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Improve Fire Department

PERHAPS—just perhaps—there may be one measure on the ballot this Friday upon which there will be general agreement. This is the proposal to put the Medford Fire Department under civil service.

There should be no material opposition to such a constructive and desirable proposal. There is everything to be said in favor and nothing against.

Medford has one of the best fire departments in the state now. But it could, of course, be made better, and instituting civil service would do just that.—make it better.

EUGENE, Klamath Falls, Salem and other cities in Medford's class in the state, have adopted civil service for their fire departments, and the experiment in each and every case has been a success.

Why shouldn't it be? Civil service simply means purging public service of politics, and putting public service upon a nonpartisan MERIT basis.

It is essentially nothing but good business and common sense. Politics should have no place in a fire department, personal or partisan. If a member of a fire department is competent, capable, has done and is doing good work, he should not be kicked out, just because some politician may not like him, or wishes to replace him with someone who happens to wear a different political label. This is the spoils system, and it is bad in any department of the public service, but particularly so, where inefficiency or lack of proper organization may mean the loss not only of property but of lives.

MEDFORD not only has one of the best fire departments in the state, but one of the most capable and experienced fire chiefs. If any citizen has doubts regarding the advisability of introducing civil service, Fire Chief Elliott's enthusiastic support of the proposal should remove it. For everyone knows the chief and knows he would not favor any change that could injure the department in any way. Civil service might mean more work for him at times, but it would be for the good of the department, and the good of the department is all he is interested in.

NOT only would civil service make the local department more efficient, but it would improve Medford's fire rating, and its adoption would lead to other changes which eventually would no doubt result in lower insurance rates.

As we view it, civil service in the fire department should have the unanimous endorsement of the people of this city, for, as before stated, there is everything to be said in favor of it, and nothing against.

The Days Ahead

THESE are restless times. The days ahead of us will be restless days. As the party campaigns warm up Americans are going to be subjected to one of the hardest political battles in many years. And on every hand we're going to be bombarded with the threat of losing our liberties.

In fact, it's a safe guess the campaign will be fought out more or less along the line of American liberties. One faction is going to contend that the American liberty will pass and fascism or communism or a dictator or some other ism will supplant it unless that party is returned to power. And just as hard-litting will be the other party using about the same arguments.

And so when the smoke of the battle vanishes one wonders if the good old American Constitution still will be intact despite the battle scars.

WELL, as one writer recently summed up, this country has gone through a good many hard battles—political and otherwise, and it's still a going concern. The Civil war and other wars have come and gone; depressions and booms have been hard, but the United States has weathered them. And then there have been such uprisings as the Populists, and the Ku Kluxers and the Know Nothings and the Green Backers and abolitionist and prohibitionist eras; the agitation for women's suffrage and the scandal of Teapot Dome. These and many more have come along and split the nation. Some have hurt and some have helped, but the country always has muddled through and the Union still stands.

So when you are worrying about the coming battle keep this thought in mind—we, the people, have fought and bled and died for something called liberty; it is most deeply rooted and it won't be easily uprooted, New Deal or not, Supreme court or not.—Emporia Gazette.



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well withheld because he could not find a suitable farm man. Thus did Alchemist Roosevelt draw confirmatory strength from the senate and provide his own leadership for the board. The result is a key formula to Mr. Roosevelt's fundamental method of operations.

Note 1—There is a story going around that Al Smith's speech had something to do with the selection of the federal reserve board, which came out 36 hours later. It could not possibly be true because the correct list of new board members in the hands of senators and certain banking authorities confidentially several days before they were announced.

Note 2—You may suspect that the appointment of the seventh board member will control the board, but that may or may not be. The six may or may not split equally on political or economic lines. The overwhelming aggressiveness in congress to vote the bonus was a private laugh even for some of the veterans lobbyists.

It is a popular belief in congress that veterans' support is the best an ambitious public man can get, but there have been several notable un-

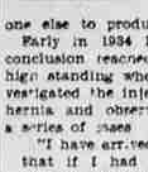
Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

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CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARD INJECTION TREATMENT OF HERNIA

"The popular writer on medical subjects" screamed the omniscient bla-bla man of the poor old American Medical Association referring to me, "incontinently" in the possession of the records of people who have had those injections and subsequently developed gangrene from which they died."



Early in 1934 I quoted here the conclusion reached by a surgeon of high standing who had carefully investigated the injection treatment of hernia and observed the results in a series of cases. He said:

"I have arrived at the conclusion that if I had a hernia I would have it operated upon, and therefore my advice must be that people who come seeking injection treatment should have the operation."

I was with regret that I learned of the surgeon's conclusion, for I believed he was a conscientious in his investigation of the method and unbiased in his judgment. I mentioned it here because on a previous occasion I had mentioned the surgeon's interest in and use of the method.

Today the same surgeon writes: "My attitude toward injection treatment has changed. I am convinced that it is a valuable method with some definite limitations. The results are showing up pretty well. It is still too early to talk about figures on that but I am advising people to have it in preference to operation, in cases which I think are suitable."

We are starting a clinic in the Outpatient department of a Hospital, which is definite evidence of my change of opinion."

The surgeon is one of high standing, a professor in a class A medical school. (Only medical colleges may learn his name.)

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Maury H. B. Paul is among the very fortunate few who seem never worn down by the furious pace. As the society writer, Cholty K n i c k e r -bocker, he is always going with a speed that suggests the roulette ball and yet never loses enthusiasm.



On top of this he probably produces more copy than any two of the most prolific scribblers in Manhattan. Now and then he hikes off for Palm Beach or the Riviera, but never without typewriter. In his early 40's, he has been maintaining this tempo for two decades.

It is not likely that he can recall a dusk that donning a dinner jacket or white tie and tails was not a part of his routine. A bouncing sort of fellow, ruddy, bright-eyed, he may attend four or five affairs a night cap drop into a supper club.

A bachelor, he lives with his mother, to whom he is devoted, dividing time between his apartment on East 87th street and a country place in Connecticut. He is a Social Registerite, drives a Rolls, and has familiar scraps with everybody of social importance in the greater city.

Willie and Eugene Howard are on the boards again after a romp in Hollywood. No two performers have a more loyal New York following. Employing practically the same regimen of their vaudeville days, they are a fire Willie has made that enormous and despairing shrug as much a part of the theater as the footlights. It looks to be broad burlesque, but you realize it's art as definite in its expansive way as a flutery mignon gesture by Duse.

By first view of the Howards was from the Columbia's peanut heaven in Cincinnati. A standard turn bill as "The Traveling Salesman and the Messenger Boy." The chief fun was in Willie's trick exploding cigar. Just as he raised it to his mouth, pop-pop. He was ready belly-laugh stuff and I have no doubt it would be today. Certainly his sly peaking at a hearing boom during a burlesque quartet rendition of "Rigoletto" is as funny as anything on the stage today.

Neither H. G. Wells nor Somerset Maugham missed many brass rings on the New York carousel during their stay. They took the Bohemian as well as the Gold Coast in stride—parties at A. C. Blumenbhal's, the big floor shows in Broadway restaurants, Jimmy Kelly's midnight madness in Hudson street, and the inevitable Scotch woodcock breakfast at Robson's. Hostesses in their visits they restricted associations to the liberal and dull tea of pub-

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE senate joins the house in passing the bonus bill over the President's veto, and it is now a law.

Its cost will be about two and a half billions, which would be a lot of money if one had to count it all, a dollar at a time. A billion is a thousand millions, and a million is a 1,000.

It doesn't sound so big as we read the headlines, because we have become so accustomed to reading of billions.

WE haven't yet become accustomed to PAYING them because, so far, we've merely added these billions to WHAT WE OWED.

The paying will come later.

THIS dispatch from Chicago interests us out on the Pacific Coast, because when the OTHER FELLOW gets nasty weather it's always interesting.

"Ice-locked from the Rockies to the Atlantic by a week of zero weather, a frozen nation today (Monday) gave up all hope of relief for at least three days."

(Note that this "frozen nation" is located by the Chicago dispatches as EAST of the Rockies. Back there, they think of the nation that way.)

IT'S really cold, though, as may be judged by this sentence from the Chicago weather dispatch:

"Niagara falls remained frozen over for the third consecutive day for the first time in man's memory. (White man's memory, presumably.)"

Thirty years hence, that will be something for the old-timers to tell about, which reminds us that 30 years from now the youngsters of today will be old-timers.

THIS headline isn't unexpected. "New Dealers Open Attack on Al Smith." He opened the fight on them, so it's natural and logical for them to fight back.

If Al had PRAISED the New Deal, the New Deal would have praised him. That's the way politics goes.

YOY may have noted this sentence from the Washington dispatch: "Political leaders were seeking to reckon the significance of Smith's projected 'walk' if the Democratic convention endorses the administration, as expected."

It raises this question: "WHERE WILL HE WALK?"

INTO a third party? That is improbable, for Al Smith and those who feel as he does are seasoned campaigners who know by experience that a third party is apt to be nothing more than a futile gesture of protest.

They want RESULTS—not futile gestures of protest.

THE way it looks now, there will be two major parties in the coming election—the New Deal party and the anti-New Deal party.

The Democratic party, as a matter of course, will be the New Deal party, for the New Dealers are in command and control of it. The Republicans, who are out and want to get in and are therefore the party of protests, become logically and naturally the anti-New Deal party.

But in the campaign that is beginning "Republican" and "Democrat" will be only empty name. The real issue on which people will divide will be New Deal and anti-New Deal.

LANE COUNTY REDUCES RELIEF OFFICE STAFF

EUGENE, Jan. 29.—The reorganization of Mr. Martha Wynn as social service director for the Lane County relief office was in the hands of the committee today. No successor has been appointed.

In accordance with a program of curtailment made necessary by lack of funds, the committee today released one case worker and two stenographers.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION EYES COAST BRIDGES

SALEM, Jan. 29.—The state highway commission begins a two-day inspection tour of the new Oregon Coast highway bridges today. Members will spend the night at Newport.

Members of the commission are Henry Cabel, Portland, chairman; F. L. Youville, Medford, and Ed Aldrich, Bendleton. S. J. Baldoock, state highway engineer, will accompany the party.

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Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY January 29, 1926 (It was Friday) H. Chandler Egan wins golf championship of Bermuda Islands.

Professor Vining of Ashland, in address at Portland, "visions development of Oregon" coming year.

Drive against speeding continues in city and county with 15 arrests.

Heavy rains fall in valley and snow covers the foothills and high mountains.

Lively demand for hogs and cattle pleases farmers.

Funds started for building of new church at Phoenix.

Twenty years ago today January 29, 1916 (It was Saturday) The East Side Shakespeare club meets with Mrs. H. C. Stoddard.

Mrs. Jonas Wold is hostess at Elks' Ladies' party.

Mrs. George M. Roberts entertained the Friday Bridge club at her home on North Orange street.

The Colony club is meeting daily to sew bandages for Belgians.

President Wilson favors each nation making its own war munitions.

Pancho Villa, Mexican bandit leader, reported surrounded by Carranza forces.

Ye Poet's Corner

Lary Willamette Hushed like the stillness of the West, Smooth and calm, I see it flow; Against the shore its wave is great As it lazily does go.

To the Columbia its way It takes, now when there is no breeze The water glides smooth, does not roaring play And there, I see it through the trees.

The forest in autumn colours is decked, Through which the river slips away; It many years this path had trocked, And will until the latest day.

O lary Willamette gliding by, I see your smooth and quiet flow, Ayl glide on, past the meadows nigh, As you have done since long ago. PERCY MADDEX Ashland, Ore.

Dawn Sottly rosy light comes stealing Into our windows at morn, Quickly our eyes fly open, For another day is born.

Loud and clear we hear the cock crow Calling all to awake; From afar we hear the birds' call Coming from across the lake.

Cattle softly lowing, horses neighing from the doors, Seem to tell us to hurry And get to our morning chores.

All these things we see and hear At the dawn of another day, Fills our hearts, and sets us singing, Makes us thankful here to stay. MARY FERRY Same Valley.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP) Dr. Elwood Mead, late commissioner of reclamation, was buried today in nearby Arlington cemetery, after funeral services conducted by Colonel Alva Bransted, chief of the army chaplain corps.

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