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THE UNWELCOME GUEST

A former official in the United States Treasury was recently quoted to the gloomy effect that government is about a twenty per cent partner in all business. In other words, government through its power to tax has made itself the fifth member of every company's board of directors, the silent partner, the unwelcome guest who eats off the extra plate that is set for each meal by every family in the land.

It is a discomfiting thought that one out of every five dollars earned by the sweat and toil of average Americans everywhere goes automatically to government. And the more the evidence in the case continues to pile up, the more it begins to look as though any revision of the Treasury official's estimate will have to be in an upward direction.

Now a careful study into the tax situation conducted by the state of Wisconsin puts more of the real and painful facts on the table.

The Wisconsin study shows that in 1938 the 7,800 corporations in that state paid \$112,158,743 in taxes to various units of government, and that those taxes represented \$20,606,918 more than those same corporations earned as a result of their business operations. In other words, when John Smith establishes his own business these days, in the interests of accuracy, the sign on the door ought to read as follows: Government, Government, Government, and Smith, Incorporated.

The same type of survey could probably be repeated, yielding the same or even more disquieting results, in almost every state of the union. It points once again to the flood-like ravages of wasteful government spending. And it shows forcefully how the productive abilities of this county are being turned away from the job of providing goods at low prices in order to pour taxes, taxes, and still more taxes into the insatiable maw of government.

GONE WITH THE WIND

Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind," will receive more than \$1,000,000 in royalties. This is a splendid reward for hard work, genius and many years of labor. It would be still better if Miss Mitchell could hold and enjoy this reward.

But the New Deal must be financed. Its extravagance and waste must be made up, somehow. The states that run into debt to match the handouts from Washington are forced to levy higher taxes.

Therefore Miss Mitchell, if she receives that million in one year, must hand over \$810,000 in taxes to the New Deal.

This gifted author, with marvelous intuition, entitled her work "Gone With the Wind."

Gone is the incentive to use the gift bestowed by God. Gone is pride in the Government. Gone is confidence in the future.

Gone with the wind.

As a protection for themselves against the sort of unscrupulous candidates in the past who have neglected or refused to pay for campaign printing expense after the election was past, the newspapers of the county have agreed that none of them will accept orders for political advertising or job work unless it is paid for when ordered. No one should take this stand of the papers as a reflection on his or her integrity. It is not. And each candidate will know that his opponent is receiving the same treatment that he himself is.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Marshfield, Oregon
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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Were there any Alaskan thrushes here this winter? The "myrtle robin," as the children call him because he cracks the myrtle nuts with his beak, is usually here a couple of months some time during January, February and March. Our mild winter which has advanced the spring flowers by several weeks may be responsible for his failure to come as far south as Coos county this year. During early spring of other years when there has been more snow to the north of us, we could often count a dozen of these thrushes at a time feeding on our lawn.

Probably due to their absence is the fact that every holly tree in town is still loaded with its red berries which usually disappear soon after Christmas. We'd rather lose the berries, though, than miss the annual visitation of these birds with their orange breasts and striking black collars.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has attempted to answer some of the criticism heaped upon her after the meeting of the Youth's Congress in Washington, D. C., a couple of months ago. She first states that those who have been directing public affairs must accept the responsibility for the problems of youth today. We do not believe she meant it to sound just that way for it lays the blame at the president's door and also upon those who supported him and worked with him for the past seven years.

Her most remarkable idea was that a public speaker could expect to be hissed if his ideas did not agree with those of his audience! Sometimes in a radio broadcast to "My Friends" we have been impolite enough to turn the button off but in all the public gatherings we've attended, we've yet to hear our first hiss, although many times one could drive a coach and four through the speakers' arguments.

And finally we are reminded of another lady we once knew who was prominent in uplift clubs and held an official position in a national organization, in fact giving so much of her time to various welfare groups that the neighbors said her own children would have benefited by some of her personal guidance and care.

There was an editorial in last Sunday's Oregonian about the use of the apostrophe in geographic names of the Northwest, which brought to mind a problem of our own. We have often wondered who the original Floras was and why Floras creek and Floras lake were named for her, for doubtless originally there was an apostrophe used and it was Flora's creek and lake.

We know for whom Sauvie's Island, Gray's Harbor and Grant's Pass were all named but please do not tell us an old Indian squaw called Flora once lived near a creek and adjacent lake in Curry county. For us this Flora has always been a sprite with yellow curls and laughing eyes whose childhood was as immortal as Peter Pan's and as happy as the sound of her brook in summer.

In Dorothy Thompson's column on Monday she says the ablest man in the republican party is Herbert Hoover but adds that he could not possibly be elected. Probably both statements are correct, we'll never know for sure because the republicans will not risk a chance of defeat by naming Hoover. If the stakes were not so great we'd like to see Hoover and Roosevelt pitted one against the other again. However, a third term for Roosevelt would be so disastrous for this country that we are willing for history to vindicate Hoover and give him a place far above his present victor, in true statesmanship, charity and integrity.

William Wordsworth was able to catch and put in words the vague distress we feel this springtime when all nature is blossoming in beauty and we must remember that so many of our fellow men on this earth are not engaged in the arts of peace but are working on the instruments of death. Wordsworth's words follow:

"I heard a thousand blended notes
While in a grove I sat reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What Man has made of Man.

Through primrose tufts, in that sweet bower,
The periwinkle trail'd its wreaths,
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopp'd and play'd,
Their thoughts I cannot measure,—
But the least motion which they made
It seem'd a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of April 18, 1920)

C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer of the State Highway Commission, was down here Wednesday to look over the proposed site of the Coquille river bridge at the ferry here. He says the site is well chosen and he can see no reason why the permit for its construction should not be granted.

In the distribution of the Southern Oregon tax funds the McKinley school district received \$2,055.34. The people there very naturally concluded that with such a nest egg on hand it was a good time to build a new school house.

Elbert Schroeder, who fell and broke his leg about a month ago, is now able to be in school again.—Myrtle Point Items.

Friday, April 9, was Armenian Day in all schools. It was well observed at Arago. After a program the collection for the Armenian cause was taken among the boys and girls, which amounted to nearly \$15.00. This makes a total of almost \$100.00 for the Armenians from the Arago district.

Coos county has nearly caught up on general fund warrants, all issued before 1919 having been called for redemption.

A "Near East Relief" program was given Friday afternoon by the Fairview school with the assistance of

That there was pleasure there. If this belief from heaven be sent, If such be Nature's holy plan, Have I not reason to lament What Man has made of Man?"



Washington, D. C., April 10—There is no occasion for Bonneville transmission lines to be rushed in various sections of Oregon and Washington. Administrator Raver was cautioned by a senate subcommittee on appropriations. The administrator had explained his plan for expediting construction of several lines and then coming back to congress and asking for a deficiency appropriation.

That the policy of Bonneville is to force private companies out of business and bring about public ownership in the Pacific northwest was the substance of testimony of witnesses at the hearings. The plan is simple: With money to build transmission lines, public utility districts can be given a rate which will enable them to undersell private companies and take away their customers.

Principal threat to public ownership in the Pacific northwest, said Raver, is the danger of PUDs becoming involved in long lawsuits.

Communities hoping to have Bonneville power and sell it to new industries are doomed to disappointment. Bonneville administration intends marketing the power itself and selling juice to industries at the same rate that it sells to PUDs and municipalities.

Considering that the Jones bill is supposed to aid all those who borrow from the land bank, a terrific opposition has been launched against it by major farm organizations, such as the National Grange. Congressman Pierce, Oregon, chief defender of the bill in committee for several weeks, charges that opposition is coming from Wall Street and bankers, and that farm leaders, such as Tabor of National Grange, are being led astray by money interests. The bill would cut interest to three per cent, eliminate requirements that borrowers take five per cent of their loss in capital stock of the land bank, and abolish deficiency judgments.

This month 715 boys from Oregon and 723 from Washington will be selected for CCC camps. These are junior enrollees and must be between 17 and 23 years old. Director James J. McEntee, who succeeds the late Robert Fechner, says there will be no difficulty filling the quotas of the two states as there is now a waiting list of applicants; Idaho's quota is 947.

Under presidential reorganization order, the biological survey and bureau of fisheries will be consolidated.

Maxine McGilvery and Fred Wimer of the Coquille high school. The whole neighborhood was invited. The sum of \$46.50 in cash and pledges was raised.

A most delightful evening was enjoyed by a large company of ladies last Tuesday evening when Mrs. John Leneve and Mrs. Lanson Leneve entertained with the ever popular game of "500," there being nine tables.

Miss Edna Harlocker left for Corvallis this morning for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. F. E. McKenna.

L. L. Turner, of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, accompanied by Mrs. Turner, went out to Portland Sunday morning.

Hark Dunham went down to Bandon yesterday morning to look after a number of truants and delinquents in the city schools there.

The Woman's Club of Coquille having purchased the Liberty Temple with the intention of fitting it up for a rest room, find themselves in need of more funds than heretofore and so are going to give a May Day dance at Gould's Hall two weeks from tomorrow night.

Mrs. A. J. Sberwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rogers, celebrated their sixtieth anniversary of their marriage at the home on Coos River last Saturday.

Head man will be Ira Gabrielson, with W. C. Henderson director of wild life. Robert Jackson, acting commissioner of fisheries, is soliciting support to be designated as director for fish. In addition to recent purchases of the Bill Hanley ranch and 20,000 acres in Lake county, Oregon, for refuge, the government announces purchase of 201 acres for the Willapa refuge near Naselle, Wash., and 89 acres for the Skagit refuge near Mt. Vernon, Wash.

No stampede is reported for permission to prospect for oil and gas on public lands in the northwest. There are 10,500 acres available through the landoffice at Spokane; 73,000 acres at the landoffice at The Dalles; 10,000 acres at Roseburg, and 4,000 acres at Lakeview.

The administration won its fight to extend the reciprocal trade treaty act, which has been subjected to

widespread criticism by fruit growers, the lumber industry, cattlemen and other organizations. Opponents of the policy now intend carrying the issue into the presidential campaign. The administration suspects Vice President Garner of giving secret assistance to opponents of the program.

Gov. Clarence Martin of Washington, has appealed to Federal maritime commission to relieve the coastal and intercoastal shipping situation, as shortage of vessels is becoming serious to shippers of heavy commodities such as wool, flour and lumber, which must go by water as they cannot afford the high rail rates. The commission has advised the governor that all it can do with coastal and intercoastal shipping is to fix rates; it cannot order private ship owners around and tell them where to operate. Shortage of ships for the trade of the Pacific northwest is attributed to the war, as American ships are being sold to foreigners and others are accepting the high charters for off-

shore cargo. The situation adds to the plight of the producers of Oregon and Washington.

One of the world's outstanding authorities on flax and linen manufacture wants to locate in the Willamette valley and see what he can do, but he cannot come in under the immigration quota. His plan has been confiscated by Nazi troops. The president has allocated \$154,278 WPA funds for kitchen facilities at the national guard camp at Camp Clatsop.

Industry decreases prices. The price of rayon has been reduced from \$4.90 a pound in 1920 to 57c today. As a result many more Americans have been able to use products made of rayon. Close to 300,000,000 pounds of it are now consumed annually.

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