

# Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted  
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## To Lure Farm Vote

Washington.—There seems to be little doubt any longer that President Roosevelt is getting ready to spring a new surprise among his many surprises and that he will employ it to wean away as much of the farm vote from Governor Landon of Kansas as is possible. The President usually has a card up his sleeve, one that he can pull out with a flourish and one that, on the surface at least, carries very convincing prospects in the particular line he has chosen.

In this instance, it seems rather well established that you may expect the President to come forward shortly with a brand new proposition for greater co-operative effort between the farmers and the city consumers. He is likely to present this new proposition—some of his critics have been unkind enough to describe it as a new rabbit from the hat—in a dressing that will be quite alluring. It is not clear yet just when the new plan will be offered by the President and his New Deal associates, but the guess can be made that it will come in time to permit a full exposition of the program by the New Dealers in advance of election. By the same token, it is apparent that the President's 1936 promises for the farmers will be disclosed late enough so that the Republicans will have little time to pick it to pieces.

The tip-off on the fact that Mr. Roosevelt is developing another farm program comes in Mr. Secretary Wallace's latest book "Whose Constitution." Of course, the secretary's observations may not be charged directly to the President. Nevertheless, it is the opinion of many of us who have watched the New Deal wheels go around that the secretary of agriculture usually leads the procession in offering new suggestions for New Deal activities.

Secretary Wallace is a candid man and his frankness continuously has been of an engaging sort. For the reason that he is of this type, I think it can be said usually that his views reflect what is going on beneath the surface. That is, his views ordinarily serve as a trial balloon, whether the secretary realizes it or not, and if they are watched closely, an accurate forecast of what is coming may be made.

It might have been that the secretary's book would have escaped attention as a vehicle carrying a message from the inner circle of New Dealers except for one line that was tucked away in the Democratic platform, or the platform adopted by the Philadelphia convention.

The sentence in the platform with which the secretary's book may properly be connected reads: "We will act to secure to the consumer fair value, honest sales and a decreasing spread between the price he pays and the price the producer receives."

Some observers here have linked that proposition with a thought that Mr. Roosevelt proposes to organize not only co-operatives among the farmers but to link those co-operatives with similar co-operatives among the consumers. The conviction held by these individuals is that Mr. Roosevelt, astute politician that he is, is seeking to kill two birds with one stone. In other words, they contend that his plan will be thrown out as an inducement for the farmers to support his policies and re-elect him and that when he deals with the voters in great industrial areas he will point out to them the possibility of cheaper food in this manner.

It is to be remembered in connection with the reported new farm program that Mr. Roosevelt has sent a commission to Europe to study the co-operative idea. There has been no fanfare, no blare of trumpets about the departure of these men, each being an avowed New Dealer and each one being thoroughly dependable. That is, they are men who can be depended upon to present the facts they gather in true New Deal light. They have been in Europe now about a month. It is expected they will remain at least one month longer. If, then, they take a month to write that we can expect another New Deal farm program, based upon the co-operative idea, to emerge from the White House around October 1. It is just 30 days from that date to the election.

We now have had acceptance speeches by both Mr. Roosevelt and Governor Landon, his opponent. To the extent that the keynote speeches of the national conventions indicate the trend of mind of the party workers and to the extent that the acceptance speeches tell in a way the deeply rooted views of the candidates, the issues of the campaign are drawn. Of course, it has frequently been

the case that the issues of July are not the issues that decide the election in November. There are those students of politics who are saying this year that the questions discussed by President Roosevelt and Governor Landon in their acceptance speeches are going to have very little to do with the decision of the voters three months hence.

I can report only on a consensus among political authorities on this point. That consensus seems to be that Mr. Landon is going to stick to discussion of the major problems as he sees them and that Mr. Roosevelt's strategy will be governed entirely by whatever changes take place in campaign conditions.

In other words, these writers in Washington who have gone through many a harried political battle, seem to feel that Mr. Roosevelt's campaign strategy is going to be exactly like the policies he has followed in his present administration. By that I mean, to quote the President's own words, that "If one thing fails, we will try something else."

There is the conviction among these same writers that Governor Landon will resort to no oratorical flourishes nor will he employ any of the tactics that Mr. Roosevelt has so often used in his fireside radio chats. Further, it is quite evident, I believe, that Governor Landon will make the burden of his plea to the American people an appeal to restore what he considers to be the American form of government. It was quite obvious from his acceptance speech, as it has been evident in some of his pre-campaign pronouncements, that he favors the common sense idea in government management and that he will permit nothing to swerve him from that course.

But it should be said, it seems to me, that if Governor Landon is able to maintain that plane throughout his campaign, he will be deserving of great commendation. There are many observers here who believe he has undertaken a task of the most difficult kind. The governor has built up or others have built up around him an atmosphere of simplicity. It has reached a high pitch. The question is—can he keep the campaign attuned to that pitch from now until November? If he does, he will surprise a great many observers.

Lately, I have heard through underground channels that Democratic Chairman Farley is getting a little irked at the methods employed by the youthful John Hamilton, who is chairman of the Republicans. "Big Jim" has taken a leave of absence as postmaster general, you will remember, in order to devote his time to re-electing President Roosevelt. He is now in a position to battle and, judging by his record, he can be expected to carry on a vigorous fight. That makes it all the more surprising to know that "Big Jim" has grown a little bit peevish as a result of the nudging and the razing that the red-headed Republican chairman has been handing him.

Six weeks elapsed between the nomination of Governor Landon and the date of his formal notification. During this time, Mr. Hamilton alone had to carry the Republican ball. He made numerous speeches and minced no words in any of them. He struck out straight from the shoulder at Mr. Farley. During that time, Mr. Hamilton really had no one firing back at him. It was exactly the same condition as obtained before the Republicans had selected a candidate and Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Farley had no one to fight back at them. The test for Mr. Hamilton, therefore, will come when Mr. Farley gets into action and the Democratic campaign is fully under way. He is young in national politics and some of the success of the Republican campaign is going to depend upon how Mr. Hamilton conducts himself, when Mr. Farley starts jibing and knocking down the Republican chairman's ears in the heat of battle.

There is another phase of the campaign that is going to be interesting to watch. For three years, Mr. Roosevelt has had open channels on the radio, has had the utmost freedom in picking his spots for delivering new pronouncements or his appeals for patience by the people. But that time has passed insofar as the President is concerned. He is now confronted with competition. What I am trying to say is that everywhere and every time the President speaks, he will speak with the knowledge that a fighting opposition is ready to leap on every word and every proposal that he makes. This is an entirely different circumstance than any Mr. Roosevelt has faced since he entered the White House March 4, 1933.

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## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

**McMinnville**—Places on the Linfield college honor roll for spring semester were won by 53 students, of whom three received straight A grades. J. K. Riley, registrar, released the information.

**Klamath Falls**—Weed-Klamath highway has been opened to one-way traffic again after having been blocked by debris sent down the slope of Mount Shasta at Whitney creek. Train service on Southern Pacific's Cascade line is also resumed.

**Zigzag**—A pioneer's bear trap was discovered in the woods near Government Camp by Larry Espinosa, forest service sign man, and his crew of CCC boys. The trap, a yoke-like contraption, was identified by William Faubion as one he and O. O. Youm set some 50 years ago.

**Corvallis**—George Y. Martin has been recommended as superintendent of the printing plant at Oregon State college to the state board of higher education by George W. Peavy, college president, and approved by F. M. Hunter, chancellor. Martin at present is head of the plant at South Dakota State.

**Dallas**—Prune growers here elected J. G. Hogg and Harry Webb of Dallas as directors of the Oregon Prune Control, Inc. L. R. Price, N. T. Guy and T. A. Dunn were chosen members of the executive committee. Members present voted unanimously to go ahead with organization of the control group.

**Florence**—The Siuslaw Pioneer association, in its annual meeting last week at the Main River grange hall, Cushman, was attended by 50 members. A basket dinner, songs, special numbers and early-day tales comprised the program following the business session at which Mrs. Kenneth McCormack was elected president.

**Lakeview**—Purchase of 100,000 acres of privately owned land in the Hart mountain area was agreed upon at a meeting of stockmen and government officials. The tract would become a game refuge. Ira Gabrielson, chief of federal biological survey, and F. R. Carpenter, director of grazing, department of the interior, met with state leaders here.

**Enterprise**—Shortage of water in Wallowa valley has become a serious problem for farmers depending on irrigation. Owners of farms under the ditches coming from Wallowa lake met recently in the office of Max Wilson, secretary of the Associated Ditch companies, at Joseph. All recognized the fact they will be on short allowance for the rest of the season.

**Drain**—Pioneer stage coach drivers of Douglas county were honored recently when a monument in their memory was dedicated at the Paradise creek bridge on the Drain-Reedsport highway. The Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers and the Douglas County association of Portland erected the monument on land donated by the state highway commission.

**WORKERS RESENT THEFT**  
**Albany**—"Workers"—In this case, honey bees—strongly resented the pillage of their hives by Norbert Heins, local bee man, and followed him to town last week. At his honey plant in the heart of Albany's business district, one swarm laid siege to the front door. A larger number discovered the back door and buzzed around it. To make matters worse for Heins, some of the more irate insects flew inside, where they literally made things hum.

Undaunted by the closed doors and frigid welcome, the visitors kept their vigil on the honey all night and all the next day.

**TEST RESULTS PLEASE**  
**Corvallis**—Dr. George M. Darrow, United States department of agriculture, here at the state college experimental station to supervise the recording of data concerning some 5000 hybrids of raspberries, loganberries, blackberries, youngberries and others, has expressed gratification at the progress of the work. He established the work in 1930 and 1931.

Believing that some of the more promising of the new crosses may lead to important new varieties of berries for commercial production, Dr. Darrow points out the importance of the cross-breeding by showing that the work is the largest federal project of its kind in the United States.

**Hermiston**—The annual irrigation pioneer picnic was held recently at Columbia park, four miles east of here.

**Newport**—Darwin Force, Eugene, caught an octopus with an arm-spread of six feet, three inches, near here last week. Thinking the creature was some sort of sea shell as it lay in a shallow pool, Force tried to dislodge it. The octopus put up a fight during which it lost two of its arms and its lunch, a large crab upon which it had been feeding.

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## ADVENTURERS CLUB

Hello Everybody

### "Death's Back Window" By FLOYD GIBBONS

WELL, sir, here's another candidate for the girl's dormitory of the Adventurers' club. What I mean, the ladies have been busting in here so fast that I wonder if we're not going to have to throw a couple of the men out to make room for them.

Now don't get nervous, fellows. I was only kidding when I said that. There's room enough for four billion people in this club of ours, and at last reports there were only two billion in the world. Unless the Martians or the people from the moon get to flooding in here in large numbers, there'll be room enough for everybody.

But I'll admit I get a little nervous when I see the girls putting it over on the men in this adventuring business. Adventuring was once a job for men and men only.

But what I'm scared of now is that some dame like Shirley Temple will grab my meal ticket and I'll have to hunt up a job washing dishes or minding a baby.

**Window Boxes Don't Make a Hit With Mary.**

And speaking of babies, that brings us around to today's Distinguished Adventurer—Mrs. Mary Donohue of The Bronx, N. Y. Mary has a baby, and the baby had an adventure. The baby isn't much of a hand at writing—it's only three now—so Mary sent the yarn in herself. After all it was more of an adventure for Mary than it was for the child. The baby wasn't quite old enough to know what was going on.

It happened on September 10, 1934. Then, Mary and her family were living in a comfortable home on the fourth floor of an apartment house. The place was nicely fixed up, even to a window box on the sill in the living room. And about that window box—well—that's the main part of the story.

Whenever Mary sees a window box now, she gets a queer, sickish feeling inside her, no matter how beautiful the flowers are in it, for it reminds her of the murderous one in her own home, and brings her back to that terrible September morning when she saw her youngest child—her eighteen-month-old baby—plunge to certain death.

**Baby Climbs Into an Adventure All His Own.**

It was eight o'clock in the morning, and Mary was mighty busy. She has five other children, and this was the first day of school. There were a million and one things that had to be done for those other kids on this



The Baby Plummeted Four Stories to the Ground

special morning. They had to have an extra good washing, now that the vacation days were over. They had to be fed a little earlier, and packed off with their new notebooks and pencil boxes under their arms.

Mary had just put the finishing touches on one of her little girls' hair ribbons when she just happened to wonder what the baby was doing. It's one of those hunches that pester a mother probably forty times a day. Most of the time they're false alarms. But this one wasn't. Mary went to the living room to see if everything was all right—and everything wasn't all right. There, in the window box, outside the window and four flights up from the ground, was the baby. He had climbed up there and stood looking over the line of back yards that stretched away down the block.

And just as Mary entered the room she heard an ominous, crackling sound FROM THE WINDOW BOX ON WHICH THE BABY WAS STANDING!

**Baby and Window Box Plunge to the Ground.**

"I didn't scream," says Mary. "Instead I walked cautiously toward the open window, trying not to frighten him. My senses seemed to be leaving me. I took another step and reached out to catch him. But it was too late."

Yes, it was too late. Just as Mary reached, there was another loud crack, and the window box went plummeting toward the earth. The baby went with it—down four stories in a clear drop to the ground. Mary CAN'T describe the emotions she felt then. No pen ever made could describe them. "When I saw my baby go, my heart went with him," she says. "And that's the nearest she can come to telling us how she felt."

"I rushed down the stairs," she says, "I wanted to be the first to hold his little dead body in my arms. My eyes were unseeing—saw nothing but the space in front of me that led to my baby. I reached the cellar and started up the steps leading to the yard. Then I saw my nine-year-old daughter coming toward me with the baby in her arms. She had caught there before me."

**Providence Plus Defective Drain Save Child's Life.**

But what was this? The baby, instead of lying stiff and motionless in his sister's arms, was crying lustily. "I took him in my arms," says Mary. "I don't want to try to express my feelings then. God alone knows how I felt to be holding my baby alive. For a while, I couldn't believe my eyes. Then I saw what had happened."

And what had happened, boys and girls, was just this. It had rained for several days previous to the accident. The drainage of the yard was defective and water had collected. In some spots it was almost a foot deep, and it was into one of those spots the baby fell. And though Mary took him to a doctor and then to a hospital, no one was ever able to find a scratch on him.

That's the story, boys and girls, of why Mary Donohue can't stand the sight of a window box. It brings back too terrible a memory. "If I sound incoherent," she says at the end of her letter, "it's because I've been going through that ordeal all over again as I've been writing it."

### Banish Tibet Scapegoat When Crops Are Failure

When the crops fail, or other trouble comes on the people of Tibet, the tribe assemblies and a goat led by a black rope is brought before them by its owner.

The man pleads for its life, and very likely in the distant past he may have brought his goat as a substitute for the sacrifice of his own. But now the only punishment is the banishment of the goat from the flock.

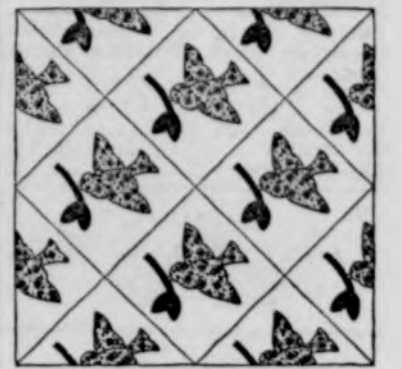
**Cocker Spaniels**

Cocker spaniels, so-named because of their ability in England of seeking woodcock, are developed into a popular little sporting dog in America. The Yankee type of Cocker spaniel is smaller than its British cousin.

doing penance for the sins of the people.

In other parts of Tibet there used to be, and may be still, a scapegoat. He was one who was either destitute or had done some wrong. Like the goat, he was first well fed and then compelled to roam for three years in Central Tibet, a banished man, who would have found it hard to live in the bitter winter, but whom none would help.

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