



By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

For some time the two federal district judges in Oregon have been badly overworked. The population of our state has increased nearly 50%. An additional federal judge is badly needed. The house recently passed and sent to the senate a bill creating a number of new federal district judges, including additional judge for Oregon.

Although the bill was passed without many negative votes an interesting floor battle developed over an amendment offered by Rep. Keating, a Republican from New York. He pointed out that federal judges are appointed for life and that during the last 13 years of control by the one party numerous vacancies have occurred. The result is a federal judiciary preponderantly of one party. His amendment simply provided that no more than two-thirds of the newly-created judges should be appointed from one political party. A hot fight developed on the floor. It was pointed out in the debate that of the last 133 federal judges appointed, 182 of them were registered as Democrats and only seven Republicans. Thus, it was correctly declared that our system of government which is supposed to consist of three independent branches—legislative, executive and judicial, has in fact for some time (except for the years of 1944 and 1948 when the Republicans controlled congress), been completely controlled by one political party. The Democrats fought the amendment and it was defeated.

For benefit of members of the Democrat party who might like a chuckle at the expense of Republicans, it may be noted that the Republican congress could have passed this legislation last year but decided to wait until this year so that a Republican president (we thought) could appoint the new judges! Now they will be appointed by President Truman anyhow.

Washington has been pretty much agog over the spy or espionage or perjury trials—which

ever you might want to call them—going on now. As one member put it "we seem to be just about knee-deep in 'red herrings' around here now."

I have been deeply disturbed over the blow dealt a splendid organization, the FBI, because the judge in the Coplon trial allowed their secret files to be read in open court. These papers contained numerous names in reports accumulated by the FBI. It was sensational stuff, of course, but I think the reporting of the trial has been generally, if unintentionally unfair to the FBI. The stuff read at the trial was merely miscellaneous data gathered from all sorts of sources. It was not supposed to be faction and did not represent conclusions or reports by the FBI. Obviously an investigating agency must accumulate material of this sort and sift it out. Practically all of that which was read in court and widely printed in newspapers represented nothing but worthless chaff. The reading of it not only did harm to those whose names were mentioned but untold harm to the FBI.

Thanks to the excellent work of Rep. Homer Angell from the Portland district with whom I have been working closely on the problem, I think some additional needed authorizations for the Willamette flood control projects will be passed at this session. Mr. Angell is a ranking member on the house public works committee, which handles this legislation.

The original Willamette project authorization which was passed more than 10 years ago did not permit the appropriation of sufficient money to complete the job. This was partly due to the fact

Notice Of Final Account

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Curry.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Axel John Alton, deceased, has filed his Final Account in the County Court for Curry County, Oregon, and that Friday, the 1st day of July, 1949, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the court room of said court has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for hearing of objections thereto and settlement thereof.

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that construction costs increased and partly due to changes in the original plans. As a result of Mr. Angell's work with the committee, I think an additional sum will be authorized. Also, it was found necessary to substitute two dams on tributaries for one large dam on the McKenzie river. The two substitute dams require technical authorization. Apparently this matter will be cleared also.

LOCAL NEWS

A. P. Hendricks left Sunday evening for Portland where he will spend much of this week on business.

Hi-Lines, publication of Coos-Curry Electric Co-operative, Inc., were printed last week at the

Pilot and were shipped to Coquille for mailing to all members of the co-operative this week.

Bob Stanhurst, officer in the naval reserve, returned Sunday from Seattle, where he had completed a 2-weeks cruise, for a refresher course. On the trip, he touched port at San Francisco, in the south.

Mrs. Gretchen Squires and her two companions, from Riverside, Calif., en route to Seattle to embark for Alaska for a month's vacation, stopped two days here to visit her sister, Mrs. Dewey Akers and family.

C. A. Dimond, of the Paper Mills Agency, of Oregon, Portland, was a brief caller in this area, last Saturday, on business.

Weather Report

For the past week, ending on Sunday:

	Max.	Min.	Rain
June 20	64	50	
June 21	63	50	
June 22	63	50	
June 23	67	50	
June 24	71	50	
June 25	64	50	.01
June 26	66	51	.01
Total rain for week			.02

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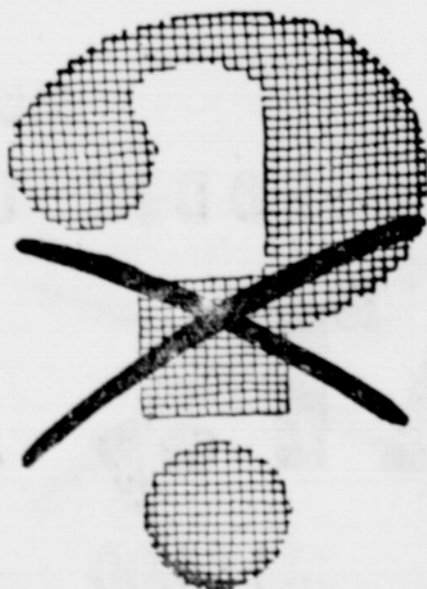
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