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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

CRITICS NEVER PRACTICE THEIR PREACHINGS!

Criticism comes easy. Any moron can crab about what people think, and any ne'er-do-well can play checkers over the shoulder of those who keep busy.

We hear a lot about the evils of government in business. Particularly from business men, engaged in some line of endeavor which might suffer from government competition.

Certainly. If you've got to pay taxes and conform to unending technicality, your government shouldn't step in and start taking business away from you, or launch a competing venture with your own money, so to speak. But how many squawkers ever really practice what they preach, or believe what they say—unless it is their purse being pinched?

You know the answer.

The very merchant who will groan about the New Deal and its many ventures will go down to the post office and order himself a stockroom full of government-printed envelopes because Uncle Sam will print them so darned cheap local printers can't even begin to compete. Not only will he do just that, but he—and half his townsmen—have been doing it for years before the New Deal was ever heard of!

So there you are.

A lot of claptrap criticism is hurled at The Government over the morning coffee cup while later that day the same critics might go out of their way to take advantage of some concession The Government offers them. Which is a pretty good index to the depth of most anti-administration talk.

If Uncle Sam saves you money, or doles out patronage here and there, grab your share. But don't let that stop you from groaning every time you hear of somebody else getting a break!

Maybe the reason we have such a cussed government is because our country is made up of so many cussed people.

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WANTED—BUSY BRAINS AND IDLE TONGUES!

The democratic form of government admittedly is the best method of representative self control yet devised for a nation.

But if our present legislative session is a fair cross-section of democracy, heaven help those peoples who must live under a worse rule!

With better housing problems, business stagnation, unemployment, labor troubles, a pooped-out merchant marine on our hands and a thousand and one other vital posers needing attention, what do the American people get for their money? A filibuster. Hot air. Evasion.

Not that we blame the southern senators at all for their determined fight to prevent the anti-lynching bill ever becoming law. But the rub comes when addle-brained representatives of the Dear Peepul purposely bring up such controversial and unimportant legislation at a time when the nation needs statesmanship. What difference will it make to the millions of troubled Americans whether a dozen negroes will be hanged in the old south this year for rape?

With opportunity on every hand for able leadership, useful action, our senators—who keep their nostrils pointed skyward until near election time—blat their brains out and clutter up congress with a big wind.

The special session was bad enough. The rubber-mouthed statement-makers who condemned the administration for spending money for jobs and food and national defense took their pay for making a special trip to Washington to accomplish exactly nothing. And now they quibble about whether the north should tell the south how to run its own business.

Of course, we of the north and west would think it a different matter if the south should insist that we grant citizenship and property rights to Orientals here on the coast. And we would be highly indignant

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

I'M SORRY, MADAM - YOU'LL HAVE TO MANAGE WITHOUT YOUR CAR THIS TRIP -- YOU SEE - AUTOMOBILES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN BERMUDA -- BUT THEN - YOU COULD TAKE YOUR FAVORITE PONY - OR BICYCLE!



if southern senators forced us into a filibuster to prevent their meddling in our localized problems.

We repeat, God help the nation burdened with a worse form of government!

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OIL COMPANIES ARE LIKE GREASED PIGS!

The wheels of justice may turn slowly, but they turn. After everyone in the country has known for years that oil companies conspire to fix prices, finally comes court conviction for their anti-trust evasions.

But when the law attempts to corral and discipline major industries and their executives it bites off quite a chunk. The accused oil companies have announced they will spend another million dollars in legal maneuvers rather than pay a few thousands in fines.

The same power that enabled the major oil companies to fix prices to please themselves gives them the position to outjockey and outbarrister the people's will.

Before the battle is over, who knows but what the oil industry might destroy the Sherman anti-trust act, which the people like but they don't?

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WHERE EDUCATION REALLY PAYS!

While motor vehicle travel in this country approximately tripled between 1922 and 1935, the automobile death rate among children five to 14 years old decreased 14 per cent, according to Alvan D. Battey of the National Safety council. The rate rose nine per cent last year but is on the decline again this year, despite greatly increased travel. Battey credits organized work in safety education, begun in 1922, with this showing.

LETTERS to the Editor

A PAT ON THE BACK

Editor's Note: Dr. Brower this week lauds the recent editorial setting forth a few rules for persons taking advantage of our columns for statement of their opinions. However, in going to some length, he overlooked the prime requisite of brevity. Therefore the liberty was taken of boiling down his letter with the view of retaining substance and still conserving space. Omissions are indicated.

To the Editor:

Your editorial comments of last Friday's issue are to be commended. They show courage and repentance. The life of a newspaper man, especially in a small city, is not as rosy as some might suppose or wish. In a socio-political order which is of a topsy-turvy nature, unpleasant things continually are arising that are hard to account for or in any way to be reconciled. In a people whose mentality is fogged with

the fumes of rum and tobacco, and whose past is clouded with the star dust of Mars and reeking with the stench of hoodlumism an effort at correction is as the voice of one crying in the wilderness, saying "Repent and turn away from your wicked ways." To one who sees the end from the beginning, efforts at reform look hopeless. No wonder that Jesus tells us "Ye must be born again."

The first time I read the Townsend plan I said "This is an effort to reform capitalism." Looking at it four years later, I assert that if capitalism refused to be reformed, I reverently say God help and pity the capitalists.

Have you ever read the general welfare act? . . . If you have, you will never mention the word visionary in connection with the Townsend movement.

The political democracy of which we boast is better called demo-plutocracy, or rule of the soothing voice of Pluto, god of the underworld. It is no wonder that society, thus deceived, has a hell of a time.

The reformer and revolutionist, especially the latter, has a lot of suffering to undergo. However, it is worth it and is good for the soul. Reforms, like prosperity ever coming around the corner unless continually pushed from behind and, like a revolving transactions tax, soon spend themselves and

FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

MAY I PARK ON A HIGHWAY?

You should not park your car on the paved or main-traveled portion of the highway outside of business or residential districts whenever it is possible to park elsewhere. When necessary, the vehicle may be parked in the highway provided there is at least 16 feet clearance on the side toward the highway, and the car is visible for 200 feet in each direction. Disabled vehicles waiting for relief, and emergency vehicles, are not affected by this provision.

WHAT LIGHTS MUST SHOW ON A VEHICLE PARKED ON A HIGHWAY AT NIGHT?

If your car is parked on a highway at night, whether or not there is someone in it, it must show a white light on the roadway side visible at least 500 feet to the front, and a red light visible at least 500 feet to the rear. On lighted highways within cities local authorities may waive this provision by ordinance if there is sufficient light to reveal a person 200 feet away.

TALENT

● Mrs. Francis Tame and son Cecil moved from their home on Griffin creek to the Carl Beeson property Saturday.

Talent high school senior students received their '38 class rings Wednesday.

● Harry Van Dyke of Klamath Falls was a caller here Sunday morning.

● Mr. and Mrs. C. Cooper spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Grant Walker in Phoenix.

● The Talent women's basketball team was defeated by the high school girls' team Tuesday evening by a narrow margin. An Ashland high basketball team met the Talent high squad in the main game of the evening, resulting in a 28-18 Talent victory.

● Mrs. Riley Niswamer of Chilquin is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Works, this week.

● Dr. Dan E. Poling, representing the state board of higher education, visited the Talent high school Tuesday. In an address to the student body Dr. Poling emphasized personality rather than technical training is necessary for successful living. "Happiness is determined by service to society and interest in other people" he said. In a special talk to seniors Dr. Poling evaluated the Oregon schools of higher learning.

● Miss Clara Dodson made a business trip to Central Point Tuesday evening.

lose their momentum — to be classed as failures. It is this revolving transactions tax in the Townsend plan that gives the plan more virtue than the common reform. When the futurity of the present administration with its political henchmen and their antics is fully exposed and laughed off the stage because of failure in stopping the recession more than temporarily, then only will your despised Townsend plan come into its own.

If we were ever unkind, forgive us.

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