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## Censuring Bingham

By voting condemnation upon Senator Bingham of Connecticut for employing an officer of the Connecticut Manufacturers' association to rewrite tariff schedules in favor of industries he represented, the Senate has helped put an end to the old system of tariff making, which in itself constituted a scandal. For many decades, the tariff beneficiaries have been permitted to write their own schedules in return for campaign contributions and many of the senators from manufacturing states have been little more than special pleaders for local industries. Senator Bingham practiced openly what many others have practiced secretly and thereby brought discredit upon the vicious system.

Scant sympathy need be wasted upon the Connecticut senator. His moral obtuseness is such that he can see nothing wrong in his actions. To the end, he defended his course. He was so completely insensible of his own position that he invited the bitter attacks made against him on the floor. He does not yet grasp the fact that his action was injurious to the Senate, which was compelled to act in self defense. Only the Old Guard of stand-patters voted against the resolution of censure and few of them raised a voice in protest.

For the zest and gusto with which he was condemned, Senator Bingham has himself to blame. His refusal to admit his error and his insistence upon regarding the consequences as a political and personal plot against him, only antagonized his associates, and displayed his ineptitude and ignorance of human nature. The Connecticut statesman plumes himself upon his erudition and treats his fellow senators with patronizing condescension, and the senators seized the opportunity to avenge his high-hatting.

## Spite in the Saddle

The city council, in its omniscience, having gratified its petty spite by voting to take away from the mayor his appointment of committees and thus by decentralization destroy his power of accomplishment, leaving the office but an ornamental figurehead, we presume the city is in for another period of do-nothing lethargy, for the councilmen cannot agree on anything long save on team spite work.

In the past two decades, Salem has had three outstanding administrations of real accomplishment. The first was under George Rodgers who inaugurated the era of paved streets and public improvements. The second was under Louis Lachmund, who carried these projects to completion. The third has been under Tom Livesley, under whom the bridge, sewer and other programs have been inaugurated and pushed toward completion. Between these administrations, the city marked time while the councilmen played peanut politics.

Quite appropriately the council signaled its triumph—secured by providing one of the mayor's supporters a job at taxpayers' expense—by a return to the wooden bridge program of the village era. That is the type of progress we can expect under its regime and wooden bridges are a fitting symbol of its progressiveness.

The council system itself is an anachronism in this day and age, a survival from hick-town times, cumbersome, wasteful, unwieldy, with a division of power fatal to accomplishment, fruitful only of division, discord and petty politics. It ought to be abolished and a modern, efficient city manager system substituted to eliminate waste, cut costs and reduce taxation. The council system should be relegated to the junk pile for it is obsolete. As long as we retain it, we will have a government of, for and by spite.

## A Useful Senator

George W. Norris of Nebraska is one of our most useful senators and probably the best representative of the common people at Washington. Always with the courage of his convictions, he battles fearlessly for the right as it is given him to see it. It is therefore welcome news, at least to liberals of all parties, that Mr. Norris has decided to once more accept the post of United States senator.

Mr. Norris has been a Senator for nearly 17 years, following five terms in the House. After over a quarter of a century of serving the public he had planned to retire at the end of his term in 1931. But an "alliance between the Old Guard, stand-pat machine inside the state and those who control that machine from the outside" to drive him out of public life and select some machine man as his successor, has caused him, along with entreaties from supporters, to change his mind. To the challenge of his opponents Mr. Norris replies:

All the charges made against me by the so-called leaders of the Republican party can be reduced to one sentence—that I am not a regular, and therefore not a good Republican, and that I do not always support the President. I do not concede that self-appointed, self-anointed partisan politicians, representing monopolies and privilege-seeking interests, have any right to decide what constitutes a good Republican or to be judges of his good faith and regularity. If absolute subservience to political bosses is necessary in order for a member of the United States Senate to remain in good standing in his party, I must plead guilty to the charge of irregularity.

Mr. Norris' party sins are many. Convinced that the nomination of Vare in Pennsylvania was obtained by fraud, he took the stump against him and for his opponent in the ensuing election, and has been largely instrumental in keeping him from being seated. For this alone the tariff barons seek his scalp. Then he has fought for farm relief, opposing both Coolidge and Hoover. To cap the climax, he alone among the Progressives advocated the election of Governor Smith last year. So he is anathema to the Old Guard as well as the Hooverites.

Nebraska will, in all probability reelect Mr. Norris. It has become a habit. At least he should be returned, for we need men in public life who like him, put principle above expediency and partisanship.

## GATES

Jack Doyle is in the apple business having taken over the apple orchard of Hildegard Bartos near Niagara. Mr. Doyle has disposed of most of the apples at Mill City and Gates. The Gates Sunday school was honored on Sunday by the presence of Mr. Large of Eugene, Sunday school organizer and missionary. Services were held both forenoon and afternoon at the club room with a basket dinner at noon. Several young musicians of Gates, the pupils of Mrs. Albert Millsap, took part in the studio recital given at the Mill City Community church Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lafar of Salem spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Western Houghton.

## DANCY SECURES COUNCIL ORDER FOR FIRE TRUCK

The city council Monday night, on motion of Alderman Dancy, chairman of the fire and water committee, gave the city recorder authority to advertise for bids for a new chassis for one of the city fire engines. The cost will be paid from the 2-mill special tax levy for the fire department, and to offset the expense the force of firemen at the east and north Salem stations will be reduced from eight to six.

Bids were received for a heating plant for the East Salem station and were referred to the fire and water committee. E. S. Patton bid \$466, Nelson Brothers \$872, J. A. Demardi \$783, J. H. Vickary \$795 and Graber Brothers \$778.

On the strength of a report from City Engineer Rogers that he could build the Cottage street siphon for \$3500 the council adopted a recommendation of the ways and means committee that he be authorized to build the siphon and that the cost be charged against the city bridge fund.

The council accepted the bid of the Spaulding Logging company to furnish lumber and piling for the South Winter street bridge for \$413.27.

City Engineer Rogers reported that the remonstrance against the improvement of Fairmount avenue from Miller to Owens streets was sufficient to defeat the improvement.

A petition was received for a sewer in Yew Park annex, and also a petition for a light at McCoy avenue and Norway street.

## SMOOTH BARK TREES CHARGED; KILL BIRDS

St. Charles, Mo., (AP)—Smooth barked trees served as fatal roosts for thousands of birds near here when they were charged with electricity during a storm last August. Dr. William G. Wilson, ornithologist, will tell the United States Department of Agriculture in a report which he is preparing.

More than 5,000 dead birds were reported to have been found on a farm and more than 1,100 on another farm following the storm according to Dr. Wilson.

"I have never heard of a case of this kind before," Dr. Wilson said, "and it may not happen again in a thousand years, but I believe that it is worth reporting to federal experts."

"In my opinion only birds roosting on smooth barked trees were electrocuted when unusual atmospheric conditions charged the trees with electricity. I believe that this kind of tree is a conductor of electricity during a storm because water can not be absorbed, making the tree attractive to the electrical charge."

The charge was not enough to kill any but the smallest birds, however since no large ones were found to have been victims of this wholesale electrocution," the doctor declared.

## LAMB FAMILY VISITS

Independence—Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Lamb and three sons of Portland, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Berry on West Monmouth avenue. The Lambs were formerly residents of this city and near neighbors of the Berry's.

## FIRE ALARM GIVEN

Independence—A chimney fire at the residence of Mrs. James Scraford called out the fire department Monday about noon. No damage resulted from the fire as it was soon under control.

## YOUTH IS INJURED

Aumsville—George Albright, son of Mrs. Blanche E. Albright was seriously injured a few days ago while playing. He has been under the care of Dr. Brewer of Stayton and at this writing is improving.

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## Flowers, Shrubs And Trees

Storing Dahlias Over Winter  
By D. Victor Lumsden, (U. S. D. A.)

The fall clean-up is the high tide and turning point of the warfare against pests in the flower garden.

If carried through with thoroughness it will go far toward minimizing the problems of controlling the pests and diseases. If neglected, diseases and pests of many kinds will persist and multiply.

The spent flowering stalks and foliage of perennials may, by fall, be overrun by fungous leafspots, blights and rusts. All such diseased parts should be cut back to the crown of the plant, carried out of the garden and burned.

To put such material on the compost piles may invite trouble. In peonies particularly, blighted and spotted shoots should be cut away—not merely jerked off—down to the soil level, or even below soil level if necessary, in order to eliminate all diseased parts and afford next year's shoot buds the opportunity for a healthy start.

In this way one of the most prevalent causes of bud blighting and failure to bloom in peonies can be avoided.

Hollyhock rust lives over winter on the young shoots that appear after the flower stalks and summer foliage have died down. The fall is acts in.

therefore the best time to detect insects, and to pick off all parts bearing them.

The leafspot disease of iris is also largely controllable by thoroughly clearing the bed of all withered and spotted leaves. They should be cut off close to the ground. If the soil is acid, a sprinkling of lime raked into the bed helps to remove the tendency to contract leafspot.

By fall it is exceptional to find rose plantings in which blackspot and mildew have not caused more or less defoliation. Since the fungous parasites which cause these diseases overwinter on fallen leaves, it is important to gather these up carefully and burn them.

Cankered and spotted parts of the stems should be pruned away, cutting below all external injuries or internal discolorations into healthy wood. If the garden is mulched and general garden litter is used, more harm than good is likely to result because of the spreading of pests and disease organisms.

The use of clean grass cuttings, peat moss, or light strawy manure is not objectionable, provided the application is delayed until just before continuous freezing weathers.

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## "See me about a telephone before the next rain!"

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"Come and talk to me about a telephone before the next rain!"

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## COUNCIL COMPLETES HAMSTRINGING JOB

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to the principal of representative government. Further, he said it violated the spirit of the city charter.

Alderman Patton spoke in favor of the resolution.

"I consider this a piece of very progressive legislation," said Patton. "I have sat as a member of this council under three administrations, and have seen many disappointments in committee selections. It is well known that committee appointments and chairmanships are offered in return for promises to support certain measures. This resolution will do away with this bickering and will relieve the mayor of much embarrassment. Congress has a committee on committees and there is good reason why a city council should have. In this council we have some good men who are on no committees, or on only one or two. We have others who are on five or six."

Patton conceded that O'Hara's remarks on the resolution were timely.

OYSTERS ARE HIGHER  
Paris (AP)—Oysters are plentiful but dearer in France this season. The cheapest kinds cost \$1.00 a thousand more than last year. Dealers blame increased wages and higher cost of hampers and string which, they say, over-balance lessened freight rates.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC  
Los Angeles (AP)—Free legal assistance for those in difficulty and in need of aid but without the means of employing a lawyer will be the aim of the new Legal Aid Clinic of the school of law of the University of Southern California which opened, Sept. 16.

AERONAUTICS FOR TEACHERS  
Boston, (AP)—A departure in pedagogy affords public school teachers

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GUESTS AT EOLA  
Eola—Guests at the home of Mrs. B. I. Ferguson for dinner Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ferguson and son John of Kingwood Heights. David Bowman of Ballston, E. L. Ferguson and Miss Hazel Sloan of Woodburn, L. A. Ferguson and Robert Brown.

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