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OUR CHILDREN AND GOD—"Not so; Go now ye that are men and serve the Lord." Ex. 10:11.

STRAW VOTES

Straw votes decide nothing and prove little or nothing. One is now being taken by wet interests and a few wet newspapers in this country—

And it will decide nothing.

The great majority of the people of the United States, outside of the white light and red light districts of the big cities, are satisfied with prohibition, and generally with the methods employed in enforcing this fundamental law—

And they are not going to be stampeded or even alarmed by the straw votes taken by wet interests and wet newspapers. The law is going to stand.

All laws are violated; against murder; against robbery; against all the rest. This does not prove that such laws are bad laws. It only proves that there are people who have such low mental or moral standards that they either do not know why they should obey any law, or they cannot help themselves, or they do not want to help themselves—

That is all it proves.

The people of the United States as a whole are a progressive and efficient people, above those of any other nation, largely because they are a sober people; and growing generally more so—

And they are not going to track back along the other road—

On the contrary they are going the other way. They will be more generally sober in the next generation; in the next ten years; every year.

The South with its 10,000,000 black people is not going back under the reign of John Barleycorn. Neither are the great industrial centers of the East. Neither are the great industrial and farming districts between the Alleghenies and the Rockies. Neither are the states west of the Rockies.

A few scattering politicians have mistaken the single coyote voice beyond the hills as representing a thousand or ten thousand coyote voices. They are headed for swift disillusionment.

The Hearst and Scripps and some other newspapers are the only ones taking the straw vote. The great newspapers that stand for what is stable and of good report in the United States are passing it up. The great editors do not even see much news value in it—

And the wisest of our statesmen will go on as if they never heard of the straw vote.

WHAT IT MEANS

(Portland Journal.)

"Mr. Hoover wants the shipping board stripped of all power over the operation of the American merchant marine.

"So do New York shipping interests. So do foreign shipping interests. So do the big ports which have previously gobbled nearly all of the shipping business of the country.

"Before the American merchant marine and the operation of the fleet under the shipping board with its regional representation, most of the goods shipped from the United States went from the port of New York.

"Before the fleet and the shipping board the big ports handled practically everything that went to sea.

"Before the fleet and the shipping board the railroads had easy sailing where there were no ships operating from the small ports.

"Before the fleet and the shipping board foreign vessels carried our commerce when they wanted to and on their own terms.

"If one man takes over the American fleet, which is the plan urged by Mr. Hoover, that man will designate from which ports shipping board vessels shall sail. He will say whether crops shall be moved in those vessels or whether they shall not. He can operate the whole fleet out of New York harbor if he wants to. He can tie up the vessels if he wants to. He can remove them from the Columbia river if he wants to. He would have autocratic power over the operation of the fleet.

"Mr. Palmer temporarily wielded such power. He refused to carry American goods on several occasions when the cargoes were waiting for American vessels. He threatened to eliminate Portland lines. He did eliminate many lines. He would have eliminated other lines under his so called 'economy' program had the shipping board allowed that plan to continue.

"The big ports want one-man control, because they hope through that one man to regain the business that is now going through the smaller ports. The foreign shipping interests with their representatives here want one-man control in the hope that the American fleet can be constantly reduced and finally junked.

"One-man control, if adopted, would serve the big ports and the foreign ship owners but it would be near-treason to American producers, shippers, workers and business."

How fair and just is the above from the Portland Journal, the writer does not undertake to say. Whatever Herbert Hoover (he was "Bert" Hoover when a boy in Salem) wants is likely to be the best for the American people. He likely has good reasons for wanting it. And the Portland Journal, well edited as it is, is not always consistent. The other day it was taking editorial flings at the protective tariff, and a few days later was trailing behind Senator Capper of Kansas, who wants farm products protected more, though there are fewer farm products insufficiently protected than any other class of products of American toil and capital and brains. The fact is, the present tariff law needs overhauling—the duties raised on some articles, products of both farms and shops. And the duties on some products now paying tariff charges ought to be lowered or dropped—

But the above editorial from the Portland Journal is

printed to again call attention to the fact that the present system of owning and operating a few ships by our government, at a loss of millions of dollars a year to the federal treasury, is a wrong system. It is a makeshift. It is inadequate. It is a breeder of dissatisfaction. It cannot fail to be unjust to a part of our people, as long as it is retained.

The right way to build up and maintain an adequate American merchant marine is the way it was done for 61 years prior to 1850—

The way it was done by the founders of our Republic— And that is by discriminating duties in favor of American ships. That would be fair. That would put the Stars and Stripes in every world port. It would be adequate. It would take the government out of the shipping business, in which it has no business to be. It would cost the United States treasury nothing; on the contrary, it would add to its receipts. And it would be permanent, and it would bring about conditions that would be satisfactory to all the people of this country who have a right to call themselves good Americans.



A rangy Kentuckian while walking the streets of Louisville one day noticed a sign on a building which said, "Woman's Exchange." He walked past it a few times, finally sauntered in and addressed the elderly woman in charge who no longer retained any traces of youthful beauty nor was she amiable.

"This the Woman's Exchange?" he drawled.

"It is," she snapped.

"Ah! air you the woman?" he persisted.

"I am," she replied in an exasperated tone.

He looked at her again, then around the room, changed his chew of tobacco from the right to the left cheek and edged toward the door. Once safe in the doorway he remarked: "Wal, I thought, pu, we might do business, pu, but I reckon I'll just keep Sal."

Miami," replied Jones, "and they've got the time mixed a little. It was two years instead of two months."

"Well," replied the editor, still full of enthusiasm, "that doesn't make much difference. It's the figures that count."

"Yes, and they got them wrong too," added the old man. "It was \$4,500 instead of \$50,000 and he didn't make it—he lost it!"

"Sir," said the sleek-looking agent, approaching the desk of the meek, meandering-looking man and opening one of those foiding things—umjigs showing styles for binding, "I believe I can interest you in this massive set of books containing the speeches of the world's greatest orators. Seventy volumes, one dollar down and one dollar a month until the price, \$650, has been paid. This set of books gives you the most celebrated speeches of the greatest talkers the world has ever known and—"

"Let me see the index," said the meek man.

The agent handed it to him and he looked through it carefully and methodically, running his finger along the list of names.

Reaching the end he handed the index back to the agent and said: "It isn't what you claim it is. I happen to know the greatest talker in the world, and you haven't her in the index."

Bits For Breakfast

The straw vote—

It is mostly moonshine—

And most of those legging for it are bootleggers—

And the "Oregon Prohibition Referendum corporation" (is no corporation at all—only a corporal's guard.

"If so early I am done for What, oh what was I begun for?" would very soon be the vanishing hot air inscription written in wraith letters formed from the fumes of alcohol over its grave, if any one thought the defunct catch-colt deserved a grave.

The Slogan man is reminded by a resident of that county that he forgot to say in yesterday's Statesman that Polk county has more Jerseys with world records and register of merit standing than any other county in the United States. Hurrah for old Polk! Polk county against the world!

The Schumann octette entertained the Salem Rotarians at their Wednesday noon luncheon, and the young ladies—for the eight are all ladies—were recalled several times by their

pleased auditors. This octette is under the guidance of Miss Minnie Magers as director. Miss Lois Nye is accompanist, and the octette is made up of the following young ladies: Eva Roberts, Loraine Fletcher, Hilda Ansler, Dorothy Brant, Grace Park, Elaine Chapin, Ruth Swart and Myra Gleason. Salem is and ought to be proud of this organization of singers. They are making a large contribution towards rendering a Salem a music center.

SPEC KEENE NAMED NEW ATHLETIC CHIEF

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board of the university, of which Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle is chairman. Recommendation of the board was taken by the board of trustees at a meeting held Thursday evening at 5:15 o'clock.

Spring football practice will be started in the very near future with Keene coaching the squad, it is reported. The idea was expounded by the permanent athletic board.

One of the objects of the spring training will be to give the players a chance to become acquainted with their new mentor. Also, it will give Keene a chance to become acquainted with his men, as well as to size them up for what they might be worth.

With the election of Keene as head of Willamette athletics, students on the campus are hoping for an athletic resurrection. For two college generations at least athletics have been slowly on the decline, football being practically nil. The only sport that Willamette has excelled in has been tennis.

In ten years Willamette has defeated Whitman just twice. Hence the cry from the students especially greeting Keene is "Whip Whitman!"

A vote of confidence in the athletic board was recently expressed by the student body, and as the board was the principal factor in the selection of the coach, it is thought that student support for him will be enthusiastic.

Dr. Carl Greg Doney, president of Willamette university, declared Thursday night that the selection of Keene by the board meets with his hearty approval.

"We have a coup here," Dr. Doney said. Keene, whom he had been introduced, proved to be a follower of Coolidge in the conservation of words.

"I heartily endorse the state basketball tournament and hope you all will be here next year," was his only comment.

Bend—Trinity Episcopal church of New York, will build a church here.

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DINNER CONCERTS
6:00-7:00—KGV (492.3) Portland.
6:00-7:00—KFVY (212) Portland.
MUSIC
8:00-12:00—KGV (491) Portland, Dance features.
6:00-9:30—KTRB (242) Portland.
8:00-10:00—KFWY (212) Portland.
8:00-9:00—KQP (319) Portland. Final old fiddlers' contest.
12:30-1:15—KFR (263) Portland. Sonnambulist club.

NEWS

7:20-7:45—KGV (491.5) Portland. Weather, police, sports, markets.
Entertainment
6:00—KFT (467) Los Angeles. 6:00-7:00—KFTB (242) Portland. Radiatorial night; 7-8: Spinnin' popular hour. Felipe Delgado; 8-9: Dan L. McFarland organist; 9-9:30: popular vocal program by pupils of Myra Belle Vickers.
6:00—KFOA (424.3) Seattle. 6-6:30, program; 7-7:15, program; 8-8:30, program; 9-11, Jackie Seeland's soprano recital.
6:00—KFON (272.4) Long Beach. 6-6:30, theater organ; 6:30-7:30, assessment in formation; 7-8, program; 8-9, studio program; 9-10, program; 10-12, Long Beach Elks feck.
6:30—KFRG (380) San Francisco. Concert by Little Symphony orchestra; 9-10, studio program; 10-11, dance music.
6:30—KRO (428.3) San Francisco. 6:30-7:00, orchestra; 7-8, program; 8-9:30, string quartet; 9-10, dance orchestra; 10-11, Waldemar Lind's orchestra.
6:30—KNX (389.9) Hollywood. 6:30-7:00, concert orchestra; 7-8, program; 8-9, Optimistic Dancers; 9-10, studio program; 11-12 midnight dance orchestra.
7:00—KOWW (405) Wash. Falls, Wash. Reports and talk of beautifying the home; 8:10 special musical program; 9-10:12, Blue Mountain Blue Jays, dance orchestra.
7:30—KWSC (348.6) Pullman, Wash. 7:30-9, Orpheus Music club, vocal trio. Pop orchestra; Pepe Erwin, vocalist; Rev. Barrett, Jessie Piskett, pianist; classical orchestra; Dame Livezey, pianist; saxophone and men's organ duet. Otto Johnson, Ed Chittenden.

GENERAL BUTLER DENIES HOSPITALITY IS VIOLATED

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tion in a public place, would not be held for several weeks if the court martial is ordered, friends of Colonel Williams were busy today assembling evidence in his behalf. It is known that some of the officers present in the Coronado hotel when General Butler made his charges and put Colonel Williams under technical arrest have declared that Colonel Williams in their judgment was not intoxicated.

In the list of those supporting Col. Williams in this particular there was added today, friends of Col. Williams said, the name of a Boston woman, a guest at the hotel, who had known Col. Williams for some time and who dined with him that evening. She declared that she saw no indication that he had even been drinking and was quoted today as being "astounded" when she heard of the charge against him. Officers today cleared up some doubt concerning Col. Williams' "arrest." The "arrest" means that he is removed from command of the fourth regiment of the marine corps and cannot resume that command until the court martial clears him or he is restored to duty by order from Washington. He is not confined to quarters and is not restrained in any other way. The maximum sentence he could receive if found guilty by court martial, would be expulsion from the service, navy officers said today. Rear Admiral Ashley Robert-

son, district commandant, today forwarded General Butler's report to Major General Wenzel Neville, commanding the department of the Pacific at San Francisco. After General Neville has perused the report and statements of witnesses, it will be sent to Major General John Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps at Washington. From General Lejeune the report will go to Secretary of the Navy Wilbur who, in turn will hand it over to Rear Admiral Edward H. Campbell, judge advocate general of the navy. Admiral Campbell will then render a decision as to whether General Butler's charges are of sufficient merit to order Col. Williams tried by a court martial.

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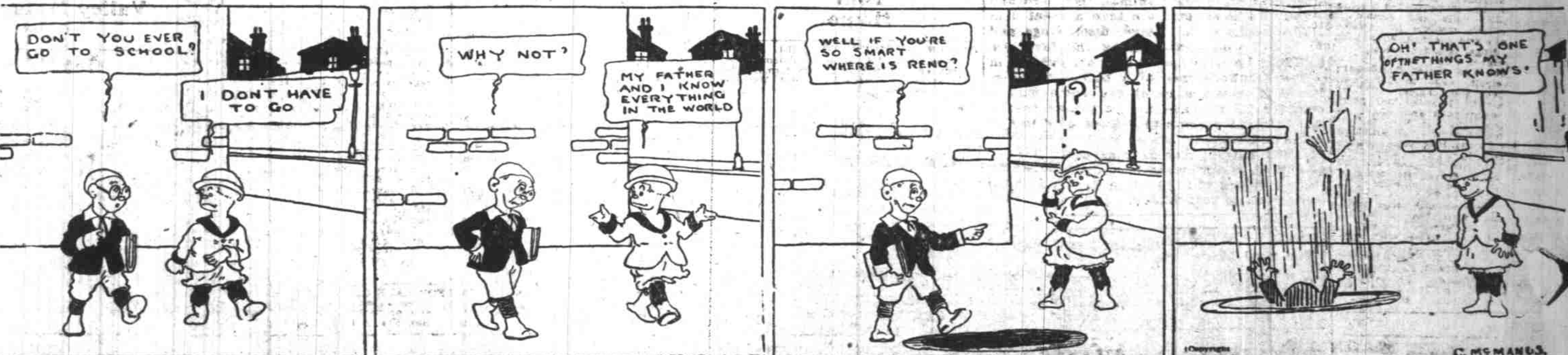
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