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WASTE IN TAX SPENDING

More than half a billion dollars, or more than one-tenth of the total of expenditures of local governments in the United States represents waste, and could be saved each year without diminution, either in quality or quantity, of governmental services not rendered, according to the National Industrial Conference Board, New York. The conference board gives this figure as its minimum estimate of the amount of the public's money which is dissipated annually through faulty government organization, lack of co-ordination, inefficient budget policies and, in some cases, sheer extravagance. There are, as revealed by an investigation made by the conference board, about three-quarters of a million separate local taxing and spending units in the United States, which operate independently and whose aggregate expenditures have risen from \$1,844,000,000 in 1913 to \$5,829,000,000 in 1925, or from \$19.10 to \$50.52 per capita of population. Constitutional or statutory restrictions on tax rates or the amount of bonded indebtedness that may be incurred, the board finds, have frequently proved ineffective. Where the tax rates are restricted by law, the law often is nullified by increasing the bonded indebtedness; where both bonded indebtedness and tax rates are limited, increase in floating indebtedness has been resorted to. Definite results, however, the conference board declares, have been achieved where the details of tax levying and borrowing, and in some cases even of expenditures, are subject to the supervision and control of central bodies; such as county boards in Oregon, Oklahoma and Ohio, or state commissions as in Indiana, New Mexico and Massachusetts. Such centralized control of city, town, village, school district, park district and other local government finances, already the object of experimentation in a number of states, is the most significant development in the evolution of a general policy for regulating the heretofore largely haphazard procedure of raising and spending public funds, in the view of the conference board. The board bases its belief on the results of detailed studies of the fiscal problems in a number of individual states, particularly those of New Mexico, Indiana, California, Illinois, Delaware and New York. Wherever such detailed studies are made in states which have no system of centralized control—and most of the states have not—it is found that millions can be saved annually by better organization and improved budget policies without curtailment of the functions or services rendered by the respective governments.

Now and then, from certain disgruntled units of the population, you hear the complaint that there are too many laws in America, that you can't do this and you can't do that because you'll be slapped into jail if you do, and that personal liberty has fled from this land forever. There may be a grain of truth in what they're saying, but the other day we were reading a dispatch from Hedjaz, Arabia, and there was just a kernel of comfort in it. The monarch of the dashing desert tribes, those wild fellows who look so free and easy when you see them in the movies, has forbidden the use of tobacco among his peoples. Silk garments and perfume may not be worn. Shaving is a crime. Alcohol is taboo. There is no room in Hedjaz for reformers for Boss Ibn Saud has done his job well. The people of that country aren't "all dressed up and no place to go" because they aren't dressed up in the first place and there wouldn't be any place to go if they were, in the second place. We have lots of laws, but we don't live in Hedjaz. Anyway, we still can shave and smoke.

The city of Miami, Fla., recently staged a big celebration to mark the completion of \$300,000,000 worth of public developments and improvements. That is a tremendous sum. Want to know how it was divided? Well, \$150,000,000 has been spent on new hotels and apartments. Nearly \$100,000,000 went into new railroad facilities in and about Miami. Fifteen millions were spent on new public utilities, and \$12,000,000 more on new office buildings. Paving and bridges in the city cost another \$5,000,000. That's only a partial itemization. But it's interesting, for this reason: it proves that Miami, and the rest of Florida, must have recovered from the effects of the hurricane and the post-boom slump of a short time ago. Prosperity, apparently, has returned with a bang.

A judge in Kansas City ruled that a woman has a right to bend her husband's toes back to make him get up to go to work. The trouble is too many of the ladies turn up the mate's toes permanently.

A drunken man operating a machine gun was arrested in Chicago the other day. Even the police get disgusted sometimes with the way machine gun operators conduct themselves.

When Andy Mellon was asked if he would support Hoover for president, he replied, "In leisure there is luck." The Republicans should change the name to Mysterious Old Party.

A 12-year-old New Jersey boy pointed a rifle at teacher when she refused to give back his dice. Moral: teachers should not become involved in gambling affairs.

PRUNE
DICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES—O

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

When the
Red, red robins
Come bob, bob
Bobbin' along—
You can just
Figger that the
Sun is shinin'
In the Umpqua Valley
And the rest of
The coast is
Shovelin' snow.

Yestiddy p. m. we went to the festive encounter at the armory and yelled as loud as the next feller for the contestants to spatter blood all over the joint.

Mayor Ralston Bridges and Sheepherder Ed Young, two prominent young men of the Oakland community, were over last night to witness the various urawis and durin' the course of the evening made vigorous protests to ye ed, statin' that the N-R always names the home of each culprit arrested in the north end of the county as bein' in Oakland. They are darn sore about this, declarin' that Oakland is not a hotbed of iniquity. We're mighty sorry about this and perhaps we shouldn't even mention that the two aforementioned fellers are from Oakland. That doesn't help the town any either.

Gosh, wasn't the sun swell to-day? It caused lots more merchants to find excuses to visit the postoffice in the middle of the p. m.

The Umpqua Squaws and Chiefs will install officers tonight. Chief Umpqua Day havin' already been crowned several times. Follerin' the eulogizin' the Squaws, Chiefs, Band and drum corps will engage in a shindig, the gals without boyish bobs standin' in great danger of bein' scalped.

Fight crowds are always anxious to hang the ol' razzberry on ham-bone batters. "Lovin' Henry" Brown, who is his heyday was quite a leather-pusher, appeared again last night on the card and his erstwhile followers were hurlin' wise-cracks at him quite promiscuously. Much to their surprise, Hank stood right up and slugged with a bozo who is rated as a headliner. Somehow or other we always like to see the underdog come back. Henry showed a lotta intestinal fortitude last night.

The jurors at the trial of the directors of the Northwestern National Bank in Portland today demanded cushions be supplied for their chairs. The custodian of court property said he couldn't furnish upholstery until the matter was referred to Washington, D. C. The jury will become quite calloused to the situation by the time the goosy feathers arrive.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ—

"When young sprouts try to raise mustaches you can figger they're parents are beginnin' to wonder if it's worthwhile to raise kids."

Talcott Williams, good newspaper man, who managed Joseph Pulitzer's sensational, in dead, and probably, answerin' Joseph Pulitzer's questions in heaven.

No matter what Professor Williams tells him, Joseph Pulitzer will not be satisfied. He always was dissatisfied. That's why he succeeded.

If rich men could leave such dissatisfaction to their sons, instead of leaving them money, the sons would do better.

"Oh, nothing, just a little cold in the head." You have often heard your sniffling friend say that. Learn now, from authority, that colds in the head cost this country in lost time, doctor's bills, etc., one thousand five hundred million dollars a year.

Colds weaken the body's power to resist disease and cause, probably one-third of all deaths. There is no such thing as a "little" cold.

Come and see the B. & P. W. Club play and entertainment at card party Friday night at K. of P. hall.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Data reported by Arthur W. Pugh, Meteorologist in charge.
Barometric pressure (reduced to sea level) 30.44
Relative humidity 5 p. m. yesterday (per cent) 92
Precip. in inches and hundredths: Highest temperature yesterday 52
Lowest temperature last night 42
Average temperature for the day 47
Normal temperature for this date 42
Precipitation, last 24 hours .03
Total precip. since last month 2.37
Normal precip. for this month 2.31
Total precip. for month Sept. 1, 1927, to date 11.66
Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1927, to date 18.74
Total deficiency since Sept. 1, 1927, 4.08
Average seasonal precip. Sept. to May, inclusive 31.12
Forecast for southwest Oregon: Probably rain tonight and Friday, moderate temperature.

UMPQUA CHIEFS TO
INSTALL OFFICERS
THIS EVENING

The annual installation of officers of the Umpqua Chiefs will be held tonight at the Knights of Pythias Lodge hall, starting at 8 o'clock, instead of a joint installation, as had been planned, the two organizations will install officers at different times, the Squaws planning a social event at a later date. The squaws, however, will meet with the Chiefs this evening in the business session and social time. Members of the band and of the Umpqua Post American Legion drum corps, together with their wives, are invited guests. Motion pictures are to be presented, showing the local booster organizations at the Medford Jubilee, and this will be followed by a dance. Refreshments will be served at midnight.

BERT ACOSTA IS
JAILED WHEN HE
SAILED TOO LOW

NAUGATUCK, Conn., Jan. 25.—Bert Acosta, famous trans-Atlantic flier, was sentenced to serve five days in New Haven county jail when arraigned in borough court here today on a charge of violating the Connecticut Aircraft laws. Acosta was charged with flying low over Naugatuck yesterday, witnesses claiming that he made one attempt to maneuver his plane beneath the arch of a bridge across the Naugatuck river.

In addition to the jail sentence, Acosta was ordered to pay costs of \$19.51. Acosta was specifically charged with violation of the state aviation law which forbids an aviator to operate in airspace at less than 2,000 feet from the ground over thickly populated sections, except when ascending or descending. Acosta pleaded guilty and addressed the court in his own behalf, saying that when he arrived here he was a "little exuberant."

SPICY BITS
—OF THE—
DAY'S NEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Edw. Ney, bushy haired concert pianist, and descendant of Napoleon's marshals, is to be married in Los Angeles tomorrow to Paul Allais, secretary of a coal company and son of a Chicago clergyman. The announcement revealed that Miss Ney and William von Hoogenstraten, conductor, had been divorced in Europe last summer. But they remain the most devoted of friends.

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Helen Bender, son, Benesch, former Follies beauty, who married Aaron Benesch, Baltimore banker and merchant, last September, is seeking a divorce on the grounds of cruelty. She is 23 and he is 69. When married she said she found the average young, fashionable New York man tiresome.

LOS ANGELES.—Mabel Forrest Washburn thinks it was mental cruelty for her husband to refuse to take her to places of amusement; she says he told her to look in a mirror to learn why. She wants a divorce from Bryant Washburn, film actor.

NEW YORK.—Glenn Voliva, who is bound east on a voyage, figures that this flat earth will come to an end in 1935. He does it by arithmetic from the number of stones in the great pyramid. And to show how good he is at figuring he says that 22 years ago he had 93 cents. Now he's worth \$7,000,000.

WOOL GROWERS
VOTING BY MAIL
TO NAME OFFICERS

The annual election of directors of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers' is being conducted at the office of J. C. Hoody, county agent, at Roseburg, who is acting as supervisor of election for the southwest counties of Oregon, including Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson and Douglas.

C. L. Beckley of Dixonville, the present director, is on the ballot to succeed himself. Other candidates for director for the fifth district are: Delmer Colgrove, Brookings, Oregon, and W. E. DeFord, Ashland, Oregon.

Voting by mail is permitted and a large number of ballots have already been received by the supervisor of election. Voting in person will take place Friday afternoon, January 27, 1928, from 1:00 to 3:00 p. m.

The Pacific Wool Growers' are one of the most successful cooperative associations in the United States, handling both wool and mohair. This association has a membership of twenty-nine in Jackson county, eight in Josephine county, twenty-five in Coos county, thirty-five in Curry county, and one hundred and ninety-three in Douglas county. Douglas county has more sheep

The Business and Professional Women's Club will hold a card party in the K. of P. hall Friday night, Jan. 27th, at 8:30 prompt. Admission 35c.

CHICKEN SHOOT

At Elgarose, opposite school, Sunday, Jan. 29, beginning 10 a. m. Shells and lunch on ground.

than any other county in western Oregon, and more goats than any county in the entire state, and the growers' association has been instrumental in maintaining the price of these products, and adding to the general prosperity of Douglas county.

W. A. Karcher and O. S. Brown, of Douglas county, will act as judges of election.

All members of the Wool Growers' association are urged to cast their ballots.

"KITING" CHARGES
PRESSED BY GOV'T

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—Checks, drafts, and a mass of figures were put before the jury today in the trial of Emory Olmstead, former president of the Northwestern National Bank, and J. E. Wheeler, lumberman, jointly charged with conspiracy to violate the national banking act.

The government was seeking to prove the charge that Wheeler, with the cooperation of Olmstead, had engaged in check kiting that caused loss of \$796,514 to the bank prior to its closing and liquidation last March.

L. W. Decker, collection teller, presented the stand today to relate instances of papers that passed over his desk. Much testimony was taken relative to Wheeler checks amounting to \$225,000 which were handled thru San Francisco.

On the stand yesterday were Mark Skinner, vice president of the Northwestern National Bank, Lloyd J. Wentworth, agent for the assignees of the McCormick Lumber company, of which Mr. Wheeler was president. Mr. Skinner's testimony dealt at length with the affairs of the bank, supervision of its loans, approval of checks that were deposited for collection and with several resolutions of the board relative to Wheeler and his relations with the bank.

Skinner testified that he was not aware of the transactions carried on by the McCormick Lumber company in the reputed check "kiting" operations in 1926. He said he was not advised of the fact that this company was indebted to the bank until about the first of February, 1927.

Wentworth identified records of the McCormick Lumber company and testified that he was unable to locate statements from any of the banks mentioned in the indictment.

Decker testified that when the first Wheeler checks came back he called Wheeler's bookkeeper and was told that the matter would be taken up with Olmstead. These dishonored checks, he explained, were taken up often by other checks deposited by Wheeler and approved by Olmstead. He said that when he took the matter up personally with Olmstead he was advised by Olmstead, "I will see that they are taken care of at once."

Philip Horstman, former transit manager of the Northwest National Bank, testified today that Mark Skinner, former vice-president of the bank had ok'd certain of Wheeler's checks. On the stand yesterday, Skinner testified that he did not recall having ok'd his ok on any of the Wheeler checks. Horstman said there were four officials of the bank other than Olmstead to whom he took checks for approval.

Members of the jury today marched in a body to the office of Frank L. Buck, clerk of the federal district court, and demanded cushions on their chairs in the jury box. Buck referred them to Clarence Hotchkiss, United States marshal, who said he was powerless to provide the needed comforts. He telephoned to postmaster John M. Jones, custodian of government property, who declared that this was the first time in half a century of government trials that a jury had demanded upholstery. He said that he would have to refer the request to Washington.

MARINES ADVANCE
TO STRONGHOLD OF
GENERAL SANDINO

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 26.—American marines are advancing slowly and cautiously up the slopes of El Chipote, once the stronghold of the rebel general, Augustine Sandino.

Wherever trenches and fortifications, signs of the rebel occupation of the 5,000 foot mountain, were found, they were destroyed by the marine column under Major Archibald Young.

The object of the marines now is to drive Sandino's followers from the populated districts into uninhabitable and isolated regions where it is impossible to get food and ammunition.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 26.—Villagers inhabiting towns at the base of Mount Ometepe on the island of Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua are fleeing to the mainland, their homes imperilled by a new eruption from the volcano. In the department of Rivas, ten miles west of Ometepe, a fine ash was reported falling on the city of Rivas from the volcano and smoke and ashes were so thick the sun was hidden.

THE TINYMITES

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN—PICTURES BY KNUCK

The animals all paraded round, and made a circle on the ground. The slim man said, "See how they're trained! I guess I'm pretty good! I merely crack my whip, and then, perhaps I crack it once again. You see it makes them all behave and march just as they should."

"It's great," said Clowny. "Let me try to make them march. Now maybe I can also be a trainer. If you'll let me use your whip." "Oh, no!" replied the tall, slim man. "I am the only one who can! Besides, you don't know how, and you might make an awful slip."

The bunch agreed that he was right. Then Scouty said, "It's almost night. I wish we had a barn to keep the animals all in. To sleep outdoors is bad, I'm told. Supposin' they would all catch cold?" Poor Scouty looked so mournful that it made the slim man grin.

"To think of them is kind," said he. "You wish to help them? Let me see. Why don't you build a little barn? I'm very sure you could. If big enough, 'twill be just right for all of us throughout the night. The thought of sleeping 'neath a roof to me sounds very good."

Then little Carpy said, "Well, now, we'll build it if you'll tell us how. There are no sticks of wood round. Whatever can we use?" The slim man thought. "Use mud!" he cried. "At least a mud house can be tried. Come on, you little Tynymites, there is no time to lose."

And so the bunch ran here and there, and found soft mud most everywhere. "Just pile it high," the slim man said. "I'll start to build a wall. We'll work and work, and will not stop until a roof is



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE on the top. I'll pack it good and the next story.) solid, too, just so it cannot fall." (Copyright, 1928, NEA Service. The mud house is finished in Inc.)

COAST CONFERENCE
GAMES WILL SHOW
STRENGTH OF TEAMS

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 26.—Four teams—Oregon, Oregon State, Washington and Montana—still remain undefeated in the race for Pacific coast basketball honors, and all four go into action this weekend. Washington plays Oregon State at Corvallis, and Montana meets Idaho at Moscow on Friday. Montana meets Washington State at Pullman, and Washington meets Oregon at Eugene on Saturday. The California teams rest this weekend.

Washington's decisive victory over Idaho last night by the score of 27 to 19 sends the Huskies up another notch as favorites in the conference race. Oregon State beat Idaho by three points while Oregon turned the trick on the Vandals by six points. Washington will get a real test when the Huskies invade the Oregon territory. Two games on successive nights with Oregon State and Oregon will just about tell the comparative strength of the three teams which, according to early season predictions, should be in the running for the championship. Montana will bump up against a tough one when the Grizzlies meet Idaho in the Moscow chess box. Idaho has been next to unbeatable on her own floor in the past.

hold a pie social and candy sale at the Green school house on Friday evening, Jan. 27th. Everybody come and help in this good way.

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