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TOWNSEND PLAN WINNING SUPPORT IN SENATE

The Sentinel in the past has not opposed the Townsend plan of providing relief for those past 65 years of age and, as its proponents claim, a sure-shot means of bringing a return of prosperity to the United States, but it has not been enthusiastic over what the plan's operation could accomplish in the way of stabilizing business conditions in the U. S.

However, it is infinitely preferable to the government's social security and the state of Oregon's unemployment compensation plans. To us those are simply a lot of hokey laws to keep a lot of useless employees on the federal and state payrolls, a lot of parasites who seem to think it is less disgraceful to be on relief by holding an office than it is to draw a weekly check for doing nothing.

The drain on business, to keep these "reliefers" in easy chair jobs is enormous and the quicker there is a change in both federal and state administrations the better it will be for both employer and employee.

But to get back to the Townsend plan. In Washington 126 of the 435 members of the House have signed a petition asking that the house committee to which was referred the Townsend plan bill be discharged so that the measure can be brought out on the floor of the House for consideration by the House itself.

It will require 106 more signatures to provide a majority of the membership which would make this "discharge petition" effective, but with the growing demand in the whole country for a trial of the Townsend plan, it is bound to come sooner or later.

The senate, which formerly was the backbone of the opposition to the Townsend plan, appears to be more friendly now than does the House. All of Oregon's representatives—Jas. W. Mott, Walter M. Pierce and Homer Angell—have signed the petition to discharge the committee.

Senator Downey, of California, recently delivered a masterful oration in behalf of the Townsend Plan. He opened with the statement that he had notified the social security board of the charges he was about to make and requested them to have experts on hand to disprove his remarks if possible. None appeared. He then stated of social security: "considering all of the pension recipients together, they average about the sum of \$4.00 a week for each one; and we in the wealthiest land of the whole world, we who love to boast to other nations of our generosity and our bounty, are content to run our factories and machines at 50 or 60 per cent capacity and point to the payment of pensions of \$4.00 a week as a generous Christian act."

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

We live in a day of vitamins. Because we have refined our flour and sugar and pasteurized our milk to improve their keeping qualities, we have lost much of their natural vitamins. Sorghum, fresh ground whole wheat and raw milk were packed with health-giving elements. However, for our palate's sake we refuse to return to molasses for sweetening and the bacteria in some raw milk is dangerous to health. However, it is now possible for us to enjoy bread made with flour from which the life-giving wheat germ has not been removed. A new process in milling has been discovered which retains the germ oil, without rancidity and weevil-infestation resulting.

The strangest part of the whole story is that the foreign countries are more interested in this health-giving process than those of us in America. Japan, Russia, Germany and many other countries of both hemispheres have sent representatives to this country to secure rights to use the new process. It is typical of Americans that they will buy vitamin B-1 to enhance the beauty of their gardens but will not demand its inclusion in the bread they eat.

The royalty is only five cents additional on a barrel of flour with the

germ oil included. If it cost an extra cent per loaf instead of a penny and a fraction per sack we would still be getting a bargain in its increased nutrients.

It looks as if Oregon has been shamed into doing something to improve living conditions at its insane hospital. The pictures published in last Sunday's Oregonian were probably an eye-opener to most residents of this state.

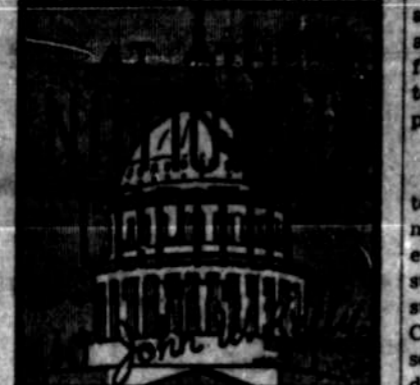
If the taxpayers could just earmark a part of their income taxes for such improvements there soon would be funds aplenty. Instead we have to pay these taxes and then let the federal administration dictate how a great deal of the money shall be spent and we must also employ at fat salaries federal appointees, not all of whom are efficient nor worth their salt. Taxes must not become confiscatory so there will have to be economy in other state departments and activities to provide for new buildings and equipment at the insane asylum.

There is talk of a million or two dollar building being built near Portland by the federal government for the mad Indians from Alaska. They have such an asylum at Morningside now, which is probably superior to that of the state of Oregon at Selam. The perfect solution of this need for more and better quarters for such wards of the state would be to change the conditions of modern life which are causing people in ever increasing numbers to "lose their minds."

Solomon of old said there was nothing new under the sun—but he had never seen a zipper. These streamlined fastenings are fine when they work. However, it took everything but the can opener to release a woman of our acquaintance lately and she had visions of either sleeping in her dress or taking the scissors to it when the zipper on it proved as balky as a mule at zipping.

We abhor war and our ancestors have been Americans for quite a few generations but the gratification we felt when the British navy lived up to its traditions in its recent conflict with Germany was most un-neutral. It was a recessive patriotism which made us want to sing exultantly: "Rule, Britannia! Britannia rules the waves! Britons never shall be slaves."

It takes a European war to make us realize how lamentably ignorant we are of both the geography and history of Europe. We did remember that Sweden and Norway forty years ago had a king in common though their governments were separate but it took a look at the map to make us realize how futile Danish resistance to Germany would have been—almost as suicidal as Finland's stand against Russia.



Washington, D. C., April 17.—Pulp and paper mills in Oregon and Washington will soon feel the effect of the German invasion of the Scandinavian countries and the publishers of newspapers will probably be touched in the pocketbook. There has long been a substantial importation of wood pulp and newsprint from the countries now a battleground (Finnish exports to the United States were so profitable that Finland was able and willing to pay its war debt), and with the seas mined and a tight blockade, the supply of wood pulp and newsprint is shut off.

This phase of the war throws the burden of providing pulp and paper on the domestic mills. For the first time in years the domestic mills are not faced with foreign competition in the home market. There are many mills in the Northwest, giving employment to several thousand workers. Last year the union of workers took the initiative in asking members of the Washington and Oregon delegations to curb the influx of foreign pulp and newsprint; asked that a quota be established, for the union did not take the position that no pulp should be admitted. Ordinarily, mill operators would seek the curb on competition, but with the Oregon and Washington mills the request came from the workers, who argued that the less pulp imported the more employment for mill hands.

Along the coast from Coos Bay to Puget Sound, on the west side of the Cascades, government officials say is one of the ideal areas for pulp and paper manufacture, with an inexhaustible source of raw material. This is the territory which will be benefited by the curtailment of imports

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, April 23, 1926)

We don't know whether any of the old residents of Coos county who have voyaged on the Breakwater will shed any tears when they learn that she recently went ashore near Puerto on the Mexican coast and has been pounded to pieces by the waves.

Yesterday afternoon J. A. Lamb and A. N. Gould went out to Fairview and thence down the North Fork to Rocky Prairie and up to the saddle in the divide where it is thought possible to build a pipe line from the North Fork to empty into the Rink creek intake.

Assessor Beyers in the statement to the voters he publishes this week, says that taxes have risen 45.4 per cent in Coos county during the past three years.

Last Monday F. A. Logan sold the Logan Cafe to S. R. Matthews and Tom Larson, two experienced restaurant men from Powers.

A few cases of mumps have broken into the past week's attendance at the high school.

The Riverton Sunday School had a pie social last Saturday night, for the benefit of the Armenian people and realized \$75.85 for the Near East relief fund.

John B. Harville, of the Russ Investment Co., of Eureka, California, has been inspecting the company's

from Scandinavia until peace is restored in Europe—whenever that may be.

Rather than meet certain defeat, President Roosevelt did not include in his latest reorganization plan the transfer of the forest service from the department of agriculture to the department of interior. A few days ago, however, Steve Early, presidential secretary, sounded out western senators to learn whether their opposition would extend to the president carving out large chunks of the national forests and turning these over to Secretary Ickes for recreational purposes—making them into national parks and primitive areas. Mr. Early was advised any such transfer would be bitterly fought by every senator from the Pacific coast.

Representative James W. Mott, Oregon, who championed increase of funds to retain all CCC camps, thinks less highly of the National Resources Planning board, of which Frederic Delano, the president's uncle, is chairman. Mr. Mott denounced the board as the most useless and wasteful agency in the government, but he failed to prevent \$700,000 being given to it after the president had made a personal appeal.

Wheat export subsidies are limited to the Pacific northwest, the department of agriculture states, and these exports should take care of the surplus in that area. Exports with subsidies are for the Philippines, China and Hong Kong and, on a conservative basis, to Europe. The plan does not contemplate extending the wheat export program to include Central America, although requests have been made for such inclusion.

Because of the construction of Bonneville dam and a break in the Celilo canal, a claim of \$358,185 against the government is filed by A. V. Allen and the Columbia Boat & Barge System, Ltd. Mr. Allen says that he organized and was operating a barge system to take wheat from the upper Columbia down stream when a well in Celilo canal broke, making the canal impassible. Senator McNary arranged for funds to have the break repaired immediately as an emergency, but nothing was done for a year and the barges could not move the wheat stored east of the canal. Then the army engineers began construction of the dam at Bonneville and that prevented the barges from passing. Because of these obstructions, which damaged the barge company, Allen asks \$177,935 individually and \$180,250 as representative of the barge company.

Re-examination of the entrance and harbor of Rogue river has been assigned Major C. R. Moore, district engineer for a field survey. Purpose of the study is to determine the feasibility at this time of further improvements desired by local interests, on request of Representative James W. Mott.

Crescent City harbor's breakwater should be extended 2700 feet out to Round Rock, the chief of engineers has advised congress. This work would cost \$1,810,000, with an annual maintenance of \$20,000. Improvement of the harbor is deemed advisable with the prospect of steam

properties here this week.

While cutting a tree down on the ranch yesterday, L. P. Branstetter nearly cut the end of his foot off.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belloni, Mrs. Bertha Smith and Miss Geneva Robinson went over to Marshfield Tuesday to attend the Christian Science lecture there that evening.

Recorder Lawrence has been busy for the past two days mailing out the 900 pamphlets the Sentinel has just printed telling about the charter amendment and bond measure to be voted upon April 29.

A. B. Collier and family returned from the Bay Tuesday. They had been there for several days while he was looking after his political fences.

Mrs. W. J. Ferbrache had the misfortune to break one of the bones in her ankle last Saturday morning.

Mrs. J. L. Smith was hostess to the junior "500" club last Wednesday evening. After the usual number of games had been played, the hostess announced that the "Imperial quartette" would entertain the ladies with a vocal selection. They did. The audience was most uproarious in their appreciation and demanded encore and encore. When the ladies had fairly sung their teeth out (no joke either) they were presented with huge bouquets of the beautiful, fragrant yellow lilies found so abundantly in the swamps nearby.

schooners carrying raw materials from southwestern Oregon to the Columbia river for pending industries attracted there by Bonneville power.

Administration has entrusted to Rep. Walter M. Pierce, Oregon, sponsorship of the certificate plan which amends AAA. Under the bill, wheat growers who comply receive certificates for their grain and when a miller wants wheat he must purchase these certificates at a certain price. The certificates act as a process tax, paid by the processor, and he can pass it on to the consumer—which would be a fraction of a cent on a loaf of bread. The general idea is that the plan will provide greater benefits for the wheat farmer. The plan also would apply to tobacco, rice and cotton, but not to corn.

A. L. Hooton, electrical contractor and dealer, 274 Second St., Coquille. Complete stock of wiring supplies. If

Townsend Club

The Townsend club enjoyed a fine program Tuesday evening. For the first number Maxine and LaVelle Roth sang several songs. The ladies of the club gave a very clever pantomime. The last number was a hat style show, sponsored by Mrs. Preston. Three prizes were given and it was a very hard contest to judge as all the hats were so beautiful and artistic.

The meeting closed by repeating the Townsend pledge.

Next Tuesday the ladies are again having their doughnut sale. Place your orders at the Community Building. There will be a dance next Tuesday evening, with music by the "Castilians." The public is cordially invited.—Press Correspondent.

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