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### BONUS VETO STANDS

Now that the Patman bonus bill has been so vigorously denounced by President Roosevelt in his veto message to both houses of congress, it may be confidently expected that the bonus issue will rival the Townsend plan as a leading issue in the 1936 presidential campaign. Whether you agree with the president or not, no one can help admiring his courage in doing what he believed was the right thing. At this writing the senate has not voted to sustain the veto, as it is expected to do, but the house by a two-thirds majority passed the bill over the veto.

Later—the senate yesterday afternoon sustained the veto by voting 54 for the bill and 40 against. It requires a two-thirds vote of each house to pass a bill over a presidential veto.

### A MAY WITHOUT FOG

The month of May, 1935, has been a more beautiful spring period than any experienced here in the past 20 years. It is frequently the most disappointing month of the year, with lots of fog, especially in the early mornings. But this year it has been different with the sun rising clear nearly every day. J. D. Clinkenbeard, who is out early every morning, delivering a daily paper, calls attention to the fact that on only two or three mornings last spring and summer did we have the sort of bright early mornings that have been the rule for the past several weeks.

But the ground is dry and hard and if there is no more rain until September there is possibility of a water shortage and very short crops.

### THERE IS SCHOOL HARMONY

Not in years has there been the harmony in Coquille school affairs that has prevailed the past year. So far as this writer can learn the three important elements—the instruction department, the pupils, and the people of the district, have all been satisfied with the manner in which the Coquille schools have been operated and, with the annual school election scheduled to be held three weeks from next Monday evening, on June 17, the general thought seems to be to continue in charge of school matters those who have served the past year. Superintendent P. W. Lane and practically all the instructors have been re-elected for next year, and to continue the "let well enough alone" policy it will only be necessary for the voters to re-elect Dr. J. R. Bunch as member of the school board and Keith Leslie as clerk. Whether this will be done or not, of course, cannot be foretold, but the expressions already heard are in favor of that course.

Unless all signs fail the next presidential campaign is to be one of the most notable in many years. Six months ago not even a dyed-in-the-wool republican would have bet against the re-election of President Roosevelt. Now, as one New Deal experiment after another has become shaky, the republicans have been stirring about more. At the same time the third party talk continues, with the possibility that it might so affect the situation as to throw the election one way or the other.

Reports from all over the country indicate that the people are no longer following with blind faith but are casting critical eyes both at the Roosevelt program and at offerings of republican leaders. All of this has the makings of a sizzling election campaign which will find houses divided against themselves as during the Smith-Hoover race of 1928.

Five weeks after the huge five million dollar relief appropriation was pushed through congress, with the administration insisting upon speed, officials were still trying to find a setup that could adequately administer the money. When congress hesitated in an effort to find out what all those dollars would be used for, the members were being told that all halting a surge of recovery was their delinquency.

During consideration of the appropriation in congress some senators were unkind enough to hint that a few of the dollars might be left over next year and figure largely in the

November elections. They did not think that its pressure would be felt so soon that it would be used against them to force legislation through congress. One nationally known writer pointed out recently that without the threat of withholding money allocations, the administration would be totally lacking in power over congress despite the huge majorities in both houses. This is attributable to the hesitancy of staunch democratic leaders to accept the continually evolved theories and reforms drafted by the young professors and brain trusters.

### Preparedness the Best Guarantee of Peace

(Editor's note: This is the second part of a statement recently made concerning the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Oregon by Dr. C. V. Boyer, university president. The statement was made as an explanation of his vote at a recent faculty meeting which defeated a motion to recommend that the military training be made optional instead of compulsory.)

"Perhaps I should think differently about military training if I had not lived through the late World War. Before we declared war against Germany there was the same peace agitation that we have now. The same organizations were working against military training, which then existed in the land grant colleges, and for the same reasons as now. But war was no sooner declared than these same organizations became madly militaristic and persecuted with cruelty those who still were of their former opinion and had the courage of their convictions. They hounded them, ostracized them, tarred and feathered them, and threatened them with even direer cruelties. Professors of history forgot all they had learned through years of research about evaluating evidence, and poured out on their classes—compelled to attend—British propaganda and the assertions of screaming newspaper headlines as holy truth. Reason took a holiday.

"I do not believe that the days of war are over. And if we are to have war every dictate of humanity demands that we enter such a war prepared. If people would only read the military history of the United States—which they will not—they would learn that from the time of the Revolution until the time of the Rebellion not a decade passed without a major or minor war, that we entered every war unprepared relying on raw troops (with possible exception of the Mexican War) and that in every instance war was prolonged, treasure needlessly expended, and men slaughtered as a result of our unpreparedness. Untrained men are a mob. Trained men are an army. An army of a thousand men will put to flight a mob of five thousand men, and has done so innumerable times in history, United States history included. The defeats of Long Island, Camden, Queenstown, Blandensburg, and Bull Run are a few examples of the loss incurred by sending untrained men to the front. The brilliant successes of the Mexican War were achieved by a small army of veterans.

"The military policy of the United States in the past has been dominated by the Angle Saxon prejudice that "standing armies are a dangerous menace to liberty." And because we feared this menace we have sacrificed thousands of young men on the battle field. Military training in our colleges was established during the Civil War and further developed after the World War in the hope that the costly mistakes of the past might be thus averted. It was thought that such training as the ROTC affords would remove the menace of a large standing army while affording the protection of a citizenry sufficiently trained to afford the inevitable sacrifice and defeat of raw troops.

"Whether this hope is well founded is a question. But some knowledge of arms and military science is better than ignorance. In the end the men would have to be trained. The more rapidly and the greater the number that can be trained the greater the safeguard for the men themselves against hasty engagements, needless casualties, and prolonged wars."

### Farm Loan Rate, 4 1/2%

The new interest rate on Land bank loans made through and indorsed by the Coquille farm loan association of Coquille is 4 1/2 per cent and not 4 3/4 per cent, according to Secretary-Treasurer R. H. Mast.

"The reduction to 4 1/2 per cent applies on all new loans closed through the association since April 10, as the result of the Land bank's ability to market a new issue of its bonds to the investing public on a 3 1/2 per cent interest basis. The bank's lending rate on new association-approved loans may not exceed by more than one per cent the rate of interest borne by the bonds last issued by this co-operative mortgage institution.

"The new 4 1/2 per cent rate is the lowest in agricultural history, and many local farmers who are paying a higher rate on mortgages held by other lenders now have the opportunity of refinancing on a lower scale."



Charges of misappropriation and extravagance in connection with the administration of relief funds in Oregon were not sustained by evidence produced in the investigation of relief activities, according to the report of Governor Martin's special committee.

"The few minor irregularities incident to work projects which were disclosed are mainly attributable to want of proper supervision by the political subdivision in which the work projects originated," the committee declared.

Salaries and wages paid to administrative officers and employees engaged in relief work were found to be "reasonably low."

Members of the committee making the investigation included E. A. McCormack, state senator from Lane county, and Verne Dusenberry and Grace Phelps, of Portland.

The report was by no means a whitewash of the relief administration. Many of the complaints registered by relief participants were found to be justified. Disatisfaction among families on relief rolls, particularly in Multnomah county, was found to be due to failure to keep the social service department separate and distinct from other social service agencies, lack of centralized control, want of uniformity in the standard of relief given and employment of incompetent case workers.

The investigators found many ineligible recipients on the relief rolls of several counties and recommended that "very definite steps be taken by state and county committees to weed out all such excessive and unjustifiable relief."

"Jim" Lewis, warden of the state penitentiary, denies that his institution has gone high-brow. The course in sculpturing conducted for the benefit of the prison inmates by Prof. O. L. Barrett of the University of Oregon, Lewis explains, is just an experiment and does not seem to be taking very well. Only 11 pupils were enrolled in the class last week. Lewis says that there is no intention of extending the prison curricula to include esthetic dancing or other cultural subjects.

Attorney General Van Winkle has advised the board of control that the state can not compel the telephone company to hook up to a state-owned switchboard in the event one is installed to serve the capitol group of buildings. However, there is nothing to prevent the company from entering into such an arrangement if it wants to do so, which is somewhat doubtful since it would involve a serious loss of revenue over the present arrangement.

Congressman Walter Pierce has written Governor Martin that the federal government is apparently all set to go with the construction of transmission lines from Bonneville dam when the time comes. Also that there will be no difficulty in securing a Public Works loan up to \$3,000,000 to finance a new capitol building. All of which is based upon a conversation had by Pierce with President Roosevelt whom he describes as "affable, genial and pleasant, as he always is."

Governor Martin was not born in a log cabin as were so many of the nation's great leaders but he was born on a farm in southern Illinois and as a boy did his stint at milking cows and pitching hay, he told a group of Farmers Union members who called at the executive office this week.

Rodney Alden, editor of the Woodburn Independent, is again preparing to go into court to test the constitutionality of the governor's salary, now fixed by statute at \$7500 a year. Alden started a suit in the circuit court of Marion county to test out this issue several months ago but later dropped the matter. He contends that the constitution limits the salary to \$1500.

Automobile fatalities are lagging behind the 1934 record. Figures compiled by Secretary of State Snell show that only 74 persons were killed in traffic accidents during the first four months of the current year compared to 86 for the same period last year. Traffic fatalities for April totaled only 17 compared to 33 for April, 1934.

When the board of control ordered the Corinthian columns of the old capitol building preserved for use in a colonnade, it appears they failed to take into consideration the size of the order. F. C. Leary, professional wrecker in charge of the job of razing the ruins, says that it will be impossible to save the columns intact. They are constructed of brick covered with a heavy coating of plas-

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An electrified Oregon with the incandescent bulbs displacing coal oil lamps even in the most remote corners of the state and electric motors doing the back-breaking tasks of the farm, is visioned by Governor Martin as a realization of the near future. The governor has all of his forces at work now on a survey of the state to determine the possibilities of rural electrification so that Oregon will be in line to take advantage of the new rural electrification program as soon as the administration gets organized and ready for business.

State Treasurer Holman wants the state to generate its own electricity for lighting the buildings in the capitol group as well as the institutions in the vicinity of Salem. He believes that it can be done in connection with the heating plant with a sizeable saving in the annual "juice" bill.

A commercial artist has been engaged by the state highway department to sketch the proposed new highway between Troutdale and Cascade Locks as it will appear when completed. This is a new wrinkle in road mapping and is believed to be original with the Oregon department.

Hopes for a \$4,200,000 gift from the federal government to finance construction of the Bonneville section of the upper Columbia river highway faded this week with receipt of a telegram by J. M. Devers, attorney for the highway commission, from Senator McNary, stating that the PWA would limit its grant to 30 per cent of the total need. That means the highway commission will have to put up the other 70 per cent of the money, probably through sale of more bonds if even this much federal aid is to be forthcoming. The highway commission had proposed that it would pay off the entire Coast bridge debt at once if the PWA would give the state an equal amount for the Bonneville project.

Bjorn Johannsen, of Portland, is the sponsor of a newly proposed initiative measure providing for old age and disability pensions. Johannsen wants to create an Honorable Retirement commission composed of the labor commissioner, insurance commissioner and three industrial accident commissioners to administer the fund which would be raised by a tax on all property with an assessed valuation of \$10,000 or more. He would pay a pension to all persons 60 years

of age or over regardless of their need, the size of the pension to be determined by the size of the fund and the number of participants. If his petitions are signed by at least 16,371 registered voters the measure will be on the ballot at the next regular election.

Orders for forms, blanks and stationery to replace stocks destroyed in the capitol fire have so swamped the state printing plant that it has been found necessary to farm a lot of the work out to private plants. The state plant was more than 300 orders behind on its deliveries last week and department heads demanding more speed. The plant has been operating on a two-shift basis ever since the fire.

### Hudson & Duncan Buy Large Drying Plant

Hudson-Duncan & Co., wholesale grocers of Oregon and Washington, have taken over the large drying and packing plant of the Dundee Drying corporation at Dundee, which they will operate as a new division of the firm.

This Dundee plant has maintained first place among commercial driers of Oregon for many years in the handling of walnuts and filberts, with considerable business also in drying and packing of prunes and black raspberries. To these activities will now be added the bringing of cherries and packing and distribution of walnuts and filberts.

Construction of an addition to the present plant is planned immediately. The new unit will be 130 feet long and 35 feet wide, two stories high. Machinery for grading, bleaching and packing walnuts and filberts will be installed.

Robert A. Hudson, president of the grocery firm, has purchased three large walnut groves adjacent to Dundee, and has invested in large filbert groves near Gresham. He is residing at Dundee.

Hudson is one of the leaders in the fight against California domination of the Oregon walnut industry, and is a director in the Associated Walnut Growers of Oregon, formed to gain a divorce of the Oregon industry from the national walnut marketing agreement.

Report cases of cruelty to children and animals to Humane Society, Medford. Complaints must be signed by two or more witnesses. Information confidential.

### Buses Direct to Fair Grounds

As an added service to the thousands who will visit the San Diego Exposition opening this month, Greyhound announces transportation direct to the fairgrounds. "This will be a great convenience and will eliminate parking problems and driving worries," said L. D. Jones, general manager of Pacific Greyhound Lines, in seeking of this service.

Many additional schedules are being added throughout the entire Pacific Greyhound System to comfortably accommodate the already increased travel demand.

To provide for this Mr. Jones also announced the purchase of 36 more new model streamline buses at a cost of practically half a million dollars. This equipment, most of which has already been received, is of the very latest design. One of the main features is a new flexible pillow type headrest. The seats are of a new design, are adjustable to three comfortable positions and are spaced farther apart, setting a new standard of luxury.

### INTERESTING ITEM FOR RHEUMATIC SUFFERERS

Mrs. Ivan Yargus, Belknap, Iowa, writes that her 20 years suffering from rheumatic, neuralgia, and neuritis pains has been remarkably relieved by taking Williams' R. U. X. Compound. In her letter she states she also takes Williams' S.L.K. Formula to eliminate the cause. Fuhrman's Pharmacy.

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