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**SHORT CIRCUITING THE PRESS**

This is the important story of the National Editorial Association meeting held in Chicago. It was brought by newspaper men and men whose duty it is to be informed about what is going on in Washington D. C. Southerners were more concerned about it than those farther from the capital.

Out here in the west where the green volunteer wheat is pushing its way up through the stubble and where we are still sure of retaining our inherent rights, it sounds as impossible as reports that bombs are breaking buildings and looting in London. This is the story: If Roosevelt is elected for a third term he will, as before, consider it a mandate to extend his control over the people of the United States and will immediately begin some sort of censorship over newspapers and the press of the country for opposition to him.

There is a government owned radio station atop the Department of Interior building (Ickes) that is ready to broadcast government news and propaganda. Radio stations are now granted but six months franchise and are of necessity subservient and unable to offer protest.

There is already a step toward co-ordination of government news bureaus into the hands of one man, probably Lowell Mellett, one of the six men with a passion for anonymity who are presidential secretaries. All information about government bureaus will come from this one office in such completeness or detail as seems appropriate to the powers that be.

The government docket will be closed to public inspection. This is the register whereon all actions of the government are placed whether new orders by federal bureaus, acts of congress or the president.

The argument may be made that this is not an infringement on the freedom of the press. It merely is a move to stop news of the government before it gets to the press. The press can publish anything it wants to—if it can get it.

It is as if the county court refused to publish or permit to be published its actions and would not permit anyone without its order to look at the "public" records.

Impossible? Sure, it's impossible. It is absolutely impossible out here where government is of the people. Back there where government is a small group of ambitious and theoretical men—

Impossible. Unbelievable, here where the autumn sun shines on the window. So also was the attempt to pack the court impossible, so also was the third term, so also was the sale of destroyers to England without advice or consent of congress.

**THE MAGIC OF ILLUSION**

My, My, just think what Anderson or Grimm could have done with a character like President Roosevelt. Their imagination could compass a goose that laid golden eggs but they never thought of the possibilities of a man who spoke golden words: words that soothe the suffering taxpayer and make him forget his bonds; words that comfort the soldiers' parents because there is to be no war to fight; golden words, like the entrancing and exciting notes of the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Now at the end of a hot campaign in which his hatchet men have been bested in argument, comes forth the old maestro to deny and accuse and gild the tottering structure of federal mismanagement with public virtue and humanity. We wonder if it will stand up against the facts.

He has been charged with following the economic fallacy of persistent governmental interference with a successful free enterprise, of losing markets for agriculture and losing jobs for labor, and he says, "Lo, I threw them a coin." And are we, the people, to

thus accept charity for economic justice?

He has raised an army in peace time and been given billions for armaments, while he has spouted against foreign governments so that we are in danger of attack from all sides.

He says more people are at work than in 1929—which is yet to be proven—but \$14,000,000,000 American dollars, even at 59 cents each, should provide some work. And it is false prosperity for it is all being done to spill blood faster: not to increase a standard of living.

Nothing of \$66,000,000,000 spent, nothing of mounting debt, nothing of precedents broken, nothing of a fourth term, nothing of too long delayed preparation for defence, nothing of draft favoritism for Elliott, nothing of sit down strikes, nothing of executive and bureaucratic orders that hamper industry, nothing of Hague or Kelly or Flynn and civic corruption.

All these pushed aside in the rush of golden words that make the emotional cheer and follow like the dancing children followed happily the piper of Hamelin.

**DOLLAR POLITICS**

M. E. Weatherford, of Arlington, writes in a letter to this paper his ideas of the political campaign. We hope he may always have that privilege.

He subscribes to the economic theory of politics which holds that that government is best that pays out the most money to its citizens. It is our belief that government should be judged according to the precepts of the Declaration of Independence and the constitution.

The farmers of eastern Oregon are not the underprivileged. The underprivileged are the 9,800,000 unemployed in this country who still remain unemployed and unable to buy the products of the farms.

The farmers, however, will be underprivileged if we continue to import farm products worth as much as our farm payments for in addition to losing their foreign market they are losing their domestic market.

Furthermore the loss of domestic market is the loss of a right and not a privilege. Even the children play the game of holding a penny so close to the eye that it hides a dollar that is within reach.

We have a copy of the London Daily Mail of September 28, 1940. It gives the news, with a picture, that the American "Flying Fortress" planes had been released to Britain. That's earlier than we suspected it over here. We suggest that any one wanting to know what the United States is doing in this war subscribe to some English paper.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer Oct. 27, 1911

The JWR & N Co. demonstration train will be in the county on November 1 to show what can be done with better farming here. Professors from Oregon State college will be aboard to help, among them being Dr. Withycombe, Prof. Dryden, Kent and Potter.

Sheriff J. C. Freeman has been running down horse thieves this month and has found Henry Howell's team but did not catch the driver, one Thomas.

J. C. Fowle, mayor of Shaniko, was shot by Del Howell, city marshal, Wednesday morning and died shortly after reaching the hospital in The Dalles where he was rushed on a special train.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sink are now at home in Portland and the Richelderfer brothers are leasing the farm.

From the Observer Oct. 28, 1921

Dr. J. R. Morgan is having a cement walk built on two sides of his office at the corner of First and McCoy streets.

F. A. Sayrs is in charge of the street grading crew that is busy shaping up the streets to make the water run down the sides instead of the traveled portion.

At the request of members of the church organizations G. E. Mathews has discontinued the moving picture shows on Sunday nights.

Jordan & Co. at Wasco are installing individual motors in their machine shop on advice from Roy Dean, Sherman Electric manager here.

Grass Valley Journal Oct. 28, 1921

Through a deal completed Wednesday afternoon H. Zeigler becomes the owner of the Hotel Vinton. Mr. Ealing, we learn, will engage in farming.

Friday R. P. Scheuwer had an encounter with an eagle that made it interesting for him for a while. The eagle measures 7 feet and 4 inches from wingtip to wingtip.

Earl Olds has moved his family from Hillsboro to Grass Valley and is occupying a residence in the south part of the city.

**People's Column**

Arlington, Ore., Oct. 6, 1940  
 TO FARMERS OF OREGON:  
 LEST WE FORGET.

Do you remember the struggle you had in the good old Hoover days trying to find something to use for money to buy gas and pay taxes? Some of us lost our farms during those days, and have since been able to recover them.

Have you noticed that you are using allotment money and Parity payments to defray those and sundry other items of expense now?

Who figured that out for you? Roosevelt, Wallace and Walter? I am asking you to carefully compare your financial condition now with that of 1935. And fill your pipe with that and smoke it and be smoking it Nov. 5, 1940.

Do you remember during the closing months of Hoover's Administration that the stock market crashed, bank failures, farm foreclosures, and high jumps were making the front page almost daily?

Who stopped that? It was Roosevelt, Wallace and Walter. How did they do it, they made use of the alphabet, starting with AAA, FFA, PWA, etc., they finished with vowels, I. O. U., that made the taxes higher.

It seems to me it is nicer to be taxed two dollars when one has the two dollars than to be taxed one dollar when you did not have the dollar. This system is more popular with the 96% (the poor people) than with the other 4%.

Who is looking after the "UNDER PRIVILEGED" in Eastern Oregon now? but—WALTER—

Come on voters lets give him a hand. He is the only farmer on the Agricultural Committee in The House of Representatives, he is doing alright don't you think so? He seems to speak their language, lets keep him there, say it with votes Nov. 5th.

WALTER  
 I have heard that George Washington said when he turned down the third term, "That a president should serve as long as the people wanted him," but he begged off. "HE DIDN'T CHOOSE TO RUN"

Anyhow you'll worry more about the third term when your allotment checks quit coming than you do now.  
 M. E. Weatherford, Arlington, Or.  
 A Gilliam County Farmer.

The above is being published despite the fact it is hardly a letter to the editor. A copy was also received in a letter bearing the frank of Walter Pierce.

**Statehouse Goopy**

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931 voters are registered, a gain of more than 8300 over the 1938 figures. Multnomah county reported an increase of nearly 15,000, with Marion county showing a gain of nearly 4200 and Washington county of nearly 3200.

State election officials credit the heavy increase in registrations to the interest in the national campaign which is expected to attract record breaking participation in the elections next month.

Oscar Paulsen, acting state director for vocational education, reports the allocation of an additional \$50,000 in federal funds to this state for use in training workers for jobs in national defense industries. A total of 1197 students are now enrolled in the seven training centers being operated in this state according to Paulsen.

Forest fires in Oregon burned over a smaller area during the past season than at any other time in the past 30 years according to records of the state forestry department. Of the 19,134 acres burned over 12,258 acres were in western Oregon with 6876 acres east of the mountains also subjected to fires. Of the 915 forest fires reported during the past season, 285 or 30 percent were started by lightning. Normally, the department points out, lightning fires do not run more than 10 percent of the season's total. Of the man-caused fires, smokers topped the list with 176, with 111 others charged up to incendiaries. No figures have yet been compiled on thompson damage resulting from forest fires.

Acting Governor E. R. Fatland has called upon the citizens of Oregon to join in the observance of Navy Day on Sunday, October 27.

Whether it reflects an increase in drunkenness on the part of motorists or increased vigilance on the part of law enforcement officers reports compiled by Secretary of State Snell reveal an increase of 30 percent in the number of drivers licenses revoked for drunken driving in the first nine months of the current year as com-

pared to the record for the first nine months of 1939. During the month of September alone there were 90 revocations for drunken driving, while for the nine month period 739 drunken drivers have been barred from the highway as compared to a record of 585 for the same period of 1939.

By John W. Kelly

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 as they are completed.

There is also the matter of a specially designed sighting device which has been an army secret and which is now proposed shall be made available for use by Great Britain. It is stated by way of apology for this contemplated act that Germany has a sighting device at least as good as that which it is proposed shall be turned over to the royal air force.

In connection with the ado which has been made over the commissioning of Elliott Roosevelt as a captain in the air force it is recalled that only a few months ago all air officers were compelled to undergo a new physical examination and that several of them who did not measure up to standard were summarily dismissed. Their plea for assignment to some other branch of the service were disregarded.

Attention is called to these facts as an attempt is made to divert public criticism by announcement that young Roosevelt has been assigned to the procurement division because his eyesight is too poor for

combat service. The pilots who were discharged were equally competent to do good work in other than combat service, it is insisted, and they had qualifications of training and experience which Elliott Roosevelt does not possess.

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**NOTICE OF ESTIMATED AND PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 1941 AND NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS BUDGET MEETING FOR COUNTY OF SHERMAN STATE OF OREGON**

Notice is hereby given, of the estimated amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the year 1941, same to be extended on the 1940 Assessment Roll, pursuant to the provisions of Section 69-1107, Oregon Code, 1930.

That Friday, the 8th day of November, 1940, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., of said day, in the County Court Room at the County Court House, in the City of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, is set as the time and place, when and where such estimates may be discussed with the County Court (the tax levying board). Itemized estimates of the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year 1941, for Sherman County, Oregon, and the probable receipts of the County from sources other than direct taxation are as follows:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES			
Estimate of expenses during the proposed appropriation for:	1939	1940	1941
<b>COUNTY COURT</b>			
County Judge's Salary	\$ 450.00	900.00	900.00
Judge's Expenses	125.00	125.00	125.00
Commissioner's fees and mileage	400.00	500.00	500.00
	975.00	1525.00	1525.00
<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>			
Witnesses and Juror's fees	1250.00	2000.00	1250.00
Reporters fees	50.00	125.00	125.00
Meals for Jurors	25.00	125.00	125.00
Bailiff's fees	20.00	50.00	50.00
	1345.00	2300.00	1550.00
<b>JUSTICE COURT</b>			
Justice Court and expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>			
District Attorney's Expenses	100.00	125.00	125.00
<b>COUNTY AGENT</b>			
County Agent's Office	1700.00	1850.00	1850.00
<b>COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE</b>			
County Assessor's Salary	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00
Field Assessor's Salary	400.00	400.00	400.00
Rolls, detail sheets, etc.,	425.00	425.00	425.00
Office help	255.00	255.00	540.00
Re: Appraisal work			50.00
	2880.00	2880.00	3215.00
<b>COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE</b>			
County Clerk's Salary	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Deputy Clerk's Salary	1020.00	1080.00	1080.00
Incidental expenses	300.00	300.00	250.00
Record books and blanks	275.00	275.00	225.00
Filing Cabinet		283.70	
	3095.00	3438.70	3055.00

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE			
County Sheriff's Salary	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00
Deputy Sheriff's Salary	1600.00	1600.00	1600.00
Traveling expenses	420.00	420.00	420.00
Incidental office expenses	400.00	400.00	400.00
State Industrial Accident Comm.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Traveling expense outside Sherman County			180.00
	4220.00	4220.00	4400.00
<b>SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>			
County School Sup't. Salary	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Traveling expenses	300.00	300.00	300.00
Incidental expenses	347.81	300.00	250.00
Office work	500.00	600.00	600.00
	\$2647.81	2700.00	2650.00
<b>COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE</b>			
County Treasurer's Salary	900.00	900.00	900.00
Record books and blanks	180.00	60.00	60.00
	\$1080.00	960.00	960.00
<b>HEALTH OFFICERS</b>			
County Health Officer	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expenses	15.00	15.00	15.00
County Health Nurse	500.00	650.00	650.00
	\$815.00	965.00	965.00
<b>CORONER</b>			
Coroner's fees and expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00
Juror's fees and witnesses	25.00	25.00	25.00
	\$75.00	75.00	75.00
<b>ELECTIONS</b>			
Judges and Clerks		675.00	
Ballots		250.00	
Booths		50.00	
Special Election	500.00		500.00
Ballot boxes and registration		25.00	
	\$500.00	1000.00	500.00
<b>COUNTY FAIR</b>			
Maintenance of grounds			
Insurance on fairgrounds	\$225.00	225.00	
County fair	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
	\$1725.00	1725.00	1500.00
<b>COUNTY SCHOOLS</b>			
School Library	60.10	57.30	52.30
4-H Club Fair	500.00	500.00	500.00
County Teachers' Institute	80.00	80.00	80.00
Apportionment of \$10. per capita	6010.00	5730.00	5230.00
	\$6650.10	6387.30	5862.30
<b>COUNTY COURTHOUSE</b>			
Courthouse Expenses. Lights, water, fuel, telephones, repairs, etc	2000.00	1400.00	1100.00
Janitor's Salary		900.00	900.00
	\$2000.00	2300.00	2000.00
<b>COUNTY JAIL</b>			
Board of Prisoners	50.00	50.00	50.00
<b>COUNTY PRINTING</b>	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>COUNTY STOCK INSPECTOR</b>	12.00	12.00	12.00
<b>INSANE AND FEEBLE-MINDED</b>			
Examination, expenses, transportation, etc.	75.00	50.00	50.00
<b>RELIEF FOR DEPENDENTS</b>			
Public Assistance	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
Old Age Assistance	3000.00	3200.00	3200.00
Blind Assistance	120.00	120.00	120.00
Aid to Dependent Children	400.00	500.00	500.00
	\$5820.00	5820.00	5820.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>			
Emergency Fund	5800.00	7000.00	7000.00
Ass'n of Oregon County Dees			75.00
Auditing County books	285.00	285.00	285.00
Sealer, of Weights and Meas.	50.00	50.00	50.00
Premiums on officers bonds	365.00	365.00	370.00
Inland Empire Waterways Ass'	500.00		
DeMoss Memorial Park Fund	100.00	100.00	350.00
Insurance on C. H. Exp. Sta.	365.56	310.00	176.00
Bureau of Biological Survey	500.00	600.00	600.00
Expenses of Government Trapper	100.00	100.00	150.00
Burial expenses			
White Shield Home of Salvation Army	50.00	50.00	50.00
Boys' and Girls' Aid Society	50.00	50.00	50.00
Louise Home	50.00	50.00	50.00
Waverly Baby Home	50.00	50.00	