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Hurrah for John Law!

It was with satisfaction that most southern Oregonians read news of the recent holiday arrests of bootleggers and illegitimate resort operators. Sentiment generally expressed concerning the raids favored the officers and the cause of law and order.

It is almost needless to mention such a public attitude toward the incident is almost a direct reversal of general feeling during prohibition days. For once, the dries and wets both are in sympathy with the law's doin's.

It is for this reason many people have faith in, and moral support for, the Knox law, which regulates the liquor traffic to a surprising degree. And when there is sentiment behind a law, violators had better watch out.

It is a feather in the cap of legislation for repeal, and a milestone in the long road to real law observance and true temperance when wets, too, will cheer rum joint raiders.



The Applegate Dam

On the face of it, and without complete data, the proposed Applegate dam on the Barr ranch seems to have favorable possibilities.

At least, the dam and its effect on the Applegate valley is a possibility worth investigating fully. It was for this purpose that residents of that section formed the Applegate Valley Irrigation and Improvement district.

Of course only final, accurate figures and a complete survey of virgin lands and lands now under water will answer the question as to whether the dam should be built. But any such improvement which seeks for the conservation of needed water and the reclamation of good soil is worth a full and complete investigation. Any progressive move should be fairly considered before it is turned down, for we must always go forward, else we fall behind.

So far, it is largely a matter of opinion whether the Applegate river should or should not be dammed. The organization recently formed is capable to carry on a comprehensive, honest estimation of the project, and should be backed fully by all civic-minded ranchers of the valley.

When a complete, accurate and comprehensive survey of affected lands, probable costs and benefits of the project have been put down in black and white, then it will be time to pass judgment. Until then, Applegaters should help the organization compile information, prepare data and look into various methods of financing the work.

When that is done, then it will be a simple matter for each individual to decide fairly whether or not he can afford the improvement.



Oh, Dr. Townsend!

An irate subscriber of The Miner last week stopped her paper because, she said, she could not tolerate our attack on the Townsend old age pension plan. No doubt there are many more readers who have felt the same impulse but—for which we probably owe our continued existence—they have not acted on it.

Granted, there are many things to be said in favor of Dr. Townsend's plan to donate \$200 to each person 60 years or over. When one considers the plan from the standpoint of spending, it looks mighty good, even to The Miner. But when one figures out just how uneasy its "easy" payments will be when it is

time to dig up the coin to pay the pension, that is another story—and a story we had better go into pretty thoroughly before we take such an expensive fling, or even condemn others for objecting to the plan.

It is easy to picture how much financial benefit might accrue to each of us if the old folks we know were to receive \$200 a month which must be spent. We know all or most of us would get some of that money. We can trace its course through the community and see where it would help everyone somewhat. Fine. It is not too much wonder the plan is being received heartily by thousands of people, who are grouping themselves into Townsend clubs to put the idea over.

But, on the other hand, consider seriously and fairly where this silver flow of balza will come from. Will the "millionaires" and capitalists dig it up? Of course not, no more than they dig up for everything else. It will be you and your neighbors and your cousins somewhere else who will pay the bill. Not one new dollar will be created by the Townsend plan. It merely is a redistribution of earnings. Those who earn would pay heavy tribute to those who do not, under the plan.

Many readers have asked for figures which are convincing argument against the Townsend plan. Here are a few, and they come from one of Jackson county's most versed authorities:

Total earnings for the entire United States for the year 1929—the best business year any nation has enjoyed since the beginning of history—was 87 billion dollars. It is estimated that 19 billion, 200 million dollars will pay \$200 a month to each person in the United States 60 years of age or over. You can figure the rest out for yourself in a minute's time—it will take approximately 22 per cent of the total earnings of the best year in our history to pay the Townsend pension!

It matters not whether this amount is taken from the turnover of money, or from a single sales tax at the source, the total needed is always the same—almost a FOURTH of our entire volume of business, both on paper and actual, to pay the pension alone. Other overburdening taxes would come IN ADDITION to this 22 per cent tax.

The fact remains that Oregon, as a state, turned down repeatedly a two per cent sales tax, believing it to be too much of a burden, and it is hard to visualize how oppressing a 22 per cent sales tax would be.

These are cold, hard figures which cannot be evaded, if the debater is to be fair and honest. Many argue that the Townsend plan avoids this heavy expense by both saving on charity and crime, and receives its revenue from the circulation of money. But you can never get away from the fact that the taxes WE PAY are taken only from OUR EARNINGS, otherwise we can't pay them.

The Miner has not attacked the Townsend plan to be spectacular, obstinate, or because it fails to realize our obligation to the aged and unfortunate. This paper objects to the Townsend plan simply because we believe the plan is unsound, impractical and not honest with itself.

The Miner is ready and anxious to back any plan which will provide for the actual needs of those who are in no position to care for themselves. The old, the feeble, the sick and the unfortunate MUST be provided for. That is a foregone conclusion in minds of almost everyone, and it is this sentiment which has been taken advantage of by the backers of the Townsend scheme. They have played on sympathy, charity and woe to convince their listeners and believers that Dr. Townsend's fanciful plan is the only way out.

The pity of it is that, when such an impossible scheme as the Townsend plan falls of its own weight, there will be hundreds of thousands of old folks and good citizens of these United States bitter towards our legislators, toward government and towards opponents of the plan. It will be hard for them to place blame for the plan's failure on the plan itself, and heaven only knows what the reaction might be.

Another Year



LEGAL NOTICES

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County
J. H. BUTLER, Plaintiff,

vs.
GEORGE SCHUMACHER and MARIE SCHUMACHER, husband and wife; HOWARD HILL; L. A. BANKS; W. B. BARNUM; O. B. MORROW; L. D. HARRIS; C. H. TAYLOR; W. H. NORCROSS; DON R. NEWBURY; GEORGE B. CARPENTER; J. F. WORTMAN, trustee of the estate of L. A. Banks and Edith Banks, bankrupts; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to the real estate described herein, Defendants.

SUMMONS
To L. D. HARRIS and GEORGE B. CARPENTER, Defendants herein:

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the Amended Complaint of the plaintiff on file herein against you, or otherwise plead thereto, within four (4) weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, exclusive of the first date of publication, and if you fail to appear and answer the Amended Complaint of the plaintiff as hereinabove required or otherwise plead thereto, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in its Amended Complaint, which is succinctly stated as follows:

For judgment against the defendants George Schumacher and Marie Schumacher for the sum of \$2500.00, plus interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the 17th day of December, 1932, plus \$200.00 attorney's fees, plus costs and disbursements herein to be taxed, plus interest on said judgment at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the date of the decree herein.

For a judgment and decree foreclosing plaintiff's mortgage on property situated and being in the county of Jackson, state of Oregon and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 4 and 5, block 1, first extension of South Sea addition to the city of Medford, Oregon,

and that defendants, and each and

all of them, and all persons claiming by, through or under them, or any of them, subsequent to the execution of said mortgage on said premises, either as purchasers, encumbrancers, or otherwise, be barred and foreclosed of all right, claim or claims, or equity of redemption in the said premises and every part thereof.

This summons is published in The Jacksonville Miner by order of the Honorable H. D. Norton, judge of the above entitled court duly made the 5th day of December, 1934.

Date of the first publication of this summons is December 7, 1934.
O. H. BENGTSON,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
126 East Main Street
Medford, Oregon.
(Dec 7 14 21 28)

Still, we don't know what could be done with chiselers under the tombstone code.—Weston Leader.

Drunken and reckless drivers are doing their best to prevent a population surplus.—Weston Leader.

"Enough is great riches," runs a Danish proverb. We see no appeal in this to the loser of a street fight.—Weston Leader.

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