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IF
Last week we said here that western newspapers coming to our notice had paid little attention to the question of valley authorities. Since then there has been a reference to the subject in the Medford Mail-Tribune and we want to quote the M-T's editorial in full as a preliminary to today's remarks. It has as a title the quotation from Cicero's oration, "O tempora! O mores!" and reads:

"How times change!"
We have been reminded of this time-honored wheeze by being the recipient of several copies of the Wall Street Journal.
It seems only yesterday that this financial daily paper was positively apoplectic over the threat of public ownership in the utility field.

Amazing how public opinion can change and in a comparatively few years—not more than eight or ten of them at most. Not, we imagine, that the Wall Street Journal is particularly enamored of federal power and light projects. No doubt it would prefer the good old days if there were any chance of returning to them.

To begin with and without wishing to be pedantic let us suggest that neither the exact nor the implied meaning of the Ciceronian phrase is "How times change" and then let us insist that the Wall Street Journal has not changed. The Mail-Tribune has jumped to a wholly incorrect conclusion and it has done so by failing to pay attention to one little word in the quotation from the Journal—the little word, "if."

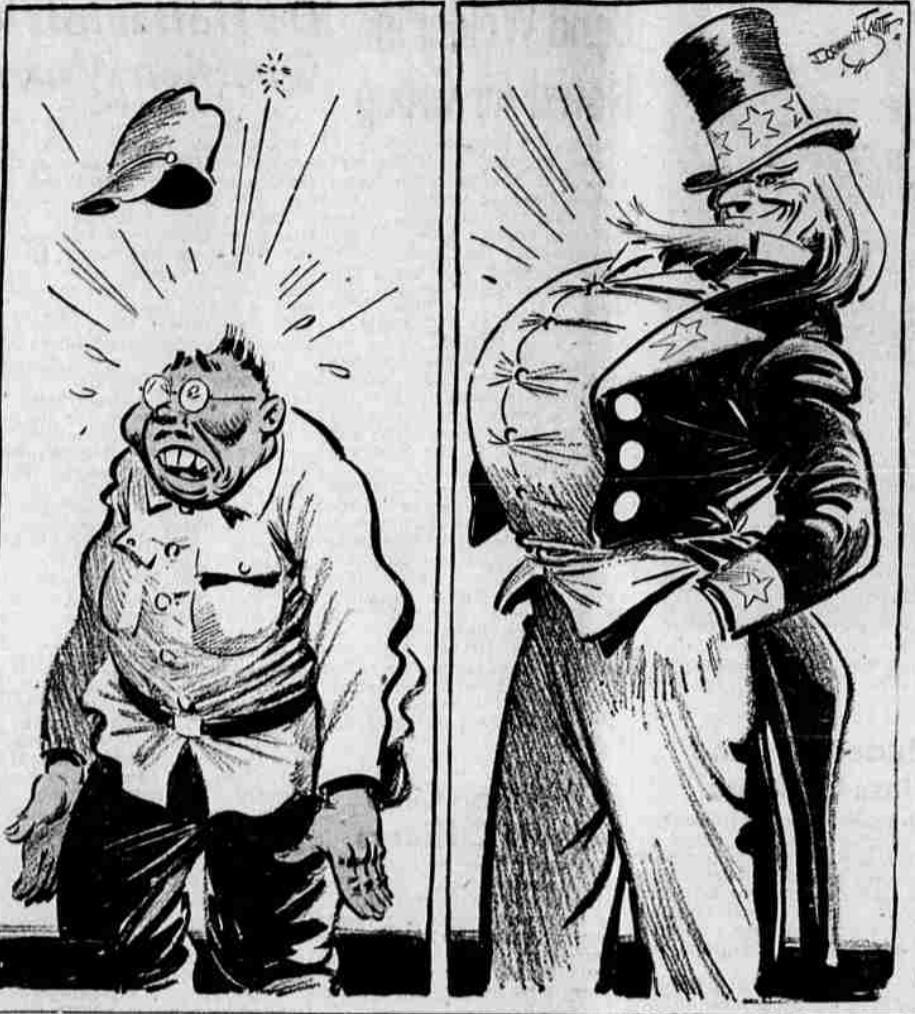
Mr. Roosevelt's original proposal for the Tennessee valley, it is true, was for a public power development and he suggested that such development would provide a rate "yardstick" against which private utility rates could be measured. The Tennessee valley law as enacted by congress, however, covered a much wider field than the generation and distribution of electric power.

If the Mail-Tribune will examine the bills introduced in the 78th and the current congress to implement President Roosevelt's proposals it will discover what extensive areas of local government and regional economy far outside the power field they cover. The Murray bill for the Missouri valley, the Mitchell bill for the Columbia valley and, by the way, all Oregon coast streams such as the Rogue, and the Rankin bill for the nine regions into which it divides the United States are the measures that tell the story.

Turning now to the Journal we make the point that even "if TVA has been a 'good thing' for the Tennessee river region" it does not necessarily follow that "it should be a good thing for every other river region." In particular we assert that success in the Tennessee region, if it has been achieved, does not mean that like success can be attained on such rivers as the Missouri, the Arkansas or the Columbia.

WORKERS NAMED
Madras, Feb. 16 (Special)—Mrs. H. A. Dussault, county chairman for the Jefferson county Red Cross drive announced the workers for Madras this week. Business district: J. W. Warren, W. R. Cook, Mrs. Fred Green, Residential: Mrs. Mary Conroy, Mrs. H. W. Turner and Mrs. George

"Did Someone Say MacArthur?"



A SONG to REMEMBER by Willard Wiener

THE STORY: Frederic Chopin's playing is applauded at Count Wodzinski's dinner party and he is asked to play an encore.

XI THE DECISION
Frederic had bowed. Now he sat down.
The diners resumed their eating.
Frederic began his Etude in A-flat but had hardly begun when the doors swung open. Had Frederic looked up from the piano he would have seen three Russian officers, flanked by lackeys, enter the dining hall, and Count Wodzinski hurriedly rise from his chair.

HECTOR, THAT FRESH LITTLE DROOP IS ON HIS WAY TO THE PRINCIPAL'S HOUSE TO SNITCH ON ME!
SO WHAT? WELL, IF MR. WILSON LEARNS THAT JUNIOR'S BEEN DOING HOMEWORK FOR LARD AND ME, WE'LL BE FLUNKED!
WELL, THAT'S YOUR HEADACHE --- NOT MINE! BUT, HECTOR, YOU WOULDN'T LET YOUR VERY OWN SISTER GET FLUNKED IN GEOMETRY!

Washington Column

By Peter Edson (NEA Staff Correspondent)

Washington, D. C. — Proposals for improving the relationships between congress and the executive end of the government, the voters and the special interest lobbies and pressure groups, must be judged on the point of whether congress is out of step with the rest of the world or whether everybody else is out of step with congress.

A reform of the executive agency set-up might be in order at the same time congress goes through its reorganization. Anything that would improve relationships between the executive and legislative arms of the government would be a help, but since it is reform of congress that is being talked a bout now, let's stick to that.

It has often been proposed that cabinet members and the heads of administration agencies be given seats on the floor of congress and the right to debate, without the right to vote. Far more practical is the proposal of Representative Estes Kefauver of Tennessee that congress be permitted to call executive department heads to the floor for regular questioning.

Laws establishing the smaller war plants corporation, lend lease administration, office of war mobilization and reconversion and similar agencies have specified that the direction shall make periodic reports to congress. When congress gets the reports, often the congressmen do not have time to study them and do not have the staff to make studies of the reports for them.

The general accounting office, created as an agency of congress, might do this, but its functions have been limited to audit for fraud and it is not used to advise congress on what the executive agencies of government should or should not do.

Bend's Yesterdays
TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (From The Bulletin Files) (Feb. 16, 1920)
In a Bend Trapshooters meet, Dr. W. G. Manning breaks 22 out of 22 clay pigeons, with N. G. Jacobson and Don H. People tying

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