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THE RECALL.

Next Tuesday is the date of Lane county's \$4,000 recall election.

Interest seems to be lagging in this special election, but this probably is on the part of those who see nothing that can be accomplished and see no reason why they should spend their time in going to the polls. This factor works to the advantage of the recallers, with the probability that there will be no real expression of opinion. Those heated up over the alleged breaking of faith on the part of Representative Merriam, object of the recall, are likely to be there to a man, while those who would vote "no" are likely to be the ones to stay at home.

The only way that there can be a real expression of opinion is for every voter to go to the polls. Anything less than a 60 per cent vote will prove nothing, will be no real indication of the attitude of a majority of the electorate.

Those who oppose use of the recall in the manner in which it is being used against Merriam should do their part to stop further such attempts that will prove expensive to taxpayers here and elsewhere.

Of course, if a majority favor use of the recall in this manner, we wish to know that too.

No one has yet disputed that Merriam has made a good legislator. He has been highly complimented by Legislator Clint Haight, ardent apostle of the Townsend plan, but opponent of the Merriam recall.

Voters should decide the issue next Tuesday with their prejudices for or against the Townsend plan laid aside. The issue is not whether or not Merriam voted for or against the Townsend plan. The question is whether or not Merriam promised to vote for the Townsend plan and later failed to keep that promise. That Merriam made such a promise is doubted by many Townsends. At most we will vote simply upon the question of whether a legislator broke a promise which it has not been proved that he made.

Is that sufficient grounds to put the county to the expense of a recall election? Even if it had been proved that he made and broke a promise, is this proper use of the recall?

Many ardent Townsends say this is abuse of the recall and that their cause is being injured. Among such is O. M. Kem of this city, who has proved by his letters that he would do anything within reason to advance the Townsend plan. The Sentinel finds it easy to agree with Mr. Kem in this, as well as in the general argument for old age pensions.

A Massachusetts girl has had her upside-down stomach turned around in proper position. She must have been born in an airplane, at least we know that's what happened to our insides the first time we took to the air.

Twenty-one of a Secret Six organization have been arrested by a sheriff's force, according to a story in the Oregonian. There must be some secret about it when 21 out of 6 can be arrested.

It is notorious that women can't throw straight, but they nevertheless always make a hit with the men.

Backseat driving is better than some of the driving done from the front seat.

MERRIAM'S RECALL.

To the Editor: What is a recall for? To insure that this nation is ruled "by the people for the people."

Recalls have been and are need-

ed badly all over this nation. Mr. Merriam is not the only one guilty of turning a deaf ear to the wishes of the people—even in the same legislative assembly. Three bills passed that the people voted down repeatedly, viz: The Rogue river fishing bill, the oleomargarine bill and . . . Here you have the (misrepresentative) servant saying—as Merriam did—to his lord, the people, "go plow and listen to the birds sing—election is over and we do not need you any longer."

The Sentinel seems determined to make us make Mr. Merriam out a liar. Then tells us when we have done it we haven't done it. See what a wild stretch of imagination The Sentinel makes. No wonder "he is afraid there is a bear under the bed when he knows there is not."

We have no idea of trying to prove that Mr. Merriam lied. We want to say to him and others—and they are many—"you are to serve the wishes of the people that elected you and not some other interest."

The people want you to be of the same mind after you are elected as you were before. So you see recalls are to keep our representatives from changing their minds.

When this is done we will have a truly democratic government—"a government of the people, by the people and for the people." We have slid away from this democracy till when the people have a chance to vote and are urged to vote they cry "what is the use—those fellows do as they please down there." So the politician would have it so.

If our nation was functioning fully under true democracy the Townsend old age revolving pension plan would be under fair way to recovering our losses. For the people have asked for it as no other legislation—yes asked to be taxed that it may be put over.

Many of our representatives are convinced that the Townsend plan will work, but are halting to be sure the people will support them if they are for the plan. Others are listening to other voices. You know there are lobbies and more lobbies not to heed these promises in the lobbies we "are afraid the bear will come out from under the political bed" and we, oh, we, "Oh that the voice of the people would grow fainter or cease then I could do." Please speak louder! If you want freedom from the yoke of tyranny.

Why is The Sentinel so anxious about the \$4,000 cost? We hear he has the job of printing the ballots. He could do it at the cost of material and lessen it—many of the clerks of the election would follow his lead we are pretty sure. Hop to it Sentinel, "there is no bear under the bed." Put the whole election into the Townsends' hands and the cost will be very low.

It is worth \$4,000 to get back to pure democracy—government by the people—from where we all "or let the people go to grass while we feather our nest a little better government?"

Perchance our Divine Creator has called the Townsend recovery plan into existence to do what Woodrow Wilson hoped the world war would do—"make the world safe for democracy." It will certainly put the people in power and keep them in power in America. You see England has picked up the refrain saying, "The Townsend old age revolving pension plan will work, put it over, we will follow." The rest of the world is tuning in, even on Oregon's recall. Every lover of liberty will vote yes on the nineteenth. The politicians will be up in the air.

We are not after Mr. Merriam's hide to make him out a liar—we are after recovering our nations from the hands of the greedy politician and restoring it to the people. Ye voters come help us do it and we will get our Townsend plan in working order soon. TOWNSEND COMMITTEE.

(Editor's note.—The Sentinel is no more anxious about the \$4,000 to be spent for a recall election that can get us nowhere than it is about hundreds—thousands—of other useless expenditures in the conduct of our government.

The Sentinel would be perfectly willing to put the election into the hands of Townsends. It has no doubt they would serve the county well and honestly, and it certainly would like to save the \$4,000.

It is poor taste for the writers of the foregoing letter to refer to the bear under the bed, an expression originated by our nimble-witted and admired friend, O. M. Kem, who is against the Merriam recall as strongly as he is for the Townsend plan.)

O. M. TO BILL.

(Concluded from last week.)
To Rujada Bill: No doubt the Townsend plan is not perfect, it would be a miracle if it were, but neither has any other great plan been perfect at the start.

Aviation was anything but perfect at the start, but the Wright brothers had the right principle

and practice developed the weaknesses. They were corrected and today we navigate the air as perfectly as the water. The principle of the Townsend plan is right and nothing else matters because practice will develop the weaknesses and correction will be simple.

As to conditions in the south of the negro and so-called poor white trash: While I was not reared in the south, my parents were and I have read enough about the two classes to convince me that their condition and inferior reputation is due largely to the lack of opportunity and to adverse conditions. The Townsend plan will give them an opportunity they have never had to develop to full capacity (read People of the Hills in March 2 Saturday Evening Post). This is the strong point of the plan, it scatters money everywhere and gives the most humble their opportunity.

Race prejudice, which perhaps more than any other thing has retarded civilization, will continue its dirty work on any project or problems with which the black man comes in contact. However, let us look at it from a just and equitable standpoint. Until they reach 60 both the white and black contribute to the Townsend plan. After that time they aid the non-pensioner to pay his pension tax by maintaining better business conditions. If there are those who would refuse justice to anyone because that person has a black skin, the Townsend plan will be a mighty factor in putting him in his place.

You object to the plan because it does not include foreigners, because they are more worthy of it than some natives who would get it. If this is a reasonable, just and worthy cause for objection, why not insist that the plan shall include all the needy of Europe? This is the limit, I'll stop before I explode.

It would seem, Bill, that one who wishes to be burned up as badly as you do ought to get a little scorching at least. For two reasons, Bill, I just can't do it. One is that you have spoken so kindly of me. The other is that you are so green it would be impossible to get satisfactory results without at least a barrel of kerosene, which I am unable to supply. However, if you'll help put the plan over, I'll get the kerosene to you and do you to a beautiful and lasting brown. I shall look forward to the next interview, or possibly two, with great longing.

O. M. KEM.

(Editor's note.—Mr. Kem has misquoted Rujada Bill, who didn't advocate pensions for foreigners, except those who have come to America and have, through no fault of their own, been frustrated in their efforts to become American citizens.)

CALIFORNIAN FOR TOWNSEND.

Vallejo, Cal., March 4.—To the Editor.—Being a proponent of the Townsend plan I noticed you would give space to anyone that might convince you it will work. It is not my intentions just at this time to endeavor to attempt it, but if you will give me space I believe I can show you figures that can be backed up by the records at Washington, D. C. I've studied the plan for more than a year, and I'll admit that I have about as much trouble in convincing a few as O. M. Kem has in convincing you.

I also notice you take exception to many of his statements, but I can forgive you, as well as I'll have to forgive "Rujada Bill." I notice that "Rujada Bill" is somewhat on your side, yet if he will listen to Mr. Kem I'm satisfied he can be made to see the light. Two hundred dollars is a lot of money to most old people, and situated as many are in Oregon, and other places as well, I'll admit they will have a job spending it. Yet to cut the amount is to defeat the whole plan. The plan, of course, is to circulate money, and in due respect to our forefathers as pioneers and trail blazers, Dr. Townsend selected those of 60 or over to start the money rolling. The young will benefit, any business will also benefit, and when this plan is put into effect, I'll bet you a nickel to a doughnut you will have to publish a larger newspaper than the present. Rujada Bill complains of the negro and poor white trash that will re-

ceive the fund and he elevated above this younger neighbors. He fears hatred and jealousies, bitterness, too, especially among the southern people. Again he doesn't see the light, it will be the opposite, I have several years to go before I'm 60, but I'm working hard for it because it will remove anxiety, hatred, bitterness, poor farms and 80 per cent of inmates of asylums, also 80 per cent of convicts, or perhaps I better say 80 per cent that would be convicts, and you only have to look up the state records to find out that they are all young men and boys between the ages of 17 and 24. Ninety-nine out of a hundred have tried to get jobs, most of them leave home because they know their parents are having a struggle, all on account of the depression. Misappropriation of funds, money or whatever we wish to name it, is the cause. You can't take 48 billion dollars to pay the Townsend plan and run all other affairs of the U. S. in a single transaction. That I'll agree is impossible, but when the average yearly turnover is 1,112 billion (yes one thousand, one hundred twelve billion) now laugh. Well, I'll give you all the facts within a month or six weeks if you'll publish them. I'm no writer, but to date I've secured 961 names to petitions.

ERNEST WILLS,
127 Daniels Ave.

(The Sentinel will gladly give Mr. Wills the space he requests. It has never refused space to anyone for honest, sincere discussion such as this of Mr. Wills.)

Rubber Stamps, The Sentinel,
Stapling Machines, Sentinel,
Duplicating Supplies, Sentinel,
Income Tax Records, Sentinel

WANTADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE—No. 1 Burbank potatoes grown from certified seed, \$1 per 100 lbs. Baled clover hay, 45c per 100 lbs. E. E. Simpson, Creswell, Ore. m7-21p

FOR SALE—Alfalfa hay, seed corn, seed potatoes and cooking potatoes—a few head of goats to sell or trade. Also a fat hog. Claude Arne, Phone 1-F-4, Disston route. m7-21p

FOR SALE—Good young Jersey cow, C. H. Boslaugh. Call at barber shop next to Arcade theater, c

FOR SALE—No. 1 two-year-old red oats, brown oats and little spring wheat hay. Your choice \$10 and \$12 ton. Also potatoes, 75c hundred. Noble Elliott, five miles east of Cottage Grove on Row river road, phone 25-F-5. m7-21p

FOR SALE—Milk cow, Will freshen at once. Cheap. Will Norwood on former Fry place, 2 miles south of city. m14p

FOR SALE—Two young fresh cows. William Boss, phone 37-F-4. m14-28p

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WANT small horse that can be used for both riding and light work. Good seed wheat for sale. C. H. Haight. Phone 38-F-12, Disston route. m14-28p

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Man's hat in Methodist church Wednesday night of last week. Return to Will Norwood. Black Butte rte. m14p

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