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And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. — Malachi 3: 17.

UNSOLVED MYSTERY

This morning we received through the mail another installment of propaganda from Henry Zorn, who is so generously struggling to secure the passage of the now famous school moving bill in spite of the fact that it would demoralize higher education in a vain effort to save the taxpayers money.

We have been receiving almost every day for several weeks these neatly mimeographed "news releases" which paint a pretty picture of the state system of higher education which would inevitably result from the passage of the proposed legislation. But today's release is a masterpiece of dramatic literature!

Unfortunately we lack the space necessary for printing the entire story, but we shall quote some of the choicest bits. It begins this way:

"Surviving the most dramatic career of any initiative measure ever offered to the voters of Oregon, the bill to consolidate the state's institutions of higher education reached the Secretary of State at Salem today. The bill will be on the ballot in the November election, and because of the last incident in its preparation—the holdup and stealing of 20,500 names at the point of a pistol—it is openly asserted that it goes before the people with the support of thousands of voters who would probably have been against the bill in the election, had it not been for the employment of thugs to obstruct filing the petitions."

About the sensational holdup we read that on the night of Independence Day the signed petitions "were reposing in a safe in Slocum's office. A watchman was on guard. Notwithstanding, a pair of gunmen got into the office, wicked eyes gleaming through holes cut in handkerchiefs worn over their faces. They got away with 20,000 names."

"On the morning of the 5th of July the news of the robbery spread like wild-fire. It kindled such a wave of indignation as Portland has never before witnessed. It spread to the state, and from every direction came offers of volunteers to and a half days the names were secured. Nothing like such a campaign was ever before seen in Oregon. As yet Portland's detective force has been unable to solve the mystery of the holdup."

However, one detective is reported to have said that it looked like an inside job, and common sense leads most people to agree. Had the financial backers of Slocum's campaign for signatures been willing to reveal their identity at the start, the people might have some confidence in them; but their under-cover methods have caused many to suspect them of a put-up job, calculated to give the initiative measure sensational publicity and cast reflections on the character of honest citizens who oppose it.

It seems strange that the watchman Slocum had hired to guard the precious petitions did not hear the wicked-eyed gunmen ascend the rickety, squeaky staircase and pass through two locked doors which afforded the only access to the office.

It seems strange that this armed guard should meekly allow two men to walk in and relieve him of his gun, and even more strange that one of the thugs promptly opened the locked safe, the combination of which was not known to the guard.

The whole story sounds very much like the fruit of a fertile imagination. The police have so far been unable "to solve the mystery of the holdup." But the affair demands the most careful investigation, and it is to be hoped that a complete revelation will be made before the bill comes before the voters in November.

If it proves to be a stage-play the bill will not have a chance to pass. And if the robbery was actually the work of opponents of the bill, straight-thinking voters will not approve demoralized education and increased taxation just for spite.

PROHI REFORM ORGANIZATION FOR ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, July 8 (AP)—The women's organization for national prohibition reform decided Thursday to support Franklin D. Roosevelt for president. The organization claims

a membership of more than 1,000,000 with branches in 43 states. The decision was reached after an all-day meeting of the executive committee attended by 50 women from 23 states. Twenty-nine of those present were Republicans. The last paragraph of a resolution as adopted read: "We therefore urge members of this

Other Papers Say:

AND NOW IT'S ROBBERY

Until yesterday, every sort of underhanded tactics except downright thievery, had been charged by the school-moving bill against Eugene and its companion cities which had the temerity to defy the initiative machine gunners. Yesterday the list of charges was rounded out and made complete by the final charge. Mr. Slocum, veteran political manipulator who has been on the firing line for the Zorn-MacPherson cause, added the touch of melodrama.

According to his graphic account, petitions bearing thousands of names had been placed in his safe Monday preparatory to filing yesterday. Plans had been made to charter an armored car to take them to Salem. (Don't overlook the armored car!) A guard had been placed about the safe. During the night two masked men held up the guards and, while one man kept a gun trained on them, the other rifled the safe of the petitions.

The only clues Mr. Slocum has to report are this. Some time ago he was approached by "a Eugene editor" who tried to persuade him to drop the initiative campaign. Recently a man offered him money to step out of the campaign.

One wonders if Mr. Slocum ever dabbled in campus politics. Did he, for example, ever put the name of a rival candidate for student body president prominently on campus sidewalks, so that the student voters were aroused against such vandals to the extent that they voted heavily for the candidate whose name did not appear on the sidewalk? It's a pity that any active student politician knows—to make it appear that your opposition has violated law and decency to harm your cause. On the face of it, one would think the Slocum story far too thin. But let's look at four possibilities:

(1) Suppose today (the last day) the petitions are mysteriously returned. They are filed at the last minute. The implication is that the marauders got cold feet. A statement would go out saying that they had evidently decided the business was bringing too much ill feeling upon the community blamed (by insinuation) for the theft.

(2) Suppose there is a wild scramble for signatures presumably to replace those stolen. At the last minute enough signatures are filed and the statement goes out that the people rose to circumvent an attack on its expression of will. No one can prove that the "stolen" petitions were not replaced by new ones circulated just before the deadline. Anybody can see that these first two possibilities, if believed would make splendid political fuel.

(3) Suppose that you had been tendered a sum of money to get an initiative proposal on the ballot. You had spent part of the money, but still had a long way to go and the time was growing short. How would you go about making it appear that your failure was no fault of yours? Wouldn't it be logical to make it appear the opposition had done you in?

(4) Suppose for some reason or backers wanted to drop the initiative bill without honestly admitting that such action was being taken. Apparent theft of a large number of petitions would effectively cover the move.

Study over those possibilities and watch this week's events. Also keep in mind the mystery that has shrouded the initiative proposal's backers from the start. Remember how it was said several times that it would be "embarrassing" to name the backers of the bill. Also remember this: several times Mr. Slocum has been reported to have spoken of chartering an armored car to carry the petitions to Salem. What a good build-up to this robbery yarn!

Please don't understand us as taking this business too lightly. It is serious business to be charged, even by insinuation, with hold-up and robbery—though it does have its novelty. Yesterday, serious steps were taken. The opposition leaders did not bother with useless statements of indignant denial. State Chairman Amedee M. Smith and Judge Lawrence T. Harris called upon District Attorney Langley of Multnomah county and Chief of Police Jenkins of Portland to carry out their duty in the matter. The thing to do is to find out exactly what happened and lay the charges where they belong. It is possible that, in the process of investigating this alleged petition robbery the embarrassing identity of the backers may be brought to light. —Eugene News.

PLANES SHOW THEIR ENDS

The amount of hammering the modern passenger-carrying airplane can stand when it has to be splintered illustrated the other day when a commercial plane carrying 145 pilots and seven passengers landed at Kansas City after an exceedingly rough flight from Albuquerque. During the flight the plane ran into what evidently was the great-grandfather of all hail storms. Its shattered glass windows were all cracked. Debris two inches deep were found in the fuselage. Corrugations in the wings had been hammered out flat. Department of commerce inspectors who examined the plane expressed complete belief in the passengers' statement that it had been bombarded by hailstones "as large as apples."

A few years ago such a storm would have wrecked any plane. This plane came through on schedule and landed its passengers unharmed. It is a splendid testimonial to the substantial way planes are built nowadays—and to the skill with which they are flown.—Klamath Falls Herald.

organization, because they are committed to the cause of repeal, whether they be Republicans or whether they be Democrats, to give their support to the nominee of that party which favors the repeal of the 18th amendment, Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Two-thirds of the people in the Michigan peninsula between Saginaw bay and Lake Huron were left homeless in a forest fire in 1871.

— THIS CURIOUS WORLD —



OFF THE COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND, A CABLE REPAIR SHIP PULLED UP A BROKEN CABLE AND FOUND A WHALE ON IT! THE CABLE HAD PIERCED THE WHALE'S MOUTH AND WAS THOROUGHLY LOOPED AROUND ITS BODY.

THE OSAGE ORANGE TREE IS STRICTLY AN AMERICAN, WITH ITS CENTER OF DISTRIBUTION NEAR THE OZARK MOUNTAINS, YET ITS NEAREST RELATIVE IS THE BREADFRUIT TREE OF THE SOUTH SEAS.

THE AGE OF A PROBOSCIS MONKEY CAN BE TOLD BY THE LENGTH OF ITS NOSE! THE OLDER THE MONKEY, THE LONGER THE NOSE.

THE WHALE pulled up by Captain de Carteret's cable repair ship was 60 feet long, and had been dead three days when found. Just how it managed to hook itself onto the broken cable is a mystery, but it had done a perfect job of tying itself up. PROBOSCIS MONKEYS are natives of Borneo, and have one of the most grotesque faces in monkeydom.

Haying Wage Is Set At \$1.00 A Day Plus Board

WATERVILLE, Wash., July 8 (AP)—At a special meeting of wheat growers and farmers of the Big Bend section of the Columbia river this week wage scales for harvesting were set.

It was decided to issue a warning to outsiders that there is plenty of local help available to handle the harvest. The scale adopted is as follows: Haying, \$1 a day and board. Combine drivers and crews, \$1.50 to \$2.50 a day and board. Tractor drivers, \$2 a day and board. Horses, \$1 a day each team plus feed.

Combining, \$1.50 to \$2.25 an acre. Header puncher, \$2.50 and board. Loader, \$2. Header box driver, \$1.50. Spike pitcher, \$2. Cooks, \$2.

SOCIETY WOMAN CLEARS HER NAME

(Continued From Page One) out of England for a couple of years to hint the affair blow over, and the hint comes from a quarter which cannot be ignored.

The lord chief justice impounded a copy of the publication containing the libel, after pointing out that some libels are crimes. Lord Louis sat with Lady Mountbatten during the proceedings. He is a second cousin of King George.

Both deny allegations. Notwithstanding the settlement of the case, Lady Mountbatten and her husband both entered the witness box, with the consent of the court, to deny explicitly the allegations in the newspaper article.

"This article refers to a colored man," said her attorney "is there one syllable of truth in the allegation it makes?" "There is not a single word of truth in it," replied Lady Mountbatten "never in the whole course of my life have I met the man referred to."

"Your friends," said the attorney, "have named the colored man supposed to be referred to." "Yes," said the witness, "but I never have even met the man. I've had nothing to do with him in any shape or form. It's a preposterous story, the whole thing."

SCHOOL BILL INCLUDED IN VOTERS' LIST

(Continued From Page One) grange water power amendment were among the last to reach the state department. This amendment relates to the control and development of water power and water power sites, both by the state and the state in conjunction with the federal government.

Another initiative measure was sponsored by the Oregon Highway Protective association, of which Oswald West of Portland is president. The measure provides for the classification of buses and trucks, with relation to weights and increases and fees.

Wet Measure on Ballot. Repeal of the state prohibition laws is provided in an initiative measure sponsored by Harry B. Critchlow of Portland.

Three of the proposed constitutional amendments were referred to the voters through resolutions adopted by the 1931 legislature. Probably the most important of these is known as the taxpayers' voting qualification amendment. This amendment provides that all persons voting on tax levies and bond issues shall be taxpayers.

Another proposed constitutional amendment referred by the legislature authorizes criminal trials without juries by consent of the accused person.

The third proposed amendment provides that the 6 per cent limitation provision may be applied to levies of any one or three previous years, instead of the preceding year. One of the three referendum bills

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COMMUNIST WING CANCELS PARADE

(Continued From Page One) commander-in-chief of the bonus army. Later, Waters called upon Vice President Curtis to tell him of the situation in the bonus camp.

The vice president told newspapermen afterward that the veterans' commandant did not discuss the \$100,000 appropriation, awaiting the president's approval, for sending the marchers' home.

EXPECT 50 CARS OF CHERRIES TO BE SHIPPED HERE

(Continued From Page One) Hood River and Yakima to the eastern states have been under way for some time.

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

COVE, Ore. (Special)—Cherry picking began Wednesday in some orchards and Thursday in others. The crop is fairly good though not large. The price for Royal Annes is so small that growers get very little after they have paid for picking and hauling. There has been no price established for the black cherries.



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REPEAL BILL TO BE VOTED ON IN SENATE

(Continued From Page One) bate on Barbour's motion to discharge the judiciary committee from further consideration of his proposal and to bring it before the senate itself.

A vote before adjournment on legislation to legalize beer was urged today in both branches of congress. In the senate a bill by Bingham (R., Conn.), calling for 3.2 per cent beer was the pending business with its supporters determined to bring it to a vote without delay. On the house side, 77 Republicans signed a petition addressed to Speaker Garner advocating an immediate roll-call on legislation legalizing and taxing beer to bolster the nation's fiscal condition.

BORAH SUPPORTS GLASS MEASURE

(Continued from Page One) "In my judgment," he said, "this is a very conservative measure. By no means can it be assailed as inflation in the objectionable sense in which that word is used."

The measure is the Glass substitute for the Goldborough dollar stabilization bill passed by the house, and would permit issuance of currency against about \$1,000,000,000 of government bonds not now eligible.

"While this is a step in the right direction," he said, "my own view is we will have to go much farther before we have passed through the present period of depression. "Any measure to stop deflation," Borah asserted, "must be of greater concern than either beer or red liquor."

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