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REFORM, NOT MONEY, NEEDED
Last month we offered in this column a summary of an article by Wade De Vries appearing in the Oregon Business Review on "Oregon's School District System."

The school people are putting some of the opponents of their recently defeated constitutional amendment to test: They are coming to the legislature with a money request.

To obtain this sum the sponsors of the measure would divert proceeds of the income tax, thereby reducing or cutting off the discount allowed under the Walker plan.

While the amount of money involved is nearly the same as the "new money" contemplated to be provided under the late amendment, its tactical position is very different.

In studying the school situation in this state I have felt for a long time that administrative reorganization is fundamental to a proper solution of the problems.

What we have is a multi-district pattern handed down from pioneer times, without regard to balance of assessed valuation.

We have about a third of the school districts which have been levying no school district tax at all.

We have many districts maintaining no school, but keeping their pupils to avoid slightly heavier taxation, by sending their pupils to adjoining districts.

We have imposed on the multi-district pattern many struggling small high schools with high per capita costs.

We have union high schools created on top of regular school districts and a non-high school organization embracing remaining territory.

This patchwork is like Topsy; it just grew. There ought to be a sweeping reorganization, putting territory into greatly enlarged districts—in some cases into single county districts.

If this were done the schools would not need the \$5,000,000 they are now asking for. It could be done by revising the 1939 reorganization law and giving the reorganization board the final authority.

When the armies are shifted to the Pacific after the defeat of Germany most of their equipment will be left behind, so it is reported.

Washington Column
By Peter Edson
Washington D. C.—On Wednesday night after lunch, Brig. Gen. Frederic H. Smith, Jr., who is only 36, but an assistant deputy chief of air staff in spite of it, holds a press conference in which he tells how good the Army Air Forces are.

A few hours later, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal has a press conference in which he tells how good the Navy is.

Next morning Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson holds his weekly press conference in which he rounds up the whole war for the past week and tells how the battle lines are being pushed forward on all fronts by the Ground Forces.

All three are right. Each gives credit to the others for the parts they play and there is no conscious effort to steal thunder or hog the glory.

It is, as Secretary Forrestal sums up, "a tremendous drama of sea, land and air... unfolding on a stage almost too great for any single mind to encompass all its action."

It is the ultimate in successful, tripartite military co-operation, even if the principles were laid down some time before the Siege of Troy.

Cotton textile production in 1944 was 15 per cent less than in 1942 when the industry was at its peak, according to John W. Edelman, Washington representative of the Textile Workers Union of America.

There has been no change in strategy for the past 2000 years, says young General Smith. Strategists merely take advantage of new weapons and if the new

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CHICAGO—THE YOUNG GIANT

The fire burned itself out around midnight on Monday. The houses in more than three square miles of the city—about 17,000 houses in all—were completely destroyed.

Before they returned, late in the afternoon, Henderson had rented a store on West Lake Street, and had sent telegrams to four Eastern clothing manufacturers to forward at once by fast freight, to Chicago, duplicates of the last orders he had sent them.

Jeff laughed. "You decided for me this morning, Charlie, when you said a new Chicago was born today. I'm going to stay right here and grow up with the baby."

The Hendersons had forgotten to bring chairs to the Park, so they had to sit on the grass whenever they sat down at all. They had just finished their picnic-like breakfast on Tuesday morning and were talking about the one subject which held all Chicago's attention that morning, when Charles Henderson rose to his feet, and said, "We might talk about the fire from now until judgment day, but it would get us nowhere. It's all over and belongs to history. This is going to be a busy day for me. I intend to rent a store, or a warehouse, or something of the kind over on the West Side, as a temporary home for the Bully Bargain House."

"Do you think there's a future for Chicago, after this overwhelming disaster?" This came from Jeff Martin.

"Future? Why, a new Chicago was born this morning. A new Chicago, stronger, finer, richer than the old one."

"We've lost miles and miles of shanties," Henderson went on. "Rickety wooden buildings that should have been torn down years ago. But the people are still here, and people make cities. These people are going to make a finer and better Chicago. Come on, Jeff. If you want to take a long walk through the ruins and over to the West Side."

They did not find a house that day, although they traversed miles of streets in a hack hired by the hour. It looked as if the entire burnt-out population of Chicago was out in the West Side looking for living quarters.

On Wednesday morning they resumed the search, and before the day was over they had rented a failing-down mansion on Chicago Avenue. It was much too large, and the roof leaked, and some of the floors were rotten, and the plumbing was out of order, and gas had not yet been put in. It had a spacious lawn, which at the time was littered with weeds and trash. "We'll fix it up," Henderson said cheerfully, and when Mrs. Henderson saw it she remarked that it was lots better than sitting out in the park.

By next June they were in their new home on Willow Street, and the Bully Bargain House was going strong in a building on East Washington Street, which was so new when the Henderson outfit moved in that the paint was hardly dry.

Jeff Martin, in his furniture venture, was astonished by his own success. He developed a time-payment business that eventually attained huge proportions and is well-remembered today, though under another name, by the older generation of Chicago.

THE END

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (Feb. 3, 1930)
From The Bulletin Files
Bend, Klamath Falls, Prineville and Redmond join in a protest against the proposal of the Portland Chamber of Commerce that the name of The Dalles-California highway be changed.

After a six-weeks' shutdown, the sawmill of The Shevlin-Hixon Company resumes operations.

Dr. F. A. Lieuenen announces plans to buy caps and capes for the Bend band, after \$200 is pledged by the Kiwanis club.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 3, 1920)
From The Bulletin Files
Superintendent S. F. Moore reports that Hilarh Brick, Merle F. Miller and Wendell A. Thompson have completed their high school work.

T. H. Foley of the Bend Water, Light and Power company, presents Bend with a \$100 check for their aid while the power company's plant was shut out Sunday.

E. P. Mahaffey of the Central Oregon bank, offers a silver cup to schools of the county for the best essay on an economic subject of interest to Deschutes county.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (Feb. 3, 1915)
From The Bulletin Files
Fred N. Wallace succeeds Engineer Laugaard as head of the Tumalo project.

W. A. Beaver of Bend, reports the finding of gold ore at Bear Creek, 35 miles east of Bend.

Robert B. Gould is appointed deputy county surveyor.

Settlers east of Bend form the Pine Forest Telephone company.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 3, 1910)
From The Bulletin Files
Five new businesses come to Bend, including the A. L. French and E. T. Butts clothing store; the H. L. Whitsett and Larry Turpin clothing firm; the Deschutes Motor company managed by F. W. Stafford; the Fred Van Matre, Fred Hunnell and George Gerton brick making concern, and the J. I. West and Joe Innes quarry.

Mrs. H. E. Allen wins the prize at a bridge party held by Mrs. C. S. Hudson.

Marriage a week ago is announced by Fred Van Matre and Miss Lillian Wolfe. They eloped to Prineville.

Others Say...

BREAD ON THE WATERS (Salem Statesman)
Some years ago citizens in Pendleton raised \$10,000 to assist the Harris box factory to move from Milton on Pendleton. The move was made and the factory enjoyed a remarkable expansion in business. This week it was announced at the Pendleton annual chamber of commerce banquet that the Harris mill desires to pay the \$10,000 back to Pendleton. Clyde Harris, an executive of the mills, expressed gratitude to Pendleton and said he thought the community should have the money. He added that the plant payroll last year was about \$400,000.

In doing this, it is probable that the Harris factory sets a precedent. The money returned will go, with approval of the contributors, to help complete the Roundup grandstand.

While rarely or never is money

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U. S. Air Trainees Due in Redmond
Redmond, Feb. 3—Increased personnel for the Redmond army air field loomed today with the announcement from the Portland army air base that P-38 trainees will be transferred here from the Ephrata, Wash., army air field. The transfer of the fliers here indicates that gunnery training and flying will continue through the winter months.

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By MERRILL BLOSSER

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS
JUNIOR, IT'S NOT GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP TO SHOOT ME IN THE NECK! YOU HELPED KINGSTON TO MAKE A GOAL!

SO WHAT? ONE PEEP OUTTA YOU AND I'LL TELL WHAT I KNOW!

NOW LET'S NOT LOSE OUR TEMPERS, JUNIOR! IF YOU WON'T GIVE ME THAT BEAN-SHOOTER, YOU LITTLE TWERP, YOU MIGHT AT LEAST CHANGE SEATS IN THE INTEREST OF FAIR PLAY!

CHANGE SEATS?

YEAH! MOVE TO THE OTHER END OF THE ICE, WHERE YOU CAN SHOOT AT THE KINGSTON PLAYERS!

Crater Lake Snow Lightest in Years

Medford, Feb. 3 (Special)—Acting Chief Ranger Clyde E. Gilbert accompanied by Robert Stevens of Medford made a ski trip into Crater Lake National park the last week in January to measure the snow on the Annie Spring course.

The snow measured 38.9 inches on the official snow course with a water content of 34.5 per cent. On the same date last year the snow measured 46.5 inches with a water content of 30.7 per cent. In 1943 the average snow depth was 118.4 inches with a water content of 34.5 per cent.

A special snow measurement that was secured on January 6 this year showed an average depth of snow at Annie spring of 41.2 inches with a water content of 32 per cent, whereas at the end of the month it was only 38.9 inches with a water content of 34.5 per cent.

This is probably the lightest snowfall for January that the park has experienced as the average snowfall for January over a twenty year period is 108.4 inches.

VAGRANCY CHARGE FACED
Robert Floyd Downs, 29, a laborer of Mowich, Ore., was held in the Bend city jail today on a charge of vagrancy while members of the Deschutes county selective service board check his draft status. Officers who arrested Downs on Wall street, near Oregon avenue, said that he was without either identification or a selective service card.

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