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Just Another Politician

ONE of the bitterest opponents of the sales tax, in Oregon, is Weeping Walter of La Grande, Oregon's congressman from the third district.

When the sales tax is mentioned Representative Pierce sees red. He detests it, in theory and practice. He maintains it an iniquitous and reprehensible scheme to benefit the rich at the expense of the poor; and as long as he lives Walter will have none of it.

Yet last night at the Sacajawea hotel in La Grande, before an enthusiastic gathering of ardent supporters, Congressman Pierce, came out whole heartedly for the Townsend old age revolving plan.

NOW, as everyone knows, the cornerstone of the Townsend plan is a sales tax. Because of the political liability of the term, it is not called a sales tax. It is called a transaction tax. But that does not alter the fact that the method adopted to finance the Townsend plan, is not only a sales tax but a SUPER sales tax. Instead of only retail sales being taxed, all sales—all transactions—are taxed.

It is merely extending the sales tax principle, instead of limiting it—and the tax can only be secured from the pockets of the ultimate consumer for there is no other place to get it. How can Congressman Pierce justify his position,—being unalterably opposed to a sales tax; and endorsing a measure which is essentially nothing but a sales tax?

THE answer is he can't. But this doesn't prevent the resourceful and lachrymose Walter from making a desperate stab in that direction.

The result is, one of the most EXTRAORDINARY public statements ever issued, by a man of Walter Pierce's prominence, in the political history of Oregon.

Congressman Pierce says he is still opposed to the sales tax. In fact he favors the Townsend transaction tax, because he believes its passage will result in the REPEAL of present state sales taxes. But "he hopes" that acceptance of such a tax in this emergency for the accumulation of such a fund, will not be used as an argument or excuse for its general or permanent use by the nation or state!

WHY? If the Townsend transaction tax is NOT a sales tax, why shouldn't Walter be for it, as a PERMANENT method of social security, and the corner stone of a greater and more permanent prosperity? If it IS a sales tax, how can Walter be for it, under any circumstances or for any length of time,—without being false to himself and every principle of taxation in which he believes.

The answer is Our Walter can be false to anything, or anyone; switch from one side to another on any issue at any time; say anything, do anything or be anything, if such action promises to be politically expedient and profitable, at any given time.

Representative Pierce could no more have appeared before that Townsend meeting last night, and resisted the temptation to endorse the plan, than he could have cut off his right hand. Endorsing the plan means getting votes; opposing it means losing them.

THERE will be some candidates for public office in this state next year, with the courage to oppose the Townsend plan,—because they believe it is not practical, feasible or ultimately a helpful plan. But not many of them. And certainly not Weeping Walter.

He opposes the essential principle of the plan, but he is for it "in this emergency." What emergency? The national emergency!

In favoring the Townsend plan over the New Deal plan of old age pensions, Mr. Pierce is opposing the leadership of his own party, and giving his aid to an organized bloc that is working for President Roosevelt's defeat.

No it isn't that. The only emergency is Congressman Pierce's own emergency—the emergency confronting the office holder, who is willing to sacrifice anyone or anything, if such action promises to give him votes.

So there is Weeping Walter, ten gallon hat and all, straddling the fence; condemning the sales tax on one side, upholding it on the other; and some people wonder why it's so hard to get men of character and ability into public office!



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what not, the Republicans will need all the contributions they can get, and then some. The bent, tired figure occasionally seen on Boul. Mich. is ex-Empress Insull, the utilitarian. He gave the first million dollars for the world's fair, but he lives now, an exiled recluse, in an unimproved hotel. There was a public assembly of fair directors not long ago. He had a seat on the platform, but he came and went without being spoken to. A former minor employe, whom he could not have known, once greeted Insull on the street, and the old man nearly wept in gratitude.

Another famous recluse is Big Bill Thompson, the builder. He sticks to his Michigan Boulevard hotel room, living in memories of the days when King George was not too big for him. Some politicians who are obligated for past favors still remember him, but no one else does.

There are supposed to be some excellent secretarial reasons why the Kelly machine would not let Father Coughlin use the city stadium for a speech. It seems that Chicago is in another disease.

A Republican faction leader (Lombardi) is circulating and pleading from house to house, getting promises to vote against Roosevelt. He had 130,000 signatures recently, expects that many more.

Flowerly knight hood will not die in national affairs. Its only saint, Senator J. Ham Lewis, will be re-nominated and probably re-elected. His yellow gloves never offended anyone out here.

Colonel Knox started in politics as a precinct committeeman in Michigan. He was chairman of the state central committee in 1912.

Do not look surprised if the Democratic machine soon drops an important spare part. Nearly all the inside crowd believes a graceful walk will be found of easing Democratic Governor Horner upstairs to a judgeship. He did not play ball.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to disease diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address: Dr. William Brady, 245 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

NUTRITIONAL ANEMIA.

An optimal ration of vitamins, not just B and G, but all of the vitamins, whether iron is given in old-fashioned forms and doses or in the modern way. Indeed, if my thesis is sound, adequate vitamins alone should effect the cure, without any iron medication at all. Within a year, I hope, I may be able to announce this as a fact established in actual practice. That is the only way such a problem can be settled.



Atrophy of the lingual papillae accounts for the shiny, red tongue, which is smaller than normal and without the normal folds. Physicians (lans) refer to this as "bead" tongue. It is a common feature of hypochromic anemia. It is likewise a common feature of vitamin B and vitamin G deficiency. Bald tongue is readily produced in animals by withholding vitamin B and vitamin G, and within a fortnight after these vitamins are restored to the diet the tongue becomes normal.

Brittleness and rigidity of the nails, which become flat and in some cases concave or spooned, is another common feature of hypochromic anemia, and likewise of vitamin deficiency. The atrophied, inelastic, prematurely wrinkled skin of the young woman with hypochromic anemia is a familiar sign of partial vitamin B and G deficiencies.

In hypochromic anemia as well as pernicious anemia there is almost invariably absence of hydrochloric acid and pepsin in the gastric juice and generally insufficient gastric juice secreted, but an increased amount of mucus. Similar impairment of appetite, gastric secretion and motor function of the stomach is a feature of deficiency of vitamins B and G.

Discussing hypochromic anemia in the American Journal of the Medical Sciences, October, 1921, Dr. Wm. Dameshek said that the failure of hydrochloric acid secretion in primary hypochromic anemia might account for defective digestion of iron-containing food, thus resulting in an iron deficiency in the body. In that observation, Dr. Dameshek leaves the cause of this type of anemia in the air. He assents to the thesis I am trying to set forth here. If this is true, as I think it is, then the cure of hypochromic anemia demands that the patient receive

Home Dropsy Medicine. I know of several persons apparently cured of dropsy by the daily drinking of about a pint of a tea made by steeping in a pint of water a teaspoonful of burdock, and a teaspoonful of prickly ash and four teaspoonfuls of juniper berries, for several hours and boiling. Drink the pint daily and make a new supply each morning.—R. G. W.

Answer—If the medicine is so labeled, it conforms with the U. S. or British Pharmacopoeia standard, and that is the standard of potency and purity universally recognized. Many specimens of tincture of iodine should be tested for potency and purity, but these are the universally accepted standards.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—There are few out-of-towners so well known in New York as the Texas newspaper publisher, Amos G. Carter. And in turn no visitor is so keen in three-sheeting in his pocket as Carter. In festive moments he is likely to lose three cheers for west Texas with a special yipee for Ft. Worth.

Wherever Carter goes he is usually recognized. Comedians banter with him from the stage, masters of ceremony make him stand for a bow and there's scarcely a cop in midtown that does not salute. He is sortouted up to the minute, have his hat, which is pure Stetson.

He often teamed up with Will Rogers when they hit town together, and to slide in a word edgewise when they were in harness became something of an achievement. Indeed an impossibility. Among his other cronies in New York are Lee Otwell and Gene Crowley.

Carter began his picturesque and successful career as a house to house canvasser for those horrid chromes once decorating so many front porches. To hear him recite the high-pressure chaffing he used to indulge with housewives is as much fun as anyone could have.

Almost every restaurant and hotel in Manhattan has bowed to the "love me, love my dog" motif. Hotels provide luxurious kennels for the larger species and permit smaller ones in rooms. Just as the Ritz was the first to harbor women smokers, it was the first to welcome dogs in apartments. Some cafes allow lap dogs at tables. The Park Lane displays a catchy sign for their de luxe "dog checking salon and playground," where poodles may frolic while owners eat.

A curb pickle merchant on Houston street will not be there long. As he halted near in a traffic stop he was carefully sprinkling his wares laid out in a precise geometrical array. A person cleaning the sidewalk near in a spotless white coat and cotton gloves. A neatly lettered modest sign read: "If you like pickles, these are the best I could procure and sell reasonably." He told me he came from Russia nine years ago.

Top drawer Bohemians are fostering a new weekly wind-up of caper that will be called Saturday Night—an after-midnight supper and dance club where lines will be drawn sharply. Most clubs of this sort open auspiciously with a glitter of foremost celebrities of the stage, screen, literature and staid arts but soon become spots where Broadway thinks it is seeing Park avenue and Park avenue looks upon it as a slumming lackluster agency touts, staid celery blondes, etc.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS headline interests: "Italy, Britain to Negotiate." You've seen two dogs looking each other over, sizing each other up, growing deep in their throats but with their tails still wagging a little, making up their minds whether it is better to fight or get interested in something else and trot along.

Having seen that, you have a pretty fair idea of these proposed negotiations between Italy and Britain.

FROM Rome we learn that a high authority — "high authority" in the language of diplomacy, you know, meaning somebody too big and important to be got in Dutch by being quoted by name—has disclosed that Mussolini will protest to the League of Nations council against the concentration of British naval forces in the Mediterranean.

When the league seems inclined to frown on Mussolini's designs against Ethiopia, he thumps his nose at it. But when he wants to put Great Britain in bad with world public opinion, he PROTESTS to the league.

Such, again, is diplomacy. THE League of Nations fuses helplessly, like an old hen with a brood of ducklings that want to take to the water. Britain and Italy negotiate one moment and make faces at each other the next. France tries to pose as the friend of both. One day it looks as if there will be war and the next there is hope of peace.

About all we can be really SURE OF is that whatever happens little Ethiopia will get the WORST OF IT. TURNING from Europe to America, we read in a dispatch from Washington: "Secretary of Commerce Roper (who is a New Deal officer) credits New Deal recovery measures with bringing about an improvement in business."

WE'VE all seen individuals go along for years soberly and industriously, working hard, saving their money and getting ahead in the world; then suddenly start spending recklessly what they've saved and borrowing when that is gone to keep up their new spending standards.

While money and credit last, such individuals look exceedingly prosperous. While the spending spree is on, everything looks rosy. The trouble starts when the bottom of the sack is reached and the spending spree ends.

A FURTHER headline: "Federal Transit Relief Bureau Ordered Closed. Notices Posted Along Railroad Tracks Telling Wanderers of Action." Does that mean that hereafter those who want to travel will have to pay their own hotel bills? Is Santa Claus sick?

Big Applegate

BIG APPLAGATE, Sept. 24.—(Spl.)—Walter Misner of Glen Dale, Ore., left by motor Friday evening on a hunting trip to eastern Oregon, where he will be the guest of Emil Straube, at Waterman.

Judging from the interest shown at a meeting with county Grange officials at Beaver Creek recently, farmers here are confident that organization of a grange in the Big Applegate community will be possible. R. E. Neelson, county deputy, and John Anderson of Central Point met with local residents for general discussion of the proposition and explanation of advantages in belonging to the Grange. A meeting for further discussion and possible organization has been scheduled for Saturday evening, September 28, at the Beaver Creek school house.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilson, their guest, Mrs. Hattie Logan of Jacksonville, and H. H. Farley picnicked at Squaw Lake Sunday, also enjoying a visit with "Shorty" Farnsworth, well known dwarf who has charge of boating at the lake. Mickey and Major, Mr. Farnsworth's black Alaskan sled dogs, were of unusual interest to the visitors. The malamutes, when hitched to a red express wagon, comprise their master's means of conveyance.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hards were among guests present at the wedding of Miss Viola Lyons and John H. Selvey, which occurred at the home of the bride at Medford a few days ago. Afterward the newlyweds were evening guests at the Hards home.

Chester Kubil, employed at a Dead Indian logging camp for some time, left Sunday for Roseburg, there to await assignment as foreman of a CCC camp of that district.

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Flight 'o Time

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY. September 24, 1925. (It was Thursday).

Pittsburg catches flag in National League, and Washington in the American league. Parley over French war debts open at Washington. Local Red Cross supplied food and clothing to a stranded tourist family.

The high school football squad will play the Astoria and former college stars in the first game of the season Saturday. Helme Fluhrer, former WSC player will play end for the opposition. "Fluhrer is a rough and ready player," says Coach Callison. "I don't know how ready he is, but I know he is rough."

Drive opens for Boy Scout funds with "General" Pop Gates in command. Senator Borah of Idaho "irked by new loans to Europe."

THE California Oregon Power Co. will shut off power Sunday afternoon to make changes in Riverside avenue sub-station. "Jayhawker" signs at Main street crossing removed by Espee, when protest made "the signs detract from the metropolitan appearance of the business district."

Venison banquet of Elks lodge dedication celebration attended by 800, and a fine time was had by all. Panthers reported plentiful in the Applegate district.

Ye Poet's Corner

Picking Hops. By Johanna Newman. At 5 o'clock in the morning—just when the dawn breaks through—From beds of straw and bunk-houses we started our work to do. With feet very tired we staggered o'er hills and rolling land; With fingers numb we were picking hops, hops on every hand.

You heard from early morning until the day was done, Between jokes and merry laughter, "weigh her up," and "wire down." From field to dry-house, to brewery, the hops were making the round, While we, feeling dragged and weary, wished we were homeward bound.

In cold and dewy mornings, afternoon's blistering sun; With fingers numb we're picking hops—hops, 'til the job is done. Hops, hops, hops—how could there be so many hops? Hops, hops, hops—now no more of those hops for me. I felt my poor back breaking—thank goodness! those days are gone; These days so merry with laughter—days somehow we never shall mourn.

Hold Man for K. F. Cops. OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Oakland police yesterday took Carl S. Remling, 28, into custody at the request, they said, of Sheriff J. L. Low of Klamath Falls, who advised them Remling was wanted in that city on a bad check charge.

Horse Speeder Fined. NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(AP)—For speeding on horseback, Magistrate Frank Glagio fined Morris Weicker, 31, \$2. The magistrate said that helping a horse in a park endangered women and children; also, there's a specific ordinance against it.

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