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Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife. — Proverbs 17: 1.

THE TUG OF WAR

Two national elements have been brought into conflict by Speaker Garner's reconstruction or relief program. These elements are not the White House and the Democratic leadership in the house (although those two are also at war over the same issue) but the millions of jobless and the many more millions of taxpayers.

The unfortunate plight of the unemployed and their dependents calls loudly for the spending of all the money the government can possibly spare. While, on the other hand, the plight of the taxpayer calls for the cutting of federal expenditures to the bone.

There are two sides to every question, and this is a perfect example. When a decision is made, one way or the other, it must be in favor of the one which carries most weight in the scales of sound economics and public need rather than in the scales of political expediency.

Congress in its deliberations must consider whether a billion dollars apportioned among the jobless would provide real relief, even temporarily, and whether business and the taxpayers could bear that additional burden. It must try to decide whether the taking of such a vast sum of money from one group and giving it to another would stimulate business and decrease unemployment or merely aggravate the situation.

Of course the congressmen are all trying to please their constituents, so the present tendency is to pass such legislation as will make the fewest possible enemies and the most possible friends, regardless of actual conditions and requirements.

Speaker Garner is correct when he says the nation needs work and buying power, but President Hoover is also correct when he argues that the taxpayers are in no position to carry such a gigantic load. Each man has his following, motivated mainly by selfish interests. It is now a question of whether one of these groups of self-seekers will have its own way, or whether a compromise may be effected, based upon the best interests of all concerned.

AN AMERICAN INSTITUTION

Cyrus H. K. Curtis is sick. His record of sustained work has always belied his frail appearance. There has been something vital and sturdy in this quiet, white-bearded man. But he is now 82, an age at which even the most vital and sturdy men must live carefully.

An able, kindly man, Cyrus Curtis has been an American institution for more than 45 years. For a small sum, a very small sum, he bought the Ladies' Home Journal. He wanted it to appeal to all that was best in normal American women. That magazine made him a fortune.

For another small sum he bought the Saturday Evening Post and it was said at once that all the money that Cyrus Curtis had made in the Ladies' Home Journal he was going to lose in this new, absurd venture. Look at that absurd venture now.

Eighteen years ago he bought the Philadelphia Public Ledger, with the aim of making it a good all-around paper, addressed to all that was best in normal American people. He succeeded; and he succeeded also in making the paper a profitable venture.

Looking back over Mr. Curtis' career, we find that he has consistently bought publications for the purpose of improving them, and that the American reading public has responded to the improvements, thereby refuting the charges that it wants nothing but trash. Cyrus Curtis has made good products and has made money out of them.

THE NEED FOR REAL LEADERSHIP

Congress has come in for some pretty hard words lately. For the most part, it has deserved them. Its performance in the last few months has not been the sort of thing that can be pointed to with a great deal of pride; the antics it has performed in connection with the matters of budget-balancing and economy are hard to contemplate without a severe pain.

But congress, after all, has been getting a little bit more censure than it really has coming.

For the chief trouble with congress has been that it has been faithfully reflecting the conflicting and confused sentiments of the people back home. The blame that we have

been giving congress must, in the last analysis, rest on all of us.

Has congress approached the taxation problem in the manner of a chicken with its head cut off? So have all the rest of us, from one coast to the other.

Has congress had a fearfully dismal time trying to decide just where money can best be saved in the federal budget? It has simply been trying to respond to the wishes of its constituents, who are as far from unanimity on this problem as they possibly could be.

Congress, in short, has been a perfectly adjusted gauge for the wind of public opinion. That wind, unfortunately, has been blowing from all points of the compass at once, of late; but when that happens it is hardly fair to blame all of the subsequent gyrations on the gauge itself.

The chief trouble, perhaps, is that in the past few decades we have stuck too closely to the notion that a congressman ought to reflect the desires of the voters back home. He should do that, certainly; but he should also think for himself, at times, and be capable of following his own best judgment even when he knows his constituents won't agree with him.

We have representative government, and it may be that it is just a shade too representative. At a time when all of us are as confused as we are now, we don't want someone to take our orders. We want someone to lead us.

We heard of a woman who married an ex-convict the other day because she thought he would be a big help in building her rock garden!

Other Papers Say:

FLAW IN THE REASONING

On only one pretext can the promoters of the initiated bill to abolish the University of Oregon and move the normal schools approach the voters of Oregon. That pretext must be economy. And, if you will analyze their measure from the standpoint of economy you will very soon discover a glaring defect in their reasoning. MILLAGE IS NOT ALTERED.

They abolish the university and expand the college at Corvallis into a state university (without telling the voters how many millions it will cost for new buildings at Corvallis). They abolish the normals and establish a new "Teachers College" on the Eugene site (without a word as to overhead on handling 600 students in a plant built for 3000). They create new "Junior Colleges" at La Grande and Ashland (with the certainty that these schools will have to be built up at taxpayer expense or abandoned).

In wreckage and new expenses it is possible to figure up some \$16,000,000 loss to the taxpayers of Oregon not counting the general demoralization of an educational system into which the people of the state have poured 60 years of effort and treasure.

All this, however, does not quite complete the picture of the great economy hoax which these schemers seek to foist on the depression maddened people of Oregon. Get this one.

The institutions of higher learning in Oregon are supported by a fixed allotment of 2.04 mills voted by the people in 1920 (and by the largest majority ever given a popular measure). Though they talk high, wide and handsome of the money to be saved, AT NO PLACE IN THE INITIATED BILL DO THE REFORMERS EVEN SUGGEST A REDUCTION IN MILLAGE.

If this bill should be put on the ballot and it should be voted up (which it will not, if the people of Oregon retain any knowledge of simple arithmetic) IT WILL NOT TAKE ONE CENT OFF THE TAXES NOW PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Possibly Mr. Zorn and Mr. Macpherson will say that reduction in millage can be made later. Possibly they will say that this provision was omitted through mere oversight. The fact remains that THIS MEASURE WILL NOT AND CANNOT REDUCE TAXES. The authors of this bill would not take a chance on reducing millage first and we have a hunch they know that the scheme will cost the taxpayers not less money than they are now paying but MUCH MORE.

We do not believe state support should be reduced now that savings of \$900,000 a year are being made under the new unified plan worked out by the board, but that is another matter. Get this point. This alleged economy measure proposes to wreck the schools first and do the saving later, if at all.

Get this over to your friends in other parts of Oregon. Urge them not to sign petitions for a bogus reform. — Eugene News.

THE PIT STRIKES BACK

The slump in wheat prices on the Chicago board of trade following the passage by the senate of the revenue bill is attributed to resentment of brokers to the tax of five cents on each \$100 of sales of produce for future deliveries. It seriously interferes with gambling operations which characterize all exchanges.

The brokers claim that the tax will eventually come from the pockets of the farmer. But they raise the same cry over any attempt at regulation or taxation. The farmer does not deal directly in futures, only the speculators, and the gambling profits do not enrich the farmer but usually depress his markets. The produce is out of his hands usually at the low prices following the harvest and subsequent advances do not profit him, unless he has held his grain, which he seldom could afford to.

Part of the plight of the farmer is due to the fact that the grain speculators' business in life is to rob him and reap fortunes by manipulation of produce they had no hand in producing. The farmer never shares in the pools that corner the market and make millions for their members, at the expense of both producers and

consumers. Some day the farmer may learn to sell his own products through co-operatives, not the farm board kind however, eliminate the gambler, and either scrap or reform the boards of trade by abolishing unearned speculation profits. Until then, however, there will be constant calamity howling over taxation and regulation from those who live in luxury by preying on agriculture. — Salem Capital Journal.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON — The suggestion of Senator Dave Reed of Pennsylvania that congress stick on the job in Washington while the national political conventions are in full swing came as a jolt to many of the gentlemen on the hill.

But what can they do about it? However much they might enjoy attending the conventions, and there are many of them who regard a nation convention as the grandest holiday imaginable, there is no escaping the fact that they can't afford to leave Washington with the country in the fix it is in at present.

Senators and congressmen are well aware that even now the delay in balancing the budget is costing the country millions each day and the thought of permitting the fiscal year to close June 30 with the government in such a state of financial bewilderment as it would be if they fail to take the necessary steps sends cold shivers up and down the spine of perhaps the bravest of them.

EYES ON CHICAGO

Yet the idea of missing the show at Chicago to many of them, seems unthinkable. Some senators head their state delegations. Others are delegates, and either publicly or privately have important political concerns at Chicago.

And the number is not limited merely to Senators Barkley and Dickson, the two convention keynotes, or Representative Snell, probable permanent chairman of the Republican convention. There are several "favorite sons" on the hill, many of them with a longing in their hearts to be the second man on the ticket.

Then there is the matter of the platform to be reckoned with. Prohibition, for example, looms as a troublesome issue at both the Republican and Democratic conventions.

A senator or congressman who has political concern—large or small—in the coming conventions is going to be there.

OUT OUR WAY



EASTMAN BREAKS 800-METER MARK

Stanford Star Also Cracks World Record in the 880 Run in Same Race

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 (AP)—The name and fame of blond Ben Eastman, Stanford university's sensational middle-distance runner, shone brighter than ever today as fans marveled at his record breaking performance for 800 meters and 880 yards in the Pacific association meet here Saturday.

The lanky Stanford runner raced far ahead of the field and was clocked at the 800-meter mark in one minute and 50 seconds and at the 880-yard mark in 1:50.9.

His time for the 800 meters bettered the world's record of 1:50.00 credited to Sera Martin of France, and his 880-yard time cracked the world's record of 1:51.5 set in 1928 by Dr. Otto Peltzer. He was clocked for both distances in the same race. Earlier in the season, he bettered Dr. Peltzer's time when he covered the half-mile in 1:53.3.

Another Pacific coast cinder track ace, "Bullet" Bob Kiesel, University of California sophomore, turned in an outstanding performance as he equaled the recognized world's record of 10.5 for the 100 meters established in 1921 by Charley Paddock and equalled in 1929 by Eddie Tolan. Kiesel has tied the accepted 100-yard record of 9.5 twice this season.

ing to Chicago in June unless he is absolutely hog-tied in Washington.

CRICKET FLAT PERSONALS

By Lois Witherspoon (Observer Correspondent)
CRICKET FLAT (Special)—Charles Kennedy was a visitor at the J. E. Witherspoon home Monday.

Mrs. Beatrice Rodies, of near Pendleton, arrived here Saturday to visit for some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cameron.

Miss Dorothy Gekele spent a few days last week with Miss Zetta Waelty.

Mrs. W. H. Miller, and daughter, Mrs. Clarence Witty, were La Grande visitors Tuesday. Mrs. Witty remained at the hospital there where she underwent a major operation Wednesday. She is reported to be getting along very nicely and her many friends hope for a rapid recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waelty and daughter, Zetta, were La Grande visitors Saturday.

People from this vicinity who attended the Memorial day exercises in Elgin were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hindman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Knight, W. B. Knight, Mrs. Lucy Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roulet and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parks and son, Floyd.

Word has been received of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Richland, Friday, May 27. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Waelty. The little miss has been christened Alva Lorene.

Stephen Bihler, of Portland, spent Sunday visiting his father, L. J. Bihler, and friends in Elgin. He left Monday noon for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Prout drove to Joseph Sunday where they attended Memorial day exercises. They returned home Monday.

Clark Wood Says

A South Dakota farmer was jailed for making liquor of farm board wheat given him by the Red Cross. He did not, of course, show the right spirit.

We've a notion that his fellow-Democrats in the senate aren't exactly yearning for any more Long speeches.

One hears no talk of repealing the laws, although they're often violated, against murder and theft.

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ALL SIZES

Boy Scout Band To Meet Tuesday

The Boy Scout band will have a special rehearsal and a meeting of parents at the Central Church of Christ Tuesday, June 7, for the purpose of making plans to enlarge the band and increase its activities. Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore, leader of the band, states that he is willing to give his time for two rehearsals a week during the summer if the boys will attend regularly. He also wishes to interest a number of boys who are not now playing, and hopes to have at least 30 boys in the organization. Boys who have not played before are invited to attend the meeting Tuesday, and if possible bring one of their parents with them.

There has been a great deal of interest in this organization since its beginning a few months ago, and Mr. Mortimore believes it is worth while to push its possibilities to the greatest extent, and build up a boys' organization which will be of great benefit to the boys and interest to the city. Boys who are not members of a scout troop are invited to come as well as those who are members. There is especially needed a bass drummer and bass horn and alto horn players. The meeting will be held at 10 a. m.

By J. R. Williams

Eastern Teams Are Preparing To Invade West

By Herbert W. Barker (Associated Press Writer)
The forthcoming invasion of the west by the powerful Eastern teams will furnish the Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians a chance to demonstrate just how seriously they must be considered in the current American league pennant chase.

These two clubs alone seemed equipped to offer adequate opposition to the three eastern contenders, the New York Yankees, Washington Senators and Philadelphia Athletics.

As the race stands now the Tigers and Indians are being hard-pressed to prevent the east from occupying the first three places in the standings. The Yankees, of course, hold a five-game lead with Washington second and Detroit, Philadelphia and Cleveland trailing at half game intervals.

The Yankees, in their last game before leaving for the west, trounced the Red Sox yesterday, 12-1 as Babe Ruth contributed his 16th homer of the season and Ben Chapman and Bill Dickey also hit for the circuit. A's Whip Washington

The Athletics walloped Washington, 11-7, although out-hit 17-13. The Senators missed the scoring punch of Joe Cronin and Heinie Manush, both on the sidelines with injuries. Jimmy Fox, clouted his 21st homer. Detroit counted six runs in the eighth to trip Cleveland, 10-9. Wes Ferrell getting in the Indians' box just in time to be charged with the defeat.

In the National league, the Boston Braves went into a virtual tie with the idle Chicago Cubs by winning two games from the New York Giants, 6-5 and 7-6. Art Shires' tenth inning double scored Worthington with the winning run in the opener. Ob Brown's excellent relief pitching saved the second game. Manager Bill Terry of the Giants suffered a leg injury early in the second game and had to retire.

The St. Louis Cardinals moved into fourth place with 3-2 victories in both ends of a double header with the Cincinnati Reds. Paul Derringer and Dizzy Dean went the route in each game for the champions. The Phillies vacated the cellar in favor of the Giants by scoring five runs in the ninth to beat Brooklyn, 7-6. Van Mungo allowed only five hits but walked 11 and had to be relieved with more out in the ninth. Jack Quinn and Bill Clark failed to stop the Phil's rally.

City Lighting Opposed
Although gas illumination was known many years before the first street illumination, the improvement was opposed on the ground that such a practice would be blasphemous, God having divinely divided light and darkness, and also that people would be induced to stay out at night and catch cold and fall prey to robbers.

Mother of Thirteen Gives Her Experience

Kansas City, Mo. — Mrs. T. B. Reed, mother of 13 children and widely known resident of this city, said: "Sargon and Sargon Soft Mas Pills have brought me health, strength and happiness, and I am only too glad to tell others of my experience. After taking two bottles of Sargon and one bottle of the Pills I am like a different woman, they have done me far more good than everything else put together." — Adv. Red Cross Drug Co.

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