

No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe... Sheldon F. Sackett Editor and Manager. THE STATESMAN PUBLISHING CO.

Federal Aid Fallacies

During the 1938 political campaign in Oregon, one of the favorite arguments of the "100 per cent Roosevelt" democrats was that federal aid would be shut off here if the voters snubbed the New Deal.

Only slightly different was the tirade of Mayor LaGuardia of New York City when he addressed the assembled state governors in his home city the other day, his viewpoint being summed up as follows:

"If these governors think the policy of the federal administration is wrong, let them say 'We will accept no aid from the federal government.'"

As for this attitude, it needs to be pointed out that there is a difference between opposing all federal relief programs, and contending that some of them are wasteful and corrupt.

It is true that communities which refuse to stand on their own feet to the extent possible, but run to the federal government for every cent they can get and demand more, are making it difficult for congress to be economical.

But if a state is getting more out than it puts in, that is not necessarily politics in relief. All states so far as we know are getting out more than they put in.

Cuyler VanPatten

A number of useful monuments remain to memorialize the constructive service performed in this community and in others by Cuyler VanPatten whose career was closed Tuesday by death which his friends had for some time known to be imminent.

The Salem armory and the Elks temple are some of the many local buildings in whose construction he had a directing part; there are others on the campus of the University of Oregon at Eugene and throughout the state.

More recently Mr. VanPatten's combination of business and engineering capacity enabled him to achieve another distinction; the businesslike and successful operation of Salem's municipal water system.

The water utility's eventual success is for the future to determine; assuming that it does succeed, credit for erecting the foundation of the structure must be added to Cuyler VanPatten's list of achievements.

A public-spirited man who contributed also in ways not connected with his vocation to Salem's development, he deserves to have imprinted on these lasting monuments to his career, the additional inscription "good citizen."

Louisiana WPA Scandal

The spectacle of a university president fleeing the country, leaving behind him accusations that he "got away with" half a million dollars—though it appears he hadn't kept any of it—was a startling one, as noted in this column a few days ago.

Now that President Smith has turned up in Canada and headed back toward Baton Rouge, there is time to consider what went on in the week or so preceding his disappearance.

The allegations are that leaders in the Louisiana political machine used WPA labor and materials on their own private property and that WPA workers were forced to contribute 5 per cent of their pay to the state political organization.

WPA scandals have developed in a number of states but somehow it has been possible, to date, to "localize" them as they say in the orient of international incidents—the New Dealers have managed to keep the various regional scandals from appearing to be part of a nationwide pattern.

United Kingdom Buying Lumber

Among the industries recently showing an up-trend in this country is lumber, especially the softwoods including our own Douglas fir and west coast hemlock.

In May, almost one-third as much lumber was booked for shipment to British lands as for all of 1938.

The truth is that Canadian mills are operating at capacity and that the United States lumber industry is getting the orders only when the Canadian industry is unable to fill them.

There comes to hand a warning to swimmers, specifically intended for publication before the Fourth, against diving without first ascertaining that the water is deep enough.

Salem escaped serious Independence day accidents. A considerable proportion of the population got its danger-thrills vicariously, watching the motorcycle races, and Cody Evans took the rap for the thousands.

An orchid to the Christian Science Monitor, which published a picture of the governor of North Carolina and the governor of South Carolina without appending any mention of what those two gentlemen are supposed to say when they meet.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

John Minto, Oregon pioneer, a factor of history in its making; in the '44 immigration; an American of glorious choice:

(Continued from yesterday): "I subsequently made one of a party under Captain Morrison who arrested a man named Fellows, at Cathlamet, and took him to Astoria. He was using Oregon made rum in his beer for salmon, and as his place of trade was 25 miles from any families, thought he ought to be left alone, but the men who had families at Astoria and below did not take that view.

"This was the action of the sneak in another form, and the feeling raised by the arrest showed that there were several of that genus at Astoria, but there were many men who never were teetotalers who stood for the law, and Fellows did not regain his liberty till he gave satisfactory assurance that he would do no more in rum as an article of barter for salmon.

"On our arrival at General McCarver's farm Clark and I were relating our experiences in making our diverse trips from The Dalles, I by the mountains, he by the river when he described to me his interview with the captain of the ship when he answered the latter's question of where he came from, and who he came with, 'We've come from Missouri, across the Rocky mountains; we've come to make our homes in Oregon and rule the country.' Dan said the captain looked at him some time before he replied, 'Well, young man, I've sailed into every quarter of the globe and have seen most of the kinds of people on it, but a more uncouth and yet a bolder kind of people than you coming down this river I have never seen before.'

"The incident took hold of my memory doubtless because I thought it at the time a very condensed statement of our side of the case, and my attention was often brought back to it by the recital of other incidents, pointing in the same direction; one in particular in the relation to the interview between Clark and Mr. Douglas when a few months subsequently he (Clark) as assessor of Tualatin county went to assess the Hudson's Bay company's property, amongst which was in all likelihood some of the very goods on the captain's bill of lading. There is no joking about Daniel Clark when he is doing public business. I have never seen or heard of any tendency to joke on the part of Mr. Douglas.

"The latter, though just assuming the foremost place in a trade control of what we now call the inland empire, seemed to know more about laws of assessment and taxation than he were chief factor of the commerce of the moon. The comparatively ignorant lad was astonished at the ignorance manifested and finally ended his efforts to enlighten him by saying, 'Well, if you will not give me in the property you have at the dairy farm I will have to go there and take it myself, as the law makes it my duty to assess it.'

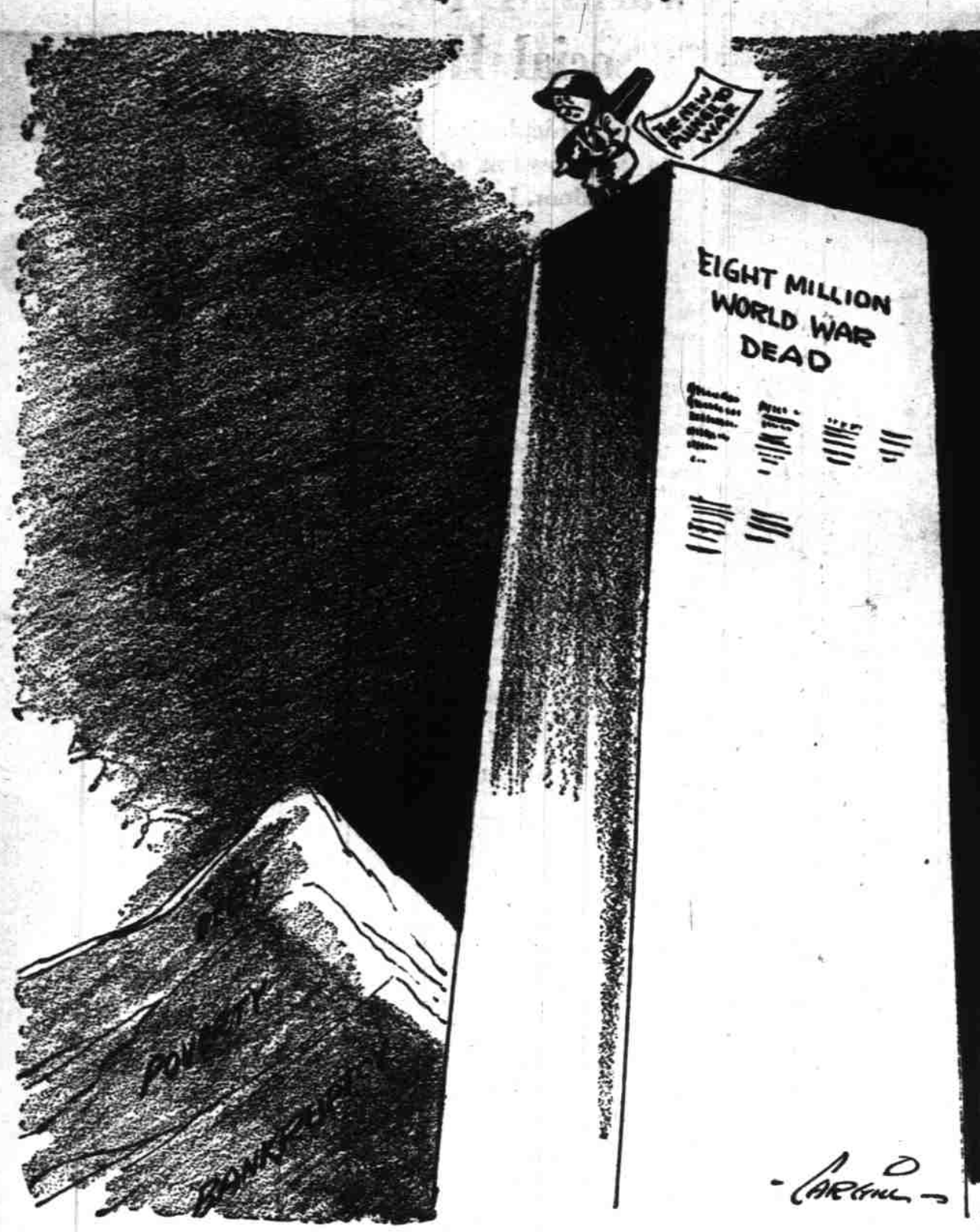
"There were often about this time occurring incidents to show that these businessmen of the Hudson's Bay company, though very shrewd men within the lines of their previous training, were slow to understand the spirit of American citizenship and the government it came here to plant. I don't think Mr. Douglas ever intended to insult or irritate the immigrants with whom he came in contact, and if he did so I deem it but fair to say that, in my opinion, the reason was in the fact that the system of which he was a part did not allow him to look at business through republican spectacles. The following cases will indicate what I mean:

"Two young men concerned, James Hunt (who died last May in Douglas county, Oregon,) and Henry Williamson were two excellent specimens of Young America that crossed the plains in Col. Ford's train in 1844. They had started together from LaPorte, Indiana, with a two horse wagon load of cranberries, from the sale of which, in Cincinnati, they expected and I believe did make their fit out for the journey to Oregon, traveling together all the way till they reached Vancouver, where for some reason for a short time they were separated.

"During that time Hunt arrived at the fort, and as it was soon understood to be a general order of Dr. McLoughlin's that any immigrant arriving at the fort in need of subsistence had only to go up to the office and name what he wanted and his order would be filled (if the company had the goods on condition that they would be paid for in time on the company's conditions, most of the men who arrived at Vancouver with Hunt went up to the office to get some provisions, and he went along mainly to see how the English people did business. Mr. Douglas was in the office and filled the orders with such dispatch that Hunt was rather startled with Mr. Douglas's question, 'Well, young man, what do you want?' Hunt replied, 'Really, sir, I had not thought of getting anything, but my provisions are running low and if you please I would be glad to get 50 or 100 pounds of flour and 25 pounds of salt pork.' Mr. Douglas asked if he expected to pay for it. 'No,' said Hunt, 'if I get it, it will have to be on the same terms on which you have let the rest have it, as I am about out of money.' Mr. Douglas went on writing out the order, and, while doing so, remarked, 'It seems to me very strange that young Americans will come this far from home and friends without money to pay their way.' He mentioned writing an order and was reaching out the slip of paper to Hunt as he finished the remark.

"Hunt made no move to touch the paper but said: 'Thank you, sir, it's true, as I am without money, or nearly so, but I can and will do without your accommodation, accompanied with such remarks.' This incident Col. Ford related with evident pleasure, the day it occurred, to our host crew, as the one was steering same alongside of ours as we were all coming from Fort Vancouver to Linton. 'I saw James Hunt for the first time the same evening amongst the camps and afterwards working together at Hunt's mill opposite Cathlamet, named after his cousin, H. H. Hunt, who was part owner of the first American lumbering enterprise on the lower Columbia.' (Continued tomorrow.)

The Height of Futility



Radio Programs

- Radio program listings for various stations including KSLM-THURSDAY-1360 Kc., KOW-THURSDAY-630 Kc., KEX-THURSDAY-1180 Kc., and KOAC-THURSDAY-550 Kc. with specific show times and titles.

Kansan Indicted

Dr. Paul M. Hobert Succeeding Dr. James Monroe Smith, missing resigned president of Louisiana State University, Dr. Paul M. Hobert, 31, now is acting president of the Baton Rouge, La., institution. Dr. Hobert, a graduate of Louisiana State, has been dean of the law school. Dr. Smith, hunted throughout the U. S., is charged with "financial irregularities" which may involve as much as \$1,000,000.

Battleship Repair Put up to Senate

Naval Committee Urges \$8,850,000 Be Spent on Modernization

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—The senate naval committee recommended today that legislation be passed authorizing partial modernization of five battleships at a total cost of approximately \$8,850,000.

House approval already has been given the legislation, which adds \$6,600,000 to the navy's standing authority to spend \$450,000 per vessel on such improvements.

The battleships involved are the Tennessee, California, Colorado, Maryland and West Virginia.

Naval officials said that if the bill became law the work would be done at the Puget Sound, Wash., navy yard. They explained that all the ships were on the west coast.

Admiral William G. Dubose, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, told the committee in response to questions that complete modernization of the ships would cost around \$15,000,000 each. The navy did not want to undertake such a program, he said, both because of the expense and the time that would be required.

Oil Executive Dies

SAYRE, Pa., July 5.—(AP)—Herbert Baker, one-time chairman of the board of Vacuum Oil company and later vice-chairman of Soccony-Vacuum, died of uremia Tuesday after an illness of several weeks.

Call Board

- Call board listings for various radio stations including ELSONORE, CAPITOL, KOW-THURSDAY-630 Kc., and HOLLYWOOD.

LSU President



Former city manager of Kansas City, H. F. McElroy, 73, has been accused in a county grand jury indictment of joining hands with a wealthy contractor and an obscure city employe in using a dummy engineering firm to conceal a diversion of funds. City officials charge that \$365,000 was paid the firm over a seven-year period. McElroy figured in the news several years ago when his daughter, Mary, was kidnapped and later returned unharmed.

Flyer Shinnies Down off Wires Following Crash

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 5.—(AP)—C. B. Thomasson, 27, of the naval air station, flying a private, single-seater airplane, made a miraculous and acrobatic escape when his craft crashed into utility wires along Barnett avenue near the Marine base this afternoon, hung in the wires and burst into flames.

Witnesses said the pilot appeared to be coming in for a landing at the nearby Speer Flying Service field and misjudged his altitude.

Mrs. J. B. Frazer, one of the witnesses, described the accident: "The pilot looked around," she said, "and saw his plane was afire. He climbed out and went hand over hand to the nearest pole and then climbed down. He didn't seem to be hurt at all." The plane burned to the framework after Thomasson made his escape.

Famous Eugene Gleemen To Sing at World Fair

EUGENE, July 5.—(AP)—Eugene's widely known Gleemen departed today to participate in "Oregon day" at the Golden Gate exposition Saturday. The legislature selected the Gleemen to represent the state "officially."

Advertisement for 'THE THREE MUSKETEERS' and 'MEET THE GIRLS' on the radio, featuring a 15c price tag and 'Now Playing' text.

Large advertisement for 'THE MORGAN FAMILY' radio show, featuring 'THE IN PERSON' theme and listing stars like Henry FONDA and Alice BRADY. Includes a picture of a cowboy on a horse.

Advertisement for 'ELSONORE' radio show, listing 'Today and Friday 2 Hits' and 'HOLLYWOOD' show with 'A MAN TO REMEMBER' and 'PRIDE OF THE NAVY'.

Advertisement for 'HOLLYWOOD' radio show, listing 'Today and Friday 2 Hits' and 'UNDERCOVER DOCTOR'.