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"Pity him who turns his back on his own people."

MARCH
 25—Texas gave women the right to vote at primary elections, 1917.

27—The Creek Indians were defeated at the battle of Horseshoe Bend, 1814.

28—The United States troops entered Mexico, 1914.

29—Providence R.I. attacked by King Philip and nearly destroyed, 1676.

30—The United States purchased Alaska from Russia, 1867.

31—The Treasury Bldg. and a large number of records were destroyed by fire in Washington, D. C., 1833.

APRIL
 1—Construction of the first railroad in Massachusetts begun, 1825.

A CONSUMER'S STRIKE!
WHY NOT?

Recent figures gathered from fifty-one cities of the United States, and released by the United States Bureau of Labor, show percentage increases in retail food prices from 1932 to 1936, as follows:
 Potatoes, 100%; Lamb, 87%; Sliced Bacon, 75%; Pork Chops, 65%; Navy Beans, 60%; Wheat Flour, 59%; Corn Meal, 57%; Butter, 48%; Cabbage, 47%; Sliced Ham, 42%; Rice, 39%; Fresh Milk, 33%.
 The Sentinel of March 18th quoted Chairman M. S. Eccles, of the Federal Reserve Board, who stated facts, which public men have dodged in this period of hysterical effort to boost wages and shorten hours, which have, in turn reduced production and increased the cost of living and which, he said, "are not at this time in the interest of the public in general or in the real interest of the workers themselves." He, it will be remembered by our readers, also stated that "The upward spiral of wages and prices into inflationary price levels can be as disastrous as the downward spiral of deflation."

The consumer especially has been overlooked in the strike situation and in the political situation by the boosting of wages and prices which Mr. Eccles says "are not in the real interest of the workers," who it was supposed, mistakenly, would be the real beneficiaries.

A glance at the figures quoted above will convince any housewife that she is "up against it" when it comes to feeding a family. It looks as though the day is coming when the consumer will have to call a strike.

If he does decide to strike the Industrial News Review draws this picture of how the strike will be brought about:

"He won't be organized, he won't have any leaders, he will make no threats, there will be no flag-waving to get his votes. He will just decide of his own accord that he will put off buying because prices are too high. Overnight the wheels of industry will slow down; men will find themselves out of jobs; labor leaders will be unable to do anything about it; the economists and politicians who figure everything out on paper, but not in practice, will start peddling new theories. But that won't give jobs."

INNATE RIGHTS

As in the days of Noah, floods of water submerged the world, so today floods of erroneous and pernicious ideas have apparently so submerged the individuals right to life, liberty and happiness that in many countries men have fallen under the enslavement of personal rulerships and dictatorships. In this, history is but repeating itself. When the prophet Samuel's sons perverted judgment, the elders of Israel demanded of the prophet a king. In fatherly love, he warned

them, "Nay" said they, "but we will have a king over us."

So today one hears it said more or less often, "there ought to be a dictator." "And the Lord said unto Samuel . . . they have not rejected you, they have rejected me," that is rejected the God given democratic ideal that men have the innate right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Are the people of this country preparing, consciously or unconsciously, to surrender these rights to a king—or dictator as did the Israelites and as many nations in these latter days have done?

If they do surrender them, ere long they will become aware that trust in any over ambitious human will miscarry in the end and they will find that they have lost their prized equal rights and privileges.

It is reported that New York farmers by the hundreds recently protested to New York's Legislative Milk Investigating Committee against the states stringent milk control law and demanded its discontinuance. Members of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, a pioneer in the Eastern field, testified at two hearings, and aggressively opposed the law on behalf of their members. With certain types of produce, sanitary regulations are necessary. No one opposes them. But laws which tell the farmer what he must charge infringe on personal liberty. The Dairymen's League Cooperative Association is taking a stand against political domination of farming.

Six Oregon 4-H club boys have reason to be proud of their baby beef animals, eight of which were entered in the Interstate Junior Livestock and Baby Beef show at San Francisco, March 21 to 25. They made a clean sweep of winnings according to an Oregon State College communication.

STATE CAPITOL
NEWS LETTER

Will Governor Martin Be a Candidate Again?

Salem, Ore.—Already, more than a year in advance of the 1938 primaries the political prognosticators are beginning to worry about Governor Martin's attitude toward a second term.

Many are convinced that the governor is now building his political fences with a view to entering the forthcoming campaign as a candidate to succeed himself. This, too, in spite of his oft-repeated declarations during the 1934 campaign that he would be a one-term governor. Those who believe the governor will be a candidate in 1938 base their belief on what they claim to be his changed attitude toward the masses in whose hands the voting strength of the state lies—in his more diplomatic public utterances and his evident anxiety to placate and mollify his constituents rather than to antagonize as he so frequently did during the first year of his tenure as governor.

On the other hand there are those who still contend that the governor will be content to retire from public life at the expiration of his present term; that he has had his fill of politics and the petty bickerings incident to his office.

Should it develop that the governor does aspire to a second term it is generally conceded that his most difficult hurdle will be the primaries. There in all probabilities, he will be confronted with the opposition of all the elements he has affronted and antagonized during his current term including the leaders of the state grange, organized labor, Townsendsites and last, but by no means least, the disappointed office seekers of his own party. Report, apparently well founded, has it that there has already been formed a strong coalition between Willis Mahoney, Howard Latourette, Ray Gill and Ben Osborne to oppose the governor should he seek re-election.

Whatever the governor's intentions may be toward a second term no one yet knows unless it be himself—which is doubtful—and he is not telling. But at least the subject provides plenty of material for speculation and probably will for several months to come.

State's Bonded Indebtedness Reduced.

Oregon's bonded debt was reduced by \$1,900,000 this week when State Treasurer Holman paid off \$1,300,000 in highway bonds and \$600,000 in World War Veterans' State Aid bonds. These payments leave \$47,208,010 still outstanding almost equally divided between obligations of the highway and bonus commissions. State bond retirements since January 1, 1935, amount to \$7,425,000, according to a statement issued by Holman.

Governor for Four Days.

Frank M. Francisovich, state senator from Clatsop county, now knows how it feels to be the governor of a great state. Francisovich, as president of the senate,

was governor from Thursday afternoon until Monday while Governor Martin was visiting a daughter and family at Bremerton, Wash. Francisovich, however, did not find it necessary to come to Salem during his brief reign as the state's chief executive to bid his time until the governor leaves on a more extended vacation which he is expected to do sometime this summer.

State Officials Receive Pre-depression Salaries.

Hundreds of state employees and officials were made happy this week when their pay checks were restored to the old pre-depression base. The salary restoration was made possible when the recent legislature failed to re-enact the salary reduction act which had been in effect since 1933.

Youthful Offenders Returned to Penitentiary.

The experiment of transferring youthful offenders from the state prison to the boys' training school was given a black eye this week when it was found necessary to return two of the boys to the penitentiary. The experiment was entered into approximately a year ago as a means, both of reducing the congestion at the state prison and segregating the young first-termers from the older criminals. Out of 66 boys under the age of 20 only nine were found who could be entrusted to the care of the boys' school where there is no provision for forcible detention of inmates.

State Building Program Left to Capitol Reconstruction Commission.

Details of the new state building program, so far as the acquisition of additional land and construction of the new library building are concerned, will be left entirely to the capitol reconstruction commission. At a conference here last week the board of control assured the commission that, while it reserved the right to veto any proposal that might not meet with its favor, it would not be its purpose to unduly interfere with the commission's plans.

As a starter the capitol commission is asking Uncle Sam for \$450,000 of WPA money to match the state appropriation of \$500,000. If that grant is secured it is expected that the commission will plan the construction of two buildings or one large building to accommodate not only the state library but several other state departments. If the federal grant is refused building plans for this biennium will probably be confined to a new library.

By far the biggest problem confronting the capitol commission, however, is that of acquiring additional land. All of the four blocks included in the proposed enlarged capitol site are now occupied by residences, some of the finest in Salem. Many of the owners are reluctant to sell for sentimental reasons. It is expected that the objections of these may be met by leaving them a life interest in the property. Condemnation proceedings will probably have to be resorted to in acquiring some property in case the agents for the state and the owners fail to agree on a price.

Forest Tree Seedlings in Demand.

An unprecedented demand for forest tree seedlings is reported by J. W. Ferguson, state forester. More than 600,000 of the seedlings will go to Oregon farmers this spring to be set out for windbreaks, shelterbelts and windbreaks. Ferguson predicts that the demand for young trees will reach the million mark in 1938. Seedlings available for free distribution to farmers include 15 varieties. Trees are selected for shipment to meet climatic requirements of the various sections of the state as well as the particular needs of the applicant in the production of fuel, posts and lumber.

Referendum Started on Anti-gambling Bills.

As was predicted when Governor Martin vetoed the emergency clause on the Martin anti-gambling bill the slot machine and pin-ball operators this week started the referendum on the measure as well as the Carney measure, which also outlaws slot machines and authorizes their confiscation as public nuisances. Preliminary petitions were filed with the state department this week and petitions will be in circulation throughout the state for signatures within a short time. If the requisite number of names are secured the two measures will be on the 1938 ballot for action by the voters. In the meantime it is expected that the legality of these gambling devices will be threshed out in the courts in a suit started in Marion county and which has already been decided against the pin ball operators by Circuit Judge Crawford.

Only one member of the former advisory board for the employment institution for adult blind was retained on the newly created board.

That was Mrs. Lee Patterson of Portland who has been active in work for the blind for many years. Other members of the new board are Dr. Ralph Fenton and O. V. Badley of Portland, J. H. Chappel

of Marshfield and Mrs. Harry Burke of Astoria.

The authority vested in the highway commission by the recent legislature to construct a building out of their own funds may never be exercised. Governor Martin told newspapermen this week that he would never consent to the use of highway funds for building purposes. Furthermore the governor said that neither he nor the members of the highway commission had ever been consulted with reference to the building bill although members of the legislature declare that the bill originally came from the highway commission.

Hebron

Mrs. Jessie Gilchrist

A special school meeting was held Monday night for the purpose of electing a director to take the place of George Keibelbeck, who recently moved to Cottage Grove. Archie Gilham was elected.

The Easter program given at the Hebron church Sunday was well attended. There being 72 present. A basket dinner was held after preaching services.

The ladies club will meet at the Farmers Union hall on Wednesday afternoon, April 7. A comfort will be tied.

Mr. Stein of Cedar Creek was taken to a hospital in Eugene Saturday. He has been ailing for some time but became so bad he had to go to the hospital.

Angelo Perini, who was hurt last week on a logging train at Coos bay, is much better, he had the stitches removed from the cut on his forehead.

The Ivan Abeene family were dinner guests Easter day of Mrs. Florence Small.

Oscar Langford of Canny was an overnight guest at the John Richardson home Sunday night.

Mrs. Fred Overton and children of Mosby creek were Saturday visitors of her mother, Mrs. Jessie Gilchrist.

Leonard Gilchrist of Klamath Falls and Katie Gilchrist of Chiloquin came home Saturday morning for a short visit. Katie returned Sunday. Mrs. Jessie Gilchrist and son Leonard and daughters Annabelle and Katie were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Markham in Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clark of Cedar Creek were Monday evening visitors at the John Keibelbeck home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fuhrer had

HE NEEDS A "NEUTRALITY ACT" TOO!



as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Cony Myers of Creswell and Mr. and Mrs. Bain Morris of Dexter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keibelbeck had as Easter day dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Mike Keibelbeck and Mr. and Mrs. George Keibelbeck and daughter Caroline and Miss Edyth Safley of Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Van Allison and Mrs. Webster of Cottage Grove were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Keibelbeck.

Miss Katie Barkemeyer has purchased the service station from her brother Albert and with her mother Mrs. Hermann Barkemeyer have moved in and will run it. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barkemeyer will go soon to Arizona for Mr. Barkemeyer's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Simmons have moved onto the Tharp place. Mr. and Mrs. Garland Kimble moved to the house they vacated. Mrs. Beatty of Brownsville cared

Benefit for Paralysis Victim

The Linslaw and Globe schools will sponsor a benefit basket supper and dance at the Linslaw school gymnasium Saturday night, April 17, to raise funds to assist Miss Laura May Higgins of the Linslaw district with a course in a Eugene business college. Miss Higgins was stricken with infantile paralysis at the age of thirteen. She is now twenty three. Miss Higgins has received federal aid for tuition and books. The money raised will be for personal expenses. Baskets will be sold and a free dance follow. Lawrence Chestnut, an alumnus of Cottage Grove high school, teaches the Linslaw school.

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