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GET ALONG

It does not appear that Mr Truman should have difficulty in getting along with a Republican congress, at least no more trouble than he had getting along with a Democratic congress last spring.

Action taken by Truman in recent weeks meets pretty much the announced policy of the Republican. The incoming party seems to want to get rid of the governmental controls that have been restricting our economy and already Truman has removed most of them by himself.

He has announced for economy and while he hasn't done much toward that end he seems well intentioned. There may be a conflict about the reduction of income taxes; the president has suggested that taxes might be cut as much as ten percent and the Republican leaders (some of them) have spoken for a 20 percent cut. The smaller the cut the larger part of the war debt will be paid out of war profits.

If the executive and the legislative branches of our government will forget politics for the next year there is no reason why they should not get along very well and do some good for the nation.

GOOD BYE, WESTON LEADER

Clark Wood of the Weston Leader, whose name is probably better known than that of any other weekly publisher in Oregon, has sold out to the Milton Eagle and will retire from his labors of hand setting type in his little office in Weston.

Clark Wood used to get more notice in the since defunct Literary Digest than any other publisher in the United States. He wrote page after page of sayings, many that were quotable and quoted. He worked at being quoted, and succeeded.

The Leader office was of the old fashioned kind with lots of cases of ten-point or body type and very little machinery. It smelled of type and type has a smell—or did in the days when it was not set anew with each edition. A printing office before the days of machinery had an odor that blended that of dust, type wash, soap and paste and type. Now one smells like machine oil and hot metal which is a change if not an improvement.

So, Clark Wood has retired from the Leader, consolidated it before he left it to a lesser man who probably could not set type by hand. He was a big, solemn man who stayed dutifully in Weston when he could have gone to bigger places. Perhaps he chose to be himself, Clark Wood of Weston, rather than be the writer for some lesser man in the big towns.

GUESSING

One thing the Republicans might have anticipated is that every one with a typewriter, or in the absence of a typewriter, a mouth, would start telling the world just what the newly elected party would do.

Some Republican leaders, probably without power to obtain enough followers, are saying that the new congress will lower taxes 20 percent, which is exceedingly doubtful for Republicans should certainly try to balance the budget first. And there won't be much left over for tax reduction after that, even assuming that many thousands of employees can be removed from the public payroll.

Columnists who have followed the new deal party line for 14 years are telling their readers that Republicans will repeal all labor legislation of the past 14 years, will antagonize Russia and England, sink the fleet and remove all of the agricultural program, sound like small boys on Halloween trying to scare the neighbors.

Economically it's a pretty sick nation and it probably needs less medicine and more rest and a chance to recuperate. Nevertheless it might be dangerous to take away all the stimulating pills all at once.

Actually the only way the people are going to find out what will be done is to wait and see. It is not likely that Republicans will go against the will of the people very much. They want to stay in power too bad.

NO SOAP? The cost of keeping clean is going up say the soap-makers. (They are the guys who put all that clap-trap over the radio). They'd ought to know.

This nation is almost out of the sheep business and a lot of mutton tallow went into soap. There are fewer horses and mules to die and be used by the soap works and American housewives just about refuse to save fat except under the pressure of war times.

Small boys will be pleasantly surprised to be told to save soap. Others will likely be able to get along by being a little saving of that thin bit of the bar that is so hard to catch.

PUBLIC WORKS

There is getting to be a big hulla-bulloo about the continuance of public works here in Oregon. It is being carried on all over the west, where irrigation dams, irrigation projects and power dams are planned and almost ready for construction.

There is no chance to turn aside the wrath of a community that desires government aid in some local project. However, a revival of the theory of public works might not be amiss.

Great public works were to be used to fill in the gaps in employment, were to give labor in times of economic stress, were to use materials and men who had no market in private industry.

No such condition now prevails. There is shortage of labor and of material. We do not have enough of cars, of farm machinery, of timber, of household equipment, of clothing or of little else. If Truman is withholding the order to work on public ventures in order to fill the ordinary needs of the people and to save public works for some needy time, he is absolutely correct.

REPORT CARDS

Reproduction of the new report cards for the Portland schools shows that schools there are following the general trend in marking of grades. Sherman county schools have had a similar card for some time.

Parents, endeavoring to obtain some inkling about how Johnny and Mary are doing, will be completely baffled by the new cards. From them they can tell easily how the teacher likes Johnny's apple polishing or Mary's winsome smile. All marks are matters of teacher opinion.

"Is he acquiring skills" is the common question or "shows progress" neither of which means much of anything to one wanting to know if Johnny is learning anything or not.

Criticism of such cards is of no avail to parents. They are told, sometimes with a supercilious air that matters of education must be left to "educators" who have superior knowledge of children and how their little minds work. (Parents rate very low with the more theoretical of "educators"). We think it's a lot of malarky.

FARM PROBLEM

Albert S. Goss, national Grange master, gave the opening address at the meeting of that order in Portland. He rejected both free economy and government control and spoke for a multitude price system so that crops could be fed or diverted.

Mr Goss said that the farm problem was still with us despite four prosperous years. "We therefore find ourselves facing the same problem we have faced for 25 years, aggravated by the extremely high production developed during the war and the extremely low purchasing power of those nations who would ordinarily be the logical customers for our surplus."

Surely he is correct in saying that the farm problem is still with us. Perhaps farmers will take time by the forelock and find a solution this time before it breaks them. Now is the time to start, not when wheat (for example) is down to forty cents.

Most of the beef that is going into the Portland market is bringing a price about on a par with that of OPA days. Fifteen cents on foot would be a fair average. That means that consumers can reduce the price by not paying top prices. The spread can be cut several cents and still leave a profit for all concerned.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Nov. 18, 1927 The use of closed cars is growing according to the state motor association.

Anyone desiring to contribute to the Grange fund for promoting the income can do so by seeing Wilford Belshe.

Clarence Sparring sold his last team of horses off his ranch Sat-



ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL COMMISSION The all-civilian domestic atomic energy control commission, headed by David E. Lillenthal, former chairman of Tennessee Valley authority, are shown as they conferred with President Truman, following announcement of their appointment. Left to right: Sumner Pike, Lubec, Me.; Lewis L. Strauss, New York City; President Truman; Chairman Lillenthal; R. F. Bacher, Ithaca, N. Y.; W. W. Waymack, Des Moines, Iowa.

urday and will use tractor power exclusively.

Mr and Mrs A. M. Wright and Mrs L. J. Cope made a 300 mile trip Armistice day, going to Pendleton and return by 8:20.

From G.V. J. Nov. 16, 1947

Lester Nahouse has accepted a position with the Tum-A-Lum lumber company and will be stationed at Freewater.

For Sale: two nearly new, five passenger Maxwell touring cars \$550 and \$575. Baker & Baker.

Asa Eslinger has bought a farm two miles north of Forest Grove for \$10,000 including stock.

W. L. Helyer was down from Antelope Sunday and bought one of those Ford cars of Irby and took it home with him.

From the Observer, Nov. 16, 1947 Mr and Mrs W. R. Olds, nee Lois Ruggles, are the parents of a beautiful baby boy.

Mr and Mrs J. B. Mowry made

a team trip to The Dalles last week. The roads were fine and the return trip was made in 6 1/2 hours.

J. P. Hardin has bought the Kenneth farm and now has the making of a fine fruit and dairy ranch.

John Johnson of the Boyd farm has bought the Garlick farm from Ira Messenger.

SURPLUS PROPERTY SALES GETTING GOOD

The greatest opportunities to profit from purchase of surplus war goods will come within the next three months, it was predicted here by Paul G. Rutten, zone administrator of the War Assets administration for the eight western states, in a message to the regional office in Portland.

"All of the western regions are preparing for an intensive campaign" to dispose of government

surplus as rapidly as it can be done and still obtain a fair return for the government," Rutten said. He quoted a recent statement by national administrator Robert M. Littlejohn, which read—"I want target dates set for disposing of everything you have on hand at sales which will move the surplus in the minimum period of time and secure the maximum return. The motto of this administration shall henceforth be—"To dispose of all surplus property honestly, expeditiously and efficiently." The zone administrator advised veterans of World War II, other priority claimants and commercial buyers to watch sales offerings and prepare to purchase the surplus they want.

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he never appointed anyone, except one individual, who was not a believer in the new deal—and that went for Republican appointees as well as Democrats. The single exception was a man from Oregon appointed to the Customs Court, in New York, who as a congressman, had voted consistently against the administration. This sole exception was because of the persistence of the late Charles McNary, Republican leader, who had exacted a personal promise from the chief executive. Mr Roosevelt made the appointment over the protests of Democratic advisors, Associate Justice Frankfurter, among others.

However, now that the Republicans are in control of both Houses of the Congress, all Democrats who are on the payroll will "walk the plank." Deserving Republicans will take over all jobs, and the patronage hungry G.O.P.'ers who have been away from the public feed trough for the past 14 years are now in clover. Such is politics in the U.S.A.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

All persons shall file their objections, if any, to the Final Report of the Administrator of the Estate of William C. Harper, deceased, on or before the 7th day of December, 1946, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., which is the time fixed by the County Clerk of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, for the settlement of said Final Report, and the County Court Chambers in Moro, Oregon, is the place fixed for hearing of said account.

Willard W. Harper Administrator of the estate of William C. Harper, deceased. Malcolm W. Wilkinson Attorney for Estate The Dalles, Oregon

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of John J. Conroy, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the last Will and Testament of John J. Conroy, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: November 8, 1946.

Nellie Conroy Geo. G. Updegraff Attorney for Executrix 1-4c

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Some months ago I reported in the Clarion how Mel Bate's uncle died up north, and left him with a tidy fortune.

Naturally, our town was curious to see how Mel would spend it: Traveling around the world... getting a new house or car... wearing fancy clothes... or dining on cold pheasant and champagne...?

We can now report, Mel hasn't changed a bit! Drop in on him any night, and you'll find him in his shirt sleeves by the fire, chatting

with the Missus, sharing a mellow glass of beer with friends.

From where I sit, Mel has learned the art of handling money—as well as handling people. You don't let cash-in-the-bank push you around any more than you let people push you around. If you like the simple, homey life; companionship and quiet ways; a glass of beer and friendly talk—that's worth a fortune, after all!

Joe Marsh

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