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Then Judas, which had betrayed Him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the high priests and the elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? See thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. Matthew 27:3-5.

WOULD BE RANK IDIOCY (Eugene Register.)

If press dispatches from Salem are accurate, it will be necessary hereafter to refer to the much discussed \$3 license bill as the "33 additional license bill," for it appears that instead of repealing the present schedule of fees the measure enacts it along with the \$3 provision. Thus, if it became a law, the automobile owner who now pays a license fee of \$15 would pay \$18, the owner who now pays \$34 would pay \$37, and so on.

But that is not all, for it seems that in addition to soaking the owner of a private automobile \$3 more than he now pays the measure would exempt busses from some of the fees they now pay.

If all this is true, it provides proof of two quite significant facts: (1) The carelessness with which many, perhaps most, initiative measures are drawn, and (2) the readiness of the average sovereign voter to sign any sort of petition that is pushed at him by a persistent name chaser.

Here is a measure so carelessly drawn that instead of reducing license fees, as it professed to do, it actually increases them. Yet thousands of people have signed the petitions to put it on the ballot. Once again the man who offered to bet that he could get enough names to put on the ballot a bill to hang the minister and burn his parsonage is vindicated.

It is assumed that there will be on the ballot next fall a bill to forbid the legislature from altering or amending in any way any measure adopted by the people.

Here is an initiative measure so carelessly drawn that it adopted by the people it would accomplish a result exactly opposite to that intended. Is there anything sacred about such a piece of rank carelessness? Of course not.

As it stands now, an obvious mistake such as this, if it should go through, could be corrected by the next legislature. But if we should make it impossible for the legislature to touch initiative legislation, the mistake would have to go uncorrected for at least two years.

The above from the Eugene Register is well said. It might take longer than two years to correct mistakes made in an initiated measure.

The proposition to hamstringing the legislature is foolish in the extreme. This is a representative government. It is workable only as such. The initiative and referendum are safeguards, and to endow them with the sanctity of infallibility would be confusion worse confounded.

It would be rank idiocy. The people of Oregon will make no such blunder. The mistakes in the \$3 automobile license bills will help to prevent any danger of our legislature being hamstrung in the performance of its plain duties.

"COME TO OREGON"

The Salem chamber of commerce has again issued its informative booklet, "Come to Oregon," which has been widely circulated throughout the United States to persons who are interested in this state, and which also includes a considerable amount of information which the people of Salem and vicinity would do well to have available for use—particularly those persons who meet the traveling public.

Perusal of this booklet brings to light the fact that although issued in Salem, edited by a representative of the chamber of commerce, it gives considerably more space to other communities in Marion county than to Salem.

There is mention of Salem in various parts of the book, of course, but only the inside of the back cover is devoted specifically to Salem; and there are nine pages devoted to other cities and towns, with full page mention of Champeog, Woodburn, Stayton, Mt. Angel and Silvertown.

Other communities described in detail are Aurora, Aumsville, Brooks, Hubbard, Donald, Gervais, Jefferson, Marion, Scotts Mills, Mill City, Detroit, Monitor, St. Paul and Turner. Speaking about information regarding the home community, the chamber of commerce members were given a mark to shoot at Monday when their speaker, W. G. Ide, manager of the state chamber of commerce, rattled off without referring to any notes, apparently volumes of statistics about Marion county, its farm population, number of farms, number of acres cultivated—and the number of cows, right down to the last yearling heifer.

Lots of people in Marion county probably know more about the county than does Mr. Ide; but for a man who has to have similar information about all the rest of the state, his command of the details is nothing short of marvelous.

Mr. Ide is in the business of helping Marion county sell itself to prospective settlers; but the people here must "close the deal," and they ought to have not only the information that Mr. Ide has as to present conditions, but his vision as to the possible future expansion of the county's industries and the introduction of new ones.

A VOICE AND A CHANCE

Editor Statesman: Below is a clipping from the Sunday Oregonian March 25, 1928, and a few added remarks:

"Give the Veterans a Voice—A delegation from the American Legion has asked President Coolidge to accord the legion a representative at all international peace, disarmament or other conferences involving the national security," at which the United States is represented. No body of men

has a better right to make such a request or is better qualified to express an opinion on the questions mentioned than the men who fought in the world war. President and congress have been surfeited with advice from those who did not fight, whether they could not or would not. A most attentive ear should be given to those who did fight when the pacifists were only too glad to take shelter behind them."

I fully endorse the above, and believe that the many offices in our city, county and state should be given to the men who have rendered service to our country in time of danger, and thereby shown their patriotism, loyalty and unselfishness.—And I feel sure if they place themselves in position for preferment, that a loyal people, grateful for services rendered, will elect them.

T. B. C.

SWEETHEARTS

READ THIS FIRST: Lynda Fenton, a singularly innocent girl, is private secretary to Ralph Armitage. Her father, a drunkard, tells her that her mother deserted them, and that all women have their price.

Lynda meets Emily Andrews, who cherishes a secret fondness for David Kenmore, Lynda's companion from childhood. Emily plots against Lynda from the very beginning. David tells Lynda he loves her, but she decides she doesn't want to be in love with any man. David is away on a trip.

Lynda's father deserts her. Ralph Armitage pays her arduous compliments and Claire Stanhope comes to live with her. Claire tells of innocent love for Fred Blaque, a married man.

June Challer, who has annexed money, invites Lynda and Claire and Emily to a big party. It's Lynda's first real affair, and she's enthused. Emily secretly sends David a letter, suggesting that he come home for the party, so that Lynda may be made to feel at ease. Then he sends him an anonymous note, saying "Ralph Armitage is rushing your girl." David writes to Lynda, admonishing her to beware of Ralph Armitage. Ralph has met with an accident, and Emily rushes to Lynda to gossip about it.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Chapter 26 Lynda goes to Ralph's home. Lynda smiled when Emily asked her if she blamed Ralph Armitage for having a good time.

"Would you really call dislodging your collar bone and breaking your ribs a good time?" she asked. "You're darned liberal, Lynda. You know very well I meant flirting around with the girls. He gives us all a good time when he's taking one himself. I will say that for him. He isn't selfish about it. He'll be asking you to come out there. See if he doesn't. Perhaps he isn't hurt as much as he would make out. Perhaps it's just to get you out there. Mind your step, Lynda, mind your step."

With this Emily left, smiling maliciously. Emily had hardly left the office before someone asked over the phone: "Is this Miss Fenton, Mr. Armitage's secretary?" "Yes."

"This is Mr. Armitage's man. He wanted me to ask you whether you would bring his mail out to the house tomorrow morning?" "Will you please tell Mr. Armitage that I have already taken his personal mail to his father? I will bring the morning's mail out to him tomorrow," said Lynda, her knees getting rather wobbly as she said it, for she remembered what Emily had just told her.

"Mr. Armitage says that you are to bring all his mail tomorrow, and be prepared to stay until after luncheon." "Will he be able to dictate, do you think?" "He says he will, Miss Fenton. I am to bring the car in for you at half-past nine."

Lynda hung up the receiver. Lynda had hardly left the phone before a message came from Mr. Armitage, senior, asking her to come again to his office.

As she opened the door, he exclaimed: "I see, Miss Fenton, that the evening papers have gotten hold of my son's accident, and it is probable that you will have visits and telephone calls from the reporters soon. They will want a follow-up story. I think you had better shut up the office and go out for the afternoon."

Lynda bowed. "Ralph has just told me that he has instructed one of the men to come down here tomorrow morning and take you out to the house."

"Do you think he will be well enough to do any dictating, Mr. Armitage?" "Yes. The doctor has bandaged his shoulder and set his ribs, and he bandaged his arm to his side. When I came away this morning he seemed still to be in a great deal of pain. Since then the nurse has phoned me that he has had a little sleep, although he seemed very restless, when I called up right after luncheon. It will be much better for you to go out there than for him to come here—something he might be headstrong enough to do."

As soon as possible, Lynda started home, and by the time Claire arrived, she had a nice little dinner ready.

Claire seemed to have recovered her usual spirits. Lynda wanted to wash her hair and started to her room right after dinner was finished.

"I'll help you," said Claire, "and you will find some new toilet articles in the bathroom, which I got for us this noon. Some for your own particular self you will find on your dressing table. They were having a marked-down sale today of perfumes at Robinson's, and I bought some. I knew you would be glad for me to do it for you. If I were you, Lyn, I would use a special perfume. In some way, you always remind me of white violets. When you get a little more salary, you can have that perfume made; there is a man in town who makes individual perfumes. See, I've bought you two perfumers, as I call them; one for perfume, and one for toilet water. That will give an elusive fragrance that will always be just perceptible, but will not give the person near you the idea that you have been bathing in your favorite scent, or even dampening your handkerchief until it is soapy, as if you had lost your sweetheart."

Lyn immediately sprayed herself with the perfume, and was delighted. That night, for the first time in her life, Lyn revelled in a bath which was made fragrant by scented bath salts and fragrant soap. She used the powder and perfume, and Claire helped her with her hair, and as it was drying, she was sniffing the unaccustomed luxury of perfume sprayed over it.

MOORE HATCHERY BURNED ON MONDAY

One of the Largest in the State At Corvallis; Will Build Better

The large hatchery of Moore & Son, probably the largest in the state, burned at Corvallis Monday night, April 2, with loss about \$50,000, which was partially covered with insurance.

The large two-story frame building with its electric incubators, eggs and chicks was completely destroyed; the origin of the fire not being known at this time.

Through the resourcefulness of Moore & Son, no delay in hatching operations and filling orders will be occasioned by their severe loss. Another suitable building and a number of large incubators not being in use at Corvallis, were immediately secured and Moore & Son will be able to complete the season's run and hatch as though nothing unusual had happened.

To Build Better In the meantime plans will be developed and a contract will be let for the construction of a large new tile or concrete incubator building on the site of the one destroyed. The new building will be equipped with all of the latest electric incubators and modern conveniences, it being the intention of Moore & Son to make this new hatchery one of the largest and most modernly equipped in the Pacific northwest.

Moore & Son are widely known and held in the highest esteem by poultrymen throughout the northwest, and their severe loss in the midst of the busy hatching season will be regretted by their friends everywhere, who will, however, be pleased to note their enterprise in providing an adequate building and new equipment without delay, and continuing their hatching operations and filling of baby chick orders.

PEEVED LOVER PUTS OFF BLAST IN HOUSE

West Virginia Man Kills Self and Also Daughter of Housekeeper

McMECHEN, W. Va., April 3.—(AP)—Incensed because his boarding house keeper, with whom he was infatuated, threatened to return to her estranged husband, John Sebert, 50, tonight set off several sticks of dynamite in the home of Mrs. Julia Karp, 42, killing himself and Mrs. Karp's 13 year old daughter, and wounding Mrs. Karp and three other persons. The explosion wrecked the Karp dwelling and a house next door.

Mrs. Karp suffering from a possible fracture of the skull, and other injuries, told Coroner D. B. Ealy of Marshall county, that Sebert tried to prevail upon her to remain away from her husband, but that she refused.

ELLSWORTH TONIGHT

NOTED AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT WALLER HALL Coming attractions which have aroused much interest in this city are the illustrated lectures which will be given by Dr. William Webster Ellsworth, well known author and former editor of The Century publications at Waller hall, Willamette university, tonight at 8 o'clock, and again tomorrow night.

INVESTMENTS Today's List First Mortgages

Table with columns for Bonds, City Property, Farm Property, Stocks, Oregon Pulp & Paper, Preferred, Miles Linen Mills, Preferred, Spaulding Pulp & Paper Co., Preferred, Western Paper Converting Co., Preferred, Paulus Bros. Packing Co., Preferred.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE WESTERN STATES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of San Francisco, in the State of California, on the 31st day of December, 1927, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

THE MORNING ARGUMENT

AUNT HET By Robert Whitten



"A woman don't really dread bein' an old maid; she just dreads facin' the future without nobody to take care of her. There's mighty few of 'em wouldn't rather be single an' rich than married an' poor."

POOR PA By Claude Callan



"Ma's always regrettin' she married so young. She talks like if she'd delayed takin' me it would have been just that much gained."

of Blocks 53, 54, 55, parts of Blocks 62 and 63, and the vacated streets and fractional Block North of Block 53, in North Salem; in the City of Salem, Marion County, Oregon, according to the duly recorded plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder of Marion County, State of Oregon.

That the Court has heard said Petition and fixed the 2nd day of May, 1928, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. at the County Court room in Salem, Marion County, Oregon, as the time and place of hearing said Petition, and you and each of you are hereby required to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any you have, why said Petition should not be granted.

This Citation is served under the terms of an Order of the Honorable J. C. Siegmund, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Marion County; said order bearing date of the 26th day of March, 1928.

U. G. BOYER, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the County Court of Marion County, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion, his duly verified Final Account, as executor of the estate of A. C. Banker, deceased, and that said Court has fixed Tuesday, the 10th day of April, 1928, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court House at Salem, Marion County, Oregon, as the place for hearing said final account and all objections thereto.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 7th day of March, 1928.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion, his duly verified final account, as executor of the last will and testament and estate of John Gerber, deceased.

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