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FARMER FRIENDS

Farmers of this locality and southern Idaho should give the Idaho Shippers Traffic association a vote of thanks for their splendid work in the ever waging battle for lower freight rates.

According to Austin Ansin of Nampa, the association was successful in reducing rate schedules on all commodities of a perishable nature to the extent of saving farmers of this region over \$600,000 on last year's crops. This good work brought dollars to all of us for every dollar that was saved was kept in the hands of the producer and passed on.

It appears that the battle is not over. The association is confronted with some very strong opposition from the carriers this year to lift the emergency rate that was secured. In fact it will be necessary to take many steps to prevent increases in freight rates at this time. This is indeed a poor time to increase rates. Price gains for produce are not great and if the producer is able to show a profit this season, it will be the first in several years.

Nyssa Commercial club is lining up with the traffic association to do all in its power to maintain the lower rates. It

behoves all civic organizations of this region to do likewise for a united voice is more likely to be heeded. The maintenance of low freight rates is of the utmost importance to our farmers.

JUNE 14 IS FLAG DAY

June 14th thousands of Americans will, as a part of the annual celebration of Flag day, repeat this sentence: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." It has been said that "The Pledge to the Flag" has been repeated more than any other quotation from modern literature. For that reason the man who wrote it and the circumstances under which it was written deserve to be remembered.

It is singularly appropriate that this pledge, which has been repeated so many times by so many thousands of school children, should have been written by a member of the editorial staff of the publication which for so many years was Young America's favorite magazine—the Youth's Companion. Francis M. Bellamy was his name, and at the time of his death on August 28, 1931, the memory of his greatest claim to distinction was revived by his widow who gave an interesting account of the origin of the pledge.

A little group of men, who in 1891 believed the flame of patriotism was dying out because of momentous developments in industrial and political circles, sought to "fan the spark into new life," she explained.

This effort resulted in President Benjamin Harrison proclaiming the first national holiday in honor of the discovery of America. Delegated to write a proclamation as part of the original ceremony, Bellamy produced a 27-word pledge that stood the test of time.

STATE CONTROL

Numerous petitions for repeal of the Knox liquor law are in circulation in Oregon but the official audit just made public proves that the system has not failed as yet. The current efforts to repeal the law are too hasty. If there are changes that should come, let the legislature do it.

The audit tells that the commission has used about \$108,000 of the \$400,000 appropriated to start the plan on its way in Oregon. Few expected the commission to use its capital on this restricted basis. The report is indicative of the efficient administration of the system.

The audit further shows that the commission has built up a surplus to date of \$58,360 including income from sale of liquor permits. This is not in line with general expectations which were that the business would lose money, at least in the first few months of operations.

Of course, it is not welcome news that use of liquor is increasing. But is it increasing? Who knows how much was consumed before the present system went into operation. One fact that is welcome to the public in general is that those who buy liquor are buying it from state stores rather than from bootleggers and the government is deriving some tax money from the business.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

Discussing the war debts will no doubt continue to be as futile as merely cussing them.

We wonder how those brain trusters would get along at a practical job, such as farming.

Little Finland is big enough to keep her promise to pay.

One isn't sure at this distance whether it's Mussolini's head or his sabre that's rattling.

Those Ontario quintuplets might be a greater attraction at the Chicago fair were they old enough to do group fan dances.

Franklin county, Washington, is infested with Mormon crickets, and the females eat the males. We'd think it would take a powerful appetite.

Of more than four million Russian peasants who perished last year because of Stalin's "ruthless school," it isn't recorded that there were any bolsheviks.

It is said to have cost \$25,000 to kill a soldier during the World war. Just an example of Uncle Sam's usual extravagance.



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THE NORMAL GIRL IN HOLLYWOOD

Margaret Sullivan, a recent star in the motion picture firmament, has been withholding herself from the usual flimflam of Hollywood. In an article about herself, written by herself, she states that she doesn't wear slinky gowns when off the set, she doesn't ride in a freak car, she hasn't built herself a freak mansion, and she doesn't attend those midnight Hollywood celebrations which pass under the heading of parties.

And the result is that the old-fashioned, uproarious residents of Hollywood look after her aghast and cry: "She's trying to be normal!" That, it seems, is an unthinkable thing down in the celluloid city. Down there it has been agreed for this many a year that something is queer about a person who is normal.

And yet we are reminded of a great Roman—Cato the elder unless our memory fails—when we went down in history because he refused to have temples, statues and triumphant arches built in his own honor. Cato got all the publicity by declaring that he would decline to accept publicity, whereas his contemporaries who accepted the temples and arches are now gone from the lips of men.

Miss Sullivan's refusal to accept the publicity methods that have become established in Hollywood likewise is so unusual that it has given her unusual publicity. She even writes about her normalcy herself. Yet in her case we believe the reward is honestly come by. In her honest desire to keep her own soul she stumbled upon a great truth of psychology.—Oregonian.

MORMON BASIN MINE SHIPS GOLD BRICK

A gold brick weighing 85 ounces and valued at from \$2200 to \$2300 was taken to Baker Saturday from the property of the Condor gold mines. The brick was the fourth shipment of gold made by the company since May 1. In addition to the brick the company has shipped five tons of concentrates valued at \$450 a ton.

The mine will be closed for about 10 days for installation of a flotation plant which will double the capacity and production. The mine is located in Mormon Basin on the Baker-Malheur county line.

McDERMOTT NEWS

A large crowd enjoyed the dance at the Commercial Hotel Saturday night. Howard Nichols and Sam Swank have work at the Hearn ranch for C. Pinson.

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Glenn McAllister and Jean Williams of Merced, Cal., spent the week end with friends here.

A. O. Bently of Boise was here Saturday.

The cautious business man will not accept a deed, mortgage or contract on real estate, unless accompanied by an abstract showing clear title. Should you be any less careful? adv.

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