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TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE

In a sweeping denunciation of "unnecessary government agencies," Senator Guy M. Gillette, speaking with a bluntness that stunned seven hundred democrats at a \$25-a-plate Jackson Day dinner, declared that "We have to clean house."

"We can't do it," the Senator from Iowa asserted, "by refusing to admit our mistakes, without eliminating some of the herds of locusts living off the people through agencies that aren't necessary."

In his discussion of the postwar responsibilities of the nation, Senator Gillette said that "charity should begin at home even though it should not stay there. Let us first set our own house in order and prepare first to recover powers and authorities belonging to the people which we have surrendered during the stress and need of war."

POSTWAR WONDERS

According to Arthur W. Hixson, professor of chemical engineering at Columbia University, the average postwar American family may own a small helicopter, which while taking up no more room than present-day cars, will be able to hover and rise or land vertically in the back yard or on the tops of tall buildings.

No less amazing is the prediction that houses and furniture may be so light that they can be moved to new sites by giant helicopters. You could take your home to the country with you in the summer and bring it back in the fall.

The future can hold a rosy picture for the common man. He knows that when improvements come he will benefit from them because industry's mass production genius will place new things within his economic reach.



Washington, D. C., March 3—Here is what Triple A has established as goals for Oregon to shoot at in 1943: White potatoes 44,000 acres, dried field peas 28,000; dry edible beans 5000, flaxseed 2000; sows, spring farrowed, 49,000; fall farrowed 34,000. Marketings, cattle and calves 4,220,000 head, sheep and lambs 774,000.

The goal for milk is 1,500,000,000 pounds; chickens 18,130,000 pounds, turkeys 35,945,000 pounds, eggs 4,876,000 dozen. In announcing these goals Triple A says it will give the farmers, within limits of authority, all possible assistance in obtaining loans, equipment, help, or whatever is needed to insure production.

Demand for home loans in Oregon dropped last year to \$3,669,800 from \$5,620,656. This is attributed to war conditions. However, the amount of loans on books of insured loan associations reached \$16,793,000 on December 31. As the demand for loans fell off the associations invested their idle funds in government bonds and now have in the pouch \$1,771,000.

Labor camps in Oregon are at Nyssa, Athena, Merrill, Malin, Tule lake, Hood River, The Dalles, West Stayton, Ceburg, Turner, Medford and Yamhill. Farmers in the vicinity of these camps are hoping congress will see that migratory labor is available. These camps are so located that they can serve almost any crop in the state. Rep. Lowell Stockman appeared before an appropriations subcommittee and made a plea for sufficient funds to provide the labor this year. Sugar beet, onion, pease and potato growers are especially anxious to have their labor requirements taken care of. (Over-all appropriation requested for the entire country for this purpose is \$65,000,000).

Drivers of the common carrier trucks up and down the highways and the mechanics have been de-

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, March 2, 1923)

A fire which evidently started from a defective flue burned the roof of the home of Mrs. Mary Mehl on Sherwood Heights last Sunday noon and threatened for a time the destruction of the whole house.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dungey are rejoicing over the birth of a baby boy who arrived at their home Tuesday night.

There was quite a good sized crowd out for the Gun Club shoot across the river here Sunday. L. L. Thomas, Ed Morris, Jno. W. Miller and Ira Johnson were tied for high score. It was not a competitive shoot, but a friendly practice contest.

Ground was broken on the lot on the street south from the Sentinel office this week, on which J. D. Graham is going to erect a stucco building. When completed the place will be occupied by Messrs. Taylor and Ditto, who come here from Springfield, Oregon, to install a battery service station.

To increase the amount of rubber for sliver tires, Henry Ford is said to contemplate investing fifty millions in rubber plantations in South and Central America and the Philippine Islands. Sixty years ago the principal demand for rubber was for balls and overshoes.

clared part of an essential industry. The classification came too late to give general satisfaction and there has been a large shift from the trucks to the army or to the shipyards. The life of the interior of Oregon depends upon truck transportation, and with the shortage of drivers and mechanics some communities are expected to run into difficulties before the end of this year.

Request of the U. S. bureau of mines for money with which to build a sponge iron plant in the vicinity of Scappoose to experiment with the iron ore in Columbia county has been placed on file. The bureau was given an appropriation of \$300,000 last year to make these experiments, but says that it has difficulty in obtaining the materials for a plant and that nothing can be done at Scappoose or elsewhere until later in the indefinite future. The charge has been made on the senate floor that the big steel companies have done all they could to discourage development of sponge iron as this would be competition with their elaborate blast furnaces which use another method. In the first world war everything was ready for a new steel plant in the vicinity of Portland until a steel executive, was placed in charge of steel production for the nation, and he promptly vetoed the Portland plan, asserting it was unnecessary.

Although a house guest of the president of the United States, both at Hyde Park and the White House, Madam Chiang Kai-shek did not hesitate to differ from him on his foreign policy. When the famed Chinese woman addressed congress (the only woman to do so other than the queen of Holland), she declared that it was a mistake to regard Japan as secondary to Herr Hitler and stated that the Japanese have already captured in their campaign more raw materials to keep on fighting than the Germans have. Madam Chiang Kai-shek received tumultuous applause when she made this statement; it was the high spot of her address and demonstrated that congress entertained the same views. Result of her visit is that Edward Stettinius, manager for lend-lease, has announced that China will share with Britain and Russia the guns, tanks, planes and food from this country. Up to this time, of the billions of dollars sent lend-lease China has received only \$170,000,000.

Payments to dependents of deceased veterans of this war have already started. These dependents, 1,153, have received \$188,874, and this is only the beginning, for the payments will eventually run into the billions of dollars. Pensions paid for the first world war have reached \$4,619,000,000.

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The Coos Country Club at Marshfield has taken an option on the Robert Watson ranch on the Summer road, one mile from the highway, for club grounds, and will start a drive for one hundred members at \$100 per.

Mrs. I. T. Weekly, who lived with her son, Vance G. Weekly, on the Marshfield road, died yesterday morning of pneumonia, after five days' illness.

Our friend, Editor McDaniel, of the Coos Bay Harbor, says he used the first vacation he has taken in 15 years to go to Salem and see the legislature in action, and do all he could for the Roosevelt highway.

The following firm names appeared in a Tirade-at-Home one-page booster advertisement: The Variety Store, J. E. Quick, Coquille Laundry Co., The Rainbow, Henry Lorenz, Forbes, Currie & Co., Hancock's Coquille Trading Co., Inc., The Liberty Theatre (C. A. Gage), Highway Garage and Coquille Service Station (Battay & Richardson), Fuhrman's Pharmacy, Graham's Garage, Long's Machine Shop, E. E. Johnson Retail Lumber Yard, The Candy Kitchen, Hudson's Drug Store, The First National Bank, Bolden & Kibble Millinery & Dressmaking, McNelly's Dairy, City Cleaners & Tailors (L. C. Newman), Maybelle Ford Ladies Wear, The City Meat Market, The Busy Corner, The Coquille Valley Creamery.



State House, Salem, March 4—The voters of Coos county made an excellent choice when they elected Ralph C. Moore, of Bandon, to the lower house. Moore is one of the many freshmen members serving his first term; however, he has proven himself a veteran legislator. Seldom taking the floor to make a speech, which very often is the failing of new members who talk themselves out, the new lawmaker from Coos county commands and receives attention of his colleagues when he has anything to say. Flanked by that able veteran of the senate, William E. Walsh, of Marshfield, who is chairman of the potent committee on revision of laws and considered one of the outstanding members of the upper house, this duo know how to get things done. Moore is chairman of the important committee on land use. Veteran observers of this legislature rate the Coos county delegation tops.

With both houses trying their level best to wind up the session not later than next Saturday, these well laid plans might go astray. There is a possibility that the lawmakers might have to stay in session for a few days next week, all on account of taxes. The house passed and sent to the senate last week a bill calling for a 10 per cent reduction in state income taxes, which the senate thinks is the bunk. Not enough reduction, say many senators, and it looks like the house bill will be amended by the senate and sent back calling for a greater tax reduction than ten per cent. If so, the battle on the tax question, with which the house wrestled most of last week, will be staged all over again. The senate received the bill last Saturday and has been pondering it for six days with the issue still undecided. The majority of the house members have their backs arched on a reduction of anything more than ten per cent. So therein lies the tale of why the boys and girls might have to work for a few days next week. Someone will have to unbend on the question if both houses are to get together on the subject, and if they "stay put" on the bill as they are now it might be spring before they call it quits and go home.

Governor Snell's laudable efforts to increase old-age assistance to \$40 a month to many lawmakers seems impossible unless a way is found to obtain more money for this purpose. The governor thinks the net profits now obtained from liquor revenues will be increased about \$2,000,000 this year through more sales, which is approximately the extra amount needed if the pensioners are to receive \$40. The governor further stated that none of this additional money should be taken from the gen-

eral fund but must come solely from liquor sales. The lawmakers are skeptical about obtaining very much more money from liquor revenues than was received last year. All of the legislators who are for "bigger and better" pensions pinned their hopes on the Steelhammer bill, which would tax pin-ball games \$5 per annum and juke boxes \$10. It was estimated that this additional revenue would amount to at least \$2,000,000, and under the bill could be earmarked for pensions. However, after the measure passed the house the senate killed it. Now a move is on to revive the bill since the governor made his pension statement; otherwise, say the lawmakers, \$40 for the oldsters is out because more money is absolutely necessary than they expect to receive from liquor.

Here's a hot one for you. Senate bill 274, if passed, would tax all confectioneries, restaurants and grocery stores 75 cents per employee, or a minimum of \$2 a year to a maximum of \$25 a year for all such businesses outside of Multnomah county. The amounts would be paid to the state department of agriculture as an inspection fee, and the money would go to their fund. As if to say that such businesses in the small towns of Oregon didn't have trouble enough already. Many cities now tax such concerns to augment their local revenues and also have a sanitary inspection system; so why is such additional legislation necessary, say many of the lawmakers.

We told you in this column several weeks ago, long before the measures came to a vote, that in our opinion the small loan, truck, state civil service and big fish bills would be defeated. We hit the nail on the head. All four measures "bit the dust," and we also predicted that the bill for income tax reduction would pass, and it did—for 10 per cent. But from the looks of things taxpayers will get more than ten per cent before the senate gets through mulling the house bill over. We also said the Burke wine bill, which passed the senate by a whale of a vote, would have tough sledding in the house and would probably be defeated. The house committee brought in a report of Do-

not pass by a vote of 4 to 2 but the house upset the committee report by voting 32 to 27 the bill Do pass; so it might pass, but it will be a hot battle—one or two votes will decide the fate of the measure. The railroads had this bill picked as a cinch to pass by a whopping vote, as it did in the senate. But such was not the case.

Observations from the press box: Everyone anxious to get home. Many lawmakers at their desks each day after adjournment, working on their federal income tax returns. They might not get home in time; March 15 is deadline. Senator Lamport, of Salem, an ex-banker, is said to be Governor Snell's choice for

state superintendent of banks. Many members of both houses say they will not be candidates for reelection. Too much private business which needs their attention is the reason, say the lawmakers. Covered the execution of Wm. Wallace at the penitentiary last Friday morning. The 11th such assignment for me. I don't relish the death warrant. The warden reads the death warrant. Wallace demanded it. and in ten minutes it was over.

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