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"PURGE" IS LOSING
 Perhaps the democratic "purge" should start at the top and eliminate the ranking New Dealer of the country! He doesn't seem to have any success in telling democrats how they should vote in the primaries.

In South Carolina on Tuesday the democrats gave Senator "Cotton Ed" Smith a majority of 30,000 over his "100 per cent new deal" opponent, who had the presidential blessing.

And in South Carolina a democratic nomination is the same as an election. In California, too, the veteran politician, William Gibbs McAdoo, secretary of state, lost the democratic senatorial nomination to Sheridan Downey, although the 75-year old McAdoo had the presidential blessing.

IT'S A PETTY GRAFT

The most petty graft of which any department of the state of Oregon is guilty is that of the bureau of labor, of which C. H. Gram is commissioner. Inspectors are sent out from that office to look at boilers, even those that are only for heating purposes. What they do is not known but shortly thereafter a bill is sent the owner of the boiler "inspected" for \$5 or more and Mr. Gram, in case it is not paid at once, threatens to turn the claim over to the district attorney to start suit.

It smacks too much of the new deal administration, although Gram himself is elected on the republican ticket, where the steadily mounting tax expense is caused by putting unneeded men on the payroll.

Two tails on a dog would be sensible compared with this boiler-inspection nonsense.

Fragments

BY FERNANDO FABRICATUS
 "There is a destiny that makes us brothers:

None goes his way alone:
 All that we send into the lives of others
 Comes back into our own."
 —Edwin Markham

Next Monday is Labor Day. Let us not think of it as a mere holiday but as a day to give honor to those who labor in this country of ours. Without the work done by human hands, the machines of industry would stand idle. Only by wearisome toil has our much vaunted national prosperity been accomplished. Let us, for this day at least, forget the war between rival unions and let us wipe out the line drawn between employer and employee. Let us join together and glorify the worker who performs his task conscientiously, who is always striving to improve his skill and who finds joy in good work well done.

If we can do this for one day, such a spirit of tolerance may aid us in solving the problems of the other days of the year. And these problems must be solved, possibly not as we now think they should be, but by some means the war of one class or faction against another must be brought to an end or we shall all perish together. We must remember that, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation."

In our mad race of mechanical development, we have pushed our industrial production to a lofty peak and we have boasted of our high standards of living. By what do we measure these standards? Have they added to our happiness? To be sure we have more time for recreation but unless we also take time for meditation, we are no better off. We need to return to the faith of our fathers and believe that happiness comes from within and not from without. Possessions may add to the ease of living but, if in our pursuit of them strife is engendered, we fail to find true peace without which happiness is impossible.

When we can think of the "other fellow" as well as ourselves, sympathize with his mistakes and endeavor to help him, then will we approach the goal of universal brotherhood, as expressed by Robert Burns in "A Man's A Man For A' That."
 "Then let us pray that come it may,
 As come it will for a' that;
 That man to man the world o'er

Shall brothers be for a' that."

Whether President Roosevelt succeeds in his "purge" or not, his meddling in state elections may split the democratic party wide open and prepare the way for its dissolution. Nearly one hundred years ago, fifteen or more years before the Civil War, there was a division among the democrats in New York state. There were the "Hunker" or conservative democrats and there were the "Barn-burners" who, so the story goes, were ready to destroy the Union in order to get rid of the evils such as slavery. They were compared to the Dutchman who burned his barn to get rid of the rats. Roosevelt is of Dutch ancestry, a democrat and from New York. To what lengths he will go to destroy those who do not "speak his language" only the future can tell.

In our grandmother's home in the early days of Illinois, according to family lore, the butter-making was done by a churn operated by dog power. The dog whose duty it was to help in this task came to recognize churning day and disappeared when preparations were started, even as small boys disappear when there are chores to do. We will have to call this dog "Spot" for his name escapes our memory, never having met him in this life, (this all occurred some thirty years before we were born). After several such disappearances by Spot and the resultant necessity of hand-churning, another dog was secured. Everything went well until Spot heard the other dog in the treadmill. Out he dashed from his hiding place, gave the interloper a thorough trouncing, then jumped in and finished the churning with all the flare of a conquering hero.

The headlines last week stated that "Hopkins Frowns on Purge Fund." The WPA administrator was referring to an effort to raise campaign funds from WPA workers in New York. We hope he is not saying one thing and meaning another. His actions speak louder than words, however, when he pours WPA funds into Georgia on the eve of the primary there in an effort to help defeat Senator George, whom Roosevelt had blessed with a Judas kiss. Even some of the federal office holders in that state are being retained or fired, according to their attitude for or against Senator George. Consistency may be a hobgoblin of little minds but duplicity will never be a virtue.

VERY SENSIBLE CREED

The following is clipped from a house organ, published in Connecticut, and so nearly expresses the beliefs of everyone who is not supported by nor infatuated with the New Deal, that most of us can accept it for our own. It appeared in "Trumbull Cheer" under the heading, "Crede:"

I believe in the rights of labor, both organized and unorganized, and of employers as well; and that any labor act, or any board, in dealing with employer-employee problems should be scrupulously concerned with the mutuality of the duties, rights and responsibilities of both groups. Anything else is fatal to permanent industrial peace.

I believe in State sovereignty in the regulation of its affairs under the Constitution without interference of the Federal government. The giving of Federal aid in times of emergency in no wise should jeopardize this sovereignty.

I believe in the necessity of liberal expenditures by government for relief in times of economic stress. Such relief, insofar as possible, should be handled through State agencies free from national bureaucratic domination by the party in power. It should be understood that the Federal government has no money with which to help any municipality, any State or any individual except the money it collects from the people through taxation or borrows from them, which borrowing means more taxes.

I believe in the normal American spirit of National unity and friendliness and deplore the spirit of group, sectional and class antagonism or hatred that has been aroused by political and allied propaganda for selfish purposes of its own, including attempts to discredit industry and its Management.

I believe that Government cannot be successful in permanently providing bread for its people. Production alone, and not vast governmental spending of taxes, can wipe out the cause and source of poverty. With production restored, the American standard of living will be made certain. Millions will be liberated from undue paternalism, and we as a people can feel again a sense of security in the future.

I believe that this cannot be accomplished unless political propaganda against business, its actual and threatened regulation through one-sided and prejudicial laws and enforcement agencies, through direct competition, and discriminating taxes are definitely withdrawn or

modified.

I believe that the great enemies of social progress are ignorance and prejudice. Our politicians and the leaders of minority blocs know it too, and are playing on it with all diligence for their own personal advancement. They seem to have succeeded to an alarming extent, but there is an end to that music.

I believe with the president of the Buick Motor Corp. that our battle is against insidious and tireless foes, which are these—"the easy way"—"the wishful thought"—"the tempting short-cut"—"the shallow assumption"—"the clever expedient"—"the evasion of responsibility"—"the specious solution"—"the self-saving ingenuity"—"the surrender of independence and integrity of mind"—all of which are at the bottom of most of our troubles and are the betrayers of men and nations.

I believe that the head of our National government, who automatically is titular head of his party—as he is of the Army and Navy—should refrain from interference, directly or indirectly, in State primaries.

I believe that when in the halls of legislation deals are in process, be they old or new, which attempt or threaten to change the whole American economic and social system, it is the duty and privilege of American citizens through every legitimate media available to express free and unbiased opinions, lest programs that are not deemed safe and wise by the people be enacted into law by default. No man should be criticised for a frank statement of opinion if it be made in good temper and free from unseemly invective.

I believe with Dean Brown of Yale that it is a loss unspeakable for men to become so absorbed in tinkering at some outward detail in our form of economic organization as to forget that only changed men can build and operate a changed world. This world can be no better than the people that make it. No economic device, no political contraption, can ever take the place of the right sort of character in the people themselves.



Dead whales cast upon the sands of Oregon shore line by the sad sea waves are not the responsibility of the state highway commissioner. At least the commission refuses to accept the responsibility for the one deposited on the beach south of Waldport last week. When attention of the highway department here was called to the act of 1913 under which the state legislature designated all beaches at public highways, the highway countered with the argument that public highways are not necessarily state highways—at least not until the highway commission so designates them. For reasons of its own the highway commission has never seen fit to take over control of the beaches for state highway purposes. At the time the act in question was passed, it is pointed out, all highways in Oregon were under the control of the several counties. In the absence of any legislation to the contrary public highways which have not been designated as state highways are assumed to still remain a county responsibility. In that case it would appear that Lincoln county has a whale of a problem on its hands.

In spite of a material increase in the use of electricity by residential customers, June consumption of electric energy throughout the state was off, about 4.38 per cent as compared to June, 1937, according to a report by N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner. The slump was accounted for by the sharp decline in industrial consumption. At that, however, the decline in Oregon was not as great as for the nation at large, Commissioner Wallace points out. Rate decreases put into effect by various electric utilities throughout the state during the past year have resulted in a saving to residential customers of approximately \$58,000 per month.

The Works Progress Administration has just announced a new grant of \$6318 for the state fair. The money will be used in landscaping and beautifying the grounds, according to Leo Spitzbart, manager of the fair.

State police made 688 arrests for traffic law violations during July and presented 8068 other motorists with warning slips, according to the monthly reports of Chas. P. Pray, superintendent of police. Failure to secure the requisite drivers' license accounted for 105 of the arrests while 63 other motorists were required to explain to the judge just why they were driving around without the proper license plates. Most of the warning slips went to motorists who were found to have faulty brakes or

lights. State highway officials do not look with favor upon the proposal advanced by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce that a new bond issue of \$18,000,000 be floated to finance straightening of the Pacific highway south and the Columbia River highway.

Calling attention to the fact that the highway department's bonded debt has been reduced to \$18,000,000 R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, explained that it was the hope of the commission that the entire debt burden could be wiped out during the next ten years. Interest payments, now totalling \$1,300,000 a year, could then be used in road construction Baldock pointed out.

An increase in the relief load this winter due to lack of seasonal employment throughout the state, was forecast by the State Relief committee in a report to Governor Martin. Already, even in the midst of hop and prune harvest the decline in the relief load has begun to level off, the report pointed out.

The Public Works Administration has warned the Board of Control that work on the proposed new heating plant to serve the capitol group of buildings must be under way by October 14 if the state expects to benefit from the federal grant of \$56,132 recently approved for this project.

The average daily wage paid workers in Oregon industries during June was \$4.47, highest since last September when it reached an average of \$4.63. Industries covered by the Oregon Workmen's Compensation act paid out a total of \$154,945,697 in wages during the fiscal year ending June 30, an increase of 12 per cent over the wages paid by the same industries during the preceding year.

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Ballot Measures Analyzed

By A. L. Linbeck
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Slot Machine Seizure by Sheriffs and Destruction on Court Order

This is one of two acts of the last legislative session to be attacked by the referendum and placed on the November ballot for action of the voters. Sponsored by Senator Carney of Clackamas county the measure is designed to prohibit the possession, operation, control or playing of nickel-in-the-slot machines or other devices of like character in which the element of chance predominates and which vend money or merchandise as a reward for winning.

The act declares such machines to be nuisances and authorizes their seizure by the sheriff and their ultimate destruction upon court order.

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Among the most popular books in the state library, according to Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian, are "Navigation," by Vosseller, which has been borrowed 49 times in less than four years; "Automotive Construction and Operation," by Wright which has been out 37 times in the same period and "How to win Friends and Influence People," by Carnegie; one copy of which has been read by at least 31 borrowers in a little over a year.

The Citizens' Retirement Annuity Bill, which will appear on the November ballot, was attacked as a "monstrous sales tax, a sales tax on a sales tax, in a negative argument filed for the Voters' Pamphlet by the Oregon Business & Investors League.

Although the legislature made provision for the inclusion of arguments in opposition to the four referred measures, no one took advantage of the opportunity to present the negative side of the argument on these measures in the Voters Pamphlet.

The work of widening Court street in front of the new capitol building will not be completed before the middle of October, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Work of widening the Summer street approach to the new capitol is also well under way as also is the landscaping on the capitol grounds.

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