

EDITORIAL

Greatest Gift

With Christmas approaching at a rapid rate we are quite naturally gift-minded. At the moment we are not thinking of those gifts associated with the Christmas tree but of the greatest gift of all—HEALTH. If good health could be given to everybody in this great land of ours it would be the greatest Christmas in recorded history. Since this would not be possible, the next best thing for us to do is to help continue the fight against an enemy that in 1944 took the lives of 55,000 persons and affected the lives of approximately 450,000 others.

Look at these figures compiled on the 1944 record of tuberculosis: About 55,000 persons died from TB; the average daily census in tuberculosis hospitals and sanatoria was 80,000 persons; about 110,000 persons were admitted to tuberculosis hospitals and sanatoria; approximately 200,000 persons received treatment in tuberculosis institutions.

Experts estimate that about 500,000 persons have TB at this time.

That may represent but a small percentage of the nation's total population, yet there is every reason to believe that that figure can and will be reduced from year to year. Since 1907, when the American people first made Christmas Seals a part of their Christmas giving, they have helped cut the TB death rate by seventy-five percent. . . have helped save four million lives.

Authorities state that death rates are highest among unskilled workers, lower among skilled workers and lowest among professional people. No worker is safe as long as TB exists. That's why the U. S. Public Health Service and tuberculosis associations are X-raying employees in industrial plants and communities. By finding TB as early as possible, the spread of the disease is held in check.

You will receive a packet of Christmas Seals ere long. When the little stamps arrive don't set them aside with a promise that you will attend to that tomorrow or next week—do it today. That 100 cents you mail in to the county association will be matched by millions of other like contributions from over the land in the greatest crusade of the modern age. You will be doing your share toward bringing to realization for thousands of your fellow men, who ask only that their health be restored, in providing "this greatest gift of all."

Welfare of Country

One of the results of the recent election has been to cause people to ponder over the future course of the nation. Party lines were not drawn so tight in the pre-election campaign and now that the smoke has cleared and it appears the Republicans in Congress are charged with the duty of looking after the nation's business it is interesting to note that the GOP has accepted the job as a mandate from the people rather than merely a partisan victory.

The old game of politics will be played. There will be much criticism of the "ins" by the "outs", but with the Republicans in control of the legislative branch only, there will not be an opportunity to build up a political machine such as there would be had the executive branch been included in the election. Strength of the GOP will be gained in accordance to the value of the legislation enacted within the next two years. A sound policy of doing the most good for the greater number of people—in fact all the people—is likely to have more influence on the 1948 presidential election than any amount of patronage dispensing. The people have been through an era of that type of government and registered their objection in the most effective manner provided for them. It was a warning to any political party that "we, the people" intend to live our American way, and any attempt in the future to tamper with our constitutional rights will be met with the same kind of a rebuff.

Examples of the foregoing have been seen since November 5 in relation to the proposal that President Truman appoint a new secretary of state and then resign so that the Republicans could take over all functions of the government. That suggestion has been denounced by Republicans and Democrats alike, although the suggestion came from a member of Mr. Truman's own party. Republican leaders likewise have insisted that there is no reason why the President and Congress can not get along together and accomplish much good for the nation.

There has been no gloating by party leaders or by the so-called partisan press. There is rejoicing that certain elements have been given a setback and there also is denial that the new Congress will take a reactionary trend. The people will appreciate a halt on reckless spending, with a natural and gradual lessening of the tax burden. They are looking to the Republican party for leadership and if that is forthcoming the GOP will be the popular party when it is time to change management two years hence.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

Freedom of the Press

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THROUGH FREEDOM OF SPEECH—THE RIGHT TO DEMOCRACY HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED THE PRIVILEGE OF FREEDOM OF DISCUSSION—ESSENTIAL SAFETY OF GOVERNMENT.

Capitol News Letter...

The only effect the nation-wide republican landslide had, that helped the GOP in Oregon, was to reduce the number of democrats in the legislature to 7, 2 in the house and 5 in the senate. The oldest political observer at Oregon's capital cannot recall a democratic controlled senate. The last democratic controlled house was in 1937, when Harry Bovin, Klamath, was elected speaker. At this session the building of a new capital, to replace the old building which burned in 1935, was consummated but the cost and size were so held down that the new building was crowded the first year it was occupied.

Oregon is now the "solidest republican" state in the Union—surpassing Maine in the percentage of

republicans holding office. Oregon democrats need not start walling the "Little Boy Blues," however. Let democrats recall that Oregon has 11 times elected a democrat governor and 11 times elected a republican. That is counting Sylvester Pennoyer, a democrat, as he ran on the combined Democrat-People's ticket, and counting Julius Meier as not a republican, as he ran only as an independent.

John Hall of Multnomah has the speakership of the house corraled. However, it would not surprise this writer if he should decide to turn it over to one of his cohorts. He previously has shown his generosity in a similar situation. The presidency of the senate still is a horse-race, with Senator Cornett on the

inside-track with 13 pledged votes. Senators Newberry, Jackson and Walsh, Coos and Curry, are still in the running with undetermined pledges.

EMPLOYEES ASK RAISES

Approval of increases in the salary of the governor and other elective or appointive officials of the state was made by the general council of the Oregon State Employees association here Monday. The group also asked that the date of the operation of the retirement act be changed from "one year after the war has been declared ended" to July 1, 1947. Removal of the \$200 limitation, which is the highest salaried state employee whose deductions for retirement are matched by the state, was also asked.

Nationally wanted fugitives and the pattern and methods used in escaping apprehension, and the apish and faulty reasoning of bad check artists were discussed at the Oregon law enforcement officers semi-annual meeting in Salem this week. Contrary to popular belief, criminals as a whole, are not clever but average low in intelligence tests. They frequently are victims of a weak spot somewhere in their makeup and seldom are conscious that it is apparent to others. Their reactions, instincts and movement habits spot them, to trained enforcement officers as clearly as photographs.

MORE WHISKEY

Oregon whiskey drinkers who consider themselves connoisseurs of liquor are in for a big Christmas. Big name brands of whiskey, intended for the fighting men overseas, has been made available to whiskey monopoly state agencies. The Oregon liquor control commission will be able to secure 2000 cases of this war surplus goods at \$1.20 a quart. When the federal tax of \$5 a gallon is paid, freight and mark-up added the sale price is expected to be between \$4.50 and \$5.00 a quart.

STATE'S INSURANCE LEVY

In the operation of the state's self-insurance system the state board of control this week set a levy of 22 cents per \$100 of valuation on all state activities. This levy will raise \$100,000 for the state restoration fund which now contains \$300,000. The value of state property is estimated, as of November 1, to be \$45,268,000. Assessments were made by the board on the Canby, Springfield and Mount Angel cooperative flax plants for a total of \$1919 for the fund.

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STATE REQUESTS DAM

The Oregon state board of control has approved a resolution asking for a flood water storage dam on the Unatilla river. The resolution, passed at the request of the Pendleton chamber of commerce, is designed to help U. S. Rep. Lowell Stockman in his efforts to gain federal approval of the proposed dam. Last March the board requested army engineers and Oregon's congressional delegation to get the dam built, emphasizing that

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the state has a vital interest because of the Eastern Oregon state hospital being located at Pendleton.

He (storming): "Why the first time I buttoned this coat it split down the back!" Tailor—calmly: "That shows how well we sew the buttons on."—Columbia Jester.

Many a girl will scream at the sight of a mouse but think nothing of stepping into a car with a wolf.

ON the SUNNY SIDE

"Excuse me," said the little man in the crowded cafeteria, who had returned with a cup of coffee, "but you have my seat."
"Oh, yeah?" growled the big man. "Can you prove it?"
"I think so, sir," the little man murmured timidly. "I left my pie and ice cream in the chair."

Minister's Daughter: "Let's go to church tonight. Father's text is 'Love Ye One Another.'"
Boy Friend: "Can't we just stay home and practice what he preaches?"
A flea and an elephant walked side by side over a little bridge. Said the flea to the elephant, after they had crossed it: "Boy, we sure did shake that thing."

A woman called up for jury duty refused to serve because she didn't believe in capital punishment. Trying to persuade her, the judge said: "This is merely a case where a wife is suing her husband because she gave him a thousand dollars to pay down on a fur coat and he lost the money in a poker game."
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