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ABUSE OF RECALL MAY BE ENDED

Banks Strange Paradox-Poses as Truth's Friend but Treats it Shamefully

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
HERE is a rather interesting statement, which is backed up by official statistics of the meat industry:

CONSUMPTION of meat in this country has been declining during the past 30 years. In 1900, it was about 142 pounds per person, or about 10 pounds above the 1932 average.

It is interesting to note that the drop in meat consumption that has occurred in the past 30 years hasn't been steady and unbroken. Instead, it has been up and down.

THE DROP in consumption of meat is due almost wholly to beef, which has slipped from a high of 77 pounds in 1907 to a low of 46 pounds last year.

WHILE beef eating has been going down, pork eating has been going up. Back in 1902, along about the same year when people of this country were eating 155 pounds of beef...

AND here is a curious thing: In spite of all the vegetable oils that have been flooding the country, per capita consumption of lard in this country has increased steadily since 1900...

CONSUMPTION of veal has gone upward steadily since 1900, when it was four pounds per person. It is now six pounds.

BILL INTRODUCED FOR REGULATION PASSES IN HOUSE

Practice of Keeping Recall Petitions On Ice for Political Club Is Abolished - Would Know Backers

The long threatened recall attempt against Circuit Judge H. D. Norton of this judicial district, and which has been one of the political clubs whittled in the political turmoil, was cited in the legislature yesterday, as convincing evidence that corrections of abuses of the recall are needed, before the people "in their disgust abolish it."

Backers Would Be Known Under this proposed law, the recallers and the contributors will be known the same as the official they are seeking to remove. The bill provides that three months after filing the original petition the petition must be completed; all names being held by the official in charge and not turned back to the promoters.

By forcing petitions to be filed in 90 days and giving publicity to all contributors and the names of members of recall organizations, the most flagrant abuses will be cured. The recall has degenerated into a species of graft and racketeering, the house was repeatedly told.

Norton Case Cited The recall campaign against Judge Norton, was cited as an example of the abuses practiced in the name of reform. In a signed article in today's Oregonian, by John W. Kelly, the local situation is mentioned as follows:

Would Remove Veil The new law would remove the shroud of secrecy from all recall petitions, and reveal by publicity the cash contributors, if any, and the names of signers of recall petitions. In this county, the names of the fathers of the Norton recall remain

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BULLETIN

SHANGHAI, Feb. 24.—(AP)—(Friday) In a speedy reply to the Japanese ultimatum, the Chinese government today refused to withdraw its troops from the province of Jehol, for the conquest of which the Japanese already have started preliminary military operations.

The fact that Japan not only is bent on attacking and seizing Jehol but also declares that her military operations may be extended to North China, is sufficient to prove that her long-cherished policy of aggression remains unchanged, the Chinese reply said.

JUDGE CAREY TO GET MOTT'S JOB

SALEM, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Appointment of Judge Chas. H. Carey of Portland, former circuit judge of Multnomah county, as state corporation commissioner to succeed James W. Mott, congressman-elect, will be announced by Governor Julius L. Meier before evening, it was predicted by well-informed observers in the legislative lobby this afternoon.

Bingham To Be British Envoy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Official circles here heard today that Robert W. Bingham, the Louisville, Ky., publisher, probably had been chosen by President-elect Roosevelt to be ambassador to London.

Indicted



John Drew, former city treasurer of Milwaukee, was indicted on charges of embezzling \$500,000 in city funds. (Associated Press Photo)

ROBINSON, A DRY, IS CREDITED AS REPEAL ENGINEER

By PAUL MALLON (Copyrighted by McClure Newspaper Syndicate) WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The man behind the guns in prohibition recall was nobody else than that erstwhile dry—Democratic Floor Leader Robinson.

How he did it is an inside tale reaching far beyond the prohibition issue. It means Robinson's unquestioned retention as Democratic leader. He re-establishes his force as a guiding power in congress. When Garner is kicked upstairs to the vice-presidency, Robinson now will be the most influential man in congress.

Two nudges pushed him into action. One came from the legislature of his state. It went on record for repeal a few days before his change of front. Some close friends suggest he had the legislature take that action to open the way for what he did. That is being denied, but not strongly.

The second nudge is supposed to have come from Mr. Roosevelt. That can never be proved, one way or another.

Robinson went about his little coup with an air of enthusiasm which strongly suggests that he got the idea for it himself before he was nudged by anyone.

He lay low in the last Presidential campaign. There was considerable

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NEW TREASURER MUM ON POLICY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(AP)—William H. Woodin, secretary of the treasury for the Roosevelt cabinet, announced this morning that he was to have a noon conference with Ogden L. Mills, the Hoover treasury secretary, "to get an insight into things."

Woodin also disclosed that next week he planned to "disassociate" himself from all the companies of which he is head or a director.

He declined to discuss his proposed policies as treasury chief, but indicated that practically all his time from now until inauguration would be spent in familiarizing himself with the workings of the department he will head.

Governor Dern War Secretary

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Feb. 23.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt today named George H. Dern of Utah as secretary of war.

BANKS IS GRANTED 5 DAYS' GRACE TO ENTER DEMURRER

Pleas of Not Guilty Made at Hearing On Libel and Syndicalism Indictments - Special Prosecutor

Pleas of not guilty were entered in circuit court this morning before Judge George F. Skipworth of Eugene, to three indictments — one charging criminal syndicalism, and two charging criminal libel, by L. A. Banks, editor and publisher of the Medford Daily News.

The not guilty pleas were entered with the proviso that Banks be given five days in which to file a demurrer to the indictments. Banks, who appeared as his own counsel, filed three motions, asking that the indictments be quashed. The motions contended that the articles upon which the indictments were based were "within his constitutional right," and that the question involved was "the freedom of the press against public condemnation of public officials."

Special Prosecutor Pleaded. The court, from the bench, recommended that a special prosecutor be named to hear the criminal syndicalism charge and that "the district attorney should not try the criminal syndicalism indictment." Deputy District Attorney George Nelson advised the court that a request had already been filed with the governor, requesting that a special prosecutor be appointed.

The court declared that the special prosecutor should be "in no way involved in your difficulty here." At the opening of court, Judge Skipworth urged Banks to procure an attorney. The orchardist-editor replied that the "illegal legal trust had closed the doors to him." Banks then read his motion to set aside the indictments.

Should Get Attorney. Near the end of the Banks presentation of his motion, asking that the criminal syndicalism indictment be quashed, the court again "strongly urged" that he procure an attorney. The court suggested to Banks that through an attorney he present a general demurrer to the indictments, but they would be admitted as part of the record. Judge Skipworth further stated that defendants in his court would be protected "in their constitutional rights." The court, aside from advising him to procure an attorney, gave advice as to the methods to pursue.

The court hinted from the bench that the criminal syndicalism indictment did not state sufficient grounds to constitute a crime.

Argument in 5 Days. Under the ruling of the court, arguments on the demurrer to be filed by Banks will be heard in five days. Before granting this time, the court asked Banks, "Are you sure this is sufficient time?"

The entire proceedings required less than 15 minutes. The courtroom was packed, with an overflow crowd in the hallway. Once, when a mild disturbance arose in the hall, the court rapped sharply for order, with the words: "Order must be maintained in the courtroom."

Many of the audience remained to hear the naturalization hearings conducted by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton.

Officers Attacked. Judge Skipworth returned to Eugene today. The demurrers and reply by the state may be presented to him in briefs, and the court will make a written ruling.

Separate demurrers, in ordinary legal procedure, would be filed against each indictment. The criminal syndicalism indictment was based on an article printed January 8, entitled "The Declaration of Independence." The criminal libel indictments were based upon articles entitled "Banditry" and "Judge Norton's Confession." In the first, the officers who seized newspaper in the News plant, on a writ of attachment, were criticized. The second article excoriated Circuit Judge H. D. Norton for his address to the grand jury.

Snow in Pendleton. PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP) Some snow fell here last night, following a heavy wind and rain storm, but most of the fall had disappeared this morning. The temperature dropped to 33 above during the night.

Dam Dynamiting Claim Cited by Former Aide As Distortion Sample

Examination of Site Yields no Evidence To Bolster Often Repeated Charge Bunkhouse Fire Another Lie

For a man who spends so much time claiming that "truth" in Jackson county is published only in his newspaper, and that truth depends solely upon the Daily News for its existence here, L. A. Banks, editor of the Daily News presents a strange paradox.

Banks presents the "F. A. Bates, Aged Poets 'Creek Miners'" case as one of the leading miscarriages of justice in Jackson county, wherein Bates is supposed to have been the victim of a wicked conspiracy between officers and miners, and supposed to have been deprived of his property illegally and Bates banished from the county. A shining example of one of the "truths" he presents in his newspaper to prove his case is brought out by an interview with A. H. Clements of Central Point, a mining man with whom Banks was associated in the Black Channel mine venture.

No Dynamite Evidence. Bates and Banks have repeatedly contended that the dams of Bates' reservoirs had been dynamited by the alleged "conspirators" in an effort to hinder work on the Black Channel mine, and to drive Bates from his property. Banks has repeated these charges time and time again, referring to Bates as the "poor, aged man," whose reservoirs were dynamited in a wicked conspiracy to deprive him of his property.

Banks, together with Claude Ward, Banks' brother-in-law, George Schumacher, Bates, and Clif Clements and A. H. Clements, made an inspection of the dams early last spring, when Banks first became interested in buying the property, and the matter of the dynamiting was discussed and investigated. THE GROUP OF MEN WENT TO THE DAMS INSPECTED THEM, AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF DYNAMITING. Clements said this morning.

Were Washed Out. "There was absolutely no evidence of dynamiting in the dams," Clements repeated. "The dams were washed out when the reservoirs got full of water, due partly to gophers and partly to the fact that the timber in the dams had been there for years and had rotted."

"I TOLD Bar's there was no evidence of dynamiting," Clements said, "and he immediately came out in his paper and announced that an inspection trip of the dams had been made by experienced mining men, and that was the UNANIMOUS opinion that the dams HAD BEEN DYNAMITED."

"He has repeatedly stated since that the dams were dynamited," Clements continued, "when he KNOWS THAT THEY WERE NOT! There was absolutely no evidence of their ever having been dynamited, but they did

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WIMER GRANGER KILLED AT MINE

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP) Crushed by a 300-pound boulder, Leroy Brubaker, 39, was killed Wednesday at the Jackson mine near here. He was master of the Wimer Granger. Brubaker and his brother-in-law, C. W. Ringer, were working with sluice boxes when an earthslide started. Ringer escaped without injury.

Marion Co. Relief Committee Named

SALEM, Feb. 23.—(AP)—One county committee to work with the state unemployment relief council was announced by Governor Julius L. Meier today—the Relief Committee of Marion county. While others were being considered and names suggested, none have definitely been decided upon, he declared. He was busy today on names suggested for the Lane county committee.

Portland Has Bootleg Feud

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Several men were held for questioning here today as the result of a southern Oregon shoppers who wish to make purchases and boost the showings of their favorite candidates for Miss Medford honors.

PAIR WHO LOITER AT COURT HOUSE QUIZZED ON THEFT

Officers Deny Seven Questioned in Ballot Stealing - Nearby Dwellers Give Tips on Strange Goingson

The authorities, investigating the brazen theft and destruction of official ballots Monday night, denied the published report that seven men had been questioned. It was admitted that two men were held in custody for questioning. Their names were not revealed. They were, however, described as "two of the lot who have been living at the courthouse the past month."

The ballots were stolen some time Monday night. The next morning the ballots were to be counted in the election contest filed by former Sheriff Jennings against Sheriff Schermerhorn. When reported missing, the election contest automatically stopped.

Residents Give Tips. Valuable information was secured yesterday from seven or eight residents living across the street, who heard the crash of the glass, and saw a group of men talking in the rear of the courthouse, shortly before midnight. Several watched the activity from their windows, and "were suspicious that something was going on."

Other information was obtained from people, who were outside spectators at the "Good Government Congress" meeting Monday night. A dozen reported seeing knots of men earnestly conversing, and that they surmised "something was in the wind," and they had the feeling "they were under guard." From all these sources, it has been established "there was more business than usual at the rear of the courthouse."

An Inside Job. Authorities also further strengthened their contention that it was "an inside job," and that the ballot vandals were familiar with the basement and furnace room of the courthouse. It is generally believed that the vault window was broken, as a camouflage, and that the perpetrators of the outrage worked exclusively from the inside of the courthouse.

The 18 tops of the ballot pouches found hidden in a cranny beneath the courthouse Monday afternoon, following the discovery of readable portions of the ballots in the furnace, have been photographed for fingerprints.

The authorities would make no statement relative to the evidence and information they have obtained, or give the names of those questioned. They said "things were coming along nicely." They would make no prediction as to when development

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GOVERNOR AGAINST RECESS PROPOSAL

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today took an active interest in the adjournment of the legislature when he announced a voyage to Victoria, B. C., thence to San Francisco and home with stopovers filled with side trips and sight-seeing tours.

As a special award for the Medford girl securing the most votes from Wednesday's tabulation to 6:00 o'clock Saturday evening a crisp \$250 bill will be given by the Mail Tribune. This added award for three days work will prove an extra incentive for contestants to put forth effort for popularity ballots this week-end.

Members of Medford post 15, American Legion, are working out details of a great Popularity Ball which will climax the six weeks Merchants-Tribune contest. Fifty-two well known Medford business firms are featuring popularity votes on cash purchases and, as a special inducement for the final days of the unique contest, these participating concerns will feature exceptional values for thirty southern Oregon shoppers who wish to make purchases and boost the showings of their favorite candidates for Miss Medford honors.

KIDNAPER CHASE LEADS TO SIDNEY, NEBRASKA

SIDNEY, Neb., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Two Denver officers arrived here this afternoon in search for Charles Boettcher 2nd, kidnaped Denver broker.

FEHL REFUSES TO CO-OPERATE FOR RFC RELIEF LOAN

County Commissioners Sign Application Without Judge - Evils of Present Relief System to Be Wiped Out

Definite steps were taken this morning by the county court to correct evils existing in the relief to the unemployed situation in this county. Upon application of Hamilton Patton, chairman of the county relief work, he was granted authority to strike from the county commissary list names of those not entitled to aid. Patton told the county court that of the 2000 families receiving county provisions, close to 300 would probably be stricken from the list as unworthy. Patton was instructed to do this at once, acting with his committee and Miss Lillian Roberts of the Red Cross.

Eyes Opened. Patton told the county court that "his eyes had been opened up," and that he needed the backing of the county court. Patton told the county court that after names had been stricken from the list they had afterwards obtained orders for provisions. Patton was instructed to strike the unworthy names from the list before March 1.

County Judge Fehl was not in attendance at this morning's meeting. He held a conference today with Governor Meier at Salem relative to relief work here.

Fehl Refuses to Sign. The county court Tuesday night sent in Jackson county's application for Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds. County Judge Fehl refused to sign the application but Commissioners Billings and Nealon did. It will amount to about \$22,000 per month.

For several weeks there has been widespread complaint against the issuing of provisions to "all comers" from the county commissary. It has been widely claimed that many are able to purchase their own here when procuring county food. It was reported that some had laid in large supplies of county food.

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 22.—Carter Glass when he told the senate that the whole reconstruction finance thing was bad, told them exactly what every senator knew in his heart but didn't have the nerve to say.

Every man, every industry, in the U. S. was hit by depression. Before you start dealing out public funds to help you should have first found out have we enough money to give aid to everyone, every industry. If not, I am not going to give part of them a sandwich and leave the rest go hungry.

But no, they didn't do that. They started right in by helping the bankers, so every man, woman and child in the U. S. thinks, and rightly so, that they have got as much right to get some sort of government aid as the bankers.

Due to the lack of foresight of our lawmakers, the bankers, the railroads and big business got the first U. S. dole and it will never be finished till the last one hundred and twenty million reach in and get theirs, because they feel they got it coming.

No wonder Glass was too smart to be treasurer.

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