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## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IF YOU are interested in city finances, here is a statement that will give you considerable food for thought:

"The city of Astoria, with a debt of its own of \$4,045,000 and a share in the debt of port, county and school district that brings its total debt up to approximately \$6,000,000, has now an assessed valuation of only a little more than \$9,000,000.

This statement is contained in a recent issue of the Astorian-Budget, published in the city of Astoria.

SUPPOSE you live in Astoria and own property worth \$9,000. Your property may be clear, so far as you are concerned, but because of the city's debt it has, in reality, a mortgage of \$6,000 against it.

If you mortgage your \$9,000 property for \$3,000, its entire value will be balanced by debt.

That is to say, two-thirds of the entire value of your property is already represented by CITY debt, and if you add another third to the debt the value is ALL gone.

BUT that isn't all. The Astorian-Budget tells us that about a third of the property in Astoria has ceased to pay taxes. This means, it says, that "six million dollars worth of property is trying to pay a six-million dollar debt."

It adds: "It requires no wizard of finance to tell us that it can't be done."

MOST of us will agree that it can't be done. Some form of scaling down of the debt will have to be undertaken, which will involve considerable humiliation. It is always humiliating when people have to admit that they can't pay their debts.

IN ASTORIA'S experience, there is a lesson for all the rest of the people in Oregon—a lesson that ought to be heeded.

Here is a community that sought to meet its problems—and it had plenty of them, as those who are familiar with Astoria's recent history know—by voting bonds. Great public enterprises, such as docks, were undertaken when the progress of private enterprise was not rapid enough to be satisfying.

The task of rebuilding a city practically destroyed by fire was undertaken. Many other tasks were undertaken, all of them involving the voting of more bonds. The bonds were voted because it seemed the thing to do.

BUT now the fact must be faced that the total debt of the city of Astoria amounts to two-thirds as much as the assessed valuation of all the property in Astoria. It isn't a pleasant fact.

Astoria isn't going out of business. Its resources, both material and spiritual, are too great for that. But it has got itself into a very serious situation.

If the people of other communities of Oregon are wise, they will profit by Astoria's experience to the extent of realizing that while it is easy to vote themselves deeper into debt it is exceedingly hard to pay up.

THE moving picture industry is planning to raise a fund of \$100,000 a year by assessing all those connected with the industry one-half of one per cent of their weekly salaries.

An important question arises here: Will they make their assessments against the salaries actually received, or against the salaries that the press agents SAY are being received?

AS THESE words are written, the total of hunting season deaths in Oregon stands at six. It may be larger by the time this is read.

These six deaths occurred in one week, and all of them were due either to shooting without being entirely certain as to the object at or shooting without knowing positively what was in the line of fire BEYOND the object shot at.

In other words, these deaths were due to CARELESSNESS.

LAST year, in the United States, automobile accidents were responsible for nearly 35,000 deaths, which is a staggering toll for one year. CARELESSNESS was responsible for the greater part of these 35,000 deaths.

What a frightful toll of death and injury and sorrow carelessness takes every year!

PORTLAND—Drake, Wyman & Voss awarded contract to erect \$200,000 additions planned for Emanuel Hospital and will start work at once.

## DENVER BOMBS CAUSE TERROR DURING NIGHT

Six Explosions Rip Suburban Areas—Theater, Church, School and Homes Targeted—Suspect Madman

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Police today were baffled by the bomb terror which gripped Denver last night, destroying one house, shaking a theater and church school and causing a general panic in north Denver and two suburbs.

Six explosions were reported during the night, the first three being of little importance and doing no damage.

Police ascribed the first reported explosion in Valverde, to small boys. This theory was abandoned when a terrific blast rocked the Holy Family church in north Denver. Fifty members of a school club who were meeting in the school, dashed terrified from the building as the blast, which stopped the motion picture machine in the Oriental theater across the street. Hundreds of theater patrons rushed for exits at the sound of the blast.

Stout Man Seen  
A woman stout police she saw a "stout man" leave a car, walk up an alley behind the school and run out a few moments later and a second before the explosion.

A few minutes later a bomb blast rocked a neighborhood a few blocks distant, shattering windows and knocking goods from store shelves for several blocks around.

Police were investigating these explosions when a fourth blast wrecked and set fire to a house owned by Custer Rand in Barnum, another suburb. Barnum is but a short distance from the scenes of the north Denver bombings.

Wreckage of Rand's house caught fire and efforts to battle the blaze were futile because of lack of water. Thousands Stay Up  
After the bombing of Rand's house, police and firemen learned of two other explosions in Barnum earlier in the evening which made a great noise but did no damage. Barnum is very sparsely settled.

Thousands of persons stayed in the streets until daylight today, afraid to return to their homes. Police reserves were held in all stations and firemen on leave were recalled to duty as the city hunted vainly for the "madman" believed responsible for the blast.

2 LOST HUNTERS RETURN SAFELY  
ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Clarence Mellor of Riddle, who became lost Sunday while hunting on Buck creek in Cow Creek canyon, returned to camp unharmed late last night.

He hunted up Buck creek Sunday and crossed the Coquille river side of the divide. He made camp after dark and stayed all night, starting out early Monday and following the ridge to the Winningham ranch at Ollala.

Avery Trask, Klamath county hunter, lost in the mountains for 24 hours, was found late last night, hungry and weary, but otherwise none the worse for his experience. He is a brother of Miss Dollie Trask, a reporter of the Ashland Tidings. Trask is well known in Ashland.

LEGION INSTALLATION PLANNED AT MEETING  
Plans for the installation of new officers to take place Oct. 12 were outlined at last night's meeting of the local American Legion post. All Legionnaires are urged to reserve the date. Commander-elect Waite announced his membership committee which will consist of Elmer Wilson, chairman, Fred Scheffel, Lou Corbett and George Coddling. The new membership cards are here and all veterans are urged to pay their dues as soon as possible.

Veteran Crook Catcher Falls for Bunco Game  
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29.—(AP)—For 22 years Anthony Connelly was a nemesis of crooks. A year ago he retired from the local police department as a lieutenant, put his life savings of \$20,000 in a bank and departed for Ireland to visit his aged mother.

Today Connelly was without his \$20,000—but he was on the trail of "his man" in Montreal, Canada, and he had sworn himself to the task of not giving up until he had brought the man who buncoed him out of his life savings to justice.

The story of Connelly's misfortune was told by his former superior officers today. Connelly met a man on a trans-Atlantic liner. Together they found a pocketbook containing several telegrams giving tips on horses. The purse belonged to a "betting commissioner" whom they later were able to locate aboard ship. The so-called commissioner supplied them with tips on horse races which netted them money. Then, three of them—Connelly, his companion and the "commissioner"—at the suggestion of the latter, decided they would make a killing by each placing \$20,000 on a certain horse. Connelly returned to Los Angeles, withdrew his savings and placed them with the "commissioner." He's still looking for him.

After several days in the local police record room, Connelly was able to pick out a bunco man's picture as being the likeness of the one who took his money. The former lieutenant today was in Montreal in an effort to bring the man to justice.

## GANDHI A SILENT DELEGATE



Though he spoke not a word because it was his day of silence, Mahatma Gandhi was a conspicuous figure as he made his first appearance before the Indian round table conference in London. He occupied the seat of honor next to Lord Sanku. Left to right at the long table are: Lord Peel, Sir Herbert Samuel, Lord Sanku and Gandhi.

## LA GRANDE CITY MANAGER QUILTS IN POLICE ROW

LA GRANDE, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Following the removal of A. C. Haynes, chief of police, yesterday by order of A. B. Cherry, city manager, Cherry himself resigned last night at a special meeting of the city commission.

His resignation was accepted and Angus McAllister, railroad man, was sworn in as Cherry's successor. Cherry had previously appointed John Crawford of Wallowa as chief of police. This order was countermanded by McAllister, who appointed Patrolman Jim Steffen as temporary chief.

Speculation was rife today whether Haynes would be returned to office with no definite statement forthcoming from the new manager of the city commission.

The belief was expressed the ouster of Haynes by Cherry was due to official friction.

Buzzards Mistaken; Medford Not Dead  
Old Man Depression must have mis-informed a flock of 75 buzzards early this morning, telling them that Medford had died from the effects of the economic situation. At least that is the only reason townspeople can give for the appearance today of the falcons.

The birds of prey soon realized their error, however and after circling the city for a short time, flew away toward Grants Pass.

Race Driver Falls Dead at State Fair  
The bay mare continued in the stretch, lines dangling, and was picked up several hundred feet beyond the grandstand.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP) Dr. E. C. Truesdale of Centralia, Wash., dropped dead from his sulky in the first heat of the 215 pace at the state fairgrounds here today. He was driving Frances D., owned by H. W. Turley of Tenino, Wash.

The driver fell from the side of the sulky as the horses came into the home stretch. He was dead when track assistants reached his side. Physicians said death was due to heart attack.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Miss Gladys Crosby Hopkins, daughter of Mrs. Stevens Heckscher, and Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, heir to the bulk of the vast fortune of his late father, Harry Payne Whitney, will be married today, at the home of Mrs. Heckscher in Stratford.

Both Mr. Whitney and his fiancée are ardent followers of sport. Miss Hopkins is an expert horsewoman, and a polo enthusiast while Whitney is owner of a racing stable that includes Equipoise and Magnifico, which he inherited from his father.

FILM ACTRESS DIES IN CROSSING CRASH  
HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Virginia Doyle, 24, film actress employed by the Warner Brothers-First National Studios, was killed early this morning when the large sedan which she was driving collided with an electric freight train near Calabanza Pass. She was dead when removed from the wreckage.

Cornelius Whitney and Miss Hopkins Will Marry Today

Airplane Beacon Crashes Through Wires at Salem  
SALEM, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP) Telephone linemen were working feverishly this morning to restore to service all long distance toll lines, press association wires and about 45 local and farm-line lines which were severed when a 135-foot steel airplane beacon tower beside the Pacific highway just south of the city limits crashed to the ground early today.

Traffic over the highway was blocked for more than an hour while workmen cut the twisted frame and dragged it from the road.

The beam tubes to which the tower was illuminated and the big beacon light on top were demolished.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Sept. 29.—(AP)—A severe shock sustained when he was working over the spark plugs of his car with a steel screwdriver today returned to William King the power of speech he lost several years ago as the result of disability from war service.

## ARMAMENT TRUCE PLAN IS FEATURE OF L. N. SESSION

Closing Marked by Pleas for World Powers to Make February Disarmament Conference Success

GENEVA, Sept. 29.—(AP) The twelfth assembly of the League of Nations adjourned this afternoon after having set in motion a plan for an armaments truce beginning November 1. The league council, however, remained in session to consider the Sino-Japanese conflict in Manchuria.

The closing session was marked by an exchange of appeals that the powers use every means to make next February's disarmament conference a success, and the members congratulated themselves over the collaboration of the United States with the league's work at this session, expressing gratitude to Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson for his interest in the league's work for peace.

League at It's Best  
Lord Cecil, for England, asserted that this session, which opened "with an expectation of bareness, has been one of our most fruitful meetings. Despite outside criticism, he said, the session showed the league at its best. Representatives of several of the other nations echoed his sentiments.

Last night the league adopted the following resolution recommending an armaments truce:

"The assembly requests the governments invited to the disarmaments conference next February to prepare for this event by means of an armaments truce, and accordingly requests the council of the league to urge the governments convened at that congress to give proof of their desire for a successful issue of efforts to insure and organize peace, and without prejudicing the decision of the conference or the programs or proposals submitted to it by each government, to refrain from any measure involving an increase in their armaments."

"It likewise requests the council to ask the governments to state before November 1 whether they are prepared for a period of one year to accept this truce in armaments."

ROTARIANS HEAR REPORT ON MEET HELD IN VIENNA  
A large group of Medford Rotarians gathered to hear an interesting account of the recent International Rotary convention in Vienna this noon by Rev. F. Gordon Hart of the Hood River Rotary club. Reverend Hart, former president of the Grants Pass Rotary organization, told many interesting things about the convention and his recent trip around the world. Rotary delegates from all over the globe were in attendance at the Vienna conference which accomplished much in promoting a better spirit of fellowship and understanding between nations.

Many noted speakers of international reputation were heard during the convention, one of the outstanding addresses being made by Viscount Cecil of England on the subject of "World Disarmament." The entertainment program provided by the Rotary club of Vienna was described by Reverend Hart who told of the trips to famous palaces, art galleries and museums.

In conclusion the speaker stated that he was proud indeed that he was an American and a Rotarian.

George Riddle of Grants Pass announced a "ladies' night" meeting of the Grants Pass Rotary club tomorrow night, inviting all local Rotarians and their ladies to be present.

President Shockey announced that Rotarian Tom Shockey would leave tonight for New York to receive one of the greatest honors in the medical profession, the degree of "Fellow of the American College of Surgeons."

Visiting Rotarians at the meeting were P. Gordon Hart of Hood River, George B. Riddle of Grants Pass and T. B. Watters of Klamath Falls. Other guests present included Judge H. D. Norton and Dr. H. P. Gillis.

GEO. SLAGLE BOYS LEAGUE PRESIDENT  
George Slagle was elected president of the Boys' league at the local junior high school at the recent election, with Lewis Campbell and Cleo Hicks opposing him. Department heads were also chosen by the boys.

Stanley Kunzman received the most votes for vice president, over Vern Campbell, Earl Harrison, Lucien Smith and Jack Nelson. Dolph Jones and Laurel Morris were defeated by Bob Jones, selected secretary, Leonard Hicks was voted treasurer over Harold Williams, Robert Rindt, and Wright Short.

Department heads selected were Chas. Brewer, school service; Dean Pieper, school; Bob Young, entertainment; and Bob Hayes, community service.

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BURGLAR NABBED AT ROGUE RIVER  
ROGUE RIVER, Ore., Sept. 29.—(Sp)—Monday morning J. E. Corey was exhibiting a screw driver, monkey wrench and a pistol which he had taken away from a bold robber during the night. Mr. Corey operated a store here and sleeps in the store. In the night he heard a noise and upon investigating he saw a negro and white man.

The negro escaped but Mr. Corey captured the white man, took the above mentioned articles from him and found he had taken twenty-two cigars.

The burglar told Mr. Corey he was hungry and Corey being kind of heart let the man go free.

HOMESICK YOUTH NOW IN BASTILE  
Francis Johnson, 15, is detained by the sheriff's office as a juvenile offender, following allegations of his father that last night, while in an auto camp near Ashland, he had taken his father's purse and revolver, locked the door of the cabin, while the parent slept, and started back in the family auto to Hawthorne, Calif., whence the family came, to settle "somewhere in Oregon."

The father was awakened by the starting of the auto, but was detained by the locked door. The lad was apprehended a few miles down the road, and left in the custody of the sheriff.

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Youth With Crime Record Sought in Portland Gun Death — Wife of Victim Identifies Suspect's Photo

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CHAMBERS TO AID RETAIL BUSINESS IN BIG CAMPAIGN  
Plans of a joint campaign of the local chamber of commerce and the United States chamber, which will give women of Medford and vicinity an opportunity to become a partner in a fifty billion dollar business, were announced today. The campaign is for the purpose of initiating a new day of understanding between retailers and consumers.

"Fifty billion dollars represents the amount of retail business done annually in the United States," W. F. Isaacs, president of the retail trade group of the Medford chamber, stated today. "Most of the money is spent by women."

Because merchants as a whole are eager to serve their customers in the most efficient possible manner, and consumers, in turn constantly seeking a greater satisfaction and enjoyment in buying, the chamber will present a series of talks to consumers. Through newspapers, messages from six prominent American women, representing various women's interests, will be presented to consumers in all states.

Announcement of the dates and speakers will be made later, according to Mr. Isaacs.

HUME'S SPECTATOR GIVEN TO WOMAN  
PORTLAND, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The will of Hugh Hume, editor and publisher of the Weekly Spectator here, admitted to probate today, provides that ownership and control of the Spectator Publishing company pass into the hands of Beatrice James Moody and Beatrice Locke, both of Portland.

Hume left an estate estimated at \$12,000. He bequeathed to Miss Locke, in his employ for many years in the conduct and management of the publication, 40 per cent of his capital stock in the company, and to Mrs. Moody, named as executrix, the other 51 per cent.

WESTERN STATES FOR HOOVER SAYS PARTY COUNSELLOR  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(AP)—A report tinged with optimism, upon economic and political conditions in 18 western states, was delivered to President Hoover today by James J. Burke, general counsel of the Republican national committee.

Burke said he had found everywhere it was considered a foregone conclusion that President Hoover would be renominated and that there was "a growing impression" that the president would be re-elected.

AVIATORS FORCED BACK IN ALASKA  
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Cecil Allen and Don Moyle, California aviators, were here again today after thick weather had forced them to turn back late yesterday on their flight to Tacoma.

They returned at 5 p. m. (E.S.T.) They said the weather was too bad for them "to get through."

They were to have made the trip by way of White Horse, Y. T.

SOFT PEDAL UPON BEER TALK URGED ON PARTIES  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Beer, and prohibition generally, will be barred from both Democratic and Republican national conventions next year, if Senator Watson of Indiana, is correct as a prognosticator.

And it will be stamped firmly from the Democratic platform if his party harkens to the plea of Senator McKellar of Tennessee.

Both added their voices yesterday to the steady drip, drip of liquor talk that promises to spill over into coming congressional sessions and the 1932 elections.

The Republican senate leader forecast that both conventions would abandon any attempt to commit their parties on the prohibition issue.

Senator McKellar, in an address at Rogersville, Tenn., said nothing but a wet plank could prevent a Democratic victory in 1932. He appealed for a campaign based on economic issues and the tariff.

Contending the liquor issue would give "Mr. Hoover his only possible chance," McKellar urged that his party's platform provide only for enforcement of all laws.

Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill, the debate brought cleavage between two administration stalwarts.

A proposal by Senator Bingham of Connecticut to sponsor anew, a bill for a 4 per cent beer was met by a challenge from Senator Capper of Kansas doubting that the beverage would act as a tonic for economic ailments.

Bingham's insistence that congress vote on his bill was supported by Representative Schneider of Wisconsin, also a Republican, who contended every member of congress should be compelled to let the country know his stand on the question.

## The Chairman Lays Auction if Fakes at Fair

ATC, Cal., Sept. 29.—(AP)—A benefit of those who got paper mache imitations instead of real cheeses at the auction of the Nevada festival last Saturday, O. G. Viekerson, chairman of the cheese committee of the chamber of commerce, said today:

"The way it happened is this: We had many cheeses on exhibition, wrapped in tin foil and labelled just like the originals, and in the excitement of the auction we handed them out by mistake."

## WORLD SERIES BROADCAST BY MAIL TRIBUNE

Pursuing its policy of serving the people of Medford and southern Oregon in every possible way, The Mail Tribune, at considerable expense, has arranged for the broadcasting of the play by play report of the world series games in front of the office, starting Thursday, October 1, about 11 o'clock.

Because of the unsatisfactory service of radio broadcasting in the past, The Mail Tribune will establish a permanent loud speaker, which will take the report directly from the wire and shoot it immediately out to the crowd in front of the office on Fir street. There will thus be no delay in transmission, and neither advertising nor static to annoy the fans. The Mail Tribune believes this will be the best world series service ever given in southern Oregon.

It is the intention of this paper to install the loud speaker permanently so it may be used for broadcasting all news events of outstanding interest—including football games, prize fights and political elections,—national and local.

All the people of southern Oregon—men, women and children interested in baseball—are invited to be the guests of The Mail Tribune during the world series, the installers of the special loud speaker guaranteeing that everyone who comes will hear everything perfectly, and be able to follow every detail of this great sporting classic as well as if they were sitting in the ball park thousands of miles away.

APPLE CROP CUT DEEP BY WORMS DESPITE SPRAYS  
Picking and packing of winter Neils began this week in the valley, and will last a week or ten days. Most of the pears will be held in cold storage. Picking and packing of apples is also underway. It is expected that the fruit season will be concluded by October 15.

A more optimistic tone has pervaded local fruit circles the past 10 days with pear prices bettering in the eastern markets.

The apple market is affected somewhat by the uncertain conditions prevailing in England, due to the recent monetary changes. Most of the local apples will be exported.

The valley apple crop this season will not total more than 250 cars, according to I. H. Cedarwall, of the American Fruit company. The fruit is small, and badly wintered by worms, despite heavy spraying. Cedarwall thinks the past increased this season.

The total value of this year's fruit crop, beset by drought and heat, is estimated all the way from \$1,700,000 by Cedarwall to \$3,000,000 by Howard Hill, orchardist. Others estimate that the value will be \$3,200,000. This is about half of 1928 and 1929.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:  
WINSLOW, Ariz., Sept. 29.—Accompanied by a couple of my kids and a nephew, we are flying back to old Orange Juiceville after a happy day Saturday at a big celebration in Claremore. It sure was fine to meet all the old home folks. After all, it's the best people that stay at home. It's just the tramps that leave and do the bumming. It broke all records for an enjoyable day. There wasn't a speech made and you just can't imagine how glad everybody was. The chamber of commerce and some politicians were broken hearted not to be able to say something but we kept 'em still.

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