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The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. — Psalm 121: 5.

SPENDING STATE MONEY

Everybody understands, by this time, the urgent necessity of wiping out the deficit in the federal treasury.

Unfortunately, the publicity this deficit has received has made governmental economy seem to be almost exclusively a federal affair. The part it should play in state governments has been overlooked.

It is odd that this should be so; for over-spending at the state capital will hit the average citizen much more quickly, and painfully, than will over-spending at Washington.

A business man, for instance, may pay Uncle Sam \$20 per year in income taxes, and he will object strenuously if this is raised to \$30. But his state will collect an equal sum from him annually in gasoline taxes alone, and he will hardly know, offhand, whether the gasoline tax has gone up or down lately.

Similarly, if he owns his home, his state, city and county governments will collect from \$200 to \$500 a year from him. Care-free spending at the state capital can add \$10 or \$20 a year to that sum very easily. Yet he will pay little or no attention to what his state legislature does, while he will groan piteously if Congress boosts his income tax.

All of this emphasizes the value of a survey made recently by the Alexander Hamilton Institute showing how state indebtedness has increased in the last few years.

In 1915, for instance, the total indebtedness of all the state governments was approximately half a billion dollars. At the end of 1930 it was just under two and a half billion. In 1915 the states' debts amounted to \$5.41 per capita; today they stand at \$20.04.

Governmental economy, in other words, is something that state as well as national legislators need to think about. These figures show that ordinarily they fail to do so. If retrenchment is imperatively needed at Washington, the same is no less true at every state capital.

LOW-COST ROADS IMPORTANT

Bernard E. Gray, Highway Engineer, contributed an interesting article on low-cost farm-to-market roads, in an issue of the Manufacturer's Record some weeks ago. He says:

"What a paradox! A country able to produce a surplus of all agricultural products, with prices at give-away levels, so that the farmer is in distress, and yet with people in actual want in the cities. . . . Inadequate facilities for distribution and bad roads are a very large factor in this situation.

"What are low-cost roads?" asks Mr. Gray. "They are roads surfaced with top soil, sand, clay, shale, chert, cinders, gravel, crushed stone or similar materials so placed on properly graded and drained road beds as to give year-round service.

"During the past few years engineering research and science has developed inexpensive methods of treating these surfaces with asphalt so as to prevent dust and mud, reduce wear and roughness and, at the same time, give smooth, non-skid roadways. . . . with low costs. As traffic increases, it is necessary to add only a small additional thickness. All preceding work is saved for further use. Employment is given to local labor in the preparation of materials."

The low-cost road problem is one which every community must consider.

DETECTIVE HELD PRISONER FOR 6 HOURS IN AUTO

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whereabouts and connection with the kidnaping case. Riley shot himself through the head as police broke into his hotel room. He died soon afterward.

The hunt for the kidnaped La Vina and his captor was intensified after police headquarters received a telephone call from the missing detective under circumstances indicating duress. Peace officers throughout the valley area were warned to guard roads.

Five times the elusive kidnaper's car was seen. Finally a police squad spotted it opposite Capital park and fired upon it. Darrell scrambled from the car and started to run. La Vina struck him over the head with a flashlight and captured him.

Darrell said he kept the detective prisoner because he wanted to learn what had happened to Riley. Darrell said he was released from the Washington state penitentiary last June after serving five years for robbery in Seattle. The police here had no record for Riley.

The two valves of the giant clam weigh 800 pounds.

LA GRANDE BAND PREPARING FOR COMING CONCERT

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The band program will be an arrangement of "Show Boat" recently obtained from England by the band. This selection contains many of the better known excerpts from "Show Boat" including "O Man River" and is harmonized in the modern style which makes the number extremely popular with the younger folks especially.

The band has been under constant organization since being cut off from the city budget in September and the loyalty of the members to the people of La Grande exhibited by their willingness to continue under adverse conditions has been the subject of much favorable comment around town and has won for them many new friends.

Everyone is urged to attend this concert of the band which should prove one of the outstanding musical events of the winter months. Director Loney has expressed a particular desire to see a large assemblage of younger people at the concert as he has gone to considerable effort in preparing a program that will appeal to their tastes.

He Is Away

I cannot say, and I will not say that he is dead—he is just away. With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land.
And left us dreaming how very fair it needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return —
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, I say!
He is not dead — he is just away!
— James Whitcomb Riley

DENTAL CLINIC CONDUCTED HERE

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which many states in the union have initiated.

Children Need Attention
Ninety-eight per cent of the school children need dental attention, according to statistics. Dr. Sweet believes. If children received proper attention there would be no adult dentistry, and it is the work of the specialist to help dentists in localities throughout the state to prepare themselves for child dentistry, and to educate the parents and the teachers who will be responsible for keeping the children's teeth in good condition. Between the ages of two and 13 years, a child should receive dental attention every four months, after which they pass the years of childhood. Dr. Sweet stated. The "four months rule" would be a blessing to the dentist and to the children, he said.

The economic phase of children's health was discussed by Dr. Sweet last night following the dinner at the Sacajawea Inn at 6:30. Seventy-five per cent of the absences from school and 75 per cent of the failures are due to ill health and are responsible for a great economic loss since the children who fall because of ill health must be re-educated another year, entailing a great expense to the state. Dr. Sweet believes that since seven out of every 10 diseases enter through the mouth, that a clean oral cavity, which includes the mouth, ears and nose, would decrease the number of illnesses which would in turn decrease the number of failures and re-educated children, putting money into the state's pockets, which could be expended for child health nurses and other improvements.

Children can be taken care of over a ten-year period for prevention at one-half the cost, necessary if they are taken for curative treatment, he declared.

Dr. Sweet held a practical clinic today in the office of Dr. A. M. Moore in the Sacajawea annex, and has been demonstrating methods on children for the benefit of Eastern Oregon dentists.

The Eastern Oregon dental society went on record last night as recommending to the state board that this district have nationally known men in city clinics instead of in state-wide clinics.

SPAULDING DEFENDS COURSE
SALEM, Feb. 9 (AP)—Before he becomes a "yes" man for the Oregon highway commission he will leave the commission, Senator Charles K. Spaulding of Salem, informed the Kiwanis club in a noonday address during which he defended his position taken at the meeting of the highway commission in Portland last week. Proceedings of that session were debated upon by the speaker, who declared that because he opposed the purchase of additional park acreage in the face of existing unemployment he was accused of "creating a row" by other members of the commission.

Both Rube Williams, of the San Mateo polo team and his pony were knocked unconscious in a recent game in California against Cypress Point.

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UNION PERSONALS

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill (Observer Correspondent)
UNION (Special)—About 40 Epworth Leaguers met at the home of Mrs. Viola Parker for choir practice Saturday evening and enjoyed a social hour and lunch served by the hostess. The Epworth League services Sunday evening were attended by a large crowd. Dorothy Posey had charge of the program, which consisted of the stories of how certain hymns happened to be composed, and the hymns were afterwards sung by the choir. Next Sunday special services for Lincoln Sunday will be given in the morning and evening. The regular meeting of the Women's club last Thursday brought out a large crowd in spite of bad weather. Mrs. Alec Slater had charge of the patriotic program which opened with a salute to the flag followed by our national hymn, "Star Spangled Banner" sung by the audience. Miss Margaret Callihan gave a very interesting paper on Washington's Mount Vernon home, as it now appears to visitors. She showed pictures of the various rooms and their furniture, much of which is the same as used by Washington. Mrs. Edith Phylang "Promise of Life" after which Miss Alice Cadwell gave some intimate glimpses into the home life of Washington. Mrs. Merton Davis gave a brief talk on early music of the Colonial times and sang "Ben Bolt" and "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground." Mrs. Edith Phylang played a patriotic solo "Hail, Columbia!" The program was closed with a short talk by Mrs. Slater on "Washington at Home."

The hostess committee consisted of Mrs. G. P. Hall, Mrs. F. A. Goodbrod and Mrs. Ellis Hess.

Mrs. Biz Rode has been quite ill for the past month and has been confined to her bed most of the time.

Mrs. Sarah Caggar, Miss DeVinney and Miss Fries, of Hot Lake, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook Sunday evening.

J. P. Larsen, father of Mrs. Orvel Jensen, who suffered a stroke of paralysis about a week ago, is very low. His oldest son, Murray, arrived from Los Angeles the last of the week.

Mrs. Fannie Bidwell went to La Grande on Saturday and is a guest at the Walter Reuter home.

Mrs. Fred Nudine, of Island City, is visiting at the home of her father, Sam Haynes.

Mrs. Viola Parker and Mrs. Louisa Burwell were complimented at the meeting of the Women's Relief Corps Saturday with a fine lunch served by Mrs. Mae Scott and Mrs. Lillie Cross. The special surprise was a token of appreciation for their long services as organist and patriotic instructor. The next regular meeting will be an all-day session with a covered-dish luncheon at noon followed by a patriotic program put on by members of the La Grande corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loennek, of Haines, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell Saturday evening.

Mrs. Rachel Bidwell went to North Powder Monday for a visit.

Clas. Shelton, Portland attorney, has been visiting his mother Mrs. Anna Barber, for the past three weeks. Mrs. Shelton is visiting a sister in Seattle.

WHITE FLOWER TOQUES
NEW FOR MID-SEASON

FAIRS (AP)—Tiny toques made entirely of white flowers are a new hat vogue for mid-season. White velvet violets and white velvet forget-me-nots are the blooms most often used. The hats are generally worn to tea or to the theater.

State Rescues Fish
SACRAMENTO, Cal. (AP)—The rescue division of California's fish and game commission saved 7,038,972 fish last year by transferring them from drying pools and streams.

BOBSLED RECORD SHATTERED TWICE

Capadrutt Does it First, Then American Team Lowers His Mark Today

OLYMPIC BOBSLED COURSE, Lake Placid, N. Y., Feb. 9 (AP)—Reto Capadrutt, youngest of the Olympic bobsled contestants, broke the world's record for the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Olympic bobsled run today when he took his rope-driven, white Swiss sled down the hazardous course in 2:05:08 in the first heat. The previous record was 2:09 held by J. Hubert Stevens of Lake Placid, whose time for his first run today was 2:13:10.

The Swiss record did not stand for long as the American team of Hubert Stevens and Arthur Adams flashed down the slide in 2:04:2.

By Edward J. Nell (Associated Press Sports Writer)
LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Feb. 9 (AP)—Still exulting in victory such as the United States never before had known in speed skating, the throngs bulging the little village of Lake Placid turned again to the bob run slide on hazardous Mt. Van Hoevenberg and the problem of the queer quirks of weather that have plagued the 1932 winter Olympics.

But even the weather, after wiping out the scheduled start of the two-man bobs yesterday and then relenting to thaw and soften ice on the skating rink, could not maintain its vagaries long enough to deprive the United States of the last of a series of conquests such as the winter Olympics never have seen.

First Clean Sweep
Irving Jaffe, ace of American distance skaters, sped to his second Olympic championship in the 10,000 meters final, giving the United States its first clean sweep of four speed skating races in the history of the Olympic competition.

The 13 two-man bob teams of Australia, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, France, Romania, Italy and the United States were ready again to dare the steep slopes of Mt. Van Hoevenberg. Weather conditions and visibility were favorable.

Canada and the United States pulled farther away from the hockey opposition of Poland and Germany last night and seemed certain to battle for the Olympic championship Saturday, the final day of the games.

Canada so far has beaten the United States once, Germany twice, and Poland once. The United States has beaten Poland twice and Germany once. Last night the United States beat Poland and Canada conquered Germany, both by 5-0 scores.

Dempsey Defeats Everett, Roper

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 9 (AP)—Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion, easily outpointed two opponents in four rounds of exhibition boxing here last night.

With the left hook that won him fame in his heyday, Dempsey knocked Buck Everett of Gary, Ind., and Jack Roper, Los Angeles, all over the ring. His popularity at the box office netted him approximately \$6000.

Everett and Roper each hit the canvas under the blows of the former champion. Everett was down three times for the count of nine. Roper fared somewhat better, falling only once under a short left hook.

Third Death In Indiana Boxing Ring In 7 Days

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 9 (AP)—Boxing in Indiana claimed its third victim within a week last night with the death at Kokomo of Wilbur Russell, 29, an amateur. The other two who died were professionals.

Russell fell just before the end of the first round of his scheduled three-round bout with George Scott at Kokomo last Wednesday. He walked to his corner, but was unable to continue. A coroner's report attributed death to edema of the brain. Scott was under technical arrest today pending a grand jury investigation.

The other deaths in Hoosier ring circles were those of Bud Hughes, 17, of Rockport, Ind., who died soon after he collapsed during a fight at Evansville last Tuesday night, and Johnny Fagg, 22, of Clinton, Ind., who died at Indianapolis Thursday night after a bout here last Tuesday.

Herbert E. Wilson, Marion county prosecutor, announced last night that an affidavit charging Al Holden of Worcester, Mass., Fagg's opponent, with involuntary manslaughter, would be dismissed in municipal court today.

BOXER GIVES CONCERT TO FILL OUT PROGRAM

BARNESLEY, England (AP)—Dom Volante, Liverpool boxer, likes to give a crowd its money's worth. He knocked out his opponent in 20 seconds, and when he reached his dressing room it occurred to him that

COUGARS WILL PLAY OREGON AT EUGENE

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 9 (AP)—The league leading Washington State Cougar basketball team moves to the coast this weekend for its first appearance west of Pullman this season.

Friday and Saturday the Cougars meet Oregon at Eugene and Monday and Tuesday they move to Corvallis for two games with Oregon State college, after which they return to Moscow for a game with Idaho after Idaho, those against Washington at Seattle Feb. 25 and 27.

In the first nine games, all played at Pullman or Moscow, the Cougars dropped one, that to Oregon early in the season.

Couach Jack Freil probably will take his squad west Wednesday night.

PIKE PREDOMINATES AT EUGENE WEDDING

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pink was prominent at the fashionable wedding of Miss Victoria Stuart Tytus to Lawrence Coolidge.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, where the reception was held, was filled with pink azaleas and begonias. The bridesmaids were attired in pink georget with little velvet jackets of American Beauty rose shade with velvet toques to match.

Coast Teams Scent Cash In Training Near Large Cities

SEATTLE (AP)—When the Pacific Coast league training season opens around March 1, seven of the eight teams in the circuit will be bunched around San Francisco and Los Angeles in order to "clean up" with exhibition games.

Seattle fell in line this year by selecting Santa Cruz under a three-year contract for its training and baking grounds. The California have wandered all over California for their spring maneuvers since rejoining the Pacific Coast league in 1919.

The baseball training season formerly was a period for seclusion, intensive practice and coaching for younger players. But it is not now in the coast league.

Of the eight clubs, Oakland will be the only team to travel away from the populated centers where good money awaits exhibition contests.

The Aorns will train inland at Fresno, where they will have a chance to bake out.

The San Francisco Seals will practice at Monterey, just across the bay from Seattle's camp; Sacramento will divide its time between Sacramento and Boyes' Spring; Portland goes to San Jose and the San Francisco Missions to Woodland.

Los Angeles will work at home on Wrigley Field, and the Hollywood Stars will drop down to San Diego with week ends in Los Angeles whenever possible.



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