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Right or Wrong He Had His Nerve

Assistant Attorney-General Harold M. Stephens told the Supreme Court that "physical ability, mental alertness and cooperativeness tend to fail after a man is 65." Five of the eight men he was addressing were over 65. Lists of men over 65 who have achieved greatly in competition with those much younger, could be compiled. We are reminded of the old Indian saying "The seventies have all the forties and twenties in them."

To Stop Kidnapping

The kidnapping of George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, Wash., for whose return his wealthy parents gave a ransom of \$200,000, has added fresh impetus to the movement for the enactment of legislation which would outlaw transactions of this nature. It is contended by many that only by making the payment of a ransom equivalent to "compounding felony" can the kidnapping menace be stamped out. It is asserted that in countries where ransom payments are forbidden, the crime of kidnapping is almost unknown.

Cracked Bones for Lunch?

We thought we were going to hear something when the radio voice announced that when meat is high one can get a beef bone, have it cracked up well and boil it with some vegetables. The resulting juice adds phosphorus and other minerals to the eater. Now we know why some banquet speakers are so phosphorescent. They usually stop eating after the soup course.

An Old Deal

The "Midget NRA" will soon be the "missing NRA." Already the Federal Trade Commission has been handed the living remains of the codes with White House instructions to aid business to arrange better relations in business. Thus the great Commission born nearly a quarter of a century ago and brought to the fulness of efficiency during its many years of usefulness has taken up its cards that were almost lost in the shuffle of the new deal.—U. S. Press Assn.

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact.

Check your fires and save your checks. Prevention takes the fire out of fire.

In the final adjustment, if we are correctly taught, you will be rewarded for the good you do, rather than for the goods you have accumulated.

This, of all times, is a time when the air should be free from the rumors of war, when the time, and thought, and energy, and resources of the world should be devoted to the purpose of rebuilding rather than toward destruction.

Things One Remembers

By R. M. Hofer

I was talking to the proprietor of a small cleaning and pressing shop in a western city recently. By working hard and denying themselves many pleasures, he and his wife had saved money and made investments, on the income from which they expected to live in their later years.

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The proprietor said to me: "My wife and I are thinking seriously of doing what a friend of ours has just done—cash in on all insurance policies, sell securities and take a trip around the world before the tax collectors, license collectors and lawmakers eat up or confiscate the balance of our savings."

That's a pretty tough statement from a plain everyday citizen. But it is true and shows the trend of thought that is developing. The growing political tendency to undermine the morale of the nation by destructive legislation and taxation, is the greatest menace to recovery and future prosperity.

Statehouse Gossip

By ERNEST L. GRAY

More than 300 people last Sunday night paid 40 cents admission each to hear Upton Sinclair "sell" his Epic program at Salem. There were perhaps thousands in the state who did the same, paying for Sinclair's campaign in California last year when he was defeated for governor. He is candid about it and admits that is why he is on a speaking tour.

His talk itself was not very interesting, but the open discussion when he answered numerous questions afterwards was far more worth what people paid, if it was worth anything. He was introduced by Senator Pete Zimmerman, also a defeated candidate but in Oregon's campaign, and his followers were those one would expect to be there.

The outstanding point however was what Sinclair said about the Townsend Old Age pension plan. It was outstanding because most of his audience consisted of the Townsend plan supporters. Sinclair declared himself opposed to the plan, declaring it would never work under the system of taxation of the present time.

He went further, by saying, the plan only took the money from the young to give it to the old. He said it would not increase the buying power, but instead advocated his plan of \$50 a month to all over 60 as the result of his producing proposal. It must have been somewhat of a shock to his ardent followers.

Undoubtedly many went out of curiosity, but there were many there who had hoped for something more than to "sold" them. Sinclair has a pleasing personality, but he is not particularly a lecturer, nor is he convincing.

An interesting report the past week shows that the state highway commission has received in fees and other sources for highway expenditures nearly a quarter billion dollars, equivalent on an average of more than \$200 from every man, woman, and child in Oregon during the past 21 years, a figure at about \$10 a year each. The total was \$218,698,528.

But the bulk of this money was received from 1917, the year the state highway commission was created. Prior to that time the road funds were disbursed by the board of control. In all that time the state legislature appropriated but \$10,000, that in 1913 to build the first roads that is

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the first built by the state.

In 1914 the one-fourth mill tax was levied and continued until 1921. This source alone provided about \$2,500,000 of the total amount. Then it was not until 1917 that two other sources were used for highway funds—the sale of bonds and the motor vehicle license fees. The latter increased until the peak in 1930 when automobile licenses were reduced.

Bonds were sold each year with the exception of 1924, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and last year and the first six months of this year. In 1919 other sources were added, including a gasoline tax, which was later increased; cooperative aid from both the federal government and the counties; small miscellaneous receipts and interest on daily cash balances.

Interest on daily balances ceased in 1934, however. In 1920 the one mill market road levy was added to sources, as well as cooperative railroad crossing work. The one mill tax was eliminated in 1932. In 1923 fines from vehicle law violations were added, and in 1929 the first motor transportation act was passed giving an additional revenue.

The largest source of the highway revenue during these years was that from the gasoline sales tax which started in 1919 and was increased from one cent a gallon to five cents. This sum alone gave the state a total of nearly \$60,000,000 since its inception, and one which has been advocated by some to pay for the cost of the entire total from federal aid. But this suggestion has been ruled out by common sense.

The next highest revenue return for highways was that of motor vehicle license fees which in itself totaled more than \$53,000,000 since it was approved in 1919 for the first time. Next to that the largest amount raised was from bond issues, but otherwise the total from federal aid, matched by state funds, was next at a rate of nearly \$31,000,000 for the remaining years.

Highway figures are interesting, and upon further query your columnist could go into them at length, but it is suffice to say at the present that of all the funds collected only \$165,348,000 was expended on construction, maintenance and administration of such work. The bulk of it was in interest on outstanding bonds, and repayment of these bonds.

More next week on this.

At the state capitol the past few weeks the famous pastime has been suggesting the type, site, and cost of the new capitol structure. And where has anyone seen a more diversified point of view than in Marion county. It was Marion county citizens (allegedly so) who protested tearing down the old walls. It was so-called Marion county citizens who protested paying more than a quarter million dollars for a new building. But these elements, believe it or not, were not the true representatives of the viewpoint of the regular residents.

After all, when taken in cool consideration, the type of building desired by those (speaking advisedly) who desire the best for the city, county and state, are favorable to any thing which the special session of the legislature will select. At the present time it appears the addition of Willamette university is favored, with the gracious offer of the city of Salem for the city park just west of the old capitol grounds. And, where outside of a few narrow-minded politicians, who by the way are interested only in themselves, can one find any opposition. Your columnist claims to know there are none other than those.

American Carry Over of Wheat Lower than in Years

The first carload of the 1935 wheat crop has reached the Chicago market and from now until the last of the spring wheat is harvested around Sept. 1 in the northwest, income from this greatest of American grain crops will be an item of economic and political importance in the great region known as "the bread basket of America." The wheat harvest has begun in the central states and the harvesting will progress northward over the next two weeks.

The best estimates now are that the total 1935 American wheat crop will be approximately 700,000,000 bushels, or more than 80,000,000 bushels in excess of our domestic needs. This compares with a total 1934 crop of less than 500,000,000 bushels, because of the severe drought of last summer, and which was below our domestic needs. The American carryover of wheat is now at the lowest figure in seven years, and, in fact, some wheat was imported during the last year from Australia and Canada because of the short 1934 crop.

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Science has progressed perhaps more rapidly during the last decade than in any previous period of the world's history, and one of the sciences that has been brought to a high degree of perfection is that science and art of chiropractic.

In making this review we are glad to compliment the Firth X-Ray Chiropractors upon their success in their chosen profession and to refer their ability to our readers. Any person coming into the office with this article or mentioning reading the article in any of our four papers, will receive a complete X-Ray free of charge.

Defense Bill Provides for Increased Enlistment

Under the provision of the recently enacted National Defense Bill, the War Department will increase the enlisted personnel of the Army from 118,000 to about 165,000, or an increase of some 45,000 men during the next year.

About 15,000 of this increase is expected to be effected by September by recruiting agencies of the Army at large, and to District Recruiting Officers has been allotted the big task of enlisting this large number of men within a comparatively short space of time.

Extensive plans are now under way in the Portland Recruiting District to meet this problem, according to word received from Major H. D. Bagnall, the Army Recruiting Officer, in Portland, Oregon. The Portland office presents a busy scene these days and as a part of the expansion program. Numerous vacancies exist in Army branches at the present time, including assignments to the 7th Infantry at Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

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