

### John L. Nealon Takes Final Fling at Townsend Plan

To the Editor:

If you feel like affording us the space, we would appreciate the chance to reply to Mr. Crews just once more, but we hereby promise this will be the last, for we find that we can't raise hay and regulate the monetary system at the same time.

Mr. Crews has presented us with some very impressive figures, almost as startling as some we saw in "chain letters" about a year ago.

We wish to thank Mr. Crews for pointing out the difference between a "transaction tax" and a "sales tax"—"transaction tax paid by the seller." It seems as though we have heard of this idea before. We wonder if Mr. Crews really believes a transaction tax is paid by the seller at no cost to the buyer?

As it is much more convincing to let your opponent prove your point, we would like to take you back to the matter of the California sales tax. You and your colleague, Mr. New Deal, seem to think the sum of forty-eight million dollars (\$48,000,000) is really very insignificant. No doubt it is to you, but lets take a look at what it meant to the people

who paid it. As previously stated, a 2 1/2 per cent sales tax in California raised approximately \$48,000,000 in 1934. According to your own figures and argument, a sales tax won't raise more than 5 per cent of what your 2 per cent transaction tax will. It should be obvious to anyone that if you are going to raise 20 times as much money under one system of collection as under another, the people you expect to collect from will have to pay 20 times as much. The census report of 1930 showed the entire population of California to be 5,877,351. We will grant that the increase since would bring it up to six million. This means that this \$48,000,000 paid out of the pockets of the people of California equaled a per capita cost of \$8. If you don't care to accept Uncle Sam's census reports, look around you a little and we think you can readily see that there are not more than one person out of four who is gainfully employed or otherwise capable of supporting himself and family. It should be very plain to see that the cost to the average "bread winner" in California was \$32 per year. The census report of 1930 showed approximately 600,000 people in California 60 years of age and over. As we have pointed out, the \$48,000,000 divided equally between these 600,000 people would give each a monthly allowance of \$6.65.

If it cost the man of average income in California \$32 per year to provide an allowance of \$6.65 per month, how are you going to provide \$200 per month without increasing the per capita cost of \$8 to approximately \$240 per year to \$960 to the head of the average family?

What difference does it make whether you raise \$100 by a transaction tax, sales tax, or property tax; it is still \$100, isn't it? Or does it make any difference from which end of the lemon you extract the juice; the lemon will be minus just whatever you take from it, won't it?

We are sorry to correct you, Mr. Crews, but our statement in our first letter was: "That there is one person eligible by age in the United States, to a pension of \$200 a month under the Townsend plan to every four persons gainfully occupied, and that the average income of the four persons is approximately \$1,000 per year. Doesn't this mean that these four persons would have to shoulder a load of \$2,400 among them? If you will get a World's Almanac for 1933 and turn to page 330 and page 375, you may verify this statement."

You state, "That the total agree-



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gate value of all business transactions in this country would equal \$500,000,000,000 a year. According to recent estimates, the total income of the nation will reach \$60,000,000,000 for 1935. By this it would be evident that each dollar of income would participate in ten transactions during the year (your statistician, Mr. Owen, estimates 23). Through the manipulation of your transaction tax it would be nicked for 2 cents on each transaction, ultimately coming out with 80 cents of purchasing power instead of the original 100 cents.

Or we might take as an example the shoes you are wearing. From the time the steer is sold on the range until your shoes are handed you from your retail dealer there are at least ten transactions consummated, each adding 2 per cent to the cost of the shoes, eventually increasing the cost to a little over 40 per cent. Therefore, when a working man buys a pair of shoes for \$6 he gets \$5 worth of shoes and contributes \$1 to the Townsend pension fund.

This would now true with practically every article of merchandise an urban dweller would buy. If he spent the average of \$1,500 per year, he would be forced to contribute \$300 per year toward your pension fund.

We have at hand a life insurance rate book showing that a young man 25 years of age could take this same \$300 and purchase \$10,000 of 25-year endowment insurance, thereby insuring to a great extent his own independence.

Which do you think would be better for the morale of the country—to have the young men loafing around moching from the old folks' pension or have them hustling and saving for themselves?

We feel sure that you people believe in equality and fairness.

We would like to cite you to an example of two families we could point out to you at any time.

One man has a wife, no children, somewhere in their forties, with a combined salary of about \$3,000 a year. His father and mother are both living and past 60 years of age. The same with his wife. Four old folks eligible under your plan to a total of \$800 per month or a total of six people with \$1,050 per month at their disposal.

The other case is a man also in his forties supporting, besides himself, a wife and five children on \$65 per month. Neither he nor his wife have any near relatives eligible to your pension.

Do you believe that after his living costs have been increased 20 per cent by the manipulation of your transaction tax that he and his family will be on any equality whatsoever with the other family? Do you think his wife and family would appreciate your plan?

Naturally, you will contend that his

### SEATTLE COW TAKES MILK CHAMPIONSHIP

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Carnation Ormsby Butter King, milk cow owned near here, was acclaimed the new world's champion today when the Holstein-Friesian association of America approved her year's record of 33,806.8 pounds of milk (1,402.02 pounds of butterfat—the equivalent of 1752.5 pounds of butter).

She broke the 1923 record of the Canadian cow, Dekol Plus Sigis Diala, who produced 1304 pounds of butterfat, and the 1920 record of Segis Pietertje Prospect, who produced 37,381 pounds of milk.

### High School News by STUDENT REPORTERS

**By Ethel Moore.**

A literary contest is one of the interesting features being sponsored by the Crater magazine staff. Prizes will be offered for the best poem or prose selection sent in. First prize is a free picture in the Crater and a free Crater; the second prize is a free Crater.

The senior edition of the Crater magazine will be issued on May 29. Miss Mignon Phipps, editor, states that plans for the publication are already under way.

This edition will be slightly larger than the mid-year edition and will have several added attractions," said Miss Phipps.

A snapshot contest is also being sponsored in order to obtain some interesting snaps for publication. The two prizes offered are free Craters.

**By Ted Lindley.**

A special assembly was called at the high school February 12 for the purpose of paying tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

The assembly opened with the band playing the school song after which Mr. Wilson Wait led the student body in the oath of allegiance. Miss Floy Young, music teacher at the high school, then led the singing of "America." Billy Wilson, a student, gave the Gettysburg address and the assembly ended by singing the school song.

**By Bert Daugherty.**

On Monday, February 1, in the boys' gymnasium, the sophomore class held an election of class officers. The results were:

President, Ruth Garlock; secretary, Josephine Bullis; treasurer, Kenneth Raymond; yell leader, Catherine Comroy.

Vice-president was not voted on as Billy Holloway, elected in the fall, is still a sophomore. The only close contest was the election of yell leader.

The meeting was advised by Mr. C. D. Thompson, an instructor. Betty Fowler was temporary secretary.

**By Roy Hensley.**

Morning classes in boys' physical

### EX-BANK RECEIVER HELD EMBEZZLER

LA GRANDE, Feb. 14.—(AP) Guy I. Patten of Elgin was released on \$5000 bond when he was brought before United States Commissioner L. De-naham here today charged with embezzlement of \$2199 while he was receiver for the defunct Stockgrowers and Farmers National Bank of Wallawa. Patten was arrested this morning by Deputy U. S. Marshal Dan Markel of Portland and George Rogers, state police of Enterprise.

Patten was for several years assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Elgin and operated a pool hall there before his appointment as receiver of the Wallawa bank. He has lived in the Grande Ronde valley all his life.

Patten indicated that he intended to "fix it up," saying that he was trying to help others.

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