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Against the Recall

IT IS not required that those who disapprove of a recall of county officials place themselves in a position of defending or sanctioning every act of those officials.

That there is some cause for complaint is not doubted. But whether that complaint should take the form of a recall attack is another thing. A recall is a dangerous thing, in that it usually whips up a great deal more feeling than is to be found even in bitterly-fought election campaigns. It constitutes a weapon which can be used to threaten public officials by those who do not necessarily have the public interest at heart. For these and other reasons the recall has lost much of its prestige, and only in the last regular session of the legislature a law was enacted to make its use more difficult and to minimize the dangers of abuse.

Recall, then, is a matter about which there is considerable doubt. There are those who oppose the recall in principle, and their good faith in doing so deserves to be understood and accepted. Many of them would say that if an official is dishonest enough to be thrown out of office after the voters have placed him there for a certain period, let him be brought to the bar of justice through the courts.

Even though one were not opposed to any and all recall movements simply for the reason they are what they are, he might conceivably oppose a recall on the basis of the particular circumstances involved. There is no argument in favor of resorting to recall in any but extreme situations of utter incompetence, neglect of duty, etc. The citizen with the interest of his community at heart certainly would want to know that such an extreme existed before lending his approval to a recall fight and all that goes with it.

The newspaper, it has been said "is a citizen of its community," and this newspaper as a citizen, is opposed to the current recall effort because it is NOT of the opinion that conditions have reached a state calling for such drastic action, nor that they are beyond reach of less dangerous and expensive remedies. It is not altogether opposed to recall on principle, as many are, but it is opposed to this recall because it is not warranted by circumstances.

What are those circumstances? The basis on which the recall movement is proposed is now pretty well in the open, or certainly should have been made plain before a public gathering was asked to express itself on the matter by a vote.

Under attack are four county officials. The recall leaders say they will charge these officials with incompetence, extravagance, malfeasance, etc. In support of such charges, the tax league president cited several alleged transactions, failure to reduce budgets in accordance with tax league demands, assertedly exorbitant expenditures for certain offices, and in one or two instances, alleged mixture of private and public business affairs.

Well, this newspaper certainly would not sanction or seek to defend some of the things told by Mr. Irwin if they can be substantiated by fact and record. It probably is true, as we have said, that there is some basis for complaint, and we think the tax league and any other citizen who knows about it does right in raising a protesting voice, although it would be well to consider in each case the extent that ability and sound business judgment on the part of an official may offset those things which are disapproved.

But here is the situation: We are three months away from the May primary. The two officials at whom the fire is particularly directed must either stand for re-nomination or drop out of the picture. Repeating what was said here yesterday, they are either through or they must come before the people anyhow in May. Looking at this thing sensibly and without malice, that seems to us to dispose of the cases of Mr. Gillenwaters and Mr. Williams. Neither the fact that both are intelligent, able men who have undoubtedly rendered a great deal of excellent service, nor that there may be some things they have done that deserve criticism, has any bearing on the matter unless they stand for re-election.

Now as to Mr. Grizzle and Mr. Chase, it does not seem that the recall leaders have a great deal to say in their cases. Mr. Irwin told some stories about the court as a whole, usually including the district attorney, but his case against Chase and Grizzle individually was rather weak. In fact, he had nothing at all to say about Chase. What the county court did on the 1934 budget, in the face of rising prices and possible inflation and with the help of three good citizens, is not sufficient basis for recall. The estate case cited by Irwin against Grizzle might appear in another light if more fully explained and while it makes a good story for Mr. Irwin, it isn't worth ripping the county in two.

If the recallers have almost nothing against Mr. Chase, if Mr. Grizzle isn't so bad after all, why not elect a good man for county commissioner to work with them and for district attorney to give them legal advice, and permit them to remain in office at least for further trial?

Now this seems to us a fair analysis of the situation. We submit that the circumstances do not warrant a recall attack that in two cases would be but a vindictive gesture, that promises to stir the community in bitter conflict without any certain hope of improvement, and would give the slap-stick politicians a chance to make a Roman holiday out of the emotions of the people.

Some People Say

I have more trouble with animals different in sex than with those of the same sex.—Clyde Beatty, animal trainer.

I am opposed to revolutionary changes without popular mandate.—Ogden L. Mills, former secretary of the treasury.

America never will become a truly musical country until the so-called common people take it

into their hearts.—Walter Damrosch.

Hitler is planning for war.—Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the Nation.

Every man and woman in this country who is willing and able to work needs to be permanently and securely employed.—Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Small cameras are carried by the police of Gravesend, Eng., to photograph drivers and victims involved in auto accidents; the photos accompany the record of the accident.

WASHINGTON

News Behind the News

The Inside Story From The Capital
 By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. — A fairly definite line on legislation to be expected from this session of congress is now available.

You will get a new tax law which need not worry anyone with an income below \$8,000 or so. Slight reductions will be granted persons in that class, who earn their money. The reductions will not apply to those who make their living by clipping coupons on investments.

The big money fellows will get quite a jolt but in a very legitimate way. The loopholes by which they crawled out of taxes before are going to be blocked and the rates on unearned income increased.

The blocking will be done along the same lines suggested by the treasury and not the painful ones outlined a few weeks ago by a house sub-committee.

The St. Lawrence waterway treaty is doomed. A secret poll made by a senate leader a few days ago showed 43 votes against it. That is 10 votes more than enough to kill it. (A treaty requires a two-thirds majority).

Roosevelt might save it if he came out with a strong demand for action; but there is no indication that he will. He is expected to let it go to a vote and then after it is dead renew negotiations with Canada for a treaty that can be ratified.

The pure food bill has been subjected to a strong inside battering from an aroused opposition. It probably will fail. Professor Tugwell started the fuss by writing the original Copeland bill. His interest has cooled considerably since the measure has been re-written. If any bill is passed it will not be the Tugwell bill, but a far more moderate measure.

The fate of the stock market legislation is not very clear, but in the end, a law probably will be passed placing all exchanges under federal license. The big question is whether the bill should include specific detailed regulations for exchanges. A detailed measure may go through the senate, but there are indications that the details will be eliminated in the house. Final disposition of the measure depends on what pressure is exerted by the White House. So far there has been none.

Modification of the securities act is virtually certain. The liability of corporations for errors will be relieved in such a way as to benefit the capital finance market.

An important railroad legislation is out of the question. A move may be made to change the RFC law so as to help rail financing, but that is very indefinite. The bus regulation bill is so dead it could not be revived by a pulmotor. Chairman Rayburn of the house interstate commerce committee is playing around with a communications bill along the general lines vaguely desired by the administration. It cannot get anywhere. There will not be any further general banking legislation, but there will be an administration amendment to the deposit insurance act probably limiting the guarantee to deposits under \$5,000.

These are the only important items which have a chance.

IDEA It is quite evident that this session of congress is being held more or less under Mr. Roosevelt's hat.

Even the congressmen themselves do not know exactly what they are going to do about certain items until the president decides.

It would take a mind reader to

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Should I write 'with love,' or wait for him to start that?"

get the details out of Mr. Roosevelt and even he might have trouble because he himself does not appear to be very clear about it. He would like to get tariff bargaining power but has been told he had better not submit that issue this session. He is trying to work out a scheme whereby he can get power without causing too much of an uproar in congress. That will be hard to do.

The president's main purpose is to induce congress to adjourn as soon as possible. He has mellowed a little in that purpose since he has seen how eager the boys are to do his bidding. But he does not want to submit anything which will start a fight and delay the end.

GAME The house is playing its game by rushing the appropriation bills through. Those are the only bills which really must be passed before adjournment. They carry funds for the government to operate next year.

So far the house has pushed through the interior, navy, post department (state, justice, commerce and labor), treasury, post office and independent offices bills. That leaves only the war, District of Columbia, agriculture and deficiency bills.

They will all be cleaned up (except deficiency) within the next ten days. Then pressure will be turned on the senate. As soon as the senate acts, the way to adjournment will be opened.

Congressmen say that time will come around May 1. The White House says April 1. Anyone knows which one of those two should be believed.

INERTIA The expected sensational congressional inquiries into government spending have failed to materialize. The mail contract inquiry is being pushed ardently, but it is raking over the coals left by the previous administration.

None of the republicans seem to want to start raking the live coals of this administration. It appears they are quite content to let things go along as they are for the present. They may start investigating public works, GWA, et al., next year if public opinion is more encouraging.

For the present they want to

get federal money out of the grab-bag themselves while grabbing is good.

A prospective republican presidential candidate arose in the house the other day. Newsmen came trooping into the gallery on the run. They thought here, at last, the administration was going to catch some thunderbolts.

The speech was very mild and it concluded with the suggestion that even more money should be appropriated for a certain relief purpose.

The republicans felt as silly as they look in this their darkest hour, and they are not entirely comforted by the knowledge that there is nothing to do but wait.

MIDLAND

MIDLAND, Ore.—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Burber and family visited relatives at Langell Valley, Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Hooker and son visited at Murdock ranch, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Dryden of Klamath Falls visited at H. B. Largent's ranch, Thursday evening.

Mrs. William Burnett, Mrs. F. A. Stewart and daughter, Patsy, spent Friday at the S. L. Burnett home.

Mrs. J. B. Burnett underwent a major operation at Valley hospital, Thursday. She is recovering very nicely so far.

J. D. McPherson has purchased the old Cousin ranch on the Midland road. He recently moved his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Manning have moved from the L. A. Bramwell ranch to Altamont Acres.

F. A. Bramwell has moved from the Reynolds ranch to the L. A. Bramwell ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Shulmire and daughter, Joyce, visited at the home of E. A. Shulmire.

The community Sunday school held services at Midland grange hall, Sunday afternoon.

The Home Economics club will meet at the home of Mrs. A. Pinnell, Feb. 14. All members are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Speer of Shaw-Bertram visited at S. L. Burnett's, Friday evening.

VESPER SERVICE PLANNED SUNDAY

In connection with the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the First Presbyterian church, a vesper fraternal fellowship service will be held Sunday afternoon. In this service, which is to be at 4:30 o'clock, the pastors and members of the other churches of the city are invited to share and participate in the program itself.

Dr. W. T. S. Spriggs, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist church and president of the Klamath Falls Ministerial Association, will represent the association as well as his own church in extending felicitations. Rev. Arthur Charles Bates of the First Christian church, Rev. J. B. Coan of the First Methodist church, Rev. Leonard B. Sigle of the First Baptist church, Rev. Fred Hornsby of Klamath Temple, and other pastors and representatives of the churches will bring messages.

The vesper fellowship service is the first to be held with the anniversary celebration. On Friday, February 16 at 6:30 o'clock the annual pioneer dinner will take place. The program of this affair, which is in charge of a committee headed by Paul Jackson, will emphasize the anniversary character of the occasion rather than the pioneer features as heretofore.

Telling the Editor

BONANZA, Ore. (To The Editor)—Kindly permit me the use of a little space in your columns for views on this recall move.

First, I suppose that it is in violation of the "corrupt-practices act" to kill the secrecy of your "official ballot," and be that the case I will ask to be indicted and tried before Judge George Grizzle, and ask that Ted Gillenwaters act as the prosecuting attorney in the case.

Second, I never did and never will be in favor of saving the taxpayer's money by spending it for recall elections. It is my opinion that it requires several thousand dollars to hold an election in Klamath county. Is that retrenchment?

Third, I said in the outset of this article I am guilty of voting for each and every one of those officers that are on "the carpet at this time" and I know and so does any sensible voter know that I was not the only one who voted for them.

Now my religion in these matters is if you don't believe in a man don't vote for him. But if you do support him and he is elected to the office he is seeking, and fails the opinion formerly had of him, grin and like him the better for it was your fault that he was elected and is the bone of contention now.

Personally I will not sign a petition for recall and further I never did nor never will support a recall election.

Now, Mr. Editor, as a voter of Klamath county each and every election it has ever held.

I am respectfully,
 J. O. HAMAKER.

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need dollars with which to pay their American bills bid for them according to their needs, paying what they have to pay in order to get them.

That is why the value of the dollar varies from day to day in the international money markets.

SPEAKING of money, there is a delusion that plenty of money means prosperity.

That is all it is—a DELUSION. It isn't the amount of money that makes prosperity. It is the speed with which money moves.

LET'S see if we can illustrate. Suppose you are hunting on the upper lake. It doesn't make much difference to you how many ducks there are if they are all hid away, sitting tight in the tules, where you can't get at them.

The thing that makes your hunting good is the number of ducks flying past you, where you can get a shot at them.

IT'S the same way with money. It doesn't make any difference to you, if you are an average person, how much money is piled up idle in bank vaults or hid away in socks or buried out in the back yard.

What matters to you is the amount of money that is PASSING FROM HAND TO HAND.

WHAT makes money move rapidly, why, CONFIDENCE, of course. When people have confidence, they SPEND. When they lack confidence, they HOARD.

PERHAPS all this talk about money bores you to the point of extinction.

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Society News

VALENTINE SALE PLANS COMPLETE

The valentine sale and social given by the Young People's and Intermediate - Seniors Christian Endeavor societies of the First Christian church this (Thursday) evening is to begin at 7:30, preceded by a short prayer meeting conducted by Rev. Arthur Charles Bates.

Thelma Parrish, general chairman of the event, has announced the committees who have worked in preparation for the sale and social. Gene Robinson is in charge of the program committee; Edson McKim, post office committee, and Marie Fraley, valentine sale.

Several hundred valentines have been made under the direction of Mrs. W. P. Myers, assisted by various members of the two organizations.

No charge is being made for admission to the social, and the valentines will be sold at prices ranging from one cent to fifty cents.

Money received from this affair will be used to pay the expenses of delegates sent to the Oregon state Endeavor convention to be held in Salem April 19-22. The money will also go towards payment of church pledges.

A Missionary Cottage meeting and social was held last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Latter-Day-Saint church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Campbell at Hagar on the Merrill highway. Thirty-three members and fifteen visitors were present. Games were enjoyed

after the business session and refreshments were served.

VIOLIN RECITAL SET FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON
 An interesting recital will be presented Sunday afternoon, February 11, at 3:00 o'clock at the First Christian church by the violin pupils of Victor Levy.

Solo numbers will be presented as well as full orchestra ensemble groups. Ruby Joseph will also be presented in a group of piano numbers.

The public is cordially invited to attend the recital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gardiner have returned after a two weeks' trip through Oregon. During their absence they visited relatives and friends in Portland and Baker.

An old time dance will be sponsored by the missionaries of the Latter-Day Saints on Thursday evening, February 22, in the public library auditorium. There will be old time music. The public is invited to attend. There will be no door charge but a silver offering will be made.

Mrs. Charles Yorkland was hostess Wednesday afternoon to the "Jolly Bridge" club at her home at 519 North Eleventh street.

A luncheon was served at 2:00 o'clock, and later two tables of bridge were in play.

Mrs. Yorkland's guests were: Mrs. Ira B. Morris, Mrs. W. J. Stelmets, Mrs. W. M. Anderson, Mrs. G. C. Liston, Mrs. H. E. Carnell, Mrs. H. B. Moss, and Mrs. William B. Hendrickson.

"Taxpayer" Takes Swat At League for Recall Effort

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I had the privilege last evening of attending a Red Voice of the people meeting sponsored by the Klamath Taxpayers League. Their worthy chairman's long sermon was only a little more political bunk being passed out to catch a few of the little working men whom he (Mr. Irwin) said must line up with the taxpayers as the two was inseparable to our form of local government.

Less than two years ago this same man was doing all in his power to elect the very officers he is now trying to throw out of office. At that time it was the working man must join hands to put out the grangers in office and put in a new deal.

When this administration went in office there were county warrants by the thousands outstanding, and today Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer these warrants are all paid up and our county is again on a cash basis, (that might be poor business).

Our roads today are in better shape than they have been for the past five years, and it has been done for \$100,000 less money than was spent before for road maintenance. (That might be poor business).

Mr. Irwin called on several of our most prominent business men for their views, and not a one of them was in favor of a recall, so it shows on the face of the movement that only a few of those who stuck their irons in the political fire, and they came out as cold as when stuck in, want to stir up a stench for Klamath county, so we can go on a par with our neighbor, Jackson county.

I asked Mr. Irwin what it would cost to recall those officers he mentioned, and he said it wouldn't cost anything. I say here that before his pet movement of recall is over it will cost Klamath county taxpayers at least thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). (That might be good business).

I firmly believe that everything that has been done by our present administration has been done to the best interest of the taxpayers, and if those men have been such crooks as pictured then I say arrest them at once and not go on being robbed, and in their places let's put Taxpayers League men in our offices.

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