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Whoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—Luke 14: 11. But in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.—Philippians 2: 3, 4.

STATE REPEAL

All voters have by this time received the little booklet, compiled by the secretary of state, which contains all the proposed constitutional amendments and measures to be submitted to the voters at the general election in November, together with the arguments of those who advocate or oppose the various legislative propositions.

Those who read it carefully (and every voter owes it to his state to inform himself about these matters) will doubtless notice that the proposed initiative bill to repeal the general prohibition law of the state of Oregon is the only measure which is opposed by a negative argument but has no affirmative argument to support it.

This, of course, is only natural, for there is no logical reason for repealing the state prohibition law; the measure is merely an appeal to wet sentiment, and not a cure for the problem. In fact its enactment would aggravate present evils and encourage the spread of those very conditions against which the wets are complaining.

In the first place, the purpose of the bill, as printed in the ballot title cannot be accomplished by this bill. This is a case of deliberate deception. Here is the purpose: "To repeal the general prohibition law of the state of Oregon, which prohibits the manufacture, sale, giving away, barter, delivery, receipt, possession, importation or transportation of intoxicating liquor within this state, and provides for the enforcement of such prohibition; and thus to do away with prohibition and its enforcement in and by the state of Oregon."

But, although repealing the general prohibition law, this measure would in no way affect our state constitution (article I, sections 36 and 37) which specifically prohibits the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquor in Oregon. We would still have prohibition, both state and federal, but enforcement would be crippled to such an extent that bootlegging would increase by leaps and bounds, and general disrespect for all laws would be openly encouraged.

The state would suffer an actual financial loss if the general prohibition law were repealed. Under the present system of enforcement the money received from fines and forfeitures is more than enough to offset the expense of prosecutions; and the counties now receive from those sources nearly a quarter of a million dollars annually. The repeal of our state prohibition law would cause the loss of that income, and would leave the federal government free to take hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines and forfeitures out of our state each year, from which we would derive no benefit other than the inefficient enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment by the federal officers who would still be able to prosecute violators in the federal courts.

There is absolutely nothing to be gained, therefore, by the enactment of this measure, and there is much to be lost. Those who patronize bootleggers would still be able to get their booze, but they would still have to pay a great deal more than the stuff is worth, and they would still be encouraging disrespect for state and federal constitutions. When the majority of Americans want to drink liquor, they will modify the Eighteenth Amendment, but until that time the repeal of state prohibition laws is not going to bring back prosperity, encourage temperance, prevent crime, or promote the general welfare of our people.

Other Papers Say:

DR. KERR'S APPOINTMENT

As one of the first newspapermen in the state to advocate appointment of Dr. W. J. Kerr as chancellor of Oregon's unified system of higher education, The Chronicle naturally is pleased at today's announcement of the board's selection.

Dr. Kerr is an outstanding educator, having served as president of Oregon State college for the last 25 years. During this time he has encountered many problems requiring the exercise of diplomacy and political sagacity. It is tribute to Dr. Kerr that he has surmounted all obstacles and developed Oregon State college into one of the ranking institutions of its kind in the entire nation.

As chancellor of Oregon's new educational set-up, Dr. Kerr will find need for his rare abilities as educator and organizer. Only a short time exists before students will be returning to their respective schools. A myriad of detail must be arranged in this interval, and only a man familiar with higher education methods in Oregon could hope to cope successfully with such a situation. We believe that the board of high-

er education has made a wise selection in naming Dr. Kerr, and that he will prove entirely satisfactory to University of Oregon students, alumni and faculty members. Also, Dr. Kerr is the one man who can straighten out the present consolidation mess, in which an initiative measure to be voted on in November seeks to form one big university on the Corvallis campus, and relegate the University of Oregon to a teachers' college.

The great danger in the consolidation movement centered in the fact that the university and state college were continually fighting among themselves. Frankly, the public was becoming disgusted at this continual upsurge, and might have expressed its resentment by a vote to merge the two schools and end the turmoil. Dr. Kerr not only will bring harmony to both campuses, but he will provide the leadership in a fight against the consolidation plan that should convince the electorate that any such move would be disastrous to Oregon's higher educational system.

If the present set-up is only allowed to stand we predict an era of efficiency, harmony and economy unprecedented in the state's educational history. We will continue to have a fine university and a great technical college, administered as economically as possible, and with jealousy and petty rivalry eliminated.—The Daily Chronicle.

GREATER WOOD USE URGED
A greater use of wood in public works of all kinds is the object of

OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

DEATH LIST AT 37, WITH MANY MISSING

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steamer Observation, had already made one trip to the island from 135th street dock and had just started with its second load when the explosion occurred.

The Observation, built in 1888, was about 25 feet from the pier when people ashore were stunned by a terrific roar. The ferry disappeared in a dense cloud of smoke from which catapulted bodies and fragments of wood and iron.

When the smoke cleared there was nothing left of the boat but debris floating on the oily water.

Police, coast guard and commercial boats flocked to the scene and joined in saving the injured and transporting the dead to shore.

Priests came to the ferry house and kneeling among the rows of dead administered last rites.

Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney and Bronx District Attorney Charles McLaughlin were early on the scene and directed the rescue work.

One Workman Tardy

One workman, Ted Mareau, was saved by tardiness. He arrived at the dock just a minute too late to make the ferry and was standing watching it when it exploded. He helped in the rescue of his fellow workers.

Captain Joseph Rogers, of the municipal ferry Greenwich Village, gave a graphic account of the explosion.

"I heard a blast and saw the boat blown to smithereens," he said. "When the clouds of smoke and steam had cleared away we could see the passengers struggling in the water over a large area. Our ferryboat was in its slip at East 134th street at the time, just two blocks from the pier where the Observation had backed out into the water."

"We lowered our lifeboats and cruised about among the wreckage. We picked up four bodies and ten injured persons. Other people were putting out in small boats and they also picked up bodies and the injured."

Commissioner Mulrooney commented that it was at this same ferry dock that in 1904 he arrested the captain of the excursion steamer General Slocum, which sank in Hell Gate with a loss of 1021 lives, including many women and children.

All witnesses of the explosion of the Observation were taken to nearby police stations for questioning. Among them was Alexander Forsythe, captain and owner of the ferry.

"The boilers exploded," he repeated over and over, and that was the only explanation he had to offer. Mayor Joseph McKee was told of the explosion at city hall. He said he would not go to the scene, but would depend upon Commissioner Mulrooney for a report.

When the explosion occurred the body of one workman was tossed 50 feet into the air and landed on the roof of a building near the waterfront. Another body was hurled a similar distance to the roof of a building of the New York Edison company.

Today was the workers' regular weekly pay day and many had reported for duty early.

Divers Called Out

One diver was asked for from the city department of docks and two more were requested from the Brooklyn navy yard. They were immediately dispatched.

More than three hours after the explosion, police said investigation indicated there were 165 men on the Observation when the boilers exploded.

The Observation was at one time in sight seeing service for carrying tourists around Manhattan Island. It sank at its pier at Kearney, N. J., about a year ago but was raised and recommissioned. Its last inspection by the United States steamboat inspection service of the department of commerce was last April and at that time it was marked "O. K." for one year. The inspection included life preservers, boiler and hull.

William Donoghue, 38, of Long Island, one of the survivors, said: "When the boat exploded I went high in the air and then sank deep into the water. When I came up again I was hit by a body coming down and went down for the second time. Upon coming up again I could hear the hiss of live steam and saw fragments of the boat floating all around me. I swam under the water until I was sure there was no further danger."

E. O. Wallenstik, 21, of Yonkers, said: "I was sitting on the top deck with six of my companions after the boat had backed out. Suddenly there was a terrific explosion and we were all hurled high into the air. I came down in the water and saw that the boat had been blown to bits, and grabbed a life saver. I could not see any of my companions except one man named John Bailey. We both swam ashore where somebody lifted us up and we were taken to the hospital."

After surveying the situation at the scene District Attorney McLaughlin ordered all witnesses to his office, which he said would be headquarters for the inquiry.

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FIND OIL IN MOROCCO

RABAT, French Morocco (AP)—New oil fields have been discovered in the region of Souk-el-Arda near here. The daily output is placed at 10 tons, and it is hoped that the production will be increased by the development of further oil deposits.

Importance Of Advertising Is Stressed, Sisson

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (AP)—The importance of advertising to finance was stressed today by Francis H. Sisson, incoming president of the American Bankers association, in an address at a luncheon of the New York financial advertisers.

Mr. Sisson, who is vice president of the Guaranty Trust Co., said "The difficult conditions through which the financial world has passed in recent years have brought a new challenge to the financial advertiser."

"In no field of business," he added, "is there greater need for vigorous and intelligent advertising policies at present than in finance."

"There are two fields in which publicity can be most profitably employed by bankers at the present time. First, to sell banking services in its various ramifications on the basis of its merit and value to the business community. Second, to spread a better understanding of banking and its functions to the general public."

H. A. Lyons of the Bankers Trust Co. was the other guest speaker at the luncheon. He was first president of the New York Financial Advertisers and will be the next president of the national organization, the Financial Advertisers association, which will hold its annual convention in Chicago this month.

POLICE KNEW OF EGAN'S PLOT

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case, she was slain April 29, exactly as police heard it planned over the dictograph.

No attempt was made by police to arrest the plotters, as attorneys advised it would be futile. Likewise, the newspaper reported, the information was withheld from the trial on the advice of attorneys it might endanger the strong state case by creating prejudice against police methods.

The dictograph was originally installed in the office of Egan's friend of Earl Leter, racketeer, who was shot in a San Francisco beer parlor in June 1931. The newspaper said police were surprised when Egan's voice began to be heard regularly over the dictograph, following which came plans for the murder of Mrs. Hughes for Egan's financial benefit, and the wholesale slaying to make the public defender czar of crime.

MRS. PIERCE NOT IN FAVOR OF ZORN, MacPHERSON BILL

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Specials for Saturday

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Heavy Colored Springers, lb. 22c
Young Beef Roast, lb. 10c
Young Pork Roast, lb. 10c

We Deliver

Rodes Market

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1604 1/2 Adams Ave.

Believe McKee Will Make Race For Mayorship

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (AP)—The action of Edward J. Flynn, Bronx Democratic leader and supporter of Governor Roosevelt, in cancelling plans to accompany the governor on the latter's speech-making tour into the west, was interpreted here as meaning Mayor Joseph McKee—whom Flynn supports—will be a candidate for election to the mayoralty in November.

McKee himself, precipitated unexpectedly into the mayor's chair by the resignation last week of James J. Walker, has not talked politics. His major efforts continue along lines of effecting economies—efforts which took form earlier this week in the reduction of his own salary and the salaries of officials who hold office at the pleasure of the mayor.

John F. Curry, leader of Tammany hall, said he saw no need for hurry on the part of his organization in announcing whom it would support. He declined to discuss the possibility that Tammany would back Walker.

Mayor McKee would back Walker, he has dispensed with the police guard usually assigned to the mayor.

At the same time, former Mayor Walker kept a dentist's engagement accompanied by Police Captain Thomas O'Connor, who served as bodyguard to him when he was mayor.

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LONDON ZOO CLAIMS WORLD'S FIERCEST DOGS

LONDON (AP)—The Whipsnade zoo thinks it has the four worst tempered dogs in the world. They are Tibetan mastiffs, sent by the British minister to Tibet, and they don't like anybody.

The trouble is that they look as peaceable as if longing for someone to tickle their ears. But even their keepers go armed when feeding them. They are not unlike Samoyeds in general appearance—thick bushy coats, broad heads.

TED THYE WINS

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 9 (AP)—Ted Thye, Portland heavyweight, defeated Al Sparks, Logan, Utah, wrestler in a main event match here last night. Thye dumped Sparks out of the ring and the Utah man was unable to continue. Bob Meyers, Portland midweight, took two falls from Jack Kennedy, of Pendleton.

FIND IT HERE

Copy for this Column must be in by 9 a. m.

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Hodgson announces the opening of her kindergarten on Monday, Sept. 12, 1502 M avenue. 9-7-4tp

Legion Dances at Summerville have been discontinued for the season. 9-9-2tp

Sept. 10th last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 9-7-3t

START MUSIC STUDY NOW
"The richest child is poor without musical training."
Piano Studios—1606 Sixth St.
Hilda Anthony -- Ida McMeekin 9-10-1t

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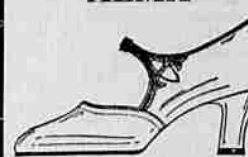
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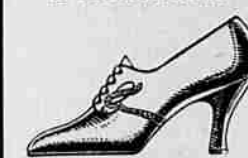
ALMA



Alma: A sophisticated afternoon strap slipper with new continental heel... comes in black and brown kid.

\$5

PATRICIA



Patricia: A dressy black and brown kid tie... new light airy construction... very smart.

\$5

PAULA



Paula: A comfortable well fitting strap slipper... all leather heel with rubber top lift... suitable for all around wear... black kid.

\$4.40

MARJORIE



Marjorie: Brown calf walking oxford with brown lizard trimming... ideal for street wear.

\$4.40

ZELMA



Zelma: A brown and black sturdy walking oxford... military heel... An oxford that combines comfort, looks and durability.

\$5

County on the 13th day of September, 1932, (Being the second Monday of said month), and continue in season, exclusive of holidays, from day to day, for a period of one month, for the purpose of examining and making necessary corrections in valuations, descriptions, qualities of land, and lots or properties as shown by the assessment roll as compiled by the Assessor.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1932.
D. H. PROCTER, County Assessor.

Aug. 19, 20, Sept. 2, 9.

The Lavendar Lunch

Depot St.

Baked or Fried Chicken
Dinner

Sunday—35c

Includes Potatoes, Dressing, Bread, Vegetable, Drink, Salad or Pie