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Municipal Problem

A MATTER that should receive attention of the city budget committee this fall, and might also well call for a statement of policy from mayor candidates, is payment out of the bond funds for purposes other than retirement of bonds or for interest thereon.

This has been going on in the city for some time. It began when, on recommendation of a citizens' committee, the bond department was set up to push collections of assessments and to assist in the re-bonding program.

This department was to be operated by a clerk, paid out of the bond fund, a step that the citizens' committee and the council deemed justifiable in view of the situation at the time. Good work has been done by the department.

Later the city treasurer began receiving an addition to salary out of the bond fund when it was stated the refunding program had added to her work. The last city audit shows that the young woman who served as Mayor Mahoney's secretary also has received a considerable sum out of the fund.

The auditor apparently foresaw that there might be some question about these payments, for in his foreword he noted that they were authorized by two members of the city council finance committee.

It is our understanding that the citizens' committee which first proposed the set-up of the bond department favors a restoration to the bond fund of all money paid out. Authorities have been quoted who hold that bond funds are trust funds, to be used only for the purposes of paying off bonds and interest. It stands to reason that it is not good business to start using this fund for other purposes. What has happened shows that when the door is opened a little way, it is easy to force it open just a little farther.

It would seem that there should be a return to a strict policy of using the bond money only for the purpose for which it is collected.

Hearst-Phobia

THIS sensible comment comes from the editorial column of the Salem Statesman:

The air is full of Hearst-phobia. He is set down as p. e. no. 1 by a miscellaneous assortment of college professors, pink magicians and labor leaders. He is accused of being a fascist, a garbler of truth, a vendor of venal journalism, besides being a person of impure personal morals.

Plenty of sin may be laid to Hearst's door; but the savagery of the attacks made upon him seems extreme. He has long been a sinister force in journalism. And his most vigorous opponents have been other American newspapers which fought him over the lots in a dozen cities. The ferocity of the present attack illustrates the tendency of Americans to magnify individuals out of proportion.

Hearst is a bad journalist; but then he always has been; and his present sins are no worse than when he was encouraging radicalism and war in the early stages of his vivid career. Hearst has never dominated the American scene. He doesn't do so now. To inflate him as a no. 1 bogeyman is to give him an importance he doesn't deserve.

An example of what the Statesman calls "Hearst-phobia" is the tendency of a lot of ordinarily sensible people to declare flat-footedly that they're against anything Hearst is for, and vice versa. That is short-sighted prejudice.

For instance, Hearst has long made a powerful fight against the illicit narcotics traffic. Are these people, therefore, strongly in favor of all that goes with the despicable dope business?

Frocks and Futures

GRADUALLY we have become accustomed to women's clothes that reveal the wearers with increasing frankness. But now the Parisian dressmakers are promoting an idea that brings a chill of apprehension.

They propose to reveal through clothes not only the external woman, but the inner-most secrets of her heart and the fabric of her being. All this by working into the clothes the celestial symbols and astrological dingbats which the dressmaker's own private astrologer says govern the lady's personality and future.

Go slow, ladies! Picture yourself at dinner with that man to whom you are being especially sweet. He casts a wayward eye at a frilled ruffle or embroidered border of madame's costume, and if he's a student of the stars, the symbols may terrify him.

Think twice, Mr. Parisian dressmaker, before you make clothes more revealing than even your most exhibition-minded client might wish!

Mayor Mahoney, who is a good judge, says that Gomer Smith is one of the country's best orators. Mr. Smith will speak here Tuesday night, in behalf of the candidacy of President Roosevelt.

MERRILL BRIEFS

MERRILL, Ore.—Tom Lacey, Merrill, and Jack Hennessey and Patti Cochran, Malin, left Friday for a three weeks' trip to coast points. They plan to visit friends in the Coast Bay district and at Bandon.

Under the caption, "Young Farmers' Domain," the Farm Journal, nationally known farm publication carries the story of Oregon's 4-H club portable stock scales, mentioning Klamath county's scales, used for the first time this year by Four-H members in checking the weights of cattle, sheep and hogs, being raised by the organization.

The scales used here are the third set to be used in the state and there is no known record of such scales being used in any of the other 47 states. The first set to be used was built by the students of Oregon State college. Harold Jones, Malin, is assisting in Stanford Jones' store here. The young man is Jones' nephew. Mrs. N. H. Bogus entertained Friday afternoon at a delightful

fully appointed tea honoring Mrs. Mamie Giacomini and her house guests, Mrs. Kelly, a daughter of San Diego, Mrs. Mathias of California, and Miss Egan and Mrs. Wides of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The afternoon was spent socially and dainty refreshments were served to the guests of honor and Mesdames August Andrieu, Gene Hammond, Dan Colwell, E. T. Crawford, W. S. Smith, W. C. Bailey, C. M. Haan, Hall, W. C. Dalton, John Guinn, Harold J. Hendrickson and Mrs. Robinson.

Rev. and Mrs. Forest C. Traville and baby son have returned from a month's vacation spent in Washington with relatives. For two weeks they visited at the home of Mrs. Traville's mother, Mrs. T. R. Muir, Sunny-side, and for a time at the home of Mr. Traville's mother, Mrs. C. Traville at Prosser. They also visited friends in Seattle and spent three days at the Whitman Centennial at Walla Walla.

WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
 The Inside Story From
 The Capital
 By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 — In politics, everything depends on where you sit. It is not unusual for two politicians, looking upon the same set of facts from opposite viewpoints, to reach opposite conclusions. But it is news when two officials in the same government department get crossed-eyed from the statistics.

For example, the best laugh Agriculture Secretary Wallace enjoys these days comes when even anyone suggests the drought is going to bring a serious food shortage or immediately increased prices. He positively shakes, regularly once a week, when the question is asked at his press conferences. He says such pessimistic speculations by "amateurs" (meaning, of course, politicians in the opposing camp) just roll him on the floor.

Some alarm has been felt for his personal condition since his own bureau of agricultural economics predicted a decided shortage in vegetables for canning and said prices would be much higher. Later it also forecast the "smallest domestic supply of manufactured dairy products in five years," saying milk production was six per cent lower than at this time last year.

VIEWPOINTS

While Mr. Wallace jovially brushed aside (without denying) the suggestion that there may be imports of corn and wheat, his B. A. E. officially admitted corn must be imported from Argentina—the only nation with a surplus.

No amount was mentioned by B. A. E. U. S. corn production is now estimated at 1,440,000,000 bushels, as compared with 2,300,000,000 last year, the deficit being roughly \$60,000,000 bushels. Argentina is supposed to have about 264,000,000 bushels available for export.

The fault of the B. A. E. apparently is that the economists are looking at the situation from a realistic rather than a political standpoint.

Note—B. A. E. announcements come through the official agriculture department publicity bureau, which also handles Wallace's announcements, indicating both a lack of coordination or a lack of censorship—depending on your viewpoint.

HELP
 In new deal quarters, it is rather generally agreed that this drought is going to be a long term problem. Relief will have to be continued well into next spring. It is estimated that, during the winter, probably 2,000,000 persons will have to be fed or given jobs with the W.P.A.

ACCELERATION
 Railroad statisticians believe car loadings will continue to increase to a peak of 900,000 in October. The figure for the week ending August 15 was 736,497 cars. The prophecy is being made in the face of the drought. The breakdown on the August 15 figure shows the increase came in miscellaneous freight—lumber, ore, livestock and coal. Grain loadings were off about 8 per cent and similar small decreases were registered in small lot merchandise and coke.

HEAT-SKIP
 Nothing in the Spanish civil war caused as much excitement within the state department as the published report that Mexico was shipping 30 carloads of American ammunition. Diplomats have been twisting themselves in knots trying to maintain the solid non-intervention front. They kept the wires to Mexico City ailing until they received word that the munitions were at least Mexican owned, even though they may originally have emanated from this country.

BADGES
 No official buzzards have spread the news, but American military officers are currently being given all those foreign medals held up by the state department for many years. The department is distributing 117 in the navy alone. Naval Chief of Operations Standley is getting the order of the crown of Italy.

For some reason not yet clear, congress, in an off-moment, passed a law last session releasing the medals previously denied to officers of the army and navy.

CARE
 The democratic speakers' bureau is choosing its Maine stumpers with great care. A few years ago, a noted New Yorker went into Maine, in the fullness of his dignity, addressing an audience, he said: "Now, I know you will not understand this, but—" He was probably correct, because it was an intricate subject, which he did not fully understand himself, but Maine democratic arrangers have not forgotten it.

Some People Say

I have never heard a Canadian refer to an American as a "foreigner." He is just an "American." And, in the same way, in the United States Canadians are not "foreigners," they are "Canadians." That simple little distinction illustrated to me better than anything else the relationship between our two countries.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, on Canadian trip.

Selfish plucking of highbrow music by scholars, professional artists, etc., amounting to about 1 per cent of the public, has discouraged the other 99 per cent.

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Now, you must promise, just as I did, that you won't breathe this to a living soul."

From Other Editors

ROOSEVELT ASKS COOPERATION SUCH AS REFUSED HOOVER
 San Francisco Chronicle

President Roosevelt announces that he will invite Mr. Landon, with other governors, to a conference on the drought emergency.

It is a good move and doubtless Mr. Landon either will accept, if his presence at the time is feasible, or will in any event cooperate by doing his part to meet this critical situation.

But the invitation is also a reminder of the time when in another emergency even more acute, Mr. Roosevelt, as more than a candidate, as, indeed, the president, elected, refused an invitation to cooperate from President Hoover.

During the interregnum, when the outgoing president was not in a position to start anything which would have to be finished in Mr. Roosevelt's time, unless he had some understanding with Mr. Roosevelt as to what he would do or would be willing to do, Mr. Hoover made repeated but always vain efforts to secure consultation with Mr. Roosevelt, looking to that cooperation. He even offered to appoint, by his official authority, whatever persons Mr. Roosevelt might suggest, for bodies looking to the emergency. He urged a public statement by Mr. Hoover, giving assurance of a monetary and financial policy in the line of the democratic platform to reassure a person already in the midst of a banking panic caused largely by doubt of what that policy would be.

The banks of the United States were sound, as Mr. Roosevelt's own experience later showed. What was unknown was the apprehension of the people. They knew that no lasting policy could be established by Mr. Hoover, without knowledge what Mr. Roosevelt would do with regard to its continuance, and they were denied that information.

The banks need not have closed, not even those that did close in various states prior to March 4, 1933. Steps far less drastic than those so dramatically taken by Mr. Roosevelt on the opening day of his administration, would have prevented the entire panic.

Mr. Hoover offered to cooperate in these steps and to let Mr. Roosevelt determine the nature of those steps and name the men to carry them out.

Instead, Mr. Roosevelt remained silent and refused all cooperation. Mr. Hoover was reduced to such temporary expedients as could be taken in the absence of assurance of their continuance, and the people were denied the words from the incoming president which alone could have averted the bank panic.

The depression itself had started on its course toward recovery. What broke down was banking confidence. That was a purely artificial panic, which a word from Mr. Roosevelt, as to his own future course, could have stopped. Mr. Roosevelt refused to give some of the credit for the improvement of conditions which would have resulted.

Instead, Mr. Roosevelt deliberately steered the public nervousness into a panic for the express purpose of timing the collapse to the opening day of his administration, when he might meet it by a dramatically spec-

tacular but completely avoidable coup.
 He thus showed himself a master of political stagecraft. He did it at the cost of a great and unnecessary panic.
 He refused the cooperation, in a great crisis, which he now insists (and will get) from Landon, in a lesser one.
 It is an interesting art, to be a great stage manager.
 It is a finer thing to be a devoted, unselfish, cooperating statesman.

NO STRAIGHT TICKET

Lake County Tribune
 The impossibility of voting a straight ticket is brought to the attention of Lake county voters this year with considerably more force than usual. Congressman Walter M. Pierce will have the backing of many republicans and Senator McNary will have the support of a large number of democrats. Even the Townsend clowns will have difficulty in stomach the ambitious Klamath Falls mayor despite endorsement by the Townsend delegates.

Weyerhaeuser

WEYERHAEUSER—Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Johnston last week were Mr. Johnston's sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert M. Currie and her children of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Elizabeth Bunnell has returned from Bly where she spent several weeks at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Larkey.

Mrs. and Mrs. James O'Brien are enjoying a week's vacation at Odell lake.

Mrs. James Smith and daughter Virginia Ellen, who have been visiting with relatives at Ellensburg, Washington, have returned to their home.

H. W. Laitke and son Leonard, and Russell Brooks are spending this week camping at Sky lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McLean and children spent the weekend at Huckleberry mountain. The C. V. Schultz family is planning to spend this weekend there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Oldham, Sr. and Ethel Pesterfield have left for their home at Fresno, after a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Oldham, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Larkey and small daughter were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Larkey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bunnell.

Mrs. E. L. Demmer and infant son, Leonard John, have left the

home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Trinkel of Sprague River spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kennedy.

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 14 To prevent.
 16 Form of "be."
 17 In the future.
 18 To run out.
 19 Nothing.
 20 Completed.
 21 Recompense.
 23 Proposition.
 24 You and I.
 25 Myself.
 27 Position in time.
 28 Meantly tricky.
 33 To handle.
 34 Virginia willow.
 35 Affirmative.
 36 Tree.
 37 Russian emperors.
 39 And.
 40 Venomous.
 41 To make lace.
 43 Grain.
 45 Rodent.

Answer to Previous Puzzle
 13 Scarlet.
 15 Fungi tissue.
 22 To depend.
 23 As John Duchan he is a