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

Boy, Page Tammany!

Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama has devised a neat way to keep political control of his state in his own hands, or at least in the family, and to keep the path cleared of obstacles to his own reported ambition to be United States senator.

The governor, according to some eastern political observers, had been casting covetous eyes on the senatorial toga even before Senator Hugo L. Black was singled out by President Roosevelt for elevation to the federal supreme court.

When Black resigned to accept the bench appointment there may have been some quirk in the Alabama law which would have permitted Governor Graves to name himself to the vacancy. But nothing so crude as that for Bibb.

It was inconvenient, but unfortunately Alabama has a law permitting the governor to fill vacancies in the state's congressional delegation but also requiring that he shall call a special election within a reasonable time to elect a successor to fill out the remainder of the unexpired term.

With the prospect of having to answer to the people for his actions at such an early date, common sense dictated that the governor should not attempt to grab the plum for himself just now. Nor did political strategy commend the appointment of someone who might develop ideas and an ambition to be a candidate to succeed himself at the necessary special election. The situation was ticklish and pregnant with embarrassing possibilities.

Undaunted, Governor Graves exercised his ingenuity. He named friend wife—Mrs. Dixie Graves, a reputed politician of no mean ability herself—to the vacancy with the understanding that she is not to be a candidate to succeed herself, and set the special election for next April.

Unless the crudeness of the maneuver generates a backfire, Governor Bibb has the situation well in hand. For nearly eight months he will have the facilities of a seat in the senate and the office of governor at his command for campaign purposes. To all intents and purposes he will be an incumbent in the office he seeks as well as the head of his party's machine at home. While the stage is being set Senator Wife will be collecting her \$1000 a month from Uncle Sam.

Tammany Hall did overlook some of the fine points in politics.

Parade of Progress

For those who have never seen an egg fried in a few seconds on an electric stove so cold one can lay his hand on the cooking surface without suffering the least discomfort; who has never experienced the transformation of the human voice into dancing waves of light, or who has never observed a heavy steel rail bend under the weight of a man's finger the General Motors company "Parade of Progress," which comes to Salem tomorrow for two days will be a revelation.

While impressive in its magnitude as it travels about the country in a motor caravan two miles long, this "scientific circus" is interesting chiefly as a demonstration of what scientific research has accomplished in the space of a comparatively few years.

It demonstrates how electricity and other forms of energy have been and may be applied to practical purposes of everyday life.

Some of the exhibits illustrate how scientific discoveries have been put to practical economic use; others merely demonstrate the future possibilities of applied science. Altogether it is a convincing argument for the value and necessity of research.

The world has always been too much inclined to view science in any of its branches as a dull and dreary subject beyond the comprehension of the average. Those who attend the "Parade of Progress" may not understand all of the phenomena they will witness, but they can rest assured that they will not be bored by it. They may not be able to fully understand what "makes the wheels go round," but they will have no difficulty in seeing that they do go round.

By contrasting exhibits they will be shown just how far civilization has progressed through science since the turn of the century and be given an indication of what further progress lies ahead.

Strangely enough in this day of high pressure merchandizing, there is no catch to the "Parade of Progress"; no sales propaganda and no charge. It is just what it is proclaimed to be—a traveling exhibit of scientific accomplishment—and well worth seeing.

The Next Step

Through the generosity of a government forced into paternalistic spending by depressed economic conditions, Oregon is to have an adequate and artistic state building group and Salem the start of a beautiful civic center when the new capitol, the new library and the new postoffice are completed.

National adversity has brought to this community a large measure of prosperity through stimulated building activity at little expense to the state, county or city. It has also awakened an appreciation of utilitarian beauty in the physical adjuncts of economical government and has stimulated a sense of public pride and responsibility in keeping its own front yard clean.

Toward equipping state and federal agencies and departments in Salem with proper housing accommodations the government is contributing nearly two millions of dollars and the state an even greater amount. When those expenditures are completed Salem will have a beautifully designed and arranged and efficient group of public buildings, with the exception of an antiquated and architecturally hideous court house.

Community pride alone should be sufficient to bring about replacement of the old court house with a modern and artistic building designed for the purposes for which it is used, whether it be financed with the aid of a federal grant or at county expense alone.

MRS. HASLEBACKER BETTER Hazel Green—Mrs. Celia Haslebacker is recovering slowly from the effects of a nervous breakdown. She is now able to receive visitors at home during the summer.

ALL IN A LIFETIME

By BECK



The Fireside Pulpit

REV. E. S. HAMMOND

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. I Tim. 4:8.

A radio news commentator is quoted as saying recently, "The Christian maximums are all very well, but they will not do in this very practical world." Now isn't that "just too bad!"

Let us see... A few years ago some "practical" men in Europe insisted on turning every nation over there into an armed camp "for defense only," and a spark set off the powder magazine. The World War came, and cost directly and indirectly twenty million lives and untold billions of dollars. And no nation was better off after it was over! But this was "practical!"

While that war was going on our profiteers saw the chance to make fortunes selling supplies and munitions to the belligerents, for these profiteers were "practical." This dragged us into the war, led our government to lend billions of dollars to the allies. Those dollars have not been repaid and never will be. Some more "practicalness."

Following the war the profiteers continued their work of greed and ruthless competition, leading to the smash-up of 1929, and the "depression." All this was "practical."

Our "practical" men are disregarding the teachings of Jesus, and are managing industry and labor in their "practical" way. It has been recently stated that our department of labor has noted twenty-seven hundred strikes in seven months, costing many lives and uncounted millions or billions of dollars. All this is "practical."

An Oregon Editor Interviews Roosevelt

By Robert W. Ruhl in the Medford Mail Tribune

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13—The dominant note of President Roosevelt is still a smart alertness. He doesn't look as fit as when we last saw him,—it may be this unpeakable Washington climate, or the way things have been going politically or a combination of both. His color is not good, his eyes not as bright. But that alertness—one might term it almost a startled alertness is still there,—head in the air, chin high,—the winged victory,—sort of thing hasn't diminished in the slightest. Outwardly at least he is still the "Happy Warrior."

The president was very nice of course—he is nice to everyone.—and we passed a few pleasantries about the ancient past, and a few mutual friends in the Webfoot state, including one in Medford. But what struck us so forcibly was that mental alertness. A portly gentleman had preceded us, some foreign newspaper man spending a few days in Washington, and had engaged the president in some discussion of the Greek language. The president showed a keen interest, and talked for several minutes on technical linguistic problems which were entirely over the country editor's head. Then we came up,—and one might have excused the president for spending a few seconds in adjusting himself to such a different spectacle and environment,—a somewhat weather-beaten country editor from far off Oregon, whom he hadn't seen for 35 years and didn't know intimately then—but not at all. Presto change—Greece was out, Oregon was in—and that was that.

Perhaps this is an important factor in the well-known Roosevelt charm. But it isn't personal charm to which we refer. It is his remarkable memory, a genuine personal interest in people, and a superlatively alert and active mind. It must be a strain on his vital forces—this constant tension. We have an idea the president will never grow old, never slow up as

BEHIND HEADLINES

By H. E. Baukhage

(Copyright, 1937, by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.) Washington, Aug. 21—Last-minute action by congress on the deficiency appropriation bill may serve to suppress a paradoxical tale of the labor-capital-government triangle.

The bill carries supplemental and deficiency funds for the national labor relations board.

This same agency, target of attack from so many employers, has had a plaint against it that will never be part of the official record: An employer who wanted charges against him heard and couldn't get a hearing. And no less strange than this plea was the answer given for the board by one of its representatives:

"We can't give you a hearing because we're broke."

Under the supply measure, the board may be able to meet the cost of hearings on the charges against the manufacturer, as he has been asking.

This, in brief, is the story: A strike broke out in the plant of a large eastern manufacturer about three months ago. At first, it was a bootleg strike—that is, homemade.

Then the CIO stepped on the scene and took command of the situation.

But the head of the concern refused to deal with the cohorts of John Lewis. The strikers, therefore, exercising their prerogatives under the law, filed charges against the company with the national labor relations board.

It was an old tale gets a new twist. The employer felt that, if a fair hearing could be obtained, the NLRB would most certainly rule against the strikers. The regional director of the NLRB, therefore, was approached with a request for immediate hearings.

But the manufacturer was informed that, while the labor board would like to obligate him, it could not at this time because of lack of funds.

It seems that NLRB has it figured out that it costs about \$500 a charge to hold hearings, and in some cases as many as three or four charges have been filed against a single company.

Since the board was about broke, the employer was told the hearings would have to wait. While waiting his plant would remain closed.

Naturally, the deficiency bill, with its additional funds for NLRB, has been watched with more than passing interest by this particular employer.

STEP BY STEP On the wall of the chaste lobby of the new federal reserve building there is a bronze portrait in relief of Woodrow Wilson, "founder of the federal reserve system."

On the opposite wall there is a vacant space. If, perchance, some day the impish features of Carter Glass, who fought and bled for the "founders" measure, are ever enshrined there (as some feel they might well be), the keen eye of the Virginian will gaze on a congenial sight.

Beneath Woodrow Wilson's likeness are his words, which the senator could but applaud: "We shall deal with our economic system as it is and as it may be modified, not as it might be if we had a clean sheet of paper to write upon; and step by step we shall make it what it should be."

A JOURNALISTIC PROBLEM While government departments and agencies are going in for elaborate novelties in printing and illustrating official documents whenever they can get away with it, that most sedate and unadorned publication, The Federal Register, with its first year completed, shows a heavy increase in circulation and a decrease in expense. It turned back part of its appropriation to the treasury.

This small but important publication appears every day but Sunday, Monday and days following legal holidays. It contains executive orders and various governmental regulations only, but it boasts a circulation of 7,500 copies, one-third of it cash business.

The publication's only problem is news. Since the editors can't order contributions or write it for themselves, their supply is uncertain. What would happen if the deadline arrived with nothing to print? This question hasn't arisen yet, but since the law says nothing about such a contingency, Director Bernard R. Kennedy, under the act of congress, would have to go to press on the designated days, even if he had nothing to print but the title and masthead.

Of late, there has been material plenty, and plenty of people are willing to pay for the national ar-

NEW GLADIOLUS HELD CHAMPION

Grants Pass, Aug. 21 (AP)—A magnificent spike of Hermitage, favorite new salmon pink variety, displayed by D. S. Pruitt of Eugene, won the grand champion award as the Grants Pass gladiolus show entered its second day.

Exhibits by William F. Gix of Grants Pass garnered seven first places, three second awards, and three third places to total 37 points as sweepstakes winner. Mr. Pruitt won the sweepstakes last year with 13 first prizes.

A huge liberty bell of white gladiolus hung on a yoke of orchid and all suspended in an orchid arch won for G. A. Shaw and Sons of Grants Pass the majority of the 2,000 votes cast by visitors in the general exhibits. Claus Anderson depicted a rainbow in flowers, and Melvin Parker a pastel shell, for second and third prizes.

Judges in the hotly contested variety exhibits were Ralph J. Pommeret, Pacific, Wash.; Ralph J. Rooney, Portland, and W. H. Kingsley, Oakland, Calif.

The show will close tonight when Shirley Riebel, chosen Queen Gladiolus, and President H. G. Plummer of the Grants Pass Gladiolus society, sponsors, distribute the prize winning flowers.

NOVELTIES in the NEWS

(By the Associated Press) New Britain, Conn.—He who laughs last— The cops got their ha-ha when the fire alarm rang just after they sat down with the city's firemen for a banquet.

It was the firemen's turn, however, when they returned to demand that the cops find out who turned in a false alarm.

Bartlesville, Okla.—When H. L. Bridges, Oklahoma City salesman, turned down an offer by state highway patrolmen to help him fix a tire, he tossed away \$200.

As the patrol car left, two men in another automobile robbed him of \$200, he told officers.

Yellowstone Park, Wyo.—After rangers had to clean out Morning Glory pool at Yellowstone park twice, Edmund B. Rodgers, park superintendent, issued this warning: "Anyone toying anything into the pool to receive good luck will be invited to visit the United States commissioner. That may mean bad luck."

It wasn't so bad until someone got the idea to toss tax tokens into the pool would bring eternal good fortune.

Evanston, Ill.—Advised that one of his men was outtried by a robber in a two block chase, Chief of Police William O. Freeman ordered overweight policemen to "train down" at a gymnasium.

Thompson, Neb.—Farmer Charles Saddy's chickens went home to roost for the last time. A lightning bolt struck his poultry shed killing all of them—even 100.

Beatrice, Neb.—Bernie Rothenberger likes to talk football as well as the next fellow, and when he found a guest at a banquet who was interested—Bernie went the limit.

He told the guest in great detail how Nebraska beat Pittsburgh in 1921, describing each play.

After the banquet was over Bernie discovered the guest was Clarence Swanson, who caught the pass which enabled Nebraska to beat Pittsburgh that year.

Manila, P. I., Aug. 21 (AP)—At least one refugee from strife-torn Shanghai wants to leave Manila's earthquakes and go back to the unofficial wars. He is five-year-old Earl Condon, son of a navy man, who said he wanted to return to Shanghai and hear the guns roar.

"I like the war," he said when he arrived here today on the President Jefferson with 375 other refugees.

"I didn't like to leave because I liked to hear the guns roar. There were many airplanes in the air, all shooting."

"I want to go back."

James Riggs, Banker Of Grants Pass, Dies Grants Pass, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP)—James G. Riggs, president of the Gold Bond placers and one of the founders of what is now the local branch of the United States National bank of Portland, died in Portland Friday. His survivors include Mrs. Lillian Hagman and Mrs. Elmer B. Slinger of Klamath Falls, sisters.

Lebanon—Mrs. George Ross entertained members of the Berean society of the Church of Christ at chives, which prints the Federal Register, \$10 a year for it.

Soprano to Be Presented In Concert

Miss Bernice Rickman, soprano, arrived in the capital Thursday after an extended stay in Chicago, where she won plaudits for her splendid voice. Salem music lovers are happy to learn that Miss Rickman will present a concert here during her visit.

The program will be given at Waller hall the night of August 24 and Miss Clara Enness, brilliant pianist, will be the accompanist. The program, which will start at 8:30 o'clock, has been announced as follows:

Oh Sleep, Why Dost Thou Leave Me? Handel On Mighty Pans "The Creation" Haydn

Botschaft Brahms Marietta's Lied "Die Tote Stadt" Korosko Zerkow Struss

Qu'la voce sua soave—Act 3 "I Puritani" Bellini

Vaghissima serniana Ponsard Bonheur Suzon "The Creation" Handel L'Heure Silencieuse Struss Les filles de Cadix Delibes

Homing Beautiful Air Thou, My Love At the Will "The Marriage of Figaro" Mozart

Lebanon—Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Newport were dinner hosts on Wednesday evening honoring E. L. Clark on his birthday anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. James O'Hara who are planning to leave Lebanon early in September to make their home in Florida. Covers were placed for eight.

Two tables of cards were in play following dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clark receiving honors.

Included in the guest list were Mr. and Mrs. Denzie Cormier, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark and daughter, Flora Jean, and Mr. and Mrs. James O'Hara.

Lebanon—One of the largest of the week's social events was the tea honoring several members of the Methodist Ladies Aid whose birthday anniversaries are celebrated during the month of August. The affair was held in the garden at the L. E. Arnold home on Fifth Second street. More than fifty matrons called during the afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Bruce, 95, was the honoree on the occasion and her daughter, Mrs. William Ellis, was also among the eight who received corsages of sweet peas and special compliments on the occasion. Mrs. Ed Calahan, Mrs. Ross Whimery, Miss May Belle Martin, Mrs. W. C. Skelton, Mrs. A. I. Crandall and Mrs. George Frittsinger, who is visiting here from her Texas home, completed the honor list of those who were specially honored.

During the tea hour the hostess committee, consisting of Mrs. Thad Sterlin, Mrs. Frank Sikes, Mrs. Kenneth Elchner, Sr., Mrs. C. M. Pearson and Mrs. A. M. Sutter, served. Mrs. Dennis Cormier and Mrs. L. E. Arnold greeted the guests at their arrival.

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CONCERT BERNICE RICKMAN, Soprano Clara Enness, Accompanist

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