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### Good Work, Gentlemen

WE would like to express our thanks to the members of the local budget committees, who are now nearing the close of their arduous labors.

Their efforts, not easy under the best circumstances, have been rendered extremely trying, and perplexing, by the prevailing economic and business conditions.

These budget committee members are not paid for their services; they give of their energy and time, day after day and night after night, and get little but criticism and cursing from the spectators.

But not from one of them, have we heard any complaint or fault finding. They have stuck to their jobs, persistently studied their problems, listened patiently to all suggestions, and throughout have had but one purpose in mind, to secure the best financial program POSSIBLE under the circumstances.

Here we have an outstanding and inspiring example of the finest spirit of unselfish public service. So hats off to the members of the budget committees—each and every one of them.

Medford and Jackson county are truly fortunate in having such a high type of efficient and loyal citizenship to call upon, during what is perhaps the darkest hour of the country's worst depression.

### Beware of Gift-Bearing Greeks

PRESIDENT-ELECT ROOSEVELT has been invited to visit Europe immediately following his inauguration, as President Hoover was invited to visit South America immediately following his.

President Hoover's visit undoubtedly did much to better Pan-American relations. France and England, according to press reports, believe that a visit from President Roosevelt would contribute even more to the betterment of American relations with Europe.

As one foreign correspondent expresses it "if President Roosevelt could see with his own eyes the true situation in Europe, it is believed he would have a far clearer understanding of the problems which face the western world at the present time."

MEBBE so. There is no doubt the new American president would have a triumphant journey, would be wine and dined and cheered as he proceeded from one European capital to another. The event would be epoch making; the experience one no man would ever forget.

But we believe Governor Roosevelt is too wise to accept such an invitation. There is the precedent established by President Wilson, who landed in Europe, the saviour of the world, and departed, a disillusioned, defeated and broken man. Probably the entire course of post-war history would have been changed, if President Wilson had resisted the temptation to tackle the job alone, and on foreign soil, and only sent his representatives and directed them by cable from the White House.

WE are all human,—whether our role is that of greatness or obscurity. Close human contacts influence us, atmosphere and environment modify our actions and our views. Moreover European public men are masters of intrigue and manipulation; American public men, from the viewpoint of diplomacy, are at best amateurs.

On a European tour President Roosevelt would have a wonderful time. But barring a miracle, he would be hopelessly involved in European entanglements, jealousies and rivalries, before he got through.

We don't believe it necessary for anyone to tell President-elect Roosevelt to decline this beguiling invitation, and remain on home soil. The experience would be a thrilling one, but the price would be too high, either for him, or for his country, to pay.

### Another Amendment Needed

THE more we study the Home Loan Mortgage measure the more we are convinced that it should be amended by congress,—the sooner the better.

The bill is designed to help the individual home owner, but it is so hedged about by red tape and technicalities, that any wide spread benefits in this direction are practically impossible.

No doubt this situation impelled Senator Borah to offer his resolution favoring repeal. Borah is built that way. He is either 100 percent for, or 100 percent against anything in which he is interested.

In our opinion, however, the measure should not be repealed. It is a step in the right direction, and many of its provisions are sound.

But it should be amended, so that the provisions giving aid to the small home owner, may be translated from a mere benevolent gesture, into actual performance.

### Real Old Timer Enters Ancient Watch Contest

Old World's history might be a bit more elaborate if watches which have been running nearly a century could relate the events which have transpired since their wheels were first set into motion, and two of these old timers are now on display in the window at Larry Schade's. A prize in it to be awarded by Mr. Schade for the oldest watch brought in.

A 22 karat time-piece, made by S. I. Tobias and company, Liverpool, England, now owned by Hugh Hamilton of South Oakdale avenue, was brought in by Mr. Schade and has been attracting a great deal of attention.

The watch is of key-wind, size 18, known as a fuses, and is chain-driven. Attached to it, is a 19-link chain, each of the links being an inch in size, made of 22 karat gold.

The Tobias watch was given to Benjamin Hall Wright on his graduation from West Point in the class of 1822, the seventh class finishing at the academy. Wright was a relative of Mrs. Hamilton's.

The chain also had a history, having been brought to the United States in 1818 by a Mr. Gorham, minister to Holland under the administration of President Monroe. The chain was given to Benjamin

### 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.

### CONTAGIOUS IMPETIGO

Every autumn some kind of breaking out appears on the skin of several children and adults in a certain group or neighborhood. Doctors call it impetigo. Is this a "dirt disease"? Is it contagious? Should persons who have it be in school or at work in their usual contact with well persons, in business or social life? (Mrs. M. M. K.)

In the first place, the authorities on skin disease know little about it. The name impetigo merely signifies a skin sore. Perhaps the characteristic lesions of impetigo may be caused by different factors in different cases or epidemics.

The commonest form occurs as you describe and is quite contagious. Any child with such an acute eruption on the skin, somewhat resembling chickenpox or in some instances suggesting ringworm, should be isolated. Should any adult in the case of a school, nurse or teacher should exclude any such suspicious ailment, at least until a responsible physician passes judgment. In business and social life, you have to rely on your own judgment; in view of the shocking lack of conscience on the part of the average ignorant layman (or the layman who pretends to be ignorant) it is wise to err on the side of squeamishness, in sheer self-defense.

The characteristic lesions of impetigo appear first as vesicles (little blisters), which later become pustular, or they are already pustules when first noticed. There is usually considerable itching present.

In the course of several days the spots become covered with a brownish crust. The crusts dry up and fall off in a week or longer, leaving a red stain, which gradually disappears in another week.

The crusts of impetigo are larger than the spots of chickenpox and occur in patches, while the spots of chickenpox are more evenly distributed over the skin. Impetigo crusts look as though they are "stuck on" the skin. They never leave mark or scar after healing, but chickenpox lesions sometimes leave pits.

The inquisitive fingers of the patient spread the disease, from place to place on his or her own skin, and

to the skin of any other person who happens to come in close contact. In children the natural impulse to scratch the itchy or irritated spots must be watched. In older girls or boys the anxious handling of the skin must be warned against.

Of all treatments or remedies for impetigo contagiosa ammoniated mercury ointment seems the most satisfactory. Each spot should be kept covered with a bit of the ointment, gently rubbed in with one finger tip, the finger tip being thoroughly scrubbed with hot water and soap for disinfection immediately after applying the ointment. Twenty grains of soft petrolatum or cold cream, in the right strength of ointment.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Drinking Water**  
 Does the drinking of four or five glasses of water a day send the blood pressure up? Also does drinking milk send it up? (W. H. G.)

Answer—No to both questions. I advise you to drink only of health and the enjoyment of life and never mind your blood pressure. The blood pressure is a matter to be left to the physicians consideration.

**Asafoetida**  
 Does asafoetida do the system any harm? What good does it do the system? Some say it is a good nerve medicine, and I have been told it keeps the body free from germs. (Mrs. B. M. P.)

Ans.—If it were odorless it would have little repute as a medicine. The ancients deemed it sedative, antispasmodic and carminative and imagined it was the right medicine for hysterical females. Petid mastic or chewing material. Don't be silly—germs do not mind the odor at all. Asafoetida is harmless to the system or the body or what have you.

**Why So Chary of Symptoms?**  
 In your column I saw where an odor of onions or garlic, under the arms and reddened eyelids indicates chronic arsenic poisoning. I have been to many doctors and they just say chronic tonsillitis. . . . tell me how to get rid of the arsenic. . . . (Mrs. G. J.)

Ans.—That's why we rarely refer to symptoms here. You should tell your physician why you suspect arsenic poisoning and leave it to him to make the test to find out. (Copyright, John P. Dille Co.)

### Communications

Thanks for Editorial

To the Editor:  
 For the first time during the busy weeks of the annual Christmas Seal sale, in Jackson county and I know it was deeply appreciated by your Jackson County Public Health association, as it was by all of us.

Gratefully yours,  
 SAIDIE ORR DUNBAR,  
 Executive Secretary  
 Portland, Dec. 17.

Admits His Mistake

To the Editor:  
 Friday night at our council meeting I got some big figures together and had them twisted around so that they brought me to a wrong conclusion; remember how we used to do that in algebra, and the professor had to straighten us out?

There are at least two redeeming features in it for me, I am not ashamed to acknowledge a mistake, and I found my mistake without help.

For the past month I have been digging into tax matters and here is the actual condition in city affairs: We are nearly two million dollars in debt; at 5 per cent interest this means a vast sum each year in interest alone.

Then we find that with a total tax levy of \$1,425,461.48 for the past year's county expenses, a total of \$1,099,553.65 was actually paid in up to December 1st and with an expected tax payment of \$20,000 in December, leaves the total county about \$306,000 short and naturally the city has its share of that.

By practicing rigid economy they have been able to come out with a shortage of only around \$6000; but there is an interest payment in only two weeks that is also \$9000 short, which makes an emergency of \$15,000. The city officials will have to re-finance part of our debts this coming year which will relieve us greatly, but we will have to show that we are able to keep our skirts clean, since the \$15,000 will have to be paid.

Another thing, the city activities are being pared to the very bone and then only enough taxes levied to cover that. We can expect that the taxes will not be paid in full again, and where does that leave us.

Boys, it simply means that we have to get our shoulders to the wheel and help. I know that the way we all acted Friday night did not encourage those whom we have asked to act for us officially and I am ashamed of my part. If we all get in and help, our combined powers can in a very few years pull ourselves out of our hole and profit by our experience. Then, Oh, what a Medford we ought to have.

Respectfully,  
 GEO. IVERSON

Hillsboro—Bids received for purchase of site for post office building.

Booth—Tillamook Spruce Co. will erect veneer plant here.

### Jenkins' Comment

(Continued from Page One)

BUT we want to sell these people what we have on our shelves—or at least we THINK we do. So we say:

"All right, if they haven't got the money with which to buy what we have for sale, we'll LEND it to them. Then they can buy our goods."

Sure they can. But where will you and I come out in that sort of transaction? The answer is easy. Well come out holding the sack.

That's how this country came out with Europe.

### ASHLAND-TALENT SECTOR WIDENING SUBSTITUTE PLAN

(Continued from Page One)

The Siskiyou project would have provided employment over a number of years. The local representatives reluctantly favored the change, but there seemed no other course.

The meat of the argument advanced by Chairman Scott was:

That the statewide clamor for a reduction in auto licenses had deprived the state highway body of anticipated revenue, and that it would be folly to embark upon new projects with the financial future uncertain;

That the attitude of the Oregon public had changed within the past three months, and that the demand for retrenchment in highway expenditures was such that any new road expenditures were frowned upon, and would result in protest;

That now was the time for sane and rational action, and that radical steps would not solve the state's financial problem;

That the Winston bridge north of Roseburg on the Pacific highway was in need of repair, and that if it collapsed would be shut off commission all travel would be out of commission.

The main arguments advanced by the proponents of the Siskiyou re-routing, who included the county court and G. M. Green of Ashland, were:

That the re-routing would prove of high value to the tourist trade and the unemployment situation here;

That "if the work was never started it would never be finished";

That southern Oregon had been promised the Siskiyou re-routing was a major project of value to

### Pull Down the Blinds, Mr. X!



When Mr. X, shown above, attempted to catch a brief nap Saturday evening in the Medford Furniture and Hardware store window he was surprised to find hundreds of citizens outside the window waiting to witness his ear-pounding technique. Mr. X, unabashed, however, donned his pajamas, "blew out the light" and turned in.

### Sunday no Day of Rest For Mail Tribune's Mr. X

Mr. X's Program for Sunday and Monday

Sunday:  
 6:00 p. m.—Read the tea cups for the patrons of the Rex Cafe.  
 7:00 p. m.—Address the members of the Baptist Young People's Union.

Monday:  
 11 a. m.—Repair the striking mechanism of a clock for Mrs. Samuel Bateman, 302 Maple street.  
 Noon—Address the members of the Kiwanis club.  
 2:00 p. m.—Repair electric heater for Mrs. T. N. Kerr, Talent, Ore.  
 3:00 p. m.—Repair a typewriter at 800 Beatty street.  
 4:00 p. m.—Turn a boy into a girl at the Jarmin & Woods drug store.  
 5:00 p. m.—Write a play with good characters for Virginia Goodman, 534 South Fir street.

Sunday is not a day of rest for Mr. X, the man who has been bought

entire state and more important than many proposed.

Chairman Scott assured the meeting that new projects were under consideration.

"It is a question of state-wide interest against local interest," said Chairman Scott. "The credit of the state must be preserved and to this end we are asking you to yield."

All angles of the financial state of the state highway commission were discussed.

### STOVE BLOWS UP IN TALENT HOME

TALENT, Dec. 17.—(Sp)—During the recent cold snap the hot water pipes at Mrs. Huson's home in Talent, where the 1930 widening stopped, and follow a general route along Bear creek. Preliminary surveys for the work have been made.

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for straightening the Pacific highway over the overhead crossing to a point near Talent, where the 1930 widening stopped, and follow a general route along Bear creek. Preliminary surveys for the work have been made.

Chairman Scott left for his home in Portland last night.

Mrs. Huson and six children were in the room at the time and miraculously escaped injury.

Much of the plumbing in Talent was put out of commission by the recent hard freeze and bursted water pipes were the order of the day. Many lost their winter's supply of fruit and vegetables.

### Preference Noted

J. E. Thornton, mayor of Ashland, proposed the motion endorsing the state board plan, with the proviso "we prefer the Siskiyou project."

County Judge C. B. Lamkin seconded the motion.

Commissioners Victor Bursell and John Barneburg stated they hated to "back down," as the Siskiyou job was of vital importance to the tourist trade and unemployment in Jackson county.

Chairman Scott maintained "the reduced revenues and stringent money situation leave us no other choice."

Senator George Dunn of Ashland favored the Talent-Ashland improvement on the grounds that the state did not have the money for completion of the Siskiyou project, and "there is no certainty that funds for this purpose will be available within the next five or even ten years." He said further, there was a chance of legislative or court action against the starting of the Siskiyou project.

Ben Harder, Medford banker, said "it seemed the part of good business to accept the Talent project, as something of immediate benefit in keeping with the spirit of the times."

The speaker complimented the highway board chairman upon his conservative business efforts.

Sam Baldock, state highway engineer, and Arthur E. Collier, state highway aide, also gave facts and figures relative to the situation.

Injunction Planned

A delegation of upper valley residents, represented by Attorney M. O. Wilkins planned to attend the meeting to protest starting of the Siskiyou project. They conferred with Chairman Scott and finding the highway commission was urging what they sought to protest made no formal objection.

It was reported at the meeting that if the Siskiyou route had been ordered a court injunction would have been sought.

Commissioner Victor Bursell stated that the abandonment of the project means "we will never get the Siskiyou route and will be left holding the sack for the next ten years, as Portland can exert the most pressure." The commissioner said with the Klamath-Weed road and the Willamette highway "on the fire, it was up to southern Oregon to get busy and protect itself." He further stated that the unemployment problem is one "the taxpayer will have to face, whether he likes it or not." Commissioner Barneburg expressed the same views.

Chairman Scott stressed that the highway board contemplated the letting of no new contracts and that it would concentrate on maintenance and payment of indebtedness to keep the credit of the state intact during those times.

The Talent-Ashland project calls

### Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County, History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 24 and 10 Year Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY  
 (It was Monday)  
 Death of Wallace Reid, famed screen actor, to start probe of drug evil.

Corvallis picked as foe of Toledo high school New Year's day. Medford high ignored by up-state.

Annual sale of Christmas trees starts on Haymarket Square.

Hollie Beach of the postoffice recovers from a severe cold, but is still confined.

Governor-elect Walter Pierce, elected on a platform to cut taxes, startles farmers by announcing "Impossible to cut taxes." Plutocrats flayed in speech for tax dodging.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY  
 December 18, 1912  
 (It was Wednesday)  
 Medford leads the cities of the state outside of Portland in the sale of Red Cross seals.

Dick Donald, manager of Bud Anderson, "pride of Medford," leaves for south to secure a fight with a top-notch. Court Hall in letter to editor predicts Anderson will be lightweight champion of the world in "not less than 90 days."

"The Lion Tamers' Revenge," a monster four-reel feature, depicting romance in the jungle, at the Star.

Newtowns net growers \$1.30 per box.

Servia girls for war with Austria.

### Sports Calendar

Today  
 Pat turkey golf tournament, country club links, starting at 9:30; lunch prizes at 2 p. m.

Monday  
 University of Oregon vs. Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland junior high gym. Preliminary at 7 o'clock.

Tuesday  
 Medford High vs. U. of O. all-stars at senior high gym.

Wednesday  
 Texaco vs. U. of O. all-stars at senior high gym.

Butte Falls town team vs. Jacksonville Townies at Jacksonville high gym.

Thursday  
 Medford High vs. U. of O. all-stars at senior high gym.

### SPORTS REVIEW

"Big Boy" Howell, Southern Oregon Normal school's six feet four center, ran wild against the Grants Pass All-Stars in a practice game at Ashland Friday night, scoring 19 points to help his team beat the Cavemen 20-20. The normal second team defeated the Phenix town team 35-19 in a preliminary.

The Medford High Tiger Cubs, composed of third-string players from the high school squad, won their first game of the season from the Eagle Point town team Friday night by 23-22. Bob Hinman led the scorers with 18 points. The Cubs' lineup included Dick Sleeter, Jerry Trill, Stewart, Forknook, Hinman, and Bennett.

Football banquets are the order of the day in the valley. Ashland high held a banquet to award letters Friday night. Ray Henderson is considered another feeder to match last year's for his Medford junior high players. Sredo Anderson is the only Medford man who will get a Normal school letter when Coach Hobson awards them this week.

COQUILLE—Dunham Coquille Store moved to new location.

Right-of-way being secured for Slu-stlaw highway between Florence and Cushman.

PORTLAND—New service station being constructed at Denver and Argyle streets, A. Roskoski, proprietor.

It is socially correct to use Christmas Seals. Buy lots of them.

Plan NOW To Attend the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance 9 to 12 o'Clock

Dance and Sing—Start the New Year in Happiness and Kill the Depression!

TODAY Try Our Sunday Dinner 75c Christmas Dinner 75c

HOTEL MEDFORD  
 EMIL MOHR, Owing Manager