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TYDINGS FROM THE EAST

And those tidings have not been at all satisfactory to the leader who is attempting to purge the democratic party of all save its New Deal adherents. But they are sufficient if not satisfactory.

"The sorry virtue of subserviency," as the Oregonian calls it, and the lack of it in Sen. Tydings' make-up, is what marked him as one of the four outstanding objectives of the presidential purge. In other words the wishes and desires of the executive branch are paramount to the legislative or the judicial departments' decisions—the other two branches of the government which the constitution makers set up in our democratic system of checks and balances.

What more has a Hitler or a Mussolini achieved in their dictatorships?

WAR ALMOST CERTAIN

War is so certain to engulf Europe at any hour now that the whole world trembles. Gone are the headlines concerning the Spanish civil war, or the rape of the Chinese by the Japs! The practical certainty of war is due to the Hitler greed for territorial expansion and greater man power to aid him in his egotistical plans.

The United States, with its unlimited resources, is bound eventually to be mixed up in the devastation which will engulf the greater part of the civilized world.

Sudeten Czechoslovakia is likely at any moment to light the spark which will set the world afire, and the Sudeten Germans will see that it is lighted—but with Hitler's consent and approval.

Fragments

BY FERNANDO FABRICATUS
"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfils himself in many ways."
—Idylls of the King.

Harper's Magazine recently published an article, "Ceiling Over the Head of Industry," which reminded us of an idea our grandfather often expressed. Something over fifty years ago he was sure that with the introduction of the threshing machine in the grain fields "that all the great inventions had been made." He looked backward at the many wonders which had come during the nineteenth century. The railroad and the telegraph and telephone had done more to shorten distances for man than the seven league boots of fable. However, for every invention or discovery made in the fifty years before his death we can name one equally as great which has come into use in the fifty years since then. Often in riding in an automobile, attending a movie, or hearing an airplane overhead, we have thought of his idea that everything had been accomplished before we were born. For this reason we could not agree with the author in Harper's Magazine.

The author endeavors to prove that we have reached a saturation point in our industrial development and that our industrial growth is not to be increased; that we are at a standstill and need to slow down to enjoy the blessings we now have. In one respect we admit that his point is well taken. If we sacrifice everything for our higher standard of living, the price is too high. There must be rest from toil, ease of living and peaceful enjoyment in that which we have labored so hard to acquire. However, that is a more personal problem which each one must solve for himself.

To return to the dire prophecy of a ceiling over industry which will prevent further expansion, one has only to read Charles F. Kettering's article in last week's Saturday Evening Post to be inspired with the belief that man is ascending an upward path and that there is no power on earth to prevent his climbing. Kettering insists that it is the "tomorrow" mind, not the "yesterday" mind that will bring into use new discoveries and inventions for the benefit of all mankind. The "impossible" is often accomplished when approached by such an attitude. And we find it exhilarating to live in the present when the old world is taking on new life

with every changing day.

"A fire-wax and a planet,
A crystal and a cell,
A jelly-fish and a saurian,
And caves where the cave-men dwell;
Then a sense of law and beauty
And a face turned from the clod—
Some call it Evolution
And others call it God."
—William Herbert Carruth



So far not a single independent candidate has filed for office in Oregon this year, according to David O'Hara, elections clerk in the state department. Dead-line for filing will be September 23, O'Hara warns.

Politics which has been maintained in a status quo during the summer months can now be expected to get back into full swing again since Labor Day has officially signalled the end of the vacation season.

Not that the politicians have been entirely idle these past few months. On the contrary most of the candidates have been constantly on the go, addressing picnic gatherings and chambers of commerce and back-slapping and glad-handling the voters en masse. The public, however, has shown but little, if any interest in the political situation since the primary campaign ended. Gorged with political palaver in the spring campaign Mr. and Mrs. Average Voter have been reluctant to listen to the siren song of the vote seeker since they deposited their ballots in the little tin boxes last May.

Now, however, there is a noticeable awakening of interest in politics. It was decidedly noticeable at the state fair as the farmers and townstolk, come to view the exhibits took time out to discuss the prospects of the several candidates.

It is still much too early in the campaign to venture any predictions as to the outcome but present indications are for a neck-and-neck finish in both the gubernatorial and senatorial races. However the next four weeks can be expected to start something to crystallize and well before the November election date arrives the trend should set toward one or another of the hopefuls.

A growing trend toward consolidation of school districts is noticeable throughout Oregon, according to Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction. Since 1930, Putnam points out, there have been a reduction of 253 in the number of one-room schools in the state. In that period 108 small districts were consolidated into 45 larger districts.

The new tuberculosis hospital to be constructed by the state in Multnomah county will provide accommodations for only 20 patients, according to plans approved by the Board of Control this week. The hospital, however, will be in a position to treat a large number of patients who can be cared for in their homes. Dean Dillehunt told the Board he had hopes of a donation of another \$50,000 to add to the \$200,000 being provided by the state and federal government. If the donation materializes it will be utilized in enlarging the capacity of the hospital.

Governor Martin will be honored at a reception to be held in connection with the formal dedication of the new capitol on October 1, it was announced this week. The date is also the governor's 75th birthday anniversary.

The two anti-slot machine bills will remain on the November ballot. A complaint filed by J. A. Moore, Brooks inn-keeper, in an effort to have the measures ruled off the ballot was dismissed Saturday by Judge Lewelling.

The interim commission on state and county revenues is scheduled to meet in Salem next week to consider a number of new tax measures designed to provide relief for property owners, as well as to provide additional revenue. Members of the commission include Representatives Roy E. Carter, of Gold Beach; Ralph O. Stevenson, of Medford, and Carl Engdahl, of Pendleton; Charles V. Gallows, member of the state tax commission; County Judge H. C. Herron, of Corvallis; Bert T. McBal and Gust Anderson, of Portland.

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Bill Regulates Racketeering Only

"With a view of linking the political waters and misleading the people, certain labor leaders are now spreading propaganda to the general tenor and effect that the labor measure initiated by the farmers of Oregon undermines labor unionism," says H. L. Shoemaker, president of the Associated Farmers of Oregon, in a statement issued in the way of a reply.

In addition to the Associated Farmers of Oregon this bill is also sponsored by the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, and the Hood River Growers' Club. "Our measure," continued Mr. Shoemaker, "recognizes and preserves the principles of unionism instead of undermining them as these labor leaders would have you believe in order to encompass its defeat."

"It recognizes the right of the workers of any industry to organize themselves into a labor union."

"It recognizes their right to bargain collectively."

"It recognizes their right when they have a grievance with their employer that cannot be settled amicably, to strike."

"It recognizes the right of employees to invoke picketing and boycotting."

"It recognizes true American unionism as it existed before the foreign labor dictators and racketeers descended upon the scene and usurped all those rights from the workers and used them as a racket for their own political aggrandizement."

"The measure strikes only at the foreign labor dictator and racketeer and they alone."

"It protects and safeguards the rank and file of unionism from exploitation at the hands of these foreign labor dictators and racketeers."

"It prohibits them from appropriating to themselves the funds of union men and women and using them to hire thugs and gangsters to violate the law and bring honest labor unionism into disrepute."

"It protects and safeguards the rank and file of labor unionism from strikes called by those labor bosses against their will in order to force them to pay tribute."

"It protects and safeguards the rank and file of labor unionism from jurisdictional strikes giving the rank and file the right to say to which union they desire to belong and prohibits the overlord of the rival union from making warfare on them through strikes, picketing and boycott."

"Finally, it protects and safeguards the worker, employer and the public alike from violence, vandalism and crime at the hands of thugs and gangsters hired at the instigation of foreign labor dictator and racketeers."

"Consequently when any labor leader tells you that this initiative measure which has been drawn just as much in the interest of labor unionism as the public, undermines a single union principle, you can make up your mind that he is telling you an untruth and that he has an ulterior motive for so falsifying."

"We have no quarrel and never have had, with the rank and file of labor unionism which has been as helpless a victim of unscrupulous labor bosses and racketeers as has been the general public."

"Our quarrel is with the foreign labor dictator and racketeer and they alone."

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Ballot Measures Analyzed

By A. L. Linbeck
State Capital News Bureau
Citizens' Retirement Annuity Bill

This measure, initiated by Elbert Eastman, Portland attorney, seeks to create a state retirement fund through the levy of a tax of two per cent on all transactions made in Oregon, except governmental transactions or involving governmental securities or interstate transactions. The fund would be used in financing annuities of not to exceed \$100 per month to qualified beneficiaries, including all residents of the state 65 years of age or over who had been citizens of the United States at least nine years and continuous residents of the state at least seven years, the only other requirement being that they shall not engage in any gainful pursuit.

Responsibility for collection of the tax and administration of the retirement fund would be vested in the state treasurer.

"Transaction" is defined by the act to mean the sale, transfer or assignment, for consideration of either real or personal property; also the use of any raw material, article or product as a component part in the manufacture of any other article or product; also all charges of interest, rent, commissions, fees and any other pecuniary benefit of any kind; also charges for the payment of wages or the winnings of any lottery or game of chance and the payment of membership dues or fees in any association, organization, lodge or club excepting only a church or place of worship.

Tax returns under this act would be mandatory upon all persons subject to a tax payment of one dollar or more in any month. Any attempt at evasion of the tax would be punished by heavy fines and prison sentences.

Revenues accumulated through this tax would be disbursed monthly. After deducting administrative costs, it would be incumbent upon the state treasurer to prorate the fund among the qualified beneficiaries, except that at no time should the monthly annuity exceed \$100. Any surplus accruing in any calendar month would be paid into the irrevocable school fund. Administrative expenses would be limited to five per cent of the fund.

No qualification of "need" is included in the measure. Beneficiaries, in addition to qualifying as citizens of the state and of the United States and agreeing to refrain from engaging in any gainful pursuit must at the time of receiving the annuity be a resident of and domiciled within the state.

Annuitants must expend each month's annuity within five days after the close of the calendar month for which it is received. The annuity may be expended for any purpose except gambling. It may be used in the payment of premiums on an endowment insurance policy taken out more than a year in advance of the effective date of the act but life insurance policies taken out after the act becomes effective would be limited to \$1000. Gifts to persons or institutions or organizations would be limited to ten per cent of the monthly annuity. It would be made a misdemeanor for any annuitant to unreasonably or unnecessarily maintain any able-bodied person in idleness or any persons in drunkenness or to pay any person salary or wages in disproportion to the services rendered.

Beneficiaries under the act would be permitted to waive their right to the annuity at any time, in event they desired to engage in gainful occupation or for any other reason, but such

September Day

THERE falls a hush. The summer's labor ends.
Earth sits at ease, counting her season's wage.
Over her head, by first September rains
Washed, the blue ceiling of her chamber bends.
The winds are slow: they turn my written page
With languid fingers. All the branching veins
Of maple leaves flow with a liquid fire
Consuming them, as youth consumes to age.

The hedge of daisies dated Michaelmas
Rejoices in its cloud of butterflies.
Across the fir-tree's darkly tented spire
The light-winged galleons of the thistle pass.
Sunlight or moonlight, the completed pears
Drop from the mother tree's relaxing hold.
The painted apple, crushed and bleeding, lies
Beneath its bough upon the brittle grass,
And every corn-ear in the garden bears
A worm well-fattered in its drying fold.

Myself, I sit, and through the hush of hours
Even as earth does, gather my harvest in.
The heat of sun, the color of the flowers,
I store, as fruit into a cellared bin,
Into my heart-hold, and I must not bruise
The powdery pattern on one darting wing.
Or one least accent of the cool wind lose
Among the brittle foliage whispering.

For after these will come the wintry days,
Where in I shall unwrap from memory
This beauty as a candle, whose clear light
Shining abroad, will make the dull day bright:
Will paint its color on the dismal grays
Like a last leaf on a bare bough ablaze,
And when there is no star at all to see,
It is a day, a day that will not die.

—Frances Holmstrom

waiver would not affect their right to apply for reinstatement at some future date.

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