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THE FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT IS TO GOVERN

Experimentalists in government are the bane of modern life. We are repeatedly asked not to condemn certain so-called remedies "before they have been tried."

One of the fruits of man's experience is the knowledge that the business of government is to govern and that when it passes from that function into the realm of business, confusion must follow.

But liberty is a thousand times more precious than any economic considerations can ever be.

This is the everlasting answer to the silly dreams of the Socialist.

Socialists seem oblivious to the lessons of history. They have forgotten, if they ever knew, that their full program was in actual practice and in perfect working order under the Incas of ancient Peru.

In an economic sense that sway of the Incas was perfect. No subject ever went hungry to his rest, nor felt otherwise than to greet the new day with a song.

The inevitable result of this system was to utterly destroy every initiative among the people and to reduce the last person, from the emperor down, to the position of a mere cog in a vast machine.

This principle has made every community settlement in America, no matter how successful for a time from the standpoint of mass prosperity, finally a failure.

The old Aurora colony in Marion county among the most successful of them all.

Future civilization shall rest alone upon the virility, the initiative and the sturdy, self-reliant individualism of the citizen. To meet this test he must stand erect upon his own feet and not depend upon the crutch of governmental favors.

The past one-month's record of the duel's revival in Hungary—6000 challenges, 350 combats and three deaths—indicates that the institution's bark is considerably worse than its bite.

The Colonial Council of the Virgin Islands protests against the imposition upon the islands by the United States Congress of income and other taxes without giving the council a hearing.

It looks as if Japan wanted the other nations to wait until she spits on her hands.

Simply being a Democrat does not necessarily qualify a man to be postmaster for life.

An American engineer has been employed to rebuild China's famous Grand canal that was first constructed in 486 B.C.

It has been figured out that President Harding has posed for the photographers 500 times since he became the chief executive of the nation.

If you will read the Salem slogan pages tomorrow you will learn some of the reasons why the Salem district is a great sheep country, and ought to have a million more sheep—and then some.

It is said four houses would be going up where there is now but one if carpenters would cease profiteering.

Our national interests now run from sun to sun, girding the round earth with tentacles of trade and commerce.

In summer all moral standards seem to sag. We have to accept the statements of the most upright persons with reservations.

As when they tell you that they are paying at their summer hotel. As when they tell you how much mileage they get out of a gallon.

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EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

The Taylor Address Editor Statesman—I note in yesterday's Statesman that M. S. Taylor, manager of the Chautauque Society, gave a detour on "Sex."

"Well, Well!" The idea that the ground so well swamped by Havelock Ellis, "the ogdoid," and pioneered by Margaret Sanger, hounded by New York's un-pure purity squad, has become a federal employ, according to the report, in some capacity, akin to a diagnostician in sex matters.

Strange I have never heard of or from him in print or person before. Can it be that he ever came to the mental kind, that little knowledge that is dangerous? Is he a mirror of wisdom, a scientific quack, just as interesting (interesting to the perverted ignorant) amateur in-fatuated with his own obtrusive prattle?

It might be a good idea for thrifty people to get their correspondence out of the way. The government has seriously in mind the idea of raising the rate on letter postage to three cents.

HELLO, CENTRAL! The courts have decided that a man is entitled to telephone service, even if he has forgotten to pay on old bill. The company refused to install service for a subscriber who had once been delinquent, but the judge holds that the man is entitled to his "hello" just as if he were paid two years ahead.

AMERICAN WELCOME. The sight of high wireless towers pointing skyward from above groves of green waving palms in Uncle Sam's far away island possessions of Guam brought joy to storm-tossed Russian seamen who for seven months had been battling against wind and water.

THE HEATED TERM. The weather sharps are having no trouble at all in convincing the sufferers in the east that this is the hottest summer they have known for 50 years.

THE DOCTOR IS HANDY Over 200 doctors and nurses are connected with the conduct and operation of the public schools in Chicago.

FUTURE DATES August 31, Wednesday—Joint picnic of Salem and McManville Rotarians at Woodland Ferry.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Warm days, But delightfully cool nights. So our weather is normal; the finest summer climate in the world.

The Salem bricklayers have reduced their scale of wages from \$10 to \$9 a day. That may seem high to the man who does not reflect that the work of the bricklayer is seasonal; and that he gets many lay-offs even in the busiest part of the season.

Good morning, old Yamhill. The motorcycle service of The Statesman is now extended to the farmers of the Oregon county that is the mother of great men.

The Salem Odd Fellows are to build immediately a \$33,900 addition to their temple, on the south side. This project is being financed by Elmo S. White, and he is getting all the money in Salem. That speaks well for Salem.

It would pay the leading people of Salem to get behind the local building and loan association, and to get three times as many shares taken as are now being paid on. This would make some \$4000 a month available for new homes. That would not be enough. But it would help a lot. It can be done. The shares make a splendid investment.

GOOD OLD TIMES NOW PAST IN N.Y. Writers Recall Passing of Famous Old Restaurants And Chop Houses

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Peter Clark MacFarlane Tells of His Work and Makes Interesting Comment on Conditions in World

Of all the incredible jewels whom the news interviewers ever found, Peter Clark MacFarlane is the brightest and most delectable. He himself has cracked some of the hardest nuts in the world when it comes to getting a story, but he didn't do it with a hammer—he fairly lured it out of them.

Disarmament Favored "The hope for the prevention of war lies in disarmament. I wish to call attention to Japan's tardiness in entering into the disarmament conference. If she is sincere, as she claims, she should have been the first and most willing."

There is the hope that the nation may return to sanity by taking up its own economic problems. That this is possible, is indicated by the recent formation of trades unions in that country, a public protest against the military program, and more humorous but just as vital, the widespread Japanese interest in the American game of baseball.

New Story Coming. "Much of my stuff has been handled by news syndicates," said Mr. MacFarlane, "but I have done much work for the Saturday Evening Post, Collier's and The Red Book. My last book, 'Held to Answer,' was published as a serial in Collier's. 'The Crack in the Bell,' a political story, is the story of a ward in Philadelphia where the old Liberty Bell is preserved, that is believed to be the very worst governed ward in the United States. 'The Hell Pavers,' a story of good intentions that do not always end well, is to appear in Hearst's."

Mr. MacFarlane reported the World war for several American papers, spending almost two years in this semi-military service. His stories during the war are among the most wonderful of the whole struggle. He has become an internationally famous student of military problems.

Japanese Activity Noted. "Japan is building the largest battleships in the world," he said. "Japan is sending officers to special military schools in Italy. Japan has contracted for cruisers from England, and submarines from Germany. The Japanese Imperial Council recently issued an edict that all general army and navy expenses be cut in order that the program of eight capital cruisers and eight battleships may be realized."

Why is this warlike preparation? Is it for Korea, already crushed by Jap domination? Is it for Siberia, paralyzed by political apathy? Is it for China, not yet awakened from the slumber of centuries? Only the future can answer. But this is known—that Japan knows that her armies could occupy the Pacific coast in short order and could hold on for at least two or three years under present conditions.

U. S. Naval Policy Hit. "The Jap realizes our navy policy is suicidal on the point of dividing our capital fleet, a policy against which Theodore Roosevelt made the strongest plea up to the time of his death. "But we will have no war with Japan as long as America maintains her navy."

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AN OLD RECIPE TO DARKEN HAIR Sage Tea and Sulphur Turns Gray, Faded Hair Dark and Glossy

MANY CUBAN SUICIDES HAVANA, Cuba, July 30.—Hard times and hot weather have combined with love tragedies to bring about a veritable epidemic of suicides here.

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Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients, at very little cost. Everybody uses this preparation now, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.—Adv.

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