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Our First Budget

"I'm going to live within my income; (louder) I'm going to live within my income, if I have to borrow money to do it on!"

Thus Artemus Ward, a mid-Victorian with a very modern sense of humor. In some such spirit, paraphrased to meet 1921 conditions, might be described the message of Budget Director Charles G. Dawes, transmitting to congress, with the approval of the president, the first complete budget of the United States ever prepared and published.

There are 62 closely printed pages in Gen. Dawes' message, but the spirit may be quickly summarized.

"It cost \$5,538,040,689.30 to run this country for the fiscal year ending June 30th last," says Gen. Dawes, in effect, "but, Helen Maria! That is too much. We must save money. The budget for the year ending next June 30 is hereby set for \$3,967,922,366. That's a saving of \$1,570,118,323.30. Some change, I'll tell the world.

"Then there's 1923, which requires some peering into the future, I'll admit. But, Helenmaria!! What am I paid for if not to peer into the future? And so, after due deliberation, I have set down the figures for 1923 at \$3,505,754,727, a still further saving of \$462,167,639, or a grand total saving of over two billion dollars!"

When it comes to receipts, the figures show last year's total to have been \$86,892,000 more than expenditures. Next year's receipts are estimated by Dawes at only \$24,000,000 less than needed, and 1923 receipts only \$167,000,000 less—merely loose change in these days of big figures.

Thus he shows that for two years to come Uncle Sam is going to live within his income, or practically so.

"It is government by fiat," you may say.

"How do we know that Gen. Dawes' figures are going to work out?"

Answer: Gen. Dawes has just published a 62-page book which shows how it is to be done.

The general is a distinguished violinist, but unlike his artistic predecessor, Orpheus, the well known lutist, the general can not only charm the ear but the eye as well.

If you don't believe it, read the message.

Japanese Not Pioneers

It has been suggested that Japan might be given an opportunity to place her surplus of population in Manchuria. She has that opportunity now. And except for a few tradesmen, the Japanese will not emigrate to Manchuria. For stronger reason they will not emigrate to southeastern Siberia. For stronger reason still they will not go anywhere else in Siberia. A story will tell why—a story of this Washington conference. A Baltimore gentleman gave the delegates to the conference a country justification and barbecue near his city. It was a fine day—just a typical November day in Maryland, with the dead leaves damp from last night's white frost. But the Japanese delegates complained of the cold. They did not like the discomfort.

Japanese will terrace their native hills to the summit before they go to any country where climatic hardships are to be endured. It has not yet been proved that they will endure the inevitable hardships of pioneering in even a tropical country. It is not that they can NOT do it—they do not WANT to do it. They are not built-blazers.

We have felt convinced that their game is to sew up China and Siberia with Korea, and by monopoly of their peoples and resources make life easier for the Japanese in Japan. We are looking every day for some declarations in the conference to prove that we have been mistaken. Broad declarations for "the open door" do not quite prove this.

China may be helped some because dead men tell no tales.

A Directory of the U. S. A.

Have you a long-lost relative or missing friend with whom you want to get in touch? The Star maintains a department to aid you in your search. All postmasters have been authorized by Will Hays to help. A great organization is thus started going to round up the missing. One tremendous convenience we lack, and need badly, is a directory of everyone living in the United States. A big job. Yes, but only about 20 times as big as getting up the New York city directory. The census bureau could compile the national directory, for sale to public libraries.

Lives of great men oft remind us that their lot was not sublime.

The Disappointing Cost of Living

Cost of living during October rose six one-hundredths of 1 per cent, reports the national industrial conference board. That is infinitely small—like thickness of a sheet of gold leaf. Nevertheless, it is disconcerting. For cost of living should be dropping rapidly. Prices paid by consumers now average about 63 per cent higher than before the war—far out of line with what farmers are getting. Good times will come when everything is on the same level, balanced. Not before. Politicians seem to think that to turn about is fair play.

Dr. Fisk says in 2420 A. D. people will live as long as they care to. Our mistake was in being born too early.

When a girl sees a movie kiss she wants to see the motion.

Life to the turkey is just one darn holiday after another.

Marry in haste and lose half the wedding presents.

Health Hint: Love thy janitor.

Workmen Not Fools

An active and apparently well organized campaign of propaganda is under way to discredit the action of the limitation of armaments conference in the only big decision thus far made, viz., to reduce the dreadnought and battleship forces of the world's navies. Movie theatres are being deluged with news pictures showing great battleships, "doomed to the junk pile by the action of the conference," and sorrowful legends setting forth the vast losses to the workingmen accompany such action in large sized type. The propaganda is false and will fall of its purpose. The American workman is no fool. He knows that battleships built at vast cost to be sunk into the sea or to rot in harbor are not going to bring anything but higher taxes and higher prices for everything he has to buy. To stop building useless dreadnoughts at \$40,000,000 each isn't much of a revolution. Nor will such action alone bring peace to the world. But it is a step in the right direction and all the paid propaganda in the world will not stop the march of progress.

Lots of people worry themselves to death about keeping alive. St. Louis twins born in a taxi must be bouncing baby boys. Men who take things seriously get away with them. From the way they tussle about the floor, "dance hall" is correct.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

The Key of the Peninsula

Editor The Star: The Kitsap county road problem is of vital importance to King county and especially Seattle, being the key of the Olympic peninsula. A good road for autos from Harper or Colby intersecting at the nearest point on the Gray's harbor road would shorten the distance between Seattle and Gray's harbor by one-half, and there is no great engineering obstacle. Could Seattle people but realize the benefit to be derived by opening a short cut to Gray's harbor and Olympic peninsula thru Kitsap county, they would put the road in themselves and also a good ferry. This is from 33 years' knowledge and experience that I write. C. J. LESTER.

Comes to Front for Cats

Editor The Star: As to your article in Friday's Star, headed "Baby in Danger of Death," I think I am voicing the opinion of thousands or millions in the United States that Rockwell Sayre is all wrong. And it seems to me that some men actually hate themselves, not alone animals. And I want to say that Mr. Sayre has got some job on his hands. If he would take some of his money that he is so liberal with and give to our poor boys that fought for him in France that he may keep his dirty millions he would be doing something that would give him credit, instead of showing the cruel and murderous spirit that is within him. When he says that the cat is full of disease he tells a lie. In New York some time ago, during an epidemic, there were about 3,000 cats examined, and not one was found to have any disease at all. Anyway, he is but one against thousands, even with his millions. He had better take some of it and feed some of the poor that are starving in his city. Yours truly, LAURA WINTERS, 2015 W. Barrett St.

Those Who Will Not See

Editor The Star: There is none so blind as those who will not see. At this particular time there is no question as to the temper of the people who foot the bills and pay the taxes. Our public officials who, because they now hold office, are so busy worshipping themselves that they have no time to put their ears to the ground and listen to the voice of the taxpayers or pay any attention to his needs. The Tax Reduction council has sounded a note of warning, but they do not heed. Even after the magnificent work of The Star in showing the terrible waste of money by the county ferries, and the positive need of common sense in its management, Captain Anderson, superintendent of ferries, still maintains a suite of rented rooms in the Alaska building and has an assistant superintendent, auditor, clerk, boss carpenter and boss painter for four small boats. Why does he not get desk room from the county commissioners? Any good steamship man could easily take care of the work and still have time to take care of the business that is now going to Kverett. As a grandstand exhibition of passing the buck the city council several months ago caused the selection of an advisory committee to revise the civil service wage scale. After sincere, intelligent effort the committee has presented as its report a much better schedule than has before existed. Now, when it is time to pass the ordinance for the payroll for 1922 they pass the buck that it will take several months' time to study the report, and so fritter away another half-million dollars of the taxpayers' money. A. T. AXPAYER.

Asks About Aiding Business

Editor The Star: The letter signed "Bank Man" in The Star of Friday last does not answer the questions under discussion recently in your paper, nor does it make specific denial of the so-called "charges," if any "charges" have been made. Is it or is it not a fact that local merchants have not been granted credits to meet normal needs? Is it or is it not a fact that the local banks have not used the facilities of the Federal Reserve bank in rediscounting and in this way helping the situation? Is it or is it not a fact that the local banks have subscribed for or purchased large volumes of the bonds of foreign governments and the commercial paper of Eastern concerns during the time or times that local business was not being taken care of? Is it or is it not a fact that the statements of local banks, with scarcely an exception, show that they have on hand ample reserves out of which local loans could be made? If a negative answer can honestly be given to these questions, then local banks are doing all that can be asked; if the answer is an affirmative one, then they are fostering a condition they could very easily relieve. If they have not funds on hand with which to meet local demand, why do they not immediately convert some of their "liquid" assets

FAILURE?

BY DR. WM. E. BARTON
ONE one now and then tells us that all institutions of organized society have failed. The state has failed, the church has failed, the school has failed, the courts have failed. These people have much material for their argument. They can show us how in spite of all that the schools are doing people are ignorant, including those who go to school and those who teach. They can always prove that the average high school graduate does not know the distance from Singapore to Kanakake and that out of 100 college graduates not more than 27 know the latitude and longitude of Timbuctoo. They can show us that while the courts were never so busy the jails were never so full. They can prove that the churches are failures and that they can find no end of logical evidence of the fact. There is one thing that, so far as I know, does not occur to these statisticians and that is that if it were not for these agencies or some of them, things might be even worse than they are. Let it be granted that all who work in material, intellectual or spiritual spheres have a difficult task and that it be conceded that those who are seeking to enlighten and uplift humanity must raise a large dead weight for the majority do not lift. Yet if no one were lifting, would not the result be worse? If the courts do no better than prevent the crimes that do not happen, they do something. If the schools make ignorant people a little less ignorant, that is not to be despised. To be sure, if these agencies were perfect the millennium would now be overdue, but some credit should be given to the fact that as yet the world has not utterly gone to the bad. If it is still a place where love and faith and hope have a reasonable chance of development and a reasonable sphere of activity, then thank God for those people who keep the world from getting any worse.

A LETTER FROM AVRIDGE MANN

Dear Avridge Mann: Would you please write a letter of advice to young boys and girls that smoke cigarettes and please show them where they are wrong. I'm leaving the rest to you. C. T. R.

Dear Sir or She: You've handed me a double-barreled task, I see, so if it's all the same to you, I'll split the subject right in two; it's split boys I'll have my say—I'll pun the girls another day. I've smoked for many years, and so the subject's one I ought to know; the habit has me roped and bound until I cannot turn around, and when I try to wriggle free, the pills stand by and laugh at me. For when we're in our teens, you know, is when our habits start to grow, and youthful habits we may make, in later years are hard to break; to "bend the twig" is but a joke—but try to bend a sturdy oak! If I were seventeen again, I'd leave the pills for other men; for, Item One, it's such a waste—you have to cultivate the taste, and then it simply costs you more to be as happy as before. Then, Item Two, the cost, we'll say, is two-bits, more or less, a day; we'd have more pleasure, fun and cheer, to save it up for just a year, then take our ninety-dollar pile, and be a millionaire a while. And, Item Three, it's better far to be content with what we are; for when a youngster tries to smoke, he's such a silly-looking bloke, while everybody counts it joy to see a wholesome, normal boy!

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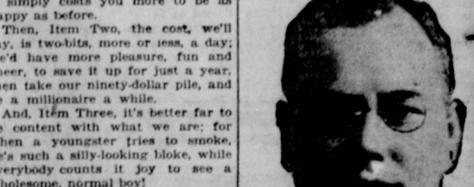
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BY JAMES STEPHENS
In Dublin town the people see
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They are finer, I declare,
Than the clouds of anywhere.
A swirl of blue and red and green,
A stream of blinding gold, a sheen
From silver hill and pearly ridge
Comes each evening on the bridge.
So when you walk in a field, look down,
Lest you tramp on a daisy's crown;
But in a city look always high
And watch the beautiful clouds go by.

Try This on Your Wise Friend

A motorman picked up two passengers at every other car stop. At this rate, he figured, he would have just room for all, if none got off, by the time he reached the end of the line. He started with six passengers. He made 48 stops. What was the capacity of the car?
Answer to yesterday's Transmigration.



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