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The Smear Brigade

The group of financiers, industrialists and profiteers headed by the du Ponts, who are financing so many organizations whose sole purpose is to "beat Roosevelt" by any means possible, comprise what has been styled as our "invisible government" which so long ruled the nation. The organization of the "Liberty League" has made them both visible and exceedingly audible. Nothing that the president has done or tried to do or plans to do is right. The real grievance is that Roosevelt has driven them from the temple of the government they prostituted for special interests and they seek a return to power.

The senate lobby probe has disclosed that the Liberty League backers, principal contributors to the republican campaign fund, also financed:

- The recent southern "grass roots" convention of "Jeffersonian democracy" at Marion, Ga., for the purpose of building up Governor Talmadge as an opponent to Roosevelt.
- The Crusaders to defend the constitution by Ku Klux methods.
- The Sentinels of the Republic to raise religious and racial issues.
- The Farmers Independence council to fight the AAA.
- The League for Constitution government to raise the red scare.
- The American Taxpayers' League to combat corporation taxes.
- The Southern Tariff association to fight reciprocal tariffs.

The list is far from complete. Most of the organizations are pure rackets utilizing the industrialists as a sucker list for contributions but all of them are pledged to do clandestinely dirty work that neither the Liberty League nor the republican committee care to be caught at.

The Liberty League is a fine bunch of constitution defenders and wavers of the flag but these cynical sneering reactionists are not fooling the people despite their control of the metropolitan press. The record vote cast for Roosevelt in the state primaries and the increase in democratic registration show that conclusively enough.

Mr. Holman, Economizer

Presumably in his desire to foster Oregon industry at all times and particularly during this, his election year, State Treasurer Rufus Holman seems at times to be forgetting his self-assumed role of protector and conservator of the public's funds.

In his enthusiasm for the purchase and use of home products by the state Holman has seemingly overlooked the fact that the legislature has by statute seen fit to restrain such favoritism on the part of public purchasing agencies by providing that differentials of five percent in favor of Oregon products may be recognized.

Last week the board of control at the request of the highway department was called upon to open bids and award the contract for two pumps to be installed in a roadside oasis in eastern Oregon. The low bid, tendered by an out-of-state concern was \$1100 apiece for the pumps; the high bid, by an Oregon concern, \$1698 each. The pumps of both companies met the specifications stated.

At Holman's insistence and upon his motion, the board voted to accept the higher bid, 54 percent in excess of the low offer.

Then it developed that construction of the oasis and the purchase of equipment for it is being paid for out of federal funds subject to approval by federal officials, who put their foot down flat that if the state wished to pay \$1698 each for \$1100 pumps it could do so—but with its own funds.

With Mr. Holman again converted to the cause of economy, insofar as pumps and federal money is concerned, the board yesterday voted to accept the low bid.

Scooped the World

A Hearst newspaper, the Detroit Times scooped the world on the Hauptmann execution, printed an extra on the afternoon of March 31 when the electrocution did not occur until the evening of April 3. When the event was postponed, the extra was scrapped, but newsboys somehow got hold of from 1500 to 2000 copies and sold them the next day as "April fool extras." This is how it happened according to the Editor & Publisher:

On the afternoon of Tuesday, March 31, the Times made up an extra on the death of Hauptmann, scheduled for 8 o'clock that night. An eight column line across the top proclaimed that "Bruno Dies." Dropping down almost to the bottom of the left side of the page was a two column picture of Hauptmann. Spreading across the remaining six columns and going well below the fold was a composite picture of Hauptmann being strapped into the electric chair by two guards while Executioner Robert Elliott stood watching at one side and Prison Keeper Mark O. Kimberling stood at the other side. In the upper left corner below the line and inset into the picture was the slug "Extra." Below the cut was an eye-witness story of the execution, which ran word for word the same as that used in the real Times extra the following Friday night.

This is a typical example of Hearst newspaper enterprise. The pictures were faked as well as the "eye witness story" of the execution, which although first printed on a Tuesday, was reprinted on Friday evening as the authentic account.

It is small-wonder the reading public is losing faith in the yellow press, when their sensations are faked and their editorials inspired propaganda.

BOY ORATOR MAKES HIT IN LOS ANGELES

That George McLeod, Willamette university student orator who accompanied Prof. H. E. Rahe and members of the debate team to southern California last week, made an excellent impression when he spoke before several hundred members of the Los Angeles Breakfast club is the information received in two letters by President Bruce R. Baxter.

Harold B. Link, manager for the breakfast club who has charge of arranging the elaborate weekly programs writes President Baxter in part: "You have no idea what enthusiasm this lad and his talk created among our members. He spoke with more than ease, because while

he was fluent he was at the same time very forceful and his manner quite spontaneous. He is certainly a worthy representative of Willamette. Thank you for sending him to us. You can do that every year for us if you keep them coming like McLeod."

"Your young boy orator knocked us all for a loop at the breakfast club," J. Whitcomb Brougher, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church of Los Angeles wrote Dr. Baxter. "He's a mighty clever boy and did a good job."

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 21 — Harry Hopkins was indignant because the newspapers said he would pay union wages for relief work instead of the bare livelihood wage he has favored up to now.

The relief boss called in his dental secretary and issued a statement. He specifically refuted the news accounts relating that he had tipped a certain congressional committee the prevailing wage would be favored. He said he had never said any such thing.

Do not take Mr. Hopkins' indignation too seriously. He has turned it on and off frequently of late. The imminence of the political campaign requires him occasionally to deny publicly what he says privately.

Labor leaders have received sufficient inside assurances to lead them to believe the prevailing wage theory will be extended.

Warning — Ordinarily labor leaders would be extremely distrustful of private assurances. They would rather have a signed statement from Mr. Hopkins. Even then they might not be entirely confident.

But this time they believe their long fight for the prevailing wage scale will bring sympathetic cooperation from Mr. Hopkins for several reasons.

The new dealers are sensitive of their personal relations with labor leaders as the campaign approaches. The executive council of the A. F. of L. is meeting soon and must be appeased. Then, too, there is a possibility of a congressional fight against security wages on the relief appropriation bill now pending.

Nevertheless, skeptical students of the art of politics will prefer to wait until prevailing wages are ordered, before believing that they are coming. From now until election, everyone would be wise to believe only what is signed, sealed and delivered.

Note—Because of labor protests, WPA has been paying prevailing wage rates in New York and a few other places, but maintaining the security wage as a rule.

Another Reservation — Even 225 members of congress can be fooled these days. That number blueprinted President Roosevelt into keeping CCC camps limited to 350,000 boys, instead of 300,000 as he had planned. You may recall how the papers were full of their big victory over the president a few weeks back. Since then they have had two shocks.

First, they found out that the president had a private understanding with Chairman Buchanan of the house appropriations committee to get rid of fifty camps. Next, they learned that a couple of jobs are being abolished in each of some 2,000 camps. That means 4000 jobs, very good patronage jobs, are being lost to them.

Not only that, but the 4,000 CCC camp authorities who will lose their posts will blame the congressmen for not protecting them. The grocery store keepers in those fifty localities from which camps are being removed will be up in arms.

Skeptics, however, will wait to count each of those fifty camps as they are abolished and each of those 4,000 jobs as they are lost. The totals may turn out to be very much smaller by the time the congressmen get through with the fuss they are now starting to raise.

Holding Companies — After all Father Coughlin has said against holding companies, interlocking directorates and the practices of big business in draining one corporation to support another, you will find these facts interesting:

His first campaign expense statement, filed in the house, shows that, from January 1 to February 28, he received \$101,060 in the names of the National Union for Social Justice.

Apparently that is his top holding company because the itemized list of the receipts indicated that \$78,692.17 of the amount came from his Radio League of the Little Flower, which might be called his operating company. Only \$21,443 was actually collected by the top holding company, in amounts of less than \$100.

High Finance—His expense sheet showed expenditures of \$96,385, so apparently he tapped the treasury

COURT APPROVES COMPROMISE IN BANK PAYMENT

Offer of a compromise settlement of the claim of Bank of Woodburn against Keith Powell, wife and children, has been confirmed in an order by Judge Lewelling handed down today.

Under the compromise settlement the Powells will turn over to the superintendent of banks bank accounts and interest on bank stock aggregating \$1590.73 and also the Powell and Eppy homes in Woodburn. Houses on these homes were constructed at a cost of approximately \$20,800, the petition states, and there is an encumbrance against them of \$2060, unpaid balance on a mortgage.

As to the claim it is shown there were 100 shares of stock in the Bank of Woodburn subject to assessment at 100 cents on the dollar, 32 shares owned by Keith Powell and wife jointly and one share each owned by George Bingham Powell and Robert Walker Powell, their children. Assessments totaled \$3400 against these shares and \$3200 against the Bingham trust for shares held, this latter assessment having been paid.

The petition states that in addition Keith Powell is indebted to the receiver of the First National Bank in Salem \$5650 on account of a note and \$500 on account of stock assessments on that bank with possibly an additional assessment to be made.

The petition sets out that the supreme court has held invalid a pledge made by Keith Powell of 400 shares of United States National bank stock in the Bingham trust and held that Powell as trustee had no authority to pledge the stock. The note, the petition states, was put in the bank to strengthen its financial status and no consideration whatsoever passed to Keith Powell because of it.

BONNEVILLE INSPECTED
Independence—Verd Morgan, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Esther Morgan, and sister, Mrs. Ben Johnson and niece, Connie Johnson, motored to Bonneville Sunday to view the dam. They were joined at Hubbard by Vanessa Johnson and his wife, who made the trip with them. Vanessa Johnson is teaching in the Hubbard schools.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, by an order of the County Court of Marion County, State of Oregon, duly made and entered on the 3rd day of April, 1936, was appointed administrator of the estate of Teresa E. D'Arcy, and that he has duly qualified, as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as required by law, at the offices of W. J. D'Arcy, in the D'Arcy Building, in the City of Salem, Marion County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit: April 7, 1936.

W. J. D'ARCY,
Administrator of the estate of Teresa E. D'Arcy, Deceased.
April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5

CHURCH GROUP ASKS FOR BAN ON GAMBLING

Urging every minister to take an active part in the circulation of initiative petitions and to cooperate in all efforts to educate the "citizenship of Oregon in this matter", preachers and laymen in attendance during the Cooperative Church conference held at the Y. M. C. A. Monday went on record as recognizing "the peril that threatens our entire social and political structure through the growth of gambling in Oregon."

"We deplore the world wide conditions that now exist, forcing the various nations of the world to engage in extensive military preparations for war, the greatest in all the world's history. We advocate a same propaganda for peace with all nations of the world."

The group delegated to study religious education cited four major problems in connection with weekday religious schools, a leading spirit who is really for it, adequate teaching; financial support; and community cooperation. The group recommended the efforts of the Oregon Social Hygiene society in its work of trying to teach youth and parents how to live and this society's citation of the "great need of this type of education."

The work being done by the committee on comity of the Oregon Council of Churches in its effort to eliminate over-churching and under-churching of communities was praised by the conference committee.

"We commend the national mission boards of our various denominations for drastically curtailing the amount of mission funds sent into those communities which are over-churching and their using this money to better advantage in cooperative efforts in those communities which are not adequately served by any church," the report added.

"We urge upon the citizens of every community that they be more tolerant and that they drop their contention for non-essential religious views in the interests of a more vital christianity and a more efficient and united service to the local community, the state, the nation and the world."

Aumsville—Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Calfee of Salem spent Sunday with Mrs. Calfee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis.

of the Radio league because he had difficulty in raising funds. Furthermore, his report disclosed payments of \$2,926 and \$2,000 on loans respectively to the Radio league and to St. Therese parish, indicating that he has followed another big-business practice of borrowing from one company to another.

PROPOSE JOB OF COLLECTING CITY LICENSES

An ordinance bill introduced at the city council meeting last night by Alderman Walter Fuhrer would create a new city office carrying a salary of \$1500 a year.

The measure provides for a city license collector. He would be appointed by the city council each year on recommendation of the city recorder. It is provided also that he might at times be used as a special police officer.

Alderman Fuhrer is chairman of the committee on licenses which is now engaged in a campaign to collect delinquent license fees from scores of Salem businesses. The license situation has become chaotic in recent years and a considerable amount of money has been lost to the city.

It was reported to the council last night that parking of automobiles in the center of city street at Salem Deaconess hospital, which has been the practice there for several years, has been discontinued and the cars are now being parked at an angle at the curb as in other parts of the city. The hospital petitioned for authority to place signs reading "Hospital Zone—Quiet" in the neighborhood of the hospital. It was granted.

Apartment house owners petitioned for a removal of the restriction against all-night parking of cars in the vicinity of apartment houses where there is no great amount of traffic. It was referred to a committee.

Mayor V. E. Kuhn instructed City Building Inspector E. C. Bushnell to make a check of electric business signs to find out how many of them are not conforming to the building code.

The popcorn wagon issue which has troubled aldermen for several years came to an end—probably—last night when the council passed an ordinance bill by Alderman Donald A. Young repealing an existing ordinance that allowed them in certain places. Two wagons, one on Church street and one on Chemsaketa, are put out of business by the measure.

An ordinance bill prohibiting the firing of guns or other dangerous explosives on city-owned property outside the city limits was passed. A bid of \$1,325 for repairing of the city incinerator was accepted.

On motion of Alderman Fred A. Williams the council instructed the city engineer to make a survey to determine the feasibility of widening D street by removal of parking strips to remove a hazard to school children.

Silverton—Lester Green, who is employed at Valslet, drove to Silverton Friday and was accompanied to the coast resort by Mrs. Green and their son and daughter, Lester, Jr., and Lydia. They remained until Sunday.

CONTROL BOARD HAS POWERS TO INTERPRET LAW

Interpretation of many phases of the laws governing state-aided institutions for children is left to the discretion of the state board of control and the budget department. Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle held today in an opinion on a proposed policy to be adopted.

Eight questions were answered by the opinion, to the board of control, briefly as follows:

Board payments made by parents and others to institutions for any quarter must be deductible from the state aid payment.

Deductions for over-payment by the state to any institution may be adjusted by the board of control and budget department.

Payments for clothing for any child is deductible from the sum paid monthly by the state, but gifts of clothes cannot be deducted.

Interest on payments made by county warrants reverts to the institution.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS INVITED TO OREGON

British and Canadian warships were invited by Governor Martin today to attend Portland's First week August 3 to 9. Eighteen cruisers, destroyers and submarines of the United States navy have already been assigned to the event.

The governor forwarded his invitation to the British ambassador and Canadian minister in Washington, D. C., through Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

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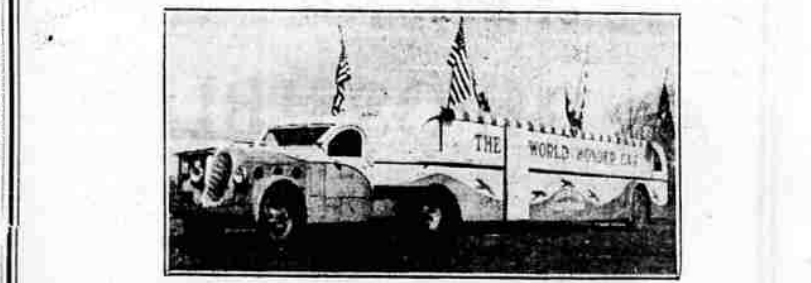
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