

MEMBERS BALK AT CONCESSION TO EDUCATION

The ways and means committee found itself in more snarls last night. The committee had hoped to end its labors early this week, but all that was accomplished at last night's meeting was to refer several troublesome matters to sub-committees.

Most serious of these came from the state board of higher education on which the board several weeks ago took what it intended for final action which was approval of a financial scheme that saved \$575,260 to the state general fund. But at that time the committee was basing all salary cuts on a 5-to-50 per cent plan. Since then this has been changed to a 5-to-30 per cent plan which would make a difference of about \$200,000 in the salary fund of the state institutions of higher learning.

The board pronounced it unfair to apply the discarded schedule to higher education and the later schedule to other activities. Several committee members agreed. Prevailing sentiment, however, seemed to be that the education allowance could not be increased by \$200,000, and that the cut would have to come from some other item if not for salaries. The question which finally stalled the committee was whether it could legally be deducted from the \$3,927,000 millage levy, a levy which is made for a particular purpose. The question was referred back to a sub-committee with instructions to consult the attorney general for an opinion.

Col. B. K. Lawson, next Portland police chief, and several Oregon mining men appeared in behalf of a bill appropriating \$10,000 for promotion of the mining industry and creating a mining board. The bill was referred to a sub-committee. The same disposition was made of a request for about \$6720 for the Louise home, a juvenile hospital in Portland. Representative Don Ryan of Oregon City spoke to the committee for his bill providing budgetary control for self-sustaining state departments.

A representative of the state treasurer's office will be called before the ways and means committee, probably tonight, to enlighten the committee on a bill calling for an appropriation of \$20,400 for the city of La Grande.

The city paved certain streets in the normal school district which is state property, with the understanding that it would be reimbursed by the state. Bancroft bonds were to be issued to cover the improvement. But it was discovered that Bancroft bonds could not be issued because the property involved belonged to the state, so Senator Hess introduced a bill for the appropriation.

It happens that the state holds some \$80,000 in La Grande municipal bonds in which state funds have been invested. Hess told the committee that the state treasurer's office had prepared an amendment to his bill whereby, in lieu of an outright appropriation, the state would turn back to the city its equivalent in La Grande bonds at par. He said the city had agreed to this thought it would prefer the appropriation.

Another amendment attaches the emergency clause.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

Mr. Editor: As anecdotes pertaining to George Washington are particularly appropriate at this time, here is one that I know has never appeared in print. It is an extract from a letter written by my father quite a number of years ago.

He wrote: "Your great grandfather, James Young, was born in Pennsylvania, February 26, 1766 and lived to the age of 95. He was 8 years old when the Revolutionary war broke out."

"A recruiting officer called to see our ancestor about serving as a soldier and when the interview ended the father and little boy followed him to where his horse was hitched. He was a fine animal and had on a very nice bridle and saddle and pistols. The boy expressed his admiration of the horse and the officer replied, 'Yes, he is a fine beast and he is very patriotic, too, as you shall see.' Then touching the horse with his spur, and drawing and flourishing his sword he shouted, 'Now for King George.' Immediately the horse became excited and seemed ready to trample an enemy under his feet. After the horse quieted down the officer said, 'Now for George Washington' and the horse knelt down as tho he were doing homage to some great person. This illustrates the spirit of man and beast that took possession of our fore fathers in 1776."

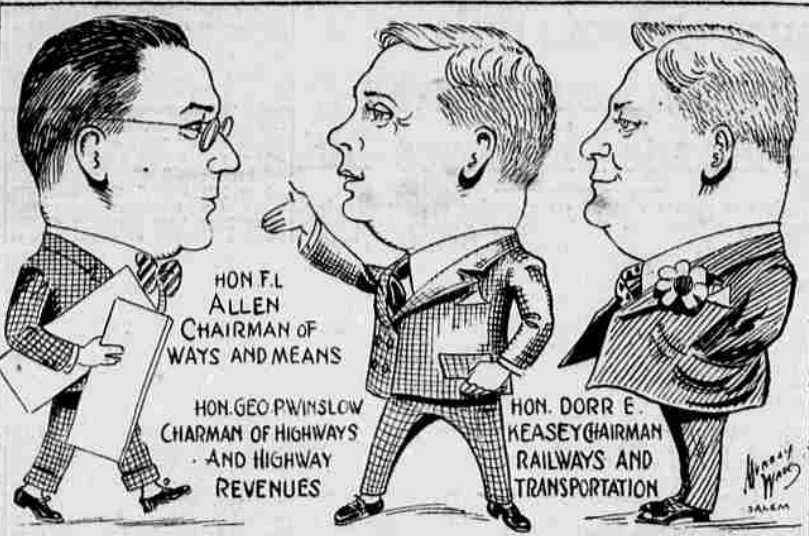
157 years later we are waging another kind of warfare, a "War on Depression," and the patriotic spirit (the spirit of cooperation) is just as necessary now as it was then. Let's ask ourselves, "What would Washington do?"

Sincerely,
J. E. Crothers.

AID MEETS THURSDAY
Silverton—The Methodist church Ladies' Aid society will meet Thursday afternoon at the church parlors. Serving will be Mrs. H. J. Winter, Mrs. Will Arthur, Mrs. Ella Whitlock. On the entertainment committee are Mrs. Ed Adams, Mrs. Martin Peel, Mrs. C. F. Bristol, Mrs. Albert Grinde is president of the society.

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Dogs, Gas Masks And Contracts Discussed By City Councilmen

Contract operation of the city incinerator may open the way toward similar methods of handling the street cleaning department and other municipal enterprises. This opinion was suggested by Alderman Olson Monday night when the city council passed a resolution calling for bids for the operation of the incinerator.

A saving of \$400 or \$500 could be effected through the contract method, Alderman Vandevort declared in sponsoring the move, although Councilmen Hughes and Hendricks were of the opinion that this saving could be easily offset through inexperienced handling of the burners at the incinerator. Placing the contractor under bond to maintain the property would obviate any chance for unnecessary damage, other councilmen declared.

The council Monday night considered a wide range of subjects, running all the way from dogs running at large to gas masks for firemen.

An increase in insurance rates for the city from 80 cents a hundred to \$1 is not at all improbable, stated Alderman Olson in asking that an investigation of the efficiency of the fire department be made. The investigation, he explained, would be made for the purpose of making a showing before the underwriters. The threat of an increase in rates brought Vandevort to his feet shouting "highway robbery" and a number of other phrases not at all complimentary to the insurance companies. He said he would like to see the city pull away from all of the companies.

Asked if there was any way out of the situation, Chris Kowitz, city attorney, replied that like the telephone company, the insurance men make the rates and "you can take them or leave them alone." The discussion resulted in the adoption of a motion, suggested by Alderman Hughes that an investigation be made, looking toward the city handling its own insurance in a manner similar to that adopted by the state.

Alderman Olson's proposal to buy gas masks for city firemen at an expense of \$340 was voted down. Chief Hutson said that while he had not been consulted in regard to the masks, he was of the opinion that they would be a good protection for his men. The trouble was, he said, that considerable experience was necessary in their use and since the fire department was undermanned, he was afraid some difficulty would be encountered.

Reverting back to the subject of dogs, the council put the matter of their running at large up to Chief of Police Minto. Alderman Hughes said something should be done about it since the dogs were making a

COUNCIL REDUCES CITY'S LIGHTING

Elimination of half of the cluster lights in the downtown section and the shutting off of a number of single lights in the residence district at midnight, in order to effect a saving in the expense of city illumination was ordered by the lights committee at Monday night's session of the city council.

Half of the cluster lights would not be operated at any time, although all of those in the residential district would be in use up to midnight under the new plan. The committee was asked to cooperate with the light company in effecting the change. A system whereby all of the lights in the residential district would be turned out when illumination from the moon was sufficient to take care of the situation, was being tried a few months ago but was found un satisfactory. Just what the saving will be under the new plan was not pointed out.

ENDEAVOR FROLICS
Scotts Mills—Members of the young people's Christian Endeavor of the Christian church held a social Saturday evening in the Groshong hall. Various games were played and a luncheon served. Present were Mildred Rich, Venita Haskins, Carol Mills, Lillian Jones, Evelyn Sowa, Frank Haskins, George Dimick, Homer Millard, Dora Geren, Elsie Pownall and Mrs. Carl Millard.

The contract for auditing the city's books was awarded J. B. Protzman who offered to do the work for \$225. Oil concerns which offered to furnish asphalt for \$21.10 a ton f. o. b. Willbridge, were given the contracts. Collection of back license fees as well as those due in 1933 from hotels operating in the city was recommended by the license committee.

The council went on record as favoring the proposal of the city to borrow \$75,000 from the R. F. O. with which to build municipal docks.

Scotts Mills Badly Beaten by Parker's

The Scotts Mills quint of the northern division Mid-Willamette valley league proved easy pickings for Parker's club Monday night and the latter won by the decisive score of 78 to 21. Flake, center for Parker's, scored enough points to win most any ordinary ball game. Scores:

Parker's (78)	(21) Scotts M.
Maar 12	F 4 Myers
Burrell 16	F 4 Olson
Flake 27	C 2 Shepherd
Foreman 19	G 3 Haskins
Ward 2	G 1 Marquam
Nelson 2	S 7 Thomas

Referee, Saalfeld.
Victor Point—Louise Doerfler, sixth grade pupil in the local school is a victim of measles this week. Knowing that she had been exposed she had been out of school so no other cases are anticipated.

CURRENCY PLAN GOES OVER WELL LEADERS STATE

Local currency is favored in further expressions of businessmen indicating increasing favor despite certain problems foreseen by the sponsors who regard them as merely the price of any good thing.

"Any plan to aid the unemployed that will operate without expenditure of the taxpayers' money, and that can be carried on through profits of increased business should certainly command the immediate consideration of every Salem citizen," says Earl Kennell in pledging the Kennell-Ellis photo studio to acceptance of local currency.

"I have taken local currency and some of it has moved slowly but it has moved and my business was increased. It will certainly work increasingly as the people come to understand it. It may have to go slow, but it will surely go. Let us not be discouraged."—E. J. Donnell, Steuflor Market & Grocery.

"The small amount of local currency in circulation has performed new business in Salem equal to many times its volume. Men who do not choose to accept and use it should at least refrain from discouraging its use among others. It is certain that favor for local currency is overwhelming outweighing opposition on all over the country."—Model Food Market, by Edward Schunke.

"New business has come to me through the use of currency. It's as plain as the nose on your face. Currency will buy goods. If not at your house, it will at mine and at others. Worth thinking about, friends."—D. L. Sharde, grocer.

"If this currency goes in Salem as it is going in other places—and there is no reason why it shouldn't—many will be glad to take it later who are making fun of it now."—O. A. Hartman.

"We have accepted scrip from many sources and have found no difficulty in spending it either in the payment of bills or in the purchase of new goods."—Morris Optical company.

"A half-hearted attitude toward the currency by an employer is reflected at once among his employees. Employees all over the city are heartily helping their houses to absorb the currency and thus increasing business and the security of their jobs."—Hal D. Patton.

"Some have criticized the scrip because it has returned almost at once to the store from which it was received. I can't understand such criticism. The scrip is just like any other money in this respect. What difference how frequently it is exchanged by the same merchants? It does new and profitable business every time."—Adolph Greenbaum.

"I wonder how many realize just how bad the unemployment situa-

tion is? I venture that those who do are not opposing this currency method of relief. Salem never before saw destitution like the present. All of the relief agencies together are falling far short and none realize and regret it more than they do themselves. It is easy to knock, but before knocking currency it seems to me we should think why we are knocking it. It asks no contributions. It furnishes much help. It may cause a little inconvenience. Knockers should reflect."—I. W. "Doc" Lewis.

It would seem that Salem might reasonably be guided by sentiment so pronouncedly favorable elsewhere, and the further fact that other communities are adopting it almost every day. Several places are following Salem's start now. Salem's currency plan is under way. It is increasing. It has brought thousands of dollars of new business although not half a thousand is in circulation. That is due to the frequent turnover of added money. It is going. It is succeeding. To be sure it has its problem. But it is overcoming them. It is a new and promising enterprise. Shall we boost it or wreck it?—Percy A. Cupper.

"Shall we abandon local currency? No sir-ee. It is showing us how to increase business if we are willing to play the game. We are learning to be on the alert to shoot our currency out and business increases accordingly. The stamping plan seems to be about right. But if it needs adjusting that can easily be done. As each finds that there is no chance to lose if he keeps his eyes open, favor for currency will increase. If any one finds too much

BRITISH BARE STATE SECRET PRIOR TO WAR

London (UP)—Official secrets about the system of treaties and diplomacy which brought on the World War have been revealed here with the astonishing disclosure that in 1912 Belgium did not even trust Britain, the guardian of her neutrality, and in fact, had prepared her military defense against a possible British invasion. It is contained in a volume entitled "British Documents On the Origins of the War."

While the British public still feels that their country did the right thing when she entered the World War to uphold Belgium's neutrality,

send it in to the office and take credit for it and have it reissued under advanced dates in installments suited to his convenience. This saves each from excessive stamping without the least detriment to the currency. It merely retires one bill and brings out another up to date which will mature a little later. If we will lay aside prejudice and study this scrip we will find it has some excellent advantages."—Paul V. Johnson.

"Nobody is barred from taking currency except by himself. If he chooses to refuse business because of a little inconvenience—well, it's up to him."—Harry W. Scott, "The Cycle Man."

many received a jolt to read these disclosures whose authenticity cannot be doubted. The first reaction was that nothing except a new diplomacy can assure world peace, no matter how many anti-war treaties are created.

The official disclosures show that the Belgian War Minister in 1912 placed so little reliance on the sanctity of the treaties guaranteeing his country's independence that he had schemes prepared for defense not only against Germany and against France, but against Great Britain, and that he considered the latter the most serious danger.

It is also revealed that the British Foreign office was convinced as early as 1906 that if France violated Belgium's neutrality in a war with Germany, it would "be doubtful" whether Britain or Russia would "move a finger to maintain" Belgian neutrality, but that the opposite would be the case if Germany were the aggressor.

LEAVE WITH LIVESTOCK
Waldo Hills—Charles Riches left early Monday morning for Yakima, Wash., driving a large truck load of livestock to his son's new ranch there. Frank and Mr. and Mrs. John Riches are operating the Washington farm.

JERSEYS GO SOUTH
Marion—Ely Pickard, a prominent dairyman, shipped three Jersey heifers by express to Mr. Banks at Milledgeville, Ga.

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