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Smudge Smoke

A public official turned around real fast the first of the week, and was not accused of graft, embezzlement, high treason, obstructing justice, wife beating, sheep stealing, betrayal of trust, and not upholding the hands of Julius Meier.

The hillsides looked parched, which is unusual for this time of the year.

H. Corliss, the Peenix pharmer was intown Thurs. dressed to kill a base solo.

Dame Rumor, absent from our midst since the era of shirt-tailed righteousness, has returned and is flying around in great shape, and the Truth has no chance.

C. Wig Ashpole has a rising on his neck, on which he is keeping his eye, as he fears it will be a carbuncle.

It warmed up Fri. and was hotter than the tin-roof of a hamburger stand.

Gitso Shimoda, 7, was assayed Tues. and it was decided that he should eat French walnuts, fried in olive oil, as he does weight 60 seconds. He has a deficiency of Vitamin C and K and T. and unless he puts on more meat will never make a quarterback.

Hon. Chet Baker, our wide-awake CofC. secretary is wide-awake in California for a few days.

Everybody has an auto license, who intends to get one without calling out the militia.

A span of horses, attached to a wood-saw left their hoofprints in the mushy sections of the pavements Thurs pm.

Von Car der Wellen of Hellen, in town again was Thurs. Business on.

Scott Davis and John Johnson looked cool all week in their round-the-world muftis.

Lock Dageson, the dent. is still rejoicing in his new girl. It will be 18 years before she will want a Siberian mink tail cat.

It looks like the valley would have some cause for cheerfulness this fall, and gosh! how we dread it.

12 years ago tomorrow a man was arrested for driving a herd of sheep down the Main Stem.

Earle (Flea) Davis is still complaining with his left leg.

A foggy January day would be welcome now.

Mellon's unofficial visits seem so official that it is good to learn, semiofficially, that they are not. —Berlin Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung.

The cantaloupes which Henry Ford is growing to provide alcohol for making paint for his automobile will presumably all be of the Rocky Ford variety. —Springfield Republican.

It might be a wise precaution for Sir Hubert Wilkins to have a trained whale accompany him, so if his sub becomes disabled under the ice he can be towed back to port.—Ohio State Journal.

King Alfonso, according to report, will spend most of his time reading "until he is recalled by the Spanish people." At the moment it looks as tho he's the fellow to send the Wickersham report to.—New York Evening Post.

Things are not altogether as bad as they once were, and we shall be able to face the forthcoming political campaign with greater equanimity since reading that Sir James Jeans says the world was once all gas.—Boston Herald.

The supply of money has nothing to do with the world's depression, declares Prof. O. W. M. Sprague. We can't say as to that. All we know is that our personal depression would be less, if our own supply were greater.—Boston Herald.

PRINCE OF WALES WILL VISIT CHICAGO

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States on great world problems.

The Prince of Wales has now completed his world tours and the geographical closeness of Canada makes it an ideal part of the overseas empire to visit.

Since the Prince's return from his Latin-American tour there has been no press comment, or semi-official talk, about the Prince of Wales having taken his last trip abroad. Edward P. likes to travel and he has no binding ties at the moment.

THE SAD CASE OF SECRETARY FALL

WE FAIL to follow the logic of those who are trying to make a martyr out of Albert B. Fall.

It is pathetic, of course, that a broken old man should be forced to go to jail for one year.

But he will be well taken care of, and his daily routine will be as restful and healthful as it would be at his home,—his old friends in New Mexico, where the jail is situated, will see to that.

As for the humiliation and disgrace, the petitioners for a pardon are so eloquent about, how about the shame and disgrace of a cabinet officer selling out to the oil trust for $100,000?

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MR. FALL had a fair trial and the evidence against him was overwhelming. Had he been a poor man with no influential friends, instead of a rich one with many, he would have been in jail long ago, instead of enjoying four years of freedom following his conviction.

In our opinion ex-Secretary Fall is getting just what he deserves. True, E. L. Doheney, the man accused of giving the bribe, was acquitted, but is that any argument that Secretary Fall should also have been acquitted, or that he should not be punished? MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE IN ONE CASE, DOESN'T JUSTIFY IT IN ANOTHER. TWO WRONGS DON'T MAKE A RIGHT.

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MOREOVER, we don't agree with those who maintain the giver of a bribe should ALWAYS be considered equally guilty with the receiver. The giver in this case, for example, in offering this "loan" to his old-time friend, betrayed himself, but he didn't betray his country; he violated the code of an honest man, but he didn't violate his sacred oath of office. When a man accepts a position of trust and honor, he also accepts greater moral responsibility than the man who remains in private life,—both the giver and taker are guilty,—but the latter more culpable, for it is his action that clinches the crime.

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ANOTHER point. The sort of sentimentality which pulls the tremolo stop as Mr. Fall goes to jail is, we believe, one of largest factors in stimulating the crime wave in this country.

Its basis lies in a moral instability. We are horrified by a crime when it is committed; but when, after months or years pass, the time comes for punishment, we,—or at least many of us—forget entirely about the crime and only feel sorry for the individual who is to be punished for it.

As a result public opinion so often supports clemency which isn't deserved, welcomes pardons which are not justified, and the entire structure of criminal justice, which must be kept entirely free from such influences to be effective, is thus weakened and demoralized.

FROM ONE EXTREME EO ANOTHER

WE FEAR it can't be avoided. Unless all signs fail, the present movement for reducing taxes will go too far in one direction, as the mania for spending the taxpayers' money did in the other.

There is now an organized movement up-state to adopt the Indiana plan of local tax regulation. This plan would deprive this, and every other, community of home rule in tax matters, and hand over control to a bureaucracy in Salem.

It is also advocated that a three-fourths vote be required to pass any bond issue. Such a measure would, of course, render it impossible for any district to bond itself for a public improvement, no matter how necessary that improvement might be.

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THE movement for reducing taxes is a natural and necessary one. The same conditions that call for economy and retrenchment in private business, call for similar retrenchment in public business.

But there should be a reasonable limit to this retrenchmet t, just as there should have been a reasonable limit to the mani i for expansion.

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THE three-fourths vote provision, appears to us as particularly ill-advised. IF A MAJORITY OF THE TAXPAYERS IN ANY COMMUNITY WISH TO TAX THEMSELVES FOR A NECESSARY IMPROVEMENT, THEY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO SO. They have to pay the taxes, some political bureau in Salem doesn't.

If the fundamental principle of majority rule is to be abandoned or modified, then far better to DENY THE FRANCHISE IN ANY TAX ELECTION, TO THOSE WHO HAVE NO TAXES TO PAY; rather than to deny a majority of taxpayers the right to manage their own affairs.

But it seems to be a physical impossibility for us to avoid going to extremes. Like sheep we stampede pell mell in one direction, and then again, like sheep, we stampede I,—bent, in a direction exactly opposite. Action is followed by reaction, and the middle of the road, to which every consideration of common sense and moderation points, is avoided as if it spelled destruction.

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TOO bad. But progress in this country—perhaps in every democracy—seems to be determined not by the rule of reason, but by the rule of the human pendulum,—a swing far to the right, followed by a swing just as far to the left.

The one consoling feature in the picture, is that, unlike the pendulum, the swing to the right in human affairs always goes a little further than the backward swing to the left; and thus the net result is slow but certain progress,—not a steady march onward, but nevertheless an advance,—an ADVANCE BY JERKS.

An idealist is a man who combs his hair over the bald spot.

A man isn't old until he takes exercise because he feels seedy.

Americans may show some indifference to the church, too, but they use a golf club instead of a bomb.

If a pound of radium is now worth $33,700,000, think what an ounce of prevention must be worth.

Will the owner of the cow on Siskiyou Heights that has lost its calf kindly muzzle the beast or send it to Ed Binns?

Here's a hint for the state chamber of commerce: "If you want to be a golf champion, come to Oregon."

The best hot weather hint yet is to go to bed at sunset for sleep and get up at sunrise for work.

FLIGHT O' TIME

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

From the Files of The Mail Tribune

Monday

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glover, July 19, a baby boy. (Ed. note: He's a big boy now.)

During a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, Calif., a bomb is exploded on Market street, killing four and injuring fourteen. This is a famous Tom Mooney-Warren Billings case.

Most popular band concert is presented in city. The police kept a firm hand on playful kids and honking autoists.

Baseball fans excited over game with Klamath Falls in this city.

Fred Alton Haight and C. E. Root publish "The Crater Lake March."

"Sweet Caporals," still favorite cigarette of local smokers.

Lt. Marchal, daring aviator drops note on Berlin. He dropped a proclamation on Berlin, and was captured later, during a forced landing.

Army officers seeks recruits here for border service.

Republican orator at Nat. declares, "America will play in blood and gold, for false plea, 'he kept us out of war'." Chagrined to think that women voters are pinning faith to claim.

Tuesday

San Francisco aroused by Preparedness Day bomb outrage, posts $7,000 reward for capture of fiends.

Councilman Frank Amy and party of friends leave for Crater Lake by auto.

James Whitcomb Riley, sweet poet of Indiana, dead. Nation mourns.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Samuels spend Sunday at Rogue Elk.

E. H. Lamport returns from a trip to the Willamette valley. He left Eugene at 8 a. m. in his Chalmers and arrived here at 8 p. m. on the dot.

Mike Hanley starts haying on his Lake Creek ranch with crew of 15 men.

Rogue River Valley cannery starts manufacture of 'Pep", a soft drink.

"Birth of a Nation" is presented at the Page to capacity audiences.

Wednesday

Drive opened for federal aid for Pacific highway.

Auto rolls off grade in Siskiyous, and driver, a traveling salesman, uninjured.

Allied armies in smashes on three fronts.

Fatty Arbuckle appears at Page in "The Waif."

A load of hay going down Main street this morning, tore one of the streamer lights loose. This is getting to be a frequent occurrence.

A 15-year-old girl "who forgot to go straight home" was taken to the reform school, as beyond parental control.

Thursday

Hotel Austin at Ashland opened with a huge banquet.

Road to Crater Lake rim is opened.

Illegal fishing at mouth of Rogue river arouses local fishermen to circulate petitions protesting the illegality.

The Rev. Alfred A. J. Hogg to be installed as pastor of the Presbyterian chirch.

Sweltering heat sweeps Midwest sections.

Warren K. Billings is arrested as one of the Preparedness Day parade bombists. Billings is now serving a life sentence at Folsom prison.

Medford auto salesman killed when car leaps off bridge near Yreka, Calif.

Editors of state to visit Medford and Crater Lake next month.

Friday

Men wanted for work on Crater Lake road.

Bartletts bring $1.75 fob. this city.

California auto wrecked when it hits phone pole near Phoenix.

Dr. W. W. P. Holt of Eagle Point, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Heath and Miss Frances Heath motored in yesterday afternoon, and Fred Heath returned with them.

The home of Mrs. Hattie Dernoff at Jacksonville is destroyed by fire at an early hour. For a time it was feared the fire would spread, but the Jacksonville firemen with their meager equipment were able to control it. The Medford firemen stood ready to go, if the menace increased.

Frank and William Isaacs yesterday yanked out eight steelheads at Curry riffle. They are expert piscatorialists.

Harry Wortman leaves to attend the Grand Lodge of the K. of P.'s at Portland.

Saturday

Tom Mooney of San Francisco arrested as one of the bombists in the Preparedness Day parade, and denies guilt. (Mooney now serving life sentence at San Quentin prison, and object world wide agitation last year for release.

Pump at Ament dam is dynamited during night.

Knight Packing plant is completed and ready for operation.

Carl Y. Tengwald has returned from a trip to Union Creek, and reports the roads were never better, though dusty.

Mrs. Carl Bowman entertains the Community club.

Court Hall unable to find sufficient men for work on Crater Lake road.

Miss Jeanette Patterson has returned from a vacation trip to Glendale.

Delroy Getchell is a member of a swimming party at Ashland. After the swim, a "beefsteak fry" is held in Lithia park.

There is again a rumor that feminine gowns may be fastened behind once more. A good light job, we should think, would be hooking up the back of a woman's evening dress nowadays.—Boston Herald.

Magic of Mellon — A Wizard of Taxes

(Salem Capital-Journal)

America's public debts is now almost 17 billion dollars. A year ago it was only 16 billions. This is because, due to the depression, the government's revenues from the income tax and from tariffs has fallen off. Its expenses, because of the drouth, soldier, and farm reliefs, have increased.

Just after the war, America set about retiring her big war debt at the rate of about half a billion a year through the income tax revenues. Presently along came the Coolidge boom. Incomes of big corporations and rich individuals grew rapidly. Mr. Mellon pointed out that the income tax was raising much more than was necessary to retire the war debt at the even rate of half a billion a year.

Whereupon all the millionaires in the country began squawking that income tax rates should be reduced. The progressives in the senate—Borah, Brookhart, Couzens, Norris and LaFollette opposed this. "Keep the rate of taxation where it is," they said, "and in these times of boom prosperity use the surplus money to reduce the national debt faster than we now are doing."

But the senate progressives were overruled. How did a bunch of wild-eyed radical politicians presume to set their class prejudices up against the sober, experienced judgment of the greatest secretary of the treasury since Hamilton? So, amid the cheers and whistles of the millionaires, Secretary Mellon removed surtaxes from big incomes, and instead of being used to retire the national debt, the money went into the stock market to inflate stock values, and into industry which expanded more rapidly than the demand, resulting in the present economic debacle.

Now that the depression has shriveled the big incomes so that the income tax will not meet expenditures, what does Mr. Mellon propose to do? He opposes raising the rate on large incomes,—that would "hurt business." Instead he proposes either to lower the income tax rates, taking in small incomes which now are not taxed, or else, better still, to levy a sales tax, which would fall on rich and poor equally, out of any possible relation to their ability to pay.

Just what are the financial principles behind Mr. Mellon's wizardry which our friends the rich esteem so highly? Well, there are two. First, during the boom, he prevented a treasury surplus (which could have been used to retire the national debt) by lifting the taxes off the rich. Second, during the depression, he proposes to prevent the treasury deficit by piling more taxes on the poor.

These are the parlor tricks so far performed by the Wizard of Pittsburgh, Pa.

'Noble Experiment' — Ala Julius Meier

(Emporia, Kan., Gazette)

None of the proposals made by Governor Meier reveal so clearly the executive's lack of understanding of the fundamentals of democratic government as his offer, made in all seriousness, to pay out of his own pocket, the cost of the proposed special session of the legislature. To this end, he is reported as probing the actual expenses and bargaining for hostelry accommodations on a mass basis.

The governor is a millionaire and perhaps can afford such luxuries, but how about the legislators? If they accept his hospitality, it will be conditional upon obeying his orders. That is the way he is built. They were elected to represent the people and should be paid only by the people. They were not chosen to represent the governor, no matter how altruistic his purposes.

The precedent once established of holding special sessions whose expenses are paid by others than the people, there is no saying how far the abuse would go. In the present instance perhaps only the welfare of the state, as it is given the governor to see it, is concerned but some other governors might be influenced by ulterior motives and some hidden source secretly furnish the funds for expected favors.

In its final analysis, this special session talk is merely camouflage to provide an alibi for the governor, who promised drastic reduction in taxation and finds he cannot deliver the goods, and hence desires to pass the buck to the local taxation bodies. Having approved legislative appropriations for $1,477,347 in excess of state revenues, he would throw the blame for high taxation on others.

So enamoured are the people, however, of the idea of tax reduction, that there is scarcely a protest voiced, not by the kept metropolitan press at any rate, over the noble experiment of prostituting the legislature also as a privately kept body for the enhancement of autocracy. They are evidently perfectly willing to have their inherent rights insidiously taken away under the slogan of saving the people.

Evidently a war isn't over until you finish saving the country you finished licking.—Bethlehem Globe-Times.

The attitude of French officials toward Texas Guinan has been cleared up at last. They have no idea of giving the little girl a big hand-out.—Virginian-Pilot.

Press Comment

TIME TO QUIT

This Meier-Hoss feud at Salem makes spick reading but poor medicine for its principals and the state. It has reached the point of silliness and pettiness. It is time for the confidants of both malcontents to arrange a truce that they might shield them from future embarrassment and save the state loss of its dignity.

The row started over the domination of the state board of control and Governor Meier won when death took State Treasurer Tom Kay. Since providence stepped in to decide the issue, Secretary of State Hal Hoss has no alternative other than to retire to his cyclone cellar and run his own department the best he knows how. He hasn't the ghost of a show to put over any program or to put into effect any ideas. The best he can do is to grin and bear it. So when the governor asks for favors in the assignment of special automobile license numbers, the secretary should either grant the request meekly or courteously refuse and close the chapter. There is no chance for him to make a deal in the interest of his pet state vault project.

Meier and Hoss have mutually agreed to disagree and they leave no stone unturned to show it. But both of them are running the danger of impairing their standing with the public as they each attempt to belittle the other. And the poor old ship of state is coming in for a lot of humiliation as it watches its two officials quarrel.

Hoss will do well to humor the governor, for the state executive appears to be accustomed to that sort of treatment. And the governor will do well to consider some of Hal's ideas, too, because some of them might have merit in them. State officials who turn down projects because political opponents desire them are not always standing on firm ground. —Albany Democrat-Herald.

FLAMING YOUTH

(Blue Mountain Eagle)

Flaming youth are having their flame extinguished. They cannot flame much on $3 a day. The last 10 years we heard much of hectic youth. We commenced to think they were a conflagration. During the war youth suddenly saw revealed jobs at $1 an hour. The reign of silk started. Everybody, youth and all, burst into flame and some of them sizzled in sin, satin and silver. But $3 a day is different, sackcloth and ashes. Anybody can be good on $3 a day, but it takes a wise young head to keep from flaming on $8 to $15 a day. It is the application of the same old well thumbed and motheaten rule of life that money is the root of all evil. At $10 to $12 a day youth can burn the candle on both ends but on $3 a day he can't even thaw out. Flaming youth had their fling and now it is bacon and beans. Low wages or no wages is what put the fire out.

What we want to know is, where is all this gold that has been coming from Europe?—American Lumberman (Chicago).

A college professor says a mosquito can fly fourteen hours without settling. Then why doesn't it?—Kansas City Star.

Tahoe Trip Successfu

Norman de Vaux, president of the DeVaux-Hall Motors Corporation, and the two largest trout he hooked during a visit to Lake Tahoe.

They weighed five pounds and gave th ally prominent m manufacturer plent tle before he landed

Firestone Tire Sales Break All Reco

Typical of the daily shipments of Firestone tires made Western Firestone factory to meet the demand in eleven west R. F. Waters, manager of Smith & Watkins, the local Fireston reorts Firestone sales to car owners during April, May and J all sales records in Firestone history.

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PLYMOUTH FLOATING POWE

THE WHOLE NATION WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOU

The revolutionary character of the New Plymouth has created a great flood of interest. Even the hardiest of skeptics are so amazed at this new four that performs like an eight that they ask eagerly for the facts behind this tremendous accomplishment.

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What does Floating Power do?

The live-rubber mountings allow the engine to rock upon its natural axis as if in a cushioned cradle. Vibration is thus entirely eliminated from the car.

Why does Floating Power succeed when all other methods fail?

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Why and How is Power Increased?

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