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HYPOCRISY RAMPANT

It is quite possible that future generations will look back on the present period as the great age of national hypocrisy. Sham and pretense have become two of our greatest national characteristics during the decade since the World war ended. No one can tell how long it will be before we manage to reduce them to their normal proportions; certainly both have some striking manifestations nowadays. A day or so ago the Washington correspondents sent out some rather excited stories, predicting that President-elect Hoover might take the unprecedented step of demanding that all government officials, from high to low, comply with the national prohibition law. "This," wrote one correspondent gravely, "is something new. Advocacy of some such executive pronouncement has been occasionally voiced in congress by two or three members known as radical dyes, but it has never gone further than that." Something new, indeed—it surely is. Yet why, if we are not wholly given over to hypocrisy and humbuggery, should there be anything either new or startling in the spectacle of the president of the nation insisting that government officials shall observe the nation's organic law? Nothing could be possibly more illuminating. Let yourself ponder, just for a moment, on the extent of the sham which the pending issuance of such a request implies. We have a "dry" government. Neither the present congress nor the one that will succeed it will modify the prohibition law to the slightest extent. In addition there are hundreds upon hundreds of appointive officials, each sworn to observe and protect the law, many of them charged directly with enforcing the prohibition law itself. Yet for a president to demand that all of these individuals honor the law themselves is considered a radical, surprising, breath-taking step. Could our hypocrisy go further? It is an extremely unhealthy situation into which we have drifted. We have come perilously close to accepting the creed of the slyster lawyer, that whatever you can get away with is all right. No problem that faces us is of greater importance than this. No government, and least of all a democracy, can endure without a high standard of integrity among its officials. Unless we can rid ourselves of our growing indifference to sham, we are due for a rather rocky time of it little later. Regardless of your attitude toward the prohibition law itself, you must agree that this hypocrisy is a force that is menacing the very foundation of our government.

RELIEF FOR THE ALIENS

The foreign language information service points out a task with which the present congress might well busy itself—the providing of relief for the thousands of American residents of alien birth who, due to cumbersome laws, are classed as "illegal entrants." Before our immigration restriction laws became effective in 1921, entering the country illegally was not considered a serious offense, and thousands of immigrants came in without being examined by immigration inspectors. These people, many of them thoroughly Americanized, now find they cannot become citizens because our immigration records do not list them. They cannot be deported, so they remain people without a country. Secretary of Labor Davis has recommended that congress remedy this situation by making these aliens eligible for citizenship. It is to be hoped that congress can find the time and inclination to do it.

JOKING ACTOR OF OPERATIC STAGE IS NICELY PUNISHED

Instead of using a feather, Fugaro held a handful of pepper under Dr. Bartolo's nose, and Deferre, who used to love jokes, finished his scene in a paroxysm of sneezing without precedent in the long and dignified history of grand opera. LUMBER PLANT MISHAP CLAIMS FOUR LIVES. SEVENTEEN, Wash, Jan. 7.—Four lives were killed and a fifth was seriously injured here today when the bridge of a yellow birch miller caught on fire at the Canyon Lumber Company plant. The bridge of Otto Treib and William Scott was destroyed and two companies of firemen who were working on a main line of the bridge in the canyon were killed and another injured. All were of German descent. James Wright, brother of the old and William Scott, was taken to a hospital nearby today injured. Walter Fontaine, contractor for whom the bridge and injured were working, sustained a line fall by a beam of a second. DEMPSEY TO FOLLOW UP RICKARD AS PROMOTER. YONKERSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 7.—James J. Dempsey, local hotel boss, and friend of Jack Dempsey, was reported today from Miami when the boxing news came out that the champion had been hit by a knock-out punch. Dempsey said he would like to see Rickard and would like to see Rickard's fight with the Fighting Irishman, and would like to see Rickard's fight with the Fighting Irishman.

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PRUNE DICKIN'S

By Bert G. Bates

GOOD EVENING FOLKS— It takes Two plums to Make a good Quartette!

The Question Mark came to a full stop yesterday p. m.

Well folks, thirty more days and the piece car will be put on the shelf.

Mayor Hoover and the city pops met last eve and things popped.

Doc wanted to cut expenses and the city dads said "outin' goin'."

Then Doc announced his appointments and the city council stuck a knife in 'em.

Thass harmony fer yal

Now all we hafta do is provide machine guns an' extra cops fer council nights.

Steel helmets and baseball masks will be part of the equipment.

On acct. of Poseyville's st. clean, in' dept. resignin' an' no new one bin' appointed we will be forced fer a couple weeks to pick up our feet while crossin' the main stem.

Some of the councilmen forgot that the mayor had appointive power but then mebbe thass because they haven't much to say around the house and wanted to spout off when they got out in public.

Today some of the councilmen are wonderin' wot in heck they wanted the job fer.

Ye ed. will attend the next council meetin' and give you a verbatim report of the ruckus. There's some talk of makin' it a champagne party and importin' Graham McNamee to broadcast it blow-by-blow.

If you think this is a one-hoss town ask the at. cleanin' fella who refuse to work fer a lower salary.

So folks, get on yer brassknucks and s'mon up to the next meetin'. No preachers allowed and ear-muffs will be provided for the more sensitive birds.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ—

"Havin' pity a poor city councilman on a night like this."

Do You Know Your Own County?

Interesting bits of information concerning the origin of names with a map of Oregon in Douglas County. TODAY: ROBERTS MT.

ROBERTS MOUNTAIN.

This mountain, and Roberts Peak, just to the north, were named for James Roberts, a pioneer landowner. The mountain is important because of the fact that for many years the old stage road passed through a gap on its summit and the steep grade and narrow road resulted in many accidents and not a few deaths.

SCOTT MOUNTAIN.

This peak was originally known as Scott's Point, but nearby settlers changed the name to Scott Mountain. It is about 3200 feet in elevation and is clearly seen from the neighborhood of Sutterville. It was named for Captain Scott, the founder of Sutterville. There is a mountain in Lane county in the Cascade range west of Medford also bearing the same name. Scott Lake is nearby.

FULL RECOVERY OF KING GEORGE NOW REGARDED CERTAIN

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The British public today accepted the scientific recovery of King George as a foregone conclusion. The whole world into which formerly characterized the crowds around the gates of Buckingham Palace has disappeared. Last night's bulletin said: "The king had a quiet day. There is no change to report in his majesty's condition. The next bulletin will be issued tomorrow evening."

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How Few Days—

J. J. Critchfield of Salem was an arrival in this city yesterday afternoon to spend a few days attending to business interests.

INDIAN AFFAIRS HEAD IS ACCUSER OF SENATOR PINE

(Associated Press Local Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A charge that Senator Pine of Oklahoma was involved in a conspiracy to "destroy me and the Indian service," was made to the senate Indian committee today by Charles H. Burke, commissioner of Indian affairs.

Hubert Work, former secretary of the interior, Attorney General Sargent, Assistant Attorney General Parmeter and Solicitor General Mitchell will be called before the senate Indian affairs committee to explain why a grand jury investigation of distribution of funds exceeding \$1,000,000 belonging to Jackson Barnett, an incompetent Creek Indian, was not pressed last summer.

Announcement that Mr. Work and the government officials would be asked to appear was made during a hearing today in an investigation of the bureau of Indian affairs which developed testimony that facts in the case indicated evidence of conspiracy.

The only witness at the hearing was Charles B. Seely of Oklahoma City, special assistant to the attorney general, who, under an examination by Senator Wheeler, democrat, Minnesota, and Senator Thomas, democrat, Oklahoma, said he was directed by the solicitor general not to proceed with the case after he had been investigating it for three years.

DINNER PROGRAM HELD BY GRANGE

The South Deer Creek Grange held a dinner and meeting on January 5, the grange session being called to order at 8 o'clock, immediately following the dinner hour.

The annual report of Worthy Master Wm. Karcher, deferred until this meeting, was read and made a part of the proceedings. The grange drill team volunteered to take part in the exhibition drill to be staged by the various subordinate granges at the joint installation. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Locke, formerly members of Buell grange, were welcomed to the South Deer Creek Hall. The remainder of the evening was given over to a program, under the direction of Mrs. E. Bailey, worthy lecturer. This program, the first one to be presented by her during her term of office, included the following numbers: music by Grange Junior orchestra, composed of Eugene Nelson, leader, Mrs. C. H. Bailey, director, and nine younger members; piano solo and vocal number by Nellie Rose Nelson; piano solo by Miss Josephine Campbell; reading by Nellie Rose Nelson; violin duet by Helen and Ivan Branton; with Miss Josephine Campbell at the piano; short talks by Mr. and Mrs. Locke. The entertainment was concluded with an exhibition drill.

DEMPSEY MAY MEET VICTOR OF SHARKEY-STIRBLING-BATTLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—What Tex Rickard will have accomplished had he lived to carry out his plan to break prize fights as wide a field of speculation as that surrounding his possible successor. Rickard had mapped his plans

FATHER IS DEAD

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ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW POEM FOR THE DAY by LOUIS ALBERT HANKS YOU NEVER CAN TELL

"Recent 'stock-taking' by the members of the graduating classes of Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., from 1895 to 1906 shows that ten of the eleven men picked by these classes, from their records while in college, as most likely to climb to the top of the ladder of achievement, have actually arrived there, in accordance with the forecasts of their associates. This fact throws an interesting sidelight on the contention of those who hold that college education does not make for success. Incidentally, Calvin Coolidge, who was graduated from this college in the first year named, was not regarded by his classmates as a likely prospect."—The Monitor.

You no'er can tell about a boy— How deep he'll dig his wall of joy; He may not seem worth very much, And yet may have the magic touch That marks him for triumphant race And fits him for the highest place; Although he has a silent togar, He may surmount a lofty rung.

Don't get discouraged 'bout the lad Who's always faithful to his 'dad'; Who never fails to do his work; Who never dreams that he can shirk; Who goes a quiet steady pace, But has the grit to hold his place. If you are looking for a "pal", Just keep in mind this tale of "Cal".

The boy who's thoughtful, steady, slow, But never fails to onward go— Keeps learning, though not very fast, But has the wry pluck to last— A boy like that is on the climb And may surprise you any time; He has no limit but the skies; Is never taken by surprise.

This Coolidge story's good to hear; Should conquer much of boyish fear. For Lincoln, Grant and Coolidge, too, Were just the common boys to view; They did not win by any luck, But by their good old-fashioned pluck. And this the sermon I would preach; Keep wits awake and work and reach.

TINYMITES

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN — PICTURES BY KNICK

The cookies from the cookie tree were just as good as they could be. And milk that flowed from nearby stream was very nice and sweet. The Tinies ate all that they could, and Scouty said, "My, this is good. You bet," replied wee Wee. "It is really quite a treat."



Then, when their little meal was through, one dwarf said, "Tell you what let's do. Let's scamper to my little house and take a needed nap." So off the cheerful band all went, and soon they found a little tent. "This is my house," the dwarf explained. "Just open up the flap."

READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE

Dancing merrily, and lightly, 'cross a dale to the next story, the ground. (The Tinymites have a quizer it...)

BATTLE FOR LOWER PHONE RATES TO BE TAKEN TO CONGRESS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—Out of a conference designed to provide some means for the ultimate reducing of telephone rates throughout the west, has come an organization composed of representatives of the larger cities on the Pacific coast, to be known as "The Telephone Investigation League of America." This league was organized here late yesterday. At the same time steps were taken looking toward federal legislation which would bring the American Telephone and Telegraph company under the provisions of the anti-trust act.

SIDE GLANCES—By George Clark



"These can't be the snaps we took last week. Where's the stile I was sitting on?"

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams

Cartoon titled 'OUT OUR WAY' by Williams. It depicts a man in a suit and hat talking to a group of men. The man in the suit says: 'SPEAK I SHOULD I GOT A HAIR CUT AFORE I BOUGHT TH' DANG HAT - NOT AFTER.' The group of men responds: 'OUR DISTRIBUTION DONT SEEM T' BE SO WELL BALANCED. I THINK WE'LL HEFTUM PUT IN A MAGAZINE SECTION. AN' A EXTRA PAGE O' FUNNIES T' BRING TH' MANTH SIDE OVER.' The man in the suit continues: 'TH' COMPOSITION HAIN'T SO GOOD. TH' CARTOON IS ON TH' OUTSIDE AN' TH' PRINTED MATTER IS INSIDE.' The group of men replies: 'WELL, WE CAIN'T CHANGE THET - THEY'LL JEST HEFTUM LOOK AT TH' FUNNIES FIRST. LITTLE MORE WEST CURLY.' At the bottom, it says 'NEWS PAPER CIRCULATION.' and 'J.W. WILLIAMS ©1929 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.' and 'REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.'