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Office Seekers and the Townsend Plan

By Chester H. Howell
(S. F. Chronicle)
An important practical decision confronts prospective candidates for office in California and their backers. This is the plea that they meet it like men, by standing up and telling the people the truth.

Instead, the political scoundrels are surveying the situation, to see whether the Townsends can make their threat good. The answer should be: "I have too much sympathy for your purpose and too much respect for your sincerity to be insincere with you. I will not commit upon you the fraud of pretending that I agree with your mistaken belief that your plan would accomplish its purpose, nor impose on you the calamity of enacting that plan into law."

The Townsendites, moreover, are the stronger by their sincerity. If they were morally wrong, it would be easy to mass moral indignation against them. But this is exactly what they are not. They are good people seeking a good purpose, fervently committed to the honest error that their "plan" would do the fine things promised for it. When one points out that, on the contrary, it would do the opposite, they do not listen to his argument. They question his sincerity. They think he is out of sympathy with the purpose itself.

Now the candidate, facing this formidable sincerity, must do one of three things: He must yield to it, or side-step it, or stand up to it. If he yields, he must make good. He must carry out his pledge, even though he knows he is voting calamity on all the people.

SALE OF BABIES STIRS ENGLAND; PROBE STARTED
LONDON (UP)—Starting disclosure of an international traffic in children, created by peculiarities of European adoption laws, has resulted in a British government investigation.

The evidence was turned over to the home secretary by the National Child Adoption Association, National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, National Council for Unmarried Mothers and Their Children, National Council of Women and other civic groups.

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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, 285 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

PROSPECTIVE NURSES TAKE NOTICE

A letter from a Registered Nurse. That's a nurse who has graduated from a recognized nurse training school and successfully passed an examination given by the state board of nurse registration or control. This entitles the nurse to sign her name Jane Doe, R. N., and also establishes her standing in the highest grade of her calling.

Dear Dr. Brady: First "fan" letter I ever wrote... your articles regarding nurses. Having graduated in 1910 and worked 10, these many years, it warms my heart to hear a doctor champion our cause.

Now listen to a part of the letter of the mother of a pupil nurse: Dear Dr. Brady: ... your article... you did not go far enough. In one of the largest and most expensive hospitals in the first year girls are given night duty on an entire night long until they are just about dead when morning comes.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY
By O. O. McIntyre
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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
BARNEY CHAMBERS arrived in the Southern Oregon country some years ago.

In these 30 years, his hobby has been collecting relics, and he has an interesting lot of them. One is a vertebrae from a whale, which was taken from the chaly banks of a big canal over east of the mountains when it was being dug.

Another unnoted bit of news hidden in the TVA arguments is that TVA, Councillor O'Brien is "cleaning up" within that organization. He told the court that the electric home and farm authority had been transferred out of the TVA.

THE real thriller of Barney's collection, though, is a strange-looking weapon—it must be a weapon, for it is shaped so accurately to fit a hand—made of stone, and shaped roughly like a cross.

WHAT was it used for? Well, Barney has an interesting theory as to that. Not far from the spot where this odd-shaped instrument was found, he says, some 20-odd skulls were later uncovered in the course of an excavation, and in nearly all of these skulls were holes that looked as if they might have been made with this curious cross-shaped battle axe.

BARNEY bought this weapon from an Indian, who said he found it near the spot indicated. Later, he showed it to Peter Scouin (one of the Modoc Indians taking part in the Lava Beds battle), who had never seen anything like it, but offered the opinion that it must have been a weapon and owned by a chief.

Well, if it was a weapon, and if the skulls were found in the same place, it is not far away from being a fact that he must have been a short-tempered chief, as well as a muscular one, and this writer is just as glad that he lived back in an earlier century and isn't prowling around of nights now.

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Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 Years Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
December 27, 1925.
(It was Sunday.)
Reese creek gospel meetings close.

Three bootleggers after New Year's whiskey trade nabbed.
Scores die of cold in middle west. Normal conditions in Oregon.

Autolites warned not to use 1926 licenses until after January 1. Motorists also warned to have licenses to put on their cars January 1.

The Mail Tribune will issue a Sunday edition starting January 5. The Sunday Sun has been discontinued.

Seventeen transients are given lodging in the city jail.
Claude C. Cate, county agent, who will move to California, is given a farewell dinner, and a gold watch, by the C. of C. directors.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 27, 1915.
(It was Monday.)
Editorial doubt that Oregon "bone dry law" will be a success, brings many disagreeing letters from subscribers.

United States to sever diplomatic relations with Austria.
Two Illinois congressmen indicted for conspiracy to cause labor strikes.

Attorney Porter J. Neff addresses irrigation congress at Portland.
Farmers report, despite the frequent rains, it is still too dry to plow.

Team runs away on Pacific highway between this city and Phoenix, narrowly missing many autos.
C. C. Cate, new county agent, announces "a vigorous war on orchard pests."

HOG KILLING TIME IS MADE FESTIVE IN MIDWEST BELT
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UP)—It's hog killing time in the Ozark hills and throughout the rural midwest. Frosty weather brings the butchering season to its height. Pork is the meat of the hill folk and is sold that beef is slaughtered to provide fall and winter supplies.

Butchering is second only to wheat threshing as an occasion for gathering of neighbors. Those coming in to help a family provide its meat supply generally go home with generous portions of fresh "side meat." Too, those who help others in the country without full receive assistance when they do their own butchering, building or threshing. The Golden Rule still prevails in the farming areas, and is seldom broken.

Butchering regarded as the next thing to play rather than work. There are huge bonfires blackening iron barrels of water in which pigs are scalded before the farmers begin spraying the hide.
Womenfolk gather in the kitchen to grind sausage, mix in sage and other savories, following recipes that have been used for centuries. Sausage is stuffed into muslin bags, coated on the outside with lard, some "fry down" the sausage and can it.

Despite corn-law restrictions, there is a generous supply of the porkers, and families throughout the nation's "breast baskets" are planning to cure and store more meat this year than usual.
Hogs for butchering purposes usually weigh from 200 to 250 pounds. They are fed grain to harden them for some time to make for better bacon, hams and side-ribs that are a delicacy to almost everyone who ever killed the roil.

For home curing, the salt cures are by far the best. Hill folk are agreed. Coarse salt generally is used to preserve meat.
Latourette's Daughter Dies
PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Alice Louise Latourette, daughter of Howard F. Latourette, speaker of the state house of representatives, died at the family home here Thursday. She had been ill but a short time.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to thank everyone for their kindness during the illness and death of our loved one—Mrs. Lizzie Wolcott, Mrs. W. L. Barr, and relatives.
Our Mail Tribune want ads.

the ONLY cough drop
MEDICATED WITH VICKS VapoRols
Modem successor to old-fashioned cough syrups... more convenient... less expensive... lingers longer in the throat.

Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Ferry.
National leaders of the Republican party will issue a statement in January "in opposition to poverty."

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The California doctor, who battled a newspaper photographer when he tried to take a picture of his movie actress fiancée, was married to her Christmas day, but did not knock the officiating preacher down.

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Santa Claus distributed in the neighborhood of 200 new bicycles to the kids. The vehicles make a pretty picture corded up in the snow in front of the dealer showing the Noked Bullet, or Who Put Carbolic Acid in the Water Hole. The modern bicycle is as befuddling as a wheelbarrow to fall over in the dark, many fathers report.

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An imported soprano landing in New York wanted to be kicked for good luck—(Detroit News)—A neat way to put a little sincerity into the opening squall.

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The upstate press, outside of the metropolis, is not excited by the transplanting of Mr. Hood to the state of Washington by an eastern newspaper, via a rotogravure section error. The Washington state press was aggravatingly calm. Not a solitary headline screamed: New Molehill On Horizon.

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By Arthur Ferry.
Some dispatches last Tuesday from the Ethiopian front admitted a reverse to the Italian army, and it was listed as "an encouraging defeat." This is a neat way to remove the sting, but sounds just like the basketball team had lost a game.

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The annual printing to make newspapers is mentioned in various parts of the land. Ever so often some crusading editor bans crimes from his pages, and discovers the public is buying papers that do, while admiring his righteous stand. The criminals fall to co-operate also, and keep right on committing felonies. It would be just as sensible to prohibit political news. The people should know who is murdered, as much as they want to know who is running for re-election.

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The Stanford football team is now in Los Angeles for its Rose Bowl game with the Southern Methodist University team. There is a considerable sporting page space on the outcome, and the betting thereupon. The odds are 10 to 6 that Stanford bites the dust. On two previous visits to the Rose Bowl, the Stanford opponents failed to be defeated by the press clippings, and tonight they are understood to have done so. The odds are 10 to 6 that Stanford bites the dust. On two previous visits to the Rose Bowl, the Stanford opponents failed to be defeated by the press clippings, and tonight they are understood to have done so.

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