

Somehow We're Sort of Losing Interest in Buying

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## IT AIN'T BEING DONE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We listened Tuesday to a man with old-fashioned ideas about government.

Giles French, state representative from Sherman county, and one of the state's foremost authorities on taxation, made a plea for "simple" government, as he spoke to the Roseburg Kiwanis club.

Why, Giles, "simple government" is strictly *passé* in these days of agencies, bureaus, departments, administrations, boards, services, authorities, etc. and etc.!

Representative French even spoke of people "providing security by their own industry."

See what we mean by old-fashioned!

The Sherman county Representative is preparing to campaign for reapportionment of the state legislature through an amendment to the State Constitution, which would provide for the election of one senator from each county, regardless of population, with representatives apportioned according to the population of each county as shown by the 1950 census. He proposes, in other words, to follow the pattern by which Congress is organized.

Under such setup, Senators represent geographical AREA while Representatives represent PEOPLE.

This system is supposed to protect minorities through equal representation in one legislative department, while majorities have their influence in the other.

Oregon's existing system, in which both Senators and Representatives are supposedly apportioned according to population, provides no minority protection, which is the principal reason why reapportionment, as required by the Constitution, has failed at session after session of the legislature. To apportion according to existing constitutional requirements would place the entire state at the mercy of Multnomah county.

Representative French also urges more taxes at the local level and fewer at higher levels.

Of course, Giles comes from a small town in a sparsely-settled county, and even though he is an editor, is not to be criticized for being so completely out of date.

Modern fashion, Giles, is to tell the people that you are "soaking the rich," gather in the crowds and then pick pockets.

By accumulating corporation taxes, excise taxes, withholding taxes, luxury taxes etc., then telling the people that it's the rich who are being soaked, it becomes possible to rob the poor dupes while they applaud. When the sucker buys a new automobile, paying 25 per cent of the purchase price in pyramided taxes, he blames the manufacturer for high prices instead of venting his spleen on government.

Letting people know about taxes is entirely outmoded. It's much smarter to withhold at the source. Then the boss has to boost the "take-home" pay and the employee doesn't realize how much tax he is paying. But he can beat his gums about the high cost of living, when the employer has to pass on the tax charge by increasing the sale price of his merchandise.

Of course, Giles, back in the wheat country you wouldn't know about these more "refined" methods of government.

And Mr. French spoke of the fact that "people are not interested in government."

Certainly not!

Why should anyone be interested in government when the Great Father back in Washington is so paternally interested in the welfare of the "peepul"?

When we can get paid for not working, get money for not growing wheat, have cheap housing, subsidized "vittles," free schools, socialized medicine, etc., why worry about government? The Great Father will provide—he says so—if only an obstreperous Congress will let him.

It certainly is old-fashioned to be talking about simple government, earned security, tax economy and responsible citizenship in these days. It just ain't being done. It dates one!

### Barkley Romance Builds Laughs At Democratic Meet

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26—(P)—Vice-President Barkley kept alive today the romantic speculation linking his name with a pretty St. Louis widow.

And he took obvious delight in being introduced as "the squire of Paducah and the new spirit of St. Louis."

It all happened before several hundred Democrats Wednesday night in the Hotel Mayflower ballroom when the genial "Veep" spoke at a dinner of the national committee.

The widow, 37-year-old Mrs. Carleton Hadley, wasn't present. Her name was not even mentioned. But she was very much in everybody's mind when retiring national chairman J. Howard McGrath introduced the 71-year-old Barkley.

The "Veep" threw back his head and laughed as heartily as anyone in the room at McGrath's reference to St. Louis.

"This," Barkley responded when quiet had been restored, "is the hour I long have sought and mourned because I found it not."

He told the crowd he had "called up Missouri on the long-distance telephone and she asked me to give you her personal regards."

He went on to say that "there has always been an inseparable connection between Kentucky and Missouri" and "it looks like it's going to continue." He added: "That's what I hope."

### Military Payroll Reduction Ordered By Truman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26—(P)—President Truman Thursday described payroll cuts as part of an economy move under government reorganization.

He told a news conference that Secretary of Defense Johnson ordered dismissal of 135,000 civilian employees under direct instructions from him.

Mr. Truman added that he would not be deterred by protests from some members of Congress from going through with the curtailment.



## Scams from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

Olof Erickson, still in his teens, took passage in a small boat plying the Washington coast, carrying on his back everything he considered necessary to establish himself in his wilderness home.

He had never seen the 160 acres which he had just acquired, in 1888, but he lost no time in setting out. There would be days on foot through unknown wilderness inhabited only by Indians, not always, by report, friendly Indians.

When he left the boat at dusk one evening he went only as far as a big spruce, and slept on the bare ground under it. Next day carrying his heavy pack he set out. Since he was a sailor he had in his pockets a knife, a compass and a chart. But the line on the chart was easier to follow than the river! At times he waded shoulder-deep in the middle of the stream, because the brush was well-nigh impenetrable. Often he slipped and fell into deep holes.

In his pack an axe, a file, shovel, pick, blanket, extra pair of overalls, frying pan, tin plate, tin mug, fork, spoon, fishhooks and a line, box of matches, five pounds of bread, five of flour, five of bacon, one small can of pepper and two pounds of salt.

So this year the Publications Press of Seattle published "Barth Ar-Kell" by Svante Lofgren, the story of that stout-hearted youth, Olof Erickson, who ran away from his Swedish home at the age of 12—to sea, of course! but also to "dig for gold!"—and arrived in 1881 at Seattle by way of Australia and New Zealand and England.

I found the author-graphed copy my friend Mrs. F. H. lent me interesting indeed. It is an adult book but it could be a book for the boy in his teens, too! And—it's true.

In time he conquered the definitely unfriendly Indians by fair play, tact, and a genuine desire to have them trust him. That was how he became, in the Quillayute tongue, "Barth Ar-Kell," white bear. Eventually he was given honors by the people of his own race, too, and now is a prominent business man in Port Angeles.

When Svante Lofgren, who lives on Stuart Island, wrote an article for the American Swedish Historical Year Book, somehow he left out the name of Olof Erickson, and was promptly told about it by that gentleman. Said Svante Lofgren, "I'll write a white book about you!" So he did.

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## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

OREGONIANS PROBUDENT (Medford Mail Tribune)  
The amount of money distributed among life insurance beneficiaries in Oregon this year will reach a surprising new high total, according to figures supplied by the Institute of Life Insurance. A total of \$5,892,000 in the shape of death benefit payments went to families in this state during the first half of 1949.

Reflecting the growing use of life insurance by the American people to establish their family security plans, it is pointed out that the above total compares with \$3,495,000 in the corresponding period of last year and \$3,172,000 in the first half of 1948.

For the nation as a whole the mortality among policyholders is at or near a record low rate, but despite this, death benefits paid in the first half of this year are 48 per cent greater than in the same period of 1941.

The institute's report shows many more people are now protected by insurance and those who are insured own, on the average, considerably more today. The past 18 months have seen an unprecedented expansion in life insurance, the institute reports. Whether this insurance demand is due to better economic conditions, fear of bad times to come, a desire for safe investment or better salesmanship on the part of the life insurance salesman, the institute does not attempt to say.

Now there are many people who think Miss Kellems is merely a publicity seeker and that her fight "agin' the government" is ridiculous and that she deserves whatever punishment she may get. We do not take that view—and we do not endorse some of the lady's more rabid notions about government. In THIS CASE, she has raised a point which is of utmost concern to all of us, and we will state it this way:

"How far can our constitutional guarantees of PUBLIC TRIAL IN OPEN COURT be set aside in the expansion of what is known as Administrative Law?"

To be sure, Miss Kellems can now bring suit to recover her money, and she may win, but it will probably cost her many times the amount involved, and—that is exactly why the abuses of Administrative Law are creeping up on all of us fast—because the average victim CANNOT AFFORD TO FIGHT!

Did you know that right here in Eugene, not only under the

federal tax laws, but under OPA, the Wage and Hours Administration and other federal agencies, thousands of dollars have been assessed and collected WITHOUT SEMBLANCE OF DUE PROCESS? (We could name an individual who found his place of business padlocked and heavy penalties assessed because his tax return was late, not through any fault of his own but through a mistake in Uncle Sam's post-office.)

On the whole we approve of income taxes and of the withholding method of collection despite the burdens placed on employers, but we do NOT subscribe to the increasingly high-handed tactics of federal agents charged with enforcement. We believe Administrative Law to be highly necessary in this modern age, but it MUST be equipped with the safeguards of due process in convenient courts.

(Oregon's Supreme Court Justice Rossman is on a special committee of the American Bar Association which is seeking to correct grave abuses which have grown up.)

Miss Kellems has her faults but in this case she is waging a patriotic fight. Oregon born, she has inherited a lot of pioneer spunk.

OREGON'S GREAT FOREST INDUSTRY (Oregon City Enterprise)  
How important it is to use every means to protect from forest fires, ruthless cutting and blights the forest industry of Oregon was revealed this week.

Forest Engineer W. D. Hagenstein told the Institute of North-west Resources meeting in Corvallis at Oregon State college the \$1,500,000,000 worth of forest products manufactured in 1948 by Oregon and Washington is 50 per cent more than the income brought into the two states by agriculture. Mr. Hagenstein emphasized:

1. That 80 percent of the average Oregon-Washington ocean cargo and 55 percent of rail freight is lumber;

2. The average hourly wage in the forest product industry now is the highest of any heavy industry in the world;

3. That today there are nearly 250,000 wage earners directly affected by forest products manufacture; and

4. That Oregon continues No. 1 in the nation as a lumber producer, a position it has held since 1938 when Washington slipped to second.

This brief but potent statement by Mr. Hagenstein gives quick understanding also to the expensive work now being done by large forest product industries, including paper mills, in developing tree farms and using the sustained yield plan of forest harvesting. To maintain the forest growth of Oregon could easily be considered the No. 1 industrial responsibility of its citizens. By the year, 2000, as the forest engineers of the Crown Zellerbach corporation have pointed out, we shall know how successful our tree planting and sustained yield cutting program is. Mr. Hagenstein's figures should make an indelible impression on the public, particularly upon many young people as the forest resource is their main heritage.

Non-Support Charge Hits Quadruplets' Father  
PORTLAND, Aug. 26—(P)—L. D. Tigner, father of Portland's 3-year-old quadruplets, was bound over to the grand jury Thursday on a charge of non-support.

His wife had signed the complaint. The quads themselves have an independent income from advertising, but she said Tigner failed to maintain the other children.

Tigner, who replied that he could find a job, was released on his own recognizance.

Young eels are so transparent that printed matter could be read through their bodies.

## In the Day's News

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SHOULD do is to "weed out soft snags, flunky positions and baby sitters."

Senator Pepper, of Florida, shakes his head in disapproval and comments: "Not only are 135,000 breadwinners losing their jobs, but the grocery store on the corner, the landlords and the merchants will be affected too."

GLOOMY predictions of the terrible things that will happen to us as a result of this move to spend less came from many senators and representatives, Republicans and Democrats alike. From the communities where the affected installations are located there will come howls like those of a wounded wolf.

Everybody will want the savings to be made SOMEWHERE ELSE.

PERSONALLY, I'm pleased. I feel as strongly as I can feel about anything that unless our government quits spending more than it takes in, so that we can begin to reduce our national debt instead of increasing it steadily year after year, we will go broke. We must keep this straight in our minds: Nothing else that can happen to us can be as bad as national bankruptcy.

How do you feel about it?

HERE is a suggestion: If you feel, as I do, that we simply MUST reduce the cost of government even if it does result in some temporary dislocations and readjustments, sit down and write to your congressman and your senators about it. Tell them in simple, plain language how you feel. Make it clear to them that you have been worried by all this spending which keeps us going farther every day into debt.

The good Lord knows they will need all the encouragement of this sort they can get. From chambers of commerce, from service clubs, from civil organizations of all sorts there will come protests of the strongest kind. To thousands of good (but short-sighted) people in places where there are military installation that will be affected, it will seem that a terrible calamity is being precipitated.

The members of Congress will be under the strongest kind of pressure to go on spending. If you truly believe that the dangers of continued government spending for things that can be done without far outweigh any possible, temporary benefits that are involved, don't fail to write your congressman and your senators.

They will need your backing.

"Fountain Pen" Proves Tear Gas; Damages Asked  
DALLAS, Ore., Aug. 26—(P)—Cecil E. Jayne borrowed a pen to write a check at a service station and he wants \$10,000 for what happened.

He says, in a circuit court complaint against Kenneth Blatchley, station operator, that last May 14 he asked for a pen so he could pay a tire-changing bill. The operator, he says, told him to get it out of the cash register.

He did, and what he picked up as a fountain pen turned out to be a tear gas gun. It went off. Jayne says vision of his left eye was damaged.

Now you Know!  
The answers to everyday insurance problems.  
By KEN BAILEY

QUESTION: Is there any kind of insurance which covers parents' legal liability for damage caused by a boy while riding his bicycle? A little neighbor boy rode out of his driveway and ran into a woman who was passing by. The boy's parents offered to pay the minor medical bills but the injured woman, whose nephew is an attorney, has brought suit for large damages.

ANSWER: This case is another in which Comprehensive Personal Liability insurance would give full protection. Not only would the insurance company cover the insured's legal liability up to the face amount of the policy, it would also defend the suit against him, saving him great expense. The small premium for this type of insurance is well spent.

If you'll address your own insurance questions to this office, we'll try to give you the correct answers and there will be no charge or obligation of any kind.

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NEW POLIO CASES  
 PORTLAND, Aug. 26—(P)—Seven new cases of infantile paralysis were reported in Oregon last week, the State Board of Health announced.  
 One of the stricken persons—an 8-year-old girl living in Multnomah county—died, bringing Oregon's polio death toll for the year to seven. So far this year 81 cases have been reported.  
 Four of the seven cases recorded last week were in Lane county.  
 Pearls are sometimes formed around worms.

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