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**Unpack First**

It is a bit strange that the opponents of the administration always charge "packing" the courts and never mention the important fact that the highest tribunal in the world will have to be "unpacked" first. In all these years we have overlooked the fact that Democrat as well as Republican Presidents have placed on the highest bench men of their own choosing, except in some few cases where political pressure by the "big boys" was too great. The size of the court has varied in years gone by, but variations in days gone mean little, causing one to wonder if there isn't too much importance attached to the court reform now under debate in the Congress.

When President Roosevelt proposed to "pack" the court, giving the masses a "break," the big boys started yelling something about "packing."

And now reports out of Washington indicate that the court has been "packed" for years, or at least since 1894, for the big boys, the masses shouldering an accumulated loss of nearly sixteen billion dollars in that time.

It is a different story from what many claim is found when a review is made of the "unsound and unreasonable decisions" handed down by the United States Supreme Court in years gone by.

Representative Lewis, of Maryland, just a few days ago cited a list of decisions that have cost the government \$15,760,000,000 in revenue. He mentioned the one against income taxes in 1894, the resulting loss amounting, according to his figures, a billion and a half dollars in 18 years. The exemption of employees of counties, cities and states cost a cool billion. Tax exemptions of community property cost around \$200,000,000. The exemption of companies' income from state-leased oil lands cost three billion. The exemption of income from stock dividends costs some over a billion.

With these facts before them, the people believe it is about time to "unpack" the judicial valise or at least make room for some clothes of another color.

**Josiah Ought To Do Something About It**

Out of a possible 151 days it could have worked, the United States Senate of the 75th Congress has actually met on 89 of them. And we think there follows such a waste of money, as well as time, that Josiah William Bailey ought to do something about it. And when he accomplishes success there he ought to go over to the House where the boys have met on only 118. The "heavy" schedule followed by the House is probably because the representatives are nearer the people—About four years nearer in Mr. Bailey's particular case.

Probably Mr. Bailey, if he finds it impossible to get the boys to earn their pay, could court the treasury and have their pay cut. A pay decrease in Congressmen's salaries would not wipe out the deficit that Mr. Bailey, and some others, too, have been talking about; but if Mr. Bailey and some few others would accept a cut of, say, about 50 per cent in their salaries the people would certainly believe they are more interested in economy than the recent capers in Washington would indicate. And there is a possibility that some of those in Washington would still be getting too much money if their present salaries are decreased 50 per cent or even eliminated in their entirety.

**Extremes**

"Lash is authorized in prison discipline," reads a recent headline in a state paper. Unofficial reports indicate that in some instances, certain authorities are compromising with criminals in running down other criminals. Rumors have it that officers in some cases have bargained with criminals, giving them "expense" money and conditional freedom with the expectation of capturing other criminals. Possibly it is without foundation, but a recent story maintains that officers in one state entered another with a prisoner who was to direct them to the hiding place of a second criminal. Unable to find the man, the first criminal bargained for his release, and he has not been heard from since.

Here we have two extremes in the handling of prisoners. One extreme is to beat them into submission, and the other is to foolishly turn them loose. Probably no prison system, regardless of how perfect it may be, can cope with the crime situation, but it does seem that a more happy medium could be reached in the handling of prisoners.

The use of the lash carries grave dangers, but at the same time the "coddling" of prisoners is just about as dangerous to the penal system.

Apparently we argue too much over prisons and pay too little attention to crime prevention methods.

**New Party in the Making**

Random talk heard some few months ago about the organization of a new party to take the place of the reputed G. O. P. is crystallizing into something with a definite aim, late reports from political centers indicate. Old Guard leaders are courting the conservative Democrats with the aim of strengthening their own ranks for a hot battle in 1940.

It certainly will be interesting to learn the policies of the new political group. The very fact that the Old Guard leaders are out to form a new party repudiates, in the eyes of the voters, the policies of the Republican leaders during the Hoover administration. It is possible that the Old Guard and the conservative Democrats will fly a new banner, but its soul will probably be centered on a return to the old way of going things, a way that was rejected by millions just eight months back.

Those who are trying to save the fragments of a domineering party need not attach too much hope to their efforts just because a few wandering Democratic senators accept their courtship. The people back home are not represented, and when the time comes to vote, those trying to salvage the Republican Party will learn that the masses are not ready to return to the old regime, even if that regime has adopted a new banner.

The Democratic party, under the leadership of Mr. Roosevelt, has extended its blessings to too many people these past few years for the remnants of the Republican party to join ranks with the conservatives and effect a decisive victory. Regardless of the poison that is being spilled and will continue to be spilled in the minds of the American masses, the handwriting on the wall predicts a clear steerage from the old principles—and Mr. Hoover, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Bailey can do little about it.

**It Pays Dividends**

*Sampson Independent*

The time was, and not so long ago, when it was not unusual for a person living in the average small town to know personally every inhabitant, but not so today. Every day you see people, citizens of your own town, whom you do not know. This is an age of moving around; an age when the natural trend of things takes people from place to place.

The ambition of every permanent citizen of a town or community should be to make newcomers and visitors feel welcome—at home, so to speak. That is the more necessary when so many new people are frequently moving in. Neither should the spirit of friendliness and fellowship be confined to the home folks. It should be evidenced even more lavishly upon visitors to your home town.

The worth of a friendly atmosphere and a spirit of hospitality to any town or community cannot be overestimated. It is the duty of every citizen of such town or community to do his or her part in making the home town or community one easily recognized for its friendly spirit—a spirit which always pays handsome dividends, not only to the community, but also to the individual who practices it.

**A Question of Bigness**

*News and Observer*

"No man," says Senator James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania, "is big enough to become dictator in America."

Thus did the Senator misread history's plain recital of the process by which dictators are made. Mussolini, Hitler and the rest back through the ages became dictators not by their own might and majesty but by the disappointment and weariness of their people.

Admittedly, both of these are men of tremendous personal strength and appeal. They became dictators because their people had lost respect for the current regime and faith in its power to bring them out of chaos. They were hopeless people turning in distress to the comfort of a power they themselves might create and maintain.

Perhaps under different machinery of government, machinery in which people were denied the opportunity inherent in our direct representation and frequent elections to reshape the policies and recast the personnel of government, several crises in our history might have prompted a recourse to dictatorship. The year 1932 and the bitter months before it were full of invitation. But in the machinery of our government wholesome provision is made for its own security. Therein is vested the right, the authority, and the means whereby there may be a continuity of popular government rather than the alternative of a seizure of government against adverse control as a last resort of desperation.

The idea that dictatorships are created by small minorities enforcing their will upon resisting majorities is pretty far fetched. People may experience a change of mind under a dictatorship just as they may reach the exhaustion of bewilderment in a democracy, but in the beginning it is their desperation and willingness and not his bigness and irresistibility that elevate the dictator and give him power.

**Another First—Almost**

*University News Letter*

North Carolina appears to be outranked only by Kentucky and Florida in homicides. During the year 1934, 325 prisoners were received from courts for homicides, and in 1935 299 prisoners were received. Thus our yearly average was 312 commitments for homicide and our rate 9.13 per 100,000 population. Actually there are many more homicides committed than there are prisoners received for the offense of homicide. It is possible that the courts are not uniform throughout the United States in convictions and sentences for homicide. However, since this is the most serious of all offenses it is probable that there is more uniformity with commitments for this offense than for any other.

**Eleven Killed, Many Injured in Crashes On State Highways**

Death stalked the highways of North Carolina over the week-end, an incomplete check showing eleven dead and many injured. No accidents of any serious consequence were reported in this county, but traffic was heavy on the roads of this section during the period.

A truck-auto collision near High Point resulted in death for 71-year-old twin sisters, Mrs. Nathan Burrow and Mrs. Mack Tilley, of Asheboro, and injuries to four others.

Two Wilson men were found dead early Monday morning under their over turned automobile. They were Frank Deans, 49, and Hardy Davis, 51. Odell Brown, trapped with them when their car wrecked shortly before midnight, was seriously burned by acid leaking from the battery.

Near Clayton, an auto smashed into a group of three pedestrians Saturday night, killing Johnny Ham, 19, of near Clayton, and James Blizard, Jr., 13, of Danville, Va. Laura Williams, 19, was reported badly hurt. Officers arrested Leon Smith and fixed his bond at \$500 as the alleged driver of the wild car.

Miss Mildred Woodard, 22, and Miss Ruth Banks, 20, both of Wilson, were killed when their seashore-bound automobile left a highway and landed upside down in five feet of water in a creek near Havelock, between New Bern and Morehead City. Three companions were injured, one seriously.

Other fatal accidents of the week-end took the lives of Mrs. Eva Mae Hevland, of Cincinnati, Ohio, near Wadesboro, and Bryant Martin, 15, of Mt. Olive.

**Swain Farmers Have Large Acreage In Lespedeza Crop**

In spite of the high price for lespedeza seed last winter, Swain farmers have seeded the largest acreage in history. An excellent stand was secured despite the late cold weather which killed much of the first germination.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We sincerely wish to thank our many friends deeply for their kindness and courtesies rendered us during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Alice L. Ambrose. We also thank them for the many beautiful floral offerings.—Ida S. Ambrose and Brothers and Sisters.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**  
 Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Daniel H. Ambrose, deceased, late of Washington County,

North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Box 67, Elizabeth City, N. C., on or before the 16th day of July, 1937, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This July 9, 1937.  
 ARBELL AMBROSE,  
 Administratrix,  
 Box 67, Elizabeth City, N. C.

**NOTICE**

Having qualified as executrix of the last will and testament and estate of J. E. Stillman, late of Creswell, Washington County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Creswell, N. C., on or before June 3, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned executrix.  
 This the 3rd day of June, 1937.  
 CARY ANN STILLMAN,  
 Executrix of the Estate of J. E. Stillman.

**NOTICE**

North Carolina, Washington County. In the Superior Court before the Clerk.

**L. L. Howell and Robert L. Clifton vs. J. E. Howell and wife, Harriet Howell, Sallie Norman and husband, Josephus Norman, Laura Ann Foy, Jimmie Clifton and wife, Lula Clifton, Johnston Clifton and wife, — Clifton, E. S. Clifton and wife, Sadie Clifton, et al.**  
 The defendants, E. S. Clifton and wife, Sadie Clifton, Johnston Clifton and wife, — Clifton, and Laur Ann Foy will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Washington County, North Caro-

lina for the purpose of partitioning certain real estate and demanding a sale thereof for the said partition and further to make assets to pay the debts of the estate of Stephen Clifton, deceased; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of Clerk of Superior Court of Washington County within thirty days from the 27th day of June, 1937, and answer or demur to the petition in said action which is on file in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of said County, or the petitioners will apply for the relief demanded in said petition.  
 This the 17th day of June, 1937.  
 C. V. W. AUSBON, Clerk,  
 Superior Court.

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Special Selected Short Subjects

Saturday, July 17 Continuous Shows From 1 P. M.  
**BOB ALLEN - ELAINE SHEPARD in "LAW OF THE RANGER"**

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OWL SHOW Saturday Night 10:15 P. M.  
**BRIAN DONLEVY - FRANCES DRAKE in "MIDNIGHT TAXI"**

Selected Short Subjects

Sunday **THE JONES FAMILY in "BIG BUSINESS"** July 11  
 (JED PROUTY — SPRING BYNGTON)

Comedy: The Barnyard Broadcast

Monday **WILL ROGERS in "DAVID HARUM"** July 19

Latest News of the Day

Tuesday **MARY ROBERTS RHINEHART'S "23 1-2 HOURS' LEAVE"** July 20  
 James Ellison - Terry Walker with

Comedy: Preisser Sisters in "PLAY STREET"

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