

# Views and Counter Views on the Great Political Parade

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## Republican

(Arranged under the direction of Judge Donald T. Tompkins, chairman of the Republican county central committee)

The Washington county republican organization welcomes this opportunity to present to the voters of this county a weekly discussion of the salient features of this campaign, and is grateful to the Hillsboro Argus for the space which makes such a discussion possible.

The issues of this campaign are well defined. Traditional distinctions between the two old parties have been largely forgotten. We find republicans and democrats fighting side by side against the continuation of an administration which they feel will result in, if it indeed it has not for its purposes, the destruction of the form of government that has protected and preserved the rights of our people since its birth and led them to a position of greater prosperity and to a higher standard of living.

Arranged against them we find Jim Farley's new deal organization. An organization with a nucleus of democratic job holders, political opportunists and economic theorists bent on a continuation and expansion of the new deal.

The path of progress of the new deal is strewn with broken promises and any discussion of the failure of the new deal must necessarily involve a comparison of the performance of the administration during the past three years. The complete failure of the administration to carry out the promises of the 1932 platform become particularly significant when viewed in the light of the statement President Roosevelt made at Butte, Mont., on September 19, 1932. The president said: "But remember well, that another and method—the way we do things is nearly always the measure of our sincerity." It would be well to measure Mr. Roosevelt's sincerity by his own statement and consider his promises and performance.

The president's pre-election statements concerning bureaus and useless departments and his attitude since his election on the same subject is typical of the entire administration. At Sioux City on September 29, 1932, President Roosevelt said, "We are attempting too many functions and we need a simplification of what the federal government is giving to the people. I accuse the present administration of being the greatest spending administration in peace times in all our history. One which has piled bureau upon bureau, commission on commission and has failed to anticipate the dire needs or reduced earning power of the people. Bureaus and bureaucrats have been retained at the expense of the taxpayer."

Again at Butte on November 4, 1932, he re-affirmed his position in this statement: "The people of America demand a reduction of federal expenditures. It can be accomplished not only by reducing the expenditures of the government departments but it can be done by abolishing many useless commissions, bureaus and functions, and it can be done by consolidating many activities of the government."

The manner in which the president has corrected this evil, the manner in which he has made good his promises to the people can best be seen by an actual survey of the bureaus of bureaucracy in the federal government in the past three years.

Before the Roosevelt administration there were ten agencies dealing with the production and distribution of power. In 1935 there were 23 agencies concerned with it. Two agencies of the federal government were primarily concerned with the settlement of labor disputes. In 1932, four years later twelve agencies are interested in the settlement of labor disputes.

Housing problems were being considered by four agencies of the government before the Roosevelt administration. In 1935, 15 agencies are dealing with the problem. In 1932 there were six agencies of the government to which foreign trade was a major concern. Today there are twelve agencies concerned with this activity.

Four government agencies were making loans to farmers four years ago. Today there are thirteen agencies engaged in making such loans. Eight agencies of the federal government exercised extensive control over the public lands. In 1936 such control was being exercised by fifteen organizations in the federal government.

Today there are three different committees, each entirely independent of the other, all studying overlapping services in the federal government. In the light of this record what can the new deal hold for us in the future. This record can not be excused because of the existence of a national depression, for at the time these promises were made and while the president was making these speeches about quelling the country was in the trough of the worst economic depression of its history, and he knew or should have known the situation which would confront us upon his election. Now faced with another election, the president vaguely promises to discontinue outmoded boards and bureaus, but shouldn't we say in his own words, "The way we do things is nearly always the measure of our sincerity?"

What the administration has accomplished, the price of Farley's folly, fascism by any name you call it, the price of the buggy days, and what we propose to do about it will be discussed in future issues. An analysis of the record of this administration made in the light of its promises can bring but one conclusion; that the happiness and protection of the American people lies in the election of the republican ticket.

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## Democratic

(Reviewed by Ed. L. Moore, Chairman Democratic County Central Committee)

### DISPELLING THE FOG

By Charles Michelson  
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The other day when Secretary of the Interior Ickes, in a speech, directed attention to the authoritative position Mr. William Randolph Hearst occupies in the Landon hierarchy, that body of counselors was shocked.

From National GOP Chairman Hamilton up and down they deplored that the democrats were conducting a dirty campaign. Now just what is there that could be called invidious about the publicizing of a letter signed by Mr. Hearst in which the latter without equivocation or qualification undertook to tell Governor Landon when and how he should make his political speeches?

This letter was not filched from anybody's desk drawer or abstracted from a file cabinet. It was not written by a hired spy in the opposition camp. On the contrary, it was merely reproduced from a sworn record where it appeared as collateral evidence in a court proceeding dealing with an entirely different issue.

It was notable that nobody questioned the authenticity of the document or contradicted the deduction therein. It appears that the minority party's national committeeman for Illinois—who might be supposed to be important enough in that party to communicate directly with the candidate—felt it necessary to make a pilgrimage to San Simeon in California to lay his suggestion before the lord of that demesne. Mr. Hearst graciously received the Illinois ambassador and consented to give the requested instructions or suggestions. After he had heard the dismissed National Committeeman Harding, he sent him the letter in the form of a memorandum as certifying that the envoy had faithfully discharged his mission.

What code was violated; or what ethics were abandoned by bringing to light just what part Mr. Hearst was playing in the campaign?

Hard on What Price Ethics. My fellow commentators and columnists have been rather quiet, for them, during the last week. Mr. Frank Kent has been turning his daily song of sorrow upside down for lack of anything new in the iniquity of all that appertains to the Roosevelt administration.

Mr. Mark Sullivan has diversified his sermons by taking Earl Browder, the Communist candidate for president, to task, and wishily telling us that America wants neither Communism nor Fascism. This affords an opportunity for an informing lecture on the similarities and differences of the two systems—which is one way of filling a column on a dull day. Also he has discovered that the government pictures of the desolation of the death area are probably unreliable, because the photographer moved an ox-skill ten feet before snapping his camera.

Only one of my distinguished contemporaries has scored a scoop, and felicitations are in order for Mr. William Hard, journalist and GOP broadcaster.

For the convenience of the newspaper world, it has been a custom of long standing for public men to issue to the press advance copies of their speeches and statements, each issue bearing at its head the injunction that they are not to be made public until a specified release time. The custom is so general that even government papers, such as the president's message to congress, go out with the same injunction, as do laws in advance of their adoption by congress.

Mr. Hard, over the radio, answered Secretary Ickes' speech about the Hearst communication three-quarters of an hour before the Secretary of the Interior went on the air with his address. This is the first time I recall that a newspaper man "breaks a release date"—to use the press phrase—hence this tribute to Mr. Hard's enterprise.

A while ago the Chicago Tribune also scored a noteworthy feat on all its newspaper rivals. It published, and editorialized, on a cable

dispatch from "Donald Day," narrating that Moscow had sent instructions to the American Communist party to support Roosevelt. Now the Chicago Times is out with an offer to donate \$5000 to the "Freedom of the Press" committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' association if the Tribune or any other newspaper can prove that the cable message was true.

There are a number of foundations which present high prizes for outstanding achievements in the news line, and I respectfully suggest the two foregoing incidents as meriting consideration by the committees that make these awards.

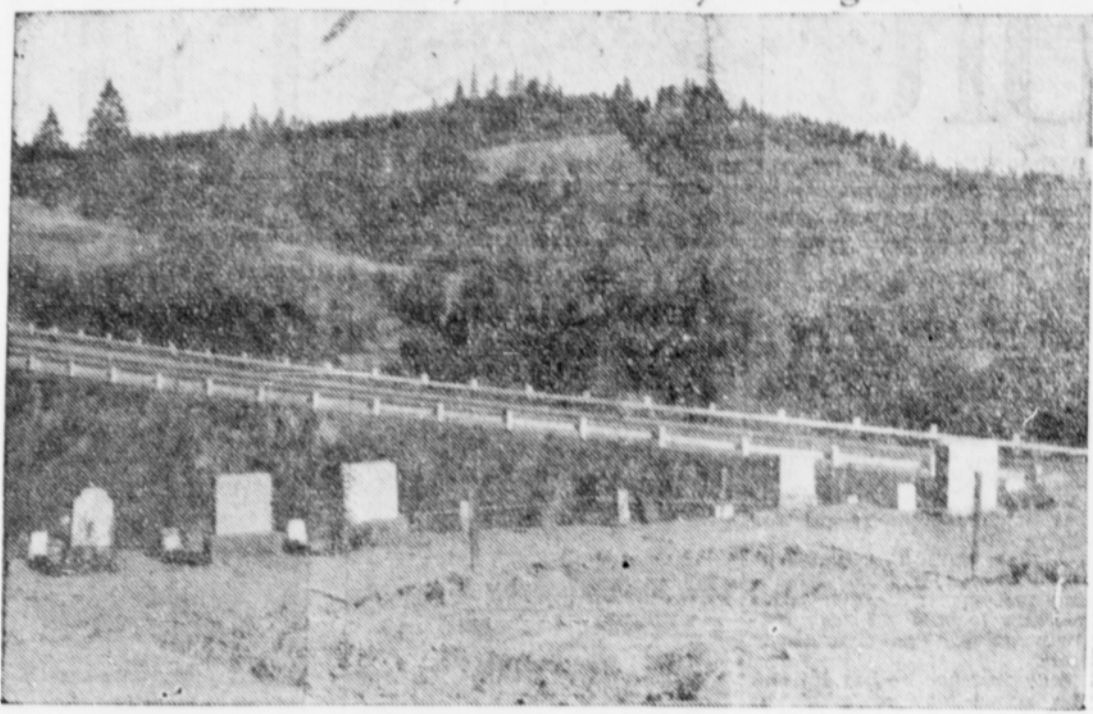
Third of 1% Works Wonders. I am not sure but that some of the newspaper pdls should not get into the same category. For example, one of the most conspicuous of these last Sunday told in eight-column headlines that an intricate calculation based on something like one-third of one per cent of the total vote indicated that 4,500,000 who voted for Mr. Roosevelt in 1932 would this year vote for Governor Landon, while only 2,000,000 who voted for Mr. Hoover in 1932 would cast their ballots for the democratic nominee next November.

Such a fantastic conclusion mathematically deduced from such inadequate premises may not provoke unmeasured confidence, but just for the fun of the thing, let us accept them in a simple calculation. In 1932 Roosevelt's majority over Hoover was more than seven million. Balancing the figures would still leave Roosevelt with a popular majority of two and a half million—which was not at all what the republican newspapers wished the poll to show, and which did not appear in the headlines.

The straw polls are of value—to the outfits that are selling them to the newspapers—and to add to the entertainment of the occasion. So do the figments of imagination that are being published as news, but that is all they amount to.

Let me turn prophet for a moment and set down here my firm conviction that every one of the straw balloting worth the occasion will, on its last issue, before the election, swing clear around and forecast Roosevelt's victory—and they will not be stingy in their estimates of his majority then. Thus they will be, after the decisive November day, able to point with pride to the accuracy of their necromancy, and ask for admiration.

# Old Cemetery to Give Way to Progress



Directly in the path of the Wolf creek short-cut sea road, where the construction approaches Canyon road, is the half-acre burial plot of the Theodore W. Pointer clan. WPA workers are preparing to disinter the remains of members of the family, some of them at rest for nearly 60 years, and to remove caskets to a nearby cemetery, as stipulated in a right-of-way purchase agreement. Included among those laid to rest in the family plot are Theodore W. Pointer and his wife, buried in 1913, and six of their children.—Cut courtesy The Oregonian.

# Lester Mooberry Named Head of Cornelius Library Group

(By Miss Dorothy Cooke)  
The board of the Cornelius public library met Monday evening for the first meeting of the fall Lester Mooberry was elected president to fill the vacancy made by Mrs. A. L. Brock moving to Montana last May. Other members of the board are Mrs. Dan Barrett, vice-president; Mrs. George Feldman, secretary; Mrs. V. H. French, treasurer; Mrs. Edna Russell, librarian, and Mrs. W. R. Cooke.

Playlet Presented. Sunday morning, during the worship hour at the M. E. church the missionary playlet, "Take Heed—Go Ye," was presented, sponsored by the local Women's Home Missionary society. In the evening the playlet was presented in the Hillsboro M. E. church. Those taking part were Mrs. Ray Shaw and Miss Mera Weidewitsch as readers, Mrs. Dorothy Paffenbarger, Mrs. Julian Delmonte, Misses Geneva and Laurel Shay, Rosemond Munderf, Virginia Erikson, Helene Shaw, Helen Oliver, Betty and Alice Delmonte and Dorothy Cooke. Mrs. A. J. Oliver directed the play.

Susbaners Move. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Subbauer and son have moved to Aloha.

Mrs. Hobbs Resigns. The Civic Improvement club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Margaret Melanson. Mrs. E. Conklin, county vice-president, spoke. Mrs. Earl Hobbs, president, resigned as she expects to move away. Mrs. Henry Behrman, vice-president, was named president. Mrs. Lester Mooberry, Mrs. Leonard Melanson and Mrs. Margaret Melanson were hostesses.

Junior Aid of the Lutheran church entertained in honor of Mrs. Ted Wilkins and Mrs. Robert Tanner at Bunning's hall last Wednesday afternoon.

Anniversary Observed. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rithaler were pleasantly surprised last Sunday on their 40th wedding anniversary with a gathering of their children and other relatives, including their son Philip of Sacramento, Cal.

Mrs. Wilkins Honored. Mrs. Ted Wilkins was honored with a party by the Neighbors of the Lutheran church in celebration for their skill in reporting the mutation of public sentiment from day to day.

# Cherry Grove

(By Mrs. P. Patton)  
A family reunion was held Sunday at the J. P. Johnson home, when all of their eight children with their families were present, except one grandchild, Selma's daughter Edith, who is married and living in California, and a few friends. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gerding and children Louise, Kenneth, Rose Ida, Carl Violet and Goldie, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Royal and son Floyd of St. Helens; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Labrum of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and sons Reuben and Leonard of Yamhill, and daughter Charlene Cooper of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Seth Johnson and sons Dickie and Reuben and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Frostad of Oak Harbor, Wash.; Allan and Roy Hedrick Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Johnson and family Margaret, Mildred, Betty, Hazel and Alice; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson and children Vernon, Viola and Iva May, of Cherry Grove; Mrs. Selma Moorehouse and daughter Vivian of San Diego, Cal. The family enjoyed Sunday dinner together, the first time they had been together for a long time. Grandpa and Grandma Johnson surely enjoyed the day as grandma is past 80 years and grandma not far behind. Mrs. Moorehouse and Vivian went to St. Helens with the Gerdings for a visit. They expect to find work here and make their home in Oregon.

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