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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

It is a Sorry Mess.

FOR the distinction of having done most to get Oregon's financial affairs into the existing sorry mess the governor and the legislature must share the censure of a just public appraisal, with the former fairly taking the heavy end. As the legislature wanes to its close nobody knows just what our financial status for the coming biennium is to be. That we shall go heavily "in the hole" seems apparent, but just how heavily only the future can tell.

In pique at the repeal of the state income tax and in the hope of enforcing its early restoration, the governor, assisted by Jefferson D. Myers, then state treasurer, so manipulated the levying of the state property tax as to bring it $1,500,000 short of budget requirements. The majority of the legislature, anti-income tax and anti-Pierce, resented this. Instead of trying to find ways to cut state expenses for the coming biennium or to levy an additional tax, as might have been done over the governor's veto earlier in the session, the legislature went merrily ahead with its appropriations with little visible effort at economy. Salaries have been raised right and left—though by no means impartially—and special appropriations for various purposes have been made which were by no means justified in the existing stringency.

For the situation thus created, public opinion will divide the responsibility, as above stated. Partisans of the governor will believe that he has been trying to cut down their taxes, and it is not unlikely that he will emerge from the situation stronger than ever before those who have followed his fortunes. As to the legislature, its members individually will of course be held responsible for nothing. Legislators never are. Meanwhile the state will have to be extricated in some way from its financial morass.

History and Impartiality.

IT HAS been remarked in these columns recently that little history is written impartially. It is difficult for one desiring to learn truth about a great war, for instance, to accomplish that end, except by delving deeply into the accounts of it as given by historians of both or all of the nations engaged and then balancing one against the other—an unsatisfactory process at best. The truth ought to be good enough for historians, but it seldom is so regarded by them.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt told the World Alliance of International Friendship, in an address delivered recently at Palm Beach, Fla., that in every war waged in modern times those participating have sought to justify their acts of aggression by the claim that war was resorted to only as a means of national defense, and then she made the bald statement that the United States never has fought a war of defense, although the common people who did the fighting were made to think they were engaging in such a war.

One may at first resent this rather sweeping accusation, but on calmer thought one must admit that the subject is, after all, debatable. It cannot be denied that our school histories are one-sided in their perspective, although not more so than most of our histories written for adult consumption. Who, having read in his school Bancroft the account of the war of 1812, has not been jarred and astonished in later years at learning that not everything that happened in that war was to the glory of the United States, as the school history had taught us?

Discussing the undependability of history as usually written, the Christian Science Monitor says:

> Who shall write the histories to be read and studied by those of the present and future generations? Awakened to a realization of the results of wrong thinking and wrong teaching, surely the effort should be to avoid patent dangers. False patriotism, if it is conceivable that such a condition of thought can exist, is as much to be avoided as that unpopular pacificism upon which the people of every nation have been taught to look askance. There is, applying to every possible human condition and every possible human problem, an unfailing solvent. This is the absolute truth regarding those conditions and problems. This truth is not evasive or hidden, once it is honestly sought. It can be found, and it can be written. But it cannot be written by those who, consciously or unconsciously, are influenced by prejudice, or by what is misnamed patriotism.

An initial payment has just been made on petite prunes handled by the North Pacific co-operative prune exchange, at the rate of 10¼ cents a pound for 30-40s. The prospect is that the exchange price for petites will prove higher than that received by any other growers, according to the marketing department of the Portland chamber of commerce. There was a good deal of scoffing last fall on the part of newspaper and other critics of the exchange at its forecast of intentions. The prospect that it is to do well for its members is gratifying.

The first edition of the Clatsop County Argus, a weekly newspaper published at Warrenton, Ore., has come to hand. The editor is G. Clifford Barlow. He believes in telling the world. For years he has been doing more to herald Warrenton's fame than any other individual. Now he has a vent of his own for his enthusiastic chronicles of the great things Warrenton is doing.

Lou Tellegen, once a legitimate actor but later a vaudevillian and film star, is not only married again but a father as well, the always sprightly dispatches from Hollywood tell us. And preparations for Mr. Fatty Arbuckle's next wedding are moving apace. There's always something doing around Los Angeles.

One has to arise a little earlier now in order to see the priceless spectacle of a sunrise so beautiful as to baffle description, but it is worth the effort. The major color scheme of the one this morning was bright crimson, purple and blue-gray.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Legislature
(Salem Statesman)

The present Oregon legislature has been confronted with some knotty problems concerning the raising of the necessary revenues for the conduct of the state's business. It is too late to quarrel over "how they got that way." It is a condition and not a theory.

Of course, a lot of consolidating ought to have been done; should have been accomplished long ago. But it was not. The present legislature is for the first time laying a sure foundation for consolidation of departments, by submitting to the people a constitutional amendment giving free action, so that departments may be merged without running into the objection of being against the Constitution. This should have been done long ago. But it was not done.

At this late date nothing can be done towards cutting off boards and commissions and useless offices and departments. Perhaps little could have been done fro mthe first, with have been done from the first, with many of the costly excrescences very firmly entrenched, under the present system.

A Tendency of the Times
(Christian Science Monitor)

In posting an anti-bootleg notice at all of its mines and also at the steel plant at Pueblo, the Colorado Fuel & Iron company has shown itself thoroughly abreast of the times. The notice reads as follows:

This company is going to get along in the future without the service of bootleggers and their customers. We class as bootleggers all those who manufacture, sell, or distribute intoxicants, either personally or through agents or members of their families. Such persons will be discharged on evidence satisfactory to the management without waiting for conviction in the courts.

Tom Sims Says—

Better wear out all your old shirts now before the weather gets warm enough to leave off your coat.

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Better kick for a raise in pay before spring fever gets you.

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In Chicago a couple of budding young bandits were nipped in the bud.

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Does higher education pay? Not always. A West Virginia professor of 76 has married a woman of 28.

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There is one consolidation about being a college professor; you know you are married for love and not for money.

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The child labor law is being discussed. The school boy wonders if his teacher has heard about it.

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Fifty years is usually enough to decide a question, but a South Bend Ind. couple asked divorce on their golden wedding day.

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Big hotel caught fire in Savannah, Go., but not from what a guest thought when he got his bill.

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A spendthrift, according to some people, is a man who buys a home when he hasn't a single auto.

In Lighter Vein

Sorrows of Poverty.
(Cincinnati Enquirer)

A poor man is up against it.
He can't afford a car.
Hence he can't drive without skid chains on an icy street and get a trip to the hospital or morgue.
He can't shut himself up in an air-tight garage and start the engine running.
He can't get filled up on wood alcohol and run into somebody and be arrested for manslaughter.
All he can do is to let a little germ get him and get his name in the obituary column instead of on the front page.

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Too Eager Investors.
(Ohio State Journal)

It sometimes seems as if our intelligent small investors just stood around waiting with the utmost eagerness and impatience for persuasive but conscienceless persons to come along and cheat the eye-teeth out of them.

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An Economy Suggestion.
(Topeka Capital)

A Yale professor is out with the suggestion that the government "pay statesmen what they are worth." The first thing we know, Calvin Coolidge in his fury for economy will be putting them in one of his messages.

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Too Short.
(Boston Transcript)

Newedd—"What's wrong with the pie-crust? It doesn't half cover the pie."

Mrs. Newedd—"Why, dearest, I asked your mother how to make them to suit you and she said to make the crust very short."

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No Accident.
(Wallace's Farmer)

He was being medically examined preparatory to taking out an insurance policy.

"Ever had a serious illness?" asked the deputy.

"No," was the reply.

"Ever had an accident?"

"No."

"Never had a single accident in your life?"

"Never, except last spring when a bull tossed me over a fence."

"Don't you call that an accident?"

"No, sir! He did it on purpose."

Self.
(Irma Grace Blackburn in Albany Democrat)

The wind and I and a butterfly
Fared forth the world to see.
We danced with the sun in a ferny fen,
We sought for a faun in a mossy den
And raced with a brook down a dewy glen,
As joyous as could be.

But the sun slid down as the moon swung high,
The wood wore mystery;
The wind sang himself a lullaby
And sank to sleep in the sea.
The butterfly died when the night came down,
I fled in fright from a gypsy's frown
And turned to the lights of a little town
For cheer and company.

Antelopes Increase

TABER, Canada, Feb. 26.—More than 1000 antelopes are now within a radius of 40 miles from this city, farmers estimate. They are eating large quantities of green feed reserved for cattle.

Balking Again!

MR. LONGWORTH HAS LUCKY DAY

Baby Girl Arrives on Valentine's Day, and Then he is Made Speaker For the Next Congressional Session

By HARRY B. HUNT
(NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—St. Valentine was good to Nicholas Longworth.

For not only did the day of that good saint bring Nick a baby girl, just 19 years, lacking three days, after he and "Princess Alice" Roosevelt were married, but that same good day clinched the result in the contest for speakership of the next congress in Longworth's favor.

Unless some entirely unlikely and unexpected combination can be effected by the supporters of Congressman Martin B. Madden of Illinois, before Feb. 27, Longworth will emerge from the majority caucus on that date and the perquisites of that office.

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Except for the "honor" involved, the post of speaker offered little either to Longworth or Madden.

As floor leader of the republicans, Longworth has wielded during the last two congresses an inflence virtually as great as will be his in the in the speakership.

The power of Madden, who continues as chairman of the great Appropriations committee, will be in no way weakened by his defeat for the "higher" office.

He will still hold the purse strings of congress, and the congress, like the individual, can be powerfully influenced through its "pocket nerve."

The elevation of Longworth to the speakership will give the house a presiding officer of a type widely different from that of any incumbent in the last generation.

There is about him nothing of the dictatorial brusqueness that characterized "Czar" Cannon. He has none of the physical impressiveness and statesman-like bearing of Champ Clark.

The air of dignity and aloof icineess which has enabled Speaker Gillett to give a certain distinction to his reign is entirely lacking in him.

Longworth, however, possesses an unusual combination of ability and good fellowship which has made him not only one of the most efficient workers in the house but one of the best liked.

He has to an unusual degree the knack of holding an opponent's good will even while giving him a licking.

As a republican of the ingrained, orthodox type, he fights hard. But he fights fair, and he fights with a smile.

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The biggest vacancy to occur in the house with the passing of the 68th congress March 4, will be that due to the departure of rotund Samuel E. Winslow of Worcester, Mass.

Winslow wasn't defeated; he simply didn't run again.

Physically, Winslow is the personification of the picture the cartoonists draw to typify the "trusts."

Heavily jowled, of immense girth, with graying whiskers parted in the middle, a la Hughes, he looks even bigger than the 300 pounds or so the scales show to his credit.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A dilapidated old boat buries its nose in the dry sand of Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island. Rickety planks lead to a tumble-down cabin. Across the rotting bow is scrawled "The Disgusted Millionaires." The decaying hulk seems to stand there as a symbol of shattered romance, the dead echo of the call of the deep.

Around this old ship is spun a legend of two seafarers, Norwegian brothers who built the boat at the beginning of this century, put it under sail and set forth for their homeland. Once in Norway, they intended to fit it out with engine and boiler.

And so they set out with brave heart but became stranded on a sand bar when only a few miles from shore. Towed back to the beach, they refitted the craft and set sail again. That time they met up with a storm off Cape May and were all but lost when rescued by a government cruiser and hauled back to Staten Island.

Discouraged, the boys sold their boat to some young fellows who organized a yacht club in 1904 and used the boat for a club house. With an ironic sense of humor they painted "Disgusted Millionaires" on the boat.

And the years passed, as the movies put it, and the boys one by one married and left the club. Irony was added to irony and the old boat now has been converted into a storehouse.

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Interest in Wall street speculation has abated but little since the big bull market of November. I hear more people talking about quotations, margins and such subjects than ever before. The one sure winner in stock speculation is the broker. His commissions are based on the amount of sales and the market price of the stock. The present table of commission rates is as follows. A minimum $25 for 100 shares of stock selling from $10 up to and including $25 a share, $30 for each 100 shares selling from $26 to $50, inclusive, $35 for each 100 shares selling from $51 to $75, inclusive, $40 for each 100 shares selling from $76 to 100, inclusive, and a commission of $50 for each 100 shares selling from $100 up.

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What is love? In a recent Broadway play that flopped it was declared to be "a misunderstanding between a man and a woman.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase; this is also vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?—Ecclesiastes 5:10, 11.

Bible Question
(Look up the answer)

What attitude of Spirit should one possess?—Eccl. 7:8.

25 Years Ago

From The Guard of Feb. 26, 1900

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith entertained the Married Folks' Whist club last evening.

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For a short time today a war of rates was on between some of our feed and grain merchants. First class flour was sold for 65 cents a sack and bran at 35, but the war has been patched up we learn.

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W. S. Hoffner and John Thomy of Walla Walla arrived this afternoon on a business trip. These gentlemen are here for the purpose of looking at the property of the Eugene Canning company, with a view to purchasing.

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The Eugene Excelsior mill will start up tomorrow. Today the machinery has been running, being smoothed down, and the adjustments corrected. Tomorrow the knives will be placed in position and the finished excelsion product will be turned out.

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Mrs. R. A. Booth left for her home in Grants Pass today.

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Mrs. R. S. Bean of Salem is in Eugene for a visit of a few days.

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George F. Craw has leased the room in the Titus block, formerly occupied by Miss Learned's millinery store and will move the Postal Telegraphy agency, his music rooms and other interests to that place. The Misses Learneds are moving to the Hampton building, two doors east.

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W. W. Haines went to Albany today on business.

Oregon Briefs

Figures recently compiled reveal that municipalities in Tillamook county have approximately $2,000,000 outstanding bonds and warrants.

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During January the state game commission paid $3942 in bounties on 1209 wildcats, 21 cougars and two wolves.

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More than 40 acres of carrots have been planted by farmers of The Dalles district under contract with the cannery company of Libby, McNeill & Libby.

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Of 475 pupils inspected in five different schools in and near The Dalles recently by Miss Grace Millgate, school nurse, only 159 were found to be suffering from no physical defects.

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Raymond W. Hatch, Portland architect, is drawing plans for a new union high school at Molalla to cost $80,000, bonds for which were recently authorized by the taxpayers.

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H. A. Templeton of Portland was elected president of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association at the close of the organization's twenty-second annual institute at Seattle.

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Gus Hamilton of Myrtle Point has purchased from the Robertson Timber company of North Bend 2,000,000 feet of standing cedar on Sandy creek, paying $7 a thousand for stumpage.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. H. Blowers et ux to Frederick M. Smith et ux—Part of lot 12, blk. 20 Gross add. Eugene, $10.

Wm. S. Lane to W. F. Reed et ux—Lot 4, blk. 1, Mountain View Park, $100.

Mary J. Brown et vir to O. J. Vadnais et ux—Part of lot 8, blk. 28, Gross add. $10.

C. M. Parker et ux to J. B. Parker—Tract tp. 19 S R 1 W, $10.

O. H. Shaw et ux to T. C. Shaw et ux—3.45 A. tp. 20 S R 3 W, $10.

Walter W. Carter et ux to J. J. Pepiot et ux—Int. in tracts tp. 17 S R 1 E.

J. J. Pepiot et ux to Walter W. Carter et ux—Int. in tracts tp. 17 S R 1 E, $10.

J. J. Pepiot et ux to L. Elmer Pepiot et ux—Int. in tracts tp. 17 S R 1 E. $1.

Frank E. Taylor, sheriff to Ruby H. Goodrich—75.15 A. tp. 17 S R 5 W, $3873.66.

Mrs. J. A. Atherton to William A. Martin—Tract in blk. 10, Fairmount, $10.

F. L. Chambers et ux to Clem Howell et ux—Part of lot 1, Huddleston's add. Eugene. $1000.

We're Too Sweet

LONDON, Feb. 26.—People living in cities make themselves more susceptible to colds by eating too little greenstuffs and too many sweets and rich cakes, says Professor Hill of the national institute of medical research.

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ASH WEDNESDAY
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Meditation—Salvation through Christ for all men! This is the hope of the world. "Every fulfillment of a promise of God is the pledge of one to come." The good promises of the gospel are never revoked. They are like springs on the dusty way. The saving of one soul through Christ is a promise of universal salvation. Christ's spirit is in the world, man's wilfulness alone stays the coming of the kingdom.

"'And the life was the light of men.' And what did he not light up? His amazing rays streamed down the darkest ways of men and illuminated the vast somber chambers of human circumstance. He lit up sin and showed its true color. He lit up sorrow and transfigured it. He lit up duty and gave it a new face. He lit up common work and glorified it. He lit up death and we could see through it. But above all, he lit up God, and 'The people that sat in darkness saw a great light'."

Prayer—Almighty God, thy love is our hope; thy Christ our salvation. Help thou our faith and teach us to play as one great fellowship of believers. May our weaknesses be perfected in thy strength. Amen.

Traffic Silencer

PARIS, Feb. 26.—Paris streets were too noisy, a French scientist decided, so he has invented a plastic "stopper" which fits in the ear and makes the noise of a railroad train sound like the purring of a cat. He also recommends it for "light sleeper" and swimmers.

WAS NOT FIT TO DO HER WORK

Dreadful Condition of Mrs. Fullerton's Health Remedied by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Clearfield, Pa.—"I cannot begin to tell you how much Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped me in every way. Before taking it I couldn't stand on my feet without pains running all through my whole body from my waist down, just like threads pulling. I was not fit to do any work. My mother got me to try the Vegetable Compound and I have found great benefit, and I not only recommend it for such troubles, but to build up the whole system. I have used it for most everything that gets wrong with me. When I begin to feel nervous and irritable I don't stop long in getting a bottle of the Vegetable Compound if I haven't got one in the house. It gives a fine appetite and makes a new woman of me. You may use this testimonial in my own town or anywhere else, and I will answer any letters I receive."—Mrs. RUSH FULLERTON, 525 S. 2nd Street, Clearfield, Pa.

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