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And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee. Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.—Psalm 39: 7, 8.

COULD THINGS BE WORSE?

We have all heard people make reckless statements to the effect that we had better turn out all the present office holders and politicians and put in an entirely new crew, since "things couldn't be any worse!"

Such statements prove that their authors have little or no knowledge of history, and that they doubt very much whether a new set of government officials could make things any better. It is an attitude of scornful despair.

The Oregon Voter reports an incident in the meeting of the Willamette Valley Grange a short time ago. A certain voter said: "What you are saying may be all right; I don't know, but what I do want to know is, are you an 'In' or 'Out'?" The speaker replied, "I'm out, and I'm trying to get in." "Then I'm for you!" was the emphatic reply which, according to the Voter, brought forth applause that shook the rafters.

It would be just too bad for this nation if all our voters were suffering from such reckless narrow-mindedness as that which prompted the applause at the grange meeting. It is hard to understand why voters would throw out experienced officials indiscriminately, and in a time of crisis fill the seats of responsibility and power with men who have never demonstrated any ability or wisdom in handling public affairs.

Of course, there are men in office right now, who have shown themselves unworthy of public trust and should therefore be put out; and there are a good many capable men in private life who should be persuaded to serve their local, state, or national governments. But at the very least we should take the trouble to investigate a man's record before we put him out, and we should make the effort to KNOW what a man is talking about before putting him in.

These people who know nothing about the causes of present conditions, nothing about the operation of economic laws, nothing about the principles of representative government, nothing about the history of our nation and previous civilizations, and nothing about the character and qualifications of those now in office as well as those seeking office, are the greatest menace in the nation today. They refuse to exert their mental powers in order to learn about these things, yet they are the very ones that do the most complaining about them. They cannot see past the ends of their noses; they don't know what has happened in the past, so they jump to the conclusion that present conditions are the worst in history. They mortgage their future on the chance that prosperity will continue forever, and then blame the government for not getting them out of the hole immediately. No two of them agree on what should be done, so they agree to vote for anybody who will promise to do anything different from what is being done.

Fortunately, such people are in the minority, but we must be on our guard against the contagion of their psychology of despair. We must make people see that conditions might be MUCH worse. The man who has no job and no money for food, fuel, and clothing may wonder how conditions could be worse for him; he fails to realize how much worse it would be if ALL his fellow citizens were out of work instead of merely 20 per cent of them, so that no one could pay taxes or contribute to relief funds. The farmer who accepts less-than-cost prices for his products may wonder how his plight could be any worse; we must remind him that in case of revolution he would be subject to armed mobs that would plunder his fields and storehouses and take what they wished without paying a cent. The man who has lost all his money in a bank failure must be shown that were it not for the timely action of the government, hardly a bank in the country would be open today, in which case business would be utterly ruined and his chances of recovering his losses would be infinitely more distant than they are today.

We admit that conditions are bad, but the man is a fool who says they couldn't be worse. There are men in office who have made mistakes, but there are men out of office who would have made mistakes ten times worse, under the same circumstances. The majority of voters will consider a man's ideas and attitudes, his words and his deeds before giving him the responsibilities of public office.

In Washington

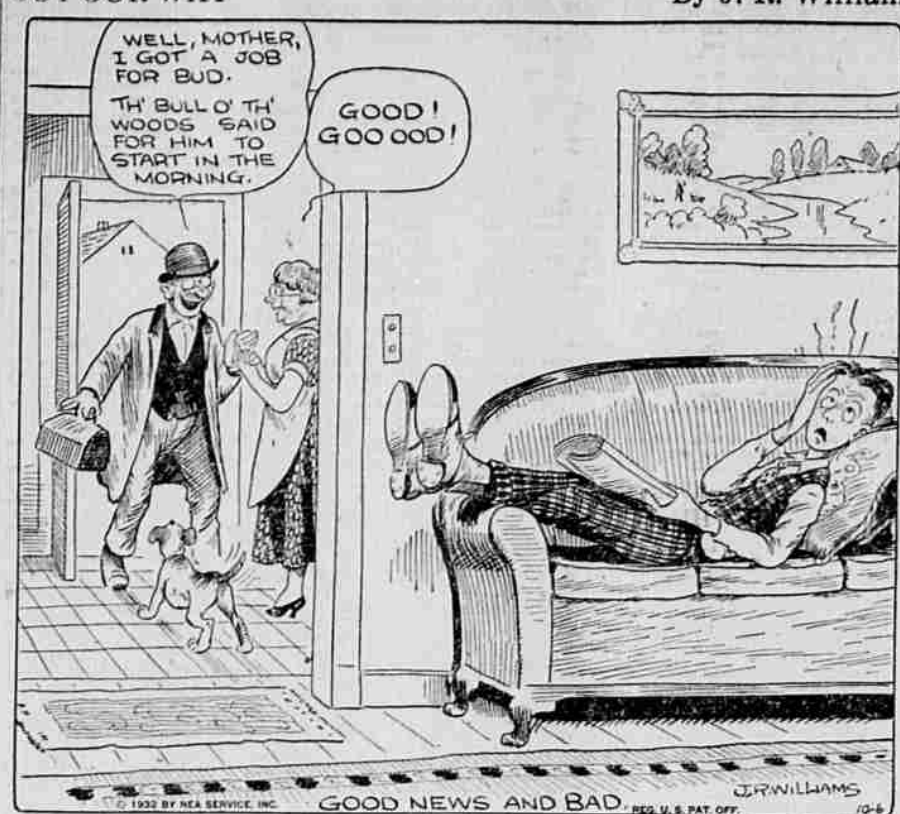
By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON — Two months or more remain before congress swings into action for the final session of the already historic 72nd, but so far at least one man the grand has begun. Joe Byrns of Tennessee, chairman of the powerful appropriations committee of the house, is back in the capital ready to tackle perhaps the biggest job of his 24 years in congress. "Uncle Joe," as he is known to his friends, directs the spending of the country's money.
That has become a tremendous job in the past few years for the simple reason that there has been less and less to spend. What with all the clamoring for economy in government, committees last December, he said that his job is concerned at present with

tightening the purse strings rather than eating up on them a bit.

He's Imperturbed — But Byrns seems imperturbed. Twenty-one years on the appropriations committee — 13 of them as his party's ranking member — have armed him with a pretty thick skin and a ready "No."
Not that the Tennesseean is the type of person you would classify as hardboiled. He is almost the opposite from that. He is humorous and kindly. His keen twinkling brown eyes look through shaggy brows. And he admits that he tries all the time to conduct his committee in an informal, "folksy" way.

Welcome To His Office — Everybody has access to his office. When he became chairman of the committee last December, he said that he wouldn't have someone at the door

OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

To stop people from coming in. But when he goes about the business of cutting the cost of government, he works without gloves.

"We don't play politics in the appropriations committee," he says. "Ours is not a partisan outfit. We are all interested in reducing expenses."

On the floor of the house Byrns is particularly effective. He is one of the few old-time orators left in the house. They don't walk out very often on "Uncle Joe" when he's going good.

Clark Wood Says

CLARK WOODS SAYS—ed page
Psychologist says no difficult task should be done before breakfast, but he'll have to include dinner and supper if he wants to make his advice popular.

Factories continue to turn out thousands of motor cars, and the buyers to turn out for motor trucks.

None will feel more relief over the turn in the business tide than those who are tied to business.

Still, the ardent young man is apt to feel more elated than otherwise when the power of his good right arm goes to waist.

Marked discrepancy might be defined as the difference between the help the farmer is promised and the help he gets.

Never fond of the Chinese the Japanese find them revolting in Manchuria.

Whether it's publicity or propaganda depends on whether or not it meets one's views.

"Senator Borah is unpopular in Europe." And neither is he a prime favorite in the best G. O. P. circles.

CLUB WOMEN END MEETING HERE TODAY

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partment heads reported on their activities, followed by many valuable suggestions from the state president. Mrs. Frank Duff, of Adams, chairman of public welfare for the district, presented a special message along the lines of the various departments of the work conducted by her group.

Musical Program — Musical numbers were furnished at yesterday afternoon's meeting by Mrs. H. E. Tolow, accompanied by Miss Helen Williams, pianist, who played "Serenade," by Gena Branscombe; "Japanese Death Song," by Sharpe;

Waves Claim Hutchinsons' Plane



Dashed to pieces on the rocky coast of Greenland, part of the big amphibian plane in which the George R. Hutchinson "Flying Family" had left New York is shown here as rescuers reached Kersuak fjord, where they were marooned. In the background is visible the trawler Lord Talbot, which was taking aboard the adventurous couple and their two little daughters who had been taken on their hazardous flight.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LA GRANDE

In the State of Oregon, at the close of business on Sept. 30, 1932

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$820,748.45
Overdrafts	372.83
United States Government securities owned	73,500.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	139,331.00
Banking house, \$60,000.00 Furniture and fixtures, \$10,348.35.	70,348.35
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	41,190.53
Cash and due from banks	107,824.29
Outside checks and other cash items	2,009.16
Other assets	954.77
TOTAL	\$1,256,279.11
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$125,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	1,586.78
Demand deposits	364,981.43
Time deposits	524,639.38
United States deposits	5,000.00
Bills payable and rediscounts	209,870.52
TOTAL	\$1,256,279.11

State of Oregon, County of Union, as: I, F. L. Meyers, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: N. K. WEST, W. C. PERKINS, LEE B. BOUVY, Directors

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of October, 1932. Paul Meyers, Notary Public. My commission expires Apr. 16, 1935

"Dream Cottage," by Wetzel.
Mrs. Leah Russell sang this morning, accompanied by Mrs. H. N. Adley. Her numbers included "Sacrament," by McDermid, and "Since You Went Away," by Johnson.
Mrs. Jessie A. Hoskins, of Baker, chairman of the directors of music in the department of fine arts of the Fifth district, led the group singing for the entire convention.

Reports were received yesterday afternoon from Mrs. Edith Y. Kuhns, of Baker, recording secretary; Mrs. Nat Kimball, treasurer, whose report was read since she was unable to attend; Mrs. Bilyeu on the revision of the by-laws, which they separated them from the constitution.

Registered at the convention from out of town were Mrs. Bilyeu, of Dallas; Mrs. Butterfield, of Enterprise; Mrs. Vera Wright, of Union; Mrs. J. H. Nodine, of Union; Mrs. J. F. Hutchison, of Union; Mrs. E. E. Harman, Mrs. Neils K. Rasmussen, Elgin; Mrs. S. Burnhaugh, Mrs. G. I. Hazen, all of the Women's Improvement club of Elgin; Mrs. M. O. Allen and Mrs. M. C. Barnes, of Elgin; Mrs. Louisa Burwell, Mrs. Jennie Conklin, Mrs. Viola Parker, Mrs. May Ward, Mrs. May Slater, of Union; Mrs. A. F. Jerr, Mrs. Edith Y. Kuhns, of Baker; Mrs. J. E. Olinger and Mrs. Edna Nish, of Milton; Mrs. A. W. Hewitt, Mrs. F. L. Hill, Mrs. Ethel Smith, of Baker; Mrs. L. A. McClintock, Mrs. A. K. Smythe, Mrs. C. Perry Rice, Mrs. H. J. Kavanaugh, Mrs. Bert Jerard, of Pendleton; Mrs. C. L. Baker and Mrs. J. C. Baird, of Wallawa; Mrs. Ida J. Morton, of Portland; Mrs. George Goodbrod, Union; Mrs. A. C. McIntyre, of Pendleton;

ARMISTICE IN FARM STRIKE ENDS TODAY

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wide meeting to continue "peaceful picketing."

Vigilante Group Named — The group appointed a vigilante committee to have charge of picketing which would seek to withhold all products except dairy supplies and eggs.

Activities of South Dakota picketers were concentrated in Minnehaha county where they had promised to lay down an airtight embargo on grain and livestock shipments into Sioux Falls today.

In Emmet county in Northwestern Iowa a peaceful picketing campaign was in progress.

Milo Reno, of Des Moines, national president of the association was reported en route to Canby, Minn., today to investigate personally the staying of Peterson.

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American Legion At Union Elects Turner Leader

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore. (Special)—A joint meeting of the American Legion and auxiliary held at the Woman's club-house Monday evening officers of the two organizations were selected for the ensuing year and a joint installation will be held on October 17 with Harley Richardson, of La Grande, district commander of the legion, and Mrs. Hazel Gramam, district president of the auxiliary, acting as installing officers. Oliver Turner was elected president of the legion; Robert Wells, first vice president; Donald Gale, second vice president; Edison Spears, adjutant; and Merwin Davis, service officer. Mrs. May M. Hall will head the auxiliary this year and other officers are Gladys Decker, first vice president; Edith Coles, second vice president; Kathryn Spears, secretary-treasurer; Charlotte Wheeler, sergeant-at-arms; and Lillie Cross, Louisa Burwell and Mabel Gale as executive committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hill and small daughter, of Yakima, have been visiting his brother, Elmer Hill and family on the Cove-Union highway for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. E. A. Tudor, of Portland, is spending a couple of weeks with her father, Chas. Miller, while Mr. Tudor transacts business in this part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Hess returned Monday evening from a business trip to Portland.

An enjoyable affair was held at the Sportsman's clubhouse Monday evening when Mrs. Frances Tallman, Miss Mae Shanks and Miss Era Clark entertained the Business Women's club at dinner and as a special surprise invited the husbands and escorts for an evening of dancing afterwards. The young women served a very delicious dinner. A short business session followed the meal during which officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Mrs. Frances Tallman, president; Miss Mae Shanks, vice president; and Miss Doris Kirk, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. R. H. Bonney and Mrs. Daphna Rowland were elected to membership in the club. There were 23 couples at the dance and music was furnished by the Bald Mountain Strangers.

Robert Withycombe had a real thrill last week when he bagged his first deer. With a party of four other hunters he spent several days in the Minam country returning home the first of this week, with but the one deer in the party. Others on the trip were Jack Brown, Lawrence Jones, Bert Titus and Leonard Herbert.

The regular meeting of the Home Missionary society was held at the home of Mrs. Bell Wright Wednesday afternoon with about 20 present. Mrs. Wright led the devotionals and was assisted in the program on "Upbuilding the State" by several members.

Mrs. G. A. Seibird gave a description of the attitude of a typical American family toward the prohibition question and pointed out the importance of proper home-training for children who will be the voters in a few years. A special effort is being made in all missionary societies to encourage the members to cast a 100 per cent vote at the coming election. Mrs. Edith Phy sang a solo, playing her own accompaniment. Following the business meeting Mrs. Phy assisted by Mrs. Alice Caldwell served coffee and doughnuts.

Among those who attended the convention of club women in La Grande on Wednesday were Mesdames S. E. Miller, May Hall, Jennie Conklin, Louise Burwell, Viola Parker, May Ward, May Slater and Nellie St. M. Littler.

Work on the new Latter Day Saints church is progressing steadily and the stone work will be completed in about two weeks. The masonry for the outside structure has been completed and workmen expert to put up the roof trusses on Saturday. They are rushing through the work so as to have the building enclosed before cold weather sets in. Two high power electric lights were installed some time ago in order that those who could not work during the day might put in a couple of hours of work during the evening. As soon as the rush of harvest work is over a larger crew will be available for the inside work and the heating plant will be installed to make it comfortable for the workers.

It was announced at the commercial club luncheon Wednesday noon that the annual reception of the teachers will be held at the Union hotel a week from Friday. Plans will be completed for the affair soon.

The fish hatchery truck has been making trips to Malheur county this week to liberate Rainbow trout in the streams there. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bonney took a load to Rose creek and on Tuesday Mr. Bonney accompanied by Callie Green released a load in the Little Malheur creek.

Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Gilmore and small granddaughter and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Rees took an interesting drive on Sunday, making the trip over Dooley mountain to Whitney where they witnessed the hydraulic mining operations.

Mrs. Joe Yorgason and daughter, Mrs. Lillian Garber and Mrs. Laura Garber and their two daughters, and Mrs. Ernest Yorgason returned to their homes on Wednesday after visiting since Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Geertsen. The Mrs. Yorgasons are sisters of Mrs. Geertsen and live in Nampa. The rest of the party were from Caldwell.

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