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DRY ENFORCEMENT FUNDS CUT

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

"NEPOTISM" is a fine, mouth-filling word that has been appearing with great frequency in the public prints of late. If you will look it up in the dictionary, you will find that it means: "Favoritism shown to nephews; bestowal of patronage by reason of relationship, rather than of merit."

In the language of the street, it means taking advantage of a public job to provide for your relatives on the public payroll.

It is said that at one time, before criticism became too pointed, 37 senators and 133 representatives in congress were engaged in this practice, and no estimate has ever been made of the number of state legislators who practice nepotism by putting their relatives on the public payroll as clerks and stenographers.

WHAT is wrong with it? Well, suppose you answer that question for yourself. You can do it as well as anybody else.

But it isn't generally regarded as sportsmanlike to get a good public job for yourself and then start to get good public jobs for a lot of your relatives. And in this country we like to think of our public officials as good sports.

NEPOTISM is a practice that grows up readily in flush times, when everybody is so busy making money for himself that he pays little attention to what is happening to the public funds. As a matter of fact, that is when MOST of the abuses in government grow up.

In tough times, such as we have been experiencing for the past three years, we pay a lot more attention to public expenditures, and become exceedingly critical of those which we regard as unjustified.

For that reason, hard times always tend toward simplification of government, with more results for the money expended. Even hard times, you see, have their uses.

WHAT happens in public business happens also in PRIVATE business.

In good times, we get careless. We let extravagances creep in, and these extravagances run up our costs. With costs going up, PRICES have to go up. After a while, prices get so high that people can no longer pay them, and then business suffers for lack of a market.

In bad times, we are forced to eliminate extravagances and reduce costs in every way we can so that we can put out our products, whatever they happen to be, at a price that people can afford to pay.

So again, in private business, as well as in public, hard times serve a purpose. They are hard to take, of course. But so is castor oil.

HERE is an interesting little note in the day's news:

The Oregon Council for the Protection of Roadside Beauty holds its first quarterly meeting for 1933 in Salem and discusses possible legislation for highway beautification in Oregon.

In the midst of all the depression talk that is going the rounds, that sounds rather odd, doesn't it?

BUT it is a good sign. It indicates that a FEW people, at least, are thinking of things as they will be after the depression evaporates and we get back to normal living.

There will come a time again in Oregon, thank fortune, when we shall be genuinely interested in wholesome things such as adding to the beauty of our surroundings.

And it will be mighty pleasant when it DOES come, won't it?

ANOTHER straw in the wind: Moguls of the Pacific Coast league, meeting in San Francisco, vote to return to 25 cents as the price of a ticket to the baseball bleachers. It's been a long time since anybody got into a major baseball game for two bits.

There's an old proverb to the effect that what goes up must come down. Amusement prices, which went high up in the big years following the war, are coming down.

SALEM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The Oregon Jersey Club will open its annual meeting here tomorrow morning.

WIRE TAPPING AND BOOZE BUYING FOR EVIDENCE MAY GO

Ten Per Cent Slash in Prohibition Expense Approved by House—Stool Pigeon Expense Hit in Amendment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A 10 per cent cut in prohibition enforcement funds for the next fiscal year was approved today by the house, to bring the total allowance down to \$8,440,000. The vote was 129 to 118.

An amendment to the pending four department appropriation bill to prevent wire-tapping in obtaining evidence of liquor law violations was approved too by a vote of 122 to 107. An amendment by Tarver (D., Ga.) to prevent the expenditure of federal prohibition enforcement funds for the purchase of intoxicating liquors, as pay to informers or pay for evidence, was adopted 193 to 78.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—In a test vote, the senate today agreed to drop the drastic democratic proposal for slashing \$600,000,000 from federal expenditures to balance the budget.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Approving an increase of \$18,000,000 in veterans' expenditures next year and anticipating that something drastic will be done about the farm board by next December, the house appropriations committee today reported the billion dollar independent offices supply bill to the house for action.

It would allow \$1,002,800,000 to run the many independent offices in the 1934 fiscal year. This total was said (Continued on Page Nine)

COTTON SPINNER ARGUES AGAINST FARMER AID BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Opposition to the domestic allotment farm relief bill as it applies to cotton was expressed to the senate agriculture committee today by Ernest Hood of Salem, Mass., president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.

Hood asserted it is unlikely cotton production would be decreased by the new plan and contended it might be increased instead. He told the senators the bill would raise the cost of cotton goods, leaving the mill by 18 to 70 per cent and "greatly reduce consumption of cotton products in this country."

He described the bill as an "enormous manufacturers' sales tax" on a necessity of life. He said the bill would work hardships on hundreds of thousands of employees of the cotton mills.

Chairman McNary (R., Ore.) placed in the record a telegram from Thomas B. Cain, president of the Farmers National Grain Dealers' association, opposing the bill as a "huge costly experiment." It said: "Agriculture is in dire distress. It can not survive further experiments. The allotment plan bill now before your committee is a huge costly experiment, a price fixing, tax increasing measure doubtful in accomplishment, requiring huge administrative machinery."

"Farmers are opposed to it, both because it is ineffective and because it places Washington officialdom in direct control of every farm in the country. The farmers lose control of their own affairs under such a plan. "A country revolution is brewing, not against government but against false farm leadership trying to hang upon us an allotment plan or other unsound legislative experiments."

TRAFFIC IN SISKIYOU SLOWED BY SNOWSLIDE

Wind drifted snow and a snowslide delayed traffic on the Siskiyou last night. A heavy snowstorm raged over the summit area. At nine o'clock this morning traffic was moving both ways over the Pacific highway. For a time state police checked autos at Klamath Junction, until the way was open. The snow plows worked most of the night keeping the road open. Travel conditions in Siskiyou county were aggravated by a high wind which caused the snow to drift over the highway.

Pomona, Growers Meet Here Saturday

SENATORS QUAFF \$9000 WORTH OF MINERAL WATERS

Report of Upper House of Congress Shows Heavy Spending On Everything From Pills to Barbering

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A senate pledge in campaign utterances to economy in federal costs today had for its study—if members desired—a private report of the senate secretary on its expenditures showing money paid out for everything from aspirin tablets to hair tonic.

The total involved—covering appropriations and expenditures for all the fiscal year 1932 and parts of other periods—was \$4,118,455.

Actual expenditures were totaled as of June 30, 1932, at \$128,227 less than that.

"Miscellaneous Items" — as tabulated in the report by Edwin P. Taylor, the secretary — involving small sums in the fiscal year 1930 and 1931 and about \$200,000 in 1932, aggregated \$240,846.

Some items contained in this, in approximate amounts, covered such expenditures as about \$8000 for the barber shop and \$9000 for mineral waters, the price of the latter ranging from \$7 to \$11.75 a case with hundreds of cases bought. Free barbering has been available to the legislators for years.

Distribution of the report, somewhat in the nature of a confidential matter, is limited to two copies per senator, for them to do with as they will.

WAR DEBTS AND TARIFFS TALKED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Along a wide front upon which war debts and tariffs stood out as salient points, the international economic problem was attacked today by both the president and workers of the president elect.

President Hoover called in Senators Moore (R., N. H.) and Walcott (R., Conn.) for conferences on what should be done to stop the flow of goods into the United States from countries whose money has been cheapened.

The president has been described as feeling that unless these countries stabilize their currencies, the United States may have to raise its tariffs.

At the state department, Professor Rexford G. Tugwell, an advisor of President-elect Roosevelt, discussed economic and debt questions with department experts.

Jackson Co. Irrigation Law Amendments Given Fast Legislature Ride

By Mary Greiner Kelly.

SALEM, Jan. 26.—(Sp.)—Just a little bill to keep the wolf from the door," cooed Representative B. F. Nichols of Roseburg, as he rose to introduce House Bill No. 8 this morning. The portly Douglas county legislator adopted the tone of a family doctor in the act of forcing a pill (not bill) down the throats of a skeptical group of youngsters.

This proposed piece of legislation would open up the bounty on cougars and wolves at \$20 and \$30 a head respectively. According to Representative Nichols, this would furnish a means of livelihood to ambitious members of the unemployed. At the same time, it would rid the hills of these wild animals which prey upon deer and livestock in certain areas.

Here is heartening news for Jackson county's unemployed. Tomorrow's action in the house may not spoil it all. But anyway—the upper chamber passed Senate Bill No. 59 this morning, allowing the Jackson county court to use \$50,000 of the sinking fund for the Pacific Highway redemption bonds for this purpose. The bill will be brought into the house either late today or tomorrow morning, it is thought. According to a few representatives interviewed to-

day, it's passage in the house is not improvable. Jackson county may have its minor discontents, but when it comes to amending irrigation laws, the boys from home click faster than most of them. Arriving in the capital Monday, Porter J. Neff and O. O. Arrington went into an immediate conference with the state engineer and others preliminary to the introduction of legislation which will permit reorganization of the Medford irrigation district.

By this morning, Attorney Neff had authored the three necessary bills, which were introduced by Representative Kelly, a member of the house irrigation and drainage committee. With a little pressure, the bills passed first and second reading and are now in the hands of the committee awaiting final passage. Ain't that something?

CONSOLIDATION OF STATE BUREAUS IS LEGISLATION AIM

Banking, Corporation, Insurance Departments Would Be Merged by Bill—One Commissioner in Charge

SALEM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Lieutenant-Governor Victor A. Meyers of Washington today was extended the courtesy of the Oregon senate when he arrived to visit the legislature this noon. He will be accorded house courtesy this afternoon.

The presiding officer of the Washington state senate, following his introduction to President Fred E. Kiddie, and the latter's speech of welcome, was handed the gavel and taking the president's seat, announced: "The senate will come to order." He then handed the gavel to Kiddie.

SALEM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A major consolidation bill, providing for a merger of the state banking, corporation and insurance departments into a department to be known as the state department of finance, was ready for introduction today by Senators Woodward and Dunne. It will go in as an administration bill.

Over each of the divisions would be an official to be known as a director to be appointed by commission, heading the department with approval of the governor. The commissioner would be appointive by the governor.

The merger would become effective July 1, this year. The bill provides a \$5000 salary for the commissioner and he would be required to execute bonds in the sum of \$50,000. Salaries of the directors and other employees would be fixed by the director with approval of the governor. Each director would give bonds.

SALEM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Plans for (Continued on Page Four)

RELIEF WORKERS REPORT EFFORTS; NEED MORE COIN

Showing the accomplishment of a tremendous amount of relief work on the part of all and a general shortage of funds, reports were given today noon at the regular luncheon of the Allied Welfare association at the Hotel Medford by representatives of each organization included in the association.

A plea for the support of other (Continued on Page Nine)

BLONDE SCREEN STAR LOSES JEWELS



Betty Compton holding her empty jewel case which, according to police, she said was rifled of \$41,000 in gems by a bandit who held her and E. D. Lashin (right), a guest at her home, up. She refused to sign a complaint in Los Angeles. (Associated Press Photos)

GAUDY PENCIL LURES TOT TO DEATH IN BASEMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A gaudy pencil, whose red, blue and gold stripes coaxed 6-year-old Helen Sterler to horror and death in a Brooklyn cellar, forced a confession today from a young negro that he attacked and strangled her.

Lloyd Price, 22 years old and good looking, sat grinning and smoking cigarettes in a police station before dawn today. Detectives had been questioning him for seven hours.

"Now, how," he said for the hundredth time, "I wouldn't do a thing like that."

But look at this pencil, a detective said softly. "It was found in the cellar. Your mother's outside and she says it belonged to your dead father. She says it disappeared from her bureau drawer two days ago."

"Is my mother out there?" the negro said, with a laugh. "Well, can't I want to clear my conscience. Get someone in here who can write and I'll tell you about it."

The confession said that Wednesday afternoon he left his home and went out on the streets looking "for a child." It told how he approached Helen as she played on a sidewalk, showed her 25 cents and the pencil and "made her eyes brighter" of the attack and the child's death.

One hundred policemen, spurred by a frightened and furious populace in the dingy tenement district, ransacked the neighborhood for hours. Price was one of a number of suspects picked up. Police suspicions grew when they learned he had served two reformatory terms for attacks.

Helen was the fifth school girl to be attacked in the same neighborhood in less than two years. Three were killed, another seriously injured and the fifth beat off her assailant.

Detectives questioned Price about these cases. "Now, how," he said, "I didn't have nothin' to do with them."

AUBURN-HAIRED WOMAN TORCH MURDER VICTIM

SPRING VALLEY, N. Y., Jan. 27.—(AP)—The pyre murder of an auburn-haired woman whose body was found aflame near Spook Rock baffled authorities today.

They sought to learn whether any woman answering the description was missing and they also hunted a man whose truck was mired near the scene a half hour before the body was discovered.

Waves of smoke curling upward in the snow-covered peach and apple country attracted Alonzo Osborn as he walked along a road. Behind a Boulder he found the burning body, sprawled on its face.

Although the flames had charred it badly, an examination disclosed the woman was about 5 feet, 1 inch tall, about 35 years old, and weighing about 115 pounds. A purse nearby held \$16.50.

The body was found in the shadow of Spook Rock, a huge stone with an Indian legend. Footprints of a man were traced in the new-fallen snow, and there was a print of a five-gallon can, which may have held the gasoline with which the body was set afire.

The woman wore a black velvet coat and three pairs of stockings, one of wool and two of silk.

FRUIT MEN WILL ELECT OFFICERS AND HEAR REPORT

Two Important Meetings Slated — Fruit Growers Meet in Court House; Pomona Grange at K. P. Hall

Annual meeting of the Fruitgrowers' league will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the county court house auditorium. Election of officers for the new year will be one of the leading features of the program and the annual report will be given by the president, E. W. Carlton.

Edwin Smith of Wenatche, Wash., representative of the United States department of agriculture, will give an illustrated lecture on the temperature and quality of pears as affected by transcontinental shipment by rail and by boat.

W. W. Aldrich, assistant horticultural department, Horticultural Crops and Diseases, will speak on the recent results from pear irrigation studies, which may help reduce production costs.

Arch Wood, assistant irrigation engineer in the division of irrigation, will discuss some results found in irrigation investigations made here in clay and adobe soils.

Reports Slated J. C. Thompson, chairman of the Rogue Valley Agricultural Finance committee, and Colonel Gordon Voorhes, member of the advisory board of the Portland bureau of the regional agriculture finance corporation, will give a complete report and summary of the efforts under way to secure loans for pear crop producers.

All fruit growers and other interested persons in the valley are urged to attend the meeting.

Pomona Grange to Meet There will be a meeting of the Pomona Grange at 10 a. m. Saturday in the Knights of Pythias hall in Medford.

Officers will be installed and committees will be announced for the coming year. Resolutions which are to be placed before the Grange are to be given to the secretary. These resolutions are to be numbered and will be taken up and discussed according to their numbers.

Dinner at Noon A large attendance is desired and the subordinate masters are urged to have a large representation from their Granges present.

A covered dish dinner will be served at noon and all are expected to bring covered dishes for the dinner. The entertaining Grange furnishes coffee, sugar and cream.

FEDERAL AIRWAY INSPECTOR BOGGS KILLED IN CRASH

CORONA, Cal., Jan. 27.—(AP)—M. S. Boggs, airline inspector of the department of commerce, died early today as a result of injuries suffered last night when a government-owned plane, in which he was piloting two society women as passengers, struck a high tension wire near here.

The two women, both of whom gave their address as Los Angeles, were identified as Mrs. Mary Cogan and Miss Stacia Curry. Mrs. Cogan's arm was broken and Miss Curry's hip was injured.

The trio were en route to the O. R. Fuller ranch near here. Fuller is (Continued on Page Nine)

KAISER CELEBRATES 74TH ANNIVERSARY

DOORN, Holland, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Wilhelm Hohenzollern, former Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany, celebrated his 74th birthday today.

The observance included a service in the chapel of Doorn House, his estate since his flight from Germany November 10, 1918. It was conducted by Dr. Schneller, his pastor. This was followed by the family luncheon.

Galesworthy Unchanged. LONDON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—John Galesworthy, British novelist, was still in a critical condition from an attack of uremia. It was reported at his residence this morning that his condition was unchanged.

UNCLE SAM MAY FIND BOND SALE MORE DIFFICULT

Biggest Bankers Growing Shy On Government Credit — Sales Tax Drive May Be Renewed for Tax Policy

By PAUL MALLON (Copyrighted by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The biggest bankers are getting a little shy about government credit. They have read the budget news out of Washington recently with some trepidation. They are the ones who pushed Treasury Secretary Mills into his campaign for a sales tax and a perfectly balanced book.

He thinks now he may have some trouble floating the long term experimental bond issue around February 1. It would probably be for \$250,000,000. If it has to be suspended or does not go well, satisfaction for the sales tax will be redoubled.

You cannot tell yet how that taxation policy will work out. The Roosevelt boys have not abandoned their private thought that a less rigid budget policy is advisable. That is what is behind their decision to put the matter off until the new congress.

Mr. Roosevelt's relations with the press are entirely different from those of Mr. Hoover.

Whereas Mr. Hoover has had about two press conferences in the last six months, Mr. Roosevelt has one every day. The usual hour is 4 p. m. He knows by their first names all the newspapermen assigned to cover him. He does not tell them very much, but he is genial about it. He kids them along, evading direct answers to their questions. He enjoys the daily sparring match thoroughly.

Talking "of the record" is one of his hobbies. That means what he says is not to be attributed to him but can be used by the newsmen on their own authority, if they care so.

Usually it is too pro-Roosevelt for their purposes. (Continued on Page Five)

HEAVY SNOW HITS INTERIOR OREGON

BEND, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—High winds which whipped fleecy snow into great drifts last night blocked several state highways in interior Oregon and temporarily marooned several groups of motorists. Early today the Fremont and Lakeview-Klamath highways still remained barricaded by snow.

A call was received in Bend for a rotary snow plow to be used in the Chemult country. The Dalles-Cullford and Central Oregon highways remained open to travel, but heavy snow in the southern Cascades blocked the Eugene-Klamath line of the Southern Pacific west of Odell summit.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 26.—On account of it being the only kind of money that 80 per cent of our people ever handle, they want to see silver again a real value, but congress wants to keep it as it is; just to pound up and use as a wedding present.

See where the Roosevelts, even down to the fifth cousins, are straying back into the fold. Nothing will bring back distant kinfolks like the news spreading that you got a job. The very popular wife of a very popular retiring cabinet member has written a song, "My Homeland."

Yours, Will Rogers

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COUNTY JUDGE'S PAY GARNISHED

A garnishment of the salary of County Judge Earl H. Fehl for the month of January to date was filed with the county clerk this morning.

A return was made by the county clerk and sheriff.

The garnishment was filed by Lord & Moulton of Portland and Allison Moulton of this city on a \$15,000 judgment awarded to Roy M. Parr against Earl H. Fehl in a libel action founded on charged hurled in the oft-mentioned Everett Dahack case.

A few days after assuming the office of county judge, Fehl made an assignment of his salary for January to Cornelia E. Stalley. The county judge's salary is \$165.00 a month.

The action is based on the provision of the Oregon law and supreme court decision prohibiting assignment of salaries by elected officials.

The case will probably be taken to the higher courts.

Nyssa Has Blizzard. NYSSA, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—The most severe blizzard that has struck this section of Oregon in several years has been raging for 24 hours. A snowdrift six feet deep near the C. C. Hunt ranch south of here, blocked the Owyhee road.

PORTLAND GROPPES IN SUDDEN DARK

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Five thousand street lights, most of Portland's homes, nearly all the theaters and restaurants and most of the downtown buildings were in complete darkness last night for periods ranging from 10 to 30 minutes after two 60,000-volt transformers at a Portland General Electric substation burned out.

Street cars came to a sudden halt and were idle all the way from 10 minutes to an hour.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Wind, rain and darkness descended on Salem last night. For three minutes the darkness was pierced only by automobile lights, as power trouble in Portland extended to the capital city.

The Willamette river raised 2.5 feet while an inch and a half of rain fell yesterday and last night. Rain continued to fall here this morning.

LANE COUNTY SEEKS CUT IN PHONE RATE

EUORENE, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A hearing on a request for lower telephone rates for Lane county rural lines and towns was sought in a resolution directed to Charles M. Thomas, commissioner of public utilities in Oregon, by the Lane County Rural Telephone association today.