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WHY BLAME THE GOVERNOR?

Efforts continue through the medium of a portion of the press to shift upon the shoulders of Governor Withycombe the blame for troubles at the state penitentiary. This portion of the press always has, does now, and always will attempt to saddle such blame upon the executive, being actuated by partisan and inspired motives.

As pointed out yesterday, Warden Murphy, whose regime will pass into history Saturday, was handed on to the Governor from the state board of control when the legislature changed control of that institution from the board to the executive.

But the legislature, in changing such control, left in the hands of the board the right and duty to purchase all supplies for that institution. How can the Governor logically be charged with the sole culpability of extravagance in maintenance costs, when all supplies fall to the board to purchase?

As has been stated before, no particular blame attaches anywhere. A poor selection was made for a business head. When the selection was found to be a poor one a change was made. The Governor could not conscientiously turn Murphy out into the cold because of rising costs until he had determined to his own satisfaction that Murphy was to blame for them. Anyone who has paid grocery bills the past two years knows that it costs 100 per cent more to live now than it did two years ago. It was the Governor's duty, and his self-appointed task, to determine whether Murphy was responsible for the extraordinary expenses at the prison, or whether the circumstances and exigencies of war with attendant high prices, were responsible for the extra heavy overhead expense. He made the investigation and the result was a change.

Murphy did his best, but he couldn't cut the mustard. The board of control thought it picked a good man when it picked Murphy. The governor made an investigation and decided it hadn't.

The board buys the supplies, and on Murphy's own admission he had stacked up in the commissary \$30,000 worth of supplies when he quit, and there were practically none when he started. He purchased, evidently, \$30,000 worth of supplies during a period when prices for supplies were higher than they have been since the Civil War, and purchased them through the board of control.

Why blame the Governor? Merely because those who are blaming him will damp him if he does and damn him if he don't. It is a partisan, biased game, actuated by spleen and born of envy.

The British fleet was at Elsinore yesterday, on its way to Kiel bay and the Kiel canal, to attend to the balance of the German fleet. Since Hamlet was at Elsinore, a good deal of water has run down the Willamette river, and quite a lot of wetness has washed through the Skagerrack and the Cattegat. In other words, time flies, and also times change and men change with them.

Now, for the berry boom.

Hope you are still thankful.

Paris expects peace treaty by April 1. Make it April 11.

Poles accused of killing Jews in Lemberg. There must be some Poles with wooden heads.

The end of the war is bringing record crowds of eastern visitors to Los Angeles. This is the playground of the world.—Los Angeles Times.

The censorship veil has been lifted from the shipping news in the papers. This means that the safety of vessels at sea has been re-established. Ship ahoy!

It is now solemnly announced that food prices will drop as soon as the demand ceases. In other words, it will happen when the law of supply and demand ceases to function.

Of course, all restrictions ought to be taken off concerning building wooden ships on foreign account. And will be. America will need all the opportunities possible for the employment of labor.

It is announced that Mrs. Wilson is having the cabin of the transport that is to carry the president and herself to Europe suitably decorated. Someone suggests that in honor of the ex-kaiser blue ought to be the predominant color scheme.

Both England and France are demanding that William Hohenzollern, better known as the ex-kaiser, be extradited from Holland. How would it do to take him out and hang him and discuss the diplomatic aspect afterward? That would be the German way of doing it.—Los Angeles Times.

FUTURE DATES. Nov. 28, Thursday—Thanksgiving day. December 1, Sunday—Elks Memorial program at Grand Opera house. December, date not set—Fifth annual Merion Cluney Corn Show. December 2, Tuesday—Memorial in honor of Justice F. A. Moore at supreme-court building. December 8-15—Pacific International Livestock show, Portland. December 26, Wednesday—Christmas. December 23 to 25—Christmas holidays in Salem schools.

The jitney republics in South and Central America may talk and shout as boisterously as they may. But they would better keep their guns out of sight. The world has had enough gun play for a thousand years, but there is plenty of hemp for any bumptious fellow in authority anywhere who "starts" anything.

Among the men in this community who performed a patriotic and, in some instances, a thankless service, were the members of the various local exemption boards. With their retirement from the stage of action, this much ought to be said to their credit. The government depended upon them for the execution of the selective service law, and in no instance did they fail to carry out the high standard of splendid work that the community had a right to expect of them. They should be gratefully remembered by the people.

NOT KNITTING.

Another industry which seems to lag since the whistles blew is that of knitting sweaters in public. Do the knitters knit as of yore? Nit!

THE COOK LADY.

There were over six thousand lady cooks and waitresses in the English army when the whistle blew to quit. The introduction of women cooks at one of the officer's camps reduced the mess charge from 65 to 35 cents a day and the officers didn't go on a hunger strike, either.

Possibly, Uncle Sam could have saved a few billion dollars at meal time if a lot of thrifty French women had been setting table instead of the chef from the Astoria. And the boys would have liked it, at that. When it comes to plain cooking, a plain woman is a handy thing to have around the place.

A JITNEY JOURNALIST.

Henry Ford having made his millions will spend them after the manner of numbers of the impressionable rich. He will have a newspaper of his veriest own. But he is going at it more sensibly than most of his kind. Instead of invading New York

or some one of the great cities he has bought the country weekly in his little home town near Detroit and will strive to build it up into a family paper of national circulation. Henry says he has ideas. He has. He has built an automobile engine and he has tested the gasoline-producing capacity of two continents; but whether the same line of creative ideas can produce a family newspaper that will arouse three cheers in every American home is a matter for the future to decide. Henry says he is tired of having his ideas garbled or misinterpreted. Therefore he will have his own paper. If he interviews himself he can not blame it on the reporter. Whether the people are as eager for his views as he thinks they are the business office may be called upon to decide. He should not be too harsh a critic of other papers, however. They have materially assisted his own efforts and made his name a household word, without which his new standing as a world-wide editor would be impossible. But he is not going to get out the paper all by himself. Incidentally he has acquired the services of a staff of trained newspaper men and, under his efficient molding, there may develop a public opinion mill that will work as splendidly as his own magnificent buzz-wagon plant. If he can arrange with his factory to start the paper to every Ford owner he will begin with a subscription list that would make any publisher bloom with delight.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

This is the morning after.

Bill Hohenzollern will likely have to stand trial for his crimes.

Chile and Peru ought to get a warning from Versailles.

Next week will be conservation week in the United States.

We are reminded that we must still save, in order to help feed 300,000,000 in Europe.

The draft boards are not to aid in demobilization. They have done enough.

The Mooney case is postponed, and it will continue to make trouble.

Members of the various draft boards must have accumulated a lot of information about their neighbors. What an amount of biographical material they gathered.

Four Thousand Dollar Salary Not Retroactive

It was allowable under the law for the state board of health, on October 17, 1918, to increase the salary of Dr. R. E. L. Holt, its secretary, and who is state health officer, to \$4000 a year, but the board did not have a right to make the increased salary retroactive. An attempt was made to make the salary retroactive to September, 1917, when a claim for back salary was submitted to Secretary of State Olcott. Mr. Olcott referred the claim to the attorney general, asking if the claim were valid. Mr. Brown replies in the negative.

"The vouchers on file in the office of the secretary of state," says the opinion, "show that for the months of September, October and November, 1917, the salary of Dr. Holt, as fixed, approved and certified to the secretary of state, was \$250 per month. For the period inclusive from December 1, 1917 to September 30, 1918, the vouchers show the salary of Dr. Holt, the state health officer, to have been fixed, approved and certified for the sum of \$300 a month. During the period referred to, the salary of the secretary of the state board of health was approved and certified by the state health board to the secretary of state, and duly paid by the state, which payment fully satisfied and cancelled the state's obligation to the secretary. I find from the minutes of the state health board that he salary of the secretary and state health officer was, on the 17th of October, 1918, fixed in the sum of \$4000 per annum and it was attempted to make the salary retroactive. The law authorizes the state board of health to fix the salary of the secretary, but when it is once fixed and the salary has been paid, its power is exhausted."

FEW CENTS DESTROYS YOUR DANDRUFF AND STOPS FALLING HAIR

Save your hair! Make it thick, wavy and beautiful—try this!

This, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf. There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its luster, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Dandereine tonight—now—any time—will surely save your hair. Get a small bottle of Knowlton's Dandereine from any drug store or toilet counter, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, luster and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance, an incomparable gloss and softness; but what will please you most will be after just a few weeks' use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp.

MORE LEEWAY FOR INDUSTRY

Bond Issues Under \$100,000 Not to Be Submitted to Committee

Greater freedom in the issuance of securities is allowed by modifications of the policy of the capital issues committee, immediately effective, as explained in a statement sent out by the district committee on capital issues for the twelfth federal reserve district, of which John Perrin of San Francisco is chairman. Greater leeway in construction projects is allowed and issues of \$100,000 or less are not to be passed on by either the capital issues committee or the district committee. A copy of the statement has been received by Corporation Commissioner H. J. Schilderman.

"In view of the changed conditions abroad," the statement says, "the capital issues committee has voted that hereafter, where material and labor are available, issues for improvements of highways, for building schools, hospitals, water, sewerage, drainage and irrigation systems and for improvement of fire and police protection will receive favorable consideration to industrial and public utility issues where the improvements contemplated are compatible with readjustment to a peace basis.

"The capital issues committee has also voted that hereafter neither it nor the district committee should consider or pass upon an issue of securities the aggregate value of which issue and any other security issued by the same principal since April 5 is not in excess of \$100,000.

"This means that the jurisdiction of capital issues will extend over all issues of securities of whatever nature in excess of \$100,000 and not over issues of \$100,000 or less, except when such smaller issues plus the securities issued by the same principal since April 5 are in excess of \$100,000.

"For example, if a new issue is for say \$15,000 and previous issues since April 5 were \$90,000 the capital issues committee would take jurisdiction, the aggregates of the two amounts being in excess of \$100,000. If, on the other hand, the previous issues since April 5 were only \$85,000 the capital issues committee would not take jurisdiction, the aggregate of the two amounts not being in excess of \$100,000.

INDIAN SCHOOL AND POST TIF

Vancouver Barracks Football Team Evenly Matched With Chemawa

The Chemawa Indian school team and the Post hospital team from Vancouver barracks battled to a 0 to 0 score yesterday afternoon at Chemawa. The ground was in fine condition for fast work but the teams were so evenly matched that the greater part of the game was fought out in the center of the field, neither side being able to make yardage consistently enough to get within striking distance. Very little open work was indulged in, each side completing but one forward pass apiece.

Pay Rice, playing tackle for the post team, had his hands full taking care of the former Carlisle man Hauser, but managed to hold his own creditably. Stratton and Livingston, playing left half and full back, were the greatest ground gainers for the visitors, while Mast, a quarter put up a gritty game, playing to almost the end, even after injuring his knee. The contest was clean from start to finish, all penalties being for off side plays. G. W. Bent acted as referee and Cole as umpire.

Heavy Gains Are Shown By Banks in This State

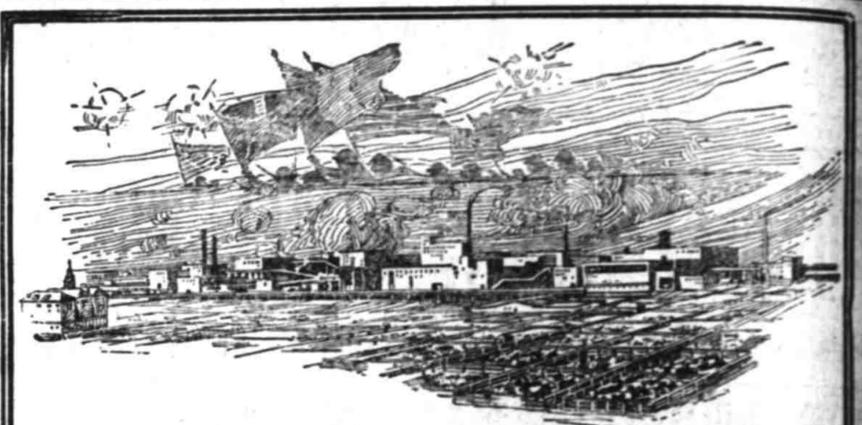
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There's Only One Genuine "Corn-Peeler"—That's "Gets-It."



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An International Service Built on Tiny Profits Per Pound

Some industries have been able to get in step with war demands more quickly than others.

In many cases mighty plants have sprung up—but at a prodigious cost.

The packing industry was able to adapt itself to unheard of demands more quickly, perhaps, than any other industry. And this was because the vast equipment of packing plants, refrigerator cars, branch houses, etc., had been gradually developed to its present state of efficiency, so that in the crucial hour it became a mighty international system for war service.

And how had this development taken place?

Not by making vast inroads into the capital wealth of the country, but largely by using, from year to year, a portion of the profits, to provide for expansion.

Swift & Company's profits have always been so tiny, compared with sales, that they have had practically no effect on the price of meat, (amounting to only a fraction of a cent per pound).

And yet the owners of the business have been content with reasonable returns on their capital, and have been able, year after year, to put part of the profits back into the business to provide for its expansion.

These fractions of tiny profits have been repaid to the public many fold in the form of better service, and better and cheaper meat, and made it possible for Swift & Company to meet, undaunted, the sudden cry for meat for overseas.

Could any other method of financing a vital industry involve less hardship to the people of the country? Could there be a better instance of true "profit-sharing" than this return in added usefulness and in national preparedness?



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Swift & Company, U.S.A.



STATESMAN CLASSIFIED ADS—ONE CENT A WORD

Trust companies in Oregon show an increase of \$40,610,787.79, total deposits an increase of \$27,422,928.04 and savings deposits an increase of \$5,047,613.57 for the last 12 months, according to a statement issued by Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, on a basis of the call of November 1 and resources totaled \$282,086,256.82

OIL COMPANIES NOT JUSTIFIED

Fuel Administration Did Not Authorize Refusal to Sell to Dealers

Portland, Or., Nov. 28.—That oil companies were not justified in their recent action of refusing to sell gasoline and distillate to garages unless the dealer agreed not to sell from 6 p. m. to 6 a. m. and on Sundays, claiming authority from the fuel administration for so doing, is the decision rendered by the oil division of the United States fuel administration, to which Fuel Administrator Fred J. Holmes submitted the matter.

N. B. Beecher, council for the oil division said in a letter to Mr. Holmes, dated November 21:

"We think your position is entirely correct, that in view of the fact that no order with respect to closing has been issued by the fuel administration, distributors were free to comply with the request of the federal oil director for the Pacific coast, the Pacific Coast Petroleum War service committee and the Oregon state council of national defense, or not, as they saw fit and that the oil companies were not justified in refusing to sell to those who failed to comply with the request upon the representation that they were acting under any directions of the fuel administration or the Pacific coast petroleum war service committee."

SALTING THE COWS.

Each dairy cow should have one ounce of salt every day. It should be furnished her by means of rock salt placed in a box in the barn yard or elsewhere about the pasture, so that she can help herself at any time. Placing salt in her feed is wrong.



THE SAW OF THE SHIRT

A saw-edged collar or cuff or a wrinkled neck-band may not be much to growl about, but it's just enough to ruffle a man's disposition—and set off the fire-works.

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