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### TRAVEL HEAVY ON 4TH

That Portland goes to the beaches for the Fourth was proved to anyone who traveled the Salmon river cut-off the past week-end. The writer checked on cars between Otis and McMinnville, about 40 miles—Saturday afternoon and counted 650 going beachward. And there must have been nearly twice that many between Portland and McMinnville.

Coming back Sunday afternoon the holiday crowds were returning home in an almost solid parade. We estimate there were 1500 that we saw between Portland and McMinnville and a count from the latter town to Hebo—the same section that was counted Saturday—there were 1430 automobiles. Nor had all of them been met there for all the way north of Newport they were met in long strings. South of Newport to Coos Bay it seemed like a deserted highway in comparison. And not one wreck was seen in that 540 mile round trip.

It is surprising, however, if some did not happen, for quite often an impatient young fellow or girl would break out of the line to pass right in the face of an approaching car.



The taxpayers who footed the bill for the new building got their first chance to inspect Oregon's new \$2,500,000 capitol Saturday afternoon.

More than 5000 persons took advantage of the opportunity offered by the "open house" program to spend an hour or more exploring the spacious hallways, exclaiming over the magnificence of the legislative chambers, going into rapture over the myrtle wood lined room that will be the governor's private office and sparing a few moments to inspect the private shower baths that have been installed in the offices of the secretary of state and state treasurer.

A parade participated in by the Salem Cherrians, Newberg Berrians and Portland Rosarians and a dozen bands and drum and bugle corps preceded the program at the capitol at which Governor Martin declared that completion of the state house "demonstrates anew Oregon's ability to turn adversity into triumph."

Frank Branch Riley, noted lecturer, described the building as "one of the most beautiful structures in America." Four states and one territory had contributed material for its construction, he pointed out. The marble for the exterior of the building came from Vermont. The interior is decorated with marble from Montana and granite from California, Arkansas and Alaska.

Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university, who presided as chairman, declared that "this day will remain a most significant one in the history of Oregon."

Any lingering doubt as to Governor Martin's political intentions were definitely resolved this week by his declaration that he would "be glad when he could get away" from public service. The governor told newspapermen this week that he proposed to "take it easy" for the remainder of his term as governor, carrying on the duties of his office but taking on no additional responsibilities such as outside speaking engagements. State house gossip has it that the Governor and Mrs. Martin will embark on a tour of the world shortly after he retires from the office next January.

O. Henry Olen, state representative from Columbia county for the past six years, will sidestep politics for the time being, he declared on a visit to Salem this week. Rumor had it that Olen, defeated for the democratic nomination for governor, might seek a return to the legislature as an independent candidate.

The scale model of the new capitol building which has been on display in the lobby of the state office

building for several months is soon to be sent to the architectural school at the University of Oregon.

The high cost of living slipped substantially in the three-month period between March and June, according to records of the state purchasing department. Cow beef, of which state institutions use about 90,000 pounds every three months and which was quoted at \$10.65 per 100 pounds in March was offered at \$8.98 when bids for the new supply were opened this week. Steer beef prices were down from \$12.83 to \$11.97.

At least one old age pension bill will be on the November ballot. Completed petitions for the Citizens Retirement bill, sponsored by Elbert Eastman, Portland attorney, were filed with Secretary of State Snell this week. The measure provides for a monthly pension of not to exceed \$100 for all persons 65 years of age or over who would cease gainful employment, the pension to be financed by a two per cent transaction tax. This is the second initiative measure for which petitions have been completed. Deadline for completing petitions is set for 5:00 p. m. Thursday of this week.

Twenty-nine out of every 1000 residents of Oregon were on the relief rolls during May, Elmer Goudy, executive secretary of the state relief committee, reported to Governor Martin. Thirty-seven per cent of these were on direct relief and 61 per cent were old age pensioners. The remainder were dependent children and blind pensioners. Malheur county has the highest percentage of direct relief cases with 58 out of every 1000 inhabitants on the relief rolls. Sherman county with only seven relievers per 1000 inhabitants foots the list.

The fight against the Oregon teachers' retirement act has been carried up to the United States supreme court. The Oregon supreme court in a recent opinion in a suit brought by A. A. Campbell and others against the Portland school board, held the act to be constitutional. The act which provides for the automatic retirement of teachers upon reaching the age of 65 years now applies only to Portland and Salem but there has been talk of a move to make its application state-wide.

Oregon's liquor control law will never be liberalized in the opinion of Austin Flegel, attorney for the Oregon Liquor Control Board. Speaking before the state convention of Food and Beverage dispensers in session here, Flegel warned that any attempt to liberalize the control law was bound to react to the detriment of the liquor interests.

Approximately 75 former patients of the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem attended the annual homecoming at the institution Friday and Saturday. Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the hospital, says that one woman visited the institution who had been a patient there more than 20 years ago and a number were present who were discharged as cured more than ten years ago.

Oregon residents paid out a total of \$41,085,928 in insurance premiums during 1937, according to the annual report of Hugh Earle, insurance commissioner. This was an increase of 8.18 per cent over the 1936 premiums. Oregon policy-holders, on the other hand, collected a total of \$21,877,025 in claims during the year, representing 53.2 per cent of the premium payments. A total of 524 companies writing all kinds of insurance, were operating in Oregon last year, Earle's report shows.

The state's contribution toward the support of its common schools this year will amount to only \$1.20 for each child on the school census roll, according to Lewis Griffith, clerk of the state land board. This money represents interest earnings of the irreducible school fund. Last year's apportionment amounted to \$1.32 per capita. Lewis predicts that next year's apportionment will be still smaller.

### No. 3481 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS

In the Matter of the Estate of Anna M. Wilcox, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement  
Notice is hereby given that Grant E. Wilcox, Administrator of the Estate of Anna M. Wilcox, deceased, on June 27, 1938, duly filed in the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, his final account in the matter of the administration of said estate, and that said Court has set Tuesday, the 2d day of August, 1938, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., and the County Court room in Coquille, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

Dated and published first time June 30, 1938.  
Grant E. Wilcox, Administrator.  
O. C. Sanford, Attorney for Administrator. 2415

## Fatuous Fragments

BY FERNANDO FABRICATUS  
"A man cannot speak but he judges himself. Every opinion reacts on him who uttered it. You cannot do wrong without suffering wrong."—Emerson.

A few days ago Paul Mallon's letter in the Oregonian told of Elliott Roosevelt being a radio commentator in Texas and that many of his broadcasts are not favorable to the New Deal. Son Elliott is the only one of the four Princes Royal to stand on his own feet, with those feet on the earth from which all prosperity must first spring. We wish John, Franklin, Jr., and James, especially James, had to work for their own keep, without any political pull of any kind—we almost used the uglier term, political graft. For Son James we'd select as his first venture the operation of a lumber mill in Oregon, troubled with jurisdictional feuds, Canadian competition, a new depression and what have you.

The lost salmon run on the Columbia river for 1938 may yet enter this country—in tin cans with "Made-in-Japan" label. We know those floating canneries off the coast of Alaska have been taking a toll from the salmon which would otherwise enter the streams of this western coast.

The beating of tom-toms in the recent foreign spy investigation augurs ill for the welfare of this country. The spies are always with us and their activities are probably no better known now than they have been for the past six years. If really important secrets had been stolen by them, you may rest assured, nothing would have been made public. War hysteria is an excellent back-fire when difficulties at home threaten and for an administration to resort to it shows that the throne is tottering.

There were too many fishing Sunday at the mouth of Rogue river. While a couple of dozen casters lined the bank of the channel and twice as many more were trolling from boats anchored in the current, they were not the lucky ones. Five sealions spent the day sporting in the breakers, some coming into the river in their quest of fish. The rest of us had to award the palm to such experts and came home empty handed.

An advisory committee of the state planning board has drafted several measures to be submitted to the next legislature. They deal with the roadside sign nuisance. If manufacturers were not so dumb, these new laws would not be needed. The reaction to most billboards is intense irritation and, if the tourist remembers the name of somebody's salt or some one else's shoes, it is with the resolve not to buy them.

In writing about a friend who sought an office for which he was unqualified, George Washington wrote: "My private feelings have nothing to do in the case. I am not George Washington, but President of the United States. As George Washington I would do this man any kindness in my power—as President of the United States, I can do nothing." The father of our country set a high standard for presidential ethics and those following him who allow vengeful desire to sway their conduct are muffing their chance for an honorable place in history.

Odors make the most lasting impression of any sensations received by our nervous systems. The fragrance of the syringa in June transports us to a neighbor's yard in which we played two score years ago. And by syringa we mean mean the mock-orange, though to the literalist only lilacs can be so termed. We have never yet met anyone who shares our warm affection for the syringa bush but its perfume makes white magic for us.

There is another odor, the pungent smell of an unknown drug, which is not so pleasing. Though twenty years intervened, a whiff of this liquid after we had reached adult state, made us a four-year old again, gargling the bitter stuff in a home in which diphtheria had struck.

One historical "fact" after another crumbles as research by scholars and professors explode popular myths. Columbus was not an Italian: his name was Colon, he was born at Catalonia, therefore a true Spaniard, and it is believed he first came to America by way of Iceland, Greenland and Labrador, with a Danish expedition. We learn that the "Battle of Bunker Hill" was in truth fought on Breed's Hill; Bunker Hill, a nearby eminence, supplying only the name to the memorable fray. Then take the Declaration of Independence, it was not signed on July 4th by the Continental Congress. (It was adopted on that date and signed by the president and secretary only). The fifty-six signers affixed their

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Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	169,500.00
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	2,634,976.37
Other Real Estate	35,568.53
Real Estate Sold under Contract	93,353.06
Customers' Liability—Acceptances	25,637.94
Interest Earned	519,013.19
Other Resources	50,924.04
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$109,382,211.80</b>

  

LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$3,000,000.00
Surplus	3,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	709,054.21
Reserves	1,403,149.43
Acceptances	25,637.94
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signatures on and after Aug. 2, 1776. Next thing you know, we'll be told the president is not interested in the one-third ill-nourished, ill-fed and ill-housed.

**Oregon's Export Trade**  
[This is the sixth in a series of articles on studies of Oregon's Export Trade, presented by the Portland Chamber of Commerce]  
Of the \$288,378,000 worth of exports from the United States to Japan in 1937 a total of \$19,322,000 went from the Pacific Northwest, principally in the form of lumber and other forest products. This business accounted for a very considerable part of the activity in Oregon forests and the wages paid Oregon timber workers. Other exports to Japan from this region in 1937 were made up largely of scrap iron, steel and scrap tin to supply the island kingdom industries with the raw materials denied by nature.

The largest item in the timber products category was wood pulp of which Japan received cargoes valued at \$14,312,000, with sawn Douglas fir second on the list and miscellaneous wood and paper products third. The following classification by the Department of Commerce of timber products exported to Japan in 1937 is of timely interest:

Wood pulp	\$14,312,000
Douglas fir, sawn	2,555,000
Douglas fir, logs and hewn	287,000
Hemlock	235,000
Cedar, western red	131,000
Piling	281,000
Douglas fir, board, planks	303,000
Hemlock, boards, planks	59,000
Other wood and paper products	1,139,000

Department of Commerce figures also show that Japan offers the third principal export market for American products and that this trade has registered a healthy increase from year to year over a considerable period of time. The 1937 export total to Japan was the highest since 1920, and \$84,030,000 greater than in 1936. American exports to Japan in 1930 exceeded the total of imports from that country by \$84,176,000.

The bulks of the goods supplied Japan each year is composed of crude materials and semi-manufactures for use in Japan's expanding industries, these two classifications accounting for 80.2 per cent of the total in volume and value.

An analysis of the Oriental trade discloses that in volume and value Japan purchases from the United States four times as much as does China while the United States im-

ports from Japan less than half as much as from the Asiatic mainland. In other words, the trade with Japan provides a gratifying excess of exports over imports while American trade with China is exactly reversed, the 1937 figures showing that American imports from China exceeded exports to that country by \$50,000,000.

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