EDITORIAL

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The Magic of Politics

If there are any people left in the country who thought the Roosevell regime had turned the good old U.S. A. into a socialist state, and still think that way, it is largely because they have not read or heard the plans of the new Truman administration. Labor was merely struggling to get control of the administration during Roosevell's time; It completely dominates the picture now-or will if the Congress falls in line with all of the socialistic proposals in the Truman

Perhaps the administration is guided by an for those in the lower income brackets, and particularly those who more often than not are the of business and industry, and this is a commend- an unexpected hospital or doctor bill. able ambition. The point is, how will much of the legislation be accomplished except through political magic. Certainly much of it will fail if left to the ordinary processes of business based on the law of supply and demand.

figured out how higher wages can be paid; how teed by the government, and the same time expect lower prices on groceries and other things in the average worker and his family, retail field, we are about to witness something new in the field of economics. This might be expanded to include the proposal that there will is engaged in placing higher taxes on business.

not amoozin'." About all we can figure out of it is that our Harry made a wise decision when he abandoned the haberdashery business in favor of politics. He has a better chance to work his in practical business

For Better Housing

Experience of many householders with frozen water pipes and drain pipes should prove the necessity for giving closer attention to these details of house construction. Many of the houses were built in the days of outside toilets and the drainage facilities were installed long afterwards. From the condition of these drainage facilities at present it is evident that not enough care was exercised in protecting them from the type of weather in vogue this winter. The same is true to provide proper protection in times of strenuous

We learn more by experience than otherwise and if a lesson is to be taken from the current winter weather it will be that more attention should be paid to proper insulation of homes and

regular January

He was here yesterday.

school superintendent.

through the ages..

WEDDING CAKE ORIGIN

TO SHOW BRIDE'S COOKING SKILL. IT WAS GREATLY

ADMIRED -- BUT

ATED (16" CENTURY)

sday, January 30, 1919

Cecil Items: Miss Helen Barratt

and Miss Doris Mahoney left for their homes on Sunday. . Miss

Inez Easton spent Sunday with

W. L. McCaleb is in the city

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Barlow, ac-

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd.

from Arlington.

Wednesday.



other thing to be considered along with the proper placing of pipes and that is fire hazards. The thawing of pipes frequently is the cause of resi-

All in all, the inconvenience suffered from shortage of water, or no drainage to frozen pipes, break a session, and nobody will added to the fire hazard, makes it advisable to know what happened. The greatspend a little more at the time of building and have a home that is comfortable and safe.

Doing for Ourselves

A proposal for compulsory government health insurance is in the news again. It will be one of the taxpayers plenty. Hurry-up idealistic desire to raise the standard of living the major issues to be considered by Congress this methods in lawmaking always year. Of the arguments used in support of it, one the process of good legislation, of the most generally effective seems to be that fermenting period, a cooling-off victims of unemployment in times of recession it is often a serious burden to meet the cost of period and deliberation.

That is true enough-but it does not explain start, been of one mind. That is why government insurance, which would cost the taxpayers \$6,000,000,000 a year and perhaps more, is the way out. The proponents of the scheme seem labyrinth of tax laws and that it to totally ignore the fact that a large percentage If the president and his brain trusters have it of the American people have protected themselves against this exigency. They have done it through high prices to farmers, with price floors guaran- one or more of the voluntary prepayment plans. all of which are within the financial reach of the

The growth made by these plans is phenomenal. The first came into being in Oregon in 1906. Initially, during the trial and error period, probe more business expansion while the government gress was relatively slow. Then, some years ago, GUBERNATORIAL a major expansion took place. One plan alone As Li'l Abner would say, "it's confoozin' but has well over 30,000,000 subscribers, most of whom pay the moderate charges through payroll deductions. And the benefits given have been steadily

In the light of all this, and looking at the issue ideas out through political magic than he had from a purely practical viewpoint, there seems to be no reason for saddling the country with another enormous tax-and, in the process, giving a political group a half nelson on the medical

Postwar Boom Slowing Down?

Is the great postwar boom slowing noticeably?

There are very definite indications that it is: Certain industries which could not begin to fill the demand a short while back-such as household appliances-have been cutting production. as L. Gatch, Portland, who de Even in the motor car field, where shortages have been intense, conditions are changing with rapidwith many of the houses-too light construction ity. Some types and models of cars-mostly in appliance stores in Oregon City the higher-priced brackets-are available almost immediately. The market for lowest-priced cars is still strong, but producers believe that an era and is Willamette valley repre when cars will have to be pushed to make sales, sentative for a natonal insurance

Few seem to think a serious economic setback to so arrange water and sewer facilities that they is coming in the near future. But the peaks are

are requested to meet at the LO. **30 YEARS AGO** O.F. hall Friday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the Heppner commercial

> A deal was closed on Saturday George McDonald, farmer and stockman of Rock creek, visited whereby the Tum-A Lum Lumber Heppner Saturday, the first time company of Walla Walla took in months. He says they are enover the stock of H. C. Githens. joying fine winter weather in his lumber dealer, and also purchsection and stock are doing well, ased from the First National Bank of Heppner the property County Attorney Notson is busy where Mr. Githens has been opthis week moving his office and erating.

companied by several members fixtures back to the courthouse. of their family, were visitors in where he will again occupy the Heppner from Eight Mile on room vacated by him when he Lexington notes: Burgoyne & Son are making extensive im-provements at their flour mill. gave up the office of county lark Davis had his crew at work County court was in session yesterday to dispose of matters. The business men of Heppner engine. A new engine house and large platform adjoining the mill have been built. They expect to steam up this week.

W. G. Scott made a business rip to The Dalles last Friday. A large number of people spent Sunday on the rabbit range near James Carty's ranch, some autos going through to Boardman and returning. There are reports of a astrologist is a republican) and great slaughter by some of the purity of soul".

Heppner's schools will open agan Monday, Feb. 3, for work in all departments. The flu situation has so far improved that there will be no danger in the children coming together again in the school room, and work will

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

hunters.

Fiction: Walled City, Huxley; Catalina, Maughan; Dark Wood, Weston; Rabble in Army, Roberts; Yankee Pasha, Marshall; Lord Hornblower, Forester; The Turolse, Seton. Mystery: Miss Silver Comes to Stay, Wentworth; Murder Is Served, Lockridge; The Thin Man, Hammett. Juvenile: udge. Newberry.

Stephen McDonald Hagan arrived on this mortal sphere at 2:30 p.m., Monday, January 24, 1949, choosing the Hood River ospital as the spot to make his rand entrance. He will grace the ome of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hagan of Heppner. Mr. Hagan, he proud papa, was distributing igars shortly after the news of is son's arrival. Hagan is assistaut manager of the Columbia

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The tempo of the Oregon legislature is just right. Not too fast or too slow. Timing is important. It can make or est dangers are rushing and bolting. We have seen it happen too often not to be apprehensive.

Although it was the longest on record, the 1947 session was not quite long enough. There were 12 hours that were faulty and cost defeat three of the essentials

There is one point on which this legislature has, from the not to monkey with new taxes They realize that the state's financial problems are locked in a will be difficult to fashion a key that will not open new doors o the tax structure.

The past ten days of severe weather, with highways many reacherous with snow and ice has chilled good intentions to make a short session of it. Delegations from over the state slated to meet with the legislative com mittees and at public hearings have been thrown off schedule

A complete new liquor control commission was appointed this week by Governor Douglas Mc Kay. The three new members are Carl W. Hogg of Salem. W. A Spangler of Klamath Falls and Richard W. Reed of Eugene. Hogg, who will serve as chair

will succeed Dr. Orval Eat on of Astoria, with term expiring January 1, 1950. Attorney general Neuner had gi governor an opinion on Eaton's s Mayor of Astoria he cannot hold two lucrative offices. Spang er will succeed to the term of Harry D. Boivin, Klamath Falls, who resigned during Govern Hall's administration. Spangler's term expires January 1, 1952. Reed will succeed Admiral Thom clined Governor McKay's offer of who, eligible and qualified to reappointment. Hogg is a partne in Hogg Brothers furniture and ber 2. Estimates vary as to just and Salem and is an active leader in many civic activities. Reed is a former U. of O. football star Tes, I can hear you mutter that doing his duty?

company. Spangler is engaged in the lumber business. Other appointments made this to secure for all Americans this week by the governor are:

George Aiken, George Neuner, Victor P. Morris, Charles Strickand and George Flagg as mem bers of the governor's committee on interstate cooperation.

Frank Vincent, Portland, re-ap pointed as a member of the state delinquency, say "What wage and hour commission.

Dr. O. C. Hagmeier of Seasi and Dr. Charles E. Hunt of Eugene re-appointed and Dr. Thomas E. Griffith of The Dalles appointed as members of the State Board of Health. The appointments have been presented to the state senate for approval.

"Oregon Legislature and Pres sure Groups" will appear in This Week, supplement magazine, on Sunday, January 30. The author, Senator Richard L. Neuberger, is York State decided the election in the President elect carriage and the President elect carriage. renowned as a writeradical in his neighborhood—which is all of the Empire State by only 1,145 America. The famous initials of Representative Grace Oliver Peck. (G.O.P.) Portland democrat, are perversive to her party affiliations. She insists the republican party symbol, G.O.P., anticipates "Going Out'a Politics" . . . The birthdays of 12 members of the legislature occur in March, three in January and four in February An astrological senator says the March group "are influenced by Jupiter, which presages a sympapurity of soul" . . . Ten of the present legislators are graduates of the University of Oregon, and ten of Oregon State College, Only five are graduates of Willamette University but include Senator William E. Walsh, president of the senate, and Representative Frank J. Van Dyke, speaker of Senator the house . . . Senator Orval Thompson of Albany has just been acclaimed the first citizen of his home town. In 1941 he was youngest member of legislature and of the senate in 1947 and

"KELLY SAYS"-

The third biennial report of the Postwar Readjustment and Development commission just issued by Executive Director Kelly is a valuable and interest-ing appraisal of Oregon. Briefed on one page, Kelly State of Oregon is first in population gain-49.3 per cent. Second highest percentage of increase in tax collections, 1940-1947, Fourth percentage in total income pay ments. Eighth in percent of farms with electric service. Twentieth in manufacturing payrolls. Twenty-first in per capita income."



The American Way

By George Peck

Let me say right quickly that article is not addressed to gentle reader. Full well I that you are one of those good citizens who goes to ils at each election to exercise for candidates of your own seection. You fully appreciate jusow fortunate you are to be a tizen of a country which affords ou the sacred right of the secret

Rather, this article is directed the many American vote, failed to do so last No how many of these slackers there were, but roughly just about half you just cannot understand the ingratitude of the other half of those stalwarts who offered up their lives (many of them gave) precious right to vote.

Undoubtedly, a few of these non-voters had a legitimate ex cuse, but most of them simply were shirking their duty as good citizens. Yet, these indifferent citizens, when confronted with their could my little voice have been

fact, no excuse at all. It reflects elfishness as well as laziness on such an alibi. Imagine what would happen to this naton if all adopted that same laissez-faire attitude! America would be WINCHELLIZING OUR SOLONS taken over bodily to be exploited by selfish interests.

It, also, demonstrates a woeful ignorance of America's political history. For example, in one Na tional Election, the vote in New votes.

It is rather a paradox that the most caustic critics of elected n't shown enough interest to vote when the objects of their spleen were candidates So, what to do about these mil-

THOSE MILLIONS OF SLACKERS lions of shirkers? Our responsibility really doesn't end with asting our own votes. We must ee to it that the other fello likewise performs his sacred and

> Numerous suggestions have been made for legislation to punish eligible exercise their franchise. This would entail compulsion, and force is not compatible with the American Way of doing thingswe have learned that you defin itely cannot legislate a sense of civic responsibility into any hu man being.

There have been alternate sug gestions of meeting our rewards to those who do vote, one of which would be to give the voting citizen a reduction in his incomtax. But, what good citizen seeks monetary reward for simply No, the thing for us to do is to

shame these slackers into a se of their responsibility. First of

Global Timekeeper



Many and varied are the functions of the century-old U. S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D. C., but principal among them is that of timekeeper for the nation and its ships at sea. The WAVE in the photo needn't be more than a few thousandths of a second off after setting her watch with the observatory's super-accurate transmitting clock. (Official Navy Phot-----b)

spent with many plans made for the coming year. After the business meeting, refresh-ments of angel food cake. ream and coffee were served with Mrs. Harold Peck heiping The Lexington basketball tear notored to Umatilla on Friday where they were defeated with a score, 23-19. The coming games are Tuesday night with Boardman at Boardman, and Friday with Spray. A hearing on the school burge will be held at the school auditorium Friday at 2 p.m. This is the end of the first se nester with the kids all crowding for the final exams the last o Mrs. Wilbur Steagall is work ing in the local post office while her mother, Mrs. Chas. Brashears,

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson Jr. have named their baby girl, born January 20 at the Emanuel hospital in Portland, Karen Eliza

is taking a much needed rest at

her home this cold weather.

LEXINGTON . . .

reported doing nicely.

Mrs. George Peck as co-

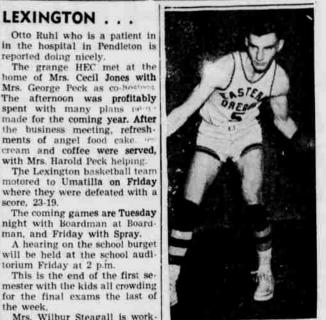
When walking after dark, wear or carry something white. In Oregon, 14 pedestrians are killed wearing dark clothing for every one in light clothing.

Always watch for turning cars. Looking both ways isn't always enough while crossing the street Learn to look all four ways.

For safety at night, help the driver see you. Wear something

all, we must get them to register. Failure to register is perhaps the ot voting.

Then having prevailed upon discovered it is not a painful or the enthusiasm lacked nothing deal, that no dire disaster befalls displayed heretofore. the good citizen who does his civic duty, when Election Day rolls around, it is a pretty safe the music and the square dances the music and the square dances. bet that they'll go to the polls and Paul Jones' were greatly ento register their votes, without livened by Bob Runnion as caller. coaxing, coercion, or promise of The refreshment committee in-a monetary reward, and entirely cluded Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch,



ELDON LILLY

The Eastern Oregon College Mountaineer basketball squad will leave the first of the week for a strenuous series of games with Willamette valley colleges starting with Willamette university at Salem Thursday, January 27. Friday and Saturday, Janu ary 28 and 29 they will play the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth; Monday, January 21, Lewis and Clark college, Portland; and Tuesday, February 1,

Pacific university at Forest Grove.

Playing forward on the first string is Eldon Lilly, graduate of Boardman high school.

Cold Weather Cuts Dance Attendance

Despite the frigid condition of he atmosphere, some 50 stalwart souls hied themselves to the Lexington grange hall Saturday greatest contributing factor to night and spent an enjoyable evening dancing. The attendance was not up to previous occasions hem to register and their having sponsored by the Wranglers but

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