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## Not Too Poor A Record

President Truman's caustic remarks about the "do-nothing" Republican congress put him in the light of the spoiled child who cannot have his own way. The record proves him wrong in most respects and the turn of events to the present indicates that it is not so much his legislative program that has been neglected as it is his political program that has gone haywire.

Congressman Lowell Stockman, just back from Washington and the Eightieth Congress, has submitted a partial list of the accomplishments of the Republican dominated session a large part of which if it had been enacted by a new deal congress would be lauded to the skies as progressive but having been fostered and carried through, even to overriding one or two vetoes, by opponents to the new deal tax and spend theory, is belittled by the President and those who have been riding the new deal gravy train for the past sixteen years.

Says Mr Stockman: "When the 80th Congress recessed on June 19 it had to its credit an unusually high record of production of good legislation, and I believe the President is thinking more of politics than he is of the good of the people when he recalls the Congress at this time."

"The 80th Congress worked under high pressure. It has considered more than 11,000 bills and resolutions. Of these the House passed more than 2,000 and the Senate more than 1,700. More than 1,000 have been signed into law."

Some of Mr. Truman's pet projects may have lacked confirmation by a congress not wholly in sympathy with him politically, but it must be admitted by any fair-minded citizen that it was a "do" congress rather than a "do-nothing" congress. Not all credit is to be taken by the Republican members, for the support of Democrats in more than one hotly contested bill was necessary to secure passage.

Among important measures passed were the global foreign aid program and a \$6,030,000,000 appropriation to finance it the first year; a \$4,800,000,000 income tax reduction bill; the Taft-Hartley Labor act; unification of the armed forces under a Secretary of Defense; a peacetime draft of men 19 through 25 for 21-month terms to bring the armed forces up to authorized strength of 2,005,882; the portal-to-portal pay bill, restricting claims for pay from the time the worker reached his place of work until he leaves it; authority for a special commission, headed by former President Hoover, to chart a reorganization of the executive branch of the government; the presi-

dential succession bill, designating the Speaker of the House as next in line after the Vice President; a bill freezing social security taxes at 1 per cent; a bill allowing World War II veterans to cash bonds they received for leave time unused when they were discharged; a new permanent program of farm price supports, somewhat lower than existing wartime levels, to take effect January 1, 1950, and many others including appropriations for federal aided projects in Mr. Stockman's own district.

Summing it all up it is difficult to understand Mr. Truman's attitude unless he is permitting his views to be guided solely by political prejudice rather than the overall good of the people.

## Home Accidents On Increase

This is National Farm Safety Week, but why confine this safety business to the farm when accidents happen other places with as much frequency? Home accidents, despite efforts to educate occupants, are on the increase.

Most accidents do not just happen—they are caused! This is the contention of Miss Mary Beth Minden, extension home management specialist at Oregon State college, who points out that carelessness, hurry, fatigue, improper light and poor housekeeping habits are the chief causes of home accidents. She takes these causes up in turn, as for example, carelessness is a matter of not thinking—not seeing what might happen.

Hurry, another accident cause, is the trend of the times, but a slower pace today may save hours later. Speed seems to bring all of the hazards to the front and accidents are the result. On the other hand, fatigue is a source of accident in the home. Tired persons have dulled senses, so that otherwise careful persons seem not to have the energy to carry out the safety practices which they know are right.

Poor light is another important cause of home accidents. The National Safety Council reports that falls often resulting from poor light are the most important cause of farm work injuries. Improperly stored tools, toys and household supplies are familiar causes for this type of mishap. The home management specialist says small rugs that are spotted at the top and bottom of stairs are particularly important. Remove them, she suggests, or at least anchor them securely.

Other types of home accidents are caused by stairs that are not equipped with handrails, by frayed electrical cords, rickety stepladders and incorrect electrical fuses, to name only a few.

With these reminders, would it not be sensible to check up and see how many removable hazards you have around the house, in the shop, or on the farm?

## Something To Think About

What makes a free press possible? Private enterprise! In every country where freedom of the press is lacking, or curbed you will find a totalitarian government (a dictatorship). Under such a regime, government owns the basic industries. There is no incentive for constant improvement in order to appeal to the buying public. There is no particular reason for telling the public about all manner of products, such as is commonplace in the United States, in order to build business. The people have to take what the government offers and like it—there is no competition.

Totalitarian governments seek unbridled power. Under such governments, there can be no free press for two very good reasons. First, government controls all the news and all the newspapers. Second, government-owned industries do not have to advertise. They do not have to win the public's business by superior products and salesmanship.

No country in the world has 12,000 rural daily and weekly newspapers, in addition to the metropolitan press, except the United States. No country in the world has a newspaper in practically every town of a few hundred population. Their income is derived from private enterprise—thousands of competing industries, from the greatest railroad and public utility to the smallest bakery and laundry. They all advertise to popularize their services or products and win public favor and business.

It has often been charged, for political purposes, that advertising controls the American press. This

is not so because competition is so varied that no branch of business is powerful enough to dominate the press. Volume and variety in advertising makes possible a free press.

No group of men and women in the United States is more vitally interested in opposing government ownership of business, as a matter of principle, than are newspaper editors. They are the nation's safeguard against the economic teachings of many of our principal colleges and and text books which openly espouse the superiority of government operation of business as contrasted with private operation, on the phoney "liberal" philosophy that we have outgrown the days of private endeavor, and that only government is now capable of handling the basic industries of the nation. Such teachings are the opposite of every principle upon which our government was built, and if accepted will lead to the destruction of private enterprise including a free press. When that happens personal liberty itself will be gone.

This is something for editors, industrial leaders and individuals to think about because the ground is already well prepared to extend government ownership of business (socialism) in our country.

Newspaper publishers of the state will readily agree with the judges at Seaside who selected "Miss Central Oregon" to represent the state as "Miss Oregon" at the Atlantic City pageant of pulchritude. Miss Central Oregon, who in real life is Miss Joyce Davis of Redmond, is a young person of rare charm and talent. She turned these on the publisher group at the annual luncheon held in the Pilot Butte Inn July 2 and if the vote had been taken there as to who was the most likely Miss Oregon candidate it would have been unanimous for the girl who sings Irish songs in a manner outdoing the Irish.

## 30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times  
August 1, 1918

Glenn Sharp, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sharp of Newman canyon, was killed instantly Wednesday morning, July 31 when an automobile in which he and his two small brothers were playing ran away down the hill and over an embankment.

Miss Muriel Reade, aged 19 years, died at Parker's Mill on Friday of tuberculosis following an illness of many months.

A telegram from Washington, D. C., indicates the sugar allotment for the state of Oregon will be cut for the month of August to two-thirds of the average for the three preceding months. The amount per person has been lowered to two pounds per month.

Tom Humphreys succeeded in stirring up an exciting footrace Saturday morning. He matched District Attorney Sam Notson against Bob Hart and the two sprinters pulled their coats and sailed down a 100-yard course on Willow street with the district attorney coming out ahead by about 18 inches.

A daughter was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hill on Willow creek.

About 40 acres of grain, a barn and two horses were destroyed in a fire Monday which started on the place farmed by A. D. Sacher on Balm fork.

Uncle John Gurdane was over from Pendleton and spent Sunday with his son, D. C. Gurdane. The old gentleman seemed to be hale and hearty at the age of 95 and moves around as spry as many a younger man. At present he is the oldest man in Umatilla county and the oldest member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is also a Mexican war veteran.

Supt. H. H. Hoffman left Heppner last week by auto for Kennewick where he will head the schools for the coming year.

The squad of Oregon military police stationed at Heppner have found a home for the present in the high school building. The boys have the use of the domestic science kitchen for mess quarters and the shower baths and the use of the superintendent's office. All together they feel they are very fortunately situated.

Mrs. Fred Jenkinson of Vancouver, Wash., visited friends and relatives in Heppner over the week end.

Capital  
Parade  
By  
Murray Wade

## RECORD INCOME TAX RETURNS

If this keeps up the state of Oregon will be talking billions instead of millions. More state money keeps pouring in and from more sources as the state accelerates its speed of growth. It all looks cheering until the silhouette of rapidly growing expenses and slacking income shadow the scene.

The state of Oregon will derive an estimated \$60,000,000 from income tax payments during the present year, according to a report filed with the state board of control by Earl Fisher, chairman of the state tax commission, who is in charge of the net income tax division. Collections for the first six months of 1948 were greater than for the entire year of 1947.

Chairman Fisher considers the higher income tax yields the result of Oregon's expanded economy with an increased population and the lowered net tax income exemptions.

Discounting the \$2,708,165 collected under the withholding tax law, individuals paid by mail or over the counter, \$28,155,014 in income taxes during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948. This is an increase of more than 40 per cent of what they paid in the previous year.

Corporations operating in Oregon paid \$16,575,914 during the fiscal year.

On a fiscal year basis the present collections are approximately nine times greater than the amounts collected in 1940.

## ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYMENT

Relatively stable employment is forecast for the balance of 1948 by fifty-two establishments in the transportation, communication and public utilities industry that were interviewed by the Oregon state unemployment compensation commission last week. Records show this group has made 65 percent gain in payrolls during the past twelve years, passing the 80 million dollar annual payroll mark in 1947.

## HIGHWAY BUDGET BULGES

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program for the fiscal years of 1950 and 1951 will exceed \$26,640,000, based on funds appropriated by the last congress and state matching contributions. State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock reported this week.

Of the total funds for the two years the federal government will provide \$18,000,000 and the state \$4,550,000. The federal money represents Oregon's share of the total federal authorizations of \$450,000,000 per year for federal aid highways and \$20,000,000 per year for forest highways.

## INDIANS TO BE TAXED

Congress has taxed pasture and timber income of lands granted the Klamath Indians in early treaties. The tribes, or remnants of them, must pay the local school district \$40,000 annually for schooling 240 of their children. The Klamath case is only the beginning. Other Indians in reservations in Oregon will be next. Representative Stockman, who handled the movement in congress is confronted with a revolt campaign by those who believe we have not fulfilled our treaties made from 1858 to 1865, and the enactment of this law will further disillusion them on the fulfillment of promises made their forefathers in treaties with

## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

The active fall campaign of Douglas McKay, republican candidate for governor, will start on August 1 with a tour that will carry the Marion county senator into every county in the state. W. L. Phillips, Salem, who conducted McKay's primary campaign, will continue in the same capacity. U. S. Senator Wayne Morse arrived in Oregon Thursday from Washington, D. C., via Lexington, Ky., where he acquired a standard-bred roadster stallion which he may be able to show at the Oregon State Fair—starts Labor Day. He examined the Vanport disaster area and took a plane Monday evening to return to Washington for the special session of congress. He intends to return to Oregon when congress adjourns and campaign for the Dewey-Warren ticket.



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