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## "PACKING THEM IN"

Franklin Delano Roosevelt could have saved himself a lot of mental anguish and in large measure the face of the New Deal administration, had he been willing to await natural trends. His attempt to pack the United States supreme court with men who think along the same lines as he does failed because there were democrats in congress who are not new dealers.

The passing of Justice Cordozo last Saturday gives the president the opportunity to name another member to the supreme bench, the third in his place. The two previous presidents have named more for the high tribunal, and one of them was George Washington, who appointed all of the first supreme court. Only four others have had the opportunity to name four — Presidents Lincoln, Grant, Benjamin Harrison and Taft — and five others appointed three, the same as President Roosevelt will do, and he still has a two years and a half to further pack the court with new dealers.

Although very liberal in his views and interpretations of the law, Justice Cordozo was a man learned and posted member of the judiciary in the United States and his death is a distinct loss to the high court.

## Fatuous Fragments

BY FERNANDO FABRICATOVS  
 "If the shoe fits, put it on," is a terse way of expressing it but we prefer the more poetical form of the same thought: "A guilty conscience doth make cowards of us all." Our poets have scratched out words with jewels of thought for which we bless them. "Murder will out" is a harsh, brutal phrase from which we shrink but "The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine" opens up vistas of thought down any lane of which we delight to wander.

(Note: The above quotation is the one which sounds most familiar to us but it may be only a corruption of Longfellow's version. As translated from Friedrich von Logau of the seventeenth century, his couplet reads: "Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small; Though with patience he stands waiting, with exactness grinds he all.")

Senator Logan of Kentucky rushes in where wiser ones fear to tread in predicting that President Roosevelt will not be a third term candidate. No one, not even the president himself, knows what caprice will motivate him on the morrow.

The press dispatches of last Friday carried news of the trial of a German bondsman at Riverhead, N. Y. Suffolk county court room was a strange setting for such a trial. In 1640, just twenty years after the landing of the first Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, a dozen Puritan families made their homes on the eastern end of Long Island, naming their settlement, Southold, for their former home, Southold, Suffolk county, England. From there their descendants spread out along Long Island Sound until today the tenth generation of these original settlers are still in possession of most of the land there and nine-tenths of the inhabitants of that region bear the names of their forefathers who came in 1640.

The superintendent of the state insane asylum at Salem has recently revealed that the proportion of those committed there for insanity due to liquor drinking is four times what it was before the repeal of prohibition. At that maybe they didn't incorporate all those they might have in the bygone days. We have in mind a woman in Montana who made a habit of getting drunk in public and when she did, it was with the words: "I'm a she-wolf and it's my time to yell!" —and yeowl she did.

The latest endeavor by England to solve traffic problems is the installation of "Courtesy Cops," whose duty it is to call attention to mistakes made by any traveler, afoot or on wheel. This is to be done with firmness but also with politeness. Bad manners

are responsible for such a large majority of our highway troubles that a "Courtesy School" for both drivers and pedestrians might be the solution of them. The Golden Rule is still the most practical aid to conduct, even in this age of stream-lined ideas.

When are two kinds of fishermen. The fly-caster works for what he catches but the bait fisherman takes what the good Lord sends. We admit the former is the better sportsman but he will never know the luxury of suspended animation that the latter enjoys when the fish are not biting. The sky, earth, water, time and eternity are all merged into one with nothing felt but a certain cosmic awareness that almost crosses the line into omniscience or oblivion. If we could say which our wisdom would be greater than all the sages of the past who have pondered the riddle of life. But a jerk on the line breaks the spell; again we are watching a gust of tiny raindrops pitter-patter across the surface of the water and the drowsy cattle on the gravel bar to our eyes are placidly chewing gum.

There is nothing new under the sun, especially not in political government. The offenses of today vary only in degree with those of the past. Three quarters of a century ago Henry Ward Beecher declared: "Our government is built upon the vote. But votes that are purchasable are quicksands, and a government built on them stands upon corruption and revolution." While he uttered an everlasting truth, possibly we've made a mistake; it is now for three billion dollars of the taxpayers' money to be so perverted.

The spilling of blood in the Holy Land is as ancient as history. The Assyrians and Babylonians hid waste the Land of Judah, Judea felt the heavy heel of the Roman Caesars and the Crusaders fought the Saracens in Palestine for possession of the Holy Sepulchre. Today British troops seek to quell the race riots there between Jews and Arabs. For the river Jordan to run red with human blood is no worse than the fratricidal strife in Spain nor the barbarous massacre of the Chinese in the Orient but it seems so to us of Christendom who hold sacred the land which Christ trod.

## Thirteen Measures To Be On The Ballot This Fall

Thirteen measures will be on the state ballot next November. Four of the number are measures that were referred to the voters by the last legislature. Two others are enactments of the last session which has been referred by petition of the people. The other seven are initiative measures. Three of these made the grade during the closing hours of filing last Thursday.

The list of initiative measures on which the voters will be expected to pass judgment follows:

Stream Purification bill, creating state sanitary authority and committing state to a policy of stream purification; sponsored by Stream Purification League of Oregon.

Anti-picketing and anti-boycott bill, defining labor disputes and regulating picketing and labor boycotts; sponsored by Associated Farmers of Oregon and other agricultural groups.

Columbia River Fishing bill, prohibiting the use of fixed fishing gear on the Columbia river; sponsored by Oregon Wildlife Council.

Anti-liquor bill, regulating and restricting sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes; sponsored by Anti-Liquor League of Oregon and affiliated groups.

Gambling bill, legalizing certain forms of lottery and gambling; sponsored by Frank B. Watson and a group of Oregon merchants.

Townsend Recovery Plan bill, requiring Oregon legislature to petition Congress to call national convention to sponsor a constitutional amendment embodying principles and philosophies of Townsend Recovery plan; sponsored by Glen C. Wade and others.

Citizens' Retirement plan, providing for transactions tax of two percent, proceeds to be prorated among Oregon citizens 65 years of age or over upon condition that they cease gainful employment. Sponsored by Eibert Eastman, Portland.

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## THE HILL BEHIND THE TOWN

There is a hill high up behind the town

Where wind thro grass goes singing: where the tree

Draws shade from sun and flings it on the ground,  
 And all day long this hill keeps calling me.

It calls me in the night when I awake,  
 Its torn firs beckon with uplifted hands,  
 Behind it rise the serried clouds, and make

A cushioned stairway into unknown lands.

A little path winds steeply up this hill.

The briars crowd it, catching at the feet

Of any climber, but the one who will

Dare the hard way, shall find this rocky street

Leads up to where the heart may walk with stars,

And daily life lies shrunken, far, below.

One sees how small men's great achievements are,

And from what roots God's things eternal grow.

So I shall climb, at some gray dawn, this height

And stand before the sun does on the sky.

The hilltop calls me always, day and night,

And who am I, too dull to make reply?

—Frances Holmstrom



Construction of a third state tuberculosis hospital to be located in Multnomah county is now practically assured with word from Washington that the Public Works Administration has approved a grant of \$90,000 for the project.

Location of a hospital in Multnomah county was authorized by the voters of Oregon at a special election in May, 1934, but no money was available for the project until the last legislature appropriated \$110,000 contingent upon a federal grant of \$90,000 which has just been approved.

Plans for the new institution which will consist of a hospital building with beds for 75 patients, have already been drafted and the Board of Control has announced its readiness to award the contract as soon as details in connection with the federal grant has been completed.

The State Planning Board spent nearly \$236,000 in the 21-month period from July 1, 1933, to March 31, 1934, according to a report of the audit division of the State Department. Of this total, however, only \$38,000 came out of state funds and a little more than \$6000 out of the several counties. The remainder was financed through federal funds.

All three members of the State Board of Control—Governor Charles H. Martin, State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman and Secretary of State Earl Snell—were in The Dalles Saturday to help celebrate the opening of the new inland seaport.

Oregon's new \$2,500,000 capitol is now fully occupied—that is as fully

as it will probably ever be except during legislative sessions.

Secretary of State Snell started moving his office force into the new quarters last Wednesday and completed the transfer Friday. The State Department, including the motor registration division, occupies the entire basement and first floor of the east wing of the building.

State Treasurer Holman also moved into the building last week as also did the State Land Board.

Governor Martin deferred moving until this week as also did the State Purchasing Department, including the Property Control Division and the Budget Department.

While all of the state officials continue to praise the beauty of the new structure a number of weaknesses in the more practical side of the building have already developed to dampen the enthusiasm of those quartered in the new capitol. For instance, while the designer was careful to provide private shower baths, lavatories and elevators for some of the higher officials, no cloak rooms were provided for the convenience of the small army of employees who do the work of the state. Janitors are also complaining that the builder skimped too much on their store rooms that there is barely room enough for their necessary equipment. None of the doors in the treasury department being large enough to admit an office safe, State Treasurer Holman found it necessary to import a safe moving crew from Portland to boost that heavy piece of equipment through one of his windows.

The new building was treated to a shower bath Friday afternoon when a valve in one of the tanks connected with the air-cooling system stuck allowing the tank to overflow and send a shower of water cascading down from the roof to the floor of the rotunda. No serious damage resulted, however.

Earl A. Fehl, former county judge of Jackson county, has appealed to the state supreme court for release from the state hospital for insane to which he was committed several months ago by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. Attorneys for Fehl told the court that the entire proceeding leading up to his commitment had been illegal.

Oregon's automobile license plates for 1939 will consist of black figures and letters on a yellow background. This will be the first departure from the black and white combination in several years. Secretary of State Snell explains that the black and yellow combination makes for better visibility, besides which it costs less money.

Budgeting days are here again for state officials. Forms on which to list their anticipated financial needs for the next biennium were sent to all department, bureau and institution heads by Budget Director Wallace this week. The forms, containing estimated needs and a tentative appropriation request, must be returned to the budget department by September 10, after which it will be subjected to careful scrutiny and possible pruning before it is included in the biennial budget to be presented to the next legislature.

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## Oregon's Export Trade

[This is the seventh in a series of articles on studies of Oregon's export trade, presented by the Portland Chamber of Commerce]

For many years wheat has been the major agricultural article of export from the vast area for which the Columbia River is the gateway to the sea, and of the average yearly production of 65,000,000 bushels fully half has gone to foreign markets. Because of geographical location and transportation costs much of the surplus wheat of the Columbia River area must continue to find its principal market in the Philippines, the far East, and the Orient in general.

In the five-year period preceding 1937 Columbia River points shipped to the Orient an annual average of 72,600 tons of wheat and 27,000 tons of flour. In a typical year there passed through the Columbia River gateway 190,000 tons of flour, about one-half of which entered export trade. On this business there has been built up in the territory served by the Columbia River a milling industry with a capacity of 405,000 barrels a year.

Not only the milling industry but the growing of wheat itself is dependent upon maintaining an outlet in the Philippines, the United Kingdom, and the Orient for a major part of the production in excess of home consumption. In a large part of the wheat producing area no other crop can be grown on a large scale profitably and a partial closing of foreign markets would spell ruin for wheat growers.

Maintenance and expansion of these foreign markets are particularly valuable to the Pacific North-

west for the reason that returning cargoes bring a variety of Oriental and Far East products not readily obtainable elsewhere and constituting an important factor in the trade volume of an extensive area the population of which is now increasing at rapid rate. With this population increase there will result a proportionate increase in farm products with consequent need of further expansion of foreign markets.

With the completion of Bonneville Dam and installation of its maximum power capacity, there is prospect of further wealth creating activity in the development of a phosphate industry. The Orient is now using phosphates on a large scale and obtaining the bulk of its supply from Florida. Extensive phosphate beds in Idaho, tributary to the Columbia river and its pathway to the sea, offer an almost inexhaustible supply and their utilization is now being seriously considered.

Coincident with and a part of commerce with the Orient is the growth of trade between the Pacific Northwest, Hawaii and the Philippines. To supply their growing needs the Columbia river affords facilities for the movement of a long list of articles produced or manufactured in the area drained by it. Expansion of these markets must inevitably result from future growth or trade with nations of the Far East.

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## It's Vive l'Amour in New Orleans As Don Ameche, Simone Simon, Robert Young Star in "Josette"

Three Delightful Stars  
 In Sauciest Escapade  
 In History of Love

Co-la-la!

The sauciest escapade in the history of love, as gay as a Mardi Gras, with three delightful stars and merry with Gordon and Revel tunes, brings Don Ameche, Simone Simon and Robert Young to the Roxy Theatre on Sunday in 20th Century-Fox's comedy hit, "Josette."

It's vive l'amour in naughty New Orleans as Don and Bob chase Simone, who must think faster than one and run faster than the other—but not too much faster! She's got zis And she's got zat! The tantalizing little coquette has talked herself into a pretty mix-up so that there are two Josettes, one for the boys' Papa and another for the boys themselves.

To prevent Papa's proposed remarriage with a scheming beauty, Don and Bob pack him off to New York, so naturally he takes his Josette with him. Josette No. 2 remains in the gay city of the South for the oo-la-la-laughingest courtship in the annals of romance.

Bert Lahr heads the featured cast with Jean Davis, who recently was acclaimed No. 1 comedienne by a New York newspaper's nation-wide poll. Paul Hurst, William Collier, Sr., and Tala Birell have prominent roles in the film.

Darryl F. Zanuck, 20th Century-Fox hit-maker, selected Allan Dwan

to direct the film, dedicated to "Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Josette." Gene Markey served as associate producer for the screen play by James Edward Grant, based upon a play by Paul Frank and Georg Fraser, from a story by Ladislaus Vadnai.

The three new Gordon and Revel numbers are: "May I Drop A Petal In Your Glass Of Wine?" "In Any Language" and "Where In The World."



DON AMECHE, ROBERT YOUNG (left center) and SIMONE SIMON play "Cherches la femme" in naughty New Orleans, the scene of 20th Century-Fox's gay, provocative comedy, "Josette."