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 —Byron

## Howe's Blunder

Senate investigators of the forestry kit scandal declare there was no corruption involved and that, if too much was paid for the kits it was due to the haste and speed of equipping the conservation corps and cutting red tape. Nevertheless, Mr. Howe, the president's secretary, has not enhanced his reputation, either for business shrewdness or political ability by his part in the transaction.

Basil O'Connor, friend of Mr. Howe and former law partner of Mr. Roosevelt, sent Mr. Bevier, head of a New York firm to Mr. Howe with a letter of introduction. After talking with Bevier, Howe sent a letter to Director Fechner of emergency conservation work, stating:

It has come to my attention that toilet articles for the men of the conservation corps . . . can be purchased in the form of a kit containing more items and of a much higher quality, at a considerably less price than they would cost if purchased singly, or if procured through the war department. . . . I have seen the interior articles referred to, and I have seen the kits of superior articles. . . . If you feel that you are in need of specific authority for taking this matter into your own hands, this letter will serve the purpose.

As a result of this Howe letter, Fechner contracted for 200,000 Bevier kits at \$1.40 each which the quartermaster general of the army says could have been purchased elsewhere at 85 cents or less.

Howe's defense is that the letter was not intended to influence the letting of the contract but to give Fechner the authority and discretion, but Fechner took it otherwise. Neither Howe nor Fechner profited by the deal, but why should the president's secretary mix with government contractors or interfere with purchasing machinery designed to prevent favoritism and graft? He certainly blundered.

## The School Bus Issue

School bus transportation is the main issue in non-high school districts for the June 19 election of five directors to the new non-high school district board of education. Those favoring and opposing bus transportation have each a ticket in the field, so the issue will be determined by the vote cast. A campaign of education is being waged by proponents and opponents of the bus in public meetings throughout the county.

As high school districts have no voice in the decision, though attendance will be affected by it, the result is up to the residents of the non-high school districts, which have had experience in the past and should know whether the system is satisfactory, or not. The saving in bus cost taxes might be offset by higher individual costs.

High school tuition and transportation costs are paid out of the same fund, raised by a tax on all the property in the school districts and parts of districts that have no high schools. Transportation costs are about a third of tuition costs.

The high school districts are supposed to figure tuition charges on a cost basis, and the non-high school board should see that this is done. If the high school districts attempt a profit at the expense of the rural taxpayers, or if the non-high school districts seek service at less than cost, at the expense of high school district taxpayers, there will be friction and dissatisfaction.

## Clash Over Pensions

The battle waging between President Roosevelt and the senate over reductions in veterans' allowances is due to the fact that the president is trying to balance the budget and the senate to make votes. All the gigantic Roosevelt program is based on preserving the credit of the government, and credit in turn, depends on balancing the budget—but the senate does not hesitate to imperil the whole structure.

The four reasons given by the president for opposing the senate amendment are as follows:

1. It (the senate amendment) takes care of veterans suffering from disabilities due to their own misconduct.
2. It would apply to "peace-time" soldiers, that is, to men who were taken into the army after the armistice.
3. It places men who were in student training camps upon a war footing.
4. It would allow no discretion on the part of the government in dealing with cases arising under the presumptive clause.

In other words the senate would pension veterans who contracted venereal or other diseases; would place men who took no part in the war on the same footing as those who fought its battles; would pension men who never joined the army at all, but drilled on a college campus; and make the rigid rules laid down by congress inflexible.

The president is right—the senate wrong.

## A Full Ballot

Ten measures will be on the ballot for the special election of July 21 to be settled by plebiscite. They are as follows:

1. Repeal of the 18th amendment.
2. The sales tax law.
3. Cessation of state bonus payment to veterans after June 30, 1933, and authorization of refunding bonus bonds.
4. Permitting managerial form of county government.
5. Authorizing accused persons to waive grand jury indictment and stand trial on information by district attorney.
6. Requiring two-thirds vote for bond issues and legislative restriction of taxation.
7. Approval or rejection of \$102,000 bond issue for power survey.
8. Referendum on oleomargarine tax.
9. Referendum on state power commission law.
10. Initiative bill for repeal of state prohibition clauses in constitution.

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## The National Whirligig

By PAUL MALLON

Washington—The boys backstage began to get cold feet on the Morgan investigation a few days back.

Those who were chuckling at the predicament of the country's leading financial firm began to wag their heads doubtfully. They whispered to each other that it would be a bad thing for the country if faith in the largest banking house was destroyed. They thought it was time to call a halt. Even Prosecutor Pecora began to talk about needing a long rest.

A democratic leader dared to ascend on the floor of the senate but if we tear down our ideals we will live to regret it.

The reason for this sudden caution probably was the fact that certain liberals were then secretly at work to make the investigation stupider.

Prime mover in the scheme was Senator Costigan. He called in an expert New York financial lawyer. Together they worked out a resolution expanding the scope of the inquiry. The definite objective would be to expose New York control over national money and industry. The purpose would be to write legislation altering our entire financial and industrial setup.

The public was not aware of it but the conservatives were when they started talking about easing up.

The proposition got along so far that it was submitted to Mr. Roosevelt. One of his closest advisors called in the New York attorney who was working with Costigan. They went over the matter and later the attorney saw the president.

The liberal crowd did not intend to oust Pecora. They thought he was doing a fine job. They believed he could do a better one if given \$100,000 and free subpoena access to the books of all banks, brokerage houses and corporations.

Part of the plan also called for holding up the Glass bank bill. The boys believe that after they get through more legislation than the Glass bill will be needed to plug the holes. Wall street would like that part of it. A bird in the bush is worth two in the hand like the Glass bill.

Morgan was really sorry when the investigation was over. He had a great time talking to people he never met before—senators, reporters, photographers and policemen. He was like a man from Kansas visiting the aquarium for the first time.

One doll session Morgan went over to the press table to gab with the reporters. He was obviously pleased the way the investigation was going. Someone suggested the publicity he was getting might not be so bad for him. At least it was breaking down the popular idea that he was a mysterious unseen ogre. The point was made that it was a good stunt for him to have taken that midge on his knee.

"Oh-oh," said Morgan slyly. "It's time for me to leave when you mention that."

Mr. Roosevelt did everything but fumigate the capitol trying to get congress out of town last week.

He was excited particularly because the boys were getting out from under his thumb. He realized this was the beginning of the end of blind congressional loyalty. He did not want that idea to get abroad. It might hurt business confidence if he were to be involved in the usual presidential bickering with congress. That is one reason why he was so anxious to compromise backstage on the various points in dispute.

Word was passed along to the boys in congress that the reason they had to adjourn was that the world economic conference was convening Monday. That was an absurd excuse. Nobody expects the conference to do anything for three weeks. A few days more for congress would make no difference. It might make some difference on the war debt issue. Installments are due next Thursday.

If the truth were known that fact

probably has more to do with Mr. Roosevelt's haste than anything else.

There appeared to be nothing more behind this Howe toilet-kit case than some very bad management and a half dozen errors of judgment. No one connected with it was entitled to any bouquets but the facts were not as bad as they sounded. Possibly \$100,000 was lost to the government because everyone was in such a hurry to get the forestry movement going.

The inefficiency was comparable to wartimes. Centralized authority was lacking. Political opponents will be able to harass the administration on the point for the next four years. The truth is that it was not nearly so inefficient as the job done on the bank openings, but the facts about that never got out.

The administration's private preliminary figures indicate business is holding up well beyond the seasonal trend.

The two figures they are watching most are showing up well. They are department store sales and factory employment. These indicate the present and future consuming market. Production will follow these so no one pays any attention to it any more.

The indications are that retail trade maintained itself nationally the last week in May and the first week in June. Factory employment showed some increase in the larger centers.

The one thing the Morgans wanted was an assurance that their competitors would be tried the same as they were. They went back to New York believing they had such an assurance. . . . Democrats and republicans broke fairly even on the Morgan expose. There were about the same number of men involved from both political parties and they held about the same ranks. . . . Dr. Leo Wolman, P.H.D., Columbia, will join the brain trust family to help in the industrial control administration. His record is decidedly to the left.

He was once attorney for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. . . . The man who has pushed the administration along toward refinancing of the Liberty bond issues is Senator Bone of Washington. It can be done before October. Legal authorities agree the president is not required to act during legal periods but may call in the bonds any time on six months notice. That will save some money.

## Schwabs Entertain Friends At Party

Mt. Angel—Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Schwab entertained at a party Sunday evening at their home at which Mrs. Schwab's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher of Hyder, Alaska, were honored guests. Three tables of "500" were in play during the evening and high score honors were won by Mrs. N. G. Mickel. Mrs. Fred Schwab, Sr., drew the door prize. Luncheon was served later in the evening by the hostess. Those present were the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hassing, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hassing, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Mickel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwab, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Wachter, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Butsch and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwab.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher will leave soon for Chicago where they will attend the world's fair. They will be accompanied on their trip by their son Ray.

## MRS. McLEAN TO OPERATE NEW DAILY JOURNAL

Washington, June 13 (AP)—Eugene Meyer, wealthy republican and former governor of the federal reserve board under President Hoover took control of the Washington Post today, promising to conduct it as an independent newspaper.

Meyer was disclosed as the new owner of the Post after the courts approved its sale at a price of \$25,000.

The Post, one of the two morning newspapers in the capital, was sold at auction on June 1 to satisfy creditors who had thrown it into receivership. The successful bid was entered by an attorney and the identity of the man for whom he was acting had been kept secret until last night. Not even the employees of the Post knew the name of their new employer.

Approval of the sale of the Post ended Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean's last hopes of keeping the paper in her family and she promptly announced she would start a new small-sized morning daily. She hoped to launch the publication about July 1.

Mrs. McLean's estranged husband, Edward B. McLean, was former publisher of the Post. Through months of litigation she obtained his removal as published and sought to secure control of the paper for her young sons. At one time she tried to pawn her famed Hope diamond to raise funds.

Even after her bid of \$800,000 in the auction was unsuccessful, she fought in the courts to keep the paper. When all hope passed, she declared: "I want a newspaper in our family for my two sons. I lost the Post, but we'll have another one."

The projected paper will be called the Washington Enquirer and will sell for one cent.

## Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

To the Editor: Quite a number of the states have awakened to the fact that an honorable old aged man or woman, who has bent his back with toil and made the United States what it is, is justly entitled to the best consideration of any government that is worthy of the name.

We ought to be beyond the stages of barbarism and inhumanity. It is the duty of any government and a just obligation of its legislators to enact laws to protect and care for those who are unable to take care of themselves. Undoubtedly it is a duty of each child to assist parents if they are in a position to do so and the parents need help.

But to pass a law that if an aged man or woman has a child, between Salem and the fabled Hill, the aged are told to look to them for care and protection. If children have not got filial love enough to assist needed parents, they are not worth the powder it would take

If It's a "Jantzen"

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to blow them to eternity. But that doesn't relieve the just government of its full obligations to a man or woman that has labored and toiled in the country of their birth or adoption.

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"Work for all who can work. To each the fruits of his work; Help for all who can't work. Hell for those who won't work."

There is only one way to reach justice to those who are beyond the stages of labor. That is a federal act of congress.

I will take myself as an illustration. In 1880 I came from Scotland and settled in Otter Tail county, Minnesota, northeast of Perham among the Indians. I was one of four men to organize the Indian territory into a township named Corlies. We then built a school house of logs, hired a young man to teach and paid him. That was we established a school. There was no other school between that and Duluth, a distance of 200 miles.

I grubbed, cleared and put in fertile fields 300 acres of forests, a living evidence of industry. I was justice of the peace 40 continuous years. Left Minnesota in 1927 and came to Marion county, Oregon. Although I am 79 I am not legally entitled to an old age pension, although both Minnesota and Oregon have enacted such laws.

There are undoubtedly thousands sailing on the same craft and nothing but a federal act will establish justice to all. The United States could take care of five hundred million human beings, if the human being was given the first thought in place of the almighty dollar and property.

Respectfully yours,  
 SAM G. WALLACE  
 Hubbard, Ore., 6-10-33.

## Japanese Wrestler Bests The Bulldog

Portland, June 13 (AP)—Bulldog Jackson of Klamath Falls won the first fall from Temura Higami of Japan, only to lose the main event of last night's wrestling card here when the jiu jitsu artist came back to take the next two. Jackson weighed 157 and Higami 159.

Otis Clingman, 160, of Oklahoma City, won the semi-windup from Gerilla Pogle, 161, Argentina, getting two falls out of three.

Hugh Adams, 161, Portland, won two straight falls to take the opener from Cotton Jackson, 159, of Bellingham, Wash.

VACATION IS STARTED  
 Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ramsay and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heater and son, Melvin, left Tuesday morning for a week's vacation at coast resorts. They will be at the Ramsay cottage at Cutler City near Taft and plan to drive to other towns in that vicinity. Harry Weaver, a nephew of Mrs. Heater, accompanied them to his home in McMinnville.

WEATHERILL SURPRISED  
 Silverton—About 20 relatives and friends surprised C. B. Weatherill at his home Sunday evening in honor of his birthday anniversary. Cards were played and a general social time was held.

## ELSINORE HAS NEW FEATURES

Following Ted Flo-Rito and his noted N. B. C. and Columbia broadcasting orchestra which was heard Monday night and the final showing of "Out All Night" featuring Slim Summerville and Zasu Pitta, the Elsinore theater is offering a real public wedding ceremony on the stage of the theater Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock. The large list of wedding presents, gifts of Salem merchants, has been on exhibition at the theater lobby. The feature picture will be Bebe Daniels in "Cocktail Hour."

A special studio feature picture, the identity of which is not even known to the theater management, will be offered in addition to the Thursday show.

"Cocktail Hour," is the story of a successful and rich illustrator and designer of posters and magazine covers, who became so through his own efforts, with many lovely creations presented. Bebe Daniels is cast in the leading role with Randolph Scott, Muriel Kirkland, Jessie Ralph, Sidney Blackmer, Barry North, Phillips Smalley, Marjorie Stearns, George Nardelli Larry Steers, Jay Eaton, Willie Fung, Paul McVey and Oscar Smith appearing in the supporting cast.

The picture is sparkling, gay, yet with a note of pathos, beautifully mounted and capably acted, a sophisticated screen fare and modern to the last note. Several new ballads are heard.

Mehama—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dare Phillips and Floyd Monroe returned from Foss, Ore., Saturday. The two men will begin work at Hammond Lumber Co. camp 26.

## Sublimity Defeats Scio In Loose Game

Sublimity—The Sublimity baseball team defeated Scio on the local diamond in a Mid-Willamette Valley league game Sunday, 14 to 10. The game was loosely played throughout, both teams making numerous errors. The hard hitting of Kirsch who knocked a homer and a single, was responsible for Sublimity's big score. Sublimity got 11 hits off Beal while he in turn struck out only two men. Kirsch and Zuber allowed but six hits and struck out 7 batters. Sublimity has been going strong in the south section and now has an average of .500 in the league standings. Sublimity will meet Jefferson on the local diamond next Sunday. Batteries were for Sublimity Kirsch, Zuber and Bradley, for Scio, Beal, Taylor and Parrish.

## Conference Ruling Kills Prosecuting

Berkeley, Cal., June 13 (UP)—Plans of the Big C Alumni club of the University of California to openly scout high school athletic material have been virtually nullified by the Pacific Coast conference, it was unofficially reported today.

The conference, meeting at Spokane, Wash., last week, voted to declare as ineligible any player recruited in a proscribing system such as the Big C club planned.


"The ruling kills the paid employee," Dean Paul F. Cadman of California said. The alumni group had planned on hiring a full-time secretary for his work.

Cadman said the conference "showed no disposition" to listen to California's plan to bring proscribing into the open.

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