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"With or without offense to friends or foes I sketch your world exactly as it goes.' -Byron

A Spoils System

Mutilated until scarcely recognizable for the original cabinet form of government set-up proposed by Budget Director D. O. Hood and a group of Portland associates, a so-called consolidation measure slid into the senate yesterday on skids greened by religing the senate of the senate set of the senate set of the senate of the senate set of the senate set of the senate set of the senate sena on skids greased by political log-rolling. As sponsors it carried the names of 14 senators and 17 representatives and was accompanied by a message of endorsement from Governor

Of the 31 members reported to have signed it, it is doubtful if more than one or two had ever read the 21 page measure, or had any comprehensive idea of what it is all

Launched prior to the legislative session as a cabinet proposal, the bill as finally introduced is nothing more nor less than a regrouping of administrative departments, boards and commissions, aside from purely political concessions that have been made to strengthen its chances of enactment at

To the political machine built up by George A. White, adjutant general, and represented in the legislature by a bloc of senators and representatives who consistently oppose any encroachment upon militia is conceded exemption

To recruit the support of eastern Oregon and coast county members who since the first days of the assembly have been trying to scuttle the state highway commission—for its steadfast refusal to concentrate the expenditure of highway funds on eastern Oregon roads and to champion the cause of toll-free bridges on the coast—the highway commission is singled out almost alone for abolishment. This notwithstanding that the highway commission has been outstanding in fulfilling the functions imposed upon it, and has estab-lished an enviable record for efficiency and freedom from corruption or irregularities in the handling of some half billion dollars of state and federal road money.

In the place of the three-man commission there would be

set up a single, politically appointed director with power to allocate funds and direct their expenditure.

It is unlikely that the plan as proposed would result in any substantial economies in administrative expense, and probable that it would involve the expenditure of more money, particularly in salaries. It does not consolidate functions, but simply transfers them from one control to another.

It creates five new executive positions at salaries ranging from \$6,000 a year to \$7,500, and transfers present department heads along with their organizations to the super-vision of these additional executives.

It increases the salary of the secretary of state, design nated in the act as director of the department of state, \$1,600 a year. This, incidentally, is included in the bill over the remonstrances of the incumbent, Earl Snell,

The politics of the proposal are further exhibited in the treatment accorded the state treasurer, who is arbitrarily shorn of all duties except those of custodian of state money and a member of the board of control. The powers of the board are also curtailed.

On the whole, it would be difficult to devise a more efficient political spoils system than is here contrived. By pre-scribing that the act shall go into effect at midnight, June 30, 1935, and that the terms of office of "every state officer or deputy officer, state agent, state employe," except elective officials coming under the scope of the act shall expire at that time, the decks are automatically cleared for a house-cleaning by the appointive power. It is further provided that such an automatic clearing of the decks shall take place every four years.

Barring an unforseen revolt the proposal will pass both senate and house propelled by political manipulation and administration pressure, and aided by the efforts of lobbyists around the brass rail who have a vital interest in pending bills. Several of them have already received their orders,

A Futile Gesture

The Oregon house of representatives has passed a reso-lution for the submission of an amendment increasing the pay of legislators from \$3 a day for a 40 day term to a flat for the two years' term, and this regardless of the that eight times in the past 27 years, the people have defeated, with emphatic majorities, other measures increasing the pay of legislators.

The first of these measures called for \$10 a day for 40 days. The second called for proportional representation, annual sessions and \$350 a year salaries. The third called for \$5 a day. The fourth called for a 50 day session at \$6 per day, with members limited to the introduction of 4 bills in session and committees to 3 bills. The fifth proposal called for a 60 day session at \$5 a day, and no bill introduced after the 40th day. The sixth offered the same proposal again. The seventh measure called for \$10 a day for 40 days. The eighth called for \$500 salaries per biennium.

It is absurd that legislators should only be paid \$3 a day.

which is less than their expenses, though sufficient perhaps 75 years ago when the pay was fixed. But the legislators have themselves to blame for the popular resentment against them, for they waste their time in inconsequential and unnecessary legislation accompanied by log-rolling and bickering. Every session has to act on 800 or 900 bills most of them uncalled for and every session could be completed in 40 days. And the lack of efficiency is popularly resented in

the only way it can be, by refusal to sanction increased pay.

There has never been any lack of candidates for legislative posts, despite the inadequate wage. And there is nothing to show that increased wages would in any way remedy the abuses that biennially reassert themselves. Longer sessions would simply mean more bills and increased racketeer-ing, as the public figures it.

has been spending the winter with his sister, Miss Annie Christopher of Dundee on account of his ill Mrs. Tessie Robinson. Archie Browhealth, has returned to his home. He suffered a paralytic stroke last September.

Scravelhill—Dean Robinson came home from the CCC camp at Reedsport for a visit with his mother, for the Robinson. Archie Brower, from the CCC camp near Detroit, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brower.

Marion-J. M. Christopher, who Scravelhill-Dean Robinson came



Synopsis: The Montana Kid and Mateo Rubris, famous Mexican Robin She Her Brother Pasculo to Hold their horses, and are at a postern gate of the fort of Duraya, Montana has bribed Rostia, who tells him how to tap so that the gate will be opened. The two men hope to recover for Bishop Emiliano the emerald crown of Our Lady, which the governor has stolen from the church in Duraya.

Chapter 17

OPEN DOOR
When they were standing before the gate, Montana lifted his hand. Rubriz at once stepped up against the wall, flattening himself against it. There he waited while Montana

it. There he waited while Montana rapped twice, paused, rapped twice again, and then three times, rapidly and lightly.

There was only a moment's pause, and then a key was heard turning.

Great boits slid back, one by one, each making a light clanking sound as it discussed; and finally the as it disengaged; and finally the heavy door began to sag outwards.

heavy door began to say outwards.
As it opened voices thrust out into
the night.

"Be tender, Andres."

"Be kind, Andres."

"Be still, you fools!" panted a
quick, harsh answer from close to

It yawned wider, until the lamp-It yawned wider, until the lamp-light was glistening over the thick iron plates which shod the inside of the postern, studded with the heads of a hundred rivets big enough to have been worked into the side of he mightiest of liners.

the mightiest of liners.

He who was thrusting the door open could be seen at the same time, one of those men who are big from the walst up and bowlegged beneath, the legs bending as though to support and balance more easily the top beave bulk above. neavy bulk above.

heavy bulk above.

He wore wrinkled cotton trousers, but above the waist, where his body became more important, his uniform grew splendid, also and wound up in epauletted shoulders fit to have graced a major, at the least. He graced a major, at the least. He wore at his belt a long sheathed living their weapons. He was rapidly wore at his belt a long sheathed living their wirsts together. knife and a revolver, and he carried

knife and a revolver, and he carried a rife slung over his shoulder, for that was the constant rule with all boy. He began to weep in a small, weak voice, getting out the name of men of that wary old fox, General Estrada.

"Senorita — Rosita — my dear!"
whispered the panting voice of the sergeant as he thrush himself at last through the gap of the opening door into the dark of the night outside. "Where are you, my sacred beauty?"
The blow that fell on him made a dull sound, because it struck on the padding of muscles just over the Juncture of head and neck. Even voice with a stroke of his fist and

then, only the extraordinary flesh of Sergeant Andres prevented him of cloth between the teeth of the from sustaining a fracture of the spinal column or the neck vertebrae. "Not too deep and not too hard."

said a voice inside the door, "or we'll have to come and look out, Andres." we'll that the wad of cloth was worked have to come and look out, Andres." we'll thinke the mouth, but that the "We've counted to ten, and the tongue was not thrust back into the door is still not closed. Poor Andres, throat, with a chance of strangling s this our fault or yours?'

The two began to laugh.
"Let me go first!" said one.
"Keep back, you fool! I've started

They came, scuffling and struck their shoulders against the door, which shuddered open with a slight groaning of the hinges. Into the wi-dening shaft of light which was al-

him inside the door, and let his loosened weight spill down on the floor. Staring at him, he pulled the door shut again to keep in the tell-tale, broadening arm of light that advanced into the darkness.

One of the soldiers was only a

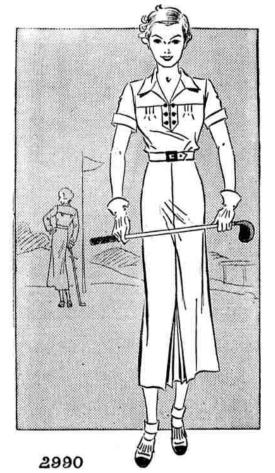
functure of head and neck. Even voice with a stroke of his fist and

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cautioned Montana, "We don't want to have dead men behind us, amigo."
"Will you tell me how to gag a
man?" exclaimed Rubriz, angrily

man?" exclaimed Rubriz, angrily,
"Remember, Montana, that I was
gagging men while you were still in
the cradle, and I have gagged them
ever since. If any man in the world
has the touch, I am he."

He firsted transless. He finished trussing his man a

opposite side, received the toppling he spoke. They turned to the serweight in his arms and laid it in a geant. He was barely breathing. And beep upon the ground. geant. He was oarely preating. And but its netter in evanued to because of that, Montana took had fallen against something charge of the gagging, making sure that the wad of cloth was worked well inside the mouth, but that the tongue was not thrust back into the

poor Andres. poor Andres.

Now three soldiers of General Estrada lay on their faces side by side, each tied to the other, so that movement would be impossible for all.

"How much time has that cost was the cost wa

us?" muttered Rubriz.
"You've promised me," answered
Montana, "No murder Mateo!

groaning of the hinges. Into the widening shaft of light which was allowed to escape into the night in this manner, stepped the masked face of Montana, with Rubriz scarce-light behind him.

Their leveled revolvers drove the soldiers back in a confusion. But they did not actually flee. Rubriz was cursing them by all the names of his favorite saints.

"Run, you rats! Run, dog-stealers! Run, brindled swine—and give me a chance to jump on you behind and pull back your heads to cut your throats the better! Ay, run, fools! Don't stand waiting."

But they could not run. The husky sobbing of his breath paralyzed them, for he seemed like a man already drinking blood.

Montana. "No murder Mateo! Call it what you want," said Rubriz, said Rubriz, said Rubriz, suit Rull God who watches us knows how much time we've face on. I know the way. I've memorized every turn of every hall in the place."

He went on, leading straight up a flight of stairs which was drilled through the thickness of the great old walls of the fort of Duraya.

Behind them, all the three men lay still, but the sergeant was belind and pulled them, for he seemed like a man already drinking blood.

Montana, unaided, lifted up the bulk of the fallen sergeant, dragged him inside the door, and let his loosened weight sull down on the clossing, also. He had to struggle to let him remain by himself. "The building is going to collowing looked by the looked by the clossing, also. He had to struggle locked by the looked by the colosing, also. He had to struggle locked by the colosing, also. He had to struggle locked by the colosing, also. He had to struggle locked by the colosing also. He had to struggle locked by the colosing also. He had to struggle locked by the colosing also. He had to struggle locked by the colosing also. He had to struggle locked by the l "Call it what you want " said Ru-

to swell with the efforts he had been making. His throat appeared to be closing, also. He had to struggle to get any breath into his lungs.

Then he could not breathe at all. With this, in a frightful panic, he heaved himself to his kneep so.

heaved himself to his knees so strongly that the other two were dragged out of place, also. The tug-ged with all his might. The twine that bound his wrists cut through the skin like dull blades of knives. But every effort he made only stifled

but every circ he made only strike him the more. This he realized, There were two pairs of hands besides his own, ready with a gesture to pluck the strangling thing from his mouth, but all those hands were helbers, a big own. helpless as his own.

The sergeant remembered an old-

folk tale out of his youth, And suddenly he saw that to struggle was to kill himself. If he were to make headway of any kind, he would have to relax himself in every muscle first. Then he might be able to breathe.

So he dropped down. His face was in the dust, but this did not matter.

for his deliverance, with the stub-borness of a hero, or of a brute, he instantly commenced making fresh efforts to work the gag from his

(To be continued)

Fifty Years School Work A Series of Articles by E. B. Fletcher

During part of the time I worked in Umstilla county ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce was superintendent of schools. He was also connected with the eastern Oregon Normal school at Weston. My certificate issued by him is dated September 1888 tember 14, 1886.

D. W. Yoder, of the Silverton chools, was superintendent of Maron county schools about this One of my certificates issued by him is dated September 25, 1889. George A. Peebles, a Salem teacher, was Yoder's successor, as nearly as I can remember. He worked for

as I can relate to years in the Grant building. A certificate during his breaking down the \$4,000,000,000 term is dated March 28, 1880. work relief fund into eight general with a provision.

These and earlier certificates expired in six months and fees of \$2.50 were required for renewal. This twenty per cent of the total of any was so inconvenient and expensive that I made application and took that I made application and took examination for a two years' state paper. This qualified the holder to teach in any county of the state. It is dated August 27, 1892. The state board of education who signed the paper was Sulvester Penyorer. Rural rehabilitation, and relief in this paper was Sylvester Pennoyer, governor; George W. McBride, sec-retary of state, and E. B. McElroy. state school superintendent.

When my two years' paper ex-pired I applied to the same board of education for a six years' state cer-tificate. This gave me teaching ex-Public projects of states or politi-Willamette diploma for securing a state life diploma. The state board of education at that time was T. T. Geer, governor: P. J. Dumbar, secre-tary of state, and J. H. Ackerman, hard McGuiffy's readers. Ray's and Brooks' arithmetics. Some newer and better texts were adopted, such tary of state, and J. H. Ackerman, hard medical states of political projects of states or politi-and McGuiffy's readers. Ray's and Brooks' arithmetics. Some newer tary of state, and J. H. Ackerman, hard medical projects of states or politi-public projects of states or politi-and McGuiffy's readers. Ray's and such projects of states or politi-state to a state board of the projects of states or politi-and McGuiffy's readers. Ray's and such projects of states or politi-state to a state board of the projects of states or politi-state to a state board of the projects of states or politi-state to a state board of the projects of states or politi-tary of state, and J. H. Ackerman, as Barnes' histories. Monieith's ge-

The longer I taught, the change in "Beautiful Willamette, very suitable text books became more frequent, for Oregon schools.

Leaving behind the old blue-backed In our next we will show some Elementary Spelling book, Willson's more peculiarities in text books.

UNDOWN

THE RESCUE By Mary Graham Bo

Rip stumbled and fell But as he fell he realized that he had fallen against something rather soft. An even stronger smell of burning filled his nostrils—the smell

A low, sad, mournful little wall ane to him.
"I thought—I—had—gone," came the timid, small, frightened voice of

the lamb. "Rouse yourself!" cried Rip, "Take



"The building is going to collapse!" cried Quick-Dick. "Don't go in there. Neigh, neigh, neigh. Rip! Come out!"

Rip! Come out!"
"Don't come in, Willy Nilly!"
shouted Rip. "I'm coming out!" In
speaking Rip's throat became so
filled with smoke he thought he filled with smoke he thought he would choke.

He might and he might not escape

He might and its way to far with Sweet Face who was too far gone now to know what was going on. But Willy Nilly must not lose United States descended from the denkeys of the Spanish conquerors.

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orum

Contributions to this col-umn must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer

To the Editor:-In the Oregonian In the dust, but this did not matter.
He could feel the pressure of the blood thrusting up in his checks. His neck was swelling. Even to open his eyes was difficult.
He began to think of death, but as he visualized it, and as he determined that he would beat out his brains against the rock to shorten the agony, he suddenly discovered that a needle of coldness was thrusting into the fever of his throat. until 1942. What good is any law which might be made in 1935 and pays no benefits until 1942 goins there are several species of higher to do toward lifting our country out of the present depression? It's immediate benefits the country needs these there are several productry that the present depression? It's immediate benefits the country needs these there are several productry that the present depression in the present depression that a needle of coloness was torus-ting into the fever of his throat.

And then he realized that it was a whiff of air. It drew in audibly through the horrible slaver that filled his mouth. His whole throat

filled his mouth. His whole throat was growing cooler.

And presently he knew that his life was saved. And he could actually breather. By degrees he was going to reduce the burning agony of fire in his lungs.

The only pension plan that can be adequate is one that will start he adequate is one that will start playing this year, and it must be large enough to compel all who sign for it, to immediately quit working and give their jobs to workmen younger than the pension eligible to save a semi-microscopic ones, only a wingless mosquito is known.

Q. Wata non-corrosive alloys can be used for statuary instead of bronze? W.E.R. age. Modern machinery has thrown our country into a panle, from which we will never emerge, until our legislators become wise enough to institute laws which will make the machines support the entire population. An adequate pension plan is the only law that can possibly lift our country out of the predicament into which we have sunk, and judgling from the number of persons now on relief, the pension law we need should not be less than \$100 per month and it should pay all persons over 55 years of age, and commence paying them this year. age. Modern machinery has thrown 16. Operatio air 14. Compiler of an English thesaurus

mence paying them this year.

This country has already spent enough money in the wrong direction in an attempt to lift the depression to have financed an ade-17. Cognizant
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dellar quate pension law for a score of years in the future.

Respectfully-R. D. TURPIN, Mill City.

P.S.—If you want my subscription
you will print this letter.

Continuation of-Relief Bill -From page One

see and earlier certificates ex-in six months and fees of giving the president power to shift

Rural rehabilitation, and relief in stricken agricultural areas, \$500, 000,000.

Housing, \$450,000,000.
Projects for professional and clerical persons, \$300,000,000. Civilian conservation corps, \$600.

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Senator Glass (D., Va.), chairman of the appropriations committee, in announcing the long awaited break on the measure, said:

on the measure, said;
"The bill has been ordered reported to the senate with all the
alterations previously made by the
committee with the exception that
the Tydings amendment on page
three, which raised so much hell on the floor of the senate concerning the question of feeding the strikers, was stricken out with the understanding it would be revised by Senator Tydings (D., Md.), and other than the strick of the second of

ers and offered on the floor.' Sanitation, prevention of soil ero-sion, reforestation, forestation, flood relief and miscellaneous projects, The Tydings amendment would have prevented the granting of re-lief work to those who recently quit jobs. It was eliminated when the

measure was in the senate. lost through the parliamentary practice that a tie vote defeats a motion.

Senator Glass (D. Va.) chairman three of the four purposes of the bill.

It now merely provides "that in order to provide relief and work re-lief there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be used in the discretion and under the direction of the president, to be immediately available and to remain available until June 30, 1937, the sum of \$4,000,000,000."

Answers to Questions

destroyed by fire October 5,

Q. How hot must a coal be to be

red hot? E.F.R.
A. The phrase is popularly used for temperature between 700 degrees C. and 1000 degrees C. Above 1000 degrees C. it is called white hot.

Q. How long has Antioch college operated on the part-study part-work plan? A.M.T.

A. It was instituted 15 years ago and put in operation in 1921.

Q. What kind of an animal is burro? E.J.B.

A. It is a chemical formula expressing merely the results of quantitative analysis.

Q. What is the American Veter-A. It is a newly organized corpor-ation of about 1000 veterans who are against payment of the soldiers' bo-

Q. How many Japanese are there in California? R.M. A. In 1930 the number of Japan-

ese in California was 97,456. Q. What forms of animal life are found near the North and South Poles? M.R.

A. In the inner Arctic regions these there are several predatory animals and a number of lower

bronze? W.E.R.

A. The national bureau of stand-ards says that one of the latest memorials to be erected in Washington, D. C .- the navy and marine memorial-is made of aluminum alloy. Aluminum alloys have

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Q. When was the Crystal Palace fire in New York City? H.M.
A. The Crystal Palace building was destroyed by fire October 5,

Q. What was the value of everything produced in the United States in 1934? J.G.

A. Complete figures are not yet compiled for 1934 but on the basis of what is known so far it is indicated that the national income (the value of everything) was \$60,000,-000,000.

Q. When was Col. Charles Lindbergh's father in Congress? C.B.T.

A. Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr., was Representative from the Sta Minnesota from 1907 to 1917.

of folk tale in that is is the known creation of a modern author where-as the folk tale has come down to us through the centuries by oral

Q. How many copies of the New England Primer were printed? M.S. A. This was the most widely used text book ever studied in this coun-try. It was in use for two hundred years and more than three million copies were printed.



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