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CUTTING OUT THE WARE

If General Dwyer, as head of the Federal board, can inaugurate a system whereby the war veterans' government work will be eliminated, he will have performed a great and useful service to his country.

"Governmental waste" is a hotbed of criticism from those to whom and from Canada to the Gulf. It is not a lack of organization, inefficiency, and a waste of don't care. It is time to eliminate the three.

The burden of taxation are heavy when over-estimated expenses are met, without adding the millions and millions that the squandered through lack of good judgment and business acumen.

General Dwyer is by no means a new hero, but we are rather of the opinion that he will never before make a clean sweep.

With the moving of the wheat crop business conditions are going to get much better in Curry county. The wheat crop is going to put about a million dollars in circulation, even with the price as low as it is now.

People are still hunting homes in Clovis. It is practically as difficult to rent a home now as it was a year ago. Notwithstanding the fact that more homes have been erected of the standard rooms to have grown steadily. Building material and labor have reduced in price until there will no doubt be a great number of new homes erected in Clovis this fall. We must have more residences here if our growth is not retarded. Clovis loses many citizens on account of the difficulty in locating satisfactory rental properties.

AN ANGRY NERD

Many who were because disgraced with the nation's shameful delay in caring for the disabled veterans of the world war, and to realize that Curry County is the home of some of the most gallant of these veterans of our feet.

We see these army boys without realizing that they are suffering the most agonized sufferer that our government has ever known.

Recently Mexico has called upon Congress to delay action on the soldier's bonus bill, saying that there is grave danger of an immediate gov-

ernment deficit. But whether or not the bonus bill is worthy, is not the most pressing question. Some soldiers need the benefit of the bill—others do not.

But there is not a single disabled veteran that does not need the immediate consideration of the government. And this fact is brought home to us with added force when we see the petty excuses that are used by the compensation division of the treasury department at Washington.

A Clovis boy contracted tuberculosis after an attack of influenza while serving in the army. Soon after he returned home, his condition grew worse, and he applied to the government for compensation and hospital treatment. He filed out all the forms that the government required, and added affidavits to support his claim. He waited months before he was sent to the hospital, and it is doubtful if he will ever recover from what at first was a slight attack of the disease.

Another Clovis boy was discharged with a disability, which prevented his working to earn a living. He had no money to support his wife and baby, and was forced to go monthly in debt to keep alive. After months of red tape he was awarded compensation at the rate of six dollars a month. Thus at 4—NIX DOLLARS A MONTH, it's almost unobtainable.

Another case. The boy had served in France with one of the foremost organizations. His company had helped crush the Hindenburg Line, and he had a war record for anyone to be proud of. He was passed twice in Germany, and returned home with a cooking outfit that was soon afterwards turned over to him.

The case came to the attention of the American Red Cross, and his claim was filed accordingly. Every possible bit of red tape was carried out to the letter. Additional affidavits were filed as evidence. But in each instance the soldier received the customary request for additional information and three times the identical application blanks were sent him to be filled out and returned. Not a stone was left unturned, and the application blanks were stamped promptly and accurately, filed out each time.

All 4 months of delay the boy was sent to the hospital. During the delay his wife and mother suffered.

There after some delay, a letter came stating that his condition was not the result of his service in the army, and THAT HIS CLAIM HAD BEEN DENIED.

The word lay for weeks.

But this is a simple sample of the horror of a few cases here—sent to you—comes from Clovis. So a. The government, with patriotic words in their mouths that it wants to give every disabled veteran's expense bill. In compensation it has for every man \$5,000, a man who has in Clovis every month by compensation checks to disabled soldiers. But the ones that are neglected form some of the most pitiful

LUCKY STRIKE
"IT'S TOASTED"
Cigarette
Flavor is sealed in by toasting

pages in the history of our country. The Red Cross and the American Legion are doing everything possible for the relief of these boys. They are engaged in filing their claims and carrying them through. They are giving financial assistance as far as possible, but no local organization can carry out the big task that belongs to the government.

Wardly, you'll probably pronounce the penalty due those who are guilty of hindering the government in carrying out this vital obligation. Remember, of cost, or of the political or economic factors in the situation, the disabled soldiers should have every comfort, every advantage, that money and skill can provide, and all of that right now.

A CRITICAL PERIOD
The Dear Lucas Post No. 25, of the American Legion, is facing the most critical period of its history. After planning the biggest celebration ever staged in Clovis, the weather man interfered, and the boys came out with a heavy deficit.

But in spite of the disappointment, the boys are beginning all over again with a view of putting their organization on a sound financial basis. The first of a series of events will be held next Saturday, when a good raising program will be held. Another will be held at August.

The annual picnic of the Legion is the same that was against the Hun, —the work that carries on failure, and this year will carry the spirit of the work in success.

The business part of Clovis realize that a few organizations is unobtainable to be possible of the city, and that if the spirit of cooperation prevails the Legion will know in spite of its disabilities.

The Legion is facing a critical period, but it is on the right road to success.

CAMERON NEWS

The harvest is in full swing this week. Many headers and combines are busy every day and some are running at night. Some of the wheat is making 30 bushels to the acre.

Wm. Brown of Wellington, Texas, has moved into the L. M. Boney house, and is in his employ.

Rev. Cameron preached an interesting sermon at New Hope Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Burns, of Clovis, Messrs. of San Bernardino Thomas of Muskogee are freighting wheat for J. Z. Lott, to Clovis and San Joa.

F. H. Inrell made a trip to Clovis Friday. When he returned Saturday, Inrell was with him. Jeff is freighting to Clovis.

Greer Cozill and Willie Johnson took two truck loads of wheat to Harford with them and went fishing early there. They enjoyed catching a goodly supply of fish, but when they started home the next day were caught in a heavy rain, and with mud-soaked roads were compelled to sit in their truck all night in the rain. They left one of the trucks, which was loaded with gas and oil, on the way.

Red Evans and family of Muskogee are visiting the Cicerillo family. Mr. Thomas and family of Muskogee, Okla., are camping on the DeWitt farm. He is freighting wheat to the market for the public, with his live stock.

Rev. Garrett preached to a congregation at the home of Mrs. Dean Sunday morning.

Sam Jennings came out from Clovis Sunday morning and is helping Harlow Vandevender in the harvest. One Jennings is also helping.

Walter Deatherage and children left Sunday morning for a visit with relatives and friends in Greer, and Kiowa counties, Oklahoma.

F. B. Scott and family and Della Belling were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wood, Sunday.

J. A. Diebold is freighting wheat to Clovis with a team and wagon.

Robert Lott's parents from Knox County, Texas, came in last week and will spend an indefinite time here.

Petty's child in New York City has reached its capacity. There are but two more girls to be filled.



"SCRATCH MY BACK"—A Request by "Back" taken from Rupert not a command to see the live picture of the year.

They called Val Bonney "The Man Who Did What He Wanted To Do." Everywhere he went he left a trail of excitement behind him. He is the epitome of a fire eater. Occasionally there was an explosion—like the time he chose to drag a 250 pound man out of two seats on a street car and got a black eye and a cut at the meeting service and smashed hat for his trouble. It is the usual thing to hand the hero of a picture a black eye at the very beginning of a picture but "Scratch My Back" is not a usual picture.

It is something entirely different. You should see it at the 15-cent Theatre Sunday Night, July 17th. You'll have a lot of fun and there's also a two act Shakespeare Comedy to make you laugh.

SAME OLD STUFF

Bestie: "Lethal speak on 'Married at the meeting service and smashed hat for his trouble. It is the usual thing to hand the hero of a picture a black eye at the very beginning of a picture but 'Scratch My Back' is not a usual picture."

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