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—Byron

Illogical But Enduring

The technocrats, applying the test of their engineers' slide rule, find that the price system, by which they mean the profit system, cannot be worked out mathematically and hence must go. They point to the collapse of prices, the mountain of debt, the business paralysis, to justify their contention that the system is absurd, preposterous and fantastic, and cannot stand logical analysis and hence is doomed.

It is true that our economic structure will not stand logical analysis, neither will any other institution in a world peopled by illogical and emotional human beings and yet such institutions have endured for centuries—despite their illogical absurdity. There isn't any rule yet devised that will measure human frailty.

In spite of the fact that the price and profit system is illogical, the fact remains it has managed somehow or other to function since civilization begun, for in the long run it furnishes its own corrections. As the Business Week comments:

"The explanation is simple enough. The price and profit system works by a combination of continuous leakage and periodic breakdown. Bad debts, bankruptcies, obsolescence continuously, and business depressions periodically, redistribute the profits. Just now, the readjustment marches on the grand scale."

Even Veblen, the real founder of technocracy, admitted this stupid price system might be worth its appalling costs, for no incentive has yet been discovered that will make men work to develop the wealth of the world as the reward of profits—and it has survived many a depression as it will this one. However, this should not prevent the striving for a better system, or the modification of the senseless and cruel features of the existing system.

Grandstanding

Senator Upton was right when he denounced the ways and means committee plan for blanket salary cuts as the principal means of balancing the budget. The total saving would mean comparatively little and work a hardship on faithful employees few of whom are over-paid for services performed. As the senator said:

Senator Woodward has capitalized 1000 percent that salary reduction plan, and the senator from Yamhill is using his salary bill to get even with some of those with whom he has fallen out. Not a thing is being done in the ways and means committee, as far as I know, to afford real relief. Instead we hear only this old rigamarole about reducing the salaries of worthy men.

The ways and means committee lacks the nerve to tackle the budget as it should be tackled or even to follow the recommendations of the governor, because of organized opposition by interested parties. They would cut salaries 50 percent, and cut the national guard but 10 percent, and leave the \$300,000 experiment station appropriation untouched. They would wreck the universities by wholesale slashes but lack the courage to eliminate surplus normal schools. They keep hands off unnecessary activities that could be dispensed with during the emergency, to grandstand on salary cutting.

The ways and means committee should quit its four flushing or turn the budget preparation over to those who will trim it properly.

The Severance Tax

One of the important measures pending before the legislature is that proposing a severance tax on timber to replace the present property tax. The bill proposes that ad valorem methods, or a tax according to the value of the standing timber be done away with, and a tax be paid on the product of the land when harvested.

The timber industry is our largest industry, employing in normal times, the largest payroll and paying the largest part of our taxes, except the utilities. The ad valorem taxation of timber is unscientific and conducive to waste and extravagance. It is largely to blame for the over-development of the lumber industry, as it forced cutting to prevent taxes from eating up investment. The over-production resulting has demoralized the industry and forced many of the lumber companies into bankruptcy.

The severance tax would lessen the urge to harvest and in the long run yield as much revenue while promoting conservation. But its adoption would work a present hardship inasmuch as large revenues now depended upon would be cut-off, and other property would have to stand the burden of the levy. Many millions in valuation would come off the assessment rolls and the remaining property have to foot the bill. Therefore, despite its merits, the bill is probably doomed to defeat.

GIRL OFFERS SELF TO SAVE FATHER

Salt Lake City, Utah, (AP)—Frau-Fein Anita Stahl, German girl, has offered to marry any man who will pay \$20,000 to save her father from bankruptcy. He will also set a hotel in the Bavarian Alps, and yearly dividends from his money, she explained.

Frauchen Stahl, who lives in Magdeburg, Germany, wrote to the Salt Lake Telegram in search of a husband. No age limit, or other requirements were made for the desired groom. She is 24, blonde, with large blue eyes, has "frequent" high school, and speaks four languages fluently.

"I also am a proficient cook and housekeeper," she added, "and play the piano perfectly. I will be a true and faithful wife to the man who will help us in evading our sorry fate."

MICHIGAN TOWNS BURIED IN SAND

Grand Haven, Mich. (AP)—Shifting sands on the shores of Lake Michigan have completely buried traces of several small villages, lumber mills and camps.

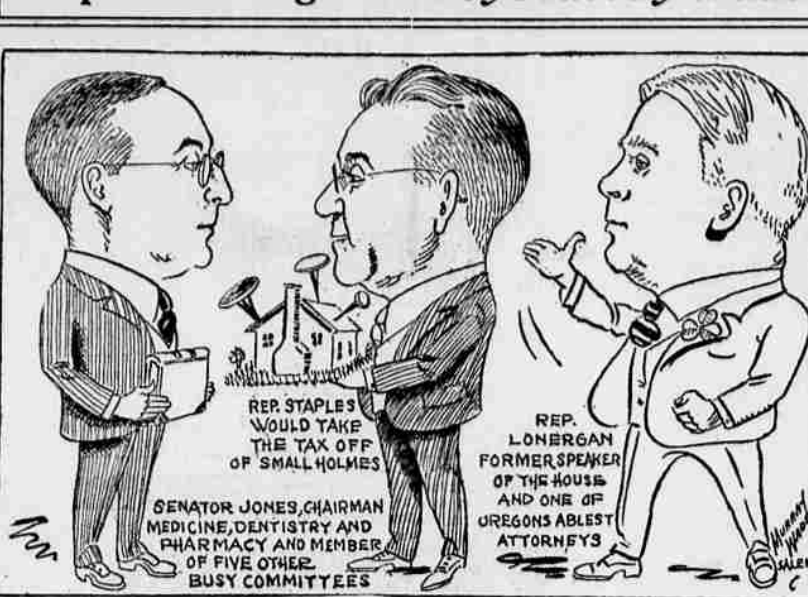
In one instance, the traveling sand dunes forced a railway to move its terminal. The warehouses, docks and trestles of an old railway and steamer terminal here have been obliterated by the sands.

Seventy years ago, the Grand Haven and Milwaukee railway built a depot and passenger station near the present city of Grand Haven. They abandoned the site to the sands a few years later.

RAISE LAND VALUE

Billings, Mont. (AP)—Chemical "ammunition" used by farmers in their warfare against noxious weeds has raised by 50 percent the value of at least 90 acres of Yellowstone county land. There have been 36,000 pounds of calcium chloride used to kill the weeds, with 16,000 pounds used in 1932 alone. The chloride was sold to farmers by the county government at cost.

Snapshots of Legislators by Murray Wade



The National Whirligig

News Behind the News

By Paul Mallon

Washington—Behind these current war debt developments was as pretty a publicity stunt as was ever hatched by a professional press agent.

The performance was mainly concocted and acted out by State Secretary Stimson. The others including President Hoover and President-elect Roosevelt were merely minor characters to the major showman.

Stimson's main purpose was to squeeze France into paying. Incidentally he saved the face of the administration and stopped growing criticism from abroad.

When the facts come out—if they ever do—they will be regarded as a sensational new achievement in diplomacy.

First Mr. Stimson planted a story in a prominent newspaper that Britain had offered to make a lump sum payment. That was news to everyone including Great Britain. But it helped to steel them for the shock they were to get later—the acceptance of their standing application for consideration of their debt.

Then the scheme carried through in the Roosevelt-Hoover conference an agreement to issue a somewhat meaningless announcement. It was issued in the names of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hoover. It was framed by Mr. Stimson with restrictions from Mr. Roosevelt's close advisers—Professors Tugwell and Moley.

The announcement merely said that after March 4 Mr. Roosevelt would receive the delegates from Britain seeking consideration of their debt.

Tricky phrasing in the announcement led most everyone—including France—to believe we had reached some hidden agreement with Britain on a debt settlement. Later the word was allowed to seep out that all debtors who paid would receive similar consideration.

None of that was news to anyone who had been following the thing closely. That same policy had been announced unofficially some weeks before. Nothing was postponed to be done before March 4.

The French were so flabbergasted they did not even go near the state department for days. They burned up the long distance telephone between Paris and London. But they could not get much information from the British capital. It was nearly a week after the announcement that confidential word came from Paris promising the French would pay.

The French are very poor poker players.

What nearly ruined the play was that the British also failed to appreciate that they were in a poker game. There were strong indications they were insufficiently advised all along. The British ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, held a heated session with an under secretary of state, complaining that he had been scooped continuously on these American announcements. The British were embarrassed because they have an agreement with the French that neither will accept the Lausanne reparations agreement until a satisfactory war debt settlement has been made with us.

In the execution of the scheme Mr. Stimson was magnificent. There are some near the democratic throne who hint that Mr. Roosevelt had a hand in devising the thing. But no one save an inventor could have carried it out with the zest that Stimson showed. He gleefully denied for days that a memorandum had been handed to the British. The Londoners kept insisting that they had a memo and that it was handed to Sir Ronald by Stimson the night of the White House meeting.

Finally Stimson confessed, but with no proper display of humility. Similarly he kept it quiet for several days that similar memos had been given to other governments which paid. News of that leaked out from Rome.

The night he made his final confession, Assistant Secretary of State Castle delivered a speech in Philadelphia. Castle bragged touchingly about the frankness of the state department in dealing with the public and the press.

Gentlemen at the transom report that when Mr. Roosevelt strolled into the Hoover conference, he said: "Well, I see we did a good job on Japan."

He was referring apparently to

Action Expected Today On Unemployment Bill First Of Big Measures

Starting the last half of the scheduled 40 day session, the Oregon legislature had on its actual calendar today very little business of importance, but the potential program for

intense activity. There are three chief reasons for this assumption. First, today is the last time that members may introduce bills without unanimous consent or without having committees enter them, which was expected to increase the list of measures already introduced by more than a half hundred.

Second, the emergency unemployment relief measure was expected to be reported out of committee onto the floor of the house, speeded to third reading, passed and immediately sent to the senate. This will be the first final action on one of the important issues before the 37th assembly.

Third, the first major public hearings will be held, one on bus legislation during the afternoon and

NOISY TEN PUT UNDER ARREST

Detroit, Jan. 30 (AP)—Ten noisy demonstrators, seven men and three women, among the striking Briggs Manufacturing company employees at the Highland Park plant were arrested this morning when they insisted on addressing the crowds. The names were withheld, and police indicated they would be released later. Meanwhile company officials said "between 300 and 400" former employees had returned to their benches.

"About two hundred," also were reported to have returned to work at the Briggs company's east side plant. All those returning this morning are former employees of the Briggs company, and in their decision to return company officials professed to see a gradual breaking up of the walk out, which involved 6000 workers.

Outside the plants, however, pickets still were active. They carried signs reading "No violence, please." These, the leaders said, were directed to both police and strikers. Anticipating possible disorder when the Briggs company starts employing generally as it advised the strikers it would do beginning at noon today, heavy details of police had been assigned to strategic points about the Highland Park and Main avenue (east side) Briggs plants.

As the crowd at Highland Park increased, firemen were called to aid in handling it. Fire trucks clanged through the crowds and hose lines were laid.

Inside the plant, large stores of tear gas had been placed. It was discovered however, that the wind, from the south, would blow the gas, if used, right back into the plant entrances.

JURY SETTLES DISPUTE
Englehart, Ind. (AP)—A controversy over title to a Marengo cave was settled by a jury after a two-day trial when it was ruled that one-fifth of the cave was under J. Ed Ross's farm. The cave is exploited by the Marengo Cave company.

The action taken the FOLLOWING day by the League of Nations. That was when the committee of nineteen decided to proceed with the Manchurian matter over Japanese protest. Those in highest authority here are known to have been advised of the league step at least 24 hours before it was taken. There are other indications they may have been a party to it.

The league stacked the sub-committee named to handle the situation. The authorities here were quite satisfied.

Nevertheless, down underneath, they all know the league will do nothing outstanding. The purpose was to frighten Japan out of her military campaign into southern China. All the powers were advised confidentially that was the objective of the Jehol activities.

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NEWEST RAIN DEVICE HELD BY INVENTOR

Whittier, Calif. (AP)—A new "Robbie the Rainmaker" has appeared here, in the heart of the southern California orange belt, where he is rather more welcome than the flowers in May—if he can produce.

He is William Halght, Los Angeles inventor, designer of the "electro-dome," an impressive apparatus calculated to produce rain almost at need. The invention is a large generator and projection equipment mounted on an 80-foot tower.

Its theory is that rain is caused naturally by diminution in the flow of electrical currents in the air. The intention of the "electro-dome" is artificially to produce this diminution by the projection of negative currents.

Halght claims excellent results six years ago with much less powerful equipment. He now believes his machine, mounted in the heights of Turnbull canyon on the edge of a large citrus region, will produce rain for a radius of three miles.

BUCKING HORSE NOT TRAINED IN RODEO STUNTS

Rapid City, S. D. (AP)—Bucking horses used in rodeos and wild west shows, contrary to public opinion, are not trained, but "spoiled," according to Russ Madison, South Canyon rancher, who has handled many rodeos in the Black Hills.

Midnight, Five Minutes to Midnight, and Steamboat, who have held their own with the best cowboys in the west are "spoiled," he said. In other words, the horses are fearful of riders and men. They fight saddles and bridles. They are not to be broken unless the person in charge knows what he is doing.

In all the years that Madison has handled horses, he said, he has not known a horse that could not be broken if the rider finally brought it under subjugation.

According to Madison most of the horses used in rodeos come from the range and are just naturally "ornery." Bucking horses have good blood, or they would not have the fire and ginger needed in the exhibition arena.

The show horses are allowed to run wild on the range. They usually are a part of the stock of the breeder of bucking horses, who takes no consideration of their worth as broken animals.

The breeder tries in every possible way to conquer the man who is attempting to ride it. When ridden once, it becomes easy for the next man.

Midnight, famous bucking of the McCarty and Elliot string of Chugwater, Wyo., has thrown every man who has attempted to ride him and crippled several. He probably never will be ridden, Madison said, until he is much older and quieter. One of the best horses in South Dakota was killed last summer at Custer when it suffered a broken blood vessel.

Rodeo associations in the Black Hills prohibit the use of artificial means of stimulating buckers as they come out of the chutes, Madison said. On a few occasions electricity was used but it was prohibited.

WELCOME GIVEN TO WRONG PERSON
Ellensburg, Germany (AP)—During the recent election campaign, political meetings were scheduled for the same night by two opposing parties, the Nationalists and the Constitutionalists. It was widely advertised that each group would be addressed by its distinguished Reichstag deputy, Herr Schulze.

The Nationalist chairman, agog with happy excitement, went to the depot to fetch Herr Schulze. Not knowing the deputy by sight, the chairman located him by name.

On the way back to the hotel a strange difference of political opinion arose between the two men. A ghastly suspicion arose in the Nationalist chairman's mind; a question of two confirmed dummies, the two were Schulzes—one Nationalist and the other Constitutionalist—and he had got hold of the wrong one!

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GOATS DONATED
Fort Worth, Texas (AP)—There's lot of "stew" these days around the Salvation Army shelter here. One hundred goats were donated the Salvation Army here to feed the hungry. A packing plant slaughtered, cut and stored the meat for use in the breadlines.

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Boring an Awl Through His Ear

By W. A. DELZELL

Moses, the ancient lawgiver of the Hebrews, gave his people some very strict laws regarding usury and the treatment of their bond-servants. It was customary in those primitive times for a debtor who could not pay to bind himself by a bond to work out the debt in the service of his creditor. He was fed, clothed and cared for by his master. His time of service might be terminated in any of four ways:

1. By the satisfaction of the debt.
2. By the occurrence of the Year of Jubilee (every 50th year when all slaves went free).
3. By the termination of the sixth year of his service. (All debts were cancelled on the seventh year).
4. By the death of his master leaving no son to inherit the bond-servant.

If the bond-servant wished to voluntarily remain in service, his new master bored an awl through his ear to the doopost, thus legally making him an "attachment" to the premises. He remained a bond-servant for life.

Before we criticize too harshly such ancient rites let us remember that human slavery in all its most hideous forms was prevalent in all lands surrounding Judea. The Jewish laws were very lenient in comparison. In later years the Hebrew nation was itself to feel the harsh yoke of slavery in captivity and exile. The remnant that returned to the native land was there after much more lenient in its treatment of bond-servants.

We may well look to our own "Christianized" laws regarding bond-servants before judging at all. In our land today a hard-pressed debtor is urged by his creditors to "dig up" the money by going to a loan shark. He gets a small loan at exorbitant rates, running as high as 300 per cent, and is forced to pledge his cows household furniture or salary to secure it. The monthly payments exacted by his extortioner make of the borrower a literal bond-servant with both ears bored through to the doopost and with no year of jubilee in sight. Even after making many payments, should he fall on one, the law permits the loan shark to take from him without further process of law, and with no accounting for the proceeds, the property pledged and appropriate it to himself. Compare this with the injunction of Moses: "If thy brother be waxen poor, then thou shalt relieve him; thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury nor lend him thy vicinals for increase," and if he is a bond-servant "Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour but shalt fear thy God."

But what fear of God is there in a cultured heart that exacts 3 per cent a month usury from a fellow human being in distress? Truly was it said "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

And yet this conscienceless usury is legalized in Oregon. The law permitting it was authorized by a legislature elected by the people and supposed to represent them. Were they representing you? Laws regularly enacted must be upheld by our courts unless unconstitutional.

And now when, in the interests of common justice, it is sought to amend such an iniquitous law we have the spectacle of learned lawyers, some of them former legislators, gleefully defending such legalized extortion and telling us that such rates are approved by the Russell Sage foundation. If true, it further proves the truth of the well known statement, "Every social

wrong ever killed by society died in the arms of a college trained man defending it."

Every student of history knows that all reforms spring up from the bottom of society and do not come from the top down.

Where does this 3 per cent a month money come from that the loan sharks handle? With whom are the sordid profits divided? Can it be that some of our sleek-jowled men of means lacking the guts to openly demand such rates place their money with the sharks to be loaned for them? Also, we fear it is too true.

Human nature has not changed since the days when the prophet Micah went up and down his land thundering denunciations of those, "who covet fields and desire them," of those "who eat women out of their pleasant homes," and of those "who abhor justice and pervert all equity." When such oppressors came into the temple bringing their offerings of tainted money we hear the prophet Amos castigating them in scathing words, "I despise your feasts; * * * your peace offerings, I will not accept them. But let justice roll down as the waters and righteousness as a mighty stream."

I am wondering just what would happen in Salem if some modern Amos or Micah dared to thunder from his pulpit similar denunciations against some of the 30 per cent usurers sitting so snugly before him in their soft cushioned pews?

Why not a legislative investigation of this loan shark business and some "pitiless publicity" as to whose money is being handled?

This is a representative government. See that your legislators represent you instead of the loan sharks.

POWL'S CAREER ENDED

Birmingham, Ala. (AP)—A chicken paid with its life for the devotion of two women, whose dispute over the fowl's ownership led to the courtroom, Mrs. Mary L. Jones claimed she bought the chicken in an adjoining county, while Mrs. Daisy Morris said she raised it. They fought, the chicken's neck was broken in the melee, Mrs. Morris was arrested but later acquitted on an assault charge.

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