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The Magic of Politics

If there are any people left in the country who thought the Roosevelt regime had turned the good old U. S. A. into a socialist state...

Perhaps the administration is guided by an idealistic desire to raise the standard of living for those in the lower income brackets...

If the president and his brain trusters have figured out how higher wages can be paid; how high prices to farmers...

As Lil' Abner would say, "It's confoozin' but not amoozin'." About all we can figure out of it is that our Harry made a wise decision...

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...

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...

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 residence fires.

All in all, the inconvenience suffered from shortage of water, or no drainage to frozen pipes, added to the fire hazard, makes it advisable to spend 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 major issues to be considered by Congress this year.

That is true enough—but it does not explain why government insurance, which would cost the taxpayers \$6,000,000,000 a year and perhaps more...

The growth made by these plans is phenomenal. The first came into being in Oregon in 1906. Initially, during the trial and error period, progress was relatively slow.

In the light of all this, and looking at the issue 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 profession.

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. Even in the motor car field, where shortages have been intense, conditions are changing with rapidity.

Few seem to think a serious economic setback is coming in the near future. But the peaks are leveling off.

LEGISLATIVE PACE

The tempo of the Oregon legislature is just right. Not too fast or too slow.

Although it was the longest on record, the 1947 session was not quite long enough. There were 12 bills passed in the spastic last hours that were faulty and cost the taxpayers plenty.

There is one point on which this legislature has, from the start, been of one mind. That is to monkey with new taxes.

The past ten days of severe weather, with highways made treacherous with snow and ice, has chilled good intentions to make a short session of it.

GOVERNMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

A complete new liquor control commission was appointed this week by Governor Douglas McKay.

Hogg, who will serve as chairman, will succeed Dr. Orval Eaton, who has resigned during Governor Neuner's administration.

Other appointments made this week by the governor are: George Aiken, George Neuner, Victor P. Morris, Charles Strickland and George Flagg as members of the governor's committee on interstate cooperation.

WINCHELLIZING OUR SOLONS

"Oregon Legislature and Pressure Groups" will appear in This Week, supplement magazine, on Sunday, January 30.

It is rather a paradox that the most caustic critics of elected legislators and officials are generally the very citizens who had not shown enough interest to vote when the objects of their spleen were candidates.

OUR DEMOCRACY OF SAVING COMETH HAVING

THE OLD PROVERB IS AS APT TODAY AS WHEN THE LITTLE GIRL WORKED HER SAMPLER...



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The American Way

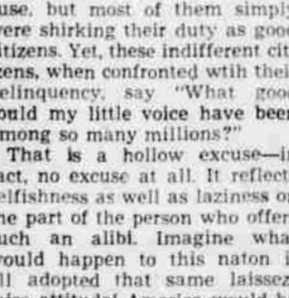
THOSE MILLIONS OF SLACKERS

By George Peck

Let me say right quickly that this article is not addressed to you, gentle reader. Full well I know that you are one of those good citizens who goes to the polls at each election to exercise your American privilege of choosing your candidates of your own selection.

Rather, this article is directed to the many American citizens who, eligible and qualified to vote, failed to do so last November 2.

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.

So, what to do about these millions of shirkers? Our responsibility really doesn't end with casting our own votes. We must see to it that the other fellow likewise performs his sacred and patriotic duty.

30 YEARS AGO

Hepner Gazette Times, Thursday, January 30, 1919. The Hepner Garage, Albert Bowker, proprietor, advertises gasoline at 23 1/2 cents per gallon.

FOOD... through the ages...

Advertisement for food featuring illustrations of a wedding cake, a mammoth, and Marie Antoinette. Text includes: 'WEDDING CAKE ORIGINATED (16th CENTURY) TO SHOW BRIDE'S COOKING SKILL. IT WAS GREATLY ADMIRABLE-- BUT SELDOM EATEN!' and 'STARVING SIBERIAN EXPLORERS ATE FRESH MEAT FROM A MAMMOTH, FROZEN INTO A BLOCK OF ICE 10,000 YEARS BEFORE!'.

that had been adjourned from the regular January term. An adjournment had been taken on the 20th but Commissioner Padberg was unable to be here at that time, being under quarantine.

George McDonald, farmer and stockman of Rock creek, visited Hepner Saturday, the first time in months. He says they are enjoying fine winter weather in his section and stock are doing well.

Stephen McDonald Hagan arrived on this mortal sphere at 2:30 p.m., Monday, January 24, 1949, choosing the Hood River hospital as the spot to make his grand entrance.

Lieut. Jacob Osten arrived home Tuesday evening, having received his discharge from the service.

A deal was closed on Saturday whereby the Turn-A-Lum Lumber company of Walla Walla took over the stock of H. C. Githens, lumber dealer, and also purchased from the First National Bank of Hepner the property where Mr. Githens has been operating.

LEXINGTON . . .

Otto Ruhl who is a patient in the hospital in Pendleton is reported doing nicely.

The grange HEC met at the home of Mrs. Cecil Jones with Mrs. George Peck as co-hostess.

The afternoon was profitably spent with many plans made for the coming year. After the business meeting, refreshments of angel food cake, cream and coffee were served.

The coming games are Tuesday night with Boardman at Boardman, and Friday with Spray.

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 white.

all, we must get them to register. Failure to register is perhaps the greatest contributing factor to not voting.



ELDON LILLY Forward-Boardman The Eastern Oregon College Mountaineer basketball squad will leave the first of the week for a strenuous series of games with Willamette valley colleges...

Cold Weather Cuts Dance Attendance

Despite the frigid condition of the atmosphere, some 50 stalwart souls hid themselves to the Lexington grange hall Saturday night and spent an enjoyable evening dancing.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

Grid of professional advertisements including: JOS. J. NYS ATTORNEY AT LAW; J. O. PETERSON Latest Jewelry & Gift Goods; J. O. TURNER ATTORNEY AT LAW; P. W. MAHONEY ATTORNEY AT LAW; Jack A. Woodhall Doctor of Dental Medicine; Dr. L. D. Tibbles OSTEOPATHIC; A. D. McMurdo, M.D. PHYSICIAN & SURGEON; Dr. C. C. Dunham CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN; C. A. RUGGLES—Representing Blaine E. Isom Insurance Agency; Dr. J. D. Palmer DENTIST; N. D. BAILEY Cabinet Shop; Walter B. Hinkle REAL ESTATE; Morrow County Abstract & Title Co.; Morrow County Cleaners; Call Settles Electric; RALPH E. CURRIN ATTORNEY AT LAW; MERCHANTS WISE Advertise!

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