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### Filling the Chest

Salem, with an estimated population of 30,000 persons, is just now engaged in the task of filling its first community chest, \$45,000 having been fixed as the amount required to carry the participating charitable and service organizations through the coming year.

Forty five thousand dollars sounds like and is a lot of money. But considered from the standpoint of service rendered and ability of the regularly employed benefiting public to pay is remarkably reasonable when compared to expenditures made for like purposes by many other cities—amounting as it does to only \$1.50 per capita.

Of course the contribution of the average family head or self-supporting individual required to fill the chest will be considerably in excess of \$1.50.

Figuring the regularly employed men and women in the city at 7500, a conservative estimate, the donation needed from each would be six dollars, which is probably a little higher than the average daily earnings of these individuals. Not so much, however, as to make the deficiency in funds collected from those in the lower wage brackets burdensome upon those receiving higher salaries.

The suggested plan of asking all regularly employed citizens to contribute the equivalent of one day's earnings each year towards filling the community chest commends itself as being a reasonable and equitable means of distributing the burden of financing these worthy extra-governmental services. Some will naturally give more and some less—something. But your voluntary cooperation will help Salem meet a recognized responsibility.

One day's pay will drive a lot of misery away.

### Cannot Live It Down

Public revulsion over the appointment by President Roosevelt of Hugo L. Black of Alabama, who holds a life membership in the Ku Klux Klan to the United States supreme court bench ought to be a warning to those aspiring to political office to keep out of such movements, despite the temporary advancement thereby secured. Either Mr. Black was insincere and joined from expediency and took the secret oath of allegiance to the "Invisible Empire" with its program of bigotry to secure his election to the senate, or was sincere in his intolerance and a bigot. In either case he proved his unfitness for judicial office.

The Ku Klux Klan, like the "Know-Nothings," of the 50's, of the "A.P.A.'s" of the 90's, was the recrudescence of the religious and racial intolerance that seems latent in humanity and flares up every generation or two, to be exploited by racketeers, grafters and politicians as well as fanatics. But when disillusion follows and the wave of hysteria subsides, and common sense returns, the people will have none of such. The mere fact of membership in such fanatical organizations is enough to damn future aspirations of the politicians and he cannot live it down.

Many politicians tend to be ruled by expediency instead of principle and in search of public office will join anything and promise anything to secure group support, no matter how wild-eyed. The people tend to forget or overlook most of these campaign pledges but not those proscribing religion or race. They rise to plague the future like Banquo's ghost.

In the past 20 years we have seen Oregon politicians flocking from one so-called popular issue to another, using each issue in turn as an instrument to ride into public office. Prohibition, the Ku Klux Klan, Free Power, Townsland pensions, and other utopian schemes followed in turn. If it's popular, the politicians are usually for it and the demagogues always. But there is always a public reaction that frequently sweeps into oblivion.

### Spread of Sales Taxes

The current issue of Business Week has on its cover a photograph by Ripley of a collection of "tokens" or "molecule money" used in collecting sales taxes in the various states. It looks like a collection of Chinese coins, most of them hole punched in the center. Those of Missouri are the size of a silver dollar, those of other states the size of a half or quarter dollar, those of other states the size of a nickel. Most are round though some square. They represent all denomination of mills, from 1 to 5 and their fractions, according to tax levied.

Believe it or not in 1933 only five states had sales taxes, now there are 22, eleven of which use tokens. The sales tax was an emergency measure to help balance depression budgets, but like the relief rolls, begins to look permanent, as 1937 legislatures placed new sales tax laws in Alabama and Kansas, renewed them in seven other states, five for an indefinite period, and South Dakota raised the ante from 2 to 3 percent. Idaho only followed the earlier example of Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania and abolished the sales tax. The voters of Maine last month rejected a proposed levy by sustaining a referendum.

In addition to the 22 states with sales taxes of two or three percent, Florida and Minnesota have small gross receipt levies as part of their chain tax laws and Louisiana a retail sales tax on luxuries and services.

West Virginia passed the first sales tax in 1921. It has been such a revenue producer that other states have followed. They have proved the most important source of revenue in the states that have them, yielding \$336,465,000 or 32.2 percent of total income. California derives the most revenue, more than \$73,000,000, averaging \$45 a family—although much of it comes from tourists.

To prevent loss of revenue by imports from adjoining states not subject to sales tax, seven states have used or compensating levies on imported goods. To make matters worse, a number of cities have also imposed sales taxes on top of state levies. The consumer pays the bill.

### Hooker Has Visit With 'Georgia Peach'

Dallas, Ore.—Sheriff T. B. Hooker and his family were back Monday from the Pendleton Round-up and Hooker reports a highly enjoyable time. One of the highlights of his

visit this year was his meeting with Ty Cobb, well known former big league baseball player, who was a round-up visitor. The "Georgia Peach" was reported to have been enjoying himself immensely and to be seeing more horses at one time than he had ever seen before.

## A Dog's Life

By Beck



## Roosevelt to Leave Wednesday for West

Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt will start tomorrow on one of his most energetic cross-country conference and speaking trips since he took office. In the short space of two weeks, he will make a score or more appearances in eight northwestern and middle western states, leave American shores for a brief visit by destroyer to British Columbia, inspect many federal projects, and deliver at least one "major" speech, at Bonnevile dam, near Portland, Oregon.

His first rear platform talk, under a tentative itinerary announced yesterday at the summer White House, will be made Friday morning at Cheyenne, Wyoming, home town of Senator O'Mahoney (D. Wyo.), an anti-court bill leader who penciled the opposition surrender terms when the administration finally gave in on the supreme court increase plan.

He also will visit the home state of Senator Wheeler (D. Mont.), another court bill opposition chief, and Boise, Idaho, home city of Senator Borah, republican foe of the bill that was returned to the judiciary committee after the death of Majority Leader Robinson.

Enroute to Seattle and back he will stop in Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Illinois.

Secretary Marvin H. McIntyre said there would be only one formal address of the "major" type—at Bonnevile dam next Tuesday morning. Other talks would be extemporaneous, he said.

He added that senators and possibly some state and local party leaders would board the train for conferences during the 6000-mile swing, which the president has described as one to be devoted more to listening than talking, and to afford him an opportunity to see for himself some of the largest federal navigation, power and flood control projects.

The journey, to be made in a ten-car special train, with about 60 persons aboard, including a score of newspapermen, will end the morning of October 6 at Washington.

Enroute to Seattle, where he will arrive next Tuesday night to spend two nights and a day at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger, the president will travel the central route. He will return by the northern.

## Philomath Man Shot For Deer

Corvallis, Sept. 21 (AP)—Frank Prindle, Philomath, was shot through the knee yesterday by a three-one dead and two wounded—Oregon's deer hunting casualties on the opening day of the season.

High on the north slope of Mt. Hood, Otto Smith, 33, of the little community of Mount Hood, died with a bullet hole in his chest, the result, Sheriff John Sheldrake reported, of a shot from the rifle of his companion, Al Draper.

In the Blue mountains near Austin ranger station, Charles Gracy of Harper was shot in the head while hunting with six companions. The bullet entered at the eye and came out of an ear.

His condition is critical. Prindle was shot accidentally when Forest Smith, with whom he was hunting, fell and discharged his rifle. Corvallis authorities said an operation was performed here which doctors said probably would save the knee from permanent injury.

## Hastings Entertain Friends at Dinner

Independence—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDaniels accompanied by Whitney Hastings and son, Whitney, Jr., all of Portland, were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hedges Sunday. They all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hastings at noon in Aldrie. Mrs. Hedges is a sister of Mrs. McDaniels and aunt of the Hastings, also a sister of Sam Hastings.

Whitney Hastings, Jr., was admitted to the bar this summer being one of the successful members of the class of 32 to take the bar examination. He expects to take another year's work at Reed college before entering the practice of law.

## News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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Mr. R's political-fishing trip out west may or may not measure up to his former campaign catches. Some who have feined sentiments in those districts lately have an idea the president may find the run smaller than usual.

A man whose business has kept him on the road in the farm belt for the past three months (and his viewpoint checks with other available non-political agents), believes the leader will find the situation like this:

His hold on the western people, particularly the farmers, is still strong, but weakening. He would undoubtedly carry the west today but not with anything like the majorities of last November.

The mental attitude of the business man makes business. His optimism or pessimism determines what he buys, how many people he hires, how much expansion or contraction he plans.

Another non-political traveler, just returned from 40,000 miles of criss-cross flying throughout the west and south, contacting business men, has discovered the business man is thinking about three things, and only three things, in the following order:

- 1. Taxes. 2. Increased costs of raw materials. 3. Labor.

The list is most significant to Mr. Roosevelt for what it does not contain. Omitted is war, the supreme court or politics.

The political-fishing nature of the trip makes it all-important to everyone. The President is believed to be bent on finding out if he can catch sufficient enthusiasm for his defeated congressional program to warrant calling an extra session of congress.

Of course, this is general deduction. His personal purpose is locked in his mind, which has not been unusually communicative lately. Yet nearly everyone in Washington credits him with that intention.

The trouble with this method is that crowds do not accurately express popular opinion. Nor do the political files which usually swarm about presidential trains, looking for patronage honey and photographs to snap their pictures in the limelight.

For instance, on Mr. R's trip to Texas last summer, he saw the wrong people and came back with some enthusiastic ideas which did not pan out. Also, if the sage farmer's wife from Waterville, Kansas, comes down to meet the train and applauds the president, it may not necessarily mean she is for the Wagner hour law or Justice Black.

Few presidents have been able to see through the delusions which always hover over presidential trains, better than Mr. Roosevelt, but it is almost impossible for any president to get the whole truth.

The Wagner housing administrators are having a hectic time inside, trying to get started. No roses will bloom around those model homes for a long time. PWA officials are making an honest effort but something has happened to the cooperative enthusiasm of governors and mayors. The answer:

When Washington officials had free money to give away, the governors and mayors broke all records to get some of it. Now that they have to put up part of the cash, none has had an airplane to the capital.

It just shows Santa Claus would not be the man he is today, if he had tried to collect contributions from his beneficiaries.

So far 21 states have passed legislation necessary to proceed with housing projects. Three have legislation to permit buildings in one city. Detroit in Michigan, Milwaukee in Wisconsin and San Antonio in Texas. Tax exemption provisions have to be met by seven and the rest still have action to take.

One of the new deal's biggest failures, administratively, may never be known outside, that is, officially. Mr. Roosevelt is trying to do his own house-cleaning quietly on it, before congressional charwomen get into difficulties of the federal communications commission.

This is why Frank McNinch was recently transferred from power to communications. He is considered one of the hardest-boiled, most efficient administrators in the new deal. (Hoover appointed him as a reward for bolting the North Carolina democratic ticket because of Al Smith.) McNinch is known as a nickel-hugger. He made the power commission work with minimum personnel. In fact, he made the power companies pay part of his expenses for regulating them.

He is only on leave from his power post, but it will be a long leave. Jobs are always after Joe Kennedy, but he is not after any. The story that he will take Treasury Secretary Morgenthau's place is imaginative. He is telling one and all privately that when (if ever) he gets the maritime commission on his feet, Mr. Roosevelt will not be able to talk him into anything again.

## League Invites China and Japan To Participate

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ressor nation in the far eastern conflict. Similar invitations were extended Germany and Australia—the latter presumably because of her vital interest in matters affecting the Pacific.

An American representative, Leland Harrison, minister to Switzerland, took part in the committee's opening session which determined to enlarge its scope to include those most concerned in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

## Legion Stages Finest Parade In Its History

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streets, filling the countless windows of the tall buildings. They were happy to watch for hours, for the police officials, putting 5,971 men along the line of march to keep order, estimated the vast body of legionnaires would be moving uptown for eighteen hours.

Headed by a detachment of 75 New York City motorcycle policemen, all members of the Legion, the men started up Fifth avenue, marching sixteen abreast, eyes bright with joy, shoulders straight, proud of bearing.

Up the street they moved past the Empire State building, the public library with its glowering lions, past 42nd street and the long range of steel and masonry that is part of the city, past the miracle of Radio City and St. Patrick's cathedral and St. Thomas' church—past the equestrian statue of General W. T. Sherman, who had called war "hell," past Central park with the bands filling the canyon with sound and with storms of shredded paper floating downwards.

The head of the parade—the combined Legion posts of the New York city police department, Grand Marshal Ray Murphy of Iowa and his staff, and the honorary grand marshals and staffs and detachments of the United States army, navy and marines, reached the reviewing stand at 59th street about half an hour after the parade started.

National Commander Harry W. Colmery, eyes red from sleepless hours, had been in the stand for close to an hour. He looked about him to see thousands of men, women and children, jammed on the sidewalks as far as the eye could see.

He was joined by Major General James Harbord, retired. Also in the stand were Overton H. Meniett, of Los Angeles, commander-in-chief of the G.A.R.; Bernard W. Tierney, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Alfred J. Kennedy, recently elected commander-in-chief of the Spanish war veterans, as well as Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Nolan, retired, and Maj. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, commandant of the second corps army area, Governor's Island.

They watched together as the tangard swung up the street. Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, a wartime major of aviation, and Governor Herbert H. Lehman, a wartime colonel, marched smartly with Major General William N. Haskell, commander of the 27th division, New York national guard.

That part of New York was virtually isolated from the rest. The subways, elevated lines and buses had been carrying spectators since early morning, and as the first hour of the parade passed the throngs became denser and Fifth avenue well-nigh impassable.

The Beaver state of Oregon, which furnished veterans for the 41st and 91st divisions, showed up bravely. U. S. Senator Fred Steiwer of Oregon was a visitor with his state's delegation.

Colmery was joined in the reviewing stand by his father, Albert Colmery, and his son, Harry, Jr. The sun had begun to shine up in the blue dome above the skyscrapers, the tramping feet that had marched so many long, weary miles in fighting kit in an alien land, still could be heard and seen.

Here and there tired onlookers detached themselves forcibly from the great body of spectators, but the mass never thinned. On the contrary, it always seemed thicker. The enthusiasm for the marching units did not wane, but waxed.

Mayor LaGuardia, eyes bright with pride, was calling it the greatest parade in world's history, and still there were hundreds of bands to come, thousands of more men to march at the head of the Wyoming contingent, wearing cowboy chaps and ten-gallon hats. Prancing horses, ridden by cowboys and cowgirls more colorful than those of any magazine cover, clattered along the avenue.

The crowds roared. New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—All is calm and peaceful on the surface of

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ed lightning struck a tree, followed a fuel oil pipe under his house and started a fire. Dr. Johnson put out the blaze before firemen arrived.

Seattle, Wash.—While Mrs. Adolph Watson was fishing near here, a 15-pound silver salmon leaped into her boat and was captured. The fish left a two-inch gash in Mrs. Watson's cheek.

Lincoln, Neb.—Chancellor E. A. Burnett of the University of Nebraska is sorry, but the education business, like the show business, must go on. He revealed that two unidentified students wired him from Estes Park, Colo. "Hold the opening of school. Spender and Baling cannot arrive by the sixteenth."

American toilet scope may be introduced into Trinidad.

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## Brothers Held For Murder of Gen. Denhardt

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to by County Attorney Coleman Wright, who said arraignment before County Judge H. F. Walters, was deferred until Friday to allow Rodes K. Myers, chief of Denhardt's counsel, time to return the general's body to Bowling Green, Ky.

The warrants were served on the Garr brothers in the Shelby county jail by Sheriff Forrest Barnes. Wright said the grand jury would convene October 4. What action the commonwealth will take against the Garrs rests with the grand jury. Major crimes are prosecuted only on indictments in Kentucky.

Attorney General Hubert S. Meredith said state policemen were sent to Shelbyville last night on request of Myers but that he could not take charge of the case. "I will render any assistance to the commonwealth's attorney that he asks for," Meredith said. "The last legislature defeated a bill designed to put the attorney general in charge of such cases. So clearly, I have no right to take charge."

Three men stepped from an automobile on the main street here last night as Denhardt and Myers started back to a hotel after conferring over final details of the trial scheduled today.

"There are the Garr brothers," Myers said he warned Denhardt. "The latter ran toward the hotel only to crumple in its entrance with bullets through his head and heart. Myers fled in another direction and came back with hands above his head, to beg that he be spared.

"You are the — who killed my sister and I'm going to kill you," Myers said Roy Garr shouted as the bullets flew.

"You are the — who defended the — who killed my sister," Myers declared Roy shouted at him. "I put my hands up and pleaded with him," the attorney said.

"Don't shoot the lawyer," Myers said Dr. Garr cried.

Denhardt died without uttering a word. A crowd gathered and Patrolman Jephtha Tracey came running up. Tracey said the three brothers gave up their pistols and surrendered quietly to him and that Roy said, "I did it."

At his first trial the jury disagreed and Denhardt's \$25,000 bond was renewed. He declared Mrs. Taylor committed suicide because of the threats of a jealous suitor. The commonwealth contended Denhardt killed her last November 6 because she yielded to her family's objections and had declined to marry him.

## Gerking Machine Threshes Silver

Bend, Sept. 21 (AP)—A clover threshing crew at the W. R. Gerking ranch here goggled when silver coins started tumbling through huller screens. Gerking said the crew threshed \$3.35, believed to be from a purse lost in the field last spring.

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