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The Governor Demands Economy

THE pledge to give Oregon a business administration appears to be more than a mere gesture on the part of Governor Julius Meier. In his recent letter to heads of all state departments demanding that expenditures be held to a minimum he revealed a knowledge which has come to him only through complete study of the laxity in controlling expenses of state departments.

He points out that there is not only a lack of uniformity in the salaries paid subordinates in the various departments but unequivocally charges that some of them have padded payrolls and have kept incompetents enrolled thereon. Figures are quoted from the budget commission which reveal that traveling and subsistence expense for the state during the previous biennium totaled \$1,165,685, telephone and telegraph expense \$127,597, postage \$197,215, stationery and printing \$166,285, and general office supplies \$61,842, all of which the new governor maintains can be materially reduced. He indicates that he will not be satisfied with anything less than a 10 per cent reduction in all those items of expense, and it is our prediction that department heads who fail to meet the requirement will not remain long in their positions.

After all, there is only one way to hold public expenses to a minimum and that is to conduct them as the successful business man runs his own business. The governor is a successful business man and he appears determined to apply business methods to the conduct of state affairs which cannot help but effect an appreciable saving to taxpayers.

She Likes Young People

RUTH BRYAN OWEN, the talented daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, represents a Florida district in congress. That she is popular is indicated by her re-election last fall without opposition, but according to a recent story from Washington that popularity is based upon something more appealing to her constituents than her standing as a democrat.

Prior to the adjournment of the recent congress she entertained thirty-six boys and girls, two from each county in her district, selected as the best citizens in their home schools. Mrs. Owen paid all their expenses to Washington and made arrangements for them to see the most important features of that city, including a call on the president and a visit to George Washington's historic home at Mount Vernon. Then an interesting meeting was held where several notables made speeches, and the youngsters returned home with a new and broader conception of their country and its beautiful capital.

Mrs. Owen provides this remarkable excursion each year, and says that she finds herself well rewarded and inspired by the eager enthusiasm of her youthful guests. It's a beautiful service to her country as well as to her district, and only a lover of children would have made it possible.

Locking The Stable Door

THE state legislature of California has enacted a new law to control building and loan associations. It is said that the measure has teeth in it and will prevent a recurrence of a crash such as that which recently occurred after the president and manager of a building and loan association had mulcted it of eight million dollars.

The belated action of California lawmakers reminds one of the old saying about locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen, but it is better late than never. It often requires a severe jolt to bring governing bodies to their senses. It was not until the Southern California institutions crashed with a loss of eight million dollars to their depositors that those charged with the responsibility of the enactment of laws protecting depositors were awakened to the need for strict regulation of building and loan associations which have been enjoying a mushroom growth all over the country.

Here are a few words from Julius Rosenwald that ought to be dedicated to the one-hundred-per-cent grumblers: "Show me any government in the world for which you would swap the United States."

One who presumes to know says: "The hinges of true friendship never rust." By the same token they never squeak.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to stretch and snap his suspenders as an aid to conversation?

There may be such an animal as the average man, but to suggest an average woman isn't good form.

After all the fun the fact remains that public opinion is as inconclusive as the Wickersham report.

EDITORIALS

From Over The Nation

Curing Economic Ills

Los Angeles Times: That there are abuses in business which ought to be corrected no one doubts, but it is equally true that they are less now than at any previous time in history. The proper way to deal with them is in the light of reason and not by the smoky and flickering flame of emotion. They will be cured by the slow but sure processes of evolution, one at a time and concretely, and not by tearing down the whole structure and trying to erect something else in its place, leaving nothing without shelter in the meantime.

Our economic structure is a growth of many centuries; it is not anything imagined, or invented, or created by conspiracy. Like an oak, it has twists and whorls which mark its symmetry; but also like an oak, it has sturdiness, strength, stability; it is capable of withstanding great strains and of giving enormous support. It can, perhaps, be uprooted, or it can be girdled and killed, but it will take a long time to grow anything as good to replace it.

Assaults upon business are attacks upon an institution which provides bread and butter for nearly everybody and a good deal of cake and ice cream for the more industrious, the more able and the more fortunate. Further, the cake and the ice cream are increasing relatively year by year and are being served to more and more. Sometimes supplies are short and deliveries are delayed. Destruction of the plant on this account would be the most short-sighted kind of foolishness and would result in nobody getting anything much. Those who attempt destruction are truly public enemies.

Prose in Variety

Kether Mason in the Christian Science Monitor: The prose style of Washington Irving, like that of a minstrel in medieval days, blushing his strings and wearing his graceful melodies before a courtly audience.

That style of Walt Whitman, like the bass drum in an orchestra, full of importance, each note struck with a boyish urgency, but the whole in rhythm, heat, that reverberates to the mature heart of humanity.

That of David Thoreau: flute-like, cool, silvery; or, to take another simile, like the sea shell delicate tones of which whisper of the shore watched through a summer mist that diffuses light and instead of darkening the scene sets it a full key the higher.

The way of Nathaniel Hawthorne: lustrous, minding us of a rich woodland in autumn when the afternoon sunshine pours its gold alike on the airy sycamore branches and on the tossed leaves of the dusk forest-floor.

That of Emily Dickinson: flinty, evocative, colored like the mountain harebell, but no, not colored, rather tinted, and mystically veined, never transparent but ever and anon translucent.

Charlie Chaplin Is Given French Legion of Honor

PARIS, March 27. (AP)—Charles Chaplin was decorated with the French legion of honor this afternoon at the foreign office. The ribbon and diploma were handed to him by Philippe Berthelot, secretary-general of the foreign office.

Chaplin is the first foreign movie actor to receive the decoration. "I am much moved by this recognition by France," Chaplin replied, "and it is a great inspiration to feel that I am the only foreign motion picture artist to hold the honor."

Long Border Words



HORIZONTAL
1 City in Minnesota
3 Queen of the heavens
4 Sailor
9 Danish islands in Atlantic
10 Prongs
12 Wise man
13 Wing of a seed
15 Valley
17 Devoured
18 Excavation
20 To persevere
21 To encircle
23 Sowed
25 To polish
27 Self
28 Pertaining to the apex of a church
32 To corrode
35 Point

ROLPH SIGNS HIGHWAY BILL

Governor James Rolph of California last night signed the Edwards-Kilne bill, putting the Wood-Klamath Falls highway on the secondary highway system of the state, according to Carl Phelps of the Wood-Klamath highway association.

Mr. Phelps in his telephone message stated that the state had advertised yesterday for bids on the highway section to be paved this year for which \$150,000 was recently appropriated.

The Edwards-Kilne places 804 miles of highways in California on the secondary system of the state, 733 miles in southern California and 171 miles in northern California.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

"Let's make a place for the homeless in Ohio and Indiana." Today this is the slogan of those who have at heart not only the interests of the Klamath country, but of the farmers who are today without homes in the fertile valleys of the Miami-Wash rivers.

The plan is to bring pressure to bear on President Wilson, so that he will immediately open to settlement the vast Klamath Indian reservation.

Postmaster Brandenburg announced today that beginning this week mail would be distributed to all of the boxes in the postoffice. This will permit all those who have boxes to receive mail on Sunday, the same as on week days.

At the Blackburn hospital this morning Doctors Truax, Merryman, White and Wright performed an operation on Mrs. George Deal of Langell Valley and succeeded in removing a number of gallstones, which have been a source of much inconvenience for some time.

Thomas Bellamy, colored, was acquitted by a jury in circuit court last night on a charge of having assaulted George Ward with intent to kill. The jury deliberated a couple of hours when the verdict was announced.

Sam Evans left Thursday for San Francisco, and rumors are current on the streets today that another spectacular newspaper venture in Klamath Falls has about reached its end.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

Every man may find some good kind of opportunity in front of him if he is earnest to avail himself of it.—John Wanamaker.

The ruin of most men dates from some idle moment.—G. S. Hillard.

Put away your yachts and declare war on hard luck.—Major General Smedley D. Butler, addressing Philadelphia business men.

A Democratic administration is what Chicago needs.—Alfred E. Smith.

People who think straight don't run around in circles.—H. Bertram Lewis.

I'm running in high all the time.—William A. (Billy) Sunday.

THOUGHTS We've Been THINKING

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after the change in political affairs has been accomplished and the old bread and butter proposition—which is as old as time—begins to loom stronger than anything else.

It is during such times that a Senator Bennett appears on the scene—the senator from Multnomah county—and advocates issuing state money. It is during such times that a Senator Norris appears and argues for a new political party or a new cleavage of the old party members, usually selecting the party that is out of power to carry the banner and strike the rock from which shall issue green-

backs, gold and silver in abundance.

WE have not gotten far enough along in this particular epoch to have a Sockless Jerry Simpson show up, or a Coxey to lead an army on Washington. Speeches on the tariff seem to be lacking for the rank and file are thinking about the price of gasoline—something that was not in the public mind years ago.

THE price of food declined fourteen and a half per cent in 1930. This plainly made the dollar of today worth more than the dollar of 1929. And, after all is said, the value of the dollar is the measuring stick. Two cheap dollars are worth no more than one dollar that will buy what the two cheap dollars will buy. Wonder if that thought has ever been held long enough by some to analyze what it really means.

MILLS REPORT LOWER STOCKS

SEATTLE, Wash., March 27. (AP)—Inventories in lumber mills are being reduced weekly and now lower than at this time last year, the West Coast Lumbermen's association said today in reporting 342 mills operating at 40.98 per cent of capacity the week ending March 21 as compared with 73.03 per cent for the same week a year ago and 41.77 per cent for the week ending March 14.

Current new business reported by 222 mills was 20.36 per cent over production and shipments were 59 per cent under. During the past 16 weeks orders for 222 mills have averaged 12.97 per cent over production the report said, due to the low levels of cutting and fairly regular although low volume buying. Unfilled orders are holding at the equivalent of four weeks production at current levels.

Orders increased about 18,400,000 feet over the previous

week, shipments stayed about the same while production dropped to 107,855,775 feet or about 1,000,000 feet less than the previous week.

Bethlehem Steel Co. Gets Control Longview Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27. (AP)—The Examiner says control of the Columbia river-Longview bridge which connects Oregon and Washington has passed to the Bethlehem Steel company through acquisition of practically the entire issue of the \$999 shares of no par common stock outstanding from its former owners in the northwest.

Holders of the Columbia river-Longview Bridge company first mortgage of 4 1/2 per cent sinking fund gold bonds, the newspaper says, "who were notified that the bridge company was unable to meet the semi-annual interest payments on bonds due April 1 have been asked to defer interest on the next four coupons payable April 1, 1931, to October 1, 1932, and waive operation of the sinking fund until after 1935."

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