

G.O.P. HEADS BACK SOCIAL SECURITY

Basic Principles Approved But Modification Will Be Demanded.

By EDWARD J. DUFFY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Pending supreme court decisions on the social security act, republican leaders in congress appear ready today to accept its fundamental provisions as one basis for future party policy.

While reluctant to speak for quotation, outstanding minority members indicated they would make no such creative amendments to the act as characterized the presidential campaign. Some have raised the campaign tactics a mistake.

They made plain, however, that there will be no passive acceptance of the law as it stands or of administration recommendations for revision.

In common with some democratic more orthodox republicans will press to exempt contributions with private pension plans from the general pension system and to modify the provision looking to a \$10,000,000 revolving pension fund eventually.

They regard the size of this projected fund a temptation to excessive spending by congress.

Some more radical republicans—Joseph P. Kamp, Minnesota, New Jersey, south Dakota and Vermont were in session today to enact unemployment insurance.

This rush to get in under the December 31 deadline for cooperation with the national pension program, on top of the massive Roosevelt vote last month, was a definite influence in discussion among republicans at the capital.

Meanwhile, some leaders in both parties expressed uncertainty about the prospective fate of the federal and state insurance taxes and the pension provisions in the supreme court.

It is taken for granted that adverse rulings would result in more agitation for a constitutional amendment. The court's position is that the merit of such legislation has no bearing on its responsibility, which is only to determine whether the act comes within constitutional bounds.

4 NIGHT CLUBS IN PORTLAND RAIDED

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Police raided four night clubs early today, arresting 17 persons and seizing whisky, (jazzes, slot machines) and other paraphernalia. Police said those arrested will be charged with maintaining or assisting in maintaining a nuisance.

The clubs raided were the Red Garden, corner Southwest Second and Washington streets, the Tunnel club, southwest Yamhill near Park, the Cotton club, Northwest Everett street, and the Club Royal, Southwest Yamhill.

Six state police, five liquor control agents and two federal officers participated in the raids.

COMPLETION OF HIGHWAY JOB URGED

BEND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Bond service clubs and the chamber of commerce seek inter-community cooperation to complete the central Oregon highway east to the Idaho line.

With the completion of this route, Bend will become a major connecting link in the highway systems. Motorists driving east would have the choice of going to Portland by the Wapinitia or Warm Springs cutoffs, south to the Klamath basin and southern Oregon by the Dalles-California highway and west over the McKenzie and Santiam routes.

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Newly-Developed Wheat Withstands Permanent Wilting and Other Drought Ravages, Has Good Milling Qualities

EDMONTON, Alta., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Drought-resisting wheat, hardy enough to withstand permanent wilting and other ravages of a mid-western heat wave similar to the one last summer, was announced as successfully developed by the University of Alberta, today.

The new variety apparently will save farmers millions of dollars in times of drought.

Coupled with the drought-resisting power, the new wheat strain has good milling and cereal qualities, the announcement said.

Dr. K. N. Neatby, botanist in the field crops department of the university, announced the discovery.

The strain was named "Canus," after varieties of "Canada" and "United States" wheat, and was developed in record time by Dr. O. S. Ansdott, predecessor to Dr. Neatby at the university.

Usually, Dr. Neatby said, it takes 15 years to develop a new wheat strain, but Dr. Ansdott began only six years ago to experiment toward obtaining a type with the qualities of the Canus variety.

The new strain was first mentioned in an announcement at a convention of agriculturists at

Winnipeg in 1934.

Dr. Ansdott began his experiments by making growing tests, introducing outside strains and blending varieties. A Russian and Siberian wheat, resistant to drought, was obtained but although its drought resisting qualities were high its other qualities were low, Dr. Neatby said.

Later Dr. Ansdott blended high quality Canadian wheat such as Marquis, Reward and others with the new variety. From the resulting seed was obtained the Canus variety.

"Four years ago tests were started in Alberta's drought districts, especially near Brooks, an irrigation area. When tests were favorable, distribution of seed to farmers started and with highly satisfactory results.

"Canus produced a high grade of flour, proved it could thrive on moisture insufficient for other wheat strains, and displayed a fine root system and ability to germinate in dry soils," Dr. Neatby said.

"Its success is beyond question. Resistance to permanent wilting is among its major advantages," he said.

Chief of Police Frank Hamm.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Ervin G. "Dad" Clark, Yakon district farmer, passed through Portland en route to Missoula, Mont., to spend Christmas with "my two kids."

"Dad" Clark is 96. His son Henry is 70 and Guy is 65.

His 75-year-old daughter will "take care of things" on the farm in his absence.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—An 87-year-old veteran of three American wars received a one-day suspended sentence in municipal court on a charge of intoxication. He promised the judge "never to touch another drop."

The defendant fought in the Civil, Spanish-American and World wars. He said if he went to jail there would be no one to take care of his dead "buddy's" four children.

The erect ex-soldier had the bearing of a man 60.

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FARMERS PROGRESS ON MORTGAGE DEBT

A composite picture of the farm mortgage debt situation in Oregon and general condition of agriculture since the low point of the depression reflects a substantial improvement, according to figures announced today by the farm credit administration of Spokane.

Mortgage delinquencies are lower, carrying charges are lighter, foreclosures have declined, valuations are on the upgrade and income has mounted, according to the tabulations.

Despite the fact that the Land Bank of Spokane loaned Oregon farmers more than \$24,000,000 during the past three and a half years, approximately 90 per cent of this money was used to refinance old debts so very little new indebtedness was incurred. Instead, refinanced farmers actually reduced their debt load by more than \$5,150,000 through voluntary adjustments with their former creditors, and are saving in excess of \$618,000 a year by obtaining a lower rate of interest.

Against a total valuation of \$48,712,000 according to the 1936 census, Oregon's 61,826 farms are mortgaged only to the extent of \$19,900,000 or from approximately 23 per cent of their combined worth.

The Land Bank and Land Bank commissioner hold mortgages on approximately 13,100 farms for a total amount of \$28,000,000 representing nearly 37 per cent of the farm mortgage indebtedness in the state. These loans have been written during the past 19 years on an amortized basis so the principal can be automatically reduced by each successive installment payment.

Even though tenant farming has shown a steady increase for many years, slightly more than 80 per cent of all farms in the state are operated by owners, against a national average of 57 per cent. Approximately 54 per cent of owner-operated farms are mortgaged, however.

CHARGES AGAINST CAL YOUNG FIZZLE

EUGENE, Dec. 21.—Cal M. Young, Lane county commissioner, will not be prosecuted for alleged violation of the corrupt practices act, according to report filed in circuit court by S. M. Calkins, recently appointed by Judge G. F. Skip-

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SALEM MAN DIES IN TRAFFIC CRASH

STOCKTON, Calif., Dec. 21.—(AP)—J. A. Walter, 32, of Salem, Ore., was killed and his wife and son injured today in an automobile accident near here in a dense fog.

The others injured were Mrs. Estelle Smith, 76, struck by an automobile Sunday night, died at a hospital today, the sixth fatality of the fiscal year starting December 1. Her husband was slightly hurt and the asserted driver of the machine, Frank F. Neels, was arrested on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

CHADWICK HEADS SALEM CHAMBER

SALEM, Dec. 22.—(AP)—W. W. Chadwick, head of the company which owns and operates hotels in Grants Pass, Medford, Eugene and Salem, was elected president of the Salem chamber of commerce for 1937.

Chadwick recently retired as president of the Oregon Hotel Men's association.

Visiting Father—Harry Lehrbach, student at O. S. C., is here visiting his father, Dr. L. M. Lehrbach.

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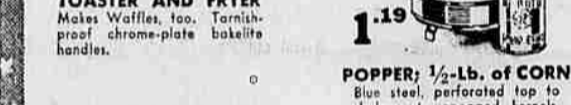
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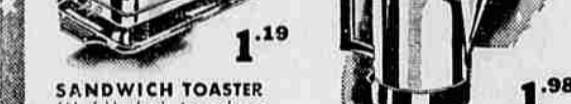
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