

Economic Highlights

Ask the president of your local cement or lumber company how business is—and the chances are he will say it is bad.

As Paul Mallon, the well known Washington correspondent, recently put it, "industry is doing nothing worth talking about, but business generally is better than you think."

It isn't hard to trace the reason back of this. It can be expressed

in two words: Government spending. Government is dealing out billions for relief through its various agencies, and the bulk of this money goes at once into such necessities as food, clothing, fuel.

The problem the government faces now is to bring the heavy industries up to the level reached by nondurable goods industries. It is starting to attack that problem—and as its first step is giving industry itself more control over its own affairs than it has enjoyed for almost two years.

The best guessers are now saying that the NRA will gradually retrench, and will voluntarily relinquish most of its power. It will have less and less to say about how business should be run, will be more of an umpire than an administrator.

During the past few weeks, three major events have seriously affected the jittery European and Asiatic situations. Two of the events definitely aid the maintenance of world peace—one definitely points toward war.

The last came from Italy, when Il Duce announced that every Italian citizen will be given army training—from the ages of 8 to 31. Children of 8 will be enlisted in juvenile battalions, will be subject to the influence of martial spirit.

Happier events are found in the solution of the Chinese Eastern railway problem, and the admittance of Russia into the League of Nations. The Chinese railroad, owned jointly by Japan and Russia, has been a constant source of trouble.

a war on her hands. Today, when the bear snarls, it means something—Russia has one of the largest and best equipped of all armies.

A fortnight ago, Japan and Russia, after long discussions, came close to an agreement whereby Japan will buy the line. A comparatively small amount of money separated the bargainers, and it looks as if the "most dangerous railroad in the world" will shortly become only a harmless branch of the world's transport system.

As for the admission of Russia to the League, it will immensely increase that body's power in preventing and settling international arguments and in enforcing peace. Whether you like communism or not, Russia is the largest of all major powers, in both area and population. She really wants peace—not for humanitarian reasons, but because her gigantic internal development program requires the concentration of all her resources at home—she can't afford to fight.

WINTER NEEDS!

Big Fall Sale of Winter needs at Gambles, Oct. 13th to 27th. 6-in. Stove Pipe, 16c—Window Glass, 12x24, 19c—Felt Auto Mats, 29c—Hot Water Heaters, \$5.79—Canvas Gloves, 3 pr. 35c—3 1/2-lb. Axes, 98c—Methanol Anti-Freeze, 39c gal.—Rubber Shoe Soles, 7c.

BRIEFLY STATED

F. J. Dishner made a business trip to Omaha last Sunday, returning home Monday night.

The Presbyterian Ladies Guild will meet with Mrs. R. H. Parker Thursday, October 18, with Mrs. Julia Parker and Mrs. Vincent as assisting hostesses.

The members of the Young Ladies Sodality of St. Patrick's church are giving a card party and dance at the K. C. hall on Friday evening, October 19, for the benefit of the Sisters of St. Mary's Academy. Admission will be 25 cents. You are cordially invited to attend.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The Annual Holt County Teachers' Institute was held in O'Neill on Monday and Tuesday of last week. Nearly every teacher in the county was present for all sessions and some very interesting and worthwhile lectures were given.

We have received word that winter Study Centers will be organized again in various towns if enough students wish to take this work. A minimum of five students would be necessary to have a Study Center at all, and ten students would be necessary to have a Director appointed to be paid by the federal government.

through the schools.

The first meeting of the Teachers' Study Center Institute group will be held in the court room at O'Neill on next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, October 13. This refers to the Study Center Institute as explained by Mr. Morse at our Institute last week.

The new Holt county school exhibit hall at O'Neill was dedicated two weeks ago with fitting ceremony. A large crowd was in attendance. The program was opened by the school children of the county singing in unison the songs, "America" and "America, the Beautiful," led by Wilma Dell Smith of the O'Neill high school, and accompanied by the Ewing School band.

At the close of the dedication exercises the audience was invited to inspect the building, and view the fine display of school exhibits from over the county on display inside. The school exhibits made an unusually fine showing. The booths gave ample space for display so that each school's work might be easily found and examined closely.

This exhibit hall is to serve a double purpose to the people of Holt county. For many years the exhibit of work done by school children over the county had been exhibited in the agricultural hall on the county fair grounds.

Three years ago a plan was formulated to build a hall on the fair grounds in O'Neill and one on the fair grounds at Chambers for the purpose of exhibiting our school work and for other children's activities for both localities; these buildings to be financed by funds raised by a small contribution from each district; from \$3.00 to \$12.00 for rural districts and from

\$5.00 to \$25.00 for town and city school districts, according to the valuation of the district. The funds were to be given for each building according to the desires of the district contributing.

Nearly \$400.00 was contributed almost immediately for the O'Neill building and \$175.00 for the Chambers building. Circumstances arose in the county fair organization which made it unwise to push this project at this time.

The people of Chambers wished to have their new building by fair time that fall. This was made possible by the business people of the town contributing \$50.00 toward their fund and the people of Chambers and the Chambers Fair Board volunteered their services for all hauling of material and labor on the building.

Since a large building was needed for the territory of O'Neill, the matter was laid aside for the time being. It was again taken up last February at the Annual Rural School Board Meeting, and a committee consisting of James D. Beck, District 11; Frank Nelson, District 17; John Tipton, District 36; A. E. Riggs, District 2, and Joseph Scholmeier, District 38, was appointed to help perfect the plans of the structure.

Since it was uncertain whether the County Fair would be continued, it was voted to ask the County Board for the privilege of erecting the building on the court house yard, and to make provisions for a circulating library to which all the schools of the county may have access if they wish to enter the organization. This was a splendid idea and met with very favorable response.

Early last spring Mr. McReynolds of the Federal Relief Office offered to have the building erected with CWA labor. We took advantage of this and started the building on March 1. Unfortunately the CWA program was closed on March 15 by the Federal Government, with only our foundation in and a part of the frame up. We waited for some time but no further federal aid was available. We then hired carpenters to complete the structure. The painting of the outside is being done by the FERA. A very neat cement floor and approach from the main sidewalk was next put in, after which the interior of the building was completed.

The Nebraska School laws now require that each district shall buy \$5.00 worth of library books per teacher each year. Under our circulating library plan each district will put its \$5.00 into this circulating library to which all schools will have access. Thus each district with the \$5.00 per year is providing for its children access to an unlimited supply of new reading material of the highest type instead of such a meager supply as the same \$5.00 would buy under the present plan.

We feel that this library alone will be many times more valuable to our schools and rural communities

ities within the next few years, than the cost of the entire building.

With the exception of labor for the foundation and the erection of part of the frame, and \$150.00 for materials very kindly donated by the CWA thru the efforts of Mr. McReynolds, the entire building has been financed by the schools of the county. A few districts have not yet responded but have expressed their intention of doing so since they are sure the program will really be carried out. A number of districts have expressed their willingness to give a second contribution if necessary. A small debt still remains upon the building, but it will be cared for this fall. There will be no assessment to the tax-payers of the county, whatever. All money contributed by districts for the building will be returned to them in the form of premiums on school exhibit work, if the schools make a display each year as required by law. A number of schools are receiving this year alone, more than the amount contributed to the building. The school children of Holt county are proud of their building.

Names of districts contributing to the building fund will be published next week. School district 127 has made the first contribution of \$5.00 to the Library organization; District 170, the second. This fund will grow rapidly and the library increased as fast as the funds come in. District 127 also donated seven volumes to the library.

A contribution of good used books by anyone who wishes to give them will be gratefully received. We hope to make this a very adequate library.

WORLD'S SLAUGHTER RECORD

The slaughter of cattle and calves during August 1934 under federal inspection in the United States, was the largest in the history of the livestock industry; in fact, it was a world's slaughter record. During the month the kill totaled 1,576,204 head of cattle and 970,211 head of calves. The killing of Government purchased "drouth relief" stock in both classes accounted for nearly 50 per cent of the total. The above figures do not include any cattle or calves not killed under federal inspection.

A study of government slaughter statistics made by the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission house of the Sioux City market reveals some unusual facts, which will have a marked influence on the future of the cattle industry in this country.

The eight months' period ending August 31, 1934, in the case of cattle showed an increase in the number of head killed of nearly 40 per cent over the same period for 1933.

Beginning with June 1934, when the Government began its purchases and slaughter of "drouth relief" stock, the per cent increase each month over the corresponding month in 1933 was as follows: June more than 43 per cent, July nearly 58 1/2 per cent, and August over 87 1/2 per cent. This was for cattle only.

Much the same condition was true as regards calves. The August 1934 calf kill was 133 per cent greater than during August 1933.

The fact remains, that, this large beef surplus, is offset to a small degree by the fact; that the August 1934 hog slaughter was about 24 per cent under that of August 1933, when the Government slaughter of pigs and piggy sows was at its height. Sheep slaughter for August this year was less than 1 per cent under that of August last year.

HOW ABOUT THE PLATFORM?

Kansas City Star: The solemn pledge of the 1932 democratic platform and candidate to reduce federal government costs by at least 25 per cent is recalled by Bainbridge Colby, democratic secretary of state under President Wilson, who holds that the promise "has been fulfilled" by so vast an enlargement of government spending that the bankruptcy of the federal government is just around the corner.

Now why should Mr. Colby persist in bringing the platform up again?

Pointed Paragraphs

Strange there was so little cheering from the New Dealers when that stalwart warhorse of the democratic party, James A. Reed of Missouri, made his speech on constitution day.

Morganthau, Tugwell, Ezekial and Richberg claim that it is a democratic administration but we wonder if they will be able to convince Carter Glass, Al Smith and John W. Davis, among others.

Another ten million dollars is about to be contributed to the democratic campaign fund. The de-

partment of agriculture is soon to pay this amount as a bounty to sugar beet growers, and of course the sugar checks will reach the farmer just in advance of election. The softest job in the country this fall is that of the treasurer of the democratic national committee. Uncle Sam is doing the job for him.

Key West, Florida, asked for bread and they gave it a stone. With its leading industries of old times all but extinguished; with half its citizens receiving relief Key West appealed to Washington for aid in warding off complete extermination. Cash was forthcoming, but simultaneously the Cuban reciprocal trade treaty was made operative and its 50 per cent reduction in the tariff on pineapples struck a body blow at the Key West canneries, the largest of its surviving industries.

LEGAL NOTICE

Thomas Watt, Henry Hastings, Alexandre Watt, Michael Cavanaugh; The heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Thomas Watt, deceased, real names unknown; The heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Alexandre Watt, deceased, real names unknown; The heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Michael Cavanaugh, deceased, real names unknown, and all persons having or claiming any interest in a tract of land bounded as follows: Commencing at a point 693 feet north of southwest corner of Northwest Quarter of Section 29 Township 29 North, Range 11 West 6th Principal Meridian in Holt county, Nebraska, running thence east 2640 feet; thence north 1947 feet; thence west 2247 feet; thence south 740.8 feet; thence east 14 feet; thence south 746.2 feet; thence west 407 feet; thence south 460 feet to place of beginning, real names unknown, defendants, are notified that on September 15, 1934, Mary A. Kelly as plaintiff filed a petition and commenced an action in the District Court of Holt county, Nebraska, against you, the object of which is to have the plaintiff decreed to be the owner of the real estate above described, to have the title to said premises quieted in plaintiff; to have you decreed to have no title to, or interest in, said premises and to remove the clouds cast on plaintiff's title by reason of your claims.

You are required to answer said petition on or before October 29, 1934.

W. J. HAMMOND, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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