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### APPRECIATION

The Messenger has been attempting to collect all delinquent subscriptions during the last two weeks in order to help stave off the inevitable deficit of the present situation. Our subscribers, for the most part, have been sympathetic and have responded readily. Some, of course, lacking other excuses for not paying, have invented some that are laughable. However, we sincerely appreciate the fact that the citizens of Hagerman feel the need of the paper, and like it.

### SPOILING THE MACHINERY

As American engineers return from Russia and tell of conditions over there, one is led to wonder if the Communist regime may not eventually founder because of the fact that Russia does not have a large class of skilled mechanics.

Over and over again the returning engineers have remarked on the Russian workman's inability to get along with machinery. Complicated machines are allowed to run unlubricated. Workers who think they know more about mechanics than they do, take machines to pieces and are unable to put them together again. Roller bearings wear out with abnormal speed.

Some observers predict that the five-year plan will collapse as soon as the foreign engineers leave. Whether or not it works out that way, it is clear that Russia labors under a tremendous handicap in trying to mechanize a country that had always been predominantly agricultural.

### PAYING FOR THE TAX FIDDLER

It is predicted that the treasury deficit for the current fiscal year will reach the billion dollar mark and that there will be an equally imposing deficit during the fiscal year to come. As a result, unless there is a sizeable increase in federal income, the national debt will show a two-year increase of \$2,000,000,000.

Additional federal taxation appears to be inevitable. It is suggested that a federal sales tax on gasoline be levied, that income tax exemptions be lowered, that estate or inheritance taxes be boosted, and so on.

This will be discouraging for business and individuals now straining every fiber to keep going. We must, so to speak, pay for our governmental sins—for waste, extravagance, ventures into business, and the last \$10,200,000,000 congress. Taxes are high now—but it would seem that we "haven't seen nothin' yet."

### BOOTLEGGING

One of the features of the trial of Al Capone, famous gangster, which the average layman can not understand is how the government may convict him on evading the income tax, when his income is derived from bootlegging.

We are some times almost convinced that the general public do not want the liquor laws enforced. Perhaps in this case, an energetic minority can prevent law enforcement, at least it appears there is a laxity somewhere.

One of the most objectionable factors connected with the present method of enforcement is that the poor suffers while the rich go free. Let a poor man be arrested and his conviction is almost assured, while the rich often escape with a light fine, rarely a prison sentence.

### STANDING "HITCHED"

Some are inclined to sympathize with Emerson Watts, ex-state treasurer, who absconded from Roswell some three or four weeks ago, leaving his creditors to hold the sack. Watts probably exhibited a touch of human weakness common to a large group of individuals who are not willing to face the music when the reckoning day comes. Watts was possessed with the same inclination that causes a man to forget to pay his grocer when he loses his job or has to leave town.

When a man has been accustomed to living high and holding what is termed a soft job, it takes a real hero to stand "hitched," when he is faced with the necessity of getting down to a lower plane. Not many of us will do it and yet there are such folks still living.

### IS PROSPERITY RETURNING?

The optimist seems to be taking the day. With all stocks taking a turn for the better, and farm products commanding a shade better prices, people are beginning to smile again.

President Hoover's moratorium plan is winning increased favor over the nation, and certainly, it is due to this gesture that the depression is beginning to lift. As long as other nations boycott America commercially we shall continue to have hard times.

Cotton jumped up ten dollars a bale the last of the week, and seems to be increasing in price steadily. Even at this increase in value, cotton farmers will be saved at least \$160,000.00 in Chaves county.

### GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

Action of the federal farm board appears to be developing into a bigger farce every day. The board has succeeded in pretty well demoralizing the wheat market at the beginning of the season by holding over the head of the wheat buyer a large portion of last year's crop which has been in storage.

The government or no individuals can regulate the law of supply and demand and that is really what the market is based on even if the speculator does play his part. If government operated projects are successful, then Russia should be our model and our present idea of individual initiative should be thrown into discard. Either Russia is right or the rest of the civilized world is wrong.

## 84 MILES ON EIGHT ROAD PROJECTS TO GO WITH OUT GRAVEL

SANTA FE—Eighty-four miles on eight road projects will have to go without base course gravel topping, at least for the present, Governor Arthur Seligman has been advised by the state highway department.

Under terms of the state's contract with the federal bureau of roads, all of the \$4,000,000 program must be oil surfaced within a year, which means that funds which would otherwise have gone into base coursing these 84 miles must be diverted for surfacing other emergency highway projects being completed.

Two hundred and forty-seven miles must be placed in next year's oiling program, Governor Seligman said. The federal regulations require that a gravel-surfaced road must set for six months before oil can be applied.

Originally it was planned to put on the gravel but it was found that the cost of the emergency highway contracts exceed by \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Confronted with the question of giving up some of the contemplated projects altogether or dropping the gravel course requirements, the highway commission chose the latter alternative. The action was taken by the former highway commissioner.

The eight projects include two in Socorro county, two in Eddy, (the cavern road), and one each in Quay, Curry, Roosevelt and Santa Fe counties.

Department Of The Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., May 28, 1931.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office its selection list No. 35, under Act approved May 28, 1928 (45 Stat., 775) Serial No. 039062 for the following lands: Twp. 13-S., R. 29-E: E½E½ Sec. 20; E½E½ Sec. 29; Twp. 14-S., R. 27-E: S½N½ Sec. 26; SE¼NE¼ Sec. 27; Twp. 14-S., R. 28-E: E½E½ Sec. 12; E½E½ Sec. 13; Twp. 14-S., R. 29-E: Lots 3, 4, S½NW¼, S½ Sec. 5; S½S½ Sec. 4.

Twp. 15-S., R. 30-E: S½SE¼ Sec. 4; W½ Sec. 9; NE¼, S½NW¼, N½S½ Sec. 13; SE¼, S½SW¼ Sec. 14; Twp. 16-S., R. 28-E: NW¼ Sec. 27.

Twp. 18-S., R. 29-E: SE¼ Sec. 12; N½ Sec. 13; SE¼SE¼ Sec. 15; N½NE¼ Sec. 24; S½NE¼ Sec. 25; Twp. 18-S., R. 30-E: Lots 3, 4, Sec. 18; Lot 1, Sec. 19; Twp. 19-S., R. 28-E: NE¼ Sec. 13; NW¼ Sec. 22.

The oil and gas and potash minerals in all of the above land except the S½N½ Sec. 26, T. 14-S., R. 27-E, are reserved to the United States. In the S½N½ Sec. 26 T. 14-S., R. 27-E., only the potash is reserved to the U. S.

The purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the land adversely, or desiring to show any of the lands listed to be valuable for other minerals, an opportunity to file their protests against the approval of the selection.

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A well-established asparagus bed will last indefinitely with good care and fertilizing. After cutting is over let the tops grow until late in the season, then remove and burn them, and cultivate the soil between the rows. Apply manure and fertilizer after they cutting and cultivate them into the soil.

To produce a smooth, non-slippery surface on a concrete walk or feeding floor, the bureau of public roads suggests sprinkling a little sharp sand over the surface before the concrete hardens. The sand should be rubbed in lightly with a wooden float operated with a circular motion.

Since beginning in 1917 the campaign to eradicate tuberculosis of cattle, the U. S. Department of Agriculture in co-operation with state agencies, has located and slaughtered more than two-thirds of all infected cattle in the country. To-day there are fewer than 1,000,000 tuberculous cattle in the United States.

Bulls intended for heavy breeding service need some extra feed for about thirty days before and during the breeding season to be in good condition. A few pounds of grain mixture, with perhaps a little protein concentrate such as linseed meal or cake, is satisfactory. The quantity of grain should not exceed 1 pound to each 100 pounds of live weight. Usually one-half to two-thirds of this quantity is enough.

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Department Of The Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., June 17, 1931.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office Indemnity School Land Selection List No. 9463, Serial No. 044010, for the following land: SE¼SW¼, S½SE¼ Sec. 3, T. 19-S., R. 19-E., NMP

The purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the land adversely, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file their protest against the approval of the selection.

V. B. MAY, Register. 28-5t

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., May 26, 1931.

NOTICE is hereby given that Eller Shepherd, of Lake Arthur, N. Mex., who, on July 8, 1929, made homestead entry, No. 033007 for NW¼, SW¼NE¼, section 25, Township 15-S., Range 24-E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make 3 year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Dan C. Savage, U. S. Commissioner, at Roswell, N. Mex., on the 8th day of July, 1931.

Claimant names as witnesses: Monroe Howard, Everett R. King, Jesse Funk, Carroll Jackson, all of Lake Arthur, N. Mex. V. B. MAY, Register. 25-5t

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