm of possible treatment. Americans will find a way out—a way to readjust industry without sacrificing the initiative and freedom of the individual and that citizenship of our people which is a sacred heritage.

Americans are rising to the need for the elimination of the grafter from politics, without doubt as much to blame as the machine for some of our economic ills. Americans are awakening to the challenge for complete honesty in government which is in itself a factor bringing much encouragement.

## BACK TO THE FARM

America is pouring back to the farm, the American Economic association was told last week, as much as it ever flocked to the cities in the so-called free money days of 1920-1930. In spite of a higher rural birth rate, farm population of the country lost 1,400,000 during that decade, three times more than left the farm in the previous ten years.

Now comes word that 1932 may be the first year in which modern American cities have suffered a marked loss in population and the farms gained. The movement is the result of men's inability to earn a living in the crowded cities. He can return to the farm and always dig a living out of the bounties of Mother Earth.

Agriculture is the basic industry, the one which supplies the only real necessities of life. And man can grow them. It also brings to us the thought that agriculture is the foundation of true wealth and the old adage that when the farm prospers we all prosper. We look forward to the day when the farmer again receives a welcome price for his record potato crop, those fine apples and luscious melons.

A woman writer says the way to reform a wayward husband is to keep him amused. However, many American women have found the shotgun a surer remedy.

If these prize fighters aren't careful they'll find themselves earning all they get. Our war debtors, too, want to get in on a new deal.

A dentist may not be exactly an artist, but he does quite a bit of drawing from real life.

We read that "the first method of spreading the news was by word of mouth." It is also the last.

O. K. Lamb of Alabama is studying for the ministry and hopes to become the shepherd of a flock.

It is suspected that the ultimate assets of some of these self-liquidating projects will turn out to be mostly water.

## MALHEUR LAW MAKERS LEAVE FOR LEGISLATURE

Editor's Note: These "get acquainted" write-ups of Representative V. B. Staples and Senator Robert M. Duncan, legislators for Malheur county, appeared in the last issue of Oregon Voter.

### V. B. STAPLES

Former buckaroo is Virgil Bain Staples, though now settled in the prosaic role of farming and supervising property interests after extensive business experience. Doer rather than a talker, probably seldom will speak during discussions, but can be effective in committee rooms. Cautious and calculating type rather than aggressive and communicative; sound, conservative, economical.

Born on farm, Henderson, Ky., Oct. 10, 1877, and reared there; to Oregon 1896, working as cowpuncher on big Harney county ranches; Ontario, employed by Malheur Forwarding Co., 1898-99; in clothing business as Griffin and Staples 1900; term as postmaster Yale, beginning 1912; back to Ontario 1917 and in automobile business until 1929; president, Ontario Commercial club; terms as councilman; semi-retired as farmer; Shrine; Kiwanis; Episcopalian.

### ROBERT M. DUNCAN

Early occupational activities of Robert Merwin Duncan were in connection with his father's sawmill at Salem. While assisting his father he traveled extensively over coast timber counties. Subsequent resident in eastern Oregon has given him knowledge of the problems peculiar to that region. Sandwiched between these periods of his life were the broadening experiences of college and war. Is a he-man, live-wire, popular, respected, endowed with good sense.

Born Cobden, Ill., April 2, 1884; to Salem, Oregon, with parents 1887; sawmill helper; Salem schools and William-Culloch at Ontario and practiced at ette U L L B 1909; law partner J. W. McVale; captain US Inf. 1917-19; law practice at Burns since 1919; Mason, Am. Legion, Kiwanis, Officers Res Corps, bar association; Congregationalist.

## Home Corner

### PEANUT BRITTLE

Mrs. George W. English, Wilder

2 cups sugar.  
3-4 cup white corn syrup.  
3-4 cup water.  
1 teaspoon butter.  
1 cup salted peanuts.  
1-2 teaspoons soda.  
1-2 teaspoons vanilla.  
Boil together first five ingredients until golden brown. Then add soda and vanilla. Pour in buttered pans and spread thin. When cold break in desired pieces.

### MAPLE POPCORN BALLS

3 quarts popped corn.  
1-2 cup dark brown sugar  
1 cup maple syrup  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
2 tablespoons butter  
1-2 cup water.

Place the popcorn in a large bowl. Mix the rest of the ingredients and boil without stirring until a portion clicks when tested in cold water, or until candy thermometer registers 264 degrees F. Pour over the popcorn and mix thoroughly with a wooden spoon. Allow to cool a little and take up portions in the hands, press into balls and wrap individually.

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