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A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY.

24-HOUR STORES? NO!

RUMORS are afoot that some enterprising merchants from the big cities want to give Eugene one of those "always-open" stores, a sort of giant combination grocery and delicatessen keeping open 24 hours in the day and seven days a week. Eugene wants to grow but we can't get excited about that type of growth.

In some of the large cities where many people are about all hours of the night, there may be some economic necessity for such enterprises. In Eugene we do not need or want such a scramble for business.

Small merchants could not hope to compete with such enterprises. There is still a place in towns like Eugene for small merchants. In every line of industry, so far as possible, we want normal hours and normal working conditions.

It is one thing for a merchant to keep such hours as will accommodate his normal, logical trade, and our merchants ought to be able to agree among themselves on such matters as hours for Sunday and holiday accommodation business. It is difficult to see how perpetual store operations could be really profitable, but they would certainly have the effect of launching disastrous competition and disrupting normal business.

RIOTS AT WASHINGTON

THE rioting at Washington with bloodshed, at last, was to be expected. It is almost impossible to have thousands of men congregated for what they believe to be a cause and avoid fighting and bloodshed.

The authorities at Washington have been extremely patient with the "bonus army." Under many provocations, the police at Washington have shown admirable restraint and discipline. Most of the demonstrations have passed off in good humor.

It may be that the policeman who fired the first shot Thursday fired too soon. It was almost bound to happen sooner or later. The long list of policemen injured in the preliminary brickbat skirmish indicates that the police were trying to exercise restraint.

It is true that a tolerant and generous government offered free transportation home to these crusaders who found their way to the capital on foot. Wise members of the bonus army grabbed the chance, gave up the forlorn hope. It will be said by many that these last stragglers were trouble makers who merely got what they were looking for at last.

Nevertheless it should be impossible for any right minded person to look upon the spectacle at Washington without sadness. We have come a long way down a wrong road when it is necessary to call out the army to drive off the ragged remnants of the finest army this country ever had.

Since John Brown marched on Harpers Ferry, this bonus demonstration is probably the biggest piece of folly this nation has witnessed. Back of it, however, lies something more than a demand for something from the government. When these same men marched away in 1917, "nothing was too good for them," they were heroes. No doubt we were extravagant and foolish in our promises, but should we be surprised if some simple soul expected them to be kept.

After all what most of these bonus seekers want is not the bonus, strange as it may seem to say that. What they really want is a chance, and they are not different essentially from the millions of others among the unemployed who ask nothing better than a chance. Ragged veterans concentrate on a bonus (not more than a few hundred dollars in most cases) merely because the bonus seems to be the only thing in sight.

Fighting should not be necessary to assure every citizen a reasonable chance.

HE KILLED FIVE B'AR

HERE'S a tale from Whitefish, Montana, to tell your friends from the East who wonder what has become of the Old West. Steve Pettis, a sheepherder got in a tangle with five grizzly bears at once. Four the redoubtable Steve shot with his trusty rifle. The fifth he slew in hand to paw conflict.

You don't believe it. The Associated Press tells us that Steve walked into Whitefish with a big hunk out of one cheek and another hunk out of a shoulder and some long deep scratches in his abdomen and chest. What's more Steve was able to produce five carcasses to verify the tale of conflict.

The West is modern, just as modern if you please as New York itself. We have all the comforts of civilization and why not, but the thing that makes life just a bit more worth the living in the West is that within an hour or two of every city there are places that will always be the west.

Half an hour from Eugene you can get your deer (in season). A little farther back in the hills you can get your bear or wildcat. Across the mountains in Central Oregon the range is still dotted with the wild horse and the antelope. The animals will not hurt you if you let them alone. They are beautiful and interesting to watch.

One can't help wondering what Steve Pettis did to the bears to bring five of them charging on him at once.

SPOOKS IN ILLINOIS

OVER in the jolly little city of Joliet, Ill., somebody reported that ghosts were "haunting" in the old convict burying ground near the famous penitentiary. Criminal spooks ought to be real spooky spooks.

Anyhow, in this year of 1932 with its vast accomplishments in learning and science, some 4,000 burghers of the beautiful city of Joliet spent all of Wednesday night "haunting hants." Some were attracted, no doubt, merely because there was a crowd. Some always follow any crowd. But a great deal more forsake their comfortable beds because of a deep, abiding and inherent curiosity about "hants."

Do you believe in ghosts? Do you? Will you

walk under a ladder? Are you afraid to look at the moon over your left shoulder, or maybe it is the right? Have you a creepy feeling about black cats? What do you do to remove "the curse" if you happen to spill salt? Are any of us quite free from the superstitions which have come down to us out of the legends which our ancestors were telling when they still lived in caves.

Four thousand people in the bright city of Joliet (most of whom probably went to school or college at some time or other) stayed up all night to hunt a ghost. Yep. And we could probably get a proportionate number in any Oregon city, if it was a good live ghost hunt.

Joliet's ghost turned out to be William Chrysler, a prison trustee doing duty in the quarry near the cemetery. He had a habit of humming to himself a little off key. The warden quite properly reprimanded the man for trying to sing.

That's probably the moral of the tale. Don't hum to yourself near a cemetery at night. Somebody might take you for a ghost.

An Italian inventor has just perfected what he claims to be a foolproof airplane. We ought to let him have a try at inventing a new form of government.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

THAT CHANCELLORSHIP

(Oregon City Enterprise)

THE man who comes to Oregon as the chancellor of the schools of higher education will occupy a tough position, especially if he takes charge prior to the November election. The proposal to move the university from Eugene to Corvallis promises one of the most bitter campaigns in the history of the state and the shrewdest politics will be employed to draw the new man into the fight.

The move already created by the circulation and subsequent theft of petitions preaches the hostilities to come. It is only necessary to reflect upon the feuds of the old days over courthouse removals to understand the feeling in Eugene. This fight, however, is much more extensive than a courthouse feud, for though the thriving little city of Eugene is directly fighting for its very existence, intense partisanship involves the entire state, and the new chancellor, if he is on the scene prior to November, will need be adroit indeed to avoid the political traps set to draw him into the melee.

Admittedly, educational affairs are in a sorry state right now and will be for some time to come. But it is not true, as the Salem Statesman hotly charges, that the board of higher education is wholly responsible for the condition. Had it not been for the initiative wreckers the consolidation program would have gone along rather smoothly; there would not have been this demoralization.

At no time has there been taxpayer demand for physical consolidation of university and college. The scheme is a response to no public sentiment, but emanates from a coalition of resentment and selfishness. It was initiated by critics of the unification plan who were joined by a secret group that would boom one city at the expense of another.

In a severe editorial the Statesman calls the board's unification plan "an administrative monstrosity," and further says that "if the board had named Dr. Kerr much of the agitation for consolidation of the two universities would have died out." While it is to say that the board lost an opportunity to make a political deal between Corvallis and Eugene by appointing the college head as chancellor with headquarters at the university city, regardless of the merits of the initiative proposition.

The Salem paper seems to take no account of the fact that there is now a proposal before the people the action upon which will or will not upset the whole plan of the board. The Statesman may be right in the belief that some such compromise would have been oil upon the troubled waters—but what then becomes of the great argument of economy promised the dear people by the physical unity of the two institutions?

And furthermore, you never can tell what the people will do. Suppose the proposition carried at the polls in spite of the selection of Dr. Kerr as chancellor—where would that leave Eugene and the university partisans throughout the state? Wouldn't they be justified in feeling doubly double-crossed? And where would such a bitter situation? Responsible for the present educational mess—not the Macpherson-Zorn initiative measure is re-statement of education—and the chancellorship should not be made the pawn of factionalism.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

(NEA Service Writer)

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WASHINGTON, July 28.—There's something doing every day while the Bonus Army is in town. As Congress prepared to adjourn, the Bonus veterans moved back onto Page One and they have been there ever since. If it isn't a demonstration they're having, with possibility of trouble with the police, it's something else—perhaps a hot fight among themselves.

There are 11,000 of them according to the official police count, and 22,000 according to the official count of the "Bonus Expeditionary Force." The newspapermen think the number is somewhere between those two figures.

WHEN WILL THEY LEAVE?

HOW and when is this remarkable phenomenon coming to an end? No one, not even the veterans themselves, seems to have any very clear idea. Two or three thousand have accepted the government's offer of enough advance on their bonus certificates to get them home, but it appears that almost as many new pilgrims have arrived in the meantime.

The authorities and the newspapers continue to bewail the veterans to be nice fellows and go on home, but it doesn't seem to do any good. As the heat and the food problem increase there is more worry as to whether it will be possible indefinitely to avoid the potential trouble that lies in this unprecedented situation.

Even the various leaders of the men seem uncertain as to the future, except as they insist that they are going to stick. Tenacity is the outstanding quality they have and it must be admitted that they share to some degree the middle-headedness of the rank and file together with a rude simplicity and steadfastness which command admiration.

YEARNING FOR A LEADER

THE men have an almost pathetic yearning for leadership. Most of all they want someone who can see that they are fed and tell them the best thing to do. They talk vaguely of Joseph Stettin, a General Smelter, but of Chief of Police Glassford will join them and lead them, as if a real general in command would solve their problems.

Meanwhile, most of them tend to defy Walter Waters or Roy Robertson or John Pace, the "radical," and you hear veterans say such things as "Waters is the greatest man since Jesus Christ."

But you ask these and other leaders what the significance of their movement is now that Congress and their hope of a cash bonus act are gone and their replies vary a great deal.

HINT OF THIRD PARTY

SOME of the minor leaders think the best thing to do is to throw the waters is plotting is the formation of a third party. There is some indication that Waters has that in mind.

Pace wants to demonstrate before the White House until Hoover calls Congress back into session. Robertson is vague. One of the principal R. E. F. leaders has said he regards the group as shock troops here to help the government repel a likely invasion of Washington by unemployed persons inspired by the "Reds."

Waters says the R. E. F. idea has expanded into a movement on behalf of all the unemployed and that his organization will be instrumental in a governmental "housecleaning."

"It is openly opposed to the present un-American rule by a favored few," he says. "All men and women who are genuinely American will find a comforting welcome in this great folk movement. From all parts of the country they will come, from all the trades and the professions."

Waters may not always have his feet on the ground, but he has his dreams.

WASHINGTON WONDERERS
 MEANWHILE thousands of Washingtonians whose duties don't make the bonus army a source of worry have gone slightly dotty over the fascination of the spectacle.

Following every development feverishly, debate the internal politics of the army, take sides between the leaders, pour through the camps and discuss the situation excitedly at their own three meals a day.

SIDE GLANCES



"There are lots of nice young men who would like to take her places if you weren't so stingy with your precious car."

THE TRUTH ABOUT SLEEPING SICKNESS—SERUMS AND TREATMENT STILL EXPERIMENT

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

(Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine)

THE United States was visited about 1920 by a veritable epidemic of a condition which became known as American sleeping sickness. In contrast to the type that occurs in Africa, trypanosomiasis, and which is due to a parasite known as the trypanosome.

The exact cause of the epidemic in the United States was not known and has not yet been established.

Apparently it affects men and women alike. It begins gradually, usually with a tendency to abnormal drowsiness, with double vision or defective vision, a feeling of light-headedness, a loss of emotional control and various pains, similar to neuritis. Sometimes the condition comes on with extreme suddenness, but usually it comes gradually.

The afflicted person lies on his back with eyes half closed and face flushed; he will lie motionless for hours at a time without any attempt to alter his position. The patient may make no comment and appear to be completely without interest in the surroundings. However, there are other cases in which there is restlessness, muttering and meaningless talking.

In recent newspaper reports it is stated that patients have slept for six months or seven months at a time. In the vast majority of cases, although these people appear to be in a state of stupor, they awaken when spoken to and may reply intelligently to questions, although their response is slow and the speech sometimes exceedingly difficult. Usually there is some fever. The physician supplements his examination of the general condition of the patient by examining the spinal

fluid and the blood and the various excretions of the body in order to rule out other diseases.

Newspaper reports have also recently emphasized the fact that a serum is being used in some cases which is believed to have specific effects, principally because one patient who slept for a long time showed some signs of response following the use of the serum.

Obviously in a condition which is as irregular as this one and in which patients frequently awaken for short periods only to relapse again, such an occurrence in a few cases mean very little.

In most cases people who have this disease or who have had it do not recover fully. Sometimes the patients die early after the onset of the symptoms, perhaps within 18 or 20 days. In a considerable number of instances they recover from the acute condition but thereafter for long periods of time may show various symptoms of change in the brain and nervous system.

Because of the special character of the tissues of the brain and of the nervous system, it is not safe to make any definite prediction in any instance of a complete recovery. Each case must be studied by the physician as an individual condition and treated accordingly.

In some 40 to 60 per cent of cases there seems to develop a tremor of the type that occurs in shaking palsy or Parkinson's disease. In other instances, movements like those that occur in St. Vitus' dance develop.

In some instances children who have had the disease seem to change completely their habits of sleep, so that at night they become restless, toss about, wear their clothes, and disturb the household, only to fall asleep in the morning and to sleep most of the day.

member election, but every one is being submitted to the same scrutiny.

As soon as the present harvest is over, the league will renew its activities and if present plans materialize, it is hoped that a county-wide taxpayers' league may be in operation before the end of the year. Thus every person elected to office this year may be more closely scrutinized by the folks who pay the bills.

Respectfully,
 E. F. MCLENDAN,
 Sec. South Lane County Taxpayers' League.

HOPE IN CO-OPERATION

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—

Your editorial "Selfishness and Depression" was in the main rather refreshing, but as usual it is difficult for those who have been viewing the depression through the eyes of capitalism to remain consistent. Quoting from your editorial, it reads: "It was unrestricted selfishness that caused unwise expansion of industrial plants, and so led to overproduction; selfishness, too, that kept the millions upon millions of American wage-earners from getting incomes high enough to enable them to absorb that over-production."

Mr. Editor, do you realize that American wage earners never did or could get an income high enough to enable them to absorb that production? and that no article ever produced under a profit system could ever be bought back by those who produced it, and the only reason the profit system, ever could endure, was because it sold its surplus products to a foreign market equal to the profits demanded by the manipulators.

It is a very rare occasion, where even one-half the articles produced by the wage earners can be bought back by those who produce them, and they who maintain that prosperity can return again under the present profit system, without a foreign market for the profit-takers to exploit, are simply talking through their hat, for it just can't be done, and I challenge anyone to show an example of such a possibility.

The only way that producers can ever buy back their products is by

making the price of those products equal to the price of production and distribution, and you know things are not done that way under our present system of "ragged individualism."

Mr. Editor, there are but two sides to our lives, namely, the mental and the physical, and there are but two great forces which shape the destiny of those two sides, namely, religious and political forces.

Religion is the bulwark of character or mental values and shapes our moral destiny.

Economic laws are the equalizers of our material rights and shape our material destiny, and if there is anything

wrong with our progress the cause can always be found in one or both of those two forces, for if either of them are founded upon a falsehood it cannot be for public good, for order and falsehood cannot subsist together.

We have but two sides to our lives, and but two preparations for our destiny. One is co-operation and justice which produces peace, plenty, health and abundant life for all, and the other is competition and injustice which produces strife, poverty, disease, sorrow and death, and we must choose between the two for there is no other choice to take. I am sure

that most people would choose the pathway of co-operation and justice, but the trouble is that most people do not do their own choosing, but are in such and circles where one may think for a million, thus making themselves to be guided by others, which are other folks' opinions, and become the victims of their credulity and negligence, making always have what it will, but it first will what it will have. Selfishness on the part of those who know, and the ignorance of the credulous masses is what makes slaves and paupers of mankind. G. W. THOMPSON

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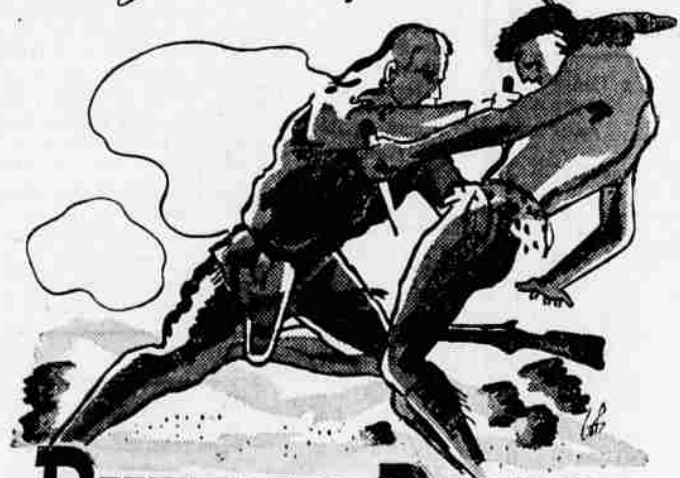
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