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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Pleasure and pain are the only springs of

EDITORIALS

SILLY FEARS ABOUT FARM SUBSIDIES

A subsidy is a subsidy, whether it is paid to the operators of steamships, air lines or farms.

Consequently, it is passing strange that many Americans fear a government payment to farmers will destroy their character and self-reliance but have no qualms about the character and self-reliance of those who run the steamships, air lines and other businesses which receive financial favors from the government.

Farmers, in connection with the money they receive, as a result of federal legislation, should not overlook the fact that this is a subsidy regardless of the manner in which it is paid. Manufacturers who sell their goods on a protected market, due to the tariff, receive a similar subsidy.

So far as we have observed, no prominent business man has expressed any fear in public lest the tariff subsidy destroy the character and self-reliance of manufacturers. Since the tariff subsidy has been operating for many decades, without arousing the consternation of those who look out for the character of other people, it seems logical to suggest that a subsidy to farmers might operate successfully without impairing the moral fiber of agricul-

It is even open to argument that a subsidy to farmers, paid out as an act of equity so offset the subsidy to manufacturers, might serve to improve the character and self-reliance of the farmers. There is nothing like a little more income to bolster the independence that is an evidence of a rising amount of self-reliance.

ORGANIZATIONS PRESUME TOO MUCH

The organized farmers of the world are alarmed at the "disturbing indications" of an "apparent unreadiness" of governments to undertake measures in the international food field, declares H. H. Hannam, president of the International Federation of Agriculture Producers.

We do not know anything about the organization which Mr. Hannam presumes to term an international group of producers, but we have been under the impression that the farmers of the United States are, to say the least, not organized.

We suspect that the so-called I. F. A. P. is something like a great many other organizations, set up by interested persons who presume to represent everybody in the classification described without actually representing anybody besides themselves and their associates.

A CONGRESSMAN FACES A CELL

The trial of Representative J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, charged with payroll padding and receiving kick-backs from fictitious employes, was ended when the solon entered a plea of nolo contendre and threw himself on the mercy of the court.

The case against Mr. Thomas developed when his secretary, after many years' service, was replaced by a younger woman. She went to the Department of Justice, and revealed what had been going on. The evidence showed that she received no money from the scheme and her attorney contended that she acted under the "compulsion" of the congressman. The charges against her were dismissed by the judge.

It seems from the evidence in the case that Congressman Thomas had his secretary issue payroll checks to her niece and her maid. These were then endorsed, deposited in her account and, subsequently transferred to Mr. Thomas' account in checks for exact or similar amounts which cannot adequately carry out its obligation Ambassador James Clement

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Married women wear wedding rings to distinguish them from single girls. Married men wear worried looks.

Met a fellow coming down the street the other early morning wearing a barrel. Asked him if he was a poker player. He replied, "No, I'm not. But, I met a bunch of fellows last night who were."

We never worry very much about what the preacher says in his Sunday sermon. It's a mighty poor speech if he doesn't hit us somewhere.

A local father spent an evening here recently explaining to his small son the "facts of life." He then asked him if he had any questions. "Yes, daddy," the son replied, "there's something I've wanted to know for a long time. How do they make bricks?"

A Plattsmouth woman says she figurethey live about eight blocks to town and 10 blocks to home as her husband always walks straighter goin' to town than when comin' back.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, thinks it's a shame they are sending all those nice Marines to Japan and asks, "What will they do there?" I guess - George Pettic she ain't ever been out with a Marine.

> Our hotel manager didn't find any towels in a guest's suitcase, but he found a maid in his grip.

apparently were immediately written.

The Thomas case will probably have a salutary effect in Washington. While no other charges have been preferred against other members of congress, there have been reports, from year to year, that various members of the legislative bodies have | GOVERNMENT BONDS practiced the "kick-back" system, either DUMPED through placing non-workers on the payrolls or requiring workers to give back a aging about 2.2 per cent on long the senate judiciary committee part of their check each month.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

The "Union" publication of Carnegie, prevent either an overexpansion Pa., carried a review of the book, "Tra- or a tightening of bank credit. dition and the Church," by Father George Agius, D. D. J. C. D. . . . Henry Klinger | securities naturally influence the Chairman David Lilienthal is of protecting settlers, traders and John T. Porter, with their hound dogs, rates on commercial loans, Eccaptured several racoons along the Mi .- cles pointed out, and therefore souri river near Gochenour's island Charles Hartford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hartford, was called to position of superintendent of the Maizewood Insulation Board Company of Dubuque, Iowa . . . Employees of the mechanical department of the local Burington shops responded to appeal sent out by the city welfare and as- other groups, who will then sociated charities to aid in securing funds have to pay higher financing for care of defective children of the com- charges on private loans and munity, raising \$100 for this fund . . . High | mortgages." school orchestra, under the direction of Turning to Senator Douglas congress they depended on GOP men stationed at lonely outposts to be charged. Occasionally, in service to the troops. B. E. Woodward, gave a fine concert at of Illinois, chairman of the Senator Brewster of Maine and comforts and luxuries which the when the council was slow to the high school building . . .

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Copyright, 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS:

SNYDER AND ECCLES ARE ASKED TO CEASE THEIR "PUBLIC SQUABBLING;" ECCLES WANTS TO DISCOURAGE DUMPING GOV-ERNMENT BONDS: SNYDER SAYS CONGRESS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INFLATION TRENDS.

WASHINGTON. - The inflation row between Secretary of the Treasury Snyder and Federal Reserve Dynamo Marriner Eccles attracted headlines a few days ago. But when the two men met behind the ment bonds often lead to dumpclosed doors of a senate committee, the ing by big investors, who prefer final results of the feud were hushed up. to reinvest their money in less

It was Snyder who, perhaps knowing secure, but more profitable comhe would be no match for the shrewd and mercial loans, he explained. experienced Eccles, insisted on a closeddoor meeting. However, here is what happened.

Present at the senate session was Tom McCabe, popular, easygoing federal reserve chairman who agrees with Snyder money is then issued. on most things, and who pleaded with both Eccles and Snyder to cease their "public treasury is saving now by its squabbling" because of repercussions on fixed, low interest rates, is only

business and the stock market. Eccles shot back that stock-market reaction to his dispute with Snyder was far Eccles warned. outweighed by the future economic and financial welfare of the nation. It would be better to have a showdown now, public II vet to command the American or otherwise, he said, rather than wait un- Legion, had four years active

til inflation hits us. "The press has made this a personal fighting in peace for the demodispute between Secretary Snyder and myself, but it's not that at all," Eccles declared. "It's a question of deep, fundamental policy that affects the future welfare of every man, woman and child in the foundation off of the govern-United States. The federal reserve system | ment's tax-exempt list . . . U. S.

" TIS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AND—



The interest rate (now averand short-term government se- was lined up waiting to greet curities) should be somewhat him like a returning potentate higher, Eccles contended, to discourage dumping of government panies and other big purchasers. Also, it should be more flexible,

he argued, so the federal reserve

board could use it as a lever to

Interest rates on government pected to control.

government bonds and there will housing shortage. be a howl from farmers and AIRLINE LOBBYIST

congress was chiefly responsible for inflation trends.

propriate great sums of money and then doesn't increase taxes to balance this spending, you out taking risks."

ROBBING PETER

The treasury chief added that the low interest the government was paying on its bond issues represented that much of a saving to the taxpayer and helped to balance the budget. However, Eccles shot back that it did nothing of the kind, but was a robbing Peter-to-pay-Paul policy that actually cost the taxpayers more in the long run.

Low interest rates on govern-Since the federal reserve system is required by law to buy up the bonds dumped on the open market, this further increases national bank reservesagainst which more inflationary

The amount of money the a pittance compared with the future cost of inflation-if Snyder continues his present policy. MERRY-GO-ROUND

George Craig, first World War

combat service, and is really cratic ideals we had in war . . Courageous Congressman Andy Biemiller of Wisconsin deserves credit for taking Judge Armstrong's "bonus-for bigotry"

to control inflationary trends Dunn, now in Rome, is angling while the treasury continues to for the highly prized post of borrow at fixed, low interest ambassador to the court of St. James . . . Sen. Pat McCarran now thinks he is almost as important as the president. When McCarran returned to Washington last week, the entire staff of ... Avra M. Warren, now Amer-

ican ambassador to Finland, will be the next U. S. envoy to Pakbetween Secretary of Defense of every frontier military post.

"Inflation originates in the one Democrat, Carroll Cone, was and trinkets. congress," he commented, tart- on their lobbying payroll, and

become a vice president.

soon to leave the White House for the law-lobbying business, sutler's activities were carefully will become the brightest star in regulated, to make sure he func-Pan Am's lobbying army.

Note-Pan American has just 11 on as well as himself. put across a neat piece of lobby- The sutler was a civilian, both board, by which it gets one foot way between enlisted and comyear is over.

rosts as little as 35c.

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent

istan . . . The navy has just de- remembered-and usually fondveloped the world's most pow- ly-by all veterans, is by no erful airplane engine. It will means a recent development. It outfly even the fastest Russian had its pioneer equivalent in the . A long-suppressed feud sutler's store, an integral part

Johnson and Atomic Energy As the Army took on the task about to break into the open and travelers on the far-flung The real estate lobby has a frontier, it became necessary to the quantity of such credit - new device for killing rent con- establish military posts far from which the reserve system is ex- trols. It is fixing up a list of the edge of civilization. Fort "Well, the treasury has obli- crowded Washington exclusively tary establishment, was so lo- this fund. gations, also," argued Snyder, for congressmen who want to cated; and later Nebraska posts "Let the interest rate go up on rent-just to show there's no such as Forts Kearny and Mc-

As Dr. Edgar E. Wesley, of the ly. "If congress votes to an- prior to November 1948 he was University of Minnesota, an hisexpected to exit after the elec- torian of the military frontier in Nebraska and the West, has to half of a month's pay. In or-Immediately after the elec- put it: "A cruel or exacting com- der to assure himself of payare making inflation. You can't tions, however, Carroll Cone, mander could be tolerated; hard build up big deficits with- Democrat, went up in value to service was accepted as an in-Pan American, and he may now evitable part of life; but an unaccommodating or inefficient But in addition, Clark Clifford, sutler was a real calamity."

Little wonder, then, that the tioned for the benefit of the gar-

ing with the civil aeronautics was given military status midin the door on the route to missioned personnel, with no du-Rome. This route belongs to ties. His appointment came from TWA. But Pan Am used the ex- the military authorities and he cuse of carrying holy year Pil- could be discharged at any time. grims, and CAB gave it a spe- Each post had only one sutler. cial route to Rome. It will be In return for the monopoly he interesting to see whether the enjoyed, the sutler paid a cerroute is surrendered after holy tain amount each month depending upon the size of the garrison, into a post fund, used for A classified Ad in the Journal the benefit of the soldiers and their families. Post schools and

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mockery was seen in the round of reached in conjunction with the parties for Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, secretaries of the army, navy and fired from his post as naval chief air force and the secretary of naof staff by Secretary of the Navy tional defense. Every one has his Francis P. Matthews.

Opinion in Washington is that Admiral Denfeld and his cronies, whether they are right or wrong in their stand on national defense, certainly did not have a leg to stand on in refusing to obey orders from their civilian superior or obeying with thumb in cheek and spreading their refusal on record before congress.

The Constitution provides for civilian control of military forces. with the President as the commander-in-chief. And it was, in effect. the President giving orders, when

admiral, a little red faced, we do and increased consumption, the demand he obey his orders. And farmer will fare about as well the captain, still protesting, would next year as this, in spite of surcomplainingly obey, but would parses which appear in the offing, carry his grievance to a congres- | Furringny years some members sional committee.

Denfeld's patriotism nor his sin- the government is repaid at incerity, but observers here now terest, should not be classed in are questioning his attitude, even the budget as covernment exfor the new post which he has been pense. These members maintain offered, and which at this writing that these funds, all of which are he has not accepted!

The question of national defense is determined by the top men in fund. problems are worked out in the in these decisions.

Life at these frontier posts was was required to keep on hand. You've got to hand it to Pan monotonous at best, and in A Council of Administration us- many profited greatly from the American Airways for being ver- many cases it would have been ually was set up for this purpose. satile when it comes to lobbying, unbearable without the service Frequently, sutler and council All during the 80th Republican of the sutler, who brought to the were at loggerheads over prices sutler probably earned his profit meeting, Snyder remarked that Sam Pryor, former GOP com- government failed to provide - act, an enterprising sutler would mitteeman from Connecticut, to certain items of food and cloth- have an entire shipment of do their lobbying. In fact, only ing, as well as tobacco, whiskey, goods sold before a price had been fixed.

> tend credit to soldiers at the post, but only in an amount ap

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VERTICAL

THE NAVY STILL has a chip on goes to the chiefs of staff where its shoulder. An almost brazen it is studied before a decision is say, but once a decision is definitely made and the secretary of defense has given his approval and the orders are issued, then as military men the admirals and the generals are expected to go along wholeheartedly.

If they do not, as Admiral Denfeld refused to do, then the civilian heads of the military establishment have no alternative but to oust the admiral from his post. That should be the last of it. But apparently the Navy is still aggrieved.

Despite the fact that the new Anderson-Gore farm bill boosts his second in command, Secre- farm support prices some 6 per tary Matthews, gave Admiral Den- cent, farm income will be off, as feld his orders-orders which the compared with other years, in admiral protested before congress. 1950. Some experts figure that No military organization can farm purchasing power will be command respect without dis- down as much as 15 per cent next cipline. An analagous situation year, and that the loss of purchaswould be this: If Admiral Denfeld ing power will be felt in purchase ordered the captain of the battle- of farm machinery and other durship Massachusetis to report to able goods. Farmers have caught Pearl Harbor for maneuvers and up on farm machinery needs the the captain demurred and de- past few years of high income, as clared that strategically he should well as on reductions of farm report to Guam, not Petal Perhor, debts. So if there is a drop in that the good of the con the farm income, the farmer is in manded the presence of to better shape than ever before to sachusetts at Guam. And har accomb the cut. Some insist that murred and protested until the la "ause of the continued demand

of congress have taken the posi-Admiral Denfeld would be tion that the large appropriations the first to demand court mar- | made for self-liquidating projects tial of the captain for such in the fields of reclamation, hydroelectric power dams, irrigation No one has questioned Admiral and for loan purposes, for which repaid to the federal treasury, should be put into a revolving

all branches of the service. All | The point is, if these appropriawar college, and close to 200 budget, it would not take much technicians and experts in the figuring for the congress next military establishment take part year to balance the budget without a tax increase and end the so-

After a program is drawn up it called deficit spending. vacant apartments in over- Atkinson, Nebraska's first mili- libraries were maintained out of ment, the sutler was allowed to

> The sutler's prices were fixed by the military authorities, who Pherson, were similarly situated, also determined what goods he

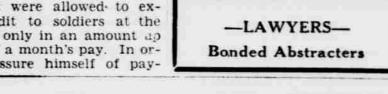
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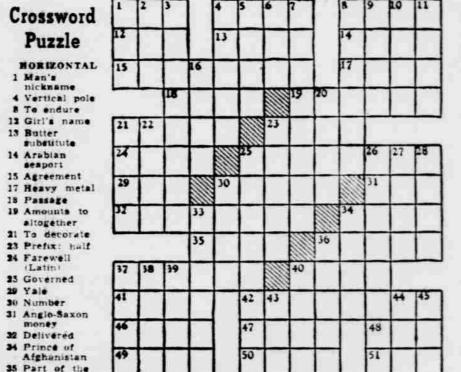
take a place at the pay table and deduct amounts due him from the soldiers' pay

In most instances, the sutlership was a desirable thing, and position. Yet, there were many risks involved, and the average

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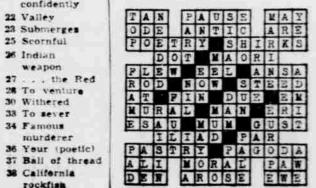
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Answer to LAST WEEK'S Puzzle:



20223 brain budget

(b) on any day except Sunday or a legal holiday, (c) on any day, including Sunday or a legal holiday, (d) only on a legal holiday. 2. The Hatch act forbade (a) pernicious political activity by federal employees, (b) hiring of Communists as school teachers, (c) requiring federal employees to swear loyalty to the U. S.

3. The U. S. government gold bullion depository is at Ft. Knox, Ky. Where is the national silver vault? (a) Fort Knox, Ky., (b) New York City, (c) West Point, (d) Annapolis, Md. 4 Ice cream was invented by (a) the Eskimos (b) the Ital ians, (c) the Americans, (d) the Russians, 5. The president of the United States holding office for the

shortest time was (a) U.S. Grant, (b) William Henry Harrison.

ANSWERS

1.—(e) On any day, including Sunday or a legal heliday.

2.—(a) Pernicious political activity by federal employees,

3.—(e) West Point,

4.—(b) The Italians, as far back as Nero's time.

5.—(b) William Henry Barrison, died one month after inauguration.