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NO ROOM FOR TWO EXECUTIVES

IN the retirement of William Jasper Kerr as chancellor emeritus, with \$6,000 a year pension salary, some observers see Kerr retained as an adviser to the new chancellor Dr. Hunter and the board, lending guidance in the shaping of policies as they come up. It is doubtful if the board intends any such arrangement. It is almost certain that Dr. Hunter as a man of spirit would not stand for it. Such an arrangement would mean trouble instead of peace in the state system because it could not be viewed with anything except distrust.

One of the oldest axioms of business is that there cannot be two executives in any business. No man who has ever been the No. 1 man in any business is capable of functioning as a satisfactory subordinate. When a man is retired from executive leadership in any line, sound practice requires the definite understanding that he is definitely out. If he is consulted, and sometimes it is advisable, it is at the pleasure and discretion of the new chief. If he has duties, they are such as do not intrude in any way on the authority of the new "boss". This is universal, sound practice.

As was pointed out the other day, the pensioning of Kerr presented a rather difficult financial problem for the board because Kerr was not eligible under the university's retirement system due to his stubbornness in blocking the uniform extension of that system when he was president of Oregon State. The board considered the possibility of buying him a special annuity from insurance underwriters. The attorney general ruled they could not legally do this. This left as the only choice the plan adopted—putting him on the regular payroll with "nominal duties" to justify the act. But, to interpret this as placing Kerr in the role of counselor to the new man would be a grave mistake, as big a mistake as it was to make him chancellor in the first place.

Among taxpayers in some parts of the state there is some rumbling over the amount of the pension because it is more than is paid to any active teacher in the system and because, in the opinion of many, it is more than his needs or deserts. We do not quarrel either with the pension plan or with the amount. Apart from his questionable career as chancellor, his pension can be justified by his quarter century at Oregon State. The point of challenge, as we see it, is the idea of some of his friends that he is to continue active in the management of the system he so nearly wrecked (all eulogies notwithstanding).

It is impossible to forget how he destroyed the usefulness of Roscoe Nelson as chairman of the board by preying on his emotions as a loyal Jew to push him into an unwarranted and disastrous attack on faculty people, or the vicious whispering campaign against students which was in the "build-up" to "get" the deans of women, or the devious political and business pressures through which he attempted to fortify himself, or the long record of prejudice and partiality, promoting the subservient unfit, penalizing any who dared challenge his mastery.

With retirement the Kerr influence in Oregon higher education must stop. The new leader must have his chance, unhampered. There is no desire to pursue Kerr into retirement but it needs to be said plainly that meddling is "out".

WHO'S GOING TO "COOSBAY"?

HAVING failed to unite on the proposal to merge their two municipalities, the good people of Marshfield and North Bend are now entertaining the rest of the state with a race to capture the name "Coosbay". Marshfield "has the pole" having filed papers for special election August 10 to rename their city, but North Bend may catch up by various legal stratagems.

Thus the main issue which should be the economical and progressive administration of an important urban area is lost to sight. Well, people have been known to watch a peanut race and miss the Derby. Just what advantage either town can see in the squeezed-up "Coosbay", we haven't figured out. To the inlander it sounds too much like "gooseberry". Coos is a grand old Indian name. Why tamper with it? And if one town should call itself "Coosbay" and the other Coos Bay, then what would happen?

Seriously, though, the Coos Bay tangle has some significance. In many communities there is need of a regional government which can take care of common problems without destroying old identities and the many benefits which spring therefrom. We cannot plan for Eugene without cooperation of Springfield, West Springfield, River Road, Santa Clara, College Crest. The urban area is overwidening, but wholesale annexations on the Los Angeles plan do not always solve the problems. The League of Oregon Cities and the Research Bureau might offer some ideas on these situations.

LANE COUNTY'S ROAD PROBLEMS

IF Lane county desires the completion of some of its major road projects such as the Willamette short-route to the Klamath basin and California, the Route F highway to the sea, the rebuilding of the Pacific highway, it is going to have to make a strong front at future highway meetings, judging by events in the hectic Portland session of state and federal officials these last few days. Seldom in history has the Oregon highway commission faced such pressures as are being exerted by organized groups from Multnomah, Marion county and many other sections.

The relief situation has entered the highway allocations as an extremely important factor. In the allocation of a large part of the \$10,000,000 total of federal aid, relief figures, for the first time are being given more emphasis than traffic requirements. Lane county's modesty in pushing its relief claims Friday came near being very costly. The \$250,000 set up for the short-cut to Junction City represents only a part of what might have been obtained by a stronger showing of employment needs here; the \$50,000 partially promised but not yet pinned down for Route F will require, to

put it plainly, a lobby such as has been developed by most of the other counties. Not a dime so far has been set up out of the new funds for the Willamette which is only five miles from completion, and if Lane county is not to lose out, it is going to be necessary to make a case and present it strongly.

Federal policy dominates the spending of all these new funds granted to Oregon which is as it should be so long as Uncle Sam is putting up the money. There is no use fighting that fact. Those who are getting results are recognizing it. The tie-up of the highway program with the new WPA makes a situation which Lane county must accept and deal with accordingly.

All of Lane county's projects are sound. They tie in logically and economically with the state's basic highway system. The reasons for the Junction short-cut are obvious. It eliminates railroad crossings and flood hazards and offers a straight fast unit as part of a great international highway. The Willamette is justified by the same arguments which induced the Southern Pacific to build a main line on that route. Route F is the road from Eugene to the Lane coast should have been from the beginning. But, it is going to be necessary to back engineering and traffic arguments by showing we need employment in this section just as badly as anybody.

The situation is unique in Oregon road history, amusing in some of its aspects, but there it is. It requires action, an end of haggling over details. Lord knows we need the roads and the work created by their building.

OREGON STUDENTS FOR OREGON

UPON the departure for Stanford of Young Dewitt, star footballer of Portland's prep circuit, Merle Chessman, editor of The Astorian-Budget makes lament, calling attention to the need of a campaign to get more of Oregon's young people to use the schools of Oregon. He argues:

"It may be pointed out that there are as many California boys playing on Oregon athletic teams as Oregon boys on California teams. The difference is that the Oregon schools couldn't bid against California if they wished. They get the leftovers after the big schools have picked what they want. Only occasionally, as was the case with Franklin and Parke, they surprise these California experts by developing into major stars."

Chessman's point is that Oregon ought to save for the Oregon schools Oregon's own best, and the problem is how to do it without entering into an extravagant competition of inducements and blandishments. There are some very potent arguments which might be used not only on athletes but on non-athletes who feel the lure to "go away to school".

Most potent perhaps is the argument that an Oregon school is the place for the person who expects to make his home in this state. The acquaintances made during student days in Oregon are invaluable to those who expect to live here. The prestige of Harvard or Princeton or Stanford is not so valuable as a working acquaintance with people who make the state. One has only to study the Oregon setup in business and professions and politics to realize that Oregon's own schools furnish the leadership of the state.

Furthermore the prestige of far-away schools is much exaggerated. The quality of Oregon's own schools is not sufficiently appreciated. The schools here offer as wide a variety of courses as can be found anywhere. The Oregon faculties include many scholars of note. Some of the professional schools such as law and medicine and engineering and art and journalism rank with the best in any state.

In the undergraduate years, certainly, the student can get as sound and complete an education in Oregon as can be had anywhere, and the cost is lower than in most states. The wrangling of the last few years has been damaging to the prestige of the Oregon schools, but thanks to faculty loyalty standards have been kept up. The opportunity is here for the student who has brains enough to make the most of it.

If we must compete openly and brazenly with California schools to hold star athletes, we should do it. No half measures! But in the appeal to both athletes and non-athletes it is the quality of Oregon education which is suffering neglect. It is possible to get just as good an education in the Oregon schools as is offered anywhere. The student who doesn't get it here won't get it anywhere. That point needs heavy emphasis.

As near as we can figure it out the Republican convention at Salem is agreed only on the fact that the Democrats are to blame for something, if not everything.

State police are rounding up drivers who have neglected to renew their licenses all through this territory. There should be no need to amplify this warning.

Washington authorities are said to be dismayed because Oregon plans to spend only \$3,500,000 on a new capitol. Those birds ought to hang out a sign: "Come In! Your Credit Is Always Good with Uncle Samuel".

Harvard expert says American oil fields will be pumped dry in 40 years. But it is going to take us that long at least to catch up on federal investigations.

Congressman says that the mysterious box handed him by a utilities lobbyist contained only 5-cent cigars, but McGurk says that any congressman who brags of such a fact should expect suspicion.

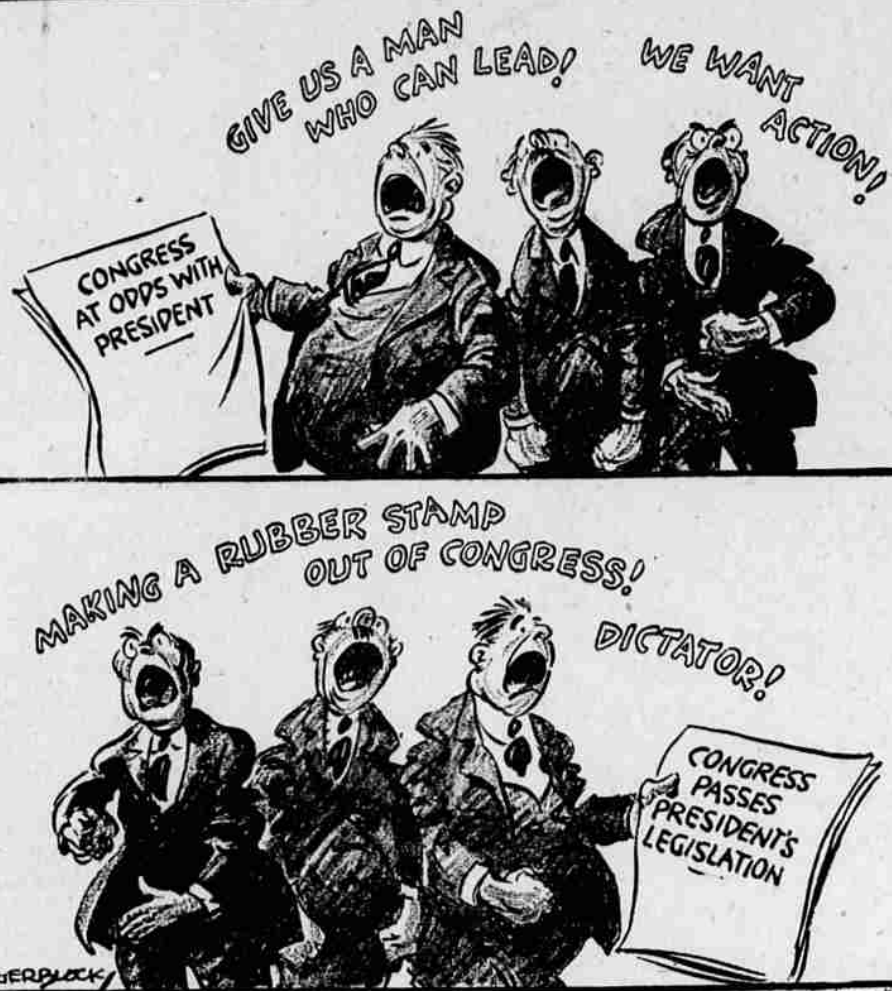
Contributors to the Housewives' Forum are all excited about recipes for new uses of green apples, but it would be interesting to have a few contrabands from the old boys who used to go swimming and "chaw 'em".

As near as we can figure out the new way to get road appropriations is to show how poor you are in any given county. Proving, says Blue River Bill, that poverty is the "road back to prosperity".

Oregon has been receiving a million a month in federal charities, says a late report. An old-timer is a guy who can remember when each community was proud to take care of its own suffering.

Thought for the day: It is about time the forgotten man wakes up and finds he is just another taxpayer.

IT MUST BE FUN TO BE PRESIDENT



WHAT SOME THINKERS THINK

—Compiled by CLAY E. PALMER—
 Pastor of First Congregational Church

E. STANLEY JONES: "The most insane thing in this insane world of ours is to be afraid of sanity."

Missionary Report: "Fifty-one per cent of the college graduates listed in China's 'Who's Who' are the product of Christian schools and colleges."

Sherwood Eddy: "Faith is not believing something despite the evidence; it is daring something despite the consequences. Faith is the pioneer who believes in the new continent."

Dr. D. L. Ritchie: "The simple truth is that Abyssinia has much mineral wealth and Italy is bent on stealing it."

Premier Mussolini: "This so-called public opinion abroad is nothing more than a ridiculous puppet which will be burnt up by the zeal of the black-shirts."

Arnold Bennett: "Let us think kindly of others. This mental attitude has to be perseveringly cultivated. It cannot be adopted by mere good resolution."

New York Times Editorial: "Mussolini has kept himself in power longer than most people thought possible, but the earth always trembles where he stands."

A Japanese Christian: "If founding the church is the only aim of missions, then the time of missionary activity is at an end. But Christian missions are a world enterprise. It is an exchange of life, a sharing of culture, a giving of background and inculcating qualities necessary in preparation for the new type of world we must build."

Ed Johnson, president of Rotary International: "Be as ardently patriotic as we may, we are compelled to recognize the fact that nation is dependent upon nation as never before."

Paul Harris, founder of Rotary: "Henry Ford says that there will be more progress in science during the coming 25 years than there has been from the beginning of time."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

MARCOLA, Ore.—(To the Editor):—Just a word of sympathy for K. P. Harpole, who doesn't recognize the difference between spasms and common sense. Perhaps he never encountered the latter before Sunday, June 30. Oh! if he just would open that wonderful head of his and show where the mistakes were located in that so-called "quackery" he so (wisely) judged.

He, judging from the amount of intelligence in his "less than 300 words," must be about 6 years of age, and almost through the kindergarten.

When I first started reading I thought he was a democrat, but before I finished, I was convinced he was a just his mascot.

What he means by "pushers," I don't know as I am American and it is not in my dictionary, but if it means supporters, it is all right.

It means nothing to me or any of my acquaintances, how much money Henry Ford, Rockefeller, Morgan or any of that class spend, but if my class spend I will benefit and spending in my neighborhood without wrangling over pennies is what will benefit my community, church, store, garage, and community welfare.

He surely spoke out of absolute ignorance or wilfully deceptive when he said it would make a shortage of help, when there are several times the number on the relief roll than there are those who would be direct beneficiaries.

I agree with him on the idea of living in a mud hole, but he shows a tendency toward the type that would be found there when he does not look for more substantial plans for our age than the present disgustingly wasteful and inadequate relief where records show \$100,000 squandered in investigating and useless visiting to dispose of \$80,000 of actual relief. God grant that nature may grow too good to let such a waste of money interest in man kind than he, by giving shelter to those he would crowd out of self respect, to misery and shame ending in a pauper funeral, a father or mother that spent their life to make the Good Old U. S. A. a place where we may enjoy the luxuries

Jouett Shouse, president of the American Liberty League: "There are still in this country 30,000,000 or 40,000,000 people who have jobs or refuse to go on the dole. I still have faith in the American people. You can give me that 30 million or 40 million and you can take the rest and be damned."

Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins: "Nearly half of all Americans do not get proper medical care. Millions of Americans live in homes little better than hovels. Even in 1929 the annual earnings of 18,000,000 workers was under \$1000 apiece."

Alfred Noyes, great English poet and playwright: "There are many signs that, by some law of compensation, the scientific and industrial achievements of recent years have been purchased at a greater price than we knew. What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and lose his soul? The need of the world today is a religious need."

Bernard Bavink, German scholar: "Modern physics today does what astronomy has always done, namely, as Immanuel Kant says—'fills the heart with ever renewed awe.' Those who study it receive the impression of the greatness and majesty of God in creation which is quite direct and in no way cultivated and artificial; it is quite modest and simple and therefore all the grander."

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PENSION PROTEST

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—

If you will grant me space in your Sunday's mail bag I would like to express my opinion as to the retirement of Dr. Kerr. As I understand this situation, Dr. Kerr's resignation was asked by the board of higher education at the close of the last school term, shortly after this Dr. Hunter of Denver was chosen to take his place at this time Dr. Kerr's salary was \$8,000 per year and as I understand it his salary for several years prior to this was \$12,000 per year last week I see Dr. Kerr was allowed by this same board that asked for his resignation a retirement salary of at present \$4,500 per year or one-half of the present chancellor's salary. As I understand this the chancellor's salary is raised to \$12,000. Dr. Kerr's salary will raise to \$8,000 per year.

I would like to know just how long the taxpayers are going to stand for such a thing. Where and why does Dr. Kerr have this coming? If Dr. Kerr could not accumulate a retirement fund for himself on the salary he has been drawing for the past fifty years he should expect to come down in line with some of the rest of us who are slaving and worrying to keep the taxes from taking our homes and are depriving our families to pay such unreasonable emeritus or retirement salaries.

We must remember we have old people who are no longer able to make their own way, who perhaps have worked a good share of their lives to pay Dr. Kerr his salary who are as deserving, who have lost their property and holdings through no fault of theirs, who are entitled to a comfortable living as long as they live but we are not able to help them to more than bread and butter because it takes our tax money to pay retirement and other unreasonable salaries.

I think it ample time for the people in general to see that such as this is in some manner stopped.

A. E. WARNOCK.

GOLDEN WEDDING
 Put on your last summer's bonnet
 With the pink posies on it,
 And we'll walk on the state highway.
 Fifty years together in all kinds of weather
 This our Golden Wedding Day.

Yes we'll walk on the highway and tarry at the by-way
 To rest our weary aching bones.
 We're just a little slower and bend a little lower
 And each year brings a few more groans.

But the burden has been lighter
 And the yesterday's brighter.
 For we've had each other all the way.
 Today we're glad to meet you
 And with happiness we greet you
 On our Golden Wedding Day.

MINNIE E. BOND
 (Written commemorating the Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spencer.)

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor):—In these days of hardship, when all that for which many of our people have sought seems lost, there are many who find the need of some sort of a helping philosophy to which to tie to.

Enclosed herewith is a short rhyme which might be of help to some. If you care to publish it, you are at liberty to do so. Very sincerely yours,
 ROWE WEBER.

DO YOUR BEST
 If we strive each day to do our best,
 According as to us seems best,
 The cares of the future will fly away
 And by far winds be cast astray.

The cares and the worries, which bother us,
 Will not be there to make us fuss:
 And, we can use the time we possess
 For work which will serve and work which will bless.

With cares and woes removed from our brain,
 Our mind will be rid of a terrible strain;
 The thoughts we have will be happy and glad,
 And naught that we do can make others sad.

R. W.

KEEP PLUGGING
 GARDNER, Ore.—(To the Editor)—
 To all Townsend workers who read this page and I hope there are a great many as I feel that people who read the editorial pages of the papers are reading the best part of the papers.

Now what I want to get at is this: the need of the O. A. R. P. will not die out so we will win if we keep working and presenting the question to the people.

The survey of potential product

"WASTE NOT; WANT NOT"

JUNCTION CITY, Ore.—(To the Editor)—I notice in the Mail Bag Sunday, 21st, that Mrs. Gawley and Mrs. McKee are jumping sideways about some of my statements. Now, I think I have a moral right to pacify them in the Mail Bag.

I am truly glad that I am able to arouse such interest in my greatest enemy, it is more pleasure to me than anything since my mother-in-law died.

It is an undisputed fact that to make a lot of parasites at the expense of those who would have to work is a crime.

Again, the Townsend plan is indisputably a plan of wastefulness. I have lived far beyond three-quarters of a century and I have never known wastefulness to make anyone prosperous.

If any Townsendite can show proof that wastefulness has ever brought prosperity to anyone I will make him a present of one big dollar.

They want some way suggested that would help this depression. Here is my idea: the people brought on this depression by their wastefulness. If all hands would live at their homes instead of living on the highways they could employ thousands of jobless people who could consume all products produced, and we could all be happy and feel independent.

People cannot live on the highways and keep their taxes paid. People cannot buy \$10 hats, \$20 shoes, \$50 dress suits and other things in proportion and keep up.

And remember: that the T. pushers will keep getting your money as long as you play the part of the sucker. I have lived far beyond my three score and ten, and have fought crime and vice ever since I have been an adult. All I care to live for is to do all the good I can; and to fight this vicious Townsend fake is one of the greatest good things I can possibly do.

Mrs. McKee says that \$200 a month is not much money. Perhaps not for people who want the other fellow to furnish the money.

I am no criminal. I don't want to rob anyone. I want to earn my living as long as I can.

To conclude I will say that I am glad that I see this matter as the best minds of our nation see it. How did F. D. get on that big land slide that landed him in the White House if it was not considered that he had a superior mind? Come again.

K. P. HARPOLE.

"T" PLAN DYING?

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—I notice in Sunday's Mail Bag (July 21) that Mrs. Gawley is alarmed at the progress the Townsendites are making and that Mrs. McKee is highly elated.

It is true that in this locality, at least, the membership seems to be enlarging. The "T's" are becoming almost as ubiquitous as the chain-letter gang. If you remember, Oregon was a little slow about falling for the chain-letter racket. It had already passed the peak of popularity and was fading out in other localities before it struck here. The "T" situation is very similar.

I received a letter from San Diego dated July 9, from a person who has made an intensive study of the situation, speaking of the "T" plan, he says, "I should find my greatest satisfaction in the certainty that the Townsend plan is a dead issue. A few fanatics cling to the idea; the preposterousness of the scheme has long been apparent to the rest of the country, even to hundreds of thousands who at first were among Dr. Townsend's enthusiastic supporters."

Personally, I know several even in this locality, who were once sold on the idea, that now speak of the Townsend plan with disgust. Very truly yours,
 MRS. M. KNOWLES.

CIRCUS DAY
 Sally, Sally, Sally, hear the bands march by!
 Circus day is here again, hurry and be sure
 Stack the dinner dishes up, and never mind the rest.
 Throw some feed out for the pup,
 and where's my Sunday vest?
 What excitement, what a noise!
 What a mob of girls and boys!
 What would I give to feel again the thrill of childhood's joys?
 I may be getting old and stiff, my hearing growing dim,
 But circus-music sounds to me as sweet as any hymn.

Sally, Sally, Sally, bring around the good old car,
 These poor old feet can't make it, quite, although it isn't far.
 I want to hear the lions roar, and see the monkeys play,
 I plan to pack a lot of fun in this one summer day.
 See the flags flying high,
 Splash of color 'gainst the sky.
 It makes me feel all choky like, as tho' I'd like to cry.
 I aim to buy pink lemonade, and ice cream cones, and pop,
 Until my stomach calls a halt, and orders me to stop.

Let's stick around and see it all, 'till everything is done,
 I aim to get my money's worth of noise, and eats, and fun.
 The elephants, and clowns, and all, seem like old friends of mine.
 They're meet as clever as they were in days of "Auld lang syne."
 See the horses paw and prance!
 See the pretty ladies dance!
 Some clown a-cracking funny jokes each time he gets a chance!
 They come each year to cheer us up, and help us to forget,
 For that brief time, that sorrow, pain, and care, are with us yet.

And when old Gabriel blows his trumpet, I will not be afraid.
 But say, "Well, time has come to join your last, and