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Other Papers Say:

ONCE MORE THE CAPITAL

Salem is once again the capital of the state. In recent weeks the capital has been spread over much of the map of the U. S. A. Our own hatbox was out barnstorming the coyote country, and our own governor was breaking bread with the president in Washington and telling New York bankers what he thought they ought to know. So Salem didn't get as many date lines in the papers as usual. Now the men are back home and we will start to fly again.

As we guessed the governor's renunciation, his AP double-barreled and his UP once denied renunciation of further political aspirations was modified upon his return to the state. Like the late and great T. R. and the third cup of coffee, Gov. Meier still reserves the right to hold out his cup for a second filling. And the further guess may be made that as time goes on he will find it harder and harder to live up to his New York self-denying ordinance. It is the history of politics that as a political machine gets to functioning those who tend it are not able to face the charges of desertion from their underlings; and the pressure for Gov. Meier to run again will be mighty strong in 1934.

A study of the political map indicates little likelihood of Gov. Meier's getting into the senatorial race inside of six years at least. He certainly does not plan to compete with Sen. Steiwer this year, and whoever is elected to that post will have six years to serve. Sen. McNary's term continues till 1936; and it is doubtful if Meier at that time would or could defeat McNary if the latter is a candidate again.

All of this of course is just news-hound speculation, chiefly of interest to the political fixers. The obvious intent of Gov. Meier's avowal in New York about one term being enough is that his immediate purpose is to do the job he considers he was elected to perform; and the state may expect him now to resume the personal administration which sustained a lengthy interruption from his prolonged illness and laterly from his jaunt to the Atlantic seaboard.

Eyes focus on the state house in Salem for an indefinite time. — Salem (Ore.) Statesman.

THE BUBBLE BURSTS
The most important thing the Japanese have accomplished in their attack on China, besides convincing the world that their pledges are worth the paper they are torn up at will, is the debunking of their military prestige and consequently the deflation of the myth of the yellow peril. The world had come to look with awe upon their perfect military machine and regard them as super-fighters—but like other miracle men, when put to the test, they stage a sorry performance. They have stupidly and unwittingly disillusioned the world as to their invincible might.

Since January 29, when with the pick of their troops and the flower of their navy, with true oriental frightfulness they attacked the undefended native quarter of Chapei, after the Chinese had complied with their every demand, and proceeded with machine guns, aerial bombs and battleship bombardment to massacre civilians and destroy by shell and fire the city, they have been unable to seize possession of the ruins or to capture the obsolete defenses of Wosung from the unprepared, untrained and ill equipped Chinese, who have not only held their ground but driven back the pride of the Mikado's army. The despised Chinaman has given the gallant fighter as the Japs and Chinese commanders outwitted Japs in strategy.

What was intended to be a brief engagement of a few hours has already stretched into one of two weeks with the Chinese turned aggressors. New divisions have had to be sent from Japan with additional warships, and a new commander to meet the victors. In the end the Japanese, with their superior equipment may win against the unorganized Chinese, but the victory will be most costly, result in the unification of China and the perpetuation of passive resistance in the form of economic boycott.

Yet Japan's military prestige was never really justified. It was due largely to England's desire to thwart Russia in the Far East and gave the Japs a bad case of big-head. Japan's military reputation began with her defeat of the Chinese in 1894 to seize Korea. The Chinese had no modern army or equipment and no navy worth the name. Yet though they outnumbered the Chinese and had a modern army, it took the Japanese six months to win the war.

Then followed the Russo-Japanese war in 1904-5 in which Japan had the advantage of a home base while Russia had to haul her men and supplies over a 6000 mile single-track railroad. Japan's navy was immensely superior to the few ships Russia had at Port Arthur. Yet the Japanese lost three of their warships with 700 aboard in the naval fight and it took 13 months to win the contest.

In the world war Japan's only participation was at Tsingtao in 1917, when they faced a small force of German reservists, which held off two Japanese divisions two months, sank several warships and only surrendered because of lack of ammunition and supplies. The Japanese losses exceeded 2000.

In Manchuria the Chinese forces were scattered, disunited, poorly equipped and undisciplined. There was as much glory in the campaign for the Japanese as for the American's in Haiti or Nicaragua.

On these "wars" have been blown the bubble of Japan's invincible military prestige now being punctured at Shanghai by a motley collection of Chinese boys. — Salem Capital-Journal.

BRINGING BACK THE HORDS

If a billion and a half of money that has been hoarded can be brought back into general circulation, the biggest barrier to confidence and

The Thundering Herd



In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON — The two recent deaths on "the hill" within an hour of each other have caused a feeling of apprehension among congressional leaders that both houses are moving along at too fast a clip.

There's a popular conception that the gentlemen in the national legislature are never in danger of overworking—that they lead an easy life. Be that as it may, the fact remains that already with congress in session actually less than two months, some 250 or more bills have been jammed through both houses.

This number includes such measures as the reconstruction finance corporation—a piece of legislation which in normal times perhaps would have required months and months of wearisome debate. As it was, the bill was put through with almost incredible speed.

Must Watch Step

There's another thing which the lenders have had brought home to them during this constant pressure of work. They have seen impatient members eager to press forward what sometimes appears to them to be dubious if not really dangerous bills. And the only way to stop them effectively is to slow down the whole legislative machinery.

The situation—as far as congress is concerned—has shaped up nicely at present. The country, members think, is beginning to see a ray of hope—that by means of legislation thus far enacted conditions stand a chance for improvement.

It is but natural then that the leaders want nothing done now to disturb public sentiment or alarm the timid.

"We believe we have established

Business Rehabilitation Will Have Been Removed

The government proposes to bring it back by adding approximately a billion to currency and releasing a billion of gold now held in federal reserves.

It is also proposed to liberate a vast amount of business credit, as soon as possible, by offering more generous terms for the handling of commercial paper through banks of the federal reserve.

Both proposals are sound and necessary. The stock market's recent reaction upward on receiving the news is an indication of what the changes can do to restore confidence in the business world, although stock market reactions are never conclusive evidence of the soundness of financial measures. The best proof of the wisdom of the proposals lies in the measures themselves.

Business credit has been almost paralyzed by the tremendous strain which hoarding has put upon gold reserves in banks. Yet the government has far more gold than it needs to maintain adequate reserves for its currency. Furthermore, to a certain extent government bonds can be used as a backing for currency just as safely as gold.

The releasing of a billion in gold will make things easier in all banks. As soon as these nervous individuals who have been tucking hard money into the sock begin to realize that there is going to be no trouble in getting cash on demand at any time, they are going to begin to see the folly of hoarding and money is going to begin flowing back to the banks where it belongs. Furthermore, the loosening of credits and the increase of currency are bound to act against further decreases in prices. This will be a good thing.

Of course, all of these measures to stimulate credit come under the heading of artificial inflation. They are not permanent cures for the social and economic troubles which have disturbed the country. They are necessary, however, because until some measure of confidence and stability is restored, it is almost impossible to proceed with any of the more ambitious programs with safety. — Eugene Register-Guard.

Elizabeth van Loben Seis, Stanford honor student in 1929, toured California from her home in the north to the southern deserts on horseback.

confidence thus far," one leader put it. "We can afford to slow up—at least for awhile."

DEMOCRATIC MOVE AIMED AT BUREAUS

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fense arm. It will accept it and I am sure the country will accept it."

TAX PROPOSALS PRESENTED
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—The treasury department today submitted to the house ways and means committee revised proposals to raise taxes to meet the prospective \$1,241,000,000 deficit in the coming fiscal year.

Secretary Mills proposed a one cent a gallon tax on gasoline to yield \$165,000,000, modification of income surtaxes to yield an additional \$50,000,000 and a seven per cent tax on electricity, manufactured and natural gas to bring in \$94,000,000.

Another increase recommended was of one per cent in the corporate income taxes, bringing it to 13 per cent. This is expected to yield an additional \$17,000,000 over the original increase of one-half of one per cent proposed in the administration's original program.

A one per cent increase in the tax on capital stock sales was proposed over the original recommendation which would bring it to a total of 4 cents with an estimated additional yield of \$11,000,000.

Health

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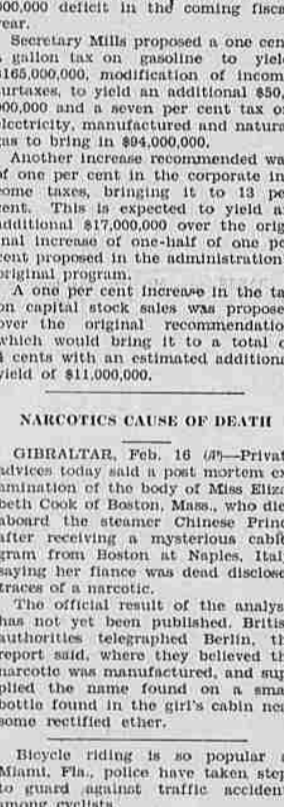
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WELL, WE DID HAVE 'EM GENTLE, BUT THEM DUDE GUESTS FEEDS, 'EM SUGAR AN' THEY GOT 'EM SO EVERY TIME YA GO IN TH' CORRAL THEY WANT SUGAR.

By J. R. Williams



NEW ROAD BOARD

Uncertainty concerning the membership of the state highway commission was ended last night when Governor Meier appointed an entirely new group composed of Leslie M. Scott of Portland, Carl G. Washburne of Eugene, and E. B. Aldrich of Pendleton.

Many people had hoped that the governor would dismiss Mr. Spaulding, who was the storm center of the former group, and persuade Ainsworth and Hanley to continue their duties, but apparently the latter two could not be persuaded. They had previously expressed themselves as being "fed up" with the responsibilities of the commission.

So Governor Meier has started with a clean slate, and has evidently given careful thought to the selection of the new members, having chosen one from each congressional district, and men who have earned good reputations in their own localities.

The citizens of this end of the state are doubtless pleased to be represented on the commission by a man from Eastern Oregon, E. B. Aldrich of Pendleton, who is publisher of the East Oregonian. He is known throughout the state, and his opinions are highly respected.

We may now hope for a program of steady, well planned progress in highway affairs, uninterrupted by such heckling and fighting as characterized the term of the previous commission.

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