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Smoot's Law

In a candid moment some years ago, the late Senator Reed Smoot said, "I care not which party is in power, the cost of government will always rise."

This is what the Baltimore Evening Sun delights in calling Smoot's Law, and in that it has never failed to work since it was promulgated, law it would seem to be.

According to the President's estimates, "the expenditures of the national government cannot be cut much below seven billion dollars a year without destroying essential services on a large scale."

But this is where Smoot's Law comes in. The cost of government is a steadily-increasing, not a constant factor.

Next step is bound to be upward.

Caught in a Void

Manly is of different types, some curable, some incurable. It is, however, a disease, a disease of the mind just as much as tuberculosis.

Curable? Who knows. In all probability, no effort has been made to cure him or the other present in the detention quarters of the Mecklenburg County Home since they were taken there.

Neil and His Breed

To Edward J. Neil, dead in Spain as a war correspondent for the Associated Press, a salute. He died in obedience to as rigid and absolute tradition as any of the celebrated soldiers of the world's great wars.

Mr. John Gross' plaintive
We envy Mr. John Carson his job less than ever now. Mr. John, as you may not remember is Consumer's Counsel to the National Business Council.

Visiting Around

Probably Couldn't Ever Learn to Spell
Thad Bingham and family, of the Carthage section, have moved to the state of Washington.

It's a Wise Household—
(Lumberton Bohemian)
"Where do I live?" is the question one man raises, in connection with the new census of Lumberton being conducted.

Under fire he is as certainly afraid as, say, you and we would be, dear readers.
But there in our desire to honor poor-Nell—as he deserves to be honored, we shall be getting mawkish and seeming to lend our support to the romantic twaddle about the reporter peddled by Hollywood.

Legal, But Hardly Equitable

Down in Greenwood County, South Carolina, where is the site of the proposed Buzzards Roost power plant, they are getting up a celebration for tomorrow night.

And there is no doubt as to the legality of the transaction, not in the mind of the Supreme Court, anyhow, which is what counts. Mr. Justice Sutherland, one of the right-wingers, read the opinion to which there was no dissent, not even from the characteristic dissenter Mr. Justice McReynolds.

But Without a Pouch

Last night we started to cross the intersection at Seventh and Tryon with the green light, and having taken a dozen steps had to leap for our lives to escape from the fenders of automobiles which started zooming across before the yellow light was well up.

Still, we reflect, the practice may have its uses. Charlotte pedestrians who succeed in living against such odds will have to be a supple and agile lot.

THIS BUNNY WON'T HELP

WASHINGTON—In some form or other—so the rumors have it—we are now going to have a graduated corporation tax. That is to say the percentage rate of tax on income of a corporation will rise sharply.

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Let us make no mistake about it. We re-teer on it what we are up to. The Brink Off against the possibility of a New Abyss of another world economy.

Beautiful Cedar Of Glenwood Clubhouse Is Hacked Down
At Christmas Season.
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Bold Vandal Steals Tree From A Yard

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT
On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.



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By Ripley
Illustration of a man in a suit holding a large object, possibly a tree or a large branch.

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Earlier Days
News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh

JANUARY 4, 1863
75 YEARS AGO

FROM FREDERICKSBURG
A courier has just arrived and stated that the enemy attempted to storm our lines again this morning, but after severe combat, were repulsed.

CAPTURE BY THE ALABAMA
Richmond: The Alabama (2500) captured the California steamer Ariel with crew and 140 marines. Her officers were paroled. Lieutenant Hall of the Alabama boarded the Ariel and took possession of \$3,000 of treasury notes, \$1,500 in silver.

Having destroyed all the sails of the Yankee steamer and removed one of her steam valves, she was bonded for \$125,000 and her cargo for \$135,000 more, the whole to be paid to the Confederate authorities within 30 days after the establishment of the independence of the Confederate States.

The news of this capture produced a great sensation in New York and Washington.

JANUARY 4, 1838
100 YEARS AGO

THE INDIAN TRIBES
In the late report of the Secretary of War to the President the number of Indians now east of Mississippi is stated at 40,365.

The United States has purchased from the Indians by treaties since the fourth of March, 1829, 118,349,877 acres of land west of the Mississippi, valued at \$32,381,000.

THE RETORT POINTED
(Christopher Billopp, Baltimore Evening Sun)

A Baltimorean, fairly up in years, is the intimate friend of a Mississippiian just returned from the Supreme Court of the United States.

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(Greenboro News)
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