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SOCIALISTIC MEDICINE BITTER

Press dispatches announce that the Public Works Administration has decided to push municipal power plant construction under its \$300,000,000 building program. It is stated that it can finance up to 141 such projects costing around \$100,000,000. The question as to the Government's right to spend public funds and make an outright donation of Government money to a few favored communities, will be decided by the United States Supreme Court next fall.

It is difficult to discuss a question of this kind from the standpoint of the principle involved without being accused of political bias, but nevertheless the principle involved in such a program is the real point at issue and of infinitely greater importance to the citizens of the United States than the party or public official holding the temporary power to levy and assess taxes for such expenditures.

Just why millions and millions of dollars of public funds taken from all the people of the nation should be dumped into power development for a few favored localities which already have private power development, is hard to understand.

Sooner or later the people and taxpayers will awaken to the fact that this issue involves the question of whether they wish to change the United States form of government to a socialistic form of government.

If the majority of the people want socialism and want to do away with private enterprise, they will ultimately so express their wish. But when they vote for such a change in government, they should vote on it knowing what they are going to get. They should not permit such a change to be thrust upon them under any one of the numerous camouflage that are used to hide the real intent of putting government into business to the destruction of the private line of endeavor with which government competes. It means just the same to a Republican or to a Democrat to see his business wiped out with tax funds which he helps furnish, under a governmental policy of competing with the business from which he has made a livelihood. The effect of such a dose of socialistic medicine will be no sweeter for the recipient, regardless of who holds the spoon.

PROTECT TIMBER FROM FIRE

A few years ago a forest fire burned for eleven days in Oregon. It destroyed three hundred thousand acres of timber.

According to an article in the Family Circle, the actual damage done was estimated as follows: "It wiped out six years of continuous employment for 14,000 woodsmen.

"It reduced the tax income of one county by 43 per cent a year, or \$400,000.

"It robbed the lumber companies of timber with a potential value of \$200,000,000.

"It cost the general public five dollars for every dollar the lumber interests lost."

Here is a problem that almost every citizen can help solve. Most of us at one time or another visit woods—and many of us, through either ignorance or carelessness, do things that are liable to cause fire. Careless disposal of cigarette butts and matches and improperly built camp fires are two prolific causes of forest holocausts. Most man-made fires begin from something of this sort—and a modicum of care would prevent them. Man is burning his forests faster than nature can replace them. Do your part to protect our irreplaceable and invaluable timber resources.

The campaign for highway safety will not do much if you fail to co-operate.

Some of these days when the wise men of the earth learn the truth they will look back at the pretenses of our era and enjoy a hearty laugh, mellowed with kindness.

The man who never has much to do and has all the time he needs in which to do it can never understand how a man can be so busy with his own business that he doesn't have time to take on several side lines and time wasting jobs. There ought to be a law requiring the fellow who thinks up these jobs to have to do them.

Unarmed 'Spanish Marcher' at State Fair



Pure Arabian stallion, Rifnos, doing "Spanish March," one of several unusual feats under saddle which he will show at the Diamond Jubilee Oregon state fair in Salem, September 7 to 13. He is one of 12 Arabians from the W. K. Kellogg Institute, Pomona, Calif., that will be seen at the fair.

Oregon Men Given Glowing Tribute by Army Department

Major H. D. Bagnall, the Army Recruiting Officer, 323 New Post Office Building, Portland, Oregon, received today a glowing tribute to Oregon and Washington men.

The recipients of this praise were the Oregon and Washington men recently sent to the 29th Engineers, now at Port Angeles, Washington, engaged in making a survey of the Olympic Peninsula.

A letter received by Major Bagnall from Colonel Gordon K. Young, commanding the 29th Engineers, says in part:

"May I express to you my thanks for the quantity and quality of the men you've obtained for us in the recent recruiting drive. The momentum of your drive has run us over our authorized strength. However, I have written headquarters Ninth Corps Area requesting that we be allowed to keep all men we have. We can now do our work with maximum efficiency. As far as I can judge from a hasty once-over, the men are a first class group who will be a credit to the organization."

Mayor Bagnall states that men may be accepted at this time for their choice of Fort Worden, Washington, Fort Lewis, Washington, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and Fort Stevens, Oregon.

Wooden Shoes of Holland Put to Variety of Uses

The Hollanders' wooden shoes, or klompen, serve more purposes than merely to protect the feet, states a writer in the Chicago Daily News. They can be, and sometimes are, used as weapons of defense. A Dutch David will get even with a Dutch Goliath: by aiming the first klomp, and when the wooden shoe is used for the same purpose that other people use fists. It can be said that the fight is on a more equal footing.

In their old age klompen add much gaiety to the life of the children who live in this land of canals, for they constitute most of the sail-boats of youngsters. They also bring amusement to many travelers, for when boats pass through the lock of a canal the tollkeeper is as likely as not to dangle over them an old klomp from the line of a fishing rod. The boat owner then puts the toll in it.

Klompen are seldom seen in cities except on market days, when countrymen come to town. They look very uncomfortable to city folk, but country people think nothing of jumping over a 4-foot fence without losing their heavy, unlaced footgear. In some sections klompen are skillfully carved and form quite as decorative a part of the costumes of girls as do their quaint lace bonnets. The Hollander would certainly lose many a foothold on life without his klompen.

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75 Licenses Revoked For Drunken Driving

Seventy-five drivers lost their driving privileges in June for driving while intoxicated according to court records filed with Earl Snell, secretary of state. This high peak in drunken driving charges was supplemented by 46 other cases which resulted in revocation or suspension of operator's licenses for the offenders.

Of the total of 121 such cases, 77 drivers were penalized by mandatory license revocations for a year's period. In addition to the 75 drunken driving charges, two operators were convicted on hit and run offenses.

Improper Sanitation Cause of Many Deaths

Improper sanitation is responsible for more deaths than automobile accidents, declares the state board of health in its weekly bulletin issued Thursday. Faulty plumbing was held responsible for 1000 cases of amebic dysentery in one large American city from 1920 to 1930. Fifty-eight deaths from this disease were recorded during that period.

Five cases of typhoid fever in Oregon were reported by the board for week ending July 25.

The Best Things

The best things that we hope for are those which are most largely within our own power. We may not be able to foretell whether during the year the crops will have favorable weather, we may not know whether the particular business interests in which we are engaged will prosper or languish, but we do know that whatever industry or energy, discretion or wisdom, we put into them will bear results. We cannot tell certainly whether uninterrupted health and peace will reign in our households, but we know that it will depend largely upon our obedience to the laws of the body and our faithful and loving care of and influence over those near and dear to us. We do not know the detail of our social life, what friends we may lose or gain, yet we know that faithfulness, loyalty, and unselfishness on our part will ensure to us pure and happy social relations.

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Crisis U. S. Faces Stressed by Knox

Vice Presidential Nominee Heartens Throng at Connersville, Ind.

Connersville, Ind.—The gravity of the present situation confronting the American people was pointed out here by Colonel Frank Knox, Republican nominee for Vice-President, in the first major speech of the campaign following his acceptance address in Chicago.

"The issues we discuss are grave," Colonel Knox said. "The American people have not faced since the Civil War an election with more at stake. We are confronted with problems that go to the very roots of the American economic system."

In continuing to stress the "crusade," Colonel Knox attacked the New Deal party with the assertion: "Whatever the government has been doing about recovery has been wrong. It has not helped recovery. It has blocked recovery. The Administration has proceeded on the theory that the business man and the farmer must be told how to run their businesses by some planner in Washington."

More New Drivers Listed This Year

An unusual factor in increased business in the secretary of state's office is the licensing of 67 per cent more original operators this year than last. In 1935, 8,271 drivers applied for their first licenses, while in the six-month period this year 13,822 operators were listed as new applicants.

"While some of this increase is due to the additional number of cars operating in Oregon," states Earl Snell, secretary of state, "some also is an indication of a more complete observance of the requirements of a driver's examination law."

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