AND THEN THE FUN BEGAN!

OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

ONE HUNDRED YEARS ago the per capita cost of federal government was $2.25. Fifty years later, in 1889, it had risen to $4.50 per capita and in 1937 was $62.90. Each person in the US in 1937 had a total of $130.75 in federal, state and local taxes assessed against him.

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In the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post the article, "Hitler Wasn't Bluffing," sets forth the German supremacy in aircraft and aircraft production. However, ex-Governor Martin held out one comforting thought when he said "The next war will start in the air and end in the mud—airplanes cannot hold territory after capture." And Paul Von Zeeland of Belgium gives us another better one by saying "You Americans have two very fine things about you—the Atlantic and Pacific oceans."

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"Confessions of a Nazi Spy," based upon disclosures uncovered by Leon G. Turrou while employed by the FBI, is being filmed down in H'wood. They say it's a sizzler and boldly outspoken concerning characters and situations in the well known spy trial of a few weeks back. The German consul in LA has notified the producers, Warner brothers, that his government will not be responsible for the results (whatever that means) if the film is released.

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Hydrogen 7/100ths as heavy as air is the lightest known substance and osmium (never heard of it) with a specific gravity of 22.48 is the heaviest.

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If there were no wheat raised at all this year the wheat already in storage would be sufficient to feed the world until 1940.

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Josef Hoffman has just completed a tour celebrating his 50th anniversary as a concert pianist. His first appearance was in New York at the age of 16.

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White smoke arising from the chimney of the Sistine chapel will signal that the necessary two-thirds vote at the secret election by the cardinals for a successor to Pope Pius XI has been secured. In the event that there is not a two-thirds vote for any one individual, damp straw will be burned, giving a black smoke.

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More on French birth rate: La Belle France is worried plenty about her decline in birth rate and consequent loss of population. Biggest reason, increases in rates of birth in Germany and Italy which will enable totalitarian countries to outdistance her in number of men she could call to arms. Both Italy and Germany have shown considerable gain in birth rates since dictators came into power. Subsidizing marriages, cash payments to couples for every child in excess of three and suppression of shady medical practices are some of the measures the French are considering.

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Several fine horses have been purchased in England for Chancellor Hitler and he will take up riding, a news note says. It is worth noting that the objects of his equestrian activities are still British.

● Ben Gibson of Klamath Falls spent several days here this week on business.

● Harry Osbourne of Portland was a visitor in Ashland Wednesday.

● Mrs. J. H. Harker made a trip to Eugene early this week.

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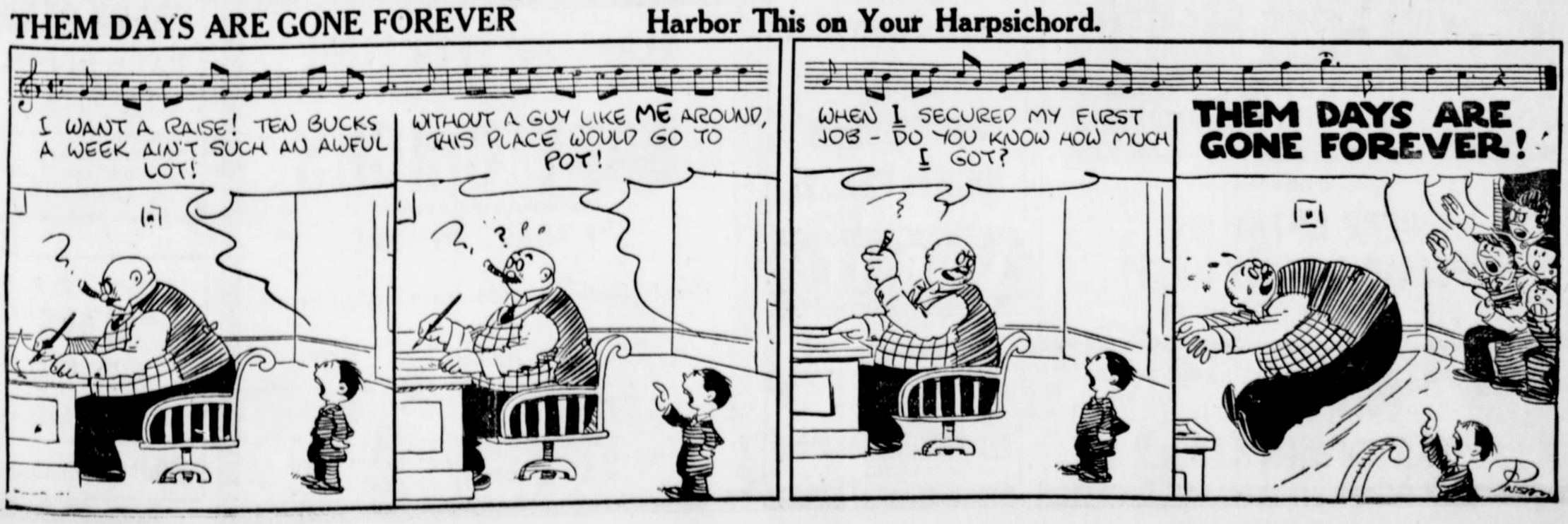
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