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Evading Responsibility

Asserting that "logging trucks are wrecking Douglas county bridges almost faster than they can be kept up," the roadmaster of that county makes a plea for greater financial assistance from the state highway commission in maintaining county roads.

The situation is not peculiar to Douglas county, nor is the plea for more liberal state assistance original with the Douglas county roadmaster. All of the counties, especially those in western Oregon are in the same predicament. But solution of the problem does not lie in further diversion of state highway funds from vitally needed construction to local maintenance.

The remedy exists in one of three reforms or a combination of them:

1. Heavier construction of roads and bridges.
2. Stricter limitation of loads and speeds.
3. Increased license fees and taxes on certain types of trucks to bring their contributions to road maintenance up to a figure proportionate to the damage they do to the roads, coupled with a system which will make these increased revenues available directly to the governmental agency responsible for the maintenance of the roads used.

The Douglas county court has full authority to correct the condition of which its roadmaster complains. Under the law it may "sign" its bridges for safe loads and enforce such restrictions. The county court is required by statute to recommend to the public utilities commissioner, at the time a log hauler applies for a permit to operate on county roads, the load limit, speeds and other restrictions to be imposed in granting the permit.

If such restrictions are not observed by the hauler the county court may recommend to the utilities commissioner that the permit be cancelled, and the commissioner has no choice other than to order the cancellation.

The county court and its engineers should know what loads and speeds various local roads and bridges will withstand with safety and without undue damage. The chief difficulty lies in the fact that these officials are too subservient to local pressure and influence and do not impose sufficiently drastic restrictions or enforce those which they do impose.

There is no equity in a system which subsidizes the log haulers at the expense of the motorists of the state.

When local officials complain of such conditions as this and seek to shift the burden of subsidizing local industry to the state at large they are simply seeking to dodge their own responsibilities. Coming from Douglas county, which has benefited, from greater state highway expenditures than any other county in the state and still clamors incessantly for more, the suggestion is conceived in poor grace.

Douglas county is decidedly out of order in proposing any plan that will curtail needed highway construction in other counties which have contributed cheerfully and far more generously than it has itself to its nine million dollar network of state highways, while those counties are still waiting for their share of road funds.

Refreshing Frankness

Gregory Zinovieff, one of the original leaders of the Bolsheviks when under Lenin they seized power in Russia by revolution, in his court confession of a bloody conspiracy to assassinate Josef Stalin and return to power through terrorist methods, declared:

I went all the way from opposition party power to counter-revolution and terrorism and actually fascism. The evolution of our struggle to regain power naturally led to terrorism.

Leon Kamenoff, another Lenin leader, admitted that a blood-thirsty lust for personal power motivated the conspirators, adding "naturally political groups deprived of power feel their policies are superior" and that the plot for terrorism was a desperate effort to regain lost power.

Such frankness is refreshing, for these are the motives and methods of all dictators and would-be dictators and those who ruthlessly seize power, from the earliest recorded history down to date. Political theories are simply camouflage for popular support for the will to power over blood-stained trails. Terrorism is a primitive weapon but has been openly adopted and become part of the philosophy of both fascism and communism.

Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin in Russia seized and maintained power by just such ruthlessness; Mussolini's rise to power was over the assassinated bodies of his opponents and his path to glory entails the slaughter of millions; Hitler's ascension was by similar terrorism and possible rivals are eliminated in blood purges and pogroms. In the long run most of such paranoid dictators are destroyed by their own methods just as the gangsters and racketeers whose methods they have appropriated.

Chaos Would Result

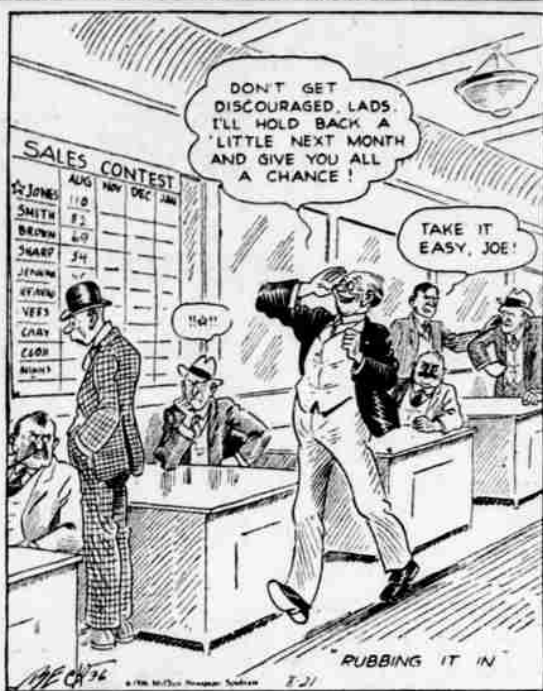
If Governor Landon should be elected president, political chaos would result, for both the senate and the house will be democratic. In the last congress out of 435 house members, 315 were democrats and only 104 republicans. In the senate there were 70 democrats and only 23 republicans. The democrats can lose many members of the house and still have a working majority. Democratic control of the senate is certain for another four years.

Even if a radical bloc is elected to hold the balance of power in the next house, it will not go along with Landon and the senate would hold veto power on all measures. It would be a leaderless conflict on both sides resulting in confusion. The Landon program, if any, would get nowhere.

There is no possibility of a Landon landslide. In the 1932 election, democrats won 1454 counties out of 1500 west of the Mississippi, which means that the majority of county officials, who really deliver the votes, are democrats. In 1934 the democrats made enormous gains, the republicans electing only nine governors. In the recent primaries New Deal candidates have emerged victorious, while the registration figures show great increase in democratic voters all over the country.

Despite the fake straw voter; which do not reach the rank and file, the betting odds favor Roosevelt and will continue to and will grow heavier as the campaign swings into action as the realization gains that Landon's election would be fatal to progress.

Big Business



News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 21—President Roosevelt scooped his diplomatists completely when he decided the Spanish crisis was so critical he would have to cut short his drought trip.

His lads in charge of this end of the Spanish show had not heard of anything going to happen in Spain between September 3 and 11 which would require Mr. Roosevelt's presence at his desk.

You would think, in a situation like that, they would run around and try to find out what was up, or, at least, put on their gravest faces. All they did was to sit around and laugh.

Background—The Spanish crisis was so dire two weeks ago that State Secretary Hull decided to take a vacation. Recent developments have been so alarming that, upon the day the president made his announcement, Mr. Hull's office said the secretary planned to remain away another week, lolling in the beautiful hills of western Virginia.

Likewise, modern communications methods keep the president just about as well informed in mid-White, or at Hyde Park, as in the White House. Wired and wireless telephones are kept constantly open.

In the Ethiopian crisis, he made his major move, in the form of the arms embargo, from a battlement in the Pacific. Earlier, he made his historic statement, breaking up the unsatisfactory London economic conference, from a yacht in the Atlantic.

Observers closest to the diplomatic inside also agree that Under-Secretary Phillips will probably handle any Spanish crisis no matter where Messrs. Roosevelt and Hull are. He has been handling it right along.

Threat Diplomacy—The rumors now current that the president has information indicating a general European crisis early in September, therefore, do not appear to be justified.

The way the lads at the helm size up the situation is this: Mussolini might be madman enough to start a war, but they do not believe it. They would set the odds anywhere from 10 to 1 to 100 to 1 that he will not. The same he is playing is obvious to them. It is the same one he used against France in the Ethiopian crisis, the threat-fear game to keep France quiet. That explains to them why he is always inspiring beligerent press dispatches from Rome.

While any situation like this in Europe is serious, it is not necessarily grave. Nationalistic diplomacy of all European nations has probably overemphasized the possibilities of war in the public mind.

Whimsy—The more logical explanation for Mr. Roosevelt's decision was offered by one of his sage coun-

sellors here, who told an alarmed group of callers:

"I do not know how true it is, but I have heard there is a political campaign going on." The president enjoys nothing more than a little whimsy now and then. A number of his advisors told him from the start that his protracted itinerary on the drought trip was needless, economically, administratively or politically, because there is nothing outstanding he can do about it more than has already been done.

The Spanish crisis, therefore, may prove to be more of a handy excuse than a danger.

Preparations—Largest arms purchaser here during July was a country of which Americans rarely hear, the Dutch East Indies. Licenses for the export of \$1,400,000 of war materials were issued to that Netherlands possession by the state department. No one here had any previous notion that the Dutch East Indies were getting ready to go to war with anyone.

The answer is Britain and the Shell Oil company. Oil is what runs battleships. The Dutch fields are largely under control of the British. In case of trouble in the far east, they would be the center of dispute between the Japanese and British fleets.

The newly purchased "munitions" are really military flying boats. These are to patrol the coast line, which covers 40 degrees of longitude, a distance as great as from New York to San Francisco.

U. S. intelligence authorities have heard that East Indians have been having trouble with Japanese fishing boats, similar to that in and around the Philippines. Japanese fishermen are always coming in, mapping and sounding the harbors.

Note—Second largest domestic arms purchaser was China. She bought \$800,000 worth of military plane engines, gun racks, etc.

HOP PICKER FINED FOR LICENSE LACK

Independence—George McCrea, who is employed on construction work near Helmick park and whose family is picking hops at the Homer Wood yard, was arrested on Wednesday by state police for operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license. McCrea had driven the car from Washington without any license on the car, but was carrying a receipt showing he had left the money for a license with an insurance company there to purchase for him. He never had had a license to operate. He has a wife and four children and claims he is just getting by on 30 cents an hour besides his family's wages in the hop yard. He was ordered to put the car up until his Washington license arrived and to purchase an Oregon operator's license, and was fined \$5 and costs in the local justice court.

Leave Drought Area, Will Live at Gates

Gates—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Oliver and five children from the drought area of the Dakotas, have purchased and are now established at the farm formerly owned by Mrs. Velma White east of Gates.

The Oliver family are delighted with the country. Mrs. White and her family have moved to Mill City to make their residence.

ZOLLIE'S Capital Journal GANG

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Aye! Rahilly now— Say—did I bring back a 'rippin' accent from the English city, Vancouver, B. C.

But give me Salem over any of the many cities visited on my recent vacation tour. Cete Cohen, Marie Saffron, Arnie Matzels, and myself made the trip.

Z.G.N. "ZOLLIE" This is being scribbled before the olympics and picnic, which is being held at Olinger today. Therefore, all announcements of prize winners will be made in tomorrow's Capital Journal.

The coolest spot in town. The Grand theatre is just that. My boss, Mr. Schmidt has had an all new cooling system installed. You can feel the fresh cool air floating all around. What a pleasure!

Z.G.N. Kids! Can you believe this? I wouldn't have nine weeks ago, but it's the truth. Each Saturday, the Grand has been completely filled by 1 o'clock.

People are kidding me that we should set up a tent on the Court-house lawn to take care of the overflow.

You've been so swell about the way you have been attending that I promise you—you'll always find the best show in town at the matinee.

Z.G.N. Uncle Brad says: 'A lot o' people who boast o' havin' an open mind mistake a vacancy for an opening.'

I'm betting we'll have one of our largest turnouts tomorrow. Cause—look at the line-up for the show: On the screen, Harold Lloyd in "The Fighting Marines," and a musical merriment of fun—Alice Faye, Ted Healy, Patsy Kelly, plus a host of other favorites in "Sing Baby Sing."

The stage broadcast will feature talented Lucille Shannon, who has just returned from a tour of vaudeville, Estella Rorabaum, Cleve Bartlett, Frances Hope Krug, Ehy! Mae Williams, Ada Jean Lams, Doris Vincent, Dale Basset, and Gordon Winchcomb, pupils of Priscilla Meisinger, the Leslie trio, Brad Collins and all the boys.

Z.G.N. Don't pass up a good time. Be at the matinee at 12:30. So long. ZOLLIE

Gang Band Nearly Ready to Practice

"Zollie's Gang" members will soon be "tootin' their own horns." The band, which is being organized by Doug Jaquith, of the Jaquith Music Co., will be ready to start very shortly now.

If you haven't registered as yet, do so immediately. There will be no charge for instruction, but your own instrument must be furnished.

BACK TO REJOIN "GANG"

Lucille Shannon, "Gang" member, who has recently returned to Salem after a tour in vaudeville. This exceptionally talented contortionist will appear on the "Zollie's Capital Journal Gang" program at the Grand theatre tomorrow.



Saturday Last Day To Register With Zollie's Ukteeters

Saturday will be the last chance to sign up for the "Zollie's Ukteeters," which will begin rehearsal Wednesday, August 26, at the Priscilla Meisinger studio, located at 1032 Oak street. Be sure to be there promptly at four o'clock for your first lesson.

Additional members registering were Wallace Smith, Bobby Over, Dorothy Evely, Anita Faye Hogue, Glen Alsmann, Harold Reid, Mildred Lee, Carrie Cagwell, Marian Stepanek, Betty Graham, Carleen Akers, Robert Grillon, Ann Foster, Ruth Barton, Mirrel Mohr, Edith Mohr, Ruth Ostrin, Thelma Smith and Louis Peterson.

Selection of Best Dancer Impossible

Because of the size of the dancing classes, it will be impossible to select the one making the most advancement during Mrs. Collins' course. Inasmuch as many of you are interested in securing the Barnes Scholarship, it will be awarded in a dancing contest to be held during September. This will be open to all "Zollie's Gang" members.

Throughout the course, Mrs. Brad Collins did not lose one pupil.

Wandering Quartet Of "Gangsters" Back

Four of our wandering boys are home! Bill DeSouza, Roger Miller, Bob Yeager and Marion Draper, all well known to "Gang" members, have just returned from a summer's vacation in Marshfield. The vacation included playing in a band while in the southern city.

Bill, Roger and Bob will join up with the "Gang's" entertainers. Marion is not definite as to his plans. They all intend to enter Willamette in the fall.

Comes from Nevada On Business Trip

Silverton—Mrs. Nona Mount Kinney of Fallon, Nev., accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Guy Mount, of Oregon City, was in Silverton over the weekend attending to business affairs and visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Wolfard, and with Mrs. Helen M. Wrightman.

Mrs. Kinney is much improved in health. She was unable to make the trip to Silverton in May to attend the funeral services of her mother, Mrs. Rebekah Mount.

She returned to her home in Nevada the middle of the week but plans to establish her home in Oregon City.

AT ELK LAKE Aurora—Miss Martha Frances Braddt is spending the summer at Elk lake, occupying the Laura Barr cottage. Miss Braddt's grandmother, Mrs. William Knight of Canby, will spend several weeks with her.

Sport Slants

By Mandy

In the only ball game to be played last week, the undefeated Cardinals won from the Yanks by the score of 11-3. Prizes were numerous and the lucky winners were Bill Lacey, George Hochstetler, Albert Alley, Eugene Jarvis, Bill Kelso and Francis Douglas.

The prize that went to the outstanding player of the week was awarded to George Hochstetler, with a bat from Anderson's Sporting Goods store, as the gift.

Tomorrow winds up the "Zollie's Capital Journal Gang" softball league with the presentation of the trophy to the outstanding player of the league by Sheriff Burk, also the presentation of the watch to the captain of the championship team.

Other awards will be ribbons which will be presented to members of the winning team. So long. MENDY.

Scrapbook Clipped By Dorothy Clark

Best, Judges Find

One hundred and one scrapbooks of "Zollie's Capital Journal Gang" news were handed in last Saturday. Out of these Brad Collins, and wife, Jane, had to select the best and most complete book. Finally it narrowed down to eighteen, and from amongst these they selected Dorothy Clark, who lives at 545 Court street, as the member winning the wrist watch, awarded by Miller's Department store.

Honorable mention goes to Lucille Boehringer, 260 W. Wilson, Shirley McLeod, 148 E. Miller, Dora Blair, 173 S. Cottage, Iola Kutherford, 2104 Broadway, Alice Flagg, 1845 Berry, Vivian Lucas, 139 S. Liberty, Barbara Hathaway, 1140 Market, Carl Raetz, Rt. 6, Box 643, Alma Merk, Rt. 2, Box 84, Marybelle Yantis, 265 S. 21st, Dorothy Kaster, 445 Gerth, Patricia Sears, 1885 Saginaw, Gertrude Kuhn, 571 Gerth, Ernestine Loveland, 360 Strand, Arlene Odberg, 260 Strand, Jean Duval, 1148 Mill, and Barbara Colgan of Jefferson.

Get your scissors out and start clipping today, for the second part of the contest. Another wrist watch will be awarded, as well as your choice of a photograph of any enter-tainer of the "Gang." This next group must be handed in Saturday, October 31. Any "gang" member may start saving a scrapbook for the contest.

Miller's have a picture of Dorothy Clark in their window, and all the honorable mention books.

BEST KNOCK-KNOCKER Who's there? Knock, knock! It's Marylee McGuire, of 1905 Maple avenue, first prize winner of our recent contest of this "evil." She had 27 knockies written out for the competition.

PRIZE WINNERS Prize winners at last Saturday's matinee were Gertrude Kuhn, 571 Gerth Ave., West Salem, Betty Jean Wilson, 1229 S. Commercial street, and Leona Belle Wallace, 210 S. 23rd.

or Martin said today. DeJonge is serving seven years and Denny too, for violation of the criminal syndicalism law.

Most of the appeals came from members of an Oregon communist organization, the governor said.

Two Kansans are presidential nominees in the 1936 race—Governor Alf M. Landon, republican, and Earl Browder, communist.

Prize Winner



DOROTHY CLARK Who lives at 545 Court street, with the wrist watch presented to her by S. E. Keith of Miller's for having the best scrapbook of notes concerning the "Gang" clipped from the Capital Journal.

STATE COSTS GO UP \$400,000 BIENNUM

State requirements under the budget for the next biennium, covering supplies, materials and other commodities, will total \$400,000 more than the past two years, Dan Fry, state purchasing agent, estimated today.

Fry priced his estimate on steadily rising prices, which, he said, were already more than 10 per cent greater than two years ago.

As a result of the increasing commodity prices officials said it was doubtful if any important capital outlays would be recommended at the next legislature. Capital outlays include construction of new buildings and improvements to the existing state plants.

Spain's last royal ruler, Alfonso XIII, was born a king.

MANY PETITION FOR DIRK DEJONGE PARDON

Pleas urging the pardon of Dirk DeJonge, Portland, and Edward Denny, Eugene, from the state penitentiary, have come to the executive office by the hundreds. Govern-

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