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Fragments

BY FERNANDO FABRICATUS

It appears to us that the republicans made a serious mistake in raising the third-term bogey. It is almost like a dare to Roosevelt to test his popularity and by next summer when it is necessary for him to make a decision on running a third time, the idea will have become so common that the overwhelming storm of protest will have lost much of its fury by that time.

The best joke of the week: A friend told a family how to get rid of fleas on its dog. It was to provide a bed of fresh sawdust for sleeping quarters. This was done and it worked—worked too well. However, the family is ready for more suggestions on how to get rid of fleas—and it is a much more pressing problem, needing immediate solution, for as the fleas left the dog, the family fell heir to them.

Possibly all is relative in this world of ours and everything depends on the perspective from which it is viewed. Especially does this concern in the case of James Bonanza's income. He states that he has never received an income of over \$50,000 (after a division with his wife, for the purpose of tax evasion). Well, to most of us an income of \$50,000, or \$40,000, or \$30,000 a year is so impossible that only in our day dreams of wishful wealth do such amounts enter our heads. And there are so very, very many of us that Son James sets himself apart as an economic royalist when he admits an income of \$49,000 a year. And two-thirds of it is clear velvet, he does not lift his hand now for it, except to rake in the income from renewed insurance premiums.

His father once used the president's salary of \$75,000 a year as a gauge for all incomes and resented anyone receiving more. Especially was he bitter about "certain immature persons" (Shirley Temple and other child movie stars) receiving their high salaries. Of course, the president receives in addition to his \$75,000 salary: \$25,000 a year for traveling expense, free rent and furnishings at the White House, wages for an army of servants and secretaries, a fleet of automobiles and their upkeep, and the use of a navy cruiser for a plaything. He buys part of the food used at the White House and possibly pays for his clothes and cigarettes though they may be donated for their advertising value.

To return to James, however, methinks he doth protest too much. And as proof that the agitation has pierced the rather thick epidermis of the family, Son John goes out and gets a job of possibly \$18 a week in a department store because he does not want to "exploit the family name."

When Sidney Smith was alive he once said that the death of Mary Gold in the picturization of the daily doings of the Gump family was his biggest blunder, that it caused him more trouble, from his readers than all the rest of the activities of his comic strip characters. His successor, Gus Edson, has pulled a bigger boner in allowing Uncle Jim to lose his possessions. Let Andy have his ups and downs like the rest of us mortals, but Jim's fabulous fortune was something to tie in the fairyland of comics.

Except for one thing, it would be better for President Roosevelt to purge all anti-new dealers from the democratic party. By so doing, a clear cut issue could be presented two years hence, the two national parties lining up, with the democrats pro-Roosevelt and the other party or combination of parties against him. The question of one man controlling the executive branch of government, the law-making body and the supreme court should be decided with no cross currents of other controversy. The only objection is that with two more years in the White House, a purge effected in congress and further appointments to the supreme court accomplished, the dictator will be impregnable in his position before the

voicers have a chance to express their views.

There are two things which add to the richness of our summer days. One is a bed of gladiolus, of many colors, like Joseph's coat. The other is a jewel on wings, a precious stone of emerald and mosaic gray in motion. The more care and willing toil given the first, the greater the reward. The second is as free as a gift of heaven. Watching the quick darts of a humming-bird into the heart of a flower, one can almost taste the nectar, too. But the whirl of its tiny wings, like that of a miniature airplane, brings a third into our backyard Eden, making a vicious triangle. The yellow Persian kit-kat, which is the adored and pampered pet of the family for eleven months of the year, becomes the devil incarnate, with horns, cloven hoof and forked tail, for in her wake lie a broken gladiolus spike, a crushed petal and two gossamer feathers, light as thistledown.



The next legislature will be asked to finance the purchase of equipment for the new state tuberculosis hospital to be built in Multnomah county. Attorney General Van Winkle has advised the Board of Control that none of the equipment is available in the last session for construction of the building could be used for equipment.

Truck operators have served notice that they propose to ask the next legislature to increase the legal limit on the height of truck loads. The present limit in Oregon is 12 feet, the lowest of any state in the nation. State highway officials meeting in Reno last week recommended a height of 13 feet, six inches. Engineers in the state highway department call attention to the fact that many bridges and underpasses on main highways in this state are too low to accommodate such high loads. Increase of the load heights, it is explained, would require posting of the low underpasses or the expenditure of huge sums for new structures to accommodate the big trucks.

Wheeler county is Oregon's whitest traffic spot. The county has not had a traffic fatality in 29 months, according to statistics compiled by Secretary of State Snell. Jefferson county, with a clean slate for 20 months, ranks second in this respect. Traffic deaths in Oregon during July totalled 36, a reduction of five over the record for July, 1937, Snell's figures show.

The Oregon state employment service reports the placing of 8702 persons in jobs during July, a gain of 13 per cent over June. Approximately 27 per cent of the jobs were in forest fire fighting, 25 per cent in public construction, 16 per cent in agriculture and 13 per cent in lumber manufacturing.

With more than 40 per cent of its authorized appropriation for 1937-38 still available and only five more months to go, the state relief fund is in excellent condition, according to figures compiled by Secretary of State Snell. In fact, with more than \$2,500,000 available from the appropriation against liquor revenues it does not appear now that it will be necessary to draw against the general fund appropriation of \$1,500,000 set up by the last session as a cushion against any possible emergency.

Relief funds, however, are draining the state fund faster than liquor revenues can replenish the pot with a prospect that it may be necessary again to resort to certificates of indebtedness as it was in the early experience with this type of relief financing back in 1935 when \$1,765,000 worth of this paper was outstanding at one time.

At the outset of the current biennium there was made available for relief expenditures from state revenues a total of \$8,953,570.26. Of this amount \$183,956.06 represented the cash balance on hand at the end of the previous biennium. In addition to this there was \$1,706,867.83 still due from liquor revenues under a previous authorization and \$562,746.37 in old age pensions unexpended from the 1935 appropriation. To supplement these balances the legislature of 1937 authorized an additional \$5,000,000 of liquor profits and set aside \$1,500,000 from the general fund to be used only if and when the liquor revenues were exhausted.

To date there has been expended during this biennium a total of \$4,943,112.19. This is at the rate of \$253,492.93 a month. Offsetting this expenditure liquor profits have been pouring in an average of \$218,438.96 a month back into the fund. This revenue has been approximately \$35,000 a month short of the output

with the result that the cash balance as well as the balance remaining in the old age pension appropriation at the beginning of the biennium have both been practically exhausted.

More men were employed in Oregon industries during the fiscal year ending July 1, last, than at any other time in the history of the state, according to records of the Industrial Accident commission. While the commission's figures cover only those industries protected by the Workmen's Compensation act they are said to reflect fairly accurately industrial conditions generally throughout the state. An average of 111,876 men were on full time employment in industries covered by the report during the year, an increase of 3.55 per cent over the previous year.

State officials face prosecution for violation of the postal laws if a warning served by a Salem postal inspector is supported by higher authorities of the department. The warning in question calls attention to the fact that Uncle Sam has a monopoly on the postal business which covers transportation of letters over highways, streets or the right-of-way of any common carrier. Letters, it is explained, include "any paper forwarded for the purpose of conveying live current information upon which the addressee may act, rely or refrain from acting." Daily reports on business transactions, receipts, payroll lists, freight bills, requisitions, liquor store reports and interoffice communications are included in the list. With Salem compliance with this regulation would work a severe hardship upon state business, not only because of the added expense involved in postage costs, but because of the delay involved in sending these documents back and forth through regular postal channels.

Ballot Measures Analyzed

By A. L. Linbeck

State Capital News Bureau
Bill Requiring Marriage Licenses Applicants File Medical Certificates, Both Physical and Mental

This measure would require that all applicants for marriage licenses, both men and women, file with the county clerk a certificate from an examining physician showing freedom from contagious or infectious venereal diseases, epilepsy, feeble-mindedness, insanity, drug addiction or chronic alcoholism. The required medical examination would include blood tests for determination of syphilis and microscopic examinations to determine gonorrhea infection. The state board of health would be required to make these tests free for applicants who might be unable to pay for laboratory tests. All records in connection with these examinations and tests would be strictly confidential and not open for public inspection. Fees and charges of the examining physician shall not exceed \$5 for each applicant.

Physicians knowingly falsifying a medical certificate would be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$100 or a prison sentence of not more than 30 days.

Applicants who might be refused a marriage license because of the findings of the examining physician would have the right to appeal to the circuit court. Provision is also made for referring applicants to an examining board of three members to be appointed by the state board of eugenics when the examining physician finds the presence of epilepsy, feeble-mindedness, insanity, drug addiction or chronic alcoholism.

Motion Pictures of the Coast

Exceptionally fine motion picture scenes of the Oregon coast have been obtained for the two-reel film being made under joint arrangement between the Oregon World's Fair commission and the Oregon State Highway commission, according to the Travel department of the latter body. The film, designed for continuous showing at the Exposition in San Francisco next year, will also be shown throughout the United States. It will picture the outstanding scenic and recreational attractions Oregon offers for the vacationist.

The Travel department estimates that in addition to the multitude at San Francisco which will view the film, an audience of at least 500,000 scattered throughout the United States and Canada will see the film next year when it is shown in various cities.

The scenario will cover representative outstanding attractions of the coast from the California line to the Columbia river.

The film will have a musical background and one of the best voices available will be used in carrying the descriptive wordage.

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To Register Sept. 19

Students planning to enter Oregon State college for the first time this fall will report September 19 for the opening of Freshman week, regardless of their plans in connection with fraternity membership. E. B. Lemora, registrar, announces. As in the past, formal fraternity rushing does not commence until the following Friday, after the entire class has been "introduced" to college life on exactly the same footing.

Early indications are for a freshman class as large or larger than last year, with total registration depending on the percentage of former students returning. Living costs are expected to be slightly lower this year, while NYA financial assistance will be somewhat increased compared with last year. Registration for old students is Saturday, September 24.

More automobiles have travelled the highways of Oregon during the first six months of 1938 than during any similar period in the state's history. It was reported this month. Slightly more than 100 million gallons of gasoline, approximately 100 gallons for every inhabitant, was sold from January 1 to June 30, 1938.

Extension Service Program After 4-H Club Days

Oregon is among the few states in the Union in which the agricultural extension is carrying on definite pioneer organization work among rural young people between the ages of 16 and 25. F. L. Ballard, vice director of extension in Oregon, served for several years on a national committee of the land grant colleges which made an extensive study of the needs of this age group.

Since that time the activities in this field in Oregon have been assigned to J. R. Beck, rural service specialist in the extension service, whose report of a survey of rural youth conditions in this state was the subject of previous articles in this service.

His report showed that there are approximately 35,000 to 40,000 unmarried rural young men and women in Oregon between the ages of 16 and 25. Most of these have passed the active period of 4-H club participation and have yet to find their place in established adult rural organization.

The first organized effort to meet this situation in Oregon was started in Union county about two years ago by County Agent Harry Avery. Under his sponsorship there was formed a group which adopted the name of "The South Forty Club." The group consists of about 25 active members between the ages of 16 and 30 years. It is restricted to boys, although a sort of "women's auxiliary" composed of girls of corresponding ages, frequently joins the boys in social affairs. This particular club does not bar married young people.

Semi-monthly meetings are held, about three consisting of discussion programs to one of a social nature. In the discussion meetings costs of production, marketing, transportation, farm finance and various angles of crop production have been included regularly.

Organizations having a similar purpose but with entirely different setup have been formed in several other counties.

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Riverton F. F. A. Boy Selected As One of Best 20

After becoming a local winner, Ralph Herman, 19, Future Farmer boy from Riverton high school, was notified last Friday by Earl R. Cooley, state supervisor of agricultural education, that his Smith-Hughes home project had been selected as one of the best twenty in the state. This announcement was made after agricultural representatives from the state board for vocational education and Oregon State College had visited Ralph's home and compared his farm project program with that of other agriculture students in 48 high schools where Smith-Hughes agriculture is taught.

In making the selection, the judges considered the boy's home opportunities, improved project practices and methods the boy followed in managing his farming activities. Ralph will be allowed to demonstrate his project in a booth exhibit at the state fair for further project honors.

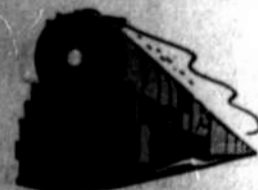
Ralph has for his project six registered Jersey cows, one registered Jersey bull, one grade Jersey cow, two registered heifers, one registered Duroc-Jersey sow, nine pigs, five acres of oats and barley, 1 1/2 acres of corn, one acre of potatoes and 15 acres of bent grass seed. Ralph has financed his enterprises from the income derived from his projects and has continued to develop his dairy herd from two registered yearling heifers in 1936 to his present herd of ten head. He also has \$250.00 in savings for his college fund. Ralph purchased an excellent registered bull, which has greatly assisted in correcting the faulty fore udders as found in his foundation cows. Ralph has used a number of commercial fertilizers for experimental purposes on his bent grass with some very good results.

Ralph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Herman who live on a 160-acre farm eight miles southwest of Riverton.

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