

AN EDITION TO BE PROUD OF

The recent special edition of The Dalles Optimist is one that the wide-awake publishers, Messrs. Henry W. Cue and George H. Flagg, have a right to be proud of. The edition consists of 80 pages, every one of which is crowded with well written descriptive and historical articles and splendid illustration relative to The Dalles and contiguous territory. This issue of the Optimist is, we believe, the biggest of its kind ever attempted by an eastern Oregon newspaper, and the support given it

by the business men of that town gives due notice to the world that The Dalles is an up and coming town.

Congratulations to the Optimist and to Cue and Flagg. Long may she and they wave.

Mrs. Pyle, hotel proprietor at Parkers Mill was in town for a few hours Thursday on business. She reports things very quiet in that country and says that she plans on moving to Heppner in the fall.

Where Your Taxes Go

How Uncle Sam Spends Your Money in Conducting Your Business

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WRITE TO THESE MEN.

The chief defects, or places where waste is apparent in the conduct of the business of the government, that I have pointed out in these articles, have been, first, the excessive proportion of the government income that went for military expenditures; second, the chaotic condition and lack of adequate supervision and control of expenditures, which have been in part remedied by the introduction of the budget system; and third, the haphazard organization of the government departments and the unorganized condition that prevailed in government employment.

The remedy for two of these conditions I have treated briefly in the two immediately preceding articles. I come now to the matter of reorganization of the departments and the reclassification of government employees. A beginning has been made on both of these matters.

A joint committee of the two houses of congress, with Walter F. Brown as chairman, is studying the whole question of organization of the government and the function of the various departments and bureaus and independent establishments. I cannot too strongly advise you to keep yourself in contact with the work that joint committee is doing.

I have given you the names of the members of the committee in another article but I will repeat them here. They are Senators Smoot of Utah, Wadsworth of New York and Harrison of Mississippi; Representatives Reavis of Nebraska, Temple of Pennsylvania and Moore of Virginia. Write to any of them or to Mr. Brown, the chairman of the committee, who represents the President, with headquarters in the house office building here at Washington.

This is the third or fourth attempt that has been made to effect a general reorganization of the conduct of the business of the executive departments. They have all failed through lack of interest. There was lack of public interest, and consequently lack of interest in congress.

This joint committee is at work now. It is collecting facts. It is finding out the actual condition. It is studying the departments. Presently it will make a report to congress. If you will show an active, insistent interest in the work that it is doing, congress will take action. If you do not show this interest, there is every chance in the world that no action will be taken, and that things will remain much as ever.

Hundreds of special interests are clamoring for the attention of congress. All of them are organized. Most of them keep representatives here at Washington. They present to individual members of congress in a hundred skillful, shrewd, subtle ways arguments to support the legislation they are seeking to advance. It would take two or three columns of this newspaper merely to print a list of the organizations and associations that are here to keep congress mindful of their interests.

In this great clamor the common public interest is likely to be submerged. In fact, too often it has been submerged. This matter of economies and reorganizing the business of the government and taking up the tedious details of administration is a dull business. It has been neglected and put off time after time because of a lack of public interest and driving force behind it.

If you will supply this driving force now and display a sustained interest, you can at least put the business of government of the United States on an efficient basis. Congress has been negligent because you have been negligent, but now at last the thing has run along so far that something must be done about it.

Used Insects to Fight Insects.

Control of destructive insects by the introduction of their natural enemies has become an important technique during the last generation, writes Paul Popeneau in Science. But if competent observers are to be trusted, the southern Arabs employed the same method more than 1600 years ago in the culture of the date palm.

In his "Relation d'un Voyage dans l'Yemen," P. E. Botta says:

"I was able to verify the singular fact previously observed by Forskal, that the date palm in Yemen are attacked by a species of ant which would cause them to perish if each year the growers did not bring from the mountains and fasten in the tops of the palms branches of a tree that I did not recognize, which contains the nests of another species of ant which destroys that of the date palm."

A Peculiar View.

Howell—He has some queer ideas. Powell—Yes, he believes that the history of the world would have been changed if he had married a different woman.

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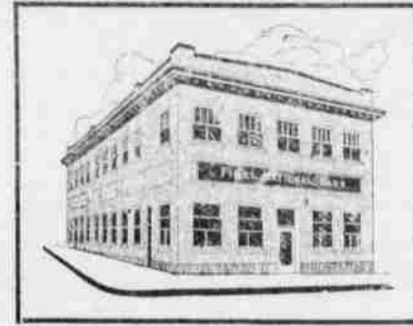
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