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TOWNSEND MOVEMENT

Very few, if any, of the daily newspapers, big or small, give editorial support to the Townsend Plan. And only a minority of the weeklies support it editorially.

The smaller dailies condescend to print news items of meetings, and some of them publish communications, but they do so for business reasons, not as a matter of principle.

Press dispatches from Washington, D. C. recently told of a debate between Representative Gassaway (appropriate name) and R. E. Clements, co-founder of the Townsend Plan. The gassy representative got three-fourths of the space in the press dispatches, and the editors wrote headlines to make it appear like said "gassy" had uncovered some "Damnable Racket."

Gassaway merely ranted. "I charge here and now," he said, "that the Townsend old age pension plan is the most damnable racket ever perpetrated." And the balance of his argument was of the same caliber.

But Mr. Clements made a big score, even with meager space. "The primary purpose of the plan," he said, "which is to distribute widely a wide volume of purchasing power, directly to the masses, is the surest, safest and quickest way to re-establish the velocity with which our circulating medium must move if we are to have a stable and lasting prosperity in America."

BORAH TELLS THEM

Senator Borah has written an article, published recently in Collier's, that will surely debar him from being nominated for president by the G. O. P. unless the party decides utterly to spurn the well-known and powerful standpatters who are now dominant in its councils.

"You can never restore purchasing power," he wrote, "while private interests through combinations and agreements fix prices. The farm purchasing problem, therefore, has its roots in the most profound problem in our whole social structure."

He said monopoly was unnatural, the result of indefensible practices which could be defined and punished by law.

"There can be no basis in reason or justice," Borah wrote, "in 20 per cent of the income earning portion of our population enjoying 98 per cent of its savings, leaving the balance, 2 per cent, to be divided among the other 80 per cent of the population. Such is not an orderly, natural result of modern civilization, but a result brought about through practices resting at last upon nothing less than extortion and violence."

FEUDAL ESTATES

Great Britain had 850 millionaires in 1930 and only 452 in 1935, which is a rather sizeable drop. Britain's millionaires came mostly from titled lords who inherited vast estates. But the depression made it necessary for the lords to divide their estates, and the landed gentry in that country has lost its vastness. It is in America now that landlordism is beginning to power. Vast tracts of land that rival the feudal estates of old are being purchased by the millionaires. Tenant farming is making a rapid increase.

Governor Alf Landon of Kansas, prospective candidate for president, is highly lauded by W. R. Hearst, who claims the governor said a volume when he said "Cut out the frills." It was a mouthful all right, but mostly of mush.

We are glad the soldiers are to get their bonus. It will be a boon to them and a boost to the entire country. The old mossbacks who are hollering "inflation" ought to have been given a dose of the Patman bill.

The polls for the special election today will be open until 8 o'clock. If you haven't voted yet, make a bee-line to your voting place and swat all four of those proposals.

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SPORT SHORTS

By Bill Hulen

With the exception of a few rotten eggs tossed into the after game crowd at the door of the junior high gym last Saturday night, the first two of the four game Ashland-Medford basketball hysteresis ended calmly. True, there were several tiny spats started between supporters of the respective teams, but all in all everything was peaceful on the front that has, in years gone by, provided front page news for every paper in the state, not to mention the severing of athletic relations between the two at least twice.

Time was when an Ashland-Medford basketball or football game meant carloads of Medfordites pouring into Ashland, loaded to the gills with eggs, fruits and vegetables of ancient vintage, to be met by vast numbers of Ashland "produce" peddlers. The now famous pitched battle, staged in front of the Presbyterian church in 1925, if memory serves correct, will live forever in the hearts of loyal (and straight-throwing) Ashlanders. It was there that Medford came, saw and was conquered, beating a retreat only after warfare so vicious that for days after, laundries of both towns cleaned up selling vegetable soup, fruit salad and egg nog.

This week end makes or breaks Howard Hobson's university of Oregon Webfoots. Two down to Washington already, if the Huskies win twice more from Hobby's boys, it will mean curtains for Oregon's championship chances, and real sorrow here in Ashland for the great team we have seen developed by Hobson in his three years here in Normal. Although lucked soundly last week, we make the prediction that Oregon will come back to take the Huskies twice. Hobson's teams have ALWAYS been able to come back. Lay it on the line they will again.

One of Ashland high's finest athletes has played his last game for the Iowa Street institution. Parker Hess, graduating at the close of the Fall semester last Friday, leaves a big gap in the basketball team that is going to be plenty hard to fill. Not a colorful player in comparison to some who have performed during the past three years, the value of Hess to the Grizzlies can best be described in the words of Coach Faber: "Hess is the best player I have ever coached."

Minor sports champions of Ashland could be catalogued as follows: Pinochle, Shorty Gosnell; English Billiards, Aubrey Miles; Pin Ball, Bill DeWitt; Solo, R. L. Lindner; Snooker, too numerous to mention; Craps (dice to you) L. Porter; and "hot-stove-league" gossip, Darby O'Toole and Ronney Gande.

Southern Oregon Normal will have it out with Willamette university Friday and Saturday nights of this week at Salem, with each team holding a win over the other so far.

After their split in a two game series with Mt. Angel college last week end, coach Jean Eberhart has been drilling his charges at top speed for the invasion of the Northwest Conference Bearcats lair, and expects his team to win one, maybe two games from Speck Keene's team.

ALCOHOL EDUCATION

Was the topic for study Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Paul Buyers, when the monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. convened. The President being hostess, asked the Vice President, Mrs. Wiley to preside at the business meeting. Official papers Chairman reported 20 Young Crusaders ordered and placed in the schools the past month. The Treasurer announced that all dues were due and a special effort is being made to get them in before the February meeting.

Mrs. Howard had charge of the program and brought before the group the bills before Congress; the Capper bill prohibiting advertisement of Alcoholic liquor and the Guyer Bill calling for Prohibition of Beverage alcohol in the District of Columbia. You are urged as a consistent dry, to write the Chairman of the D. C. Committee, Mrs. Mary Norton that this bill be brought out of committee and to your Representatives and Senators, that they support these bills. The Capper bill is No. 541 and the Guyer bill 8739.

Mrs. Wordsworth conducted devotionals. Some 18 were in attendance. The Union voted to pay their dollar to the Lillian M. Stevens Legislative fund, which is a great factor in dissemination facts and leadership of dry legislation.

The next regular meeting will

DODGE CARS POPULAR.

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Obituary

Mrs. Harriet A. Norcross passed away at her home on Beach street at noon last Sunday, aged 72 years. She was a native of Wisconsin, and had resided in Ashland since 1926. She was united in marriage in 1888 to Leonard Lawrence Norcross, who passed away on May 31, 1931. Mrs. Norcross is survived by a daughter, Alta Norcross, a sister, Mrs. R. M. Lawrence, and a brother, A. C. Loucks. Funeral services were held Tuesday, with Rev. M. L. Edwards, of the First Presbyterian church in charge.

University Women Organize Branch

Mrs. Will Dodge was named as president of the Ashland branch of the American Association of University Women at the organization meeting held at the Lithia Springs hotel last Saturday evening. Other officers chosen were: Mrs. Waltem Reuord, vice-president; Miss Virginia Hales, secretary; Mrs. Bertha Smith, treasurer. The organization is international in scope, and members more than 45,000.

Charles Tonner has purchased a standard Chevrolet sedan from the Kay Chevrolet Company.

Allan Brower has been confined to his home by illness this last week.

Dr. Walter Redford returned Tuesday evening from La Grande, where he attended a meeting of the board of higher education, and also attended the ceremonies for the new Eastern Oregon Normal School building.

be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hill, Tuesday February 25th, at 770 Iowa Street.

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By C. M. Payne



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