

Townsend Plan Eyed by All Candidates; Many Will Embrace

Pension Issue Has Limelight

Candidates Appearing in Various Races; Most County Jobs Up

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Congressman Mott did so adroitly last Tuesday: say he is for old-age pensions on the basis of merit, not need, but insist the McGroarty bill is the only Townsend measure before the country. 3. He can come out strongly against the Townsend plan, declare it impractical and impossible.

The first two alternatives are more appealing to the average candidate. He knows, unless he is in the midst of the Townsend organization, that there is little chance that the Townsend organization, despite its mushroom growth, can command a majority in the lower house of congress. Passage of such a act through the senate would be well-nigh impossible. And no presidential candidate or the incumbent has given the slightest inkling that he would favor any such system of pensions as Dr. Townsend proposes.

So the candidate, anxious to be elected, can bow to the organized power of the Townsend clubs, declare himself to be "one of them," give his vote in congress or the state legislature to the Townsend program, and dismiss the procedure as a necessary bit of political dodging, precedent to election to office.

Mott Believed in Good Grace Now
Mr. Mott's clear position for the McGroarty bill probably has put him in good graces with the Townsend clubs. After his stand was booted in the Jeffrey-Carney debate, Mott lost no time in getting before a large Townsend gathering in Salem and making plain that he was an original Townsend man, supported by the doctor himself, virtually a co-author with Congressman McGroarty of the latter's bill which imposes a two per cent transaction tax (a ten per cent sales tax) in order to pay the pension. Rather than put himself in the untenable position of advocating \$200 a month, Mott believes he can convince the average Townsendite that the money raised by the McGroarty bill is enough and that in any event, that legislation is a start towards Townsend's Utopia.

Some capable candidate may arise to do battle on a clear-cut front with the Townsend plan and to hope to win enough conservative votes to be elected. O. C. Chapman, editor of The Oregon Voter in Portland, is contemplating such a course. A man would need to be a forceful, aggressive speaker to take such an attitude for the organized Townsend speakers would campaign bitterly against him. He would be called a tool of the interests, an unsympathetic chap and an unprogressive. The majority of voters will swim with the tide; give the Townsend plan lip-service or whole-hearted endorsement and explain their conduct to themselves as one of the exigencies of politics.

Howard Latourette is to preside at a gathering of house members at Newport next Saturday and is expected to discuss his proposed plans for running for congress in the first congressional district. The speaker of the house would have less heavily on his friends in that body to support his candidacy. Members of the newspaper fraternity are invited to break bread at the Latourette gathering.

Dezell Expected To Campaign Again
W. A. Dezell, his friends say, wants once more to see the congressional post. Dezell ran a good race against Mr. Hawley in '30 before the democratic tide rolled in. He believes his party should put him back in Washington now that the going is easier for a democratic candidate. Dezell failed to get the nomination in 1934 when he and the late Senator Goss became embroiled in a fight with R. R. Turner of Dallas who copied the nomination but lost the election to Mott. Dezell has a good job to do in the federal income tax department but would drop it to get back to congress if there is any chance of winning.

Earl A. Nott of McMinnville, who was about to run in 1934, is considering making the race, and Walter Fisher, mentioned six weeks ago, is still fighting with entering the primary lists for the democratic nomination. James Mott will probably not be opposed for the republican nomination although many members of his party think the incumbent far ahead from his party in his legislative views. However, Mott has banged away against Roosevelt for his alleged usurpation of legislative power and thus has kept in fair graces with the anti-New Dealers.

Governor Martin, while professing his desire to keep "hands off" the state capitol commission, yesterday could not resist an opportunity to take a shot at the manner in which that body had begun its plans for constructing the new statehouse.

"Our architects have been stalling for a number of years and now we have an opportunity to assist them. It would be a tragedy for the commission—as it proposes—to hire a non-resident architect." The governor said he hoped the people of the state would rise in protest to going outside of Oregon for an architect. He also said he was thoroughly opposed to buying material outside of Oregon. "We should have teamwork in building this capitol; we should employ Oregon men and use Ore-

Will France Bow to Dictator?



Will France bow to a dictator? The answer to that question may possibly rest with Robert de la Roquette, distinguished war veteran and head of the powerful Croix de Feu, French Fascist organization. Current political unrest in France has made his position an increasingly important one. More than 150,000 veterans have joined his organization which is bitterly opposed to Communistic factions in the French government and equally antagonistic to the right wing which is capitalistic in sympathies. De la Roquette was born in 1886, son of a French general, has 24 years of military service to his credit, and looms as the "strong silent man" in the French political situation. He may prove the strategic factor in the battle which Premier Pierre Laval is now waging to prevent political chaos.

gon materials so Oregon can benefit."

Governor Sticks to Guns on Progress
Governor Martin may have been thwarted by the last special session in his plans for Oregon but he is not discouraged.

"The only way this state is going to progress is to get rid of its reactionary leadership," the governor reiterated at most of his press conferences. "I'm going to keep on fighting for the development of the state. We can't get ahead unless our leaders are willing to work for a great state and to reject the self-satisfied, shortsighted proposals of the malcontents."

The governor said yesterday he was "through" with some members of his own party who obstructed him at the session. "I'm not going out and attack these men who fight a constructive program," the governor said, "but there's no use trying to work with them. I don't care what party a man belongs to; what I want is action and some progressive people taking hold of the state's development."

Nearly All County Officials' Terms Up
Every elected official in the Marion county courthouse will have to stand for reelection in 1936, save for two men: County Judge Siegmund, named in 1934 for a six-year term, and Commissioner Hewlett, chosen in 1934 for a four-year term. At the moment every incumbent apparently will seek to regain his or her position. It will be a difficult job to unseat the majority of county officials. Mrs. Mary L. Furkerson, county school superintendent, will run on a non-partisan ballot under the recent change in the law which took that position out of the partisan lists. U. G. Boyer as county clerk, who has served the public faithfully since 1917, is to seek reelection and Mr. Boyer as a host of friends in the county who will support him ardently. "Tad" Shelton in the assessor's job, has been considered a candidate for the job since he was appointed by the county court following the death of Oscar Steelhammer. Dave Drager can be counted upon to seek anew the treasurer's post which he has held many years. The only known opposition, to date, comes on the post of sheriff. A. C. Burk can be expected to ask the democratic nomination; James McGilchrist is already announced as an aspirant for the republican nomination and has invited the support of precinct committeemen in that organization. Burk, on the other hand, has been a steady worker in the democratic ranks—he was one of the few men to seek nomination in 1932 on that party's platform—and many have been the regrets of other demos that they did not seek a county position in that year of political upheaval.

Referendum on senate bill 43 which was initiated during the week, aims to recapture for the use of the counties the \$1,000,000 which the special session grabbed for the indigent funds. Slightly more than 10,000 signatures will be needed by February to stop senate bill 43 from becoming law. The advocates of the referendum believe the sales tax will be voted down January 31. In that event—unless the senate bill is staved off or voted down—all the state's moneys for old-age

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Holiday Party Given by Club

Women Will Produce Play Sometime During January

STAYTON, Dec. 21.—Following a short business session, members of the Women's club exchanged gifts at their meeting Thursday afternoon. A prettily lighted and decorated tree and many Christmas greens were used in the clubroom.

The program consisted of Christmas carols; a dialogue by the Maud twins, Richard and Max; a harmonica duet by Vernon Berger and Billy McKinnon; solos, Ardyth Wendt, and recitation, Peggy Missler, all pupils of Miss Kestor's room; harmonica solo, Bobby Hagan, age 4; reading, Miss Eunice Jordan.

Select Committee Hostesses were Mrs. J. H. Mislter, Mrs. W. A. Weddle and Mrs. O. L. Hagen. Mrs. C. A. Beauchamp, club president, announced that she had selected two committees to start working on the play which the club is to give in January. The introductory committee will be Mrs. Wendell Weddle, Mrs. G. F. Korinek and Mrs. H. A. Beauchamp. Ticket sale committee, Mrs. W. D. Roberts, Mrs. O. E. Gardner, Mrs. Fred Berger and Mrs. R. Tuel.

Student Injured
According to word received here, Miss Patsy Mayo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayo, is laid up with a fractured leg. She was horseback riding and her injury occurred when she and her horse were kicked by a horse. She is a student at Oregon State college, and a former Stayton resident.

Internal Rows On In Major Parties

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dominate the pre-convention considerations. The rub comes where the measure in cold-storage until November, 1936, the state could use \$1,000,000 for pensions. It could not use any of this money for matching federal funds because senate bill 43 not only diverts the \$1,000,000 appropriation to indigent use—it reduces the age limit for pensions in Oregon to 65 and in other respects makes the old-age pension act of this state conform to federal requirements. If the referendum should prevail, pensions will be back to the same status as before the special session and Oregon can twiddle its thumbs as far as federal relief is concerned until the session of 1937 convenes.

Leading democrats in Marion county confess, off the record, that the Literary Digest poll has them worried. In that test the new deal is receiving only 42 per cent of the ballots. All manner of alibis are offered—the poll was based on a poorly framed question and the test of Roosevelt's strength cannot be known until his opponent is picked. Nevertheless, there is genuine apprehension for it was the Literary Digest poll in 1932 which showed very precisely how the November vote was going. In their off-the-record confession these democrats will remark that the prodigious spending and the continuous deficit is what has alarmed the county. They ask no way for the debt to be paid apart from inflation, and added: "I don't want inflation. No sensible person does."

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-NY) tonight predicted that Sen. William E. Borah of Idaho would sweep every presidential primary he enters and that republican organization leaders would "fall over themselves getting on the band wagon."

Fish asserted Borah could easily be elected president and would carry a republican house of representatives with him.

Burk Cases to Be Put Before Jury
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that this court influenced the grand jury which indicted the sheriff in any particular." Indictments returned against Burk June 5 charged the sheriff with having permitted a prisoner to use the jail keys and to aid indirectly, thereby, in an escape. Another indictment charged the sheriff with letting a prisoner go before he had served his sentenced time. Judge Fred Wilson of the Dalles threw out the indictments and ordered the case resubmitted to the grand jury.

Mr. Hewitt announced yesterday he did not care to participate in laying the matter before the grand jury.

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New England to Campaign for Tourist Trade



One of the first concerted moves on the part of a group of states to promote their mutual welfare is underway in New England. At a recent conference in Boston, attended by governors of six states, plans were outlined for "selling" the scenic beauties and historic shrines of the section to American tourists and travelers from abroad. Improved

highways, co-ordinated air service, development of parks and nature reserves, and publicizing of New England's charms are some of the objectives set up by the New England council sponsoring the movement by which New Englanders hope to win new revenue. Gov. James Curley of Massachusetts is one of the backers of the plan.

Wire News Told Briefly

Associated Press Leased Wire Service

Boggie Given Life; Plea for New Trial Fails

SPOKANE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A tearful plea by Clarence Boggie, convicted of murder, failed to win him a new trial today, and Superior Judge Charles Leavy sentenced him to life in the state prison. A jury convicted him of beating to death Moretz Peterson, aged and reputedly wealthy recluse, two years ago.

Nazi Sympathizers Raid Meeting, Fight Follows

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A free-for-all fight was precipitated tonight when a band of Nazi sympathizers, wearing the uniform of storm troopers, paid a surprise visit to an east side dance and beer party of the German workers club. Fists, blackjacks and chairs were brought into play, but no one was seriously injured.

Grand Jury to Probe Thelma Todd Death Soon

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Preparations for the grand jury investigation of the Thelma Todd death mystery went on today although the murder theory advanced by Foreman George Rochester was challenged by other official hypotheses of accident or suicide. The grand jury head said he suspected no one particularly.

Invasion of Outer Mongolia Said Japanese Scheme

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—(Sunday)—(AP)—Reports from Khabarovsk through official soviet news channels early today said the Japanese army in Manchoukuo was studying a plan for invasion of outer Mongolia. Proponents of the plan, the dispatches from the city in far eastern Russia said, were urging the Japanese to carry it out immediately even if it should bring Japan to war with the soviet union.

Schall Recovers Partial Consciousness

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The sturdy vigor of Senator Thomas D. Schall came to his aid today in his fight against death from injuries received when struck down by an automobile two days ago. He showed first signs of rousing from unconsciousness when examined by a group of specialists.

Elderly Man Dies in Flames of His Home

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Peter Nelson, 75, died in his flaming home here early today. He lived alone. The charred body was removed this morning. An overheated stove was blamed.

Economy in State Expense Claimed

Savings of \$148,000 in the expenditures of so-called self-sustaining departments of the state were asserted yesterday by Governor Charles H. Martin as the result of the activities of the state budget department since the budget control law became effective in June.

The governor, encouraged by the reduction in state outgo, said he hoped within a three-year period to wipe out entirely the state

property tax, apart from the millage levied for higher education, the state veterans' commission and the repayment of the irrigation district bonds.

"Had it not been for the emergency appropriations for relief, for pensions and for the building of the capitol, the state would have been in the 'black' for the first time next year since 1925," the governor said.

The governor pointed out yesterday that the state tax is only small part of the total tax burden of the state, including higher education, the state tax was only seven and one-half per cent of the total property tax in 1934, the governor declared.

Union Pacific To Unite Its Groups

Effective January 1, All Subsidiary Companies Under One Control

Official announcement of the leasing of the several units of the Union Pacific system to the Union Pacific Railroad company, effective 12:01 a. m. on January 1, 1936, has been issued by Carl R. Gray, president. The several railroads affected are the Oregon Short Line Railroad company, the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad company and the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railroad company. All of these properties on January 1 will lose their individual identities and on that date all of the railroad properties of the Union Pacific will come under the corporate name of Union Pacific Railroad company, headquarters of which will be in Omaha.

At the same time W. M. Jeffers, executive vice-president, announced that the consolidated properties will, beginning January 1, be operated with district organizations under the direction of general managers as follows: The lines east of Ogden, Utah, will be known as the eastern district with N. A. Williams as general manager with headquarters at Omaha, Neb. Lines north of Salt Lake City, including the Salt Lake terminal, and lines north of Granger, Wyo., and east of Huntington, Ore., will be known as the central district with H. W. Plumb as general manager with headquarters at Salt Lake City.

Lines north and west of Huntington, Ore., including the Huntington terminal, will be known as the northwestern district with F. N. Fleisch as general manager with headquarters at Portland. Lines south of Salt Lake City will be known as the southwestern district with F. H. Knickerbocker as general manager with headquarters at Los Angeles.

Arthur Spencer of Portland, formerly attorney for the O. V. R. & N., will become general solicitor for the Union Pacific in the northwest.

Community Program is Held at Hopewell

HOPEWELL, Dec. 21.—The Hopewell school house was filled to capacity Thursday evening for the presentation of the Hopewell Community Christmas program of plays, skits, songs, music and reading by local people and a quartet of children under the direction of an able leader of the Masonville community, gave a group of harmonica selections and several accordion numbers. Mrs. Charles Sargent and Mrs. Ted Ketchum is the program committee for next meeting. Refreshments were served.

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