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No Down Payment on Morale

Was it some capricious bureaucratic spirit or some canny credit official exhibiting a rare nobleness of soul who saw to it that federal credit controls bypassed the 30-day charge account?

Anyone can understand that it is good economics to require a down payment of at least 20 per cent on things like cars and deep freezers and television sets. It helps people keep their debts within bounds. Besides, few housewives have the audacity to flatly announce to the lord of the manor they have just "purchased" ("charged") a \$200 electric range or a \$300 automatic washing machine. In the average home, such investments are weighed with wariness worthy of a stockholders' meeting.

But the monthly charge account is a different matter. It is a restorative cordial to many wives; the only vice allowed them. It is the brew that cheers - and heady stuff, at that.

To do away with it would have been a dastardly deed. Only of American po-tro do away with it would have been a dastardly deed. Only of American po-litical objectives a cad would take candy from a baby, so to speak Might as well outlaw the friendly pipe or recall prohibition, as to deny the distaff side its favorite escape from the grim realities of the change purse.

Of course, as in the practice of any other minor vice, overindulgence can be dangerous. It can mean a broke husband, even a broken home. It can mean some severe punishment, such as being fimited to cash purchases (known as "the cure").

But, generally, the salutory affects of the charge account are uppermost. Take the case of Mrs. Molly Poots:

Molly is hurrying along the aisles of downtown emporius looking for bargains and buying necessities, bearing in mind withal the welfare of her family. Suddenly she'll be challenged, pened, for example, when infortempted, by something she simply MUST have, regardless of whether she needs it.

A pretty bottle of cologne, perchance, or a bit of English china for her cup collection - whatever it is, it is eminently not the sort of thing one spends the grocery money for. Instead, she easually (with her heart in her mouth) says, "Charge it."

Thereafter, the world is a shining place and Mrs. Poots feels | ly, an emergency meeting of the no envy for the mink coats, sterling tea sets and electric dishwashers in the showwindows as she passes.

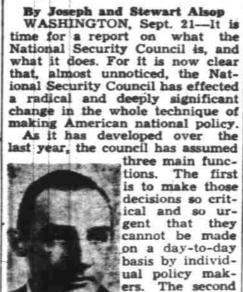
The afterglow is brief, however. Little nagging thoughts, like a hangover, soon come out. She realizes she could have bought a shirt for junior with the \$5.95 that brass candlestick cost. So she determines to make up for her little extravagance. Mr. Poots gets royal treatment at home for a week and junior is smothered with affection. Everyone feels happier all around, pended, and that one last attempt and Molly has the candlestick to boot.

She doesn't worry about the 20 per cent down on a new refrigerator she couldn't afford anyway, but leave her have ready access to the charge account!

Ouster Confirmed

No surprise is occasioned by Governor Hall's confirmation of his ouster of Joseph O. Freck as member of the state liquor commission. The public has the feeling however that the reasons ing these policy decisions are preadvanced are afterthoughts - that they were dug up to justify pared by the staff of the council, a discharge previously decided on.

It is evident there was some row between the governor and reck. The governor first gave as his reason lack of harmony Gen Gilbert on the board. When Freck stood his ground and refused to resign Gen. Lauris Nonstad for the air then these complaints were brought forward. As a matter of force, and Adm. Arthur Struble practical administration, if these were genuine criticisms, the governor would have called in his appointee and suggested that for approval or revision to the he refrain from doing business with the state and reduce the time council. The council members are he was putting in as member of the commission. There is no indication that this was done.



Planning Board

Shows Promise

is to attempt to anticipate speciffic decisions Joseph Alsop which must be made in the fore-

seeable future. The third, and perhaps the most difficult, is to prepare a co-

for the world as a whole, and for specific areas of the world.

When an immediate. crucial decision must be made, the president calls the

Silewart Alsop council into sesion, and, with the president participating, the decision is made on the spot. This was what hapmation became available that the Soviet Union intended to propose

the return of Trieste to Italy before the Italian elections. Acting with a speed which has not been characteristic of the American government, the council decided George Walker, 38, closed. to forestall the Rusians. Similar-

Foreign Policy |GRIN AND BEAR IT

council was called some days ago on two hours' notice when it became clear that the negotiations between the, four military commanders in Berlin were being wife. rendered futile by the Soviet at-

titude. It was decided to recommend to Britain and France that the Berlin negotiations be sus-**Denied Shooting**

of each month in the cabinet room of the White House. At these meetings one or more decisions which must be anticipated for the funal last month.

Under state questioning he described the missing woman as 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighing about in consultation with the designated planning officers. These are Geo. Kennan of the state department. wearing slacks the night Pirkle still too strong to be ousted. It may partment, boar demever for war.

By Lichty Gov. Hall Cites

Reasons for Freck Ouster

(Story also page 1) Gov. John Hall, in reviewing extensively the hearing accorded las week to Joseph O. Freck, sr., deposed state liquor commission, declared Tuesday he had found Freck "has legally disqualified

himself." The governor reviewed the testimony of A. N. Wysong, assistant state purchasing agent, who said certain supplies could have been purchased cheaper from sources other than Freck store's; John K Crowe, assistant attorney general, who told of informing Hall of such purchases in August, and an assistant purchasing agent of the liquor commission who testified as

to methods of bidding. Major parts of the governor's findings follows:

"I removed him (Freck) as member of the Oregon Liquor

Control Commission on the grounds of inefficiency, neglect of duty, and misconduct of office. Pursuant to the above cited section of the Oregon law, I preferred written charges which were served on Mr. Freck personally and in person by the sheriff of Multnomah county on the 4th day of September, 1948.

'Said charges were to the effect that Mr. Freck violated the constitution and the laws of Oregon in selling certain merchandise from his stationery store to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and in that he collected in the period between Jan. 1, 1948, and up to and including June 30, the sum of \$1,240 at the rate of \$10 per day for each day in attendance at the offices of the Liquor Control Commission which, in my opinion, was exhorbitant, extravagant and to a large degree

a waste of public funds. "The net earnings of the Liquor Commission can be likened to a trust fund, set aside and earmarked by law for a specific purpose. The sole beneficiaries of this fund are those citizens of Oregon who are entitled to old age pensions. The members of the Liquor Besides the parties who are Commission who are charged with the earnings of thes funds are are the shippers. Salem in the likened to trustees. It is a well-

known principle of law that a of paper, canned goods, dried fruit. trustee will not be permitted to profit personally out of trust funds Other communities depend prinand must exercise the greatest cipally on shipping for movement caution and the highest degree of of lumber. The present paralysis care to see that these trust funds will seriously damage the west's economy if it is long continued. are preserved for the beneficiar-Unless it is respected a contract ies.

almost worthless. Until there is "No Justification"

reformed leadership in water-"The fact that the Liquor Control Commission has not used the front unions the prospect of peaceful operations is slight. And where office of the state purchasing dethe object of the union leadership partment is no justification for is to follow a political line at forenot doing so. Mr. Wysong testified ign dictation, without regard to that his office was available for the real interests of the workers, that purpose and indeed section then it will take a change of 89-301 O. C. L. A., gives the state leadership before peace can be purchasing agent authority to pur-130 pounds. He said she was a assured. Bridges has his enemies chase supplies for the Liquor Combrunette and believed she was in the labor movement, but is mission and every other state de-

of office by purchasing supplies followed provisions of marketing from his own firm in contraven- agreement number 105 and order tion of the above quoted provision number 84 regulating handling of of the constitution. walnuts grown in California, Ore-

"I further find that even in the gon and Washington. absence of constitutional or statutory provision it certainly is based on the ratio between the against sound public policy for surplus and salable percentages any public officer or official to use will be a flat 33 per cent followhis office in such a way as to gain ing the formula in the agreement a personal profit at the expense of and order.

the State of Oregon. "In view of the foregoing, I find that Mr. Freck has legally disqualified himself from holding the office of liquor commissioner and that his removal therefrom was justified. . . ."

Walnut Crop Ratios Set by **U.S. Bureau** SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21-(AP) -The U.S. department of agri-

culture proposes to fix salable percentage for merchantable walnuts at 75 per cent, and the surplus percentage at 25 per cent for the marketing year which began August 1.

The department said today this Lester DeLapp



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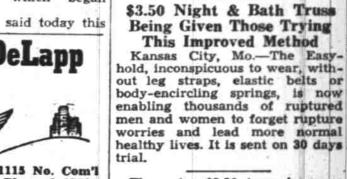
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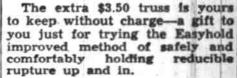
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The withholding percentage

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"case of the missing woman" neared its end in a Malheur county circuit courtroom today as cross - examination of William

Walker, accused of slaying J C. Pirkle last July 26, again insisted Pirkle died in a struggle over a rifle with which Pirkle was attempting to shoot him and the missing woman - Pirkle's

know where she went. Police say they have been unable to find her.

at negotiation be tried in Mos-**Council Meets Regularly** The council also meets regularly on the first and third Thursdays phon.

ture are canvassed. Papers outlin-



that time trouble has been chronic, with quickie strikes, slowdowns,

contention. Now that the strike has come employers may go through to make it a showdown They assert they will not negotiate until officials of the union sign non-communist affidavits. principals the ones who will suffer

Walker testified she fled after Pirkle's death. He said he does not past has furnished heavy tonnage

In cross - examination, Walker denied flatly that he shot Pirkle or that he helped dump Pirkle's body into an irrigation canay si-

He repeated an assertion that Mrs. Pirkle alone dragged the body to the siphon. The body was recovered from an irrigation ca-

The "confession" of Attorney Crowe who was legal counsel for the commission was revealing. He was the governor's own witness and related how he called up the governor at his summer home on August 27th to tell him about the sale of permit holders to the commission by Freck. The commission had its row over the of State Robert Lovett, and Roswhisky purchase deal the day before. Crowe, without advising coe Hillenkoetter, director of the the administrator of the commission, rushed to tell the governor "some "dirt" about Freck. The sequence justifies the conclusion that the formal charges were afterthoughts.

It is not good public policy for a public official to do business with the branch of government by which he is employed. The governor would have been warranted in advising Freck not to sell to the commission. But Governor Hall has yet to justify his attempt to get the commission to buy two-year-old whisky The papers are usually confined from a special distiller.

Secretary of State Newbry defends the sale of timber land in Deschutes county by negotiation as a good deal for the state. We do not question his own opinion that the land board was making a good deal; but the fact remains that the sale did not conform to the recommendation of the state forester, the public official in closest touch with forestry matters. He recommended a sale by call for bids and that the state sell the timber only, retaining the land. The land board did not call for bids and let the land go with the timber. Secretary Newbry will learn that public business cannot be handled the same as a person handles problem of what to do if no sethis own business.

The vice president of the WCTU says there are 680,000 wo- No final decision has yet been men in America who are alcoholics or problem drinkers. We do taken. not question her statistics, but whatever the number it is too large. For there are too many women who are becoming slaves policy to the use of liquors. Liquor came into the home during prohibition, and stays there. What began as the social glass grew into an evil habit. Tighter standards of personal morality are needed 10 save women — and men — from their own weaknesses.

Congratulations go to Kelly Owens who was elected commander of the American Legion at its convention in Astoria last week. Owens has been very active in Legion affairs and will give ment's primary responsibility for the department an energetic administration. The next convention, it should be added, will be held in Salem.

An Editor & Publisher poll shows that about 70 per cent of council insures that the military the daily papers are supporting Governor Dewey for president. If Dewey wins will that disprove the Roosevelt-Ickes thesis of and taken into account. 1936-40-44 about the declining influence of the press? **Coherent** System

ed and three firms have laid off

Banks reported a severe slump

U.S. SAYS NO TO ROMANIA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 -(AP)-

The United States has turned

sawmill employes,

chases.

The reports of political campaign committees show that all three parties operated in August "in the red." As might be expected the Henry Wallace party was deepest in the red.

Coos Bay Business Slump Blamed on Waterfront Strike

COOS BAY, Sept. 21-(AP)-Metchants of the Coos Bay communities today blamed the waterfront strike for a business decline of 10 to 50 per cent.

down a plea from Romania's com-Nearly 1,500 longshoremen and munist government for American Rumber workers are out of work, oil equipment, government offi- tainly be a strong executive, will (Copyright, 1948, New York since lumber shipments have ceas- cials disclosed today.

was killed. The woman was believed about 30 years old. Pair Argued for the navy.

Earlier Walker testified the Pir-The papers are then submitted kles were arguing and he went for a ride with them in hopes of bringing them together. At a lone-Secretary of State George Marshly spot they stopped, got out of all. Defense Secretary James Fortaries Symington, Sullivan and rifle, Walker said. restal, air, navy and war secre-

The defense introduced today Royall, Secretary of the Council an envelope containing three Sidney W. Souers, and Arthur Hill, dimes and a .30-.30 shell. Oscar chairman of the national security Daley, Vale grocer, said he was with Defense Attorneys Max Tag-gart and E. Otis Smith when the Jaycee Talk resources board. Under Secretary bjects were found at the scene central intelligence agency, reguof the killing. larly sit in. Secretaries of depart-

Lived in Same House ments concerned in a given prob-Walker, married and the father

em also attend on occasion. of four children, testified pre-President Kept Informed viously that his family and the and proponent of the city commis-Pirkles were living in the same sion government proposal, inspir-Before these meetings, Souers

house here previous to the slaytakes the policy paper which is He said Mrs. Pirkle pleaded to be discussed to the president.

with him not to go to the police to five succinct double - spaced about the slaying, since she had pages, and Souers fills in the debeen in trouble before. A day or tails for the president and sugtwo later he drove the woman to gests some of the implications of Nyssa and left her on the higheach paper. The president does not way, he said. ordinarily attend the routine

The case is expected to reach Thursday meetings, but if a flat the jury after concluding argudisagreement develops, the final ments tomorrow.

decision is referred to him. Otherwise, differences of view are iron-**Emigh Talks** ed out, the paper is revised and the president initials the resulting policy paper. The council is now, **To 20-30 Club** for example, "seized" with the tlement of the Berlin crisis results

George Emigh, business mana-ger of the Salem Senator baseball either from direct negotiations or from the United Nations meeting. club, was guest speaker in a meeting of the Salem 20-30 club Tues-

Finally, there is the task of de- day night. Emigh said the peace-time draft would be expanded. fining a coherent basic national for the United States. A will seriously affect both minor short paper, between 15 and 20 and major league baseball. Emigh pages, is now being hammered also said it is becoming increas- of city government more directly out, defining American world po- ingly difficult for minor league in the hands of the people than litical objectives. Subsidiary pa- clubs to sign rookie prospects be- the present city manager form. pers on specific areas — the Far cause of large contract bonuses East, the Mediterranean area, being offered by major league

western and central Europe-are farm systems. also being prepared. In every case, the state depart-

other presidents. Under

policy is recognized. Almost all Aussies Lift policy papers are initiated by state, but the representation of Price Ceilings

and strategic implications of a SYDNEY, Sept. 21-(AP)-The Australian government lifted price ceilings yesterday on about 30,000

items. These are some of today's reactions in Sydney: This coherent system of mak-Use dcars sold at 20 per cent ing American national policy is in sharp contrast to the system over the pegged prices, but at less than black market prices. of decision by squabble which Land prices went up to twice prevailed under Roosevelt and

that destroyed their home. the former fixed prices and even Mrs. Butts grabbed the seventhe squabble system, a violent row would break out between two or higher than black market prices. month-old son and ran outside. Shrimps rose from a fixed price Butts went upstairs to locate the of 10 pence (16 cents) a pound fire. He had to jump from a winmore departments on a given issue to three shillings 10 pence (76 in loan requests, although many of policy. The deadlock would have asked extension of loans. finally be broken, after much dow to escape. cents).

GOLD STAR STAMP OUT WATERLOO, Ia., Sept. 21-4P ity as Truman, who has never Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, mother of the five Sullivan brothers lost

Stores said many were requesting waste motion, by the president extensions on installment pur- himself. The astute editors of "The Lonfailed to approve a council dedon Economist" have written cision. Yet Dewey is nothing if that the creation of the council not a friend of efficiency. The when the Japs sunk the cruiser "may mark a milestone in Amer- council has already proved itself Juneau in the South Pacific, was ica's development as outstanding an extraordinarily effective inas, say, Washington's farewell strument of government and there address." The question remains can be little doubt that Dewey whether Dewey, who will cer- will make maximum use of it. give the council as much author-Herald Tribune Inc.)

be however that the rank and file The Oregon State Board of Conwill see after awhile that they trol, consisting of the governor, are merely pawns in the commun- secretary of state and state treasist game; and then decide to run urer, hereby is given full power their own show. and authority, and directed to purchase on behalf of and for the

C 1948 Sun and Times O

The west coast shipping strike looks like a minor league battle State of Oregon and each and the car and Pirkle grabbed the of Berlin-with as little promise every of early settlement.

> **Debate Follows On Commission**

at the Golden Pheasant.

the engineer's office.

er form.

Elmer Amundson, local attorney

the commission was open for busi-Chamber of Commerce luncheon ness a total of 125 days. It was also not disputed that Mr. Freck Amundson gave details of the charged the State of Oregon a plan which will appear on the Nototal of \$1240 during said period vember city ballot as a substitute representing 124 days attendance for the present city manager form. at the statutory per diem of \$10 He explained that the commission a day. . . . Perhaps he was within would include (1.) a mayor-com-· letter of the law in collecting missioner, at a \$5,500 yearly salthis amount of money but, in my ary, who would be chairman and

head of the public affairs and fi- opinion, it certainly was a violation of the spirit of the law. nance sections of the city govern-"However, it is my opinion that ment, (2.) two \$5,000-a-year comthe statute never contemplated

missioners, one in charge of pubthat any commissioner would lic health and sofety including charge the state almost the full amount permitted by law. . . . the police and fire departments, and the other responsible for pub-"I find that from the records lic works and property including of the public welfare commission the average payment to old age In addition, he pointed out, the beneficiaries in Oregon between city attorney's post would be made January 1 and June 30, 1948, was elective and city civil service \$43.49 a month, while Mr. Freck on the other hand received \$1240 Amundson contended the proor an average of \$206.66 a month

posd system would place control that came from these same funds. Found to be State Officer

torney at the hearing presented a unique proposal that he was not a state officer. I find from my examination of the Oregon law on the subject that he was a state officer or state official and as such clearly came with the purview of Article IX, Section 8, of the constitution of the State of Oregon which reads as follows:

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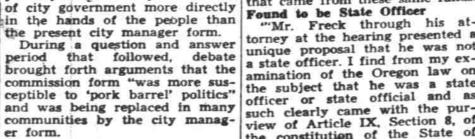
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here today.

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three-cent Gold Star Mothers com-memorative stamp by Robert E.

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Washington, in a brief ceremony