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"With or without offense to friends or foes
I sketch your world exactly as it goes."
—Byron

Back up the President

There can be no reduction in federal taxation or balancing of the budget without slashing the biggest item of expense of all, the veterans' bureau, whose expenditures now reach nearly a billion dollars a year. As congress cannot or at any rate will not cut these expenditures—half of which is for veterans who received no disabilities in the war and many of whom never got further than a cantonment—it is a job for the president to do.

No sooner however, had Mr. Roosevelt asked this authority to reduce, than the high pressure paid lobby of the veterans' organizations got busy to thwart it. While it succeeded in preventing action in the democratic caucus, the measure passed the house with aid of republican votes. The fight now has been transferred to the senate in the hopes of blocking the president and retaining the veterans' racket.

The democratic platform pledged a 25 percent reduction in federal expenses. It pledged "the full measure of justice and generosity for all war veterans who have suffered disability or disease caused by or resulting from actual service in time of war and for their dependents." No veteran should ask more. But nearly half a billion is being spent on those who do not come into this class. As Al Smith put it:

There is no justice in giving a pension to a guy who never got out of camp where he had been long enough to get his flat feet corrected, his teeth fixed up. Then the war ended and ten years later he gets hit by a taxicab and applies for a pension.

The American Legion is flooding congress with telegrams of protest against a reduction in the graft from all over the country, when it should be leading the fight against improper relief that drains the treasury in a national crisis. It should confine its efforts to those justly entitled to government aid, who are now being discriminated against in favor of non-combatants who "never heard a percussion cap explode or even saw the Atlantic ocean."

The people should stand behind the president and off-set the pressure of veteran organizations on the senate by aroused public opinion.

Bank Reopenings

In his address to the nation Sunday evening, President Roosevelt announced the opening of banks this week as rapidly as inspection routine can be completed by the government. Banks in 12 federal reserve cities opened today; banks in cities with recognized clearing houses opened tomorrow, with banks in smaller places opening Wednesday or as soon as possible—all subject to approval by authorities. Even though banks do not open promptly there is nothing to fear, the president stressed, saying:

Let me make it clear to you that if your bank does not open the first day you are by no means justified in believing that it will not open. A bank that opens on one of the subsequent days is in exactly the same status as the bank that opens tomorrow.

Fuller federal cooperation is pledged with state banks, the opening of which is a matter for the several state governments to approve. The delay is caused by the necessity of inspection and the furnishing of additional currency. The inspection is necessary to insure the bank is sound, if not the federal government will assist in making it sound for reopening, for the conditions that precipitated the present crisis must not be permitted to continue. Gold hoarders are given four additional days to return the metal to reserve banks and the banks are denied the right to permit withdrawals for hoarding.

To insure success, cooperation of the public is asked—hence the appeal of the president in order to establish the financial system necessary for business recovery.

Their Own Fault

The Oregonian calls attention to the fact that the members of the state legislature worked for 21 days without remuneration and that the pay of \$8 a day—"hardly living expenses—stops at the end of 40 days, no matter whether or not the work of the session has been completed."

The legislators are of course underpaid, except perhaps those on "retainers" from special interests, but they all campaigned actively and spent money, to secure the opportunity of service, knowing the salary was only \$3 per day, sweetened by mileage. Many put their wives or daughters on the payroll to meet their expenses.

That the session continued 21 days beyond its allotted time, is the fault of the legislators themselves. All of their work could have been done in 21 days, had they confined themselves to the business in hand, relief, economy, revenue and taxation measures, and not insisted on rewriting the entire code by considering over a thousand bills, most of which there was no public demand for.

If the legislators want to wontonly waste their time "at financial sacrifice of everyone of the ninety members," in regulating everything under the sun and piling up work for the courts for the next decade, instead of speedily dispatching the business in hand, that is their privilege, for there is no law against it, but no sympathy need be wasted upon them. No one asked them to do it.

Age Of Ice Ended Some 8,500 Years Ago

Stockholm (UP)—The ice period in Sweden ended 8,500 years ago, according to Ragnar Lidén, Swedish geologist. Mr. Lidén in fixing the age of the different geological periods, uses as an almanac the high river banks of the large river Angermanelven in northern Sweden, in which he has found regular strata of loam that enabled him to follow the geological developments of the land through the ages. About 8,500 years ago, Lidén states, the land was 250 to 280 meters lower. When the ice melted away the land level rose gradually, while the river cut itself down between the rising banks on which annual rings like those of a tree appear and form a reliable calendar for the geologists.

Two thousand rounds of ammunition, a revolver and a rifle, hidden in a "dump," were found recently by detectives at Renville, Ireland.

Business Booming In Copper Kettles

Butte, Mont. (UP)—The copper kettle business, founded in America by Paul Revere, is booming. Butte hardware merchants and home furnishings report an increased demand for this former favorite and pride of the kitchen, with other copper utensils enjoying proportionate popularity. Revere founded the Rome Manufacturing Company, the first to make copper utensils in this country. After the Revolutionary War his company was named the Revere Copper and Brass Company, and continued in existence until the Civil War.

Hopmers—Peter Grayson of Hopmers is about to change his place of residence to the home of Fred Gross of Waconda, who lives alone, not being well. Gross desires companionship and assistance, caring for his loganberries.

The National Whirligig

By ROBERT D. HEINL
(Subbing for Paul Mallon)

Washington—Although everyone seems outwardly calm, and the new crowd is riding surprisingly easy in the saddle, there is action in the air at the White House. President Roosevelt, is already being repeatedly likened to his famous kinsman, Theodore Roosevelt, who shot from the hip, "Bang! Bang!"

The next biggest surprise was the neat solar-plexus blow which F. D. gave to office seekers. This was also strongly reminiscent of the old T. R. and gave Washington the first laugh it has had in a gloomy month of Sundays.

Twelve long lean years out of office and with their appetites whetted to a point where a sack of peanuts looked like a feast, the democrats descended upon the White House executive offices the morning of the first working day the new president was at his desk. They came in through the front gates, through the side gates, and one of them almost kissed a colored furnace man who, hearing a commotion outside, inadvertently opened a basement door.

They were armed with letters from everybody but the pope. Nothing like it had been seen since the day after Harding was inaugurated, when a delegation of Ohio office-seekers took possession of the place and stayed for a week.

Not a peep was heard from F. D. until about noon when, showing his old naval training, he discharged a depth bomb. That there was also a moratorium on job seekers and that he would not concern himself with distribution of plums until he had finally acted on the emergency banking legislation shocked the faithful.

Realizing that if they persisted in recommending themselves they might be blasted out more quickly the second time than the first, the Democrats who have hopes haven't been near the White House since.

Taking their cue from the President the men about the White House were smiling. After his banking edict Mr. Roosevelt appeared to be like a man with the weight of the world off his shoulders.

Again likening F. D. to T. R., whose drastic impromptu edicts were said always to have been carefully studied and even rehearsed in advance, a White House observer declared President Roosevelt had dug up the old wartime banking law while on his last trip to Warm Springs and had been waiting ever since then to spring it.

It was necessary for local merchants to wait in line at the U. S. Treasury for as long as four hours in order to secure change the day the country's banking doors were closed.

This visible hardship may have had some bearing on Secretary Woodin's decision to allow the banks to reopen for certain functions, including the changing of bills of large denominations.

The night Rainey was elected Speaker he is reported to have kissed Mrs. Virginia Jenckes, Congresswoman-elect, who came up to congratulate. His own missus was standing by, smiling.

Mrs. Jenckes, Democrat, first woman to be elected to Congress from Indiana, is one of the most attractive feminine members of the House, wears modish clothes and glistening turbans any man would like.

On Inauguration Day she had a turban of brilliant red and captured more attention than some of the feminine members of the Presidential Party.

Former Representative Fred Purnell, of Indiana, whom Mrs. Jenckes defeated, was a gallant opponent. But one day he remarked facetiously: "Why, if Virginia were elected to Congress she wouldn't even know where to hang her hat."

"That was true," Mrs. Jenckes remarked later. "The first day I sat in the House of Representatives, I couldn't find a place to hang my hat. The result was that I was the first person, I am told, who ever sat in Congress with a hat on."

Lumber Reduced In Cut During Week

Seattle, March 11 (UP)—A total of 252 down and operating mills, which reported to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending March 4, produced 59,947,376 board feet of lumber.

This was a decrease of 2,671,961 feet, or 4.8 per cent below their cut during the preceding week. New business reported last week by 178 mills was 46,490,163 feet, against a production of 47,212,421 feet and shipments of 59,301,295 feet. Shipments exceeded production by 25.61 per cent and current sales were under production by 1.93 per cent. Orders booked last week by this group of identical mills exceeded orders of the preceding week by 7,038,802 board feet, or 17.8 per cent.

R. F. C. Work Started

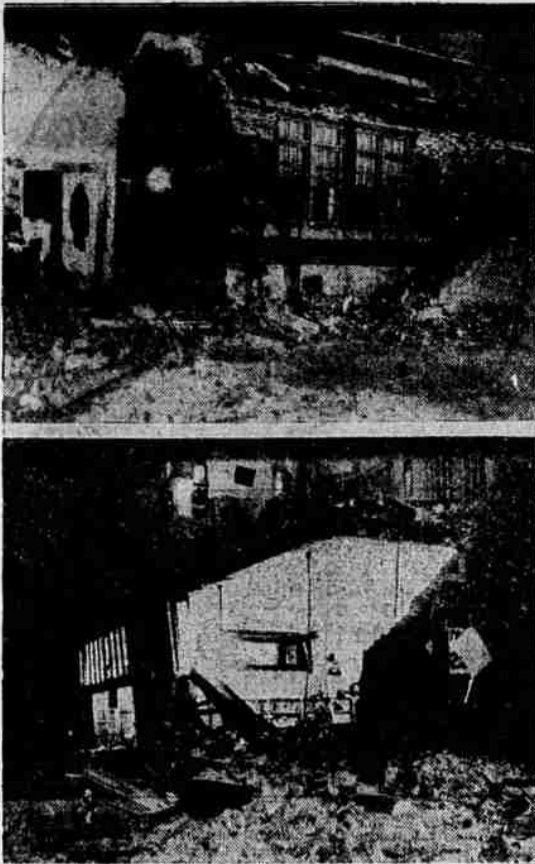
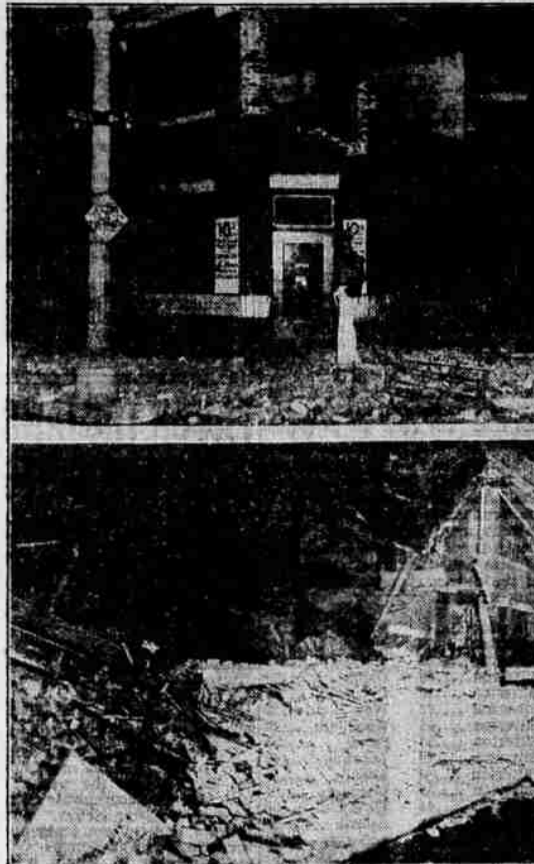
Macleay—Work under the county R. F. C. relief plan is in progress here under the supervision of M. M. Magee. Grubbing is being done and the road widening. It is expected that the gang will be shifted to the vicinity of Shaw, Aumsville and Turner next week to give work to those registering for relief work in that section.

OLD FRIENDS VISIT

Reizer—Mrs. Myrtle Low of Paisley, Neb., is here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Thompson this week. Mrs. Low is on her way to Los Angeles, Calif., to visit her sister, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Low spent their girlhood days together in Iowa.

British steam trawlers are being equipped with radio telephones.

Long Beach Buildings Shattered By Quake



These Associated Press photos were taken shortly after the series of earth shocks rocking Long Beach, Calif., had subsided. They show some of the damage characteristic in the southern city. Upper left, a laundry building as it was left; right, a public school building. Below, at left, a building virtually levelled and, right, collapsed building in which three persons, one a six year old girl, died.

Earthquake Stricken City The Morning After



Associated Press telephoto taken at dawn in Compton, Calif., where several lives were lost in earth tremors of the previous evening and just before the next sunrise.

EARLY DAYS ...in Oregon

A few months ago there was some discussion in regard as to when and where the first Oregon State fair was held. I quote from two different Oregon papers which definitely settles the matter. In the Oregon Farmer of January 5, 1861, published at Portland, I find the following: "The Board of Managers of the State Agricultural Society, will meet in Salem on the second Wednesday of January, inst., for the purpose of making arrangement for holding the first Fair of the Society." I also find in the Oregon Argus of October 5, 1861, published at Oregon City, the following: "The State Fair, The first State Fair of Oregon was held on the Fair grounds north of this city this week, ending last evening. Owing to the lateness of the hour, we were unable to give a full list of premiums awarded, but intend to do so next week. The Fair was a decided success. There was a much better display of stock, fruit, grains, seeds, vegetables, dairy products, domestic manufacturers, arts, home work, etc., than was expected. All seemed to enjoy themselves hugely, and the vast concourse assembled we saw none who expressed themselves as not greatly benefited by the occasion. This Fair has given a decided impetus to the march of agricultural improvement in the state, and will no doubt be followed by many succeeding State Fairs, all making a steady state of onward and upward progress. We hope the next State Fair will be held on grounds selected with a view to the comfort of the thousands who may be expected to go there. It ought to be held in some beautiful grove, such as Marion, Polk, Linn and other counties boast many of, contiguous to a smooth prairie, with wood and water handy, so as to enable the farmers to camp out. We ought to have a regular camp meeting fair, when old friends can meet together, and have a jolly good time, in sitting together with their wives and little ones, sub legi-

me fugi, as Virgil says, around a board covered with bright tin dishes, and loaded with nicely cooked products of the farm. Let us have such a fair next year, somewhere in the heart of the Willamette valley, and we will be sure of an attendance that will astonish everybody."

The Editor in the same paper speaks of the equestrianship displayed by ladies and gentlemen at this fair. I will perhaps refer to this later.
H. C. Porter, Aumsville.

Macleay Club Has Session At Hall

Macleay—Mrs. W. B. Frink, Mrs. C. Baker and Mrs. Edith Wilson were hostesses to the members of the 4-M club Wednesday at the grange hall. A pot luck dinner was served at noon. Mrs. Victor Griggs gave a book review of "Ann Vickers" during the social hour and readings were given by Mrs. H. Phillips and Mrs. W. B. Frink. Present were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. C. Leckenburg, Mrs. Victor Griggs, Mrs. R. Clark, Mrs. M. M. Magee, Mrs. H. E. Martin, Mrs. H. Phillips, Mrs. A. Speilbrink, Mrs. G. A. Speilbrink, Mrs. M. A. Wells, Mrs. O. A. Lamberson, Mrs. Ida Hagey, Mrs. C. Baker, Mrs. W. B. Frink and Mrs. Edith Wilson.

Hire New Teacher

West Salem—At the recent meeting of the West Salem school board Miss Jennie Sigurdson was elected to teach the fourth grade. Mrs. Ethel McCoy who has been in charge of the fourth grade will be teacher of the first grade, according to her own desire. Miss Sigurdson is the only new teacher on the faculty the other seven having already taught here one or more years.

MEETING POSTPONED

Bethel—The meeting of the Bethel Dorcas club to be held at the home of Mrs. J. M. Nichols is postponed until Wednesday, March 22.

MRS. DALLAS HOSTESS

Liberty—The Home Economics club of the Red Hills grange had a social meeting at the home of Mrs. W. R. Dallas Thursday, a pot luck luncheon was served at noon. The day was spent quilting for the destitute. Those present were Mrs. Reid

13,388 AIDED
Sacramento, Cal. (UP)—California extends state aid to 12,288 aged indigents, according to the state department of social welfare. Monthly expenditures average \$136,358.

OF COURSE I DO. BUT MARRIAGE CAN BE SO DIFFERENT FROM WHAT ONE EXPECTS...ROMANCE FADDES SO SOON...LOOK AT TED AND ME

BUT, SIE, WHY SO SERIOUS? AREN'T YOU GLAD I'M ENGAGED? DON'T YOU LIKE MY PHIL?

SIE, IT'S PARTLY YOUR FAULT YOU'VE BECOME A LITTLE CARELESS ABOUT HOW YOU LOOK...SOMETIMES EVEN ABOUT "B.O."

OH, BARS, I NEVER REALIZED...I'LL CHANGE TO LIFEBOUY. THEN I'LL BE SAFE

"B.O." GONE...romance returns!
BARS WAS A PRETTY BRIDE TODAY BUT THE REAL HIT OF THE WEDDING WAS... MY WIFE!
TED, STOP YOUR JOKING! I ONLY HOPE BARS AND PHIL WILL BE AS HAPPY AS WE ARE

What's the sensible thing to do about "B.O."?

TAKE CHANCES? Trust to luck you won't offend? NO! "B.O." (body odor) is too serious to risk with. It's too easy to be guilty and not know it—especially in overheated, stuffy rooms. Play safe: always—bathe regularly with Lifebuoy. It's different from ordinary toilet soaps in every way—color, scent, quality of lather. Its fresh, clean, quickly-vanishing scent tells you Lifebuoy gives extra protection. Its rich, searching lather purifies and deodorizes pores—stops "B.O." Removes germs from hands—helps guard health.

Complexions clear up
Lifebuoy has helped thousands win new complexion beauty—and keep it! Its gentle, creamy lather washes away pore-clogging impurities—makes dull, cloudy skins radiant with new health.

A PRODUCT OF LIFEBOUY BROS. CO.

PROHIBITION OF DEADLY GAS IS HEAVY PROBLEM

London (UP)—Supervision with a view to preventing the manufacture and use of prohibited articles required in chemical warfare is, although conceivable in theory, "impossible in practice," according to a report prepared by a special committee of the league of nations.

The report is the reply to a questionnaire submitted to the committee by the Bureau of the Disarmament Conference. It draws attention to the difficulties—practical and technical—involved in prohibiting chemical, incendiary and bacterial warfare. It emphasizes that "in a country possessing an important chemical industry, it will always be possible to use chemical weapons; and chemical warfare can always be rapidly organized, even though no special preparation has been made in peace time."

Discussing difficulties of prohibition enforcement with regard to offensive material for chemical warfare, the report points out that chemical, incendiary and bacterial warfare does not necessarily require an special implements and little, if any, special training. To give two examples, it points out that apparatus intended for producing therapeutic clouds when combating diseases of trees can also be used for creating clouds of poisonous substances, and certain fire-extinguishers can easily be converted into flame-projectors which can be used either in a military sense or in destroying locusts.

NAUTICAL CLOCK LOANED SCHOOL

The eight bell toll of a nautical clock is not a day dream to the fourth grade students under Mrs. Carmen Jennison at the Highland school, who this week are studying as their project ships and shipping. The clock along with several model schooners were loaned to the room by Henry Lee of Salem, who at one time sailed before the mast.

Arithmetic, geography, spelling, composition and art are being taught in connection with the boats, and the interest on the part of the students reflects the value of the method. The model ships made by Mr. Lee are attracting many visitors, who are guided about the room by the students. One outstanding model is that of the American clipper ship, Flying Cloud, holder of the time record for sailing vessels which plied between New York and China by way of the horn.

Dallas Kiwanians Hear About Town

Dallas—The Kiwanis club at their noon luncheon Friday inaugurated the first of a series of a "Know your own town programs" when Preston Doughton, assistant principal of the high school, talked on the work which is under his jurisdiction and presented three of his pupils in actual demonstrations of their work. Jack George gave a review of his work in elementary accounting, Mary Staats in advanced accounting, and Doris Riggs in science. The program next week will be in charge of Burton Bell assistant principal of the junior high school. These programs will be carried on the next few weeks and will embrace practically every line of endeavor in the city.

PUBLISHING PAPER

Hubbard—Fred Derby, old time newspaperman making his home with the E. A. McCoy family at Roselawn Gardens, was called in from the spring work of the nursery to help get out the weekly edition of the Hubbard Enterprise, as Manager Bates is down with the measles. Mrs. Bates attended to the reporting and Derby manipulated the presses.