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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"

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Mott's Query Is Pertinent

Representative James W. Mott took a sound position in calling for an authoritative statement from the administration as to whether it intends to fortify Guam in the western Pacific. There has been so much dodging and so many equivocal statements from persons high in power when quizzed on the matter that it is time congress, and the country, had a clear declaration of purpose.

Congressman Mott is an ardent believer in maintaining the national defense; but he is not one to vote appropriations or accept executive recommendations blindly. He has made that clear all through his terms in congress. It happens in this instance that naval men themselves are reported as startled at the apparent plan of the administration to fortify Guam. The navy has been projecting its western line of defense from the Aleutian islands to Hawaii in mid-Pacific to the Panama canal. To extend the line many hundreds of miles west to include Guam throws their whole plan out of shape. Guam itself is so exposed that a strategist says it is almost impossible to protect it in case of war with an Asiatic power. The Roosevelt administration has previously obtained legislation under which the United States withdraws from the Philippines in 1946. Why then fortify Guam? Hawaii offers a secure base in the middle of the ocean. Unless this country plans to resume a policy of imperialism in Asia it seems wiser, from the information now in hand, that the defense line be held at Hawaii.

Congressman Mott should press for more information.

Fighting Infantile Paralysis

Citizens of Salem in common with those of almost every community in the United States will dance on Monday night in celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday. It is by the president's own wish that, eclipsing the mere fact that he will on that day attain the age of 57 years, the primary emphasis in planning and patronizing these dances has been placed upon the cause to which the proceeds are devoted—the fight against poliomyelitis, more commonly known as infantile paralysis. Yet the purpose is made especially significant by realization of the president's own personal triumph over the handicap of this disease, and so the President's Ball is in a double sense a tribute to the man.

The major portion of the funds raised annually in this series of dances is devoted to a direct fight against the disease and to the support of institutions for the relief of its thousands of present victims. But in this fight, medical science is handicapped by the lack of knowledge that still persists, relative to the nature of the disease and the possible means of opposing it. Therefore the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis devotes a portion of its funds to research in a number of universities and hospitals, and it is hoped that progress along the lines of prevention and of early cure will result from the foundation's program, as well as treatment for those who are stricken.

Poliomyelitis is caused by a virus—distinguished from bacteria by its small size and the fact that it cannot be grown in a test tube—which is especially dangerous because it belongs to the group which has a particular affinity for the nervous system. This virus is especially serious because it attacks the spinal cord and destroys the large nerve cells which control the muscles of the limbs and trunk. Once nerve cells are damaged beyond a certain point they die and can never be replaced. The result is permanent paralysis, which may be overcome only by transplantation of some of the un-paralyzed muscles to new locations or, imperfectly, by the use of braces.

Experimental science is attacking the problem from two sides; preventing individuals from acquiring the disease, and protecting the nerve cells from death in case it is acquired. Progress is being made on both of these fields of battle, with the prospect of developing a method of immunization especially bright, in view of the fact that most people have somehow developed a natural immunity.

With the details of this struggle we need not concern ourselves. The able-bodied layman's part in the battle is to dance on Monday night, to buy a ticket even if he doesn't care to dance, to help finance this fight against one of mankind's most deadly foes.

Way Cleared to Pay Unemployment Taxes

Every employer who has not paid unemployment taxes to the state for 1938 should get his check off Monday. Unless the taxes are paid this month he will not be allowed a 90 per cent offset on the three per cent levy imposed by the federal government. Now that the social security board has approved the Oregon unemployment statute, as amended by this session of the legislature, the employer need have no fear that he is paying double when he sends his check to the Oregon unemployment board.

The unemployment fund situation, which looked serious early this month when the Oregon act was not certified, is now cleared up. Oregon employers will continue to pay a three per cent tax; 90 per cent of it will go direct to the state commission and once a year the remaining 10 per cent will go to Washington which in turn will remit the tax to this state to pay the administrative cost of the benefit setup here.

Labor organizations are cleared of the charge that they wanted to put a double tax on employers here and workers and employers alike are relieved of the real danger that either no benefits would be paid in the state in 1939 or else a double tax imposed in order for the state to pay normal benefits. The amendment was well handled by the unemployment commission, the governor's office and the legislature. Working together, they have relieved the entire state of an embarrassing situation.

Senate Revolt Wins

The United States senate's vote to reduce WPA funds to \$725,000,000 for the period ending June 30, 1939 shows that federal economizing has gone beyond the talk stage. It took 26 democratic senators voting with 20 republicans to approve the \$150,000,000 slash but the reduction was won against firm resistance from the White House and over the protestations of such important men as Mayor LaGuardia who as president of the US conference of mayors predicted havoc would prevail if the reduction were made.

With the cut, WPA will have an average of \$150,000,000 a month to spend until the fiscal year ends and the senate has left a loop-hole if distress results by promising to consider an additional appropriation prior to June 30 if the president requests it.

No person of social conscience wants needy people left destitute and the reduction in the WPA grant must not be regarded as such a desire by the congress. It is a revolt, the first effective one since the New Deal, against the lavish, lump-sum, always increasing appropriations which have been demanded by the administration.

WPA's predecessor in the alphabet family was the Civil Works Administration of 1934, considered a temporary setup to provide quick work for needy unemployed until the Public Works Administration got its program into high gear. Instead of being temporary, WPA has every indication of permanency with a strange aptitude for increasing its outlays prior to election day. The senate has signalled by its ballot

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

The death angel has been busy during the past few weeks among Oregon pioneer families.

The death angel with the touch of his dark wing has been unusually busy in January days with members of prominent pioneer Oregon families.

George G. Brown, who had spent all his useful life in Salem, responded to the call and left a great circle of friends to regret his going. His mother was "Sis" Waldo, Oregon's greatest horse-woman in the days when she and her sisters were chief attractions of every Fourth of July or other patriotic parade.

Her father, Daniel Waldo, was the first settler with his family in the Waldo Hills, whence that district got its name. He came with the first great covered wagon immigration, the Applegate train of 1843.

The Waldo family produced leaders, builders, judges, men and women of vigor and vision who wrote their names large on the pages of Oregon's early history. George Brown was a worthy member; always a gentleman; ever a good neighbor and true friend.

Joseph H. Albert was scion of a still earlier stock. His grandfather, Almiria Phelps, missionary teacher, of the Jason Lee mission, and his grandfather was Joseph Holman of the "Peoria party" of 1839. They first met the day of the arrival of both, she the Port Vancouver lander of the Lausanne, he at the end of his perilous plains journey lasting into the second year. He was a builder; one of the originators of the pioneer inn on the main street in Salem, erected the Hotel on a building, one of the first brick blocks here, in which for nearly a quarter of a century the Oregon legislatures met—some of the state offices were located—still standing, northwest corner Commercial and Perry streets.

Thomas Cross, grandfather on his paternal side of Curtis B. Cross, was the first packer of meats on a considerable scale in Salem, and in Oregon. His father followed him, and Curtis was third in line, with his interest in the Valley Packing Co. to be handed down to the fourth generation, his sons, in case they wish it.

The mother of Curtis Cross was Jessie Baskett, of a pioneer Polk county family, her mother a daughter of Elijah Bristow, who erected on his Pleasant Hill land claim the first dwelling for whites in Lane county; intermarried in the Lane county branch of the Hendricks family.

Ida M. Babcock, 88, arrived here in 1857 a small girl, with her father, L. E. Pratt, who had come to take charge of the pioneer woolen mill in Salem, first on the coast. The mill had been erected the year before, by some of Oregon's prominent pioneers, but they were not making a success at operating it. Mr. Pratt made a huge success of it, and under his charge the institution was the biggest thing in a business way in making Salem a city not even excepting the state capital.

Mrs. Babcock was for the duration of about three average generations a leader in Salem church and social life of a worthwhile character.

Edgar W. Hazard, whom the death angel found temporarily at Seattle, and called him at 93, had lived a full life. He knew Abraham Lincoln and was an ardent supporter of the rail-splitter for president. He was converted in the Congregational church of Rev. Edward Beecher, brother of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Mr. Hazard was for a long time a member of the pioneer First Congregational church of Salem and its treasurer. He was for many years cashier of the Salem State bank, which became the United States National.

Mrs. Lydia Bowerman, 93, during a long period, after the covered wagon days, was prominent in temperance and church work in Salem and this section. She had to her credit, among many accomplishments, the raising of a son to be governor of Oregon—Jay Bowerman, June 17, 1910—Jan. 8, 1911.

John Bayne was among those summoned by the death angel in the period named. He had been a Salem fixture for a long time; a firm supporter of his church; faithful to his friends; a fighter for what he thought right in government and all that pertains to a civilized society.

Mr. Bayne was for a generation a practicing lawyer here, and had

in many ways contributed to the best interests of his city, county, state and nation.

The seven above named Salemites whose spirits have gone to the fields of asphodel beyond the stars have left vacant places from which they will be sorely missed.

This solemnist believes he speaks for the whole of Salem in expressing sympathy for their losses to all the members of their families who will miss them, for whom their spirits are waiting beyond the shining river.

that there is a limit to the nation's financial ability to give everyone a job. The curtailment should result in increased efficiency by the WPA administration. It also is indicative that the six-year paralysis of the congress in curtailing expenditures is at an end.

Union Looting Halted

The Oregon supreme court has quickly sustained Judge James T. Brand in his decision that a seceding labor union cannot take with it funds raised by the group from which it withdrew. The money does not follow the majority. The decision puts an end to one phase of the interminable war which raged in Oregon last year. A CIO organizer would gain a majority in a particular union. The boys would vote to withdraw and with them would go the funds in the treasury. In several instances the sum involved was more than \$5000 in one union.

Judge Brand and now the appellate court have smacked that practice down. The original union retains its money, no matter how many members quit. If the union is disbanded, the moneys revert to the parent, chartering organization. The newly formed group rightfully must start from the ground floor of finance and drag such moneys as it can from its new members.

The decision calls a necessary halt to extreme tactics pursued in the torrid conflicts of labor organizers for control of hard-earned dues paid by the rank-and-file. Unfortunately for the latter, the costs and attorneys' fees of the test case take a sizeable chunk from the treasury. Common sense and honesty should long ago have dictated that looting union funds would not be tolerated by the courts.

Senate (Some Absent) Debates on Hopkins



With hands outstretched, Senator Gillette, of Iowa, tells his colleagues—those who are present—that he would vote to confirm Harry Hopkins, as secretary of commerce, though he would be the "last man" he would choose if he were president. Hopkins led an unsuccessful "purge" against Gillette last November.

Radio Programs

KELM-SUNDAY-1370 Kc.

9:00—Christian Endeavor.
9:30—Salvation Army.
9:45—American Forum.
10:00—Sunset Parade.
10:15—Romance of the Hiways.
10:30—Salute to Station—Bessie.
11:00—American Lutheran Church.
12:00—On a Sunday Afternoon.
12:30—Silhouettes in Blue.
12:45—Tony Caboch.
1:00—Bessie's Program.
1:30—Lutheran Hour.
2:00—It's a Wheeling Steel.
2:30—Ella Bessie, Violinist.
3:00—Help Thy Neighbor.
3:30—Show of the Week.
4:00—Back Country Series.
4:30—George Hamilton's Orchestra.
5:00—Narcissus Church.
5:30—Frank and Archie.
6:00—Old Fashioned Revival.
7:00—Good Will Hour.
7:30—First Baptist Church.
8:45—Music by Faith.
9:00—Tonight's Headlines.
9:30—Stars of Today.
10:00—Hallie's Hour.
10:30—Salem Mennonite Church.
11:00—Phil Harris' Orchestra.
11:30—Jimmy Grier's Orchestra.

KELM-SUNDAY-820 Kc.

8:00—News.
8:15—Julio Oyungara.
8:30—Chimney House.
8:45—Sunrise Program.
9:00—Radio Review.
9:15—Medial Singers.
9:30—U. Chicago Round Table.
10:00—Musical Play.
10:30—Salute to New York Fair.
11:00—Stars of Today.
11:30—Barry McKinley.
12:45—Fables in Verse.
1:00—Sunday Drivers.
1:30—Frank and Archie.
1:45—Dog Chats.
2:00—Night Watchman.
2:30—Professor Purkitt.
3:00—Amanda's Party.
3:30—Uncle Ezra.
4:00—Edith.
4:30—Stars of Tomorrow.
5:00—Johnson Family.
5:30—Three Graces and Piano.
6:00—Salvation Army Program.
6:30—Feminine Fancies.
7:00—Band Wagon.
7:30—Merry Go-Round.
8:00—Album of Familiar Music.
8:30—Jack McLean's Orchestra.
9:00—Walter Winchell.
9:15—Inez Kirk.
9:30—Brook.
9:45—South Park.
10:00—One Man's Family.
10:30—Bridge to Dreamland.
11:00—Orchestra.

KELM-SUNDAY-1180 Kc.

7:00—Mr. Hood Weather.
8:00—Break.
8:30—Quiet Hour.
9:00—Quiet Hour.
9:30—Quiet Hour.
10:00—Magic Key.
10:30—Band.
11:00—Festive Housing.
11:30—Family All Hour.
12:00—Family All Hour.
12:30—Radio Tip.
1:00—Opera Andorra.
1:30—Radio Review.
2:00—Viennese Ensemble.
2:30—Charles Sears.
3:00—Catholic Hour.
3:30—New Friends of Music.
4:00—Sunday Serenade.
4:30—Paul Carson.
5:00—Orchestra.
5:30—Catholic Hour.
6:00—Musical Workshop.
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KELM-SUNDAY-1180 Kc.

7:00—Story of the Month.
7:30—News.
8:00—News.
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KELM-SUNDAY-820 Kc.

9:00—Homespun Hour.
9:30—"Motor Manners".
10:00—Story Hour for Adults.
10:30—Monday for Music.
11:00—Music of the Masters.
11:30—W. S. Averill.
12:00—Market, Crop Reports.
12:30—Extension Visits.
1:00—Guard Your Health.
1:30—Women's Magazine.
2:00—Monitor Views the News.
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Sage of Salem Speculates...

By D. H. TALMADGE

As to Weather
The day is dreary, the day is dark,
And old eyes see not so well,
And down in the street the autos park,
And merchants buy and sell;

The gossips have gone from the corner,
And have gone where taken by chance,
The streets have a look more forlorn,
Than shown in the first passing glance.

Oregon winter, and the days swiftly go,
On to the days of the spring,
Oregon winter that brings all to know
The nearness of beautiful spring.

Spring on the way, the neighbors ray,
And perhaps it is—who knows!
Better we live by the passing day,
Forgetting the "highs" and the "lows."

Alert Oregonians
Though winter still from house-tops drips,
Folk are planning summer trips.

The Weather

Thursday was a day of disconcerting incidents, here and thereabouts. The day opened with rain, clearing away blazingly at midday, and settled down to a real precipitation shortly after. However, through it all the weather remained warm, and men, of whom there were several in the streets, voiced a petition for lower temperatures.

It has been a bad week for half-blind eyes, of which there are a number in the town. It is the old story over again; the weather changes rapidly, leaving the possessor of the eyes with no other alternative but to blink it through. We all have noticed people on the streets when the weather is pleasant. These people are not necessarily in a bad way. Their vision clears presently, and when settled weather comes they are usually back to normal. Thank goodness the winter's cold holds off.

My eyes have been troubling me of late. They refuse to submit to conditions, which at one time ready to serve the moment the regimen is decided upon. An old, old story. I have been thinking of the men I have known who have reached this point. The philosophers bear up and carry on, tolerantly and in a semi-blindness. The good eyes amongst those above 70 are not numerous, at any rate amongst the workers on newspapers, who have kept up the pace for upwards of 60 years. They give in at last. Amongst the many I have known there are few exceptions. The prize columnists usually die at 40 or thereabouts. There are a few who keep going longer. I look back blinking over a course of nearly 60 years, and I have enjoyed it. But one becomes weary. I am now 72. I have had dreams, of course. Life without dreams would be a sad business. But the dreams have not materialized, but nothing more. It has been a grand life thus far. But the end of it, in nature, cannot be far away.

Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lewis were in Salem, and I had opportunity to have a word with them, but the meeting was not entirely satisfactory for the reason that I had been out in the weather, and the old eyes were filled with water, and there were a dozen reasons why I could not give those two youngsters the sort of welcome they deserved. They have a prosperous look. I infer that the show business in Portland is all it was hoped to be.

A Reference to Mr. Sprague I have hammered through a heap of political campaigns since I became old enough to hammer at matters of a political nature. Back in Iowa I was "Aggie" Cleveland. Which merely shows that I was an unflinching duckling. I find that I learned a lot from the two Cleveland camps.

pauses—the successful ones—but I never voted for him. I was a voter in those days for the big noise. I was a friend of Governor Larrabee of Iowa. But those were not the days of his issues. I comforted father in a boyish way when Mr. Cleveland was elected president for the second time. I have had personal acquaintance with the governors of several midwestern states. I once voted in Rhode Island, and voted wrong—which turned out to be right. Politics all my life, until I began to age. The old lights faded out, and the new ones came. I voted for Grover Cleveland when he ran for president the second time. My mother was partially responsible for this, but I was already beginning to see politics in their light. Mother and I wept for joy when Cleveland was declared elected. Father went to bed and remained there for a week. The idea, said father, choosing a man like Cleveland, which was far in the privilege of voting for Mr. Blaine! But I never broke away from the ticket after that. The democrats had a truer, better man than they realized when they nominated Mr. Cleveland. And—well, that was the way of it.

And this brings us back to Governor Sprague. I would have voted for him regardless of the party under which he was registered. I believe him competent in the political life of Oregon, and it may be—well, I won't say what I have in mind. We shall see what the future brings forth.

Bill Eckles, thinking of something else, around the turn of his clock one night this week. The boss said he'd heard the story before, and he didn't think much of it. Bill was probably trying to figure out some way of getting relief from the alarm which was suffering from the darning thing. Bill is old enough to know that an alarm clock cannot be outfigured.

The Old Typewriter
It groans and grumbles,
Its type is worn and old,
It starts and stumbles,
With air forlorn,
'Tis the world's sad way,
With machines and men
Life is what and life is when
And do the best we can.

The Safety Valve

Letters From Statesmen Readers

Dear Editor:

Your editorial, "Billingsgate: International Danger" merits very strong and sincere approval. In my travels throughout the U.S.A., Europe and Africa, I've made a study of imperial and democratic policies. A Bay of doubt, for America (USA) our constitution, the Monroe Doctrine is the ideal combination for peace and prosperity. But a democratic person and his democratic nation should certainly show their own tolerance to nations which have other types of government brought about through force of circumstances—so long as those foreign governments do not invade our shores by force or subversive underhanded propaganda which is meant to eventually overthrow our freedom of government and religion and establish instead a low form of barbarism.

Dorothy Thompson fears for democracy if France and his nationalists win the war in Spain. Only those who have cause to fear the war will end with White Spain victorious who are aesthetically inclined, who hope for the eventual overthrow of Christianity and later destruction of civilization and its culture. Dorothy spent some time in the soviet; she is aware of its supreme dictatorship, ruthlessness and godlessness (Recent papers in the soviet union have grieved over the fact that Russia and Spain have not become godless as quickly as optimists have imagined). All Europe knows well (including Anthony Eden) (Turn to page 14)

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D. W. Fletcher III

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WILLETTS

Capital Drug Store