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#### Public Works and Sound Finance

PEOPLE living may think that it is something new for a government to provide employment for workers on great public works. Not so: it is an old indulgence, though in ancient times the purpose of public works was not so much the welfare of the worker, but to accommodate the whim of the monarch. Slave labor built the pyramids of Egypt and the hanging gardens of Nineveh. The idea of "making work" by government has long been a popular notion of the way to take care of depressions. So it is interesting to read the observations of a noted French economist, Frederic Bastiat, who lived and wrote a century ago. To quote:

"Nothing is more natural than that a nation, after having assured itself that an enterprise will benefit the community. should have it executed by means of a general assessment. But I lose patience, I confess, when I hear the following economic blunder advanced in support of such a project-Besides, it will be a means of creating labour for the workmen.'

The state opens a road, erects a building, straightens a street, cuts a canal; and so gives work to certain workmen-this is what is seen; but it deprives certain other workmen of work, and this is what is not seen.

"A road is begun. A thousand workmen come every morning, leave every evening, and take their wages-this is certain. If the road had not been decreed, if the supplies had not been voted, these good people would have had neither work nor salary there: this is also certain.

"But is this all? Does not the operation, as a whole contain something else? At the moment when M. Dupin pronounces the emphatic words, 'The assembly has appropriated,' do the millions descend miraculously on a moon-beam into the coffers of M. M. Fould and Bineau? In order that the evoluation may be complete. as it is said, must not the state organize the receipts as well as the expenditure? Must it not set its tax-gatherers and tax-payers to work, the former to gather, the latter to pay?

"Study the question, now, in its elements. While you state the destination given by the state to the millions voted, do not neglect to state also the destination which the taxpayer would have given, but cannot now give, to the same. Then you will understand that a public enterprise is a coin with two sides. Upon one is engraved a laborer at work, that which is seen; on the other is a labourer out of work, with the device, that which is not

"The sophism which this work is intended to refute, is the more dangerous when applied to public works, inasmuch as it serves to justify the most wanton enterprises and extravagance. When a railroad or a bridge are of real utility, it is sufficient to mention this utility. But if it does not exist, what do they do? Recourse is had to this mystification: 'We must find work for the workmen'.'

Somehow this has a modern though not a popular ring to it. Bastiat concedes that "as a temporary measure, during a hard winter," this interference with the taxpayers may have its use. He objects to it as a sound solution to problems of unemployment.

Thus the money either from bond issues or from current taxes which goes into public works is in theory at least diverted from application to other work-producing activities

by private individuals. For ourselves we are not positive that the public works money now should be spent in utilitarian works. We seem to have enough industrial and agricultural development now. Perhaps we should "waste" our public funds on great works of art (and we do not mean postoffices) or on other nonutilitarian structures, scattered over the country. At least these would have this virtue they would not destroy economic

investment previously made by private capital. Well, it is a "hard winter"; and we are in public spending up to our necks. If and when "spring" comes we may find that M. Bastiat was right after all. The laws of economics seem to be quite as staple as old laws of physics.

#### Talking Over Debts

THERE is very little interest now in the British mission 1 on war debts. A year ago the debt question was very much alive. Its settlement was regarded as essential to business re- any one wants more definite in- ness of any of the men above covery. The matter was not settled, France defaulted; in June formation. most other nations defaulted and Britain gave only a token payment. Meantime the U. S. went nationalistic and in effect let the war debts go hang. Now the session on war debts is about as thrilling as a meeting of creditors after the debtor has gone busted. There may be a few pieces to pick up, that is all.

The war debts are dead, most of them. There may be face-saving payments. Britain for example wants to close the books with a final 10% payment. It is about all we will get out of them. As time passes the other countries may come in and get a coat of whitewash on their obligations by fractional payments. Most of the money is gone and should be charged to war costs. Maybe the experience will teach us to keep out of Europe's wars in the future.

### An Import Surplus

IN the United States going off the gold standard was acclaimed as a boon to exporters. There were roseate forecasts made of how the United States could regain world markets, and how we might get advantage over gold standard countries.

The results to date do not justify the predictions. Normally an export surplus nation, this country had an import surplus in June. In July the export surplus was less than 1% In August imports were \$155,000,000 and exports \$131,000, 000. The import surplus was \$14,000,000 for the one month -which doesn't speak very well for the predictions of the in-

Meantime rises in domestic prices have been making it possible for other countries to ship grains here. Rye has been coming in from Argentine and even from the Danube. Al though there is a wheat tariff of 42c the present differential with Canadian prices is 34c. In other words if the difference in prices is widened 8c more Canada may ship wheat into this

It all shows how topsy-turvy our price structure now is.

The Pendleton East Oregonian has been fighting valiantly for the and world's fair. been selected, the E. O. persists in the querry "Why not both?" Well, why not? The Coules dam wasn't needed now; but it is being built. That made less need for the Bonneville dam; so why not build a third dam at Umatilia? All of them are being paid Elgin, according to the La Grande Observer. 10,000 boxes will be A.—This condition may be due to for with bends which are now worth only 65c on the gold dollar.

The E. O. is correct in this that the Umatilla dam would do more to open upriver navigation than the one at Bonneville; and the inland wheat growers are in greater need of lower fraight rates they of the control of the La Grande Observer. 10,000 boxes will be an underlying infection. Keep the derful production from an Oregon orchard; and if the emphasis now were not on cutting down production, would be widely publicized. wheat growers are in greater need of lower freight rates than of Let's see, at the old couplet of "an apple a day keeps the doctor velope and repeat your question.

### Fall Cleanup

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## BITS for BREAKFAST HEALT

By R. J. HENDRICKS-

scribed \$30, as follows:

C. P. Bishop, \$10.R. J. Hendricks, \$10.

\* \* \*

\$1, or more, or less, please leave

it at or send it to The States-

Let's have the fence completed,

\* \* \*

tion of the founding of the Ja-

son Lee mission will bring many

people to Oregon next year, per-

haps several hundred thousand.

Because the centenary celebra-

They will all want to see the

mission site, 10 miles below Sa-

Besides, the grounds there are

now ready to be plowed and

seeded to a crop that will be pre-

paratory to making them a lawn.

5 5 5

There are many more reasons.

exceed the \$20 peeded, that is, if

you will give with the under-

standing that any surplus may be

She will have to raise several

hundred dollars, perhaps several

The fence money now: today.

mail subscriptions, the announce-

(In order to give time for

Remember, this is as much

named, if you have any interest

But more of that later.

Do not delay. Do not fear to

Will every one who can give

A. N. Bush, \$10.

and address.

Twenty dollars more this day:

When the Jason Lee mission site was given to the people of Oregon by the heirs of former State Senator Alex LaFollett, subscriptions were taken to provide a monument and have a the money with Jos. H. Albert, at marker made, and to fence the the Ladd & Bush bank, or leave site and the roadway.

\* \* \* It is necessary to have and maintain a fence around site and roadway in order to comply with one of the terms of the deed. The roadway is a public road now. The subscribers for the fenc-

ing in 1930 were: Jos. H. Albert, \$70.

A. N. Bush, \$50. C. P. Bishop, \$25. R. P. Boise, \$25. T. B. Kay, \$10. F. S. Lamport, \$10. D. W. Eyre, \$10.

B. L. Steeves, \$10. Total \$210. 4 4 4 These lines are being written at home by the Bits man, against

the good doctor's orders to stay But, prior to the order of the doctor, a new subscription was used in starting a fund for Sasolicited, and not finished, for lem's part of the centenary cele-\$50 more for the fence fund, bration. because a mistake was made three years ago in figuring the cost. It was supposed then that the \$210 would be sufficient, else more would have been asked for, and no doubt secured.

Henry R. Crawford attended to the matter, and took the lengths, ment of names of contributors etc., from W. J. Culver, then will be delayed a few days.) county road master.

Mr. Crawford can explain, if your business as it is the busi-Any way, \$50 more must be or any part of the American ter-

raised, in order to finish the ritory west of the Rockies.

future payments.

New Kind of Road Hog

THAIRMAN SCOTT disclosed his well-balanced judgment

in warning the road boosters that if they rush in with

applications for federal public works money for road con-

struction they may simply suck up Oregon's allotment which

might better be used for other purposes. There is no single

public activity so gluttonous as roads. The school system long

had a ravenous appetite; but it has gotten along on compar-

atively slim fare for several years because it had no open

access to the federal larder. But the road promoters have

never ceased their petitions for more road money, many still

urging bonds or the equivalent commitment of the state for

road work, save as it may be desirable in order to furnish

work. The state will have roads to build and to rebuild fifty

road work of a quarter-century into a few years. Highway

share of public funds. Buildings are needed at some of the

state institutions. An adequate state library is a pressing

need. Sewage disposal plants have been approved by many

cities. Suppose the state gives attention to these other needs

The drum corps held that note five seconds too long; and it proved

just as fatal as having a cap blow off at Detroit. It is a great disap-

pointment to lose out on a technicality; but the popularity of the

corps with the crowd of 40,000 will mitigate the regret. The showing

of the drum corps in heading the great parade and in the contest,

and of the auxiliary trio and quartette which won first places, has

done a great deal to put Salem on the map at the Chicago convention

for awhile; and not try to put all its money into speed high-

Therefore, give other public works a chance at Oregon's

years from now. We do not need hysterically to telescope the

traffic, except for trucks, is not as heavy as it was in peak

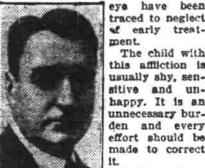
years. Facilities are for the most part quite adequate.

There is no pressing necessity for hurrying along with

#### By Royal S. Copeland, M.D. fencing, and there are already sub-

NO ONE will deny that a child who

suffers from cross-eye is decidedly handcapped. Neglect of the condition leads to poor vision. Some cases of blindness in one



ment. The child with this affliction is usually shy, sensitive and unhappy. It is an unnecessary burden and every effort should be made to correct

Contrary to belief held by Dr. Copeland many parents, "cross eves" can be overcome. It is probable that most sufferers from this disfiguring affliction have grown up in the belief that the condition is incurable.

This is not true. Exercises Helpful

Although exercises were advised in the treatment of cross eyes as long ago as two hundred years, it is only within the past few decades that any progress has been made in the real correction of this disorder. Within recent years clinics and institutions for the correction of such cases have been opened in all large cities. These clinics are equipped with modern instruments necessary for the correction of cross eyes.

To determine the cause, it is necessary first to discover whether there is any error of refraction in one er both eyes. If this is present, it is absolutely essential that proper glasses be prescribed and the refraction corrected. By this I mean that the normal seeing power of the eyes should be restored

Bear in mind that if the muscles of one eye are weak and the eye is unable clearly to see an object, the trouble will grow worse unless the muscles are strengthened by exercise and the wearing of proper glasses. The eyes must work together, do "team work".

The use of certain exercises helps to restore the normal action of the eyes. Within recent years, this has been accomplished by the introduction of certain new instruments which stimulate normal vision and what the doctors call "fusion".

Early Treatment Essential

Since the condition must be corrected in childhood, it is essential that the treatment be conducted in a manner that will appeal to the young child. For this reason, interesting stereoscopic pictures are used in the tests and exercises necessary for the correction of the deformity. For older children, drawing exer-

weakened eye. Special exercises can be used for the older child who understands and helps in the instruc-At times, exercises and glasses are not sufficient for the correction of this deformity. Operation is then ad-

vised. Let me assure the worried

mother that the procedure is a sim-

cises and the tracing of pictures have been used to re-educate the

ple one and not to be feared. I cannot overstate the importance of early and proper care of the crosseyed child. No child need continue to be so afflicted. Bear in mind that the sooner the child is treated, the easier the cure and the better the

Answers to Health Queries

S C O-Is bran barmful? A .- Not if eaten in moderation. aids in relief of constipation.

Doris E. Q.-What do you advise for reducing? A .- Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for further particulars and repeat your question.

Mrs. C. K. Q .- What would you advise for pain all through the body, H, H. Weatherspoon, former representative from Union county, but especially in the limbs? The away", just how many calls will the doctors lose out of 80,000 boxes? (Copyright, 1938, K. F. S., Inc.)

# "THATS MY BOY" BY FRANCIS

word from "my boy." . . . Next day Mom hears neighbors at the butch-er's boasting of their generous children; she shows them a handsome beaded bag saying Tommy had sent it to her. Later she receives a fancy silk shawl from him. . . . she means to keep it and wear it to his graduation. . . Sadness which came to the Randolph family when their boy stayed in New York over the holidays is lifted considerably when Mom receives a wonderfully scented, sweetly phrased letter from Elaine, her Tommy's big city girl. Pop calls that message "a lot of baloney" (Al Smith was his big idol). However, Mom gets a fine letter from Tommy . . . she reads much of it to neighbors at the butcher's, but not its "touching" end (\$25 to help pay for The Gorgeous One's latest present)....

#### CHAPTER THIRTY

Mrs. Flannigan and Mrs. John-Johnson was quickest:

"So she has a soul-now ain't son. thought females didn't have any." why Mom didn't want to ball things he was sick. So she fixed a real "Well," Mrs. Farrell said, "if she up right at the beginning with a hot bath and then wrapped him

son added, "well, if what I read of his mother's letter.

about them wild parties in Green- Finally Mom figured it out. Witch Village is true I wouldn't want one of them in my family."

agreed that, as far as that went, even old Butcher Brown smiled a ten. little down over his nose, which was meat he was cutting. They said he

bird flew so high it didn't have to tificate from the Palmer Method, running. Mom made them both be come down to eat."

The three of them walked out together. Butcher Brown looked af- perfume at the five-and-ten and sweat and a sleep. Mom thought ter them and said to his cat-it was so big they said it was part rab-

"And how they're living for that day, Albert."

rame to give a cat-Albert. But difficult bridge. stand up on the chair and box. They his Mom. said Butcher Brown thought the world of him.

daze and was even a little short- while she went downtown. She Dist

The old home town—tisy Athens in the midwest—is awaiting the return of its most celebrated son, "Big Jeff" Randolph, for two seasons a national football sensation at famous Thorndyke, one of the most historic of eastern universities. Thorndyke influences had lured Randolph east because he had been a high school grid marvel. On vacations, some of which he spent at home, Tommy (as he was known to his Mom and Pop and other admiring Athenians) was "the glass" tempered for her.

The letter had to be answered and it had to but one up brown; to turn the fire out and stir them up to get the burnt ones off the bottom.

Pop and Uncle Louie were arguing. Mom lost her temper, "The house could burn down over you two and you'd sit there arguing," she said. "Couldn't you smell these beans burning?"

"He," Pop replied, still oblivious of beans, "thinks he knows all subout artists."

Uncle Louie wagged his head.

miring Athenians) was "the glass of fashion and the mould of form" couldn't tell him to write some of Uncle Louie wagged his head. of fashion and the mould of form and . . an airy arbiter of household manners. Dorothy Whitney, daughter of the town's richest citizen, had been Tommy's high school girl friend but a rift hall slowly come between them until the dazzling Thorndyke here had become

Street magnate. . . . A couple of days before Christmas, Tommy to the girl who was beating her time. Dorothy was only human it," Mom said, pouring out the and she wouldn't like it. Mom was beans into a big pan and skimming the guest of Park Avenue friends; Athens abandons its banquet plans, and it was a somewhat sad holiday in the Randolph home with no other Park Avenue and was in the Social Louie, "when we was at the Wash-Register, Tommy said.

an idea Steve knew more about the show." look something like Dorothy Whit- better off now." feel this way about Elaine; but women I didn't find out." then, she knew that Tommy would enough for his mother. Mom beans-"I bet you just raised ned couldn't help thinking, then, of on a bass drum." what a fine wedding it would be in

son were very flattering to her Sunday papers. Mom had always time but he wouldn't pay any atface; but Mom had no sooner taken an interest in the doings of tention until finally he came home closed the door behind her than the society people and here wasn't one night with his eyes watering they fought for the floor. Mrs. her own Tommy mixed up with and all filled up with it and this that interesting - here I always And there was another reason thing to say so Mom knew then

wants to keep on with all them poor letter that would make a bad up in blankets and Pop made a Paris clothes, she'd better not get impression. This sweet girl must hat toddy although he was comhim. Playin' golf all the time won't go on believing that Tommy's par- plaining all the time about how ents were really what she thought; the drys had made it so that a "And she's an artist," Mrs. John- and Tommy must not be ashamed man couldn't even have a good

write for her; and the she knew the doctors were as bad as the Mrs. Flannigan and Mrs. Farrell what she wanted to say, still, she bootleggers and politicians and exchanged quick glances which couldn't compose it just the way drys and all of them were getshe wanted to; and she wrote a ting rich on it while the poor man Mrs. Johnson had plenty to bother poor hand anyhow, and her writing suffered. about in her own family right now; paper all came from the five-and-

So she bought a nice pictureas red and big as a piece of the card with a pretty verse about it to stick together like the masons drank blood and that's what gave her; and she put it in an envelope want one in a hurry and he'd be him that complexion. with a fancy lining and had Mabel out in the cold; and Pop said if "Well, anyhow," Mrs. Farrell Durst, who wrote the prettiest you shook a two-dollar bill in front said, "I always say that never a hand in town and still had a cer- of them the whole pack would come when Elaine opened it. Then Mom walked home with a

Everybody said that was a funny isfaction of having crossed another about him because he'd be all right

It was Friday night when Pop always one of the up-and-doing always liked beans and Mom had kind. Mom went around in a sort of a left them cooking on the stove

enamoured of Elaine Winthrop, artist and daughter of a Wall Street magnate. . . . A couple of days before Chairman Chair

ington convention a bunch of us There was Steve-but Mom had went with some of them after the inside of a car than composing the Mom said, still a little short: "If

right kind of a letter to a delicate you hadn't thrown so much of your and sweet person like Elaine money away on women like that Mom had an idea Elaine must when you were young, you'd be

ney's mother when that sweet little Uncle Louie took it as a compliperson first came to town. For a ment: "Maybe," he admitted, thus minute Mom wondered if she confessing a shameful past, "but weren't being unfair to Dorothy to there ain't nothin' about them fast

"Yeh," Pop said, filling his bowl do what he wanted anyhow and with beans and reaching for the marry whom he wanted, and what heel of the bread-Pop always liked was good enough for him was good the heel and lots of butter with his

New York, with the girls all in the was a bad kind of a winter. White and the men in their swallow-tail coats and plug hats, with rubbers and he got to slopping Tommy coming out of church smil-ing down at Elaine like the hand- and picked up a cold. Mom warned some young men always did in the him about it getting worse all the them. He was surely a wonderful time when Mom told him to go right to bed he didn't have any-

drink of hot toddy if he was sick without paying four prices to the She couldn't ask anybody else to doctors for a prescription and that

Uncle Louie said Pop better be careful talking that way about the doctors as they were great ones being so nice to have thought of and one of these times Pop might write the address. Then Mom still and sent them downstairs as bought a little bottle of the best what Pete needed was a good carefully let one drop inside the there was nothing like a good envelope so it would smell pretty sweat to break a cold. So she bundled him up and turned out the light and told him to try and feeling of great contentment, a sat- sleep; he told her not to worry in the morning. Mom had a kind hen he was feeling good he would Temmy was going to be proud of of a funny feeling. It was strange to see Pete in bed because he was

(To Be Continued)

#### Y esterdays ... Of Old Salem Town Talks from the States-

October 10, 1908

Announcement of Mayor not being candidate for reelection of city that he remain in office.

saloon there at present is suffic-

paddle wheel of steamer Pomona throws up shower of gravel from river bottom, reported; flying pebbles kill mud ducks, cascade George F. Rodger's intention of on steamer's hurricane deck; Caparound in river at any point between Salem and Newberg; boat County commissioners refuse stopped on one shoal while mem-

issuance of second liquor license ber of crew waded around hunting for town of Gates, contending one dime dropped overboard.

October 10, 1923

Arthur Rosebraugh of Salem,

chosen as one of two University of

Oregen candidates for Rhodes

Willamette river so low that gan of Earlier Days

Special school election called for vote on proposal to building junior high school on |Capitol tain Graham says person can roll street; school board sells \$100,elicits demand from businessmen trousers to his knees and walk 000 in 5 per cent bonds at \$28 permium.

university, England.

DALLAS-Voters of this school district aprove \$79,000 bond issue for purchase of site and erection of high school building.

#### Chemawa Grangers to Stage Fair October 14

CHEMAWA, Oct. 9 .- Grangers are enthusiastically preparing a booster program and fair to be held the afternoon and evening of October 14 at the grange hall here. A committee meeting is to be held at the Bowden home Monday night, October 9, to complete plans. All former grange members and those now interested are urged to keep the fair date in mind and to be present at that event.

FIRST DANCE HELD SILVERTON, Oct. 9.—The first student body dance of the season

was held Thursday night with Frank Pettyjohn as general chairman. Margaret Larson was chairman of the decorating committee; Laura Hubbs had charge of invitations, and Emogene Wood acted as social hostess. Patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rue, Mr. and Mrs. John Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stewart and Superintendent and Mrs. Robert

MARGARET COULSON HURT SCOTTS MILLS, Oct. 9-Miss Margaret Coulson, while preparing Bible school, early Thursday morning slipped and fell at her home causing a dislocated shoul-

# Welcome for Legion Heads



On the eve of the opening of the American Legion convention in Chicago, the customary presentation of the keys to the city is made by Mayor Edward J. Kelly to Lewis Johnson, national commander. In center is Fred L. Boissy, Legion official.