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ANOTHER BILLION DOLLAR CONGRESS.

With the adjournment of congress and a footing up of the expenditures that were ordered made it was found that in round numbers the amount figures to \$1,074,000. When the first congress adjourned that spent a billion dollars it created considerable talk over the land for the expenditure of so much money seemed extravagant.

Now, things are different. The country is more densely populated and demands are greater on the treasury, but probably the chief reason why there is little comment is because the United States has acquired the spending habit. From the capitalist to the newsboy every individual in the country is a good spender. He believes in keeping the coin in circulation. So when congress makes heavy appropriations a few may offer criticism but the great majority think it is all right and pay little attention to the matter.

This session has accomplished a great deal, but it has been through the efforts of President Taft more than through either branch of congress. Quite true everything has to go through the hands of congress, but Taft had a way of making it go through that was admirable and he created no flurry in doing it, either.

In the short time that he has been president more bills of major importance have become laws than most people think, until they investigate closely. But there has been no brass band music, no loud talk and no desire on the part of the president to seek the spot light. Taft is one of the most able presidents this country has ever had. Appreciation for his work has not yet asserted itself but it will come. He is not the kind of a man who appeals to mere worshippers, but he is the kind that works every day in the year and each day accomplishes something for his people.

And, although this is a billion dollar congress; although it has been full of blustering from insurgents and regulars, as each faction may call itself, the fact remains that with Taft's ability to steer the ship of state the congress accomplished considerable before it adjourned.

CARRYING LA GRANDE'S MESSAGE

This morning a delegation of business men started over the county in automobiles to carry La Grande's message of welcome and good cheer to all whom they may see. They will invite everyone to be present at the Chautauqua gathering—to come early and stay late.

In fulfilling this duty the business men are voicing the community's sentiment and wish, for La Grande will be host for thousands during the early part of July and it will be the greatest pleasure possible to make everyone feel at home and welcome.

Today the automobile crowd will visit Hot Lake, Union and Cove. Each community will do something on a certain day to advertise itself. For instance, Cove will be asked to bring a cherry display and on that day the Chautauqua will pay strict attention to the cherry growing industry of the valley, and of Cove in particular.

Tomorrow the same crowd of business men will visit Imbler, Elgin and Summerville. The same broad invitation will be extended to that portion of the valley and the same cordial welcome will be extended. Before the end of the week delegations will visit Baker City and Pendleton, so that by Saturday evening the Chautauqua gathering will not only

be well advertised through newspapers, but it will also have been carried by word of mouth to every precinct within reach of La Grande.

CONGRESSIONAL WISDOM ON THE COST OF LIVING.

"The mountain labored—and it brought forth a laughable mouse." One thinks of the old maxim as he reads the report of the congressional committee appointed last winter to ascertain the reasons for the increase in the cost of living. The temptation to apply the saying to the report is strong, says the Spokesman-Review. The committee tells nothing, separately, that was not known already. The report's chief value lies in the assembling of the many individual causes of the increase of the cost of living. There is also a minor usefulness in some of its negative statements.

The republican majority of the committee claims that the Dingley and Aldrich tariffs were not a "material factor in causing the advance in prices," since 1900, but acknowledges that "many industrial combinations by manufacturing or controlling a majority of the output, are able to exercise some control over prices." The poor see no difference between such combinations and trusts, and consider both the main cause of high prices.

Other noteworthy causes named by the majority of the committee include increases in the farmers facilities for banking, which enable the farmers to steady and raise prices, increased cost of distribution, as when Madame Housewife has the grocer and butcher deliver at her door; increased quantities of gold; rising standards of comfort and storage of food.

The report would have been more helpful if it had suggested remedies. The one implied in "wilful waste makes woeful want," might be employed advantageously. The people and legislatures of the entire world need a course of study in the truth inculcated by "Poor Richard's Almanac."

Marse Henry Watterson deplors the agitation now going on for woman suffrage. And Marse Henry is not alone in this matter, for there is nothing in it but trouble for the ladies, and most of them have plenty of trouble now.

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She Gave Him an Answer.

A business man said to his wife at dinner: "Here is a riddle for you, my dear. Why is a husband like dough?" The answer to this riddle was, "Because a woman needs him." The business man expected his wife to give the riddle up or else to guess that answer. But his wife said calmly: "Why is a husband like dough, eh? Well, I suppose it's because he's so hard to get off one's hands."

Wintergreen Oil From Birch.

Oil of wintergreen was formerly distilled from the leaves of the wintergreen or checkerberry plant, but almost all of the natural oil on the market now is said to be obtained from sweet birch, a tree growing at its best in the southern Appalachian mountains. The bark alone is used for the distillation of the oil, and it is essential that it be green, for if it is allowed to dry out before distilling it becomes worthless for the production of oil. Steam is used in the process of distillation, the oil being extracted from the bark by the steam rising through the still. The oil and condensed water are collected in glass jars.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story — How Bunny Lost His Tail



The Latest Style From Paris

"NOW, lambkins," said daddy as Jack and Evelyn got comfortably settled on his lap for their bedtime story. "I am going to tell you tonight about the mischievous little rabbit and how he lost his tail."

"Did poor Bunny cry, daddy, when he lost it?" asked Evelyn. "Deed he did, dear. But, most of all, it hurt his pride, for he was very very proud of it. And now for our tale about the tail that was lost."

"Well, once upon a time years and years ago there was a little rabbit with such a pretty pink nose and such bright black eyes that all the other rabbits were awfully jealous of his good looks. But especially was he handsome because of his long, bushy tail, the longest and bushiest in all Rabbitville."

"Bunny used to take good care of himself, too, and, unlike some little folks I know, never ate too much candy or too many jam tarts or too many bananas, so that he was never sick and made to take bitter medicine. He always felt so jolly and well that he couldn't help playing tricks on the others. That was what cost him his tail."

"One day while chasing a fat mouse through the woods he came to an old farmer taking a nap under a tree, and, as usual, he had rather play tricks than eat. So he let the little fat mouse go, softly crept up through the tall grass and with his long, bushy tail began to tickle the old man's nose. In a moment or two the farmer opened one eye and began to sneeze and scold the flies that he thought were bothering him."

"This amused Bunny, and every time the farmer closed his eyes and began to snore the bushy tail would tickle his nose again, and he would sit up and wave his hands and slap his face and 'ahoo' the flies. But the game was carried too far. At last the man saw the laughing Bunny and, waiting his chance caught him by the tail, which he cut off with his jackknife."

"Poor, frightened little Bunny was then let go, and he hurried home, heart-broken. When the other rabbits saw him they laughed and jeered and called him 'Bobtail,' and for a whole week he would not leave his hole in the ground."

"Did he die of a broken heart, daddy?" asked Jack sympathetically.

"Not he, dear. Bunny was a wise little chap, and when he did come out and was called 'Bobtail' again he only held his head high and said that it was the latest style from Paris. Then all the other rabbits, not to be behind the style and in order that they might keep up the credit of the Bunny tribe, cut off their tails, too, and from that time on no rabbit that did not have its tail short had any standing in the rabbit family. So you see that people are not the only ones who have fashions."

The kiddies scrooched around daddy's knees, and Evelyn said that the bunnies were lucky, because they didn't have to change their styles.

Married Saturday Evening.

Wm. Saller, a local fireman, and Miss Pearle Bearden, were married at 7:15 last Saturday evening at the Baptist church parsonage, Rev. Frank Gray officiating. The couple left for Seattle on a wedding tour and will be at home in La Grande on their return.

Lecture Tonight.

George C. Miller will lecture tonight at the L. D. S. church on "Character Building." At the conclusion, readings of children's skulls will take place to illustrate the lecture. The lecture is free.

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