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### Fine—"Smoke 'Em Out!"

WE so seldom find occasion to agree with the policies of our morning contemporary, that it is a genuine pleasure to do so.

The Daily News in this morning's issue, broadcasts an open letter to Charles M. Thomas, Public Utility commissioner, asking that he officially investigate the common gossip that the "Byllesby company, parent organization of the California Oregon Power company, has a large financial interest in a chain of newspapers operating in Southern Oregon."

"If there is any foundation for such gossip," declares the Daily News, "and if true, such control of the public press is contrary to public policy, and the facts should be made known to the public. . . . The newspapers deny having any affiliation whatsoever with our public utilities. The suspicion resting over them should be set aside by a report from your office."

TO which we heartily agree! The Mail Tribune today is sending to Public Utility Commissioner Thomas, an endorsement of the News request and a similar request of its own.

FOR several years the Mail Tribune has been the victim of a whispering campaign, that it is financed and controlled by the California Oregon Power company. Only last Saturday we received a communication from a subscriber to this effect, the same being printed and answered in Sunday's paper. This charge has frequently been amplified by the claim, that this paper is part of a chain similarly financed and controlled.

The Mail Tribune knows there is no truth whatever in these charges. It is financed and controlled by the present writer, today, just as it has been for the past twenty years. During this time there have been changes in minority stock holdings, but the majority holdings,—the control,—has not been changed during all this time. The California Oregon Power company has never had any interest in this newspaper, financial or otherwise, and as long as its present ownership continues, neither it nor any other outside corporation, EVER WILL HAVE.

But thanks to the constant turmoil and agitation from which this community has suffered in recent years, this denial will not be accepted as a refutation of the charges. Nor will it stop the whisperings or the malicious and unfounded gossip.

An official investigation by the Public Utility commissioner, however, with all the resources for fact determining at his command WOULD stop both.

WE therefore not only welcome such action, but in justice to ourselves DEMAND it.

And the sooner this investigation can be started and concluded,—the sooner these lies are nailed, and the true facts established,—the better the Mail Tribune will like it.

### Don't Cripple Library

THE Mail Tribune heartily agrees with a communication printed elsewhere in today's paper, from E. E. Kelly, opposing any cut in funds for the public library which would cripple, or seriously impair, the excellent service of that institution at the present time.

Because of the financial situation, all public expenditures must be reduced. The public library must assume its proper share of what is a common burden, but in its reduced appropriation, we believe this has been done.

As Mr. Kelly points out, the library is more needed, and is performing a more necessary public service, at the present time, than ever before in its history.

DURING this depression few people indeed can afford to buy books. Nor—we regret to say—can many afford to subscribe to newspapers and magazines as they could in normal times.

Yet not only the entertainment, the relaxation, the moral and spiritual stimulation,—but even more important the INFORMATION—that books, magazines and newspapers contain, are all needed today, more acutely than at any other time. It is not an exaggeration to maintain they are essential factors in our social and economic recovery.

The Medford public library is one of the most efficiently conducted and intelligently supervised, institutions of the kind in the state. Many of our readers will recall that no less an authority than Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, when on a visit to Crater Lake a few years ago, publicly declared as much.

LET us keep it that. Let us NOT, in this mad rush for economy, cripple this necessary and essential service, which is contributing so much to the entire community at the present time.

In other words let us avoid UNNECESSARY extremes in this matter of reducing expenditures. Let us avoid the folly of being "penny-wise and pound-foolish."

Conditions are bad. But they have not reached a point where turning the land back to the Indians, is justified.

This does not mean library expenses should NOT be reduced,—they should be, and have been,—but it DOES MEAN, that the library should be adequately maintained, at this time, above all others and that its service to the people—all the people—should not be seriously impaired.

Communications  
 Don't Cripple Library.  
 To the Editor:  
 I am told that the budget committee is contemplating a serious cut in the public library maintenance fund.

I have been a frequent visitor at the library over a period of years, and in my opinion it has been of greater value to the public during the last few years of depression than at any other time in its history.

In these hard times when people are without money for entertainment the public library is taking the place of theaters and furnishing instructive and profitable entertainment. One may go there at any time of the day and find the tables fully occupied. A large percentage of its patrons are of school age, and these are deriving educational advantages of inestimable value.

The librarians are highly efficient and very obliging to the public, and are certainly kept busy.  
 In my opinion there should at this

time be no curtailment or crippling of this splendid public service.  
 E. E. KELLY.  
 Medford, December 20.

**Jenkins' Comment**  
 (Continued from Page One)

abundantly in Southern Oregon and Northern California, would prove quite as satisfactory for the making of pipes as the celebrated French briar.

Manzanita and wild hick are beautiful, and we of Southern Oregon are immensely proud of them for that reason; but no one had supposed that they might ever have commercial value.

But you never can tell, in this day and age, just what formerly neglected product may suddenly prove to be commercially valuable.  
 Experts Show Value.  
 However, with showing assays the new smelter company brought sev-

### 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. Giving 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.

#### WHAT A LOT OF NEAR-INVALIDS KNOW MAKES THEM SICK.

A very successful charlatan who has a unique system of reaching prospective customers, tells them at great expense, which, of course the customers bear—We indorse it—Americans like to pay for our education—that "autointoxication" is the common cause of all sorts of maladies. He asks his prospective customers "when you allow bowel wastes to remain inside the colon, for say, no more than a few hours past the time when they should be discharged," but he doesn't leave them to answer the question for themselves. No, indeed, for they might overlook some of the symptoms.

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The same self-styled "doctor" appears to be indignant about something. He asserts with vehemence that "there are millions now paying close attention to the elimination of wastes from the system."  
 No doubt. That's just what ails 'em.

It is one of the worst forms of Billings complaint—knowing things about health or disease "which ain't so."

We cannot speak in such large terms. Our clientele being confined to the United States and Canada and our experience being limited to thirty years of it, we do sincerely believe that there are thousands now paying no attention to that morbid subject and enjoying better health than they ever knew when they believed the bowel required constant watching and "regulation."

Anyway there are hundreds of happy souls who have broken the constipation (and "autointoxication") habit by following the simple advice

eral experts into this region to investigate the ore situation. These ore experts, after an extended investigation, soon demonstrated that the refractory base gold-bearing ores of this region which the local miners classed as telluride, were not actually telluride, as fashioned after the rich Colorado ores, but were especially rich in gold values, and usually known here as arseno pyrite.

They said that this arseno pyrite carrying the telluride gold was ordinarily associated with chlorite rather than with quartz, while the values are carried by the white sulphide of iron content of the ore. Roasting of these diversified refractory base ores in the region, followed by fine grinding and oil flotation or chemical separation was recommended by the visiting ore experts.

However, at this time they have a vision of a general resumption of the industry, with a world-wide depression not yet at its peak, which demands an intensive production of gold to assist the millions of miners here, out of employment in the production of copper, iron and other metals employed in the arts and industries of the world.

During 1927 the local mine owners visioned a large-capacity smelter and refinery plant at some point in southern Oregon, where it would be convenient for the mines of southern Oregon and northern California, as well as points between the San Francisco and Tacoma smelters. This would be a prime factor in the greater development of the vast mineral zone which embraces the region of the two border states.

During the same year the mine owners of the two states concluded that a smelter and refinery plant being located at a general resumption of the mining of gold and copper in this region.

A big meeting of mine owners residing between San Francisco and Tacoma met in Gold Hill and it was the consensus of opinion that Gold Hill was the logical point for the erection of the proposed smelter. This was due to the fact that Gold Hill was on the main line of the Southern Pacific between San Francisco and Portland, and had a number of mines with an output of ore sufficient to operate a large-capacity smelter within a radius of practical transportation from the main portals of the mines to the smelter and refinery.

The Oregon and California mine operators at the meeting advanced quite a sum of money to organize a smelter company and to do all necessary preliminary things to launch the project. A smelter company was formed and extensive sites on the river and railroad on the outskirts of Gold Hill was secured for the plant. However, it became noted about at that time that the big copper companies were junking their smelter and supplanting with mills for grinding the ore and making separation by oil flotation or chemical separation by other cheaper and practical systems of ore reduction. At this point financial support of the smelter project was withdrawn.

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### FRENCH VETERAN GIVES VIEWS ON WORLD WAR DEBT

To the Editor:  
 In your editorial of December 14, in which you forecast what will possibly be the results of the non-payment by France of her war debt in installment due this country, if it serves to bring hatred between the two countries, and destroy all the bonds of friendship that have endured for over 150 years, many millions of good, sensible American citizens as well as millions of French people will deeply regret it. In this as in every other tragedy, there is always one or more individuals more or less responsible for the happenings.

In my opinion, William Randolph Hearst should bear a large share of responsibility in this particular case, as well as other rotten politicians here and in Europe.

Soon after the war, Mr. Hearst began a violent campaign of vituperation against France, for the benefit of Germany. Almost every day his numerous dailies all over the country carried long editorials of hatred against the French nation, in fact he became so abusive that it was found necessary by the French government to expel him from France.

Many of his articles were reprinted in the French press, and read by the French people who had suffered from the war. The responsible heads of the French nation knew very well that this wasn't the attitude of the American government, but the rank and file of the French citizens did not bother themselves to study these facts, and consequently they felt that the administration of the United States was responsible for this outbreak of anti-French propaganda, and they were still more exasperated by Mr. Hoover's moratorium, which relieved Germany of any further payment for war damage to France and Belgium.

Had the war been fought on British soil, perhaps it would have reversed this attitude. This is not a reflection on the English, as the writer was a former British subject, before becoming an American citizen, and as such I have nothing but the deepest respect for the British people as well as for the French people, and as one who for four years suffered physically and financially from the war, and was personally acquainted with many of the conditions with which the people of those countries are facing today, I feel justified in expressing my humble opinion, and judging from some of your editorials that appear from time to time in the Mail Tribune, and particularly the editorial of December 14, I regard to them as an excellent ally.

I fully agree with you, and thank you, you are one of those few editors that try at least to explain the true facts, and give your opinion on how this unfortunate war debt question should be dealt with.

Mr. Hearst has failed to do that; he always has used his pen to sow hatred between nations, and in this work he has had the hearty cooperation of many disreputable international politicians.

He never has given France credit for her suffering during the World War, for the one million and a half of France's children that were killed outright on the battlefields, and for the two more millions that are crippled for life, and for the 50,000 square miles of territory of her best provinces that were left a mass of charred ruins after the war ended. No, Mr. Hearst was very indifferent to that; his heart and good-will went to Prussia, in spite of the fact that German territory had not been scratched by the war. While on the other hand, I did hear often, remarks made by American soldiers that war should have ended in Germany, to give the people there a taste of the war.

Out here, in this God-blessed country, surrounded by two mighty oceans and friendly neighbors, we cannot understand nor realize that these people in northern and eastern France live in perpetual fear. They have seen the Prussian twice in less than 60 years; at each time some of their children have been killed and their homes destroyed, and they have been compelled to live under the iron heel of the Prussian, and work as slaves while their country was occupied. Mr. Hearst has told them there would be no more wars, that a league of nations would be established, and that the whole world would be at peace. But all Mr. Wilson's promises were overruled by the American congress.

Today conditions are far worse than they were 10 years ago; the German people have practically lost all the rights that they obtained under the Weimar constitution, the Prussian Junker is back in power, paying the way for the return of a Hohenzollern, and this, thanks to a certain press and to the politicians.

It is indeed unfortunate that this country has not seen fit to use its mighty moral power to support the League of Nations, and has constantly refused to be one its active members. It would be near insanity for any foreign country to boast that they could get along without the good-will of the United States; it is equally foolish for some of this country's politicians to state that the United States can very well get along without the rest of the world.

Cancellation or repudiation of war debts cannot be the real solution to this thorny question; some other form of settlement will have to be made, every taxpayer in this country and every sane person, whether English, French or German, will agree that the United States is entitled to justice and deserves fair treatment. Some individuals, whether newspaper editors or otherwise, are always jumping at conclusions, and the deduction they make is that all the citizens as well as the government of those defaulting countries are crooks. They size up others with their own biases.

This class of individuals who for their own selfish ambition are always trying to mislead their own countrymen, and at the same time engender hatred between nations, can only be compared to those hell-vom-

### Fugitive Arrested



Robert E. Burns was arrested in Newark, N. J., as a fugitive from a Georgia chain gang. (Associated Press photo)

led demons who in August, 1914, were responsible for the World war, with the hypocritical waverer, "Gott Mit Uns," and in which near eight millions of humans were slaughtered. Those unhappy people who live on the blood-soaked fields of Belgium and northern France, whose countryside is dotted with millions of little white crosses, as a silent reminder of their past suffering, can not be all dishonest, and they do not despise the American people, and do believe the contrary would be a sin. It is incredible to believe that the world politicians have failed in their duties to their respective people in arriving at a just settlement of this irritant debt tangle. Those people over there will not deny that the American taxpayers have a just claim which they cannot afford to cancel, and when this will be properly explained to them, they shall and they will understand, but as they are only human, warmed by their past experience and angered by the action of some of our own politicians who worked so strenuously in helping to relieve Germany of her just obligations in paying for war damage, they are the same individuals who now are clamoring for reprisals against the so-called defaulting nations.

Take Will Rogers' advice and, for a time at least, the less we talk about the whole mess the better.  
 ANDREW CHOMEL.  
 Central Point, December 19, 1932.

Escaping By Deputy  
 In Leg Boy Shout  
 PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—After one of the boys had been shot in the leg, two of three youths who escaped from the state training school near Woodburn Sunday, were arrested in a field near Portland last night by deputy sheriffs. The wounded lad, Ralph Earl, 16, of Portland, was taken to a hospital.

Hill Nominated For Honor As Athlete  
 PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Three Portland men among the first to vote for the best all-around amateur athlete of 1932 for the annual Sullivan award, have nominated Ralph Hill of Klamath Falls, described as one of the greatest distance runners America has sent to the Olympics.

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The Emma Clute Beauty Shop wishes to announce that Mrs. Odell Osborne West, former owner of the Bob Inn Beauty Shop, is replacing Miss Marie Elander who will leave December 23.

Beds of pain eased with sheets of Christmas Seals. Buy several sheets.

Desirable houses always in first class condition for rent, lease or sale. Call 105.

A Christmas Seal on every letter—Will help many to get better.

### 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  
 December 20, 1922.  
 (It was Wednesday.)  
 Patty Arbuckle, dishonored film star, to try comeback.

Man found on Jackson street bridge with gunshot wound in head.

City auto camp closed for season, and four families parked there compelled to move. Letter to editor asks: "Is this the true Medford hospitality?"

Snow in the Skijous adds to the Yuletide atmosphere.

Mitzi coming to the Page in "Lady Billy."

C. of C. Forum attendance below average at excellent talks.

Many permits issued for local buildings.

Portland Klansmen declare war on the Imperial Dragon for the province of Oregon, and representatives of the Imperial Wizard west of the Rockies. Charge he is making money out of oil stock sales.

Twenty Years Ago Today  
 December 30, 1912.  
 (It was Friday.)  
 Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour found guilty of murder in the first degree.

Eapee issues booklet on poultry.

Christmas rush starts at postoffice.

J. M. White of Rose Lane raises a seven-pound carrot.

C. G. Gilchrist of Sams Valley has a bound dog that gets caught in a coyote trap, but whips a coyote that attacked him.

Parcel post law goes into effect January 1.

One hundred eight-fifty dollars subscribed in bars of city for family of five stranded here. Money is used to buy tickets to Sacramento and a new start in life.

Babe Outstanding Girl Athlete of Year, Poll Shows

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—There is no doubt about Mildred Didrikson's place as the outstanding American girl athlete of 1932, regardless of any doubt existing as to her future as an amateur competitor.

With some related additions to the voting, Miss Didrikson today leads all rivals in the second annual Associated Press poll, on the outstanding feminine athlete of the year, with 81 votes out of a total of 215 cast.

The Texas girl nearly doubled the total of her nearest rival, Helene Madison, world champion free style swimmer, who finished with 45 votes. The tennis queen, Helen Wills Moody, placed third with 24 votes and Virginia Van Wie of Chicago, new national golf champion, won fourth place over Eleanor Holm of New York, best of the backstroke mermals.

Here's the feminine "first ten" for the year, based on results of the poll among sports writers and editors throughout the country:

1. Babe Didrikson, track, 81.
2. Helene Madison, swimming, 45.
3. Helen Wills Moody, tennis, 24.
4. Virginia Van Wie, golf, 16.
5. Eleanor Holm, swimming, 14.
6. Stella Jacobs, tennis, 6.
7. Stella Walsh, track, 5.
8. Helen Hicks, golf, 3.
9. Katherine Rawls, swimming, 3.
10. Glenna Collett Vare, golf, 3.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 20.—(AP)—R. D. Jeeper, associate justice of the Idaho supreme court and world war veteran, died here yesterday afternoon of pneumonia. He had been ill for about a week.

Fender and body repairing. Price right. Brill Sheet Metal Works.

Pictures framed for less at K. D. Ross Co., 22 S. Grape.

### FARMER BATTLES 20 DEPUTIES



Max Chichon (left), a farmer living near Elkhorn, Wis., held off 20 deputy sheriffs with shotgun and rifle fire as he resisted a mortgage foreclosure action. More than 300 rounds of ammunition were fired by the officers before Chichon surrendered to Sheriff James Mason (right). (Associated Press Photo)

### COUNTY JAIL FORMS INDIANS ART CLASS

TOPPENISH, Wash., Dec. 20.—(AP) Jail is just one art class after another for Lawrence Sampson, 23, Umatilla Indian. Every time he gets a sentence for drunkenness or fighting, he says, he practices by drawing portraits on the cell walls. The practice led to several commissions for drawings and encouragement from citizens who want him to continue his studies seriously.

Health can be bought! Christmas Seals are the currency.  
 Real Estate or Insurance—Leave it to Jones Phone 798

### Arizona's Prettiest



Eleanor Arthur, winsome daughter of Douglas, has been chosen the most beautiful girl at the University of Arizona by men and women students. (Associated Press Photo)