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Treasury Shortage

An audit reveals a large shortage in the accounts of the county treasurer. The grand jury is probing the report of the state auditing department and presumably will assess the responsibility. This paper will not anticipate the findings of the jury, and believes the public will do well to withhold judgment until this inquisitorial body presents its report.

The incident emphasizes the value of the independent audit made by the state auditing department. Previous audits failed to discover the shortage, though it appears to have existed over a period of 15 years. Whether they simply fell down on the job or feared to disclose the shortage we cannot say. The Statesman has been a staunch supporter of the state auditing department. It has proven its worth on numerous occasions. Complaint is sometimes made that it costs more than other audits. But if other audits fail to reveal the whole truth of what value is their service? Commissioner Hewlett, who called for the independent audit, deserves credit for insisting on it.

Colorado Keeps \$45 Pension

Extent to which sentiment for adequate old age pensions has been solidified is reflected in the almost 2 to 1 vote whereby Colorado refused to eliminate the onerous \$45 a month pension under which it has been laboring for nearly two years.

There was a strenuous campaign on this issue in Colorado, unnoticed by the outside world except when it became a physically violent campaign instead of merely vocal. Sound trucks which were being used by opponents of the pension were overturned by throngs of pensioners and their backers.

Colorado is in serious financial straits, not all occasioned by the necessity for paying this pension. The Colorado legislature seems not to have been responsive to public demand in the past, and it framed the tax setup in that state so that the burden falls too heavily upon people of modest means and permits non-resident landowners to escape taxation almost entirely. For this reason and partly because of the pension burden, a "tax strike" has prevailed there in recent months.

Colorado ignored the "means test" requirement of the federal old age assistance provision—a provision called in Oregon the "pauper's oath"—so far as possible and got into some difficulty over that. Meanwhile its pensioners are receiving far less than the promised \$45 a month, relief needs are being slighted and the state is going "into the red" for state expenses. The day of reckoning is still ahead. Sympathize as we may with Colorado in its dilemma, the lesson to the nation in Colorado's decision is that the pension problem must be solved in a sane manner—and that the solution must include pensions that will afford a decent living.

Seventy Years Wedded

Golden wedding anniversaries are noted more or less regularly in the columns of Willamette valley newspapers, though not too regularly to make such news commonplace. Sixtieth anniversaries are much more rare. The first news item recording a 70th anniversary that we have observed appears in Tuesday's issue of the Eugene News and quite properly, it is heralded with an eight-column banner across the top of the front page.

George M. Dillard and Martha Clark were married near Cottage Grove on November 18, 1868. As children, they had crossed the plains in covered wagons with their respective parents. Now Mr. Dillard is 89 years old and Mrs. Dillard is 88.

Longevity is of course the primary requisite for couples who have ambitions to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. Early marriage helps. Beyond that, it does seem that a couple married in 1868 had perhaps some advantages toward that accomplishment that do not exist in the Willamette valley today.

They had to work hard on the home place that they carved out of the wilderness; they were privileged to work side by side. There were no movies or night clubs or bridge clubs which might interest the one and not the other. A "community of interest" was inevitable. If "the first ten years are the hardest," it was much easier for them to avoid "drifting apart" than it is for young couples today. Yet the analysis of these advantages might point out the possibility of their attainment today, by any young couple starting out in life with an ambition to celebrate, in the year 2008, 70 years of wedded happiness.

Grange Comes to Oregon

The national grange convention opens in Portland today and hundreds of delegates and members from throughout the United States are converging upon Oregon. Members in this state, including many from the Salem vicinity, will go to Portland to look on.

The farmer is outstandingly an individualist. Down through the ages, farmers have needed a meeting point through which they could exchange views and recognize common needs, a "voice" through which they could make those views and needs known to the public at large. The grange has come to be the largest and most influential of such agencies.

Oregon welcomes the national leaders and the visiting members of the grange and hopes their stay will be enjoyable and their meeting profitable. Upstate Oregon invites them to see more of the state than merely the host-metropolis, and Salem would be delighted to show any who stray this far, the attractions of this center of state government.

What's this? Some weeks ago it was announced in a casual way not calculated to arouse suspicion, that the Oregon license plates for 1939 would be yellow with black lettering, this combination having proven best as to visibility. Now, in a news release from the Oregon State Motor association showing the colors of all states' 1939 licenses, it is announced as "black on lemon yellow." It looks like a start on that scheme of alternating between lemon yellow and orange, colors of the two big state schools, which was suggested some months ago.

Portland voters rejected an initiative ordinance tightening restrictions on dogs. In San Francisco, the number of persons bitten by dogs recently constitutes a near-epidemic. There are always two sides to the dog question in cities. If dog owners exercise care that their pets do not endanger the public or become nuisances, there is less provocation for drastic legislation against them.

The \$30-a-year-Thursdays backers are gearing for a fresh start down in California. What they are after is the penny a day from the oldsters. There's a big chunk of money left over from the campaign fund which will go quite a ways for "expenses."

Progress is rebuffed again. The board of education of New York City has decreed that junior high school students may be taught the "facts of life" about birds and bees, but must not be told how mammals reproduce.

Both Popeye and Mickey Mouse have been banned from fascist Italy. We are more than ever convinced that The Statesman prints a superior type of comics.

Kemal Ataturk led a full life. The world hails his passing thus: "Attatoy, Ataturk."

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Roll of honor grows: 11-16-38 men who learned here and saved the Union for America, democracy for world:

(Continued from yesterday.) Robert Ogden Tyler shall be 73 on our glorious scroll. Born at Hunter, Greene county, N. Y., December 22, 1831, he lived till December 1, 1874. His grandfather was adjutant general to General Israel Putnam, Revolutionary war hero, and three of his (Tyler's) uncles were army officers. He graduated from West Point with the class of 1853, assigned, a 2nd lieutenant, to the 3rd Artillery. He participated in the movement of troops to Salt Lake and San Francisco, 1854-5; promoted to 1st lieutenant Sept. 1, 1856; engaged in the "Indian wars in what is now the state of Washington." The words just quoted are from the Dictionary of American Biography.

How Tyler engaged in the Indian wars of what is now the state of Washington would make a story much too long for use here. Very briefly: It was March, 1858. The Oregon part of the general Indian war to stop covered wagon immigration and destroy the white race, started in 1855, and by 1858, after nearly two years, but the Washington part of it still raged, especially east of the Cascades; the conspicuous leader being Chief Kamiakin of the Yakimas. General Newman S. Clarke, Fort Vancouver, had newly been given command of this district of the regular army. He wanted action. Early in March, '58, eight companies of the 9th infantry, regular army, came from San Francisco, in command of Col. George Wright, and he was ordered, from headquarters at the Dalles, to make an end to the bloody business.

He proceeded in direct and bloody ways. The place where Lieut. Robert Ogden Tyler came into the picture prominently—the picture which finished that war, is well told in "Early Indian Wars of Oregon" by Frances Fuller Victor, a rather official book, published with the help of our state treasury, authorized by our legislature. In the very last pages of that book, before the muster rolls, commencing on page 4.1, under date of Aug. 31, 1858, one finds, quoting:

"Wright encamped his command in the vicinity of Four Lakes (not far from the site of present Spokane) to give the troops a needed rest before battle. . . . Wright made a reconnaissance in that direction (of the four lakes) with a force consisting of two squadrons of dragoons, . . . four companies of artillery, armed with rifle muskets . . . the rifles battalion of two companies of the 9th infantry commanded by Capt. F. T. Dent (brother of Mrs. U. S. Grant); one mountain howitzer, with Bruce Cabot and Beatrix Roberts. Also Mickey Mouse cartoon. Thursday—Joel McCrea, Bob Burns and Frances Dee in "Wells Fargo." Saturday—Midnight show, Robert Taylor in "The Crowd Roars."

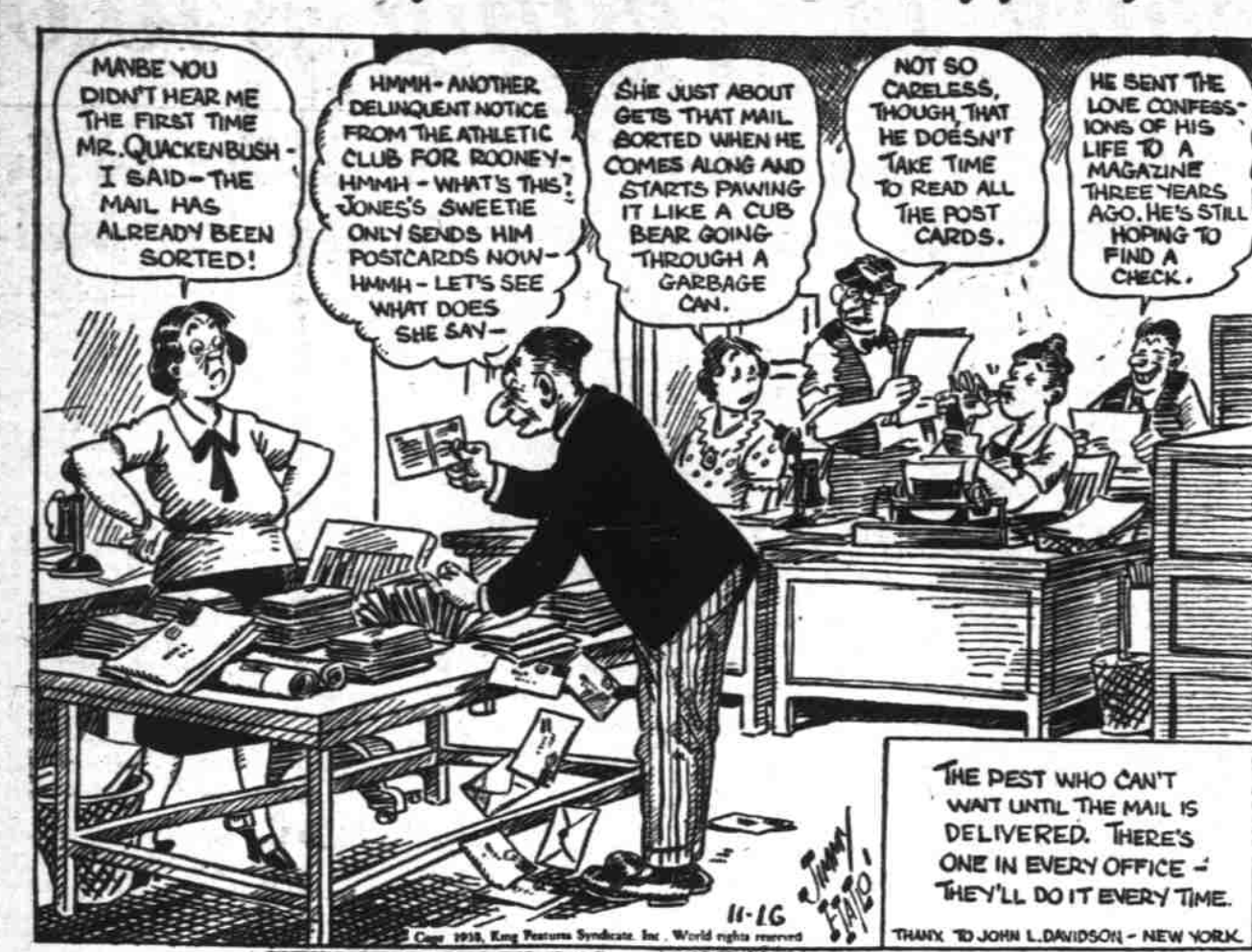
"Lieutenant White with the howitzer battery, supported by COMPANY A UNDER LIEUTENANT TYLER and the rifles, was sent to the right to drive them (the Indians) out of the woods. . . . A few discharges of the howitzer . . . soon dislodged the enemy and compelled them to take refuge on the hills. . . . Mintie balls and long range rifles were things with which now for the first time they were to become acquainted. . . . In a few minutes . . . the fire became too heavy and the whole array (Indians) broke and fled toward the plain. . . . TYLER'S and Gaston's companies were there, burning for revenge, and soon they were on them. . . . The dragoons captured 809 horses (belonging to the Indians), the foot troops assisting in driving them to (Col.) Wright's camp 16 miles above Spokane falls. (No town there then.) All the 809 horses were killed, except such as could be made immediately useful. A plain Indian without a horse is nearly helpless. On Oct. 9th, Col. Wright summoned the last band (the Walla Walla Cayuses) to his camp. They came. He ordered the guard to hang four of their warriors, as an example to the rest. . . . The next month he hanged 16 Indian warriors as examples. He warned all the rest that he would keep this up till they had enough. . . . That ended the war to stop the covered wagons and destroy the white race. General Harney the next year succeeded General Clarke, and opened the country to settlement (it had been closed five years), and it has been so open ever since. (Need will be found later to refer again to that war, in connection with other men whose names are in or to be in this series.)

In 1859 Lieut. Tyler was sent to the Sioux country in Minnesota, and the opening of the Civil war found him garrisoned at Fort Columbia recruiting station, New York. He accompanied the relief expedition to Fort Sumter, S. C., in April, 1861, then went to Baltimore to assist in opening that city to federal forces. In May he was transferred to the quartermaster's department and opened a supply depot at Alexandria, Va.

September found him colonel of the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery. The following spring ('62) he was in the Peninsula campaign. He prepared the battery to bombard Yorktown. The Confederates withdrew; there was no engagement; the battery moved for an attack on Richmond, which never occurred. At Gaines's Mill June 27, '62, his batteries did good work in assisting the federals north of the Chickahominy. In the retreat to Malvern Hill, Tyler brought off all his guns but one and used them in repulsing the Confederate attack on July 1. Thus he earned the rank of brigadier general of volunteers, dating from Nov. 29, '62. His batteries fired on Fredericksburg.

In the Gettysburg campaign, Tyler had the artillery reserve of 130 guns, used under the direction of Gen. Henry J. Hunt, chief of artillery, who disposed of these guns to a maximum advantage, especially in stopping Pickett's charging infantry. In 1864 Tyler's artillery served as infantry throughout the Wilderness campaign. Its disposition at Spottsylvania May 17-24 drove back the Confederate forces under General Richard Ewell. (Continued tomorrow)

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo

Radio Programs

- KSJM-WEDNESDAY-1370 Kc. 7:30-News. 7:45-Time 'n' Day. 8:00-Morning Meditations. 8:15-Hits and Encores. 9:00-Pastor's Call. 9:15-Friendly Circle. 9:45-Book Reviews. 10:00-Hawaiian Paradise. 10:15-News. 10:30-Plano Quiz. 10:45-Voice of Experience. 11:00-Hometown. 11:15-Organalities. 11:30-News. 11:45-University Chapel. 12:15-News. 12:30-Hillbilly Serenade. 12:45-Voice of the Farm. 1:00-All Year Club. 1:15-Midstraw. 1:30-PTA Program. 1:45-The Hatterfields. 2:15-The Johnson Family. 2:30-Nation School of Air. 3:00-Feminine Fancies. 3:15-News. 3:30-News. 3:45-News. 4:00-Fulton Lewis, jr. 4:15-National Book Week Talk. 4:30-News. 4:45-News. 5:00-College of Music. 5:15-Johnny Lawrence Club. 5:30-News. 5:45-Tonight's Headlines. 6:00-Wait's 'Em. 6:15-News. 6:30-News. 6:45-News. 7:00-News. 7:15-News. 7:30-News. 7:45-News. 8:00-News. 8:15-Masters of the Bateau. 8:30-Dick Jurgens Orchestra. 8:45-News. 9:00-Fun in Your Kitchen. 9:15-News. 9:30-Crystal Gardens Ballroom. 9:45-News. 10:00-News. 10:15-News. 10:30-Chuck Foster's Orchestra. 11:00-Jack McLean's Orchestra.

Ten Years Ago

November 16, 1928 Members of state textbooks commission will meet Monday to select one third of the textbooks to be used in public schools of Oregon the next two years.

Congressman W. C. Hawley spoke before Prof. Lockenour's class in American government at Willamette university Thursday and later addressed the students at the chapel hour.

Fifteen Years Ago

November 16, 1923 Soutny judges and the county commissioners of Oregon will meet in Salem January 4 to 6 according to Judge H. H. Cross, president.

U. G. Boyer, county clerk for Marion county, will go to Portland today to attend the state meeting of county clerks which is in session there.

The Call Board

- STATE Today—"Little Miss Broadway" with Shirley Temple and "Love Takes a Flight" with Bruce Cabot and Beatrix Roberts. Also Mickey Mouse cartoon. Thursday—Joel McCrea, Bob Burns and Frances Dee in "Wells Fargo." Saturday—Midnight show, Robert Taylor in "The Crowd Roars."

GRAND Today—Loretta Young, Tyrone Power and Annabella in "Suez." Saturday—"Girl's School," with Ann Shirley, Ralph Bellamy and Nan Grey.

HOLLYWOOD Today—Family night—"You and Me" with Sylvia Sidney and George Raft. Friday—Two features—Hop-along Cassidy in "Bar 20 Justice" with William Boyd and "Love is a Headache" with Fanchot Tone, Mickey Rooney and Gladys George.

ELSINORE Today—"Men With Wings" with Fred MacMurray, Ray Milland and Louise Campbell. Technicolor. Thursday—"The Mad Miss Manton" with Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda and "I Stand Accused" with Robert Cummings and Helen Mack.

CAPITOL Today—"Frankenstein" and "Dracula" with Boris Karloff, plus "Attic of Terror."

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Sage of Salem Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE

The last fly of summer sits high on his nail. Perhaps thinking over the season just closed. The things that transpired when due without fail. And the many more things that were only supposed. Perhaps he has thoughts, with a little fly sigh, Of swatters evaded, by skill or by chance. Of friends that have gone the long trail to bye-bye. Of a heaven of laid heads on which to dance. Intelligent insect, this fly on the nail, I'm sure he knows Einstein as well as best men. He knows that by fate he is held without bail, And life's but a buzz from the now to the then.

north-bound and south bound, fairly continuous on that corner, and he said in reply to a bit of questioning that he aimed to get a ride to Eugene. He would walk and think of things, only his old leg wound was fusing. "War?" I asked. "Yeah," he replied, "Bunker Hill." Then we both tittered an odd sort of titter that suggested two old and rusty saws engaged in separating some difficult substance from itself. A joke in passing, even though it be a very poor one, is better than no joke at all.

A possible improvement in the last line of the above is suggested by an acquaintance, whose literary judgment, I hope, is better than his manners, he being an over the shoulder reader. However, here is his line, and the reader may use either, or both, as he may wish—"And life's but a buzz and a bite now and then."

Current news weeklies at the theatres show details of the dedication at Ardmore, Okla., of the Will Rogers memorial building. An immense crowd in attendance, including Mrs. Rogers, Mary, Jim and his wife and Bill. A life-size portrait of Will, declared by the official announcer for the occasion to have "never met a person he did not like, which statement is too broad to be entirely convincing. It stands to ordinary reason, I think, that Will Rogers disliked many people, or at any rate certain of the qualities of such people. More accurately it may be said that the people whom he disliked liked the way he disliked them.

Aren't hat pins in vogue any more? It has been a long time since I have seen in the news a mention of a gentleman being stabbed by a lady with a hat-pin, and it used to be of frequent occurrence.

All sorts of "experts" are necessary to the making of a world. A few days ago I was limping slightly because of a sore toe. My limp interested a stranger. He stated that he had made a study of limps, and he would tell me which one of my toes was sore if I would bet him a dollar he was unable to do so. I did not bet, but I volunteered to give him a cup of coffee if he would name the toe. He agreed and named a toe. It was not the toe that was at fault that he named, but I paid for his coffee. It was worth a nickel just to see a man show off in that way. As a matter of fact, my limp was caused by wrinkled hosiery.

I met up with an oldish gentleman at the corner of Commercial and Ferry streets one day last week. He was looking longingly at the parade of autos,

Some individuals have the art highly developed of telling an inquisitive individual to mind his own business, without being offensive.

"Suez," film showing at the Grand theatre since Saturday, is a vivid story of the difficulties overcome by a young French nobleman, Ferdinand de Lesseps at that tremendous ditch, the Suez canal. "Suez" is an excellently well done picture, meaning, in this instance, that it gives a more comprehensive knowledge of the gigantic proportions of the enterprise, as well as the situation in Europe during the troubled reign of Louis Napoleon and his queen, Eugenia, than one might get from weeks of desultory reading. Desultory reading by the way, is the kind most of us do when we read history. Loretta Young is acceptable as the Empress Eugenia, featuring of course the well known hat, which has been imitated, off and on, ever since by stylish women all over the world. Tyrone Power is somewhat more than acceptable in the role of De Lesseps, that being the sort of character he portrays best, as exemplified in the "Loyds of London" picture. Annabella, as the harumscarum granddaughter of a French sergeant of infantry, does what appears to me an exceptionally perfect bit of work—one of those difficult blendings of character in which the tragic and the humorous are very close to each other, and, I judge, not easy of portrayal.

Ferdinand de Lesseps dreamed great dreams. The Suez canal was the first of them. And it came true only after he had lost everything in life that was dear to him. A Jewish prime minister of England, Benjamin Disraeli, encouraged by a far-seeing queen, Victoria, made the Suez canal a reality. I recall some what dimly that de Lesseps later attempted to put through another dream—the cutting of a canal across the isthmus of Panama. The attempt failed miserably. The Panama canal became a reality through the efforts of Theodore Roosevelt. Dreamers have done much for the world, but a few of them have only saddened by their experience.

WARNER'S CAPITOL THEATRE WE DARE YOU to see both of them together STARTING TODAY! MAMMOTH HORROR SHOW!! The 2 Super-Shockers of the Century! FRANKENSTEIN BORIS KARLOFF WHILE HIS VICTIMS SLEEP! DRACULA BELA LUGOSI SAM LEVENE FRANCIS MERCER STANLEY RIDGES WHITNEY BOURNE HURRY! LAST DAY "MEN WITH WINGS" All in Color with FRED MACMURRAY RAY MILLAND LOUISE CAMPBELL