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PLANS AND HUMAN NATURE

From as far back as there are any records, philosophers and reformers have been trying to plan the "Perfect State." We have looked into some of the plans. The oldest of which we have a record seems about the best. That is the "Republic" of the Greek philosopher Plato, who flourished about 300 B. C., or more than 2,200 years ago.

Sir Thomas More published a book in the year 1520, describing an imaginary nation which he called "Utopia," and the name has been used ever since to designate an ideal of society. Fifty or sixty years later Sir Francis Bacon tried to improve on Utopia with an account of the "New Atlantis," another perfect state.

All of these plans for regenerating society and making everybody happy have the same fatal weakness. That is that their authors assume that human nature changes or can be changed. None of them would work—unless every other inhabitant were a policeman—so long as human nature remains essentially selfish and self-centered.

It is one thing to make a logical plan, and quite a different thing to get people to abide by it. If everybody were honest and unselfish and so filled with the spirit of justice as never to do an injustice to anyone else, the Utopian plans might work. But if everybody were like that there would be no need of any government at all!

Oregon's tourist crop this year is expected to greatly outnumber last year as the stream that went to the Chicago world's fair again turns this way. Travel agencies predict Oregon will receive one-third more cars than last year.

The professor who advised the boys of a graduation class three years ago to marry the boss' daughter instead of his stenographer says he made a mistake. The stenographer at least has a job, while he points out, most bosses are now unable to do much for their married daughters.

Joseph's shoes have been worn by so many candidates that we wonder if they will go through another campaign without being half-soled. Even some of the Lane county boys running for the legislature are trying to wear them again.

Women have been instinct but poor judgment, so 'tis said. From the men they marry we must admit there is something to this last contention.

The sales tax is an added tax claims its opponents. Well, any tax is an added tax to a person who does not pay any property tax.

If we were voting on a measure as to whether there would be any taxes at all we wonder what the decision of the voters would be.

There are 94 attorneys, 53 farmers and 121 ordinary people running for the legislature.

The Willamette river floods have washed everything off some of our bottom farms but the mortgages.

It is easier to make jokes than to take them.

THE BOOK by BRUCE BARTON WHEN PROPHETS SPOKE

The prophets seem to have come in pairs—Amos and Hosea; Isaiah and Micah; Ezekiel and Jeremiah.

Micah was a down-state man who had the same prejudice against Jerusalem that many people now feel toward New York. It was hopelessly wicked, he said, and merited destruction for its sins.

Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

Isaiah, on the contrary, was a city man, loving town life, at home in the bustle of the market-place and the activities of the court. Jerusalem was a grand town to live in, he said, in spite of its sins, and God would take care of it.

Therefore saith the Lord . . . I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

These two quotations encourage us with the knowledge—much needed in these controversial days—that two men can be equally good and acceptable to God and yet hold absolutely contradictory views. Micah and Isaiah agreed in path to salvation, but they disagreed violently in respect to Jerusalem. Both were right and both wrong. God did defend the city for a long time after the northern kingdom surrendered to its enemies in 722 B. C. But ultimately, in 586 B. C., the destruction which Micah had prophesied came true.

In speaking of Micah and Isaiah as a pair, we mean that they lived at the same time, not that they were on the same level, intellectually or in the importance of their message. Isaiah was one of the outstanding religious leaders of all history. He was of high birth, and may even have been related to the royal family, for he had free access to the palace, and he appears to have been a preceptor for one king Hezekiah. His ministry began in "the year that King Uzziah died," the king who had been his hero.

Isaiah had to rebuke sin in high places, to offend princes and priests and politicians, for he belonged to the stormy period when the Assyrians were invading adjacent realms, and his own little kingdom was trying vainly to make its future secure by an alliance with Egypt. This he denounced and thereby gained the ill-will of many powerful interests. But when the time came that Jerusalem needed Egypt's help, Egypt had her own hands more than full. On a desperately tragic day the Assyrian army camped before Jerusalem, and the king and his counsels were in terror. The king covered himself with sackcloth and sent for Isaiah, the one unfrightened man in town. Isaiah's day had come.

This WASHINGTON BY RADFORD MOBLEY

Washington, D. C., April 26—Adjournment of congress by May 15th is the definite program, agreed upon by House leaders and the President. But there is still a fair chance that the Senate may upset this, unless some of the things upon which a number of Senators have set their hearts are agreed on before that date.

Most important of the items which the President insisted upon in his conferences with Congressional leaders on his return from his fishing trip is an appropriation of a billion and half dollars to continue Federal relief work. More unemployed are now on the government relief rolls than at any previous time; nearly twelve million persons in all. The expected new funds will be added to those already available for public works, direct Federal relief and aid to states and municipalities.

Next on the President's program of essential legislation is the Stock Exchange regulation bill. This had been amended so that it will not put the stock exchanges out of business, as the original measure was calculated to do. The vital importance of maintaining an open market in which anyone who wants to buy or sell stocks and bonds can always do so, at a price, is assured by the bill as it stands, and the drastic provisions which would compel the liquidation of billions in outstanding bank loans have been modified. There are still plenty of teeth in the bill, however to discourage wild speculation, which is its main purpose. Congress and the administration still believe that all of our present troubles started in Wall Street.

The Security Act The President also is insistent upon the passage of amendments to the Securities Act of last year. It has been learned, from nearly a year's experience, that it is impossible to get honest men to take the risk of offering new securities for sale, when under that law they might be sent to jail because some salesman of whom they had never heard, long after the securities had passed out of their hands, did not tell the whole truth about them, and any time within ten years anyone who bought them and was sick of his bargain could claim his money back from the original issuers.

Since there is only one way whereby private capital can invest in business and industry, and that is by the purchase of bonds and shares of a business corporation, and nearly every industry is constantly in need of fresh capital, particularly so at the present time, the idea is to make it safe for the industries to float new bond and share issues, and so put private capital at work as well as government funds.

The understanding here is that the President would be satisfied to have Congress pass those three major pieces of legislation and then go home. But the indications are that Congress is going to take matters into its own hands and pass another inflation measure. This will be the Dies silver bill, as modified by amendments drafted by Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, and on which the "farm bloc" and the "silver bloc" are in agreement and are certain they can get enough votes to pass the bill. This would raise the price of silver, put \$50,000,000 a month of new silver certificates into circulation, and put a premium on silver used by foreign

buyers for American agricultural products.

The Labor Legislation There is less likelihood as time goes on of the passage of the Wagner bill to limit hours of labor to 30 a week. The proposals for unemployment insurance under Federal control will go over to the next session—that is to say, to the next Congress, for this is the final session of the 73rd Congress. For the first time since the latest amendment to the Constitution was adopted, the Congress elected next November will take office early in January and begin its work—with out any "lame ducks" or members who have been defeated for reelection but still hold over, among them.

Another major piece of legislation, however, which probably will be law by the time this is printed, is the new income tax bill, which takes a good deal of the burden off the shoulders of the poorer class of taxpayers and piles more of it on the rich, especially upon inherited estates.

As to other Administration plans which do not require additional legislation, chief interest centers upon the efforts to reorganize the NRA to make its provisions under the codes enforceable. There is a good deal of confusion inside the NRA offices, and a growing volume of protests from industry and business against some of the code interpretations. It is too soon to say that "NRA has broken down," as many business interests contend, but in practice it is not proving the benefit that it was expected to be.

Turn to Economic Stability Much thought is being given to the effort to work out a satisfactory plan to encourage home building, but without any success so far. There is also cooking up some program for aiding the so-called "capital goods" industries, meaning the makers of machines and equipment which are not consumed but are used to make consumable goods.

The feeling is growing, even inside the Administration, that the time has come to let up on social reforms and concentrate more on economic stability and re-employment. One strong stimulant to that line of thinking is the doubts raised by Dr. Wirt's warning as to whether or not all the social reforms have a practical, workable basis, or may have the effect, intentionally or not, of slowing down economic recovery.

Washington is more crowded than ever before. The past year has been a wonderful harvest-time for Washington hotel-keepers, and the climax came with the annual cherry-blossom festival, when there was not a single room in the city available for the late arriving visitors.

SAFETY COUNCIL ADOPTS STATE MOTOR CONTROL

Many portions of the procedure followed in Oregon in the administration of the automobile operators' examination law have been included in a publication, "Manual for Examiners" which has just been issued by the National Safety Council.

The Council is now suggesting the use of this manual in all states that test the driving ability of motorists, thereby creating a uniformity of state regulations. Analysis of the systems used in eastern states and in California for a number of years prior to Oregon's enactment of the examination law and careful adaptation of such procedure as seemed to have best stood the test of experience made possible a program in this state that has been given national recognition several times for its effective development. Oregon, in turn, is now contributing the results of its experience to the national study of uniform practices.

Gets His Chance



NEW YORK . . . Max Baer (above), giant Californian who knocked out Max Schmeling last summer, gets his chance at Primo Carnera's world heavyweight championship, brought about by a series of circumstances which forced the Madison Square promoters to deal with Baer and concede percentages to take care of Jack Dempsey's contract with Baer. The Baer-Carnera title bout is scheduled here June 14.

THREE C COMPANIES SHIFTED THIS WEEK

New Companies Occupy Belknap and Wendling Camps; Coast Camps Closed for Summer

The final movement of six CCC camp companies from the Eugene district to the middle west took place Tuesday morning when the men who have been at Wendling, Belknap, and Powers camps left by special train. The Wendling company will proceed to Cimmaron, Kansas, while the other two companies will proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to be re-assigned.

The first special train with three companies for Sturgis, South Dakota, left last week. With it went the Coquille company, Remote company, and Tyee company. The Coquille and Remote camps have been closed for the summer while the Tyee camp will be occupied by a new company.

ELECTION PAMPHLETS SENT TO ALL VOTERS

Copies of the official Oregon Voter's pamphlet have been received during the past week by registered voters in all parts of Lane county. The pamphlet this year is a combination of two former pamphlets, and contains both the statements of the measures to be voted on and arguments for and against them, and pictures and statements of candidates for public office.

U. O. ENROLLMENT NEAR 2000 FOR SPRING TERM

Enrollment at the University of Oregon, for the spring term, neared the 2000 mark, with 1964 now on the campus. This is a decrease of only four percent over spring term a year ago, and a less than usual decrease over last term. CWA jobs for approximately 200 students have helped to keep enrollment up this term, officials state.

LUMBER MILLS SHOW NEW BUSINESS GAINS

Seattle, Wash., April 26—A total of 586 down and operating mills in Oregon and Washington which reported to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending April 14, produced 98,889,995 board feet of lumber. This was approximately 5,000,000 feet over the preceding week. The average production of this group of sawmills in 1934 has been 86,344,471 feet; during the same period in 1933 their weekly average was 87,108,883 feet.

The new business reported last week by 577 mills was 82,431,774 board feet against a production of 88,620,447 feet and shipments of 85,881,256 feet. Their shipments were under production by 12.9 per cent and their current sales were under production by 16.4 per cent. The orders booked last week by this group of identical mills were under the preceding week by about 3,800,000 feet or 4.5 per cent.

The unfilled order file at these mills stood at 382,145,514 board feet, a decrease of approximately 5,500,000 feet under the week before.

The aggregate inventories of 130 mills are 10.4 per cent more than at this time last year.

Student Visits—William Pollard was home from Portland Sunday to visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard.

MANY BUY NEW CARS AND TRUCKS IN STATE

In the first quarter of 1934, 2,670 new passenger cars were sold in Oregon while in 1933, the total only reached 1,276. March sales were 1,329 in 1934, and 528 in 1933. The truck sales were 710 for the first three months of 1934 and 184 for the same period in 1933, 308 in March of this year, and 77 in March 1933.

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