

# Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted  
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Washington.—It is a little early in the new year to become despondent. I suppose, after the manner of a certain radio star, I ought to be happy about the whole thing. But I am not. The outlook is too gloomy. Developments of the last few weeks have combined to make me a pessimist of the first water. I hope I am wrong; yet, present conditions force the conclusion that this country faces a condition as serious as that through which it passed in 1932 and 1933. There is no reason evident to me why we should not face the facts, discouraging as they appear.

So, let us consider some of the things that have happened lately, and some that are happening these days. Only in that way, I believe, can we get a correct understanding of this new depression which a thousand government propagandists insist upon calling a "recession."

Four months ago, industry began to lay off men and women workers. There was no market for the goods they were manufacturing. The reduction in payrolls was necessary to avoid bankruptcy. Nobody can afford to pay workers if there is no work to do. Dismissal of workers continued in an ever-growing volume until on January 1, the great General Motors corporation laid off something like 60,000 men at one time and placed its remaining 200,000 workers on a four-day week. That action, while it appears sensational, was illustrative of what had been going on during the four months that I mentioned; it brought public attention and political attention to a focus, but it was sensational only because of the numbers. It made an impression that dismissal of a few or several hundred here and there had failed to make.

During this same period, prices were undergoing a natural and normal reaction. Some were up; some were down. Altogether, they were and are in a topsy-turvy condition. Government business analysts smelled the mouse. They were watching all of the trends that were evident during those four months. Those officials in high places and charged with responsibility for national welfare were informed of what was in prospect. But government propaganda continued to show bright and smiling faces in the picture. It won't last, they were saying in the written and spoken words. It is a psychological condition, President Roosevelt said—and thereby made the same mistake that President Hoover made when he announced that prosperity was just around the corner in 1931. It is the same old corner and it is the same old prosperity, but apparently the Roosevelt administration is going to have just as much trouble finding either the corner or the prosperity as Mr. Hoover did.

To get back to the sequence of events: the time came when the responsible officials had to say something by way of admitting the existence of the depression "recession." Mr. Roosevelt, it will be recalled, went off on a fishing trip around December 1. He took with him the brilliant and able young Robert Jackson, of the Department of Justice. Now, Mr. Jackson's particular ability lies in the direction of breaking up trusts, monopolies, big business combinations. Those of us whose job it is to watch Washington, thought we foresaw the next move by the administration. We have it now in full flower—a great drive against all of those sinful big business interests who simply must be the folks responsible for the depression. Of course, it should be remembered at the same time that there must be a "goat" when politics gets balled up, and big business again is the "goat" of the administration.

In consequence of the crash in business, the collapse of the theories of the long-haired crew that seeks to remould America under the guise of New Deal plans, and the general running out of Democrats on the New Deal leadership, the country is now to be treated to another trust-busting drive comparable to that conducted by the late Theodore Roosevelt when he was President. Yes, big business can always be attacked, cajoled, threatened. It is a proper stunt, nearly always resorted to by politicians and others who find themselves locked within the meshes of their own fishnets. Big business is the red herring that the administration is trying to drag across the trail. It is because the administration is attempting to conceal its mistakes, and make people forget them instead of doing a constructive job that I find myself despondent in the early weeks of 1938.

The real tip-off to the drive on big business was in the form of a speech by Mr. Jackson who said by way of the radio that:

"The only way to insure a reasonably steady well-being for the na-

tion as a whole is for the government to act as an impartial overseer of our industrial progress, ready to call a halt at all times on monopolistic practices which threaten to throw our economy out of order."

That theory is basic with most of the New Dealers. America must be made responsive to the Washington government. It is that theory to which more and more business men, little as well as big, are objecting. They are fearful of it for the reason that they can not see how this administration or any that may follow will be "impartial" in overseeing industry. It is quite natural for a political group to be intent upon preserving itself in power, and that end never has been accomplished by impartiality.

But the New Dealers wish to avoid blame for the conditions now confronting the nation. Conveniently enough, there is no mention being made now of the tremendous pressure that was exerted through four of the last five years to bring about higher prices. Those prices now are held to be the result of monopoly, not the fault of the professors who were saying a few years ago when prices were moving higher that "we planned it that way."

So political guns are turned on big business—but my guess is that little business will be hurt more than big business by the refusal of the Wallaces, the Ickes, the Oliphants, the Jerome Franks, the Corcorans and the Cohens to recognize that Hitler's style of business management must fall here as in Germany.

The frankest statement about the whole thing has come from Mr. Roosevelt himself. He declared recently that "over-extension of inventories" was responsible for the current depression. That is to say, producers and manufacturers, feeling that business was booming, produced or manufactured too much. They did not recognize that the better business we appeared to have in 1935 and 1936 was highly superficial. Nor were they aware what the Washington government would do in the way of controlling or burdening business of all kinds with new taxation and new restrictive legislation.

It was from those latter two things that a fear was bred and the factories and farms that were being worked full tilt because prices were going higher were left with an overstock. I think it can be fairly said also that few persons expected to see such encouragement from the administration for labor to flout the law and take over control of property as has happened. Whatever else may be said, however, the fact remains the theories constantly being advanced by one or another of Mr. Roosevelt's advisers have frightened millions of persons who still have a few dollars which they would like to put to work. On the whole, I am convinced those dollars will not be put to work unless and until there is assurance from Washington that sanity and not monkey-doodle schemes will be exercised in the country's business. It is dishonest governmental dealings with the on the part of government, regardless of political party, to charge that business brings about depression; any person with a grain of sense must know that no individual desires to throw away his own money or throw away a chance to make more.

President Roosevelt has taken a firm stand for a larger navy. His action deserves commendation. Conditions throughout the world are such that he would be foolish to disregard the necessity for a strong defense. It will cost money, of course, but preparedness has proved cheaper always than being thrown into war because no being nation is afraid of us.

I have an idea that Mr. Roosevelt will be attacked from a dozen different directions. So-called peace organizations will try to pin his ears back and make him say "uncle," but I have gained the impression that Mr. Roosevelt will adhere to his program. Certainly, nearly all students of international affairs agree that he is 100 per cent right.

In a letter to house leaders, Mr. Roosevelt suggested the necessity for construction of two battleships, two light cruisers, eight destroyers and six submarines during the fiscal year beginning next July 1. These craft are in addition to other naval construction already considered for the next fiscal year. It will take two or three years to build some of these boats. Planning and preliminary work ought to be started on them as soon as possible. Mr. Roosevelt believes the work ought to start right away—and after all I think most folks will agree that the President is in a better position than anyone else in the country to know what the dangers are.

## Society

### TUESDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Tuesday Bridge club was entertained by Mrs. Sidney Burbridge and high score went to Mrs. J. J. Sarazin.

### SUNDAY DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Holmes entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Willson at dinner on Sunday.

### SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Greenup were hosts on Saturday night at a pinochle party. Out of town guests were Mr. H. Whitegon and Mr. Ellis Connell of Wilder.

### SUNDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Finding entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McVickers of Payette. Mrs. Stella Butler and Mr. Eph Frost at a Sunday dinner.

### CHOIR PARTY

A small but merry group attended the first choir party of the new year at the Parish house on Monday evening. After the usual hour of singing and games the crowd enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate at the Owyhee Drug store.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Honoring the birthday of their son Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Deane Adams entertained at a party on Tuesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reeder and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reeder of Idaho Falls and Mr. and Mrs. James Daelhausen of Nyssa.

### MR. AND MRS. CLUB

The Mr. and Mrs. Club was entertained this week by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boydell with all members present. High score went to Mrs. George Mitchehl and second fell to Mr. Frank Hall.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOURSOME

Mrs. Dewey Ray entertained the Wednesday night foursome and invited enough guests to make an extra table. Those playing with the members were Mrs. J. J. Sarazin, Mrs. Frank Morgan, Mrs. James Daelhausen and Mrs. Harry Miner.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB

The Wednesday Night bridge club met with Mrs. Nick Rudlick with the members making up the two tables. High score fell to Mrs. Sidney Burbridge and traveling prize was won by Mrs. Ernest McClure.

### EPISCOPAL GUILD

On Wednesday the Episcopal Guild of St. Paul's parish met at the home of Mrs. William Schireman with Mrs. Grant Rinehart acting as co-hostess. The yearly election of officers was held with Mrs. Artie Robertson chosen as president and Mrs. E. D. Norcott as vice president and Mrs. Tensen was chosen as secretary.

### APPLE VALLEY

By MISS NORMA STOUT

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nelson and family were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wilson of Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Vertrees and Orvilla and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Vertrees and son Harold drove to Boise, Monday taking Yulah Vertrees to Link's after she had spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Bogt of Middleton were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pettet and Mr.

and Mrs. George Bailey, Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Grace Haalas became the bride of Gordon Montgomery at a simple ceremony performed in Fruitland Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stagner were the witnesses.

W. S. Adams has fully recovered from an attack of the small pox. His quarantine was lifted this week.

Olive McDermott of Nyssa is spending the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Bailey.

Two other cases of smallpox having been reported are those of Lloyd Caldwell and R. A. Scott.

Mildred Whisler was an overnight guest at the home of Olive Bailey Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Rae and son Keith were week end guests at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rae and family of Boise.



- January 13, 1846—Mexican War Opened.
- January 14, 1784—Peace Treaty, England and United States.
- January 15, 1831—First Practical Locomotive.
- January 16, 1918—Fuelless Mondays Began.
- January 16, 1920—Prohibition Effective.
- January 17, 1706 — Benjamin Franklin Born.
- January 18, 1782—Daniel Webster Born.
- January 18, 1892—Electric Trolley Patented.
- January 19, 1807—Robert E. Lee Born.

### MALHEUR 4-H CLUB LEADERS MEET IN ONTARIO

At the high school building in Ontario Saturday was held the first meeting in the new year of 4-H local club leaders and those interested in club work.

Officers were elected for the new year work who are: Mrs. C. E. Elliott Kingman president; Mrs. E. C. Allstrom Vale vice president; Mrs. H. A. Conner, Annex, secretary and treasurer.

During the order of business, reports from the chairmen of club work in various district over the county were given. It was also voted to hold part of the regular business meetings in different parts of the county. Annex offered the first invitation to the council, which was accepted and will be held Saturday, February 5.

Mr. Hauser, county club agent gave out gold pins which had been won by those who entered the National Contests, only part of these club members were able to present, however they are as follows: (1) National 4-H meat canning contest, Dick Yundt, Oregon Slope; (2) Girls 4-H record keeping contest, Lucile Thrasher, Kingman Colony; (3) National style revue, Ruth Fields, Annex; (4) Kerr canning contest, Doris Klingback, Owyhee; (5) National food preparations contest, Mary June Rookstool, Oregon Trail. These awards are given to the county winners.

Mr. Elmo Smith, editor of the Eastern Oregon Observer was present and made a short talk on 4-H news writing.

The meeting was closed by a round table discussion of club problems among leaders from over the county.

### Legal Advertising

List of Legal Advertisements in this issue, as required by Law.

### —Estates—

Estate of C. L. McCoy  
Notice of Hearing  
Owyhee and Kingman Irrigation Merger

### ESTATES

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.  
In the Matter of the Estate of C. L. McCoy, Deceased.  
The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled Court of the State of Oregon, for the County aforesaid, Administratrix of the Estate of C. L. McCoy, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to Laura I. McCoy at the law offices of Smith & Smith at Ontario, Oregon.

LAURA I. MCCOY,  
Administratrix of the Estate of C. L. McCoy, Deceased.  
First publication January 13, 1938.  
Last Publication February 10, 1938.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MALHEUR.

In the Matter of the Petition of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District for the Confirmation of the Proceedings for the Merger of Kingman Colony Irrigation District with the Owyhee Irrigation District, and Authorizing execution of contract relating thereto.  
To THE OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, and to all Freeholders, Legal Voters, and Assessment Payers within said district, including those formerly within the KINGMAN COLONY IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN: That on the 12th day of January, 1938, J. J. Sarazin, Maurice L. Judd and C. C. Hunt, Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District, filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County, their petition praying that said Court judicially examine the proceedings for and the merger of the Kingman Colony Irrigation District with and into the Owyhee Irrigation District and the authorization of execution of contract relating thereto, and for an order and decree approving and confirming all of said proceedings, and for such other relief as might be equitable, and that said petition now is pending in said Circuit Court; that on said 12th day of January, 1938, upon motion of petitioners, said Court made and entered its order fixing the 15th day of February, 1938, as the time when, and the Circuit Court Room of the County Court House at Vale, Oregon, as the

place where said petition and the proceedings thereunder will be heard. Pursuant to said order, hearing of said petition will be held on the 15th day of February, 1938, in said Circuit Court Room of the County Court House at Vale, Oregon.

The Owyhee Irrigation District, and all freeholders, legal voters, and assessment payers, including those formerly within the Kingman Colony Irrigation District, and each of you, or any person or party interested therein may at any time within ten (10) days after the last publication date of this notice, appear and contest the validity of this proceeding, or any of the acts or things therein enumerated or alleged in said petition, and if you fail so to appear the Court will proceed in its judicial examination and enter its judgment and decree as to the regularity and legality of such proceedings, and of each and all of such proceedings, acts and things covered by said petition or therein alleged.

This notice is given by me pursuant to the order of the Honorable Charles W. Ellis, Judge of said Circuit Court, made and entered on the said 12th day of January, 1938, directing publication of this notice for three (3) successive weeks and four (4) successive publications in the Gate City Journal, published at Nyssa, Oregon, and the jurisdiction of the Court will be complete at the expiration of ten (10) days after



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full publication of this notice. Dated at Vale, Oregon, this 12th day of January, 1938.  
(Seal of Circuit Court)  
H. S. SACKETT,  
County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of Circuit Court for Malheur County.  
Date of first publication, January 13, 1938.  
Date of last publication, February 3, 1938.

### Knot Hole News

Another guy who usually gets a nice figure for his work, is an artist. —Aberdeen Coal—  
"That midget has me worried." "Gosh, I hope you'd never let a little thing like that get you down." —Aberdeen Coal—

One woman who knows how to keep her mouth shut is the trapeze performer who hangs by her teeth. —Aberdeen Coal—

Jazz orchestra leaders are just an illustration of how you'd act if you had ants in your pants. —Aberdeen Coal—

One way to surprise a girl, fellows, by parking on a dark country lane and start talking about generalities. —Aberdeen Coal—

Why did you let that girl know that you have a plate of false teeth in your mouth? It just slipped out. —Aberdeen Coal—

Sophisticated people who sneer at children because of their belief in Santa Claus drink in a lot of hokum in every political campaign. —Aberdeen Coal—

One way to get along with some girls while out driving is to keep on driving. —Aberdeen Coal—

There's apparently no way for a man to close a modern woman's mouth. She even leaves it open when he kisses her. —Aberdeen Coal—

The only person who can get a job in Hollywood quicker than a "yes" man, is a "yes" girl.

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Nyssa, Oregon

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Myrtle Flour, 49 lb.	.....\$1.17
Sugar, 25 lbs.	.....\$1.53
Macaroni, 3 lbs.	......17
Red Beans, 6 lbs.	......23
Buckeye or Peacock Oats, 9 lbs.	......39
Pop Corn, 6 lbs.	......29
Hamburger, 2 lbs.	......25
Picnic Hams, lb.	......23

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