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AWAY WITH WET NURSES.

Few if any of us realized the significance of Roosevelt's announcement at his second inaugural that "we are determined to make every American citizen the subject of his country's interest and concern;" nor did we realize that the Roosevelt idea of "interest and concern" would make such unprecedented inroads on the individual independence of the vanishing old fashioned American, who gloried in his ability to take care of his family under all ordinary circumstances.

Nor did we even dream of the regimentation to which business, industry and labor would be subjected by the executive department through and by reason of the different departments of the government and the numerous alphabetical instrumentalities that have made snoopers an art and that have as certainly woven a glutinous web around and about business, industry and labor as that woven by the spider around the unwary fly, under the apparent assumption that the once independent and selfconfident citizen has become too stupid to conduct his business intelligently.

This assumption and the egotism of the new deal officials from the President on down to the most insignificant officer "clothed with a little brief authority" has had a most pernicious influence on a large number of Americans, whose ancestors in the pioneer days and for many years thereafter, were proud of the fact that they could stand on their own two feet and tell anybody who questioned their manhood and ability to provide for their families, to go to that hot place presided over by his Satanic Majesty.

Now with thousands of new deal bureaucrats trying to justify their existence by their over-officious endeavors to convince people that the government owes them a living and that it is ready to do most anything they desire it to do, provided they vote for the new deal, a growing number of the descendants of those independent and selfreliant Americans have come to the conclusion that the government owes them a living and that it exists for the sole purpose of aiding them to live without work and without burdening their brains with thoughts of what the morrow may bring forth.

The intricate contrivance which has been set up in Washington for the supervision of the private and public life of American citizens with its tax burdens will have to be smashed by a resurgence of that independent pioneer American spirit, or we will be coddled to death. We must get rid of our wet nurses.

PURGING POLITICS.

The senatorial investigating committee charged with looking into the conduct of primaries and elections for congressional offices is getting up its courage. Evidently it has found conditions bad enough to convince it that vigorous and indignant action is in order.

Referring by clear implication to both candidates in the heated campaign for Democratic nomination to the United States Senate from Kentucky, one of whom is Majority Floor Leader of the Senate and the other the Governor of the State, the committee says it is certain that efforts have been made on both sides to control votes by the use of Federal relief funds or of state-administered funds for old-age assistance and unemployment compensation. The committee adds: "These facts should rouse the conscience of the country. They imperil the right of the people to a free and unpolluted ballot."

In this the committee is magnificently correct. The moral sense of the country should certainly become articulate to put an end to the kind of travesty on free and honest elections that recent weeks have shown taking place in the campaigns both in Kentucky and in Tennessee, and possibly other states.

One way to accomplish this would be to invoke the sharp remedy the Senate committee is reported to be considering, of disqualifying either candidate who might win by such tactics as have been disclosed in the two border states. Another and more permanent

remedy would be the adoption at the next session of Congress of the Hatch Amendment or a still broader statute to rule Federal officeholders out of participation in politics. This definitely should be done, and it will then be up to states to clean their houses by putting similar restraints on state officials and their patronage machines.—Christian Science Monitor.

LOOKING FORWARD

By Franklyn Waltman.

Uproariously funny was Representative Maury Maverick's whimper that his defeat in the Texas primaries was due to the local Democratic political machine and anti-Roosevelt money. To hear Mr. Maverick one would never suspect that the Federal political machine ardently supported him and that New Deal millions were shoveled into his district in the futile effort to renominate him.

Whatever sum was used to defeat Mr. Maverick could not have been a drop in the bucket compared with the money lavishly tossed about by the Roosevelt Administration to save this fountain of New Deal inspiration, not to mention a personal endorsement by Mr. Roosevelt himself. For instance, a few days before the primary the New Deal slum clearance authority announced an allocation of \$3,500,000 for San Antonio—in the heart of Mr. Maverick's district.

Whenever a New Dealer is renominated or wins an election it is always due, according to the Democratic propagandists, to the popularity of the President and the overwhelming virtue of the New Deal. But whenever a New Dealer goes down to defeat, according to these same objective, non-partisan authorities, it is because of the hostility of the local machine, or the use of anti-Roosevelt money, but never because the voters might look on the New Deal with jaundiced eyes.

The truth of the matter is that Mr. Maverick was defeated because of his radicalism and his clowning. He was no follower of the New Deal. He was one of its leaders. Whenever less valiant souls wavered in reckless experimentation or inane subversion of Constitutional government, it was Mr. Maverick who spurred the breathless House leaders on to a faster pace.

Yet Mr. Maverick sees almost eye to eye with the President on most issues. A typical instance of their harmony of viewpoint was evidenced on February 5, 1937, the day Mr. Roosevelt took the country by storm with his demand for an immediate packing of the Supreme Court in order to get judicial approval for his unconstitutional schemes.

While the Democratic leaders of the House were left stunned by the breath-taking Presidential message, Mr. Maverick jumped to his feet, rushed to the clerk's desk, seized the mimeographed copy of the President's Court packing bill, scribbled his name across the top and introduced it as his bill.

Subsequently when it became apparent that the votes were not in the bag for the measure, as predicted by genial Jim Farley, the President and his satellites were quite willing to have the bill become known as the Ashurst-Maverick Bill. Thus one of the sponsors of that iniquitous legislation has gone down to defeat. There will be more.

So far not a single outstanding opponent of the Court packing bill has been defeated, even though the New Deal has sought their political scalps. As the Texas voters were retiring Mr. Maverick to private life, they renominated for another term Representative Hutton W. Summers. It was Mr. Summers who affronted the New Deal leadership by arising on the House floor and severely denouncing the Court packing bill in a speech regarded then as its death-blow. He got no friendly pats from the President nor were millions of New Deal money promised to his district.

Almost as humorous as Mr. Maverick's whimpering remark was the pious, solemn lecture delivered a few days ago by Representative David J. Lewis to Senator Millard E. Tydings. Mr. Lewis, a flaming New Dealer, was persuaded by the White House to oppose Senator Tydings of Maryland for renomination as part of the New Deal purge.

"I," said Mr. Lewis to Senator Tydings, "offer you this advice: Without consistency there is no moral strength. We cannot reverse ourselves too often. The voters are not deceived by it. We cannot have our cake and eat it, too."

In view of the gyrations and somersaults of Mr. Lewis' political god, President Roosevelt, for six years, it is no wonder that Marylanders burst out laughing.

By all means, let us have humor in this year's campaign. It will not relieve our sad plight but it will take our minds off of it.

Curly-Haired Horses

The Bashkirs, which come from the plains of eastern Russia, are a curly-haired breed of horses.

STATE CAPITOL NEWS LETTER

NOTE—This is the second in a series of articles dealing with the 13 measures to appear on the state ballot in November. These articles, one of which will appear each week, will attempt an impartial analysis of the several measures for the information of the voters.

Repealing Double Liability of Bank Stockholders.

This is another proposed amendment to the state constitution which was referred to the voters by the legislative session of 1937. As the title indicates the amendment if adopted would relieve stockholders in state banks from the double liability now imposed in the event of a bank failure. Stockholders in national banks have already been relieved of this double liability (liability to the depositors in an amount equal to double their stock in the bank) and this proposed amendment would place stockholders in state banks on the same footing in this respect.

Martin to Investigate.

Governor Martin has promised to "look into" reports that the Democratic State Central committee is assessing state employees for support of the fall campaign. Veteran politicians point out that the practice is not new, explaining that political appointees have always been expected to contribute toward "the good of the cause," although as a rule this understanding is not put into writing in the form of an assessment. Careful inquiry among state employees in Salem has revealed only two who admit to having received the assessment notice. Both of these were asked to contribute \$21 at the rate of \$3 a month for the next seven months. Both of these employees were appointees rather than employees. It is not believed that the reported assessment extended to the rank and file job holders.

Drunken Driving Increases.

Drunken driving is on the increase in Oregon according to statistics compiled by Secretary of State Snell. During the first five months of the current year 209 motorists in this state had their licenses revoked upon conviction of drunken driving. That was 54 more than the record for the same period in 1937 and 124 ahead of the 1936 record. Every month this year so far has shown an increase in license revocations for drunken driving over the same month last year.

Home Exemption Tax Bill.

If persistence counts Chas. H. Ager of Portland should get his home exemption tax bill on the state ballot in 1940. Having failed twice in his effort to secure the requisite number of signatures to place the measure on the ballot Ager this week made another start when he filed preliminary petitions with Secretary of State Earl Snell. Ager's measure would exempt from taxation dwellings up to \$2000 in true cash value when occupied by the owner.

Oregonians Drinking More Liquor.

Oregon residents, with the aid of a few tourists, consumed slightly more intoxicating liquor in the fiscal year ending June 30—\$143,000 more—than they did in the previous 12-month period according to a report by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Gross sales of liquor by state stores and agencies during the last fiscal year totaled \$8,055,991.43 compared to \$7,913,077.41 for 1936-37. Net profits from the liquor business increased proportionately from \$1,678,302.14 in 1936-37 to \$1,830,006.74 in 1937-38.

Martin Emulates Solomon.

Probably no appointment made during the present administration has given Governor Martin more concern than the two he made last week in filling vacancies caused by the deaths of the county judges in Washington and Tillamook counties. Friends of the several candidates for the two positions thronged the executive department throughout the week, coming singly and in delegations of from five to fifteen members.

In Washington county where the sudden death of Judge Donald T. Templeton had left a vacancy the choice lay between the widow of Judge Templeton and the two candidates for the office, nominated at the May primaries, with the nod going to Mrs. Templeton who will serve out the unexpired term, ending in January, leaving the two candidates free to fight it out in November without either enjoying the advantage that might have gone with the appointment.

In Tillamook county there were also three candidates for the post—Harland Woods, head of the young Democratic club of the county; George Reichers, a republican and prominent business man, and Jack Caulfield, active Democratic leader with a record of two terms in the state legislature. All three were strongly endorsed by

influential citizens of the county and the choice of Woods is regarded here as due largely to the endorsement of the young Democrats.

Building Program.

The state's building program for 1939-40 will depend largely upon availability of revenues, according to Budget Director Wallace Wharton who explains that institution heads are already beginning to formulate their requests for improvements. Among those tentatively outlined are a new receiving hospital and nurses home for the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton; enlargement of the receiving hospital at the Salem state hospital; a new cell block and new dining room for the state penitentiary, and a children's pavilion for the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles.

Failing in their attempt to initiate a measure providing for the issuance of revenue bonds by peoples' utility districts, sponsors of this program will carry their fight directly to the legislature, according to word reaching Salem. The measure is being sponsored by the Bonneville Federation of Oregon.

Seasonal work has taken up some of the slack in unemployment in Oregon. Figures released by the Unemployment Compensation commission show a drop of 11 per cent in the active file of job seekers registered with the state employment service last week.

Traffic Safety Improves.

Statistics compiled by Secretary of State Snell reflect a continued improvement in traffic safety conditions in Oregon. Traffic fatalities for the first six months of the current year totalled only 126 compared to 150 for the same period in 1937. Twenty-nine persons lost their lives in traffic accidents on Oregon highways during June, this year, which was within one of the record for June, 1937.

Fewer than 100 persons are now employed by the State Unemployment Compensation commission in its Salem office as compared to a payroll of more than 200 at the first of the year when the commission began the payment of claims. Sixteen employees of the commission were released last week and further reductions in personnel are contemplated, members of the commission have indicated.

Tremendous Trifles

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

BARBS

FLATTENED out, they wouldn't measure much over an inch in length. They look unimportant and harmless enough, these little pieces of wire, sharpened at each end. But, take enough of them, bend them in loops and place them at regular intervals along two strands of wire woven together. Then . . . well, ask some World war veteran if he ever had to listen to the agonized cries of a wounded buddy caught in a tangle of barbed wire!

Who invented barbed wire? Many have claimed that honor. But whoever it was, he could not have foreseen the course of history on the Great Plains of the West. Time was when thousands and thousands of longhorn cattle ranged over hundreds of square miles of land and were trailed to roaring "cow towns" by reckless crews of daring horsemen. That was in the day of the "open range."

Then barbed wire crossed the Mississippi. The cattle trails were closed by mile after mile of wire—two strands nailed to posts. Next came the "nester" to plow under the buffalo grass on which the longhorns had fed.

The barbs on the wire were the tremendous trifles which ended the cattle era of the old West and sent one of the most picturesque figures in American history, the cowboy, galloping down the trail to oblivion.

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Lynx Hollow

The Walker store and camp cabin was purchased last week by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Conner of Klamath Falls from Mrs. R. R. McCane, and possession taken immediately. Nw, da RIGu'sMa., at once. Mr. and Mrs. Hale Smith who were running the store have moved to Creswell where they will run the Gilmore station.

Mrs. Elise Huntsman has returned from an extended visit with her son at Burntwood. Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Faribrother of Ridgefield, Wash., were overnight guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peck.

A. M. Eppenbaugh, manager of the Pacific Cooperation branch station of Cottage Grove, had a

ALL IN THE SAME BOAT



minor operation at the Eugene hospital last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Porter and family of Eugene were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beach announce the birth of a son, at the McFarland maternity home in Cottage Grove.

James VasBlinder of Salem was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Taylor.

Saginaw

Tom Partney of Dorena and Maxine (Micky) Fry were married at Vancouver, Saturday, Aug. 6. They are living at Cottage Grove.

Elwin Benston and daughter, Marilyn, of Eugene spent Monday with Elwin's mother, Mrs. F. T. Benston.

Iris Monteith spent a few days last week with Mrs. Lyle Scott of Cottage Grove.

Fred Peterson of Calif. is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Enright. Mrs. Lee Fry and son, Neil,

spent Sunday at Wolf Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Monteith and children attended the North Carolina picnic held at Albany Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keene of Thornton Corners and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Keene and children of Creswell, spent Sunday at the Howard Keene home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Johnston and daughter Lanora visited at the coast last week with another daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Fry of Coburg spent Friday with Mrs. Lee Fry. Howard Keene returned to the Eugene hospital Monday after spending several days with his family here.

Anson Clark spent last week at the Chris Reed home near Leaburg.

Mrs. Cecil Forcier and daughter Layrette and Mrs. T. Forcier of Eugene spent one afternoon last week with Mrs. F. T. Benston.

Mr. and Mrs. Alta King and Mrs. Annie Burgett of Cottage Grove were in Saginaw on business Saturday.

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