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Mr. Watkins Should Be Spared

WE HAD thought we might be spared in this year's campaign, the old wheeze about the candidate for public office, sacrificing his personal inclinations, on the altar of an overwhelming popular demand.

Such a plea was silly enough in the past when most of our able-bodied citizenry had jobs. But this year, with the usual spring run of office seekers, augmented by the flood of unemployed, we didn't suppose any candidate would have the nerve or effrontery to attempt such a thing.

ACCORDING to the Sunday Oregon Journal, however, Elton Watkins, on Friday last listened to this "call of the people," this insistent popular demand that he offer himself as candidate for United States senator in the Democratic primaries, and solemnly proclaimed that in a few days, he would give his answer.

Modestly Brother Watkins confessed he had been urged to run "by many members of his own party, as well as many Progressive Republicans and many people in various walks of life" and with his keen sense of public responsibility, he could not ignore such a demand.

Just to rub it in, Mr Watkins goes even further, and maintains that he had made no plans to enter the senatorial race, had abandoned all personal ambitions in that direction, but in view of this unexpected and spontaneous demand from the rank and file, he feels duty bound to give "attention to the proposition."

IN VIEW of present conditions, we feel that candidates for public office who DON'T WANT OFFICE, and according to their own admissions, are forced against their will, to stand for them, should be allowed to remain in private life, and let those candidates qualified to do the jobs and who admit they want them, HAVE them.

This is no time to force men who don't want jobs, public or private, to take them. There are enough men who do want the jobs, and need them, to justify the elimination of those, who from the standpoint of their personal inclinations would so much prefer to remain in private life.

Dr. Coolidge's Diagnosis

WHILE former President Coolidge's article in last week's Saturday Evening Post, on the present state of the nation is very interesting, we don't agree with those enthusiastic readers, who regard it as startlingly original and new.

In fact we find nothing new or startling in it, merely an assembling of facts and figures which are generally known.

THE financial condition of the various governmental units in this country, does not differ materially from the financial condition of the individuals who make up those units.

During periods of prosperity when the future looks bright, individuals extend their credit, spend money freely, and refuse to admit that sooner or later there must be a day of reckoning. Governments do the same thing.

When prosperity stops and adversity sets in, individuals stop spending their money, try desperately to retrench, and can't quite make out how they could have been so reckless and foolhardy in the last. Here, too, governments do the same thing.

PRESIDENT Coolidge shows how governmental expenditures have increased, particularly locally, in the cities and counties during the past 10 years. He declares this must stop, not only our federal but our local budgets must be balanced, or our entire credit structure will fall.

This is true. But NEW public expenditures have stopped. Not because American psychology has changed, but because conditions, have changed.

But stopping NEW expenditures by governments does not solve the problem, over night; any more than stopping new expenditures by individuals, solves the individual's problem, overnight. For both have gone in debt, and the interest on that debt represents a fixed charge that must be met.

SO AT the present time the people of this country and the governmental units are in precisely the same boat. And they must both work their way out—and eventually will work their way out—in the same way, by reducing expenses, increasing efficiency, and thus in the course of time, restoring themselves and their governments to good financial health.

When that is done a new era of prosperity will arrive and not until then.

And when that time arrives will individuals do differently than they did in the brief golden age just passed? We hope so, for if they don't their governments which are merely aggregations of individuals, will not do differently.

And then we shall return to the same old process, of staging periods of boom times to be inevitably followed by periods of depression and collapse.

So Mr. Coolidge's article is nothing new, points out no original road to national salvation, it is merely a summing up of one phase of the never-ending "dance of life."

Talks To Parents

A CRUCIAL MOMENT
 By Alice Judson Peale

Three-year-old Andy had made himself a train by hitching, one behind the other, his express wagon, his push car and a large wooden box.

As he turned the corner from the sidewalk into the garden path, the wheel of the push car caught in the gate.

Still seated in his express wagon he tugged and pulled. The car became only the more firmly jammed. He got out and pulled at it. He climbed back into his wagon, becoming more and more angry as he continued to push and tug in vain.

He was about to give away to a fit of temper when his mother came to his rescue. Quietly she took him by the hand and showed him how to get the wheel loose from the gate. She moved it part way and let him move it the rest. The train went on its way with Andy beaming at his head.

Next time a toy won't behave as he wants Andy will be less likely to

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 The Pealeys, opp. Holly theater.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Beans and Fish Cakes,
 Jealousy's Cackle Burs.
 Read, and Shudder.

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 27.—Cyrus Herman Kotschmar Curtis has spent his winters here for many years aboard his big yacht Lyndonia. From Miami he sails in the spring to his place at Camden, Maine, near Portland, where he was born. The thirty-eight men that man the yacht, keep busy and happy polishing the brass.

President Coolidge, a sked how much such a yacht costs for upkeep. Mr. Curtis replied "it costs me nothing, my great grand children pay for it." Meaning that he would not leave the great grand children as much money as he would have left without the yacht.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis' luncheon on the Lyndonia today included Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fuller, who won the Rockland Gabelle, extremely able tri-weekly newspaper. Also Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Shutta. They own the Miami Herald. Colonel Shutta wishes the Evening News would sell out to him. Governor Cox, who owns the Miami News, wishes Colonel Shutta's Miami Herald would sell out to him, so neither will sell out.

Cyrus H. K. Curtis has nothing to wish. Nineteen years ago with rare wisdom he turned over his periodical publications to Mr. Lorimer and other associates, saying "let's see what you can do with them." Confining his personal attention to daily newspapers.

Mr. Curtis, thin, very active, will be 82 years old next June.

While guests ate rich and beautiful food concoctions that looked as though they came from a jewelry shop, Mr. Curtis ate Boston baked beans with fish cakes.

The "Herman Kotschmar" in Mr. Curtis' name is that of a musician who played the organ in the Portland church long ago. He wrote the music for Mr. Curtis' favorite hymn, "Softly Now the Light of Day Fades Upon My Sight Away."

Mr. Curtis' profits this past year are off about eight million dollars, dropping to from twenty to twelve millions, but that means to him nothing at all. If he continues to let the others do the worrying, and troublesome work, while he lives on his yacht, eating beans and fish cakes, that light of day will "not softly upon his sight away" for another score of years at least.

Jealousy is infinitely patient in its watching, its plans for confirming its worst suspicions, the ceaseless fury with which it lashes its own hatreds to their climax.

Truly the Bible says: "Jealousy is cruel as the grave, the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame."

A man, accused of murder in Nashville, Tenn., suspected that something was wrong and put corkle burrs on the automobile seat of his neighbor Edwin Hood. When he found some of these corkle burrs on his wife's coat he killed Edwin Hood, pleased the "unwritten law." The jury deliberated twenty hours, could not agree.

What but corkle burrs would suggest that bitter jealousy idea?

Milwaukee punishes you. It is the best governed city in the United States, best in financial condition, with a police force that can't be bribed, and makes criminals so unwelcome that they never come.

That is a tribute to Victor L. Berger, who established the socialist government under which Milwaukee has kept solvent, accumulated money, discouraged crime and maintained honest government. Now in the world do you explain that?

And now, for a good shudder. Milwaukee proposes to establish a municipal bank, one that will pay regular banking interest, let you take out your money whenever you choose and not blow up.

That's a terrible Bolshevik suggestion, and the worst of it is that some other bankers can hardly criticize Milwaukee since this country has seen six thousand banks explode with loud reports within a short time, and would see more of them collapse if the government which "detests anything like debt," had not established a special department of two thousand million dollars for corporations only.

It may interest you to know that a good many Americans are depositing money in Canadian banks, where

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not 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.

WISHING YOU GOOD RESISTANCE AND HAPPY DAYS.

The theory of resistance to disease is an ingenious one evolved from the necessity of switching from ancient superstitions to the knowledge or facts of science. Immunity is a scientifically demonstrable fact. Resistance is a figment of the imagination.

Any physician can determine by actual measure or test whether an individual has any immunity against diphtheria, for instance. No one can tell in advance whether you have any resistance against any known disease. This hocus-pocus about "poor resistance" is 100 per cent post mortem or post morbidus explanation. Try and find any candid opinion about an individual's "resistance" before the illness or death of the individual!

Of course every physician knows as much as I do about immunity, and many know a great deal more. But on the other hand no physician knows a thing about "resistance" that is occult to anybody else. So when a health authority hauls off and emits a column or so of ponderous advice about how to keep your "resistance" built up, he is merely handing out the bunk. If he happens to be a health officer or a politician holding a soft berth with some health department, well, it makes a nice easy way for him to earn his salary. The people seem to like to hear the same old hokum bumbled about the way to keep up one's resistance, year after year, with rare variations.

Odd, isn't it, that these wise health authorities confine their "resistance" hocus-pocus to their bulletins about catching cold, whatever that may mean. There you have a subject, sufficiently vague and undefinable to keep everybody guessing, and such a subject lends itself admirably to the line of hokum uttered concerning "resistance."

Although we have as yet no precise means of measuring it, we have good reason to believe that there is such a thing as immunity against one or more of the common respiratory infections which the old fogey health authorities still jumble together indiscriminately as "colds." Although it has not been proved by actual scientific experiment (controlled tests) on human beings, we have good reason to believe that (1) an adequate supply of Vitamin A, and (2) a fair degree of exposure

of naked skin to direct sunlight or ultraviolet light from artificial sources are factors essential in developing and maintaining a protective degree of immunity against respiratory infections.

Note that the scientific term immunity implies something added, whereas the unscientific term resistance implies something lacking. Immunity is a positive idea; resistance is a negative idea. Immunity is something you can hope to gain; resistance is something you can only fear to lose.

Just as soon as you clear the cobwebs away and examine this resistance hokum thoughtfully, you are bound to wonder how the old docs tell that a cold draft or wet feet or some similar trifling "exposure" impairs resistance. And once you get to thinking about that—well, next time the old doc tries the venerable jokes on you, I'm a poor teacher if you don't respond to his facetiousness with a little smartcrack of your own.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Rabbits Safe Pets

Recently bought pair of rabbits for my children. We have plenty of room for them. But the other day I was told that rabbits carry a certain disease which is very dangerous for human beings... (A. M.)

Answer—They are perfectly safe for pets. It is wild rabbits, not domestic rabbits, that may have tularemia, and that is communicable to man, through infection of the person who skins or dresses the rabbit and accidentally scratches or cuts his hands. Stay still, Sitt!

When a young man otherwise in perfect health begins to have gray hair at 25, does it mean he is growing old early?... (B. H.)

Answer—Let's not be too severe on the lad. We'll say he is probably a little stale, and has been careless about getting his iodine. Now he hopes the older boys and girls will not push and shove, but just form a line on the right, and send a stamped addressed envelope and ask for instructions for taking a suitable iodine ration. I do not promise that it will prevent graying of the hair, or renew youth, or keep the blood pressure down or the spirits and pep up. I merely remind you that everybody needs a little iodine.

Sight of Suffering Shocks

I am 24 years old, 61 inches tall and weigh 160 pounds. I believe I am normal, but when I see anyone injured I feel faint and panicky... (B. S. D.)

Answer—Best way to overcome that is to learn to make yourself useful in emergencies. Take a course of instruction in first aid.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett, Mr. Clark is science instructor at Willamette University. Mrs. Clark is Mrs. Jewett's sister.

Fern Valley

FERN VALLEY, March 28.—(Sp.)—Lillian Kantor has been unable to attend school for the past ten days as she has been suffering from flu. She hopes to return to school the first of next week. Alice Hensler has also been ill with the flu and absent from school for the past week. Nicholas Dewitt has been on the sick list, too. Henry Kantor had a sick headache Thursday and was unable to go to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kantor, Jr., were all-night guests of Mrs. Kantor's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rogers, in Medford recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Long, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reed, Miss Ella Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hill, George Connor, Wilby Connor, Harry Conman and Floyd Long were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marshall recently.

Guests at Kantor's Sunday were Miss Mary Hensler, Minnie Putman, Travel Turpin, Mr. Turpin, Eugene Coats, Mr. Coats, Mr. Higdon, Ed and Louis Putman, Ray Brownrigg, Roy and Loyal Barnes, L. C. Hill, Ivan Olsen, Del Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rogers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hughes called on friends in Phoenix recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Coker Butte were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dewitt Wednesday.

Mrs. Ben Rogers and family were house guests of Mrs. Joe Kantor last week.

Miss Ella Smith and Audrey Hill spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dewitt and Nicholas Dewitt left Friday morning for Corvallis to spend the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Orlyse and family.

Next literary meeting is scheduled for April 1.

Rev. Wood of the South Methodist church in Medford called on Mr. and Mrs. Lem Hughes Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Alfred Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carr and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Alfred Sunday, honoring Mrs. Alfred's birthday that day.

Mrs. Lowden, Edna and Viola Lowden were business callers in Medford recently.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.)

INCOME

LIBERTY BONDS GO TO NEW HIGH LEVEL.

Taxpayers threaten suit to stop building of Crater Lake highway.

Milton A. Miller of Albany, Democrat, starts running for governor.

Flower thieves busy in local yards.

Dr. Rickett loses valuable dog on fishing trip.

Fred Wahl recovers loot stolen from his home.

County Y. M. C. A. movement makes no headway, because of veteran prejudice.

Spring hats for women on display in all stores.

IDEAL SPRING WEATHER PREVAILS, AND ORCHARDISTS AND FARMERS REJOICE.

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD CHURCH FEUD AT OAKLAND, CALIF., ENDS WITH TWO DEAD IN CHAPEL FOLLOWING GUN PLAY.

Dr. L. A. Balade of Philadelphia buys Seven Oaks orchard near Central Point.

Bartlett's blooming.

Fletcher Fish wires from Red Bluff, Calif., denying report he will be married.

"Stagnation or progress issue at primary," declares Mail Tribune.

Local I. W. W. chapter to be formed.

Communications

Why Privilege?

To the Editor:

I see by the papers that "with a sales tax shelter value exemption on homes not over \$1500, renters can and would become home owners, and are entitled to the privileges of home owners, which are many and varied."

Plans and shifting of taxes are also "many and varied," as you may recall.

But the "nigger in the wood-pile" eludes them all.

Now, what is privilege?

"The Equitist" Del Rosa, Cal., has this definition: "Appropriate power granted to some persons."

Some people seem to have the idea that ALL should have the full benefit of privilege. On what then could privilege exist?

If privileges are so numerous for home owners, how come so many foreclosures on homes as it is now? Isn't it a fact that the privileged dollar is merging more and more into fewer hands, and home owners becoming renters?

The way to have privilege for all is to abolish it, and be independent. What the world needs is not privilege, but equal freedom of privileges. When I came to this world I soon realized the economic system was merging more and more into fewer hands, and home owners becoming renters?

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Business in Oregon for the Year

Synopsis of Annual Statement of the HARMONIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Of Buffalo, in the State of New York, for the thirty-first day of December, 1931, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

AMOUNT OF CAPITAL STOCK PAID UP.....\$1,000,000.00

INCOME

Net premiums received during the year.....1,028,318.58

Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....205,568.04

Income from other sources received during the year.....14,145.03

Total income.....\$1,248,031.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses.....\$ 454,194.32

Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....180,000.00

Salaries and commissions paid during the year.....389,930.89

Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....34,804.78

Amount of all other expenditures.....967,660.71

Total expenditures.....\$1,426,930.70

ASSETS

Value of real estate owned (market value).....0

Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....3,650,697.00

Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....80,450.00

Cash in banks and on hand.....308,093.64

Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1931.....154,233.46

Interest and rents due and accrued.....24,691.00

Total admitted assets.....\$4,218,155.10

LIABILITIES

Gross claims for losses unpaid.....\$ 156,789.00

Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....1,022,074.00

Due for commission and brokerage.....0

All other liabilities.....1,349,854.31

Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$1,000,000.00.....\$2,528,717.31

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR

Net premiums received during the year.....\$ 3,154.48

Losses paid during the year.....209.71

Losses incurred during the year.....133.71

Name of company, Harmonia Fire Insurance Company

Name of president, Wilfred Kurth

Name of secretary, John A. Campbell

Statutory resident attorney for service, W. B. Rasmussen, Portland, Oregon

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