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Lets Look Before We Leap

THERE can be too much of a good thing, even in economy. Several weeks ago we pointed out the unfortunate tendency of the American people to go to extremes. From one excess they are prone to go to another, one condition being almost as undesirable, from the standpoint of public welfare, as the other.

Conditions demand reduction in the expenses of public business as well as in private business. But there is a limit both to what present conditions demand; and to what the best business judgment prescribes.

IN PRIVATE business, for example, the merchant who, seized by a spirit of panic, should decide to deplete his stock, and lower its quality, in a frenzied effort to cut expenses, would be injuring his business; not helping it,—in fact, he would be inviting the very condition he so desperately desired to avoid.

SO IN public business. The public officials who yielding to public clamor should sacrifice essentials to non-essentials, would make conditions worse rather than better, and also invite the very condition which every right-thinking official wishes to avoid.

The County Agent

THE other day one of the Granges in Jackson County passed a resolution favoring the abolition of the county agent's office, the county demonstrator, and the county health unit. We print a communication today from an Ashland subscriber favoring calling off the construction of the new court house,—which will cost the taxpayers nothing—and the elimination of various other county offices.

No one denies the desirability of eliminating every expense that can properly be eliminated—but we feel certain that such a wholesale program as this, is neither necessary, nor from the standpoint of the public welfare, desirable. It represents that tendency to go from one extreme, which is bad, to the opposite extreme, which is equally bad, WHEN BOTH MISFORTUNES COULD BE AVOIDED, BY TAKING THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

WE ADMIT that we were surprised to hear that the local Granges favor abolishing the county agent,—we assume the horticultural rather than the agricultural agent.

This office has been established for over a quarter of a century. The fruit business is our largest and most important business, UPON THIS SUCCESS THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF THIS COUNTY ABSOLUTELY DEPENDS. The fruit men have paid a major portion of the taxes, necessary to maintain this office, we supposed there was no question that they wished such a service retained.

Of course if they don't wish it,—there will be no complaint elsewhere, certainly not among the city taxpayers. But under the circumstances it seems to us it is a matter FOR THE FRUIT GROWERS RATHER THAN FOR THE GRANGES TO DETERMINE.

The surprise comes from the fact that the granges, who have their own county agent, and are naturally interested in the general prosperity of all farms whether fruit or otherwise, should take the initiative. The initiative should come—if at all—from the orchardists themselves.

The County Health Unit

UNDER present conditions, and with the recent controversy between the county physician and county nurse, a movement to abolish the county health unit was to be expected.

But here again we were surprised to find this attack coming from the granges. The county health unit does its work, almost exclusively, in the rural districts. We supposed the members of the grange appreciated the work and wished it continued.

The Mail Tribune has never received any direct benefit from the county health unit, nor has any other business in Medford. But we have always felt, and still feel, that we have received INDIRECT BENEFITS which are almost incalculable for we feel THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN JACKSON COUNTY MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS OF ITS PEOPLE—ALL ITS PEOPLE.

AND this health unit gets to all the people—those people who WERE it abolished—would not be reached, might needlessly suffer and prematurely die. But even more important than the people—that is the adults—ARE THE CHILDREN, and the health of the children, giving them a fair chance in the battle of life is the main interest of the county health unit.

Can it be the members of the grange want this splendid work, which has placed Jackson County in a position of outstanding leadership throughout the state, ABOLISHED? We can't believe it. And until there is more evidence than is now available, we refuse to believe it.

BUSINESS is important, the fruit industry is important, farm prosperity is important, but, more important than any of them, IS THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN OREGON, AND PARTICULARLY THE CHILDREN.

For this reason we have always given our whole hearted support to the county health unit, and shall continue to do so. It is the LAST department of public service in Jackson County, that in this mad stampede for economy—much of it false, unwise and destructive economy—we would ever be willing to sacrifice.

Signs of Better Times

(By the Associated Press) One Elevator Co. has received an order for \$1,000,000 worth of equipment for the new Marshall field building in Chicago. The Phillips Petroleum company and two other major companies, the names of which R. D. McManus, in Governor W. H. Murray's office, would not reveal, today posted a \$1 per barrel price for crude oil in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, and to disease, diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address: Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

TUBERCULAR, TUBERCULOUS Numerous diseases are tubercular, such as leprosy, actinomycosis, syphilis, but only one is tuberculous. This will be news for numerous medical brethren, but if the brethren can only lay off their superiority complex or noisy-toilet notions they'll learn a lot from this column, and I have the written assurances of a lot of them that they have.

For lay readers who want to know, I may explain that tuberculous is the adjective pertaining to tuberculosis. True, the name tuberculosis primarily signifies tubercle disease. Still, the adjective tuberculous refers to tuberculosis and not to other diseases in which tubercles occur. Even as the insect use the term tubercular, I don't think they mean tuberculous and not any other disease.

Tubercular pertains only to tubercle. Scientifically, in medical literature, the term tubercular may refer to the modules of leprosy or some other disease. Not all that purports to be scientific literature is good English, nor is it all good science either. But we may as well be right if we're going to use these terms at all. So far as the layman's parlance is concerned, I don't think they ever has occasion to speak or write about tubercles at all, so he may as well forget there is such a word as tubercular. Tuberculous is the only adjective he need apply to tuberculosis.

While we are sniveling about this, I want to make a plea to real folks to discard the cheap little wisecrack term that so many dumbbells affect when they refer to tuberculosis. TB is not tuberculosis. Tbc. is an abbreviation for tuberculosis if you must be so succinct, but why all the diffidence about mentioning the name of the disease you're talking about? If you are trying to kid yourself or fool somebody else, why not go back to the good old dodge and just call it "weak lungs" or a "slight catarrhal trouble in the chest" or something like that?

If you're going to talk about tuberculosis at all, for health's sake talk about it, and don't duck and dodge the question like a slithering old maid trying to refer to her legs without referring to 'em.

This glib term "TB" came into use in the first place thru the antiquated policy of evasion which our medical fathers perforce followed. In an elder day it was as much as the patient's life was worth to tell him the germs of tuberculosis had been found in the sputum. So the doctors adopted a kind of secret symbol by means of which they could tell one another, in the patient's presence, that the microscope had revealed T. B. (tu-

bercle bacilli) and the goofy patient had no inkling of what this meant. But there is no longer any purpose served by such evasion and so the term is too childish for even an intelligent layman to use now.

It is not exactly good news for the patient to learn that his trouble is tuberculosis of the lung. But in any case where the diagnosis, or even a tentative opinion, can be arrived at reasonably early it is the doctor's duty and privilege to tell the patient plainly what ails him, and then if the patient elects to ignore the doctor's advice, why, that is not the doctor's funeral.

For further information on tuberculosis, write in for my monograph on the subject, which is yours if you inclose a stamped envelope bearing your address.

SUNDOWN STORIES

LEAVING THE PARTY By Mary Graham Bonner. "The cows have just been milked—that's why you couldn't find your refreshments before," John said.

"Quite right," said Mid-August. "I wanted you to have the milk as soon as the cows were milked, because it is so delicious then."

"While the Goldfinch was talking I took my tray and glasses and went into the old barn near this field. The cows were just going into the barn for milking."

"I knew how much you would enjoy the milk in just this way, and the farmer's wife was making patty cakes and told me I could have some. She would not have been able to understand me, nor could I have understood her had not the Little Black Clock read some of his magic."

"Mid-August was delighted to see how much the children enjoyed her refreshments, and how they loved seeing all the birds come around."

"Now the sun was going down back of a hill, all big and round and red, and the Little Black Clock agreed with Mid-August that that meant that they would have a very warm day following this one."

"But as they walked from the field over a hill there they saw the sun once more. It was a little surprise the Clock had for them, for they had not thought they would see the sun again this evening."

"We're higher up, that's why," the Little Black Clock explained. "Now they went home—back to the magic path, back up the garden path, back into the house."

And the Clock hurried back to his place at the back hall door and looked as though he hadn't been away at all. Tomorrow—"Waterproof Boat" REV. PORTER TAKES Y.M.C.A. LEADERSHIPS

Flight o' Time

(Medford and Jackson County History From the Files of The Mail Tribune of 16 and 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (It was Thursday) Ben P. Lindas, attorney of this city, recommended for appointment as receiver of Roseburg land office, and Attorney Frank P. Farrell boosted for bonus commission. Both are active young Republicans.

Pamphous Khoten pocket claims near Gold Hill sold for \$30,000. Auto association erects signs on Pacific highway.

Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist held for murder, owes \$20,000, and was the victim of a "vampire."

Two hundred six terns of years shipped from valley so far this season. Geological signs at Trigonon oil well shows good signs.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY August 25, 1911 (It was Friday) Attorney Evan Reames leaves for Salem to help revise the judiciary system of the state.

French syndicate plans to buy the Bill Nye mine near Gold Hill. "Thirsty dog in Haddon's Grocery drinks fly poison by mistake, and dies at once."

"The Pacific Outlook," published at Grants Pass, declares "that Grants Pass, a dry town, is wetter than wet Medford," and demands a clean-up.

The Civic League of Medford is formed, with fees of \$1. Medford labor plans big celebration Labor day.

In Holly Musical

Hailed as a screen "find," Paul Gregory, Broadway star, had the leading role in "Children of Dreams," the musical romance now playing at the Holly.

"Children of Dreams" is the creation of Oscar Hammerstein the second and Sigmund Romberg, whose "Viennese Nights" was one of the most successful pictures ever to play at the Holly.

Paul Gregory and Margaret Schilling head the all-singing cast, supported by a chorus of 100 singers and a symphony orchestra. With the featured picture will be shown a Pathe News Reel, and another of the Bobby Jones golf reels, entitled "The Driver."

KOLOFF TAKES TWO FALLS FROM KAPLAN

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Dan Koloff, Bulgarian heavyweight, took two out of three falls from Abe Kaplan, New York, in a wrestling exhibition here last night. Koloff took falls in the second and fifth rounds, with Kaplan winning a fall in the fourth session.

Seek to Buy Ancient Cells BRAintree, Mass., August 29.—(UP)—The Exeter, N. H. selectmen have offered to purchase six cells, which for years confined prisoners in Braintree's old jail-house. The cells were put on the market when this town built a new jail.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix has filed her final account in the above entitled estate, and that by order of Court in and for Jackson County, a hearing upon the same has been set for Wednesday, the 9th day of September, 1931, in the courtroom of the above entitled court at the Court House in Medford, Oregon, at the hour of two o'clock p. m.

BIRDS LIKE PARK IN SUMMER BUT MOVE IN WINTER

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, Ore.—(Sp.)—A recent count of birds making their homes in the environs of Crater lake reveals the list to include 77 varieties, with the mourning dove the latest to be added. The dove was in the park for the first time this season.

Of this number, only five linger in the park during the winter months. Snow and cold weather makes little difference in the life of the Stellar jay, Oregon jay, raven, Clark's crow and red-breasted nut-batch. During the warm months of summer, the forest lands resound with the songs of the feathered inhabitants, but with the first snow, they leave for lower elevations. In the spring, the first of the migrants to return is the familiar western robin, accompanied by the blue bird and the Oregon junco.

Geauils pay the lake occasional visits during the summer, but never linger long. Eagles are seen soaring high in the air, their majestic flights usually pausing at Liao Rock along the rim.

Perhaps two of the most unfortunate of the forest birds are a pair of robins, which for the past several years have been attempting to rear a spring brood near Anna Spring. Squirrels each spring destroy the eggs, but the next spring the birds are always back to try again.

Garden Houses Miniature Dam WEST BRANCH, Ia., Aug. 29.—(UP) A miniature reproduction of Hoover dam, commonly called Boulder dam, on the Colorado river, has been constructed in the rock garden of Milton G. Randall here. The model, made of rocks, was copied from a picture of the dam in a magazine. Randall, distant relative of the president, gathered the rock from near the boyhood home of Mr. Hoover here.

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