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ECONOMY IN OLD BAY STATE.

GOVERNOR WALSH, of Massachusetts, has sent a letter to the state legislature declining a raise in salary of \$4000 a year. He explained that he accepted the office at a certain salary, and has no right to take more pay, the verdict of the election, so he contends, constituting a binding contract with the people.

Following on the heels of this act of the governor, Mayor Curley, of Boston, newly elected, discharged 63 employees of the board of public works, their salaries aggregating \$63,000 annually. Next he ordered 100 physical instructors, playground leaders and boatmen to go out and participate in actual road construction and other manual labor, having no use for "gentlemen employees," as he heartlessly termed them.

Of course, the taxpayers' union, more commonly referred to as the politicians, are greatly perturbed over these radical acts of the mayor and may be expected to raise in open revolt, but it tends to show what may be done in the way of purging a payroll in almost any large city. In state government even greater economies might be made, Oregon, for example, having scores of useless officials eating at the public crib, who might be cut off with no injury to the public service.

What is needed throughout the nation is more men of the Walsh and Curley stripe—men who have the grit to practice economy even after they are elected to office. Naturally, all politicians are strong for retrenchment until they are elected to good jobs themselves.

HAS OVERREACHED ITSELF.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY DANIELS has discovered that the trust business is not confined to the place of its birth, America, but has wandered far and waxed fat. Recently he threatened the armor plate trust that if it did not reduce its rates he would let contracts to foreign firms. The trust magnates did not reduce the rates, and did not worry. They simply winked the other eye and waited. They did not have long to wait. The returns came in and Secretary Daniels was both pained and surprised to discover that the prices of armor plate for American vessels was the same in England, Germany, France and everywhere else it was made. The American "trusties" had informed the foreign makers of armor plate that if prices were cut the Americans would invade the foreign markets and see what could be done toward regulating the prices for Johnny Bull, Monsieur De Crapeaux and Hoch der Kaiser. The prices were so nearly alike and so near the American prices that the secretary sapiently concluded they must all have come from the same box, which, in fact, they did. The box was in the office of the armor plate trust at Pittsburg. It is Secretary Daniels next move, and he will probably move into the king row, and ask the government to erect a plant and make its own armor plate.

In an address to the business men of Connecticut, at Hartford, the other night, Secretary of Commerce Redfield refuted the charge that the American markets were being flooded with foreign-made goods. He said: "Meanwhile the current has run strongly the other way, and particularly is thus true in the shape of fully finished materials, our foreign trade in which continues to grow despite the normal fluctuations from month to month in the total export business. If there were any who felt the flooding had come when December imports rose to the largest ever known, namely \$184,500,000, they must have experienced a rude shock when the imports fell off over \$30,000,000, so as to be less by almost \$3,000,000 than the month of January, 1913. It is normal and we expect growth in the imports of manufactures under the new tariffs, in order that competitive conditions may exist to the general good. It is equally normal and we expect that as great or a larger growth will take place in the exportations of manufactures in order that business may run more steadily in our American shops and that the gold of the nations may be brought in increasing quantities into the pockets of our people."

Of course, intervention, if it results in war with Mexico, is sure to cost much in life and treasure, but it will cost no more than later on. The Mexicans are not capable of self-government and the present state of anarchy will continue until this country puts a stop to it, according to the opinion of those who are best posted in respect to the situation. Why not put an end

to the destruction of property and sacrifice of life without further delay.

Here is a hunch for the chairman of the committee on streets and the street commissioner. Put a team and a road drag on the streets in the suburbs, as they are drying out. A few days' work will produce astonishing results, as it will leave the streets level and with all the ruts and holes filled. Not only that, but the ground will pack and the streets will be smooth all summer.

If the rumor that President Wilson will appoint former President Taft to the supreme bench proves well founded it will tend to show more conclusively than ever that partisan lines have practically been wiped out. Up to a few years ago anything like this would have been an impossibility—now the country would accept it as very natural thing, owing to Mr. Taft's special qualification as a jurist.

Post, the multi-millionaire breakfast food manufacturer, was found to have a badly diseased stomach when operated on the other day for appendicitis. He must have been living on the product of his own factories.

Governor West is said to have refused a good federal job. This tends to substantiate the governor's assertion that he is not a real politician.

RAP SALOON'S BACK DOOR

CALLED VICE BREEDING PLACE WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO DELINQUENCY OF MANY GIRLS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Chicago, March 12.—The back rooms of 343 saloons located on three streets in Chicago are contributing to the delinquency of 14,000 girls every 24 hours.

This is the finding of a survey made by the South Side club of Chicago. A woman investigator, sometimes accompanied by an escort, but more often alone, visited every saloon on North Clark street, Wabash avenue to Twenty-Second street, and Cottage Grove avenue, between Twenty-Second and Seventy-Seventh streets. She found that "more than a majority of the women drinking in these places were working girls or girls of leisure, and young girls at that."

In all, 478 saloons were visited; 377 of the saloons were in the residence districts; 55.5 per cent of the saloons were located on corners; out of 297 corner saloons all but 28 have back rooms for women; 18 have other agencies for demoralizing the sex; and but 10 are conducted for men only. In the residence districts were located 217 corner saloons; all but 18 have back rooms and but nine of the saloons were conducted for men only.

A woman investigator visited the majority of the saloons several times. She was nowhere refused admittance; even without an escort. Of the 267 corner saloons, 85 are immediately connected in one way or another with pseudo hotels, of which 15 only are in the downtown district. Of the 377 saloons in the residence districts, 303, or 80 per cent, have back rooms. Of 343, the total number of back rooms, 213, or 61 per cent have stalls.

None of the chop suey places, or other resorts in the loop district of Chicago, which the committee asserts are the most dangerous, were included in the report.

"In this connection the committee learns," the report reads, "that the most fashionable and exclusive drinking places are the most dangerous, for in those, with the cloak of respectability, the women are started in with the idea they are privileged to drink, and they soon drift into less respectable and finally into disreputable resorts."

The remedy, the committee recommends is the removal of all conditions which make for privacy.

"There is no excuse for the back room," concludes the report. "It should be abolished."

THE ROUND-UP.

Portland will put the matter of water meters before the people, the referendum being now assured.

Tillamook county set the pace for the country in February in the matter of deaths. There was only one death in the county during the month and that was the result of accident.

The Coos and Curry county fairs will be held September 23 to 26 inclusive.

John Korvenala, a sailor, hanged himself Monday night in the jail at North Head. He used his belt as a rope and

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as the cell was not high enough to hang comfortably he strangled himself by drawing up his feet and so was decidedly deliberate about it.

Imagining that her children had the leprosy, Mrs. Demonis, wife of a farmer in the Mollala district, cut her throat Monday. She may recover.

W. D. Jones, of Sheridan, representing a road construction company has offered to construct 15 miles of hard-surface roads for a bond issue of \$1,000,000, and to maintain the roads for five years.

Eugene orchardists are trying out many varieties of apples in the search of one that will resist scab.

Newport is building a fine rest room on the beach. It will cover 1650 square feet of ground and will have a playground for children in connection with it.

Mrs. Carrie Sherwood, of McMinnville has announced her candidacy for the office of county recorder of Yamhill county.

Miss Myrtle Brodahl will make the race for the office of city recorder of St. Johns.

Jackson county has determined to collect all back taxes and will order all delinquent property sold to satisfy the county claims.

The freight rate on wheat from Portland to Japan is \$3 per ton, but it is claimed the rate from Seattle is only \$2.50 and that this can be shaved to \$2 if necessary to meet Portland competition.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

GOLD HILL'S \$500,000 PLANT IS BEING RAPIDLY PUT IN SHAPE FOR WORK.

Critics who contend that construction work at the cement plant must halt or dwindle during the winter months are outdone by the progress made upon Gold Hill's \$500,000 industry to the present date, says the Gold Hill News. Upon the manzanita and chapparel covered hillside now looms the great slash that marks the opened quarry, and from this point downward to the Southern Pacific tracks all is activity and the signs of thorough construction work. With the exception of a very few days of extremely inclement weather the work has not been permitted to lag, as the progress made clearly demonstrates.

Machine Shops.

In addition to the large building devoted to office quarters and the machine shops, which is now being finished on the interior and may practically be counted as completed, the mammoth bins which will hold 1,500 tons of rock, or practically five days' run for the mill, are well under way, with the concrete foundation completed and a busy crew of carpenters upon the superstructure. Ground room has been left between the bins and the site of the pulverizers for additional bin room of equal size, as the entire plant will be constructed with provisions for doubling its capacity at a minimum expense, should this be desired in the future. Three giant concrete arches which will bear up the immense weight of a 200-foot kiln with its load of burning slurry, are in position and awaiting the arrival of the kiln, which is now in transit. Above the kiln site the five big slurry tanks where the wet mixture will be in readiness for the ordeal fire, rise above their retaining wall 20 feet.

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With the arrival of crushers, kiln, and other machinery, which are expected soon, it is reported the force of men will be materially enlarged and the work still further speeded up. As it is, however, the progress already made during the few months of winter is highly creditable to the construction company, to the employees, and to the clemency of a southern Oregon winter.

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THEN SHE STOPPED.
After he had kissed her and pressed her rosy cheek against his and patted her soft, round chin, she drew back and asked:
"George, do you shave yourself?"
"Yes," he replied.
"I thought so," she said. "Your face is the roughest I ever—"
Then she stopped, but it was too late, and he went away with a cold, heavy lump in his breast.—New York World.

AUTO BUS LINE OPENS.
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Stockton, Cal., March 12.—An auto mobile bus line service between Modesto and Turlock, via Ceres and Keyes, installed by the Tidewater & Southern railway company is open for business here today. The initial schedule provided for three trips daily. No freight, or express will be accepted on the new line until additional automobiles are equipped. The fares will be about the same as those of the steam roads between the same points.

IT'S NOT LIKE THIS HERE.
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
St. Petersburg, March 12.—Fines amounting to \$69,825 were imposed upon 374 newspapers and other periodicals, 226 issues were confiscated, 45 editors were imprisoned and 20 newspapers were compelled to cease publication in Russia in the past year, according to official report made public today. The governor of Kiev was particularly active in prosecuting the press, largely on account of the Belis case, having fined 41 newspapers to the amount of \$5,062, confiscated five issues and imprisoned 14 editors. An instance of the severity of the censorship was the confiscation of a recent issue of a paper at Rest-on-Don for publishing a telegram from Vienna, stating that it was rumored that the heir to the Serbian throne had arrived in St. Petersburg on a visit.

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