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EDITORIALS

REGIMENTING THE SPUD
 The humble spud has become the latest target for the bureaucrat. Under a law passed by the last Congress, the Irish potato is to have its turn in so-called crop control. Growers who produce more than five bushels a year must submit to a stringent licensing system—and if they produce more than their quota, a heavy fine may be levied against them. Opposition arguments, based on the fact that the spud is an eccentric sort of animal, whose productivity is almost impossible to control, have had no avail. The new law did not have Administration support, and seems to be regarded coldly by Secretary Wallace. It was put through by zealots who felt that nature should be regimented as thoroughly as possible. However, it is encouraging to report that various groups, led by well-known men, have announced defiance to such a liberty-destroying law—and have challenged its enforcement. The pioneer spirit, which detests any kind of dictatorship, is not yet dead and demands the right to eat spuds without political supervision.

WHAT FIRE PREVENTION MEANS TO YOU

The coming of Fire Prevention Week, which will be observed between October 6 and 12, makes it worthwhile to meditate on what fire prevention means to you as an individual, a taxpayer, a homeowner and a worker. Fire prevention saves lives—yours and your loved ones. Thousands of people are now cremated each year—because someone was careless. Fire prevention is the friend of the home. Without it, your home may be turned to ashes—and insurance can never replace the many intangible values each home represents. Money cannot compensate for everything. Fire prevention tends to keep taxes down. Each time a fire destroys taxpaying property, thus removing it from the tax rolls, higher taxes must be paid by all other property within the community. Fire prevention keeps insurance rates down. Over a period of years, the rate for each locality is based upon fire loss—many fires mean high rates. Fire prevention is the friend of employment. When a fire destroys business, jobs are lost, and thousands of dollars in purchasing power is lost with them. Untold privation and misery can result. Fire prevention means progressive towns and cities. Cases are on record where a single fire, destroying a town's main industry, has resulted in permanent retrogression at the expense of property and all other values in the community. Prevent fire—and save lives and money. Do your part during Fire Prevention Week.

HITTING THE LITTLE FELLOW

Tax laws designed to punish big business, under the guise of revenue

producing measures, may wreak their principal damage on little business and on the little fellow—the wage-earner, the small investor, the white-collar worker.

In addition, they may make it impossible for the little business and the little fellow even to go ahead—to progress, to prosper, to grow.

A recent editorial in the Los Angeles Times said: "This is a big country accustomed to doing things in a 'big' way. To dwarf such a heritage would be in truth to return us to the horse and buggy days. To go forward, to explore, investigate, experiment, to attain the heights by trial and error is expensive but necessary to human progress."

"The small, poorly financed business or individual is often an initial stepping stone to great things. The poor man becomes rich; the small business grows and one day is a 'big business' boasting a worth-while heritage of accomplishment. There has been incentive all along the line. It may be wrong, but success, business success at least, is predicated upon financial independence. To rule that the small and struggling shall never grow big and aggressive is to knock the props out from under our national habit and set us back a century."

It seems that the whole aim of politically-minded persons today is to punish, to discourage and to prevent success, to dwarf achievement, to stifle initiative, throttle ambition and to poison the springs of enterprise. We raise our taxes on "big-prize. We raise our taxes on "big-a corporation, once it gets beyond the size of a corner grocery, is just working for the tax collector. We pass regulatory laws giving political job holders, not executives and stockholders, the final say as to business practices and operations.

Whether this represents fascism, communism, socialism or any other "ism", it is directly opposed to every American tradition. And it is a threat to the future of every principle for which our forefathers fought.

FASHIONS IN FREEDOM

"Al" Smith, one of the nation's leading citizens, former governor of New York and Democratic candidate for president, is respected by all for his integrity, his sincerity and his shrewdness in analyzing public questions. As the principal speaker at a recent dinner in New York, he said to his hearers, "Keep your eye on the Constitution."

About the same time the German State Secretary in Reich Ministry of Justice was informing a public gathering that the will of Hitler is the supreme law of the land.

In the United States the Constitution is the supreme law of the land and the lives, liberties and fortunes of our people are not subject to the will of dictators.

But "Al" Smith knows, as do other statesmen, that there are definite designs in our own United States to revise the Constitution as a document worn—as though there were fashions in freedom. This design has shown itself in suggestions to deprive the highest branch of government, the United States Supreme Court, of the power to effectively uphold what is left of the Constitution.

If any think this is not a step in the direction of intolerant dictatorship as we witness it in the rest of the world, let them think again!

The legislative attempts of the past several years to circumvent the Constitution, have been plain and the power of the United States Supreme Court to pass on such acts has saved the American citizen his personal liberties and his properties rights, and prevented him from having the chains of dictatorship forged upon him.

HI-WAYS TO HEALTH
 by ADA R. MAYNE
OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

BUILDING GOOD TEETH
 With the opening of schools dentists have been busy taking care of the teeth of children. It is a wise parent who starts his children off to school with the assurance that they are in the best of health and it is not possible to be in the best physical condition with decayed or infected teeth.

A well balanced diet, which means one rich in all the dietary essentials, is the best basis for the building and protection of the teeth. Teeth are nourished from the same sources as all other parts of the body and when they fail to receive the proper nourishment they are imperfectly formed. Faulty composition of the teeth along with improper diet results in degeneration and decay.

Among the elements needed for good tooth structure, calcium and phosphorus are of primary importance. The chief source of these two minerals is milk. Milk is so much richer in calcium than most foods that it would be difficult to plan a diet to furnish enough of this element without milk. While the temporary teeth do not make their appearance until between six months to three years, they have begun to develop in the third month of pregnancy. At birth the first teeth are fully formed in the jaw which means that the mother is the sole source of food for their development. Her diet must protect her own teeth and build those of her child.

The permanent teeth are already in the jaws of the baby at birth, although the first of these does not erupt until about the sixth year and the last ones near the end of the growth period. Most people do not realize that these very early years are the ones which count in the building of good teeth and that the diet must furnish the necessary building material during this period.

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