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Watch Out For Politics

THERE has been an attempt to play rather dirty politics against Henry Semon, Klamath legislator, who has a strong chance for the speakership.

Mr. Semon, it should be realized, did not go to Portland this week with the idea of seeking this job for himself. But the situation was such that it appeared there would be a useless democratic deadlock on the speakership that would delay organization of the house for several days.

Now the public is in no mood to pay its hard-earned cash for day after day of a special session that is devoted to silly bickering for political honors. It is sending its legislators to Salem to do business, and it wants that business finished as quickly as possible.

It was in an effort to break the deadlock and provide the house with an experienced, able leader that the turn was made to Henry Semon. Mr. Semon is a practical man. He believes the legislators are sent to Salem to make laws, rather than to play politics. He is strong for a short, business-like special session.

Then an attempt was made to give the impression the Semon candidacy had the sponsorship of ex-Governor Oswald West, no doubt with the hope that Mr. West's utilities connections would hurt the Klamath man. There was absolutely no foundation of truth in this talk. Mr. Semon, as everybody here knows, is free from any such encumbrances, and West had absolutely nothing to do with his candidacy.

If the Semon candidacy fails, it means the house will be deprived of the kind of a leader that is needed for the work at hand. The blame can be placed at the door of politics.

Mr. Semon, incidentally, is in the happy position of not caring a lot. No professional politician, his sun doesn't rise and set in the hope of winning some political honor. But he is able and willing to turn in a lot of hard work, if the public wants to use him.

Old Grounds Favored

THE Oregon legislature convenes in special session Monday to decide what to do about a new capitol building.

For weeks the question of capitol site has been warmly debated over the state. It has become increasingly apparent that public sentiment is in favor of building the capitol on the old grounds in the heart of Salem.

There are those who have idealistic pictures of impressive development on the hills near Salem, and others favor acquisition of Willamette university campus as an addition to the present grounds.

But economy is the watchword in Oregon, and most of the legislators are going to Salem with a realization that their constituents favor most strongly constructing a building "up in the air" on the old site. Second choice, if one is to judge from various expressions of public opinion, is for using the old site with added grounds.

Courthouse Mess

NOW come some of the undesirable results of the courthouse mess.

The district attorney's office, assailed in open court by the circuit judge, has filed affidavits of prejudice in every criminal case pending in circuit court, including one in which the defendant had already filed such an affidavit.

This policy, if pursued persistently, will mean that the present circuit judge will not sit on any criminal cases in the court here.

This is an illustration of what can happen when the district attorney and the circuit judge are at odds. This newspaper, when the unfortunate mess developed, urged that both step aside until it could be cleared up, and either a drastic change made or the hostilities compromised.

This suggestion was offered in good faith, without the purpose of either "cracking at" anybody or hampering the clean-up of gambling and lawlessness here. It was ignored, and the mess still exists, with no one quite sure what will happen next.

ALTAMONT

ALTAMONT—Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Moore of Butte Falls made a brief visit in this district last week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Malinda Audrey of Cottage Grove, who is visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Sexton arrived last week to make an extended visit with her father, Sam Sexton, on Altamont Drive.

Mrs. Twyla Ferguson, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Mifflin were chosen to attend the P-T-A. convention in Medford, as delegates from the Altamont group. It is understood that several others from this neighborhood plan to make the trip also.

The American people can always find money for what they want, hence education must be made to people want it—Dr. Isaac Doughton, dean of education, Mansfield State Teachers' college.

In Hollywood it is only necessary to be seen with a person of the opposite sex about twice, and the gossip is all set for a Yuma elopement—Edmund Lowe, screen actor.

All bookbinders were monks in the Middle Ages of Europe, this being considered a sacred profession.

WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

The Inside Story From The Capital

By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. — The best inside dope is that the supreme court will save the TVA, clip the AAA a little and toss the Bankhead cotton control act into the unconstitutional waste-basket.

These expectations are somewhat contrary to general public impressions now, but they represent the private studied judgment of dispassionate lawyers who are intimate with the three big new deal cases now pending before the court.

Neither they nor anyone else (including the court at this time) has any substantial knowledge of what the court will do. Arguments have not even been heard. However, they rarely add much except further legal understanding, and the legal lines for them have already been fixed. From these lines the expert dope has been gathered that, along about Christmas time, the court will give the new deal three presents, not all of which will be welcome.

TVA

The decision is likely to center around the particular point whether the government was within legal bounds in virtually forcing the Alabama Power company to sell certain transmission lines to the TVA. The government has for years been selling surplus power on reclamation projects. Boulder dam is on the same basis and the court has sustained that act, although the question was not as pointed as in this case. But national defense is supposed to furnish further legal strength for TVA action.

The court may step out on broad property protection grounds, but rail-judges doubt it. They think the court will say it makes little legal difference whether the government sells power at the switchboard (Boulder dam) or at the end of the transmission line (TVA).

However it is equally probable that the court will set some definite limitations as to how far the government may go in the power business.

AAA

The farm act is different. The AAA amendments were passed since the lower court decision in the recent Hoosac mill case. That makes the decision hard for dopesters to figure. (Able Federal Judge Otis at Kansas City already has ruled that the amendments made the AAA legal).

Two questions are involved: (a) whether congress unconstitutionally delegated its taxing power to the president. Originally, it did. The new amendments attempt to set up a legal circumvention of the constitutional restriction, and probably do. At least the expectation is rather general that the amendments will permit the court to save the processing tax system in a backhanded way. (b) Law-

yers are not as certain whether the production of cotton is an intra-state business and thus outside federal regulation. The court has held always that manufacturing, etc., is local business and beyond the power of congress. However, the government has about a 50-50 chance of being upheld because production agreements are voluntary. Also, there are no fines and imprisonment for minor violations, such as in NRA.

However, some legal limitations on both points are expected to be set by the court.

COTTON

Not as much can be said for the Bankhead act. It has mandatory features for limitation of production. The court generally frowns on these as unconstitutional. Ex-officio judges do not believe it has a chance.

POWER

A crowd of new dealers debated among themselves the other night the question of whether a man had a better chance of getting ahead in the new deal with the backing of Mrs. Roosevelt or Postmaster General Farley. The double chairman-general won. He would not have a year ago.

It seems that the revival of interest lately in the 1936 elections has caused wider inside respect for Mr. Farley's duties. This is especially true among

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Won't you put Patrick in the newsreel so his grandparents in Dublin can see him?"

the great idealists who, heretofore, would not sell their hands by extending them to a politician.

There are reports that Farley recently won a big inside victory for his viewpoint in a discussion at the White House. The rumor is that son James Roosevelt or some other budding young political leader was poaching on Farley's appointive preserves, or, at least, that Mr. Farley's friends thought so. Farley is supposed to have taken the matter up to the top.

Whether the rumor is true or not, the result is the same. The double chairman general is now on top of the Washington heap.

FLEETS

Confidential reports indicate that Britain's naval forces in the Mediterranean now outnumber Mussolini two to one. They are so strategically situated that they could brush his navy off the waves in three weeks. The geographical boot that is Italy could be laced tight enough to make Mussolini's nation scream for food.

But the French also have a fleet in the Mediterranean. The question is what they would do.

MOTTO

The Consumers' Guide, issued by the AAA to give helpful price advice, now carries the motto: "The Consumers' Guide believes that consumption is the end and purpose of production." It says nothing about profit.

About the Bible

In the fourth century of the Christian era over a large part of the area reached by Christianity Latin had taken the place of the Greek as the written language, hence special attention to the making of Latin bibles. Jerome was asked to prepare a translation, and this when finally accepted became the most used Bible in Europe for a thousand years or so. It was termed the "Vulgate." At the Dark Ages came on people were not commonly able to read in any language, so translations into their local tongues were not called for and the Bible became mainly a property of the churches. This held until the fifteenth century when the popular demand for Scriptures in the homes arose again.

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Telling the Editor

Klamath Falls, Ore. (To the Editor)—In regard to your latest editorial on Mr. Mahoney and Congressman Pierce, I feel both disgusted and sorry that a paper of yours would print such a mockery to the people. Do you doubt the judgment of the club? Perhaps you should be present at some of the meetings and use your superior judgment and influence to persuade the people to a more sane program.

It is such inconsiderate, thoughtless publishers that always try to run down a good honest benefit. For example, you start up a big noise about getting the county judge to move from the picture when he is trying to make Klamath Falls a respectable place to live. Why don't you become instrumental in promoting benefits to the people instead of rapping every effort that is aimed to benefit the people.

A little study would persuade you that the majority of the people of this city are for the Townsend plan, and Mahoney is a patriotic Townsend supporter and a capable delegate to the convention.

If you had investigated before you published such a storm at Congressman Pierce, you would have discovered that he always was a staunch supporter of old-age benefits and the Townsend plan.

When you publish such remarks as "The Windy City," did you ever consider that such people and publishers as you, make it to be known by such a name? I might ask, "Where did you ever get the information that the local mayor was going to run for congress?"

As a final remark, I warn you that your hostile attitude to the

Townsend members of this county is very likely to lead to your downfall.

Consider your thousands of readers that are for the plan when you publish another edition. Your circulation may fall off sharply if you don't.

A. Faithful Reader

Adolph's Observations

ALL my life it has been my luck to get into most embarrassing situations. This has had its effect on me and I have developed the habit of stepping kinda easy like whenever I'm in unfamiliar places.

When I was a young man I joined a small German church where the membership was only about sixty. In a place like that it sometimes happens that the congregations are exceedingly small, especially in the evening.

One night there were only three, two ladies and myself. I was required to pass the collection plate and neither of these put anything in and I didn't have a cent, either. I carried the container up empty and the preacher blessed it. Somehow this got me down and I never went back there in the evening again.

I later asked this pastor how it felt speaking to such a small group and he said, "Oh, it's all right, only when

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one says "Dearly Beloved" he has to be afraid that the ladies might think that he is getting fresh."

The public will get what it wants, but it won't bother much about the legislator who votes against its wishes. It figures that one legislator is about as bad as another. —M. A. Harlan, national commander, Disabled American Veterans.

There is only room for two "isms" in this country. They are Patriotism and Americanism. —M. A. Harlan, national commander, Disabled American Veterans.

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