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## Encouraging the Blocs

Indications are that it is not the lumbermen who are intent on securing the defeat of Senator McNary but the Portland Oregonian. And now that the lumbermen are balking at the program outlined and refusing to put up the campaign coin, the Oregonian has turned to the stockmen in the effort to secure an opponent to the senator in the primaries. If these fail, there is a long list of industries seeking favors that that may be mobilized—one after the other.

The claim that Mr. McNary did not work and vote and do all that he could for a lumber tariff, is thoroughly disproved by the facts as revealed by many witnesses. The charges originated with a lobbyist who thought he knew more about Congress than the Senator. It is another instance of lobby interference and insolence.

The stockmen are reported about to draft their own rate attorney as candidate for senator on the presumption they can thereby secure government ships to haul their products at cut rates, get railroad freight rates reduced, navigation on the upper Columbia and tariffs on hides and oleo.

If we are going to have candidates that will serve special interests instead of the people and degenerate from the party system to the bloc system each intent on graft, the more candidates the Oregonian trots out, the better. It is the result of the new paternalism that makes government guardian and dispenser of privilege and prosperity for the privileged.

## Hoover Economy

On February 24, on his return from his Florida fishing trip, the President summoned the Republican leaders to the White House and warned them to cut down appropriations, for \$50,000,000 would be the limit to which Congress could go in voting money beyond the budget at this session without forcing an increase in taxes.

On February 25, Mr. Hoover made a second appeal this time "to the people at home" asking them to "support the members of Congress in their cooperation with the administration to hold down these new proposals for additional expenditures."

Last week the Senate appropriations committee reported a deficiency appropriation bill providing for additional expenditures of \$171,000,000, an increase from the House bill, which carried \$48,000,000 and complied with the executive's wishes, of \$123,000,000. Of this amount \$100,000,000 was added at the request of Mr. Hoover himself, to finance the grain speculations of his Farm Board.

Therefore the first to disregard the economy program enjoined by the President, is Mr. Hoover himself, who adds \$100,000,000 to the \$50,000,000 he placed as a limit. And the deficiency is incurred to promote an experiment in paternalism revolutionary in its scope and with every historical precedent against its success.

So the President, who enjoins economy on a constructive program of development that would have relieved the unemployed, sanctions the utilization of twice as much for grain gambling. He preaches one thing but practices another.

## Dry Dearborn

At the opening of the dry's case before the House committee considering prohibition, Henry Ford, as a chief witness, sent the following telegram as evidence:

The Eighteenth Amendment is recognized by the men and women of our country, the women especially, as the greatest force for the comfort and prosperity of the United States. I feel sure that the same people of this nation will never see it repealed or dangerous modification.

Some time before Mr. Ford had stated that if prohibition were abolished, he would cease manufacturing for "if booze came back to the United States, I would not be bothered with the problem of handling over 200,000 men and trying to pay the wages which the saloon would take away from them."

Yet while making this statement, Mr. Ford was transferring the manufacture of his tractors to his new plant in Ireland, which does not disenjoy prohibition, and opening auto manufacturing plants in England, France, Germany and Russia, all wet countries. And these plants are functioning as satisfactorily as his Dearborn plant before the adoption of the dry law.

The New York World sent one of its staff to Dearborn to find out conditions there. He found:

That liquor is everywhere obtainable; that large numbers of the boarding houses where the workers live are in reality small speakeasies supplied by small stills operated in the cellar; that any workman who wants a drink can get it in the back room of scores of coffee-pot speakeasies. The town is dripping wet in the foreign district. Liquor is sold in hundreds of homes and commercial establishments throughout the city.

In other words, the model Ford city is just as wet as any other place, despite efforts of federal, state and local authorities and Mr. Ford's own army of snoopers. Thereupon Mr. Ford, admitting the facts, declared that "giant rum rings, financed by New York banks were forcing liquor into the community to discredit him."

The idea that Wall Street is financing cellar stills and home-brewing, is as absurd as it is disingenuous. It however, is typical of the Ford logic, which flounders helplessly outside the beaten track of the machine of which he is master.

Much of the argument before the committee is of the same character—a blind support of theory and a blindness to conditions, which contradict the theory. The fanatical dry maintains his ostrich-like attitude with his head buried in the sand of illusion despite the storm of realities sweeping over him.

## GREEN SHOES AGAIN PROPER IN MAYFAIR

London, 17—Colored shoes are coming into vogue again.

London boot shops are showing many new shades of green, red, and bronze. Green seems to have caught the fashionable fancy and Mayfair is already dotted with green-footed fashion followers.

One of the latest leathers is velvet pigskin which is being shown in innumerable new shades.

### THREE COUPLES WED

Albany—Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Linn county clerk to Conrad Kaehler and Marjorie Poole both of Shedd; Virgil H. Hofflich and Bernita B. Webber, both of Albany; and Floyd Haight, Wells, and Mildred Myers, Albany.



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## "REPORTING ALL'S WELL, SIR"

## Accounting on Cost Of Siphon Demanded Estimate Exceeded

Alderman Purvine, chairman of the ways and means committee of the city council, Monday demanded that City Engineer Rogers render an accounting as to the condition and cost of the Cottage streets siphon, the cost of which is being paid from the city bridge fund.

Purvine recalled that the council had been told that the cost would not be in excess of \$3500, and declared that the cost has run far in excess of that amount.

Engineer Rogers replied that the siphon was completed, but that he was not prepared to say what the cost would total. He promised to make a financial report on the siphon at the next meeting of the council.

Because of complaints that have been made about the darkness of the South Commercial street bridge Alderman Dancy wanted to know what had been done about lighting the bridge. He reminded the council that the 1930 budget provides for the illumination of the structure. Alderman Wilkins, chairman of the lighting committee, replied that nothing had been done, but that he would take the subject up at once.

The council refused its approval of a bill for \$255 from the Salem general hospital for care given Clyde Williams who was shot by a city police officer, and also rejected a bill for \$250 from Dr. E. H. Hobson, who was Williams' physician. August Huckestein, member of the hospital board, insisted that the hospital's bill should be paid as a moral obligation, but the council feared that it would be a costly precedent to set.

A bill for \$318 contracted by the city park board in the purchase of a power lawn mower was allowed in spite of the contention of Alderman Olson, chairman of the park committee, that the board should consult the council before making a purchase of that size. An amendment to the city charter provides the park board may expend park funds without consulting the council.

City Engineer Rogers reported that the remonstrance against the improvement of 25th street from State to Walker represented 57 per cent of the property involved and was sufficient to defeat the improvement. A petition was received for the improvement of Trade street from 24th to 25th. Also a petition was received for a sewer in block 30 of Rosedale addition. A resolution submitted by the

League of Oregon Cities asking for an increase in the apportionment to cities of road tax money that comes from the cities, and also for legislation providing that the highway commission provide for maintenance of streets that are parts of the state highway system was adopted.

The council granted a request from the Salem Ad club, presented by Ralph Kletzing, for the blocking of traffic on Liberty street from State to Court between the hours of 6 and 9 o'clock on the night of the annual spring opening.

**CLUB MEETS THURSDAY**  
Wacoada — The Wacoada community club will hold its regular meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. L. Collins from 10 o'clock until 4 with a pot-luck dinner served at noon. Clarabel Nye, state leader in home economics, extension service of Corvallis, will be a special guest for the day.

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## Fatted Calf Awaits King of Crime After Penitentiary Term

Chicago (UP)—Gangland's fatted calf figuratively smoked on the spit for "Scarface Al" Capone, believed due home on the Broadway Limited at 9:35 a. m. Tuesday, but there was a gauntlet of police to be run before he could reach it.

The Broadway Limited of the Pennsylvania railroad arrived at 9:55 a. m., a squad of police patrolled the urban station in search of Capone, but he was not aboard.

Released from the new state prison at Graterford, Pa. at 3:45 p. m. Monday after he had been smuggled there from the Eastern Penitentiary at Philadelphia, the grand mogul of Chicago's gangland and a select crew of men at arms were reported to have boarded the Chicago-bound train an hour later at North Philadelphia.

Although the report that Capone and his party had boarded the train apparently was authentic, doubt was cast on it by later reports from Pittsburgh that reporters failed to find them when the train paused there early Tuesday.

His wife served Capone in as good stead at the windup of his 10 month prison term for carrying a revolver into Philadelphia as they have in the rigorous years he has spent making millions by beer and bullets.

It was more than four hours after he had left the Graterford prison and was clicking over the rails westward that crowds of curious, and newspaper reporters and photographers waiting in front of the Philadelphia prison learned he was not there. Warden Herbert (Hard Bolled) Smith then announced the rule to the jeers and boos of the crowd.

Frankie Rio, Capone's trigger man Friday, was released with him. Five gangsters met the two outside the Graterford prison walls. Supposedly among the quintet were Ralph Capone, Al's brother, and Jake Guskis, his chief lieutenant in the beer and alcohol rackets.

That coterie presumably still were aboard the Broadway as it neared Chicago. It was due to slide into the Englewood station at 9:25 a. m., but advance predictions were that Capone and his crew would detain at some station outside the city and complete the journey by automobile.

All night long and on into the day squads of police had patrolled the blocks near the Capone home on South Prairie avenue. Fifteen policemen kept vigil at the municipal airport after an early report that

18-pound turkeys were delivered by a butcher boy. That meant there was to be a feast of the Capone clan, police conjectured, although members of the family had nothing to say as to that.

Familiar news was awaiting Capone's ear in his homelike haunts. Another victim went for "a ride" Monday night. He died in the approved gangland manner with 11 bullet holes in his head and body. The victim was Peter Bica, a graduate of the University of Rome, who became involved in his adopted land in the alcohol cooking trade, police declared.

That assassination, believed another phase of a bitter north side gang war for control of the "alky" racket, followed closely discovery of the body of John (Billiken) Rito in the Chicago river. He, too, had gone for a gangland "ride" but the murderers had sought to conceal his passing by weighting his body with live, came sounds of activity. Two rocks and sinking it in the river.

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