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REFORM NEARER HOME

WHILE the country has its eyes on the general subject of court reform, it might be a sound idea to forget all about the federal judiciary and concentrate for a while on the courts nearer home. What happens to the august nine in the supreme court building may have a profound effect on future legislation; but the life of the average man is apt to be affected much more by what happens in the precincts of the run-of-mine state and county courts. It is in these courts that the vast bulk of ordinary lawsuits are tried. It is here that crime comes to the bar. It is here that most of us make our only contacts with the machinery of justice. What about these courts? Are they in line for a little of this much-discussed reform?

In this part of Oregon, particularly in this district where Judge Skipworth, Judge Brand and Judge Wimberly carry on in the best tradition of honesty and efficiency, we see the local courts at their very best. In general all the courts of Oregon might be said to maintain a higher standard than in many states, though in metropolitan Portland we begin to see many of the practices and abuses which have wrecked the progress of justice in the larger cities of the land. Dean Morse's surveys and other studies have revealed the same destructive influences at work in the courts of this state as in other states.

The typical state court is clogged with legislation. Judges and lawyers fall over their own feet. Outworn procedure clasps hand with the quaint custom of giving judges a three-month holiday every summer. If the spirit moves you to go to law with your neighbor, you may wait all of two years before the case comes to trial—by which time, unless you are a stout fellow, you are apt to forget what you had in mind when you filed the action.

Most states elect their judges, thereby making certain that the average occupant of the bench will be a time-serving politician rather than a learned jurist. The average court's dignity rests almost solely on the judge's power to fine anyone present for contempt of court—a power which some judges exercise with all the ferocity of a Bloody Jeffers. Of that dignity which arises from unquestioned probity, single-minded devotion to abstract justice, and a profound familiarity with the problems of life and law, many a state court has barely a trace.

What we get out of all this—with certain distinguished exceptions, of course—is a dreary tangle in which justice is all too apt to get bogged down by the roadside.

It is a tangle in which the rich litigant has every conceivable advantage over the poor one. The man who is equipped with a smart or a politically influential lawyer has every advantage over the man who is not. The big criminal—big in the sense that he has money, brains and "connections"—is practically certain to slip through the meshes; the little one, on the other hand, is apt to get a punishment severe beyond his deserts.

Altogether, it must be said that few American institutions cry to heaven for reform more loudly than do our state courts and the procedure under which they operate. When we get this supreme court business settled, can't we give these local courts a little of our attention?

THE WHOLE TRUTH

CENSORSHIP which cloaks activities in dictatorships abroad works to keep the average American from getting a true picture of conditions, financial and otherwise, that exist in those nations.

Not being able, therefore, to gauge the future economic status of such countries, Americans are at a disadvantage in subscribing to bond issues floated by those governments.

In filing recently with the Securities and Exchange Commission registration of a \$69,000,000 bond issue, to pay interest on foreign debts, the German government refused to reveal some information the SEC thought pertinent.

The SEC therefore told American holders of German securities that the Reich government had a "secret debt" of about \$2,000,000,000, the fact which the Reich had withheld.

If the SEC continues in this manner to fill in all the details behind foreign issues, it should be a valuable aid to U. S. investors, especially at a time when such issues promise to become numerous.

IN PRAISE OF "HICK COPS"

A BLEAK future awaits Merle Vandebush, whom the Department of Justice terms "Public Rat No. 1." Captured after a lurid, bank-robbing career, he faces a long row of years behind bars.

That, in itself, is bad enough, but it may be something else he is contemplating more glumly. Since a criminal's pride is notoriously sensitive, Vandebush may be squirming in the humiliating knowledge that he, a bold, bad man, was caught, not by grim G-men or stalwart city bluecoats, but by what he would probably describe derisively as "hick cops"—four men, the entire force of Armonk, N. Y.

For their splendid work, the four policemen have been congratulated by G-man Chief Hoover, the town council has voted them new overcoats and vacations with pay, and they may split a \$1000 reward.

Yet this is far from being all they deserve, if they have taught desperadoes that the open road is not a safe refuge from justice.

Prosperity seems to have returned for at least one German. They say Goering jingles when he walks.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

THE GOVERNMENT'S "THREE HORSE TEAM" (The Grants Pass Daily Courier)

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is a deer. One who not only thinks of things, but who follows the thought by putting it into action. And he has determination. That is why America follows him. For America

itself it like that. A nation that loves action, and one that doesn't surrender.

It is easy to follow such a leader and to do so without a thought as to whether each of his projects is as good as he believes it is. A great many people in America are doing it today. But the surprising thing about it is, they are not so many as one would expect, considering how America and our president "click."

Roosevelt hopes he has enough of the people with him to put over the project he wants. But he acknowledges he is not certain he has enough when he goes on the air to sway them. He finds the radio ideal for "swaying" purposes. Much better than the newspapers where he knows he can't get control.

Control. That is the vital word in the whole matter. The president asked America last night for a "three horse team" in which the third horse, the supreme court, pulls in with the other two.

That speech will give folks pause, as they remember that this nation is supposed to have a three-way system of checks and balances. A system that would always have a least one "safety" man back under the goal posts no matter how dangerously the other two might expose themselves. A system to prevent the nation ever going too far, even if it should mean some time the nation might not go quite far enough.

"Three pulling together" sounds great. So do all of the president's pronouncements. But what kind of a check would a congress "pulling together" with the other two branches of government be?

No check at all, of course. And that is what the president wants. But do the people of this nation want such a court?

We believe they do not. We believe that the spectacle of even two of the three branches "pulling together" so ably has given them a sort of a thrill. Almost a chill.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, March 13—Aspirants for presidential nomination in 1940 are not entirely relieved by Roosevelt's assurances that he looks forward to retiring to private life on Jan. 20, 1941.

They won't be entirely happy until the president gives them a signed affidavit, couched in solemn language, officially sealed and riveted on the White House front door.

Roosevelt said at the Democratic "Victory Dinner" here:

"My great ambition on Jan. 20, 1941, is to turn over this desk and chair in the White House to my successor, whoever he may be."

But there are those who predict that when the time comes, the president may feel himself unable to realize that "great ambition." They fear—perhaps in some cases, pretend to fear—the he will feel the country needs him desperately. And so they're whispering that his statement is comparable to the rather enigmatic remark of Calvin Coolidge: "I do not choose to run."

There seems to be no sound basis for supposing at this time that F. D. R. has any thought of seeking a third term. Suspicion appears to rest chiefly on the tradition that no president has ever been happy at leaving the White House even after two terms.

Presidential intimates scoff at the thought. Some already are busy speculating as to Roosevelt's 1940 successor, if not actually laying unobtrusive groundwork for certain candidates. They say there isn't any more reason for supposing Roosevelt harbors third-term ambitions than there is for paying serious attention to suggestions Mrs. Roosevelt might succeed him. Mrs. Roosevelt herself branded that last idea as "idiotic."

The mere fact any such phantasy reached such a point that it was raised at one of her press conferences, amply demonstrated that people do get some funny political ideas into their heads.

Dig It Up, Bury Again. Speaking of what must seem to most folks like squeak-les economics:

Men are digging frantically down into the ground for gold. Last year the total gold production was 4,320,273 ounces, an increase of 17 per cent over 1935.

The Treasury paid \$35 an ounce for this gold. But then, all it did was to bury the yellow metal in the ground again—some 30 or 40 feet down in its vaults at Fort Knox, Ky.

Lets of Lobbyists. Joe Davis was about the only conspicuous Democratic lobbyist who didn't serve on the committee sponsoring the \$100,000,000 Victory Dinner. Joe Tumulty, Woodrow Wilson's wartime secretary, who has made considerable wealth lawyering and lobbying here, was chairman and toastmaster. He sat right next to Roosevelt. Power companies, lobbying against Roosevelt's pet holding company bill, hired Tumulty and paid him \$35,000 in a single year. Others among the 30 hosts on the Victory committee included Arthur Mullen of Nebraska, J. Bruce Kremer of Montana, and O. Max Gardner of North Carolina. All three worked for utility companies opposing the holding company measure. All were members of the Democratic national committee here. Roosevelt decided such people were incompatible with their activities. Other lobbyists on the dinner committee included Donald Ribicoff, former Assistant Attorney General William Stanley, Swager Sherry and Bruce Claggett, son-in-law of Senator McCadeo. (Copyright, 1937, NEA Service, Inc.)

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBREIN
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygieia, the Health Magazine

IN July, 1885, more than 50 years ago, the famous French scientist, Louis Pasteur, gave the first Pasteur treatment to a human being, to control the condition called rabies, or hydrophobia.

Today we know that this disease could be eliminated with scientific methods, if complete public co-operation could be obtained. Hydrophobia seldom, if ever, appears in Great Britain because of proper use of the Pasteur method and because of a quarantine on dogs and other animals which may be brought into the country.

Pasteur made his discovery in a relatively simple manner. He knew that the virus which causes this disease attacks the nervous system. He took the brain of a dog that had died of hydrophobia and injected some of this material under the skin of other animals, which then developed the disease. Pasteur felt sure then that the brain of the infected animal contained the poison.

After trying to weaken this poison so that it could be injected into a human being, to give him the disease in a mild form—as, for example, vaccination does in smallpox—he finally arrived at the procedure now used. Material from the nervous system was dried in a tub and kept that way for some time. When that material was injected into a dog into which later was injected some infectious material from a mad dog, the dog to which the preventive material had been given did not get the disease.

The first animal experiments were completed in May, 1884, and were then confirmed by other scientists. Several months later the method was used on a boy named Jean Baptiste Duple who had saved several children from being attacked by a mad dog and had been severely bitten while doing it. The boy lived, and a monument in his honor was erected in front of the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

Throughout the world there are few monuments erected either to doctors who have saved thousands of lives, or to patients who have helped doctors in their work. The one for Jean Baptiste Duple is probably the only one of its kind.

Annual Union Good Friday Service Arranged

Church Activities for Coming Week Vary; Two Groups to Hold Dinners

By MARIAN LOWRY (Register-Guard Church Editor)

THE annual union Good Friday service, March 26, is announced to be held in the Central Presbyterian church this year. The service is given annually by all the Protestant churches of the city, except St. Mary's Episcopal church which has its own Good Friday service. Hours for the union service will be from 12:55 to 3 p. m. Instead of the usual theme centering around the Seven Last Words on the Cross, this year's program is to be divided into four, half-hour periods. The theme for the first period will be "Facing Calvary"; for the second, "In Gethsemane"; for the third, "Christ on Trial"; and for the fourth, "Golgotha." There will be a speaker for each period.

At the Vaughn Church of Christ, Sunday, a dinner will be held in the parlour following the morning service. The county officers of the Christian Endeavor will be at the church for a meeting with the Vaughn C. E. group in the afternoon. The visiting C. E. officers will have charge of the young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. and of the evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

E. Arthur Lewis, evangelist of Chicago and Pasadena, is to be at the Nazarene church in Cottage Grove for the remainder of the month, conducting services every night but Saturday at 7:30 o'clock; and on Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mr. Lewis has worked with church groups and programs for 25 years throughout the country.

At the Dexter Baptist church revival meeting start Tuesday evening. Rev. J. T. Turnidge preaching.

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Community Liberal: Unitarian, Eleventh and Ferry

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congregation for 7:30 p. m. Tuesday. The Lighthouse Temple is to hold its quarterly church business session Tuesday following the mid-week service.

A joint meeting for Lutheran young people's groups will be held at 7:30 p. m. Sunday at the Danebo Lutheran church.

County Church Events. The Wendling Methodist Episcopal church announces its regular family night supper and program for Thursday evening of this week. Ernest W. Peterson, church editor of the Oregon Journal, Portland, is to be the speaker. The Aid society of the Marcola Methodist Episcopal church is to meet Thursday afternoon.

The Sunday school teachers of the Irving Lutheran church are to meet Thursday evening.

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streets. Rev. Herbert Higginbotham, pastor. Adult forum, 10 a. m. F. E. Fischer, speaker. "The Social Security Act." Church school, 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock; topic, "Evil as the Challenge of God."

Bethany Evangelical: Sixth and Blais streets. Rev. C. S. Berzstrosser, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock; topic, "The Veil of the Temple Was Rent." Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock; topic, "He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions." Prayer and Bible study, 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

Central Lutheran: Sixth and Pearl streets. Rev. P. J. Luvaas, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; subject, "He that is Mighty Hath Done to Me Great Things." Junior Luther league 5 p. m. No evening church service Sunday. Monthly joint Luther league meeting, Danebo church, 7:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting, 7:45 p. m. Wednesday.

First Christian: Eleventh and Oak streets. Dr. S. Earle Childers, pastor. Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock; topic, "The New Authority." Morning service, broadcast 11:30 to 12 noon Christian Endeavor groups, 6:15 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock; topic, "Should We Publicly Confess 'Christ'?" Mid-week prayer service, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

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Marcola M. E.: Rev. Harold Shellhart, pastor. Church school, 10 a. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.

Church of the Brethren: Mabel H. H. Ritter, pastor. Bible school, 10 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock; topic, "The Pearl of Great Price." Evening service, 7 o'clock; topic, "Christ the Light of the World."

Leaburg Community: Rev. R. E. Clark, pastor. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Preaching service, 7:30 p. m., topic, "The Restored Radiance."

Danebo Lutheran: On Elmira road. Rev. Samuel J. Hansen, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service, 11 a. m., topic, "A Sinless Savior for Sinful Men." Joint Luther league meeting, 7:30 p. m. Senior choir rehearsal, Wednesday evening.

Creswell M. E.: Everett H. Gardner, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning worship, 11 o'clock; topic, "The Great Privilege of Being a Christian." Epworth and Intermediate Leagues meeting, 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.

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Noti Church of Christ: J. B. Moomaw Jr., pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock; topic, "Power of the Cross." Young people's meeting, 6 and 7 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock; topic, "Paul's Defense for the Faith."

Coburg M. E.: Dr. J. D. McCormick, pastor. Worship service, 9:45 a. m., topic, "Joy at the Fountain." Church school, 10:45 a. m.

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Elmira Full Gospel: Mrs. H. C. Hauge, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock; topic, "Regeneration."

Springfield Christian: Fourth and A streets. Rev. Claude O'Brien, pastor. Worship, 11 a. m. topic, "The Apostle Paul." Evening service, 7:30 o'clock; topic, "The Light of Salvation."

Upper Camp Creek: E.