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LETHARGY

"There was an old woman,
 Who lived in a shoe,
 She had so many children,
 She did not know what to do."
 Perhaps we as a community and as individuals are a good deal like the old woman, we are into so many things, have so many existing organizations to support and have so many interests that we neglect to do a lot of things we should do and thus fail to support many worthwhile community enterprises. It has been our theory that if we had endeavored to do more for ourselves and more for our community, the government would not be called on to do so many things today. Most of us can remember the turning point when the federal government stepped in and started to assume a sort of paternalistic role of a role that was either done by the individual or not at all. Most of us have found that the only trouble with letting the government do a lot of things that we might do for ourselves is that it's hard to find a stopping place and if we doubt this we can observe the growth of bureaucracy.

At least one group, the doctors, are now busy trying to promote a health insurance plan of their own before the government adopts the Truman plan or a plan similar to England.

Back to the subject of doing things for ourselves, we should be just a little alarmed over the apparent lethargy of the general public in assuming a share of responsibility in the operation of our city, our commercial organization or our schools. Rarely do ten per cent of the eligible voters turn out to vote at any sort of school or city meeting, even though the operations of such institutions have shown a constant upward trend, which means higher taxes.

As we see the situation there are only two organizations equipped to handle community problems, the city council and the Chamber of Commerce or commercial organization, and the city council necessarily is limited as to what it can do, leaving the bulk of community problems to an organization by whatever name you might call it or to a group of individuals.

Conceivably we might see the day when we might have to change the methods of operating our number one industry, lumber, or seek a substitute or move on. The simplest solution to prop the lumber industry so far as payrolls go is to seek new uses for wood wastes. It is possible that the forest service might call on the Chamber of Commerce to join in a program to develop plans for utilization of wood waste by sharing in a small way the cost of experiments conducted in that direction. In the absence of any Chamber of Commerce what other organization could we call on to take the load in work of this kind?

CHANGES 25 YEARS HAVE BROUGHT

Back in the 1900's, when trolley cars were profitable and bicycle manufacturing was big business, a number of companies seemed to dominate the industrial scene. They made writing paper, tanned leather, refined sugar or turned out millions of packages of biscuits. Among the 25 largest industrial companies of the nation in those days the names of American Writing Paper, American Hide and Leather, American Sugar Refining and National Biscuit loomed large. Today not one of those companies is among the 25 manufacturers listed by the National City Bank as having the largest total assets. For over the intervening years new industries, some not even dreamed of in 1900, have arisen to displace the former leaders. Not one oil company was large enough in 1900 to rank with the leaders; today ten oil companies give their industry top representation in the list. Three automobile companies, not one of which was in existence in 1900, are among today's top 25. Of the companies that were on that list of the nation's largest in 1900 only two—General Electric and American Tobacco—have managed to stay in the select group in the face of the competition that prevails in all industry.

Once you begin to direct the economic activities of the individual, you inevitably come to direct most of his other activities as well. There can be no freedom of the individual without a free economy. (Selected).

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

The administration leadership of the House has given up any thought of repealing or amending the Taft-Hartley Act. Its first and only attempt was a complete flop. I think I should point out again that Republicans in the House could do nothing in the name of a Republican to carry out their campaign promises regarding labor legislation. Our contention has consistently been that the T-H law is fundamentally good but that experience under it has revealed the need of certain amendments to make it better.

The procedure under which the House of Representatives operate is literally in control. Major legislation, even including substitute bills, must bear the names of majority Members. This is no criticism of the Democrats who now control the House. It is the custom, Republicans do the same when they are in control. I make this explanation for the purpose of pointing out that the only way in which Republicans could express their wishes regarding labor legislation this session was to attempt to write better and broadening amendments into a substitute bill offered by a Democrat member, Mr. Wood. This we did with some success due to the fact that a great many Members of the Democrat majority voted the same way we did.

Amusingly enough this situation was publicized as a "coalition," "clever political maneuver," etc. It is too bad that simple truth is not considered interesting enough to attract attention, so it seems to be necessary to use sensational terms which carry dark, or at least shaded, implications in order to tell the simple story. Considering the fact that the substitute called the Wood bill was largely written on the floor of the House, it was a pretty good piece of legislation. But it was killed by a narrow margin—mostly for the reason that it came too close to being a Republican bill to be passed by a House overwhelmingly controlled by the Democrat party?

The reason we had to attempt to write the bill on the floor was that the House Labor Committee quickly reported the administration Lesinski bill without taking much time in executive session, and without adopting or even seriously considering any amendments. The result of this dictatorial and high-handed strategy was that the House passed no bill at all.

The identical drama is being enacted all over again in the Senate. As this is written, I do not know what the outcome will be over there but the first two acts of the play are the same—1. Administration bill jammed through committee; 2. Countless amendments considered on the floor.

But, let me give you the Senate story right from the lips of a Senator. Senator Wayne Morse said in debate a few days ago: "The Thomas bill is not the product of executive-session discussion. The fact is that we did not have any executive-session discussion of the Thomas bill. At the very first executive session held by the committee, after the hearings were closed, a Democrat Senator moved that the bill be reported favorably to the Senate. Another Democrat Senator seconded the motion. When Republican Senators sought to offer amendments, they were declared out of order on the ground that the motion was not

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subject to amendment—Thus we find ourselves in the present unfortunate predicament of trying on the floor of the Senate to write the detailed provisions of labor legislation which should have been written in the committee."

Only a few more important bills will be considered during this session. The Federal Public Housing bill will come up for action. The Atlantic Pact will be taken up by the Senate. Some sort of labor bill will be enacted. There will be a gesture or two toward doing something about the Hoover Commission recommendations—but not much. The socialized medicine bill will not come up. Nothing much will be done about CVA except to hold hearings, probably in the West.

Even though the President may want the Congress to stay in session until late summer, there will be little disposition on the part of the Members to do so. The reason is, first, that the House Members, at least, the Members on the majority side, are in sharp disagreement among themselves. Many feel that some time is needed to whip the situation into shape. The second reason why Congress will not want to stay in session past mid-July is that both the Senate and House chambers are being remodeled, and both bodies must meet in cramped temporary quarters after the first of July. That, plus the summer heat, will make a prolonged session most uncomfortable. I have noticed that a hot, ill-tempered and uncomformtable Congress is a mighty poor legislative body. It will be best for the country if we adjourn this session soon after July first.

MRS. MARTIN CONTRIBUTOR TO MONITOR

Mrs. V. S. Martin, resident of the Anlauf section and columnist of the Roseburg News Review, was a recent contributor to the Christian Science Monitor and wrote thirty-five lines of verse on the topic which is run in a series of "Why I Live In." Contributors were limited to 300 words and Mrs. Martin said verse was the only way she could begin to tell in 300 words how she loved the Oregon woods.

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KIND WORDS ABOUT A DEMOCRAT

(Elbert Bede in Oregon Voter June 11)

To the Editor: I note in your June 4 issue you apologize to Walter Pearson Jr. for having inadvertently compared his action on appointments to the state tax commission with action you believed had been taken by his father, Walter J. Pearson Sr., while the Sr. was serving in the same position that the Jr. now fills. Your apology may have been overdone. Walter Sr. lacked only a few days of having the opportunity to help appoint to the state commission the men whom Walter Jr. has now helped to depose despite the undisputed qualifications of those deposed. I believe you would have been safe in saying that, if Walter Sr. had become state treasurer a few days sooner than he did, he would have taken the action that you inadvertently credited to him. It is at least certain that had the Sr. been serving in 1949 he would not have put himself in a position that would have aroused suspicion that he had entered into a deal to depose competent officials to make place for political friends. He had read the story about Caesar's wife and always kept himself above suspicion. It is a little difficult for a republican like me to speak these kind words about a democrat.

With the Granges

HEBRON GRANGE NEWS

Mrs. Mads Overgaard is attending the State Grange convention at Coos Bay as the elected representative of Hebron Grange No. 845. Mrs. Overgaard has promised a report of "goings-on" for next regular grange meeting, July 2.

Hebron Grange home economics club members are urged to attend the Dorena home economics club meeting on Tuesday, June 21. Time and place are different than previously reported. It will be an all-day meeting, beginning at 11 o'clock, and will be held at the new Dorena Grange Hall.

The entertainment committee promises an evening of "fun for everyone" on regular social night, Saturday, June 18. Grange members are asked to bring their friends. Please bring either cake or jello for refreshments.

CRESWELL GRANGE

Work in the first and second degrees was exemplified for Mrs. J. M. Black at Creswell Grange Thursday evening. The third and fourth degrees will be given at the June 23 meeting. Practice will be held Monday evening June 20. Clarence Davis was elected to membership. The charter was draped in memory of E. L. Clark and C. H. Harrold. E. E. Allen, Mrs. George Hayes and L. S. Ayotte were appointed to find the students who were eligible for the 4-H club scholarships, sponsored by the Grange. The annual July 4 picnic will be held at the Franklin ranch. The Home Economics club was invited to picnic with the Dorena club at the Cottage Grove park, Sunday, July 24. About \$70 was realized from the benefit ham dinner served by the Grangers Thursday evening. Mrs. W. J. Polson was general chairman.

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