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NONE SO BLIND

Walter Lippman is the foremost
of our pundits and a pundit, lit-
erally is one acquainted with
Sanskrit and the philosophy of
India. That he may be, but he is
too long from the boondocks for
wise discourse on the American
scene.

In a recently syndicated article
in which the pundit advocated
more and faster growth in these
United States, Lippman wrote "At
our rate of growth in recent years
we are unable to meet our public
needs, to add to our defenses and
at the same time to keep on in-
creasing private investment and
to keep on raising the civilian
standard of life."

Let it first be said that we will
never meet our public needs for
there is no end to our public needs
as long as government pays the
bill; second, we are increasing
our defenses rapidly; third, it
takes a sharp head to save any-
thing for private investment un-
der government tax laws; fourth,
the civilian standard of life can
only be raised by civilians.

But assuming that we are fail-
ing, there are three good reasons
for it. The first is that labor un-
ions' bosses won't let us work
enough; the federal government
takes more than a half of corporate
profits; and maybe we're too
lazy.

If the politicians are anxious
to see the United States grow as
it did for 150 years let them
repeal a lot of laws and give the
people a chance, let them stop
government competition with peo-
ple; let them, in effect, go away
and let us alone.

FREE ANTE

Mrs. Maurine Neuberger is do-
ing that which she does best; ad-
vocating the ideas once expressed
by her late husband. Among
them is the theory that the govern-
ment should put up campaign
expenses for candidates. Outside
of the fact that if that were the
rule it would be almost impos-
sible to dislodge an incumbent
party, the theory bears watch-
ing.

By what stretch of the imagina-
tion does anyone think the people
do not put up the money for
campaigns already. Who in
Tophet do you think is going
to pay for the school construction,
the bigger pensions, the increased
pay for federal employees? Can-
didates make their campaigns on
promises to increase payments to
certain unhappy groups and the
taxpayer pays and pays. Now
candidates want the taxpayer to
put up the ante in this expensive
game. Gad, it is too much to
put up the stakes; let them put
up their own ante.

INVOLUNTARY ARSON

Anyone who looks over the
destruction done by the fire that
burned over a big section of the
north end of Sherman county
Friday will have to come to the
conclusion that some means of
determining liability and assess-
ing possible damages in such
cases is a public need.

No one starts such fires inten-
tionally unless he is crazy; but
they do start and the grass and
wheat around Rufus and above
Highway 30 are in constant dan-
ger from those who flip cigar-
ettes out of car windows, those
who explode firecrackers and
those who in any manner are
careless with fire.

Last week this range land was
supporting hundreds of beef cat-
tle that are being fed in dry lots
this week. A loss has been sus-
tained by their owners and indi-
rectly by the public that will eat
the beef. Probably the fire was
caused by human error or lack
of care. But if there were an
easily understood and easily en-
forced law about it there would
be fewer errors and more care.

NEW WORLD?
Senator Kennedy's contention
that we have a new world and
need new (young) men to handle
it is entirely without historical
background. If there is anything
the world is not, it is new. It is
old and the problems are old and
the wider knowledge and longer
experience our leaders have the
better off we will be.

ple; they think the same way,
are motivated by the same things
as when they drove ex-carts or
fought with spears.

A man who thinks that all the
world is new is displaying his
shallowness and lack of histori-
cal perspective.

COMMERCIAL SECRETARY

The suggestion has been made
that this county employ a secre-
tary or manager or whatever the
title, a man to plan our prob-
able industrial development
and do such things as would make
it easier.

The argument is that industry
is certainly going to come into
this area and that agriculture will
not always be the predominant
industry of the county if we are
awake to our opportunities; that
in order to bring as much indus-
try as possible we should have a
full time man working at the
job and that he should be paid
by all the county.

Sherman county is in league
with five other mid-Columbia
counties in a group for the pur-
pose of promoting industry. It
may hire a firm to write a brief
about our potential for industry.
That is fine as far as it goes.
The point here is that some think
we should go farther to attract
industry to this county.

POSSIBLE TRY OUT

It has been decided that con-
gress will return in August after
political candidates have been
named and finish the job of leg-
islating. That sort of a program
gives Mr. Johnson of Texas and
Mr. Rayburn, also of Texas a
good deal of power during the
convention of the Democrats in-
asmuch as many of the delegates
will be asking favors of them
within 30 days.

But, aside from that if the
Democrats go ahead and pass all
the bills that they have been
talking about and if Eisenhower
vetoes them there will be a deci-
sion for the voters to make in
November. The usual theory is
that the voters always vote for
the party giving the biggest ap-
propriations. But, there must be
an end to that sometime. Besides
the Democrat leaders have not
been so crazy lately and have let
the southerners moderate the
party demands.

The Democrats, too, have been
a little leary of adding new taxes
or boosting the old ones. They
prefer inflation, which is worse,
but doesn't show up in the tax
statement as soon.

STABILITY

For several years after any
major war the people and their
economy are often disturbed, usu-
ally there is a depression with-
in ten years. Then both people
and business settles down to a
more sane, if less spectacular way
of living.

This time we may be thankful
for sufficient sense in the admin-
istration to prevent a major de-
pression during the years in
which it would normally have
occurred. We may also be thank-
ful that we do not have to follow
the agitators who would keep us
economically intoxicated for a
longer period. It is time for sta-
bility.

People's
Column

Dear Mr. French:

That was a nice write-up about
Mr. Shull, and when he came up
to Sherman County, he was as
well liked as any man in that
part of the County. I remember
him so well because he used to
come into Moro and help keep the
peace when we had a hard ball
game, and he would act as Mar-
shal. He was so big and strong,
and also good natured, that he
never had any trouble with the
crowd.

I remember one time we were
playing Wasco, and a lot of peo-
ple were down at the old ball
ground, when a young man from
Wasco jumped over the rope they
had stretched to keep the crowd
back, and ran at me with a swing.
I side stepped him and tripped
him as he went by and he fell on
the ground, of course, I jumped
on him to hold him down, when
Hugh came running over and lift-
ed me to my feet, then pulled the
other man on his feet, and started
off the playing field with him,
and say he was so strong that he
could have thrown both of us
clear out of the park, but he just
laughed, and hollered at the um-
pire, play ball.

My brother, John, who passed
away last winter, said to me the
last time he was down here, "Wal-
ter, I just heard that Hugh Shull
is living on the east side in Port-
land, let's see if we can find him.
I would like to talk to him once
more, and get him to tell us about
old times up in Sherman County,
he sure was one swell guy."

Yours truly,
W. F. Perry

VACATION TIME

This is the time of year when
folks of all ages and conditions
go traveling, following the ap-
parent American ideal of learning
about what lies over the hill. Like
the bear that went over the moun-
tain, they come to see what they
can see.

Every few minutes a car bear-
ing a distant license plate stops
to let some weary traveler out
for refreshments of a sort to suit
his age. Some visit the public
drinking fountain for water, oth-
ers take vanilla at the soft drink
shops and some prefer the stuff
served with ice.

Young women wear few clothes
at this vacation business, although
few young men have traded trou-
sers for shorts. But the mascu-
line shirt tail is definitely an
outer garment these days and
even the stout and staid make no
effort to hide it.

Older women wear the colorless
costumes of age which seems a
pity, especially on vacation when
a touch of red or blue would add
some gaiety to the trip although
it be taken with a companion of
40 years, who looks a bit worn
and drab himself. It is an Ameri-
can rite, almost a duty, and a
good part seem to consider it so.

WASHINGTON AND
SMALL BUSINESS
BY C. WILSON HARDER

Every ship that sails the seas
has designed into its hull a
resistance to storms. If it lists
to one side to say a 60 degree
angle, or so, it is built to re-
cover from this list and come
back on an even keel. However,
if it lists over beyond the limits
the hull was designed for, the
ship usually founders.

And there is considerable
doubt at present over the wisdom
of the maneuvering of
credit the past few
years by the C. W. Harder
Federal Reserve Board. As ex-
pressed by these observers,
there is always the danger the
Federal Reserve Board gov-
ernors can take action that will
founder the economy.

For some time, the nation's
independent businessmen, vot-
ing through the National Fed-
eration of Independent Busi-
ness, have been in favor of
there being small business rep-
resentatives on the Federal Re-
serve Board.

The Federal Reserve Board
is a fairly new-fangled thing.
It was not started until 1913,
about the same time the income
tax law was passed.

In the past few years, with
taxes to finance foreign give
aways holding down business
reserves, credit, in one sense
of the word, has become more
important than cash.

The Federal Reserve Board
has in actuality become nation-
al business managers. When
the governors feel business ac-
tivity will be high, credit is
increased.

made scarce to hold off in-
flationary forces. If economy de-
clines, credit is loosened.

In the three business recessions
of the past ten years, 1954,
1958 and the first part of 1960,
several months prior to the
slump taking place, credit was
made scarce. In 1954 and 1958
the ship was put back on an
even keel by loosening credit.
It is too early to tell what will
happen in 1960, but it is felt
by many there is the danger
that this frequent listing of the
ship may result in a situation
where it cannot right itself.

The governors of the Fed-
eral Reserve Board are, by
and large, men of integrity.
But they are usually drawn
from the rarified atmosphere of
major financing.

Grandiose plans by a few
big industrialists mean nothing
if Main Street cannot sell the
products of these factories.

It is also possible that to
combat inflation, credit should
be made scarce for purpose of
building more productive ca-
pacity. But that does not nec-
essarily mean that low cost credit
is not needed to expand distri-
bution facilities in the nation.

It is quite possible for the
controlling body of a nation's
credit to get so engrossed in
one segment of the economy
that it loses sight of the others.

And after all, the furnaces
of Pittsburgh, the assembly
lines of Detroit, are useless
junk unless there are healthy
distribution facilities on Main
Street. Thus, handling of na-
tion's credit is too vital a thing
to be left with a restricted view-
point. Small Business presenta-
tion on Federal Reserve Board
appears to be long over due.



The picture isn't good but if
you look sharp you may see the
activity that went on at John Day
dam a few minutes prior to the
first concrete pouring. Men were
washing all dirt off the base rocks
with power hose, men were load-
ing 34 yard dump trucks with lift
vehicles, men were cleaning rock
and sand from pockets. The big-
gest machinery of its kind is at
work there.

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Mens Shirts Made
Better By Study

Improvement in men's shirts
are making it easier to launder
shirts at home, but surveys show
homemakers are not taking ad-
vantage of these features.

Hildegarde Streufert, Oregon
State college extension clothing
specialist, says that three-fourths
of the \$4 million dress shirts
manufactured last year fell in the
"easy care" class, yet only about
half of these shirts were laund-
ered at home. The rest were sent
to commercial laundries.

"Easy care" refers to cottons
treated with a special resin finish
or a blend of two fabrics—cotton
and a synthetic.

A good quality "easy care" shirt
may cost from \$2 to \$3 more than
the same quality cotton broad-
cloth shirt. However, tests indi-
cate that quality of these finishes
is reduced after a few commercial
laundries.

In home laundering, a home-
maker's ironing time is reduced
from 15 to 2 minutes with "easy
care" shirts. If a homemaker
values her time at \$1 an hour,
she could realize substantial sav-
ings in dollars, hours and energy
in laundering these shirts at
home.

She is also able to enjoy these
features for the life of the shirt
if she follows manufacturer's di-
rections on laundering tempera-
tures, use of detergents and
bleaches, and care she gives shirts
during laundering.

In recent years, improvements
have been made in the construc-
tion of "easy care" shirts, which
reduce ironing time and improve
their finished appearance. Seams
are now made with single rows
of stitching instead of double
rows; top facing in the center
front of the shirt has been elimi-
nated to reduce the undesirable
puckering which appeared in the
first dress shirts made from "easy
care" fabrics.

"Easy care" shirts have also
increased in popularity because
of their ability to resist soil and
wrinkling, says Miss Streufert.
She also notes that since informal
casual living has become a nation-
wide trend, stiffly starched col-
lars and cuffs are being replaced
with more "easy care" shirts.

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