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THINK AGAIN

If, as some of our politicians argue, the steady and rapid extension of government control over individuals and business marks the royal road to security and plenty for the people, the totalitarian states should be veritable marvels of prosperity.

The fact is, as everyone who has studied the subject knows, that totalitarianism tends to promote a lower, not a higher standard of living; a lower, not a higher wage for the worker; a smaller, not a larger return for farmer and manufacturer.

In Russia, articles that Americans of all economic levels consider almost absolute necessities—such as woolen clothing, good leather boots, meat and butter for the table, and adequate furniture—are possessed only by the relatively few, the favored ones of totalitarian "aristocracy."

There isn't any mystery as to why this is so. As Harry Curran Wilbur has said: "Government is a non-producer, and has no resources save what it takes from producers, distributors and those servicing both processes."

History, ancient and modern, tells the story. And if you think "it can't happen here," just consider the expansion that has taken place in our own government in recent years, and its competition with private citizens—then think again.

LAND OF PLENTY

From the time of its discovery, this continent has led all the world in wealth of natural resources. The resources have been accessible and marketable. In fact, a cynic once said that the reason the American people were resourceful was that they had the resources.

The harvests are here for those who will gather them, but we are so well-fed and indifferent that we do not bestir ourselves.

To overcome our natural shiftlessness, induced by plenty, we invented the pep meeting, a strictly American institution. We perfected sales contests, corn contests, hog contests, and all the other aids to special endeavor.

In ordinary times a salesman or farmer is disposed to quit work when he has sold or raised enough to satisfy his modest desires. The prospect of more wheat or more commissions does not interest him. But if he can win a signet ring or a blue ribbon, identifying him as a champion, he will work his head off.

Anyone who can contemplate the people of this continent existing in a state of deep depression for long has no conception of the richness of this land. All that we want, or can ever want, is here, not only for all the people now here, but for as many again.

That anyone should starve, or even be hungry, in this overflowing garden is incredible. Who can invent a new type of contest that will rouse us?—(Exchange)

"The ancient enemies of social and economic progress are well known. First and most important is ignorance—the common universal enemy whose destructive and devastating influence affects the lives of all people everywhere. The second is prejudice—which is the outgrowth of the step-child of ignorance. Prejudice feeds upon the lack of knowledge and is dispelled by facts."—Appleland News, Yakima, Washington.

SIC 'EM!



"You look all in today, Bill. What's the trouble?" "Well, I didn't get home until after daylight, and I was just undressing when my wife woke up and said, 'Aren't you getting up pretty early?' In order to save an argument I put on my clothes and came down to the office."—Vesta Vamp.

GOLDEN PHANTOMS Fascinating Tales of Lost Mines by Edith L. Watson

JUAN CARLOS' GOLD

A SPANIARD named Juan Carlos came from the South into the San Luis valley a long time ago. He came with many peons, and they drove a pack train loaded with such things as books and manuscripts.

Each year for three years, this strange man disappeared on the first day of May and returned on the last day of October. Where he went, and why, no one ever knew.

In 1868, Carlos hired some of the most ignorant of the Mexicans thereabouts to build some large adobe houses at the side of the San Luis lakes. He paid them in the usual gold dust, and ordered them away as soon as the buildings were completed.

Then Juan Carlos died. Within the year two of the Mexicans in the valley became suddenly wealthy, and bought large herds of sheep and cattle. They claimed that they had made this money in government contract work near Santa Fe, but no one believed them.

The houses near the lakes were used as late as 1885 by hunters who gathered there to shoot water fowl. Apparently their walls harbored no secret, so it is not known what the two Mexicans had been hired to do.

And the source of Juan Carlos' gold? That is still a mystery. It is thought that possibly it may be the place discovered by Kilt Carson, Stewart, and Archuleta, when they camped by the Rio Grande on their way with messages to San Francisco.

There is another story about this trip which goes into greater detail. According to this legend a pack mule fell into the water and Stewart and one other man had to stay at this place while the pack was dried out. Stewart saw the gold and panned some of it to pass the time.

Stewart went to Old Mexico and did not return until he was an old man, when he tried to revisit the scene, but could not find it. Whichever of these stories, if either, is the true one, it is said further that an old prospector and a buffalo hunter put their heads together later and followed out every clue to the place that they could discover.

Greatly improved snow conditions throughout most of the Oregon watersheds are reported as of March 1 in the irrigation water forecast bulletin issued by the Medford branch experiment station where cooperative federal-state snow course data are compiled and analyzed.

Above elevations of 5000 feet, water content of 25 snow courses doubled during the month of February, as compared with January. Below 5000 feet the water content of 19 courses nearly tripled in that period.

The greatest increase in snow cover appears to have occurred in the Walla Walla, Umatilla, and Rogue river basins, although material increase is also found on the head waters of the Clackamas river, the report shows. Final water supply forecasts will be issued early in April.

Nobel Prize to Kipling Rudyard Kipling received the Nobel prize for literature in 1907.



ROD-GUN CLUB IN LOW SCORE.

There were no alibis except three Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club members were shooting away from home Sunday, in the weekly telegraphic shoot in which the local club emerged with low score against four other clubs.

Wildlife Unit Elects Officers Officers were elected at the Lane county unit of the Wildlife federation meeting in Eugene Tuesday evening.

Earl Hill, member of the state legislature was the guest speaker at the program and told members about the bills he introduced, later to become laws.

R. S. Drenner in a talk urged education of the public to the value of conservation of wildlife. He urged the activities of deep-sea fishing be curbed as such fishing takes a heavy toll of sea-going fish.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, and also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Ruthie Caldwell, Ernest P. Caldwell, Louis J. Caldwell, Vena Pentico, Florence Willoughby, Mary Jane Skelton, Claribel Dolman.

FEW STATE JOBS

There are fewer state jobs at Salem than before the recent legislative session. While there were a few new jobs created, many boards and commissions were eliminated, making fewer state positions available.

Bad for Him "I never felt so punk in all my life." "Do any drinking last night?" "Yes, and when I went to bed I felt fine. But when I woke up I felt terrible. It was the sleep that did it."

An Englishman heard an owl for the first time. "What was that?" he asked. "An owl," was the reply. "My dear fellow, I know that, but what was 'owling'?"

Metaphorically A pessimist is like a blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat that isn't there

SPEEDLINE CORONAS SEE THESE SENSATIONAL NEW TYPEWRITERS -the only portable with Floating Shift...the all-complete machine at its best.

The Sentinel Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of April, 1939. Ruth DeLong, Notary Public, My commission expires April 14, 1941.

News Briefs

A bill disbanding the state planning board was signed by Governor Chas. A. Sprague Saturday. The governor stated in signing the death warrant of the planning board that he would advocate some sort of state development board at the next session of the legislature.

Many Italian soldiers are reported leaving Spain now that the civil war has ended and peace prevails.

Petitions are being circulated in the Glenwood district, adjoining Eugene, for the purpose of bringing about a consolidation between the two districts, it was disclosed Tuesday.

Two Drain men, John Rice and Elwood Sherman, were being treated in a Eugene hospital the first of the week for injuries suffered in mill accidents.

On March 15th, Oregon farm produce dropped to the lowest price in nearly five years and were at a level of ninety one per cent of the pre-war price indexes.

Scanning of banking and business transacted in March in the Portland area indicated business was on the upswing. Bank clearings were over \$11,000,000 higher than at the corresponding period of last year.

The U. S. treasury Friday seized part of the deposits of the

Report of Condition of the First National Bank of Cottage Grove, in the State of Oregon, at the Close of Business on March 29, 1939.

Table with financial data: ASSETS (Loans and discounts, United States Government obligations, etc.) and LIABILITIES (Demand deposits, Time deposits, etc.).

MEMORANDA Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value): United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities.

German Reichsbank in America and the move was interpreted as fresh support for the Anglo-French efforts to "stop Hitler."

He had been walking with one foot on the sidewalk, and the other in the gutter, and he was not getting along very well. About a mile down the street he encountered a policeman.

Sentinel want ads pull.

Thrift-Wise advertisement with cartoon and list of products: Sun Glasses, Halibut Liver Oil, etc.