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## What the Founders Thought

What the writers of the Constitution, and founders of our government thought of presidential interference in Congressional or state elections for executive dominance is clearly set forth in their writings. They regarded it as an unwarranted interference with the rights of the people and the powers of the states.

George Washington's opinion of this presidential usurpation is set forth in a letter he wrote Sept. 26, 1792, shortly before he was unanimously for the second time elected president, to John Francis Mercer, a candidate for re-election to congress. Friends had implied that the executive was favorable to Mercer's election. The president wrote:

There had been the most scrupulous and pointed caution observed on my part, not to express a sentiment respecting the fitness or unfitness of any candidate for representative that could be construed, by the most violent torture of the words, into an interference in favor of one, or to the prejudice of another. Conceiving that the exercise of an influence (if I really possess any) however remote would be improper; as the people ought to be entirely at liberty to choose whom they pleased to represent them in congress. Having pursued this line of conduct steadily, my surprise and consequent declaration can be a matter of no wonder. Such a measure would have been incompatible with the rule I had prescribed to myself, and which I had invariably observed, of not interfering directly or indirectly, with the suffrages of the people, in the choice of their representatives...

Thomas Jefferson, when secretary of state, wrote to President Washington, in 1792, as follows:

When I embarked in the government, it was with a determination to intermeddle not at all with the legislature. . . . As I never had the desire to influence the members (of Congress), so neither had I any other means than my friendships, which I value too highly to risk by usurpation on their freedom of judgment, and the conscientious pursuit of their own sense of duty.

Jefferson feared that "if ever this government is brought under a single government, it will be one of the most extensive corruption" and as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated."

Alexander Hamilton's views were expressed in the Federalist papers, which also represented the views of James Madison, and were written to urge the adoption of the Constitution. The Federalist papers said on the matter of one man or one party government:

The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny.

These however are the objectives of President Roosevelt's "purge" of the democratic party to secure a congress of "yes-men," and as the Atlantic Constitution says "turn the United States senate into a gathering of 96 Charlie McCarthy's with himself as the sole Edgar Bergen to pull the strings and supply the vocalisms."

## Climax of the War on Goons

The conviction and sentencing to 12 years in state prison of Al Rosser, former secretary of the Portland teamsters' union for arson in connection with the \$130,000 burning of the West Salem box factory November 20, 1937, marks the climax, up to the present, of the war against labor racketeers inaugurated last February by Governor Martin. Rosser was the higher-up in Oregon who authorized and financed the campaign of terrorism.

The prosecution has been most efficient and proves that the governor made no mistake in appointing Ralph E. Moody as coordinator to assist district attorneys in the clean-up. Mr. Moody has established himself as the ablest prosecutor in Oregon and the Dallas cases had able assistance from District Attorney Bruce Spaulding and special prosecutor Oscar Hayter. The defense was represented by able counsel supplied by Dave Beck, of Seattle, czar of the teamsters' union in western states.

As a result of the goon prosecutions, over 40 men have been convicted or pleaded guilty and are serving jail or prison sentences, from an assortment of crimes ranging from assaults to plots of arson and bombing. A few yet remain to be dealt with. Over 250 acts of violence were committed in over a two years' period, in the effort to terrorize employers, employes and rival unions.

The outrages were committed by but a fraction of the union members. Only a few of 118 unions figured in the violence—the teamsters, masters, mates and pilots, two dry-cleaner groups, grocery clerks, barbers and auto workers. The rank and file of the unions have repudiated such terrorism and removed guilty officials, but there has been no repudiation from the officials of the state federation of labor and labor leaders.

## Should be On the Ballot

The fact that the PWA officials in Washington have rescinded the \$226,000 grant allotted for a new courthouse in Marion county, because the county court asked the extension of time of two weeks so that the voters would have a chance to vote on the question of authorizing the expenditure at the general election instead of a special election, should not prevent the county court from going ahead and placing the proposal on the ballot.

While the money now appropriated may have been exhausted, under the adopted policy of the Roosevelt administration, there will be other similar appropriations later. The PWA is building-up a "back-log" for this purpose and log-rolling will insure it—so the county may as well be prepared to take advantage of it in advance.

Another general election is coming on and another pump-priming bill is in the offing to insure party success in 1940. The loan-spending-borrowing plan for recovery is an established and settled policy of the New Deal and is likely to be continued indefinitely. They "planned it that way."

The county badly needs a new courthouse and if we don't want to wait for the Great White Father as Santa Claus to help pay for it, we should build it ourselves—which is the traditional American way. The county is out of debt and it can easily be financed either by a special annual levy or by a bond issue. At any rate the proposal should be submitted to the people for authorization at the November election. To do it speedy action is necessary. Otherwise we will have the expense of a special election.



## The Fireside Pulpit

By REV. E. S. HAMMOND

The memory of the just is blessed. Prov. 10:7

Recently I received word that my college chum and roommate had passed away. He was the most intimate friend I ever had, and I have often said he was the best man I ever knew. We met first at college in the fall of '28, so our acquaintance covered almost fifty years.

He was unusually fine looking, very sociable and popular, and full of fun. I visited him some years ago, and his wife said she had not heard him laugh so much for years as he did while we were recalling our school experiences.

He was intensely religious, and his religion was of the wholesome kind, which made him attractive. He was pure in mind and heart. In all our intimacy I never knew him to tell an off-color story. But no one I ever knew enjoyed a really humorous story better than he.

In the summer of '91 we worked together in southeastern Massachusetts. We were seeking to make enough money to return to school. I vividly recall one evening when we sat together on an old wharf, and looked out over Buzzard's Bay. A full moon was shining and the reflection of the moonlight with the scattering fleecy clouds upon the gently undulating surface of the water, made a most entrancing picture. As we sat there we talked of our life plans. We were both to be missionaries, he in Africa, while I was planning for Korea. As it turned out, neither of us was privileged to leave our native country.

When he graduated he was offered the position of city missionary in Allegheny City, Penn. "Dark-est Africa" might have been a harder field, but I doubt it. When I visited him some years ago he took me over to the scene of those early labors. There was the cheap hall he rented, where he began his ministry with two people inside and a crowd of mocking roughs outside. There was the cheap two or three room apartment where he took his bride. There were the saloons of that waterfront town, and scattered all through the locality were the "red light" houses. Here for years he worked. He had a Sunday school for the children and many adults of both sexes were reclaimed and permanently restored to God and righteousness.

He did not become rich, nor is his name in Who's Who. But his name is written in "The Lamb's Book of Life," and that is better. In Pilgrim's Progress Bunyan describes the crossing of Mt. Honest. The good man said to his friends when his summons came, "I am going to my Father. My courage and skill I leave to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who will now be my rewarder." And Bunyan adds, "So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

I know the trumpets sounded over there when George, my friend, crossed over.

## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Hop picking is now getting far enough along so it started a small rain this a. m. but inasmuch as the only hops now being picked are fuglees and the smallest part of the crop the rain acted accordingly and didn't amount to much.

But, let us note here, that C. T. Brixey, the well known nurseryman, predicted to us at least two weeks ago that the first rain would fall on August 12. We don't know on what he based his calculations but we do know the first sprinkle hit the windshield of our car at 6:50 a. m., August 13—same being today. This throws the Brixey prediction nearly seven hours off. He should be a bit more careful in the matter of the accuracy of his predictions because if somebody was depending on same seven hours might make a lotta difference. But a seven hour error on a two weeks' long shot isn't bad, we'd admit.

The March of Time radio program last night made quite a to-do

## Novelties In the News

(By Associated Press)

**Close Race**  
Fayette, Mo.—Lewis Thompson, who received only two votes in a recent election, is a justice of the peace in Burton county—by a process of elimination.

Two justices were to be named. Joe Mason, with 188 votes, got one place and the other went to Thompson. Two other candidates got one vote each.

**Remedy**  
Pittsburgh—Mary Speahok, comely young barmaid, thinks more of her number in the nation's taprooms would reduce over-indulgence.

"When a girl is behind the bar," she said, "the men are more careful of their conduct and they're not so likely to take too much."

"Bouncing" objectionable patrons is just a matter of endurance with her. "I simply ignore them and finally they get tired and leave."

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

Washington, Aug. 13—Anyone who thinks 2 plus 2 may not occasionally equal 3 is just too stupid to appreciate the relentless energy of Mr. Wallace's corn mathematicians.

It was a hard pull. The agricultural secretary's figures had to use a special adding machine and bent pencils. In one instance they had to put blindfolds on to keep from the new farm law. But they did it, and none but a republican will ever arise to say it was not worth while.

## Referendum Dodged

In truth, some here are saying Mr. Wallace thereby has saved Democracy. He certainly saved the democrats running for congress in the corn belt. For, if he had let the figures alone, the law would have required him to hold a referendum among corn farmers for restriction quotas, and as everyone knows the corn farmers have been shown in all the sample polls to be dead set against restriction. Such a political calamity could easily have meant wholesale laughter of administration candidates in the corn belt.

Mr. Wallace is not a democratic politician as he has frequently announced. In fact he was once not a republican politician in Iowa, before he learned how to add better. But there are times when a government official must rise above not being a politician. No one ever rose higher or faster.

## Mayhem on Normal

The trick was accomplished first by committing a little rough mayhem on the word "normal." It may safely be said that as a result "normal" will never be the same again. The new farm law required the secretary to order a corn vote for a restriction program whenever the corn supply exceeded a "normal" year's domestic supply. This year's corn crop has been annoyingly good, good enough to require a referendum under any means of possible calculation except the one used this week.

The law says a "normal" corn supply is the last ten years' average of consumption and exports, plus 17 percent for carry-over and reserve. Last March, Mr. Wallace's AAA figured "normal" to be 273 million bushels, but by July it became obvious the crop was going to be higher than expected. A referendum would have to be ordered for about September 15, just 75 days before election, unless something was done. Something was. Mr. Wallace's dauntless figures went to work on "normal" and got her up to 2,882,000 bushels.

## Calculating Magic

But Ceres still pursued them. Corn grew faster than the figures could change "normal," but only for a time. There really was no more doubt about the final outcome than in the ordinary melodrama. The villain didn't really have a chance with Mr. Wallace's figures.

The figurers, taking a final deep breath, blew "normal" up to 2913 million bushels last Wednesday. Just after the corn crop report came out. Even at that they saved democracy by only 27 million bushels. That may not be many bushels to other little plebes, but it will certainly suffice for the congressional candidates.

With obvious relief, Mr. Wallace announced there would be no referendum. Some who heard him thought he said he had managed "to escape" a referendum, but others present thought that while this was obviously what he did, it was not what he said.

## Most Illegal

The tricks used by the figurers, betrayed their purpose as completely as a confession. The last hoist they made in "normal" was the hardest—and the most illegal.

After pushing every other consideration up as high as they could squeeze the law into allowing, they were still short of their needed figure. So they decided to start in at the beginning again and recompute—doubt it at your own hazard—the average production of corn for the last ten years. They found that in two of the years, 1934 and 1936, there had been droughts. So they figured what corn production should have been in those two years instead of what it was.

Apparently their only accurate calculation in the whole business was that congress would say nothing about this at the next session, particularly if the democratic incumbents were thereby re-elected.

Carry-over but slightly less ethical was the alteration of another consideration—the amount of the carry-over. The bureau of agricultural economics estimated a week earlier that the carry-over would run between 330 and 400 million bushels, probably near 350 millions. This bureau would not change figures for Wallace, congressional candidates or even for Roosevelt—well, anyway not for Wallace or congressmen. This bureau merely adds them up and puts them out.

But when the Wallace figures came out, the B.A.E. estimate had been shavered to 320 million bushels, which difference is a good many bushels when you consider that even so they only saved democracy by 27 millions. Amazed and amused.



Much local interest is being shown in the plans for the United Spanish War Veterans and auxiliary national encampment in Portland, September 11-15. In Portland recently to make plans for the session were: From left seated, Elsie McClung, Salem, chapter president; Irene Campbell, past state president; Margaret Rodgers, Roseburg, state president; Ruth Brant, chaplain, and Jane Monroe, state vice-president. Standing—Lolo Skelly, reporter, and Gertrude Wilson, Salem.

## Miss Walton Honored at Gay Parties

Miss Lulu R. Walton, bride-elect of George W. Quick of Washington, D. C., was honored with a beautifully arranged dinner at the Woodburn hotel Thursday evening when Miss Grace E. Gilliam entertained. Summer flowers in brilliant colors centered the attractive table.

Following the dinner hour Mrs. J. O. Russell played a group of original piano numbers and Richard D. Barton sang. Miss Walton read one of her poems.

Making up the guest list were Miss Walton, the honored guest, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Russell, Miss Julia Webster, Miss Alma Poble, Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Barton and the hostess, Miss Grace E. Gilliam.

Miss Walton, whose marriage will be an event of August 28, was honored with a linen shower and tea this afternoon by Mrs. J. E. Sturgeon at her home in Corvallis. Mrs. Richard D. Barton accompanied Miss Walton to Corvallis.

## Weddings Set For September

Lebanon—At least two weddings are planned for September it has been known with Miss Ila Burrell setting September 7 as the date of her marriage to Floyd Sliger of Seaside and Miss Donna Dillard announcing that her marriage to Donald Pearson will be solemnized during the latter part of the month.

The Burrell-Sliger wedding will be held in the Presbyterian church and the bride-to-be has chosen Miss Lucille Weeks and Mrs. John Saager as her attendants.

Both Miss Dillard and Miss Burrell are popular members of the younger set and extensive plans are being made for parties in their honor before their weddings.

## Al Fresco Dinner In Dalton Gardens

Dallas—The women of the Oak Knoll Golf club entertained their husbands with an al fresco dinner in the gardens of the Maurice Dalton residence Wednesday evening. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stinnette, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Fulgham, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Inglis, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. John Voth, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waite, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Cruson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bossatti, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bales, Mrs. Otella Mardis, Mrs. J. C. Tracy, Mrs. Harold Holmes, R. O. Johnson of Portland and Bruce Spaulding.

## Dinner Dance For Younger Set

Silverton—A group of the very younger set of Silverton were entertained in a delightful dancing and dinner party at the Country club house Thursday night with Mrs. R. B. Duncan and Mrs. Earl Adams as sponsors and hostesses. The fireplace room and reception hall were lovely in tall baskets of mid-summer flowers and greenery and were candle lit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Amos Vass returned from a trip with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lewis of Lyons. They were at Clear lake and Becknap springs. While at the springs they attended a picnic at Lost Creek ranch. They then motored to Bend, returning by way of Redmond and Suttle lake over the North Santiam highway.

## Eugenia Henshorn Is Feted Guest

Mr. Angel—Miss Eugenia Henshorn, bride-elect of Frank J. Pavlek, was surprised at a kitchen shower given in her honor Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Henry Zollner.

Games were enjoyed during the evening after which a supper was served by the hostesses, who included Mrs. Henry Zollner, Miss Adela Zollner, Mrs. Andrew Lelek, Mrs. Werner Henshorn, Miss Gertrude Wampole and Mrs. Ambrose Ebner. Miss Mary Louise LeDoux won the prize for games.

Guests bidden were Mrs. A. Pavlek and Miss Dorothy Dental of Woodburn, Miss Mildred Guda, Miss Agnes Duda, Miss Grace Kruse, Miss Margaret Welton, Mrs. Albin Bean, Mrs. Louis Schwab, Mrs. Joseph Pickett, Miss Mary Louise LeDoux, Miss Helen Kronberg and Miss Roselyn Kronberg.

The wedding will be an event of Tuesday morning and will take place in St. Mary's Catholic church at 8:30 o'clock.

## Bride-Elect Is Complimented

Woodburn—A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hermanson Thursday evening, honoring Miss Marget Tangen, whose marriage to Raymond Eddas of Portland will be an event of late August. The bride-to-be received many beautiful gifts.

Guests present were Raymond Eddas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tangen, Fern Hermanson, Walter Anderson, Karl Benson, Harlan Ashland, Melvin Olson, Elnora Asper, Myrtle Ashland, Frank Surmeyer, Roy Marts, Agnes Stevenson, Inga Hughes, Kenneth Ashland, Leonard Halkinrud, Rita Surmeyer, Dagny Ashland, Elmer Juve, Glen Hermanson, Ruth Hanson, Hazel Haugen, Merle Freeman, Helen Ashland, Inez Hermanson, Toni Asper, Margaret Surmeyer, Dale Ashland, Clifford Halkinrud, Esther Watson, Alma Halkinrud, Rognar Anonby, Bernice Hanson, Albert Juve, Ida Hanson, Thelma Bertelson, Ella Halkinrud, Thelma Anonby, Hazel Hermanson, Leo Halkinrud, Mrs. H. Mathieson, Mrs. Earl Mathieson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hermanson and the honor guest, Marget Tangen.

## Matrons Give Gala Party

Macley—Mrs. Arthur Plant and Mrs. C. Strawn entertained members of the Macley 4M club and their families at a wicker roast in the Plant gardens Tuesday night. While the group roasted wieners and marshmallows around the fire a fortune teller foretold their future in small tents erected a short distance from the fire.

Those present were Miss Wintfred Plant, Mr. and Mrs. C. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Martin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Plant, Mr. and Mrs. W. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Wells, Sharon Wells, Monte Wells, Mr. and Mrs. C. Strawn and son, Miss Lorraine Strawn, Miss Jennie Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Nile Hilborn, James Hilborn, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. C. Tekenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Neeland, Margaret Neeland, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Magee, Mrs. Luella Cleugenspeel, Mr. and Mrs. F. Eckenger and Max Pemberton.

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