

MEIER REPLIES TO SECRETARY

Says Police Control Never Proper Function for Hoss' Office

Governor Meier gives prompt and sharp rejoinder to the letter of Secretary of State Hal Hoss protesting against stripping his office of the traffic division to incorporate it in a system of state police. The governor in his letter in reply to Hoss says he has no sympathy with Hoss' protest because law enforcement in the contemplation of the constitution was never a proper function of the office of the secretary of state. He repeats his hope of saving to the taxpayers through a state constabulary and a reduction of the population of the state penitentiary.

"Under our constitution," Meier writes, "the governor is specifically charged with the execution of the laws, while the secretary of state is an administrative officer, specifically charged with the duty of keeping the state's records and auditing of its accounts. It was never contemplated, under our form of government, that the secretary of state should enforce any of the criminal laws of the state, traffic or otherwise."

"Whether the State Police measure shall be enforced by the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the attorney general or the executive is a question in which I am not vitally concerned."

"I am, however, vitally interested in the financial savings that may be made for the benefit of the taxpayers by the enactment of this measure, and in the effective law enforcement and suppression of crime, and the respect for the law that may be brought about by the consolidation of the several special law enforcement agencies into a single law enforcement department consistent with a business administration."

"It now costs the people considerably more than a million dollars to enforce the fish, game, forestry, prohibition and traffic laws under special and separate enforcement agencies. Of this amount \$372,540.00 is expended by you as secretary of state in the enforcement of traffic laws, and an additional \$200,000.00 is expended by the highway commission in the enforcement of the same traffic laws. Certainly neither you nor anyone else can logically contend that such a division in expenditure and administration can be especially conducive to efficiency."

"It is the purpose of the state police measure, which is patterned after successful state police systems in other states, to enforce all these laws through a single agency and to co-operate with local agencies, when requested, to enforce the criminal laws generally, especially in rural communities where law violations have become rather prevalent on account of the use of the automobile on our highways in the commission of crime."

"I conservatively estimate that, if enacted, the state police bill will save the people more than a quarter of a million of dollars in administration, which saving alone ought to be sufficient to induce you to be willing to surrender up a function which, as heretofore stated, never properly belonged to your office."

"I observe that you state that you have made a considerable study of crime as member of the parole board and as a director of the American Prison association, and that you express doubt that crime would be materially reduced through the establishment of a state police, or our prison population be decreased. You are, of course, entitled to your opinion on this subject, but I wish to remind you that under the present system our penitentiary, which you, as a member of the board of control, have administered for several years past, is now over populated to the extent that it was necessary for the emergency board to provide funds for additional facilities, and that there is now a demand for more funds for the same purpose."

"It is my opinion that the state police system, efficiently and effectively administered, will not only materially reduce the population in our state prison but in our county and municipal jails, and will avoid the necessity for additional prison facilities and will reduce taxes."

(Signed) JULIUS L. MEIER.

RESCUER



The rugged Andes Mountains had no terrors for Irving G. Hay (above) a member of the Shippeck-Johnson Peruvian expedition, who proved a hero of the air when he flew an airplane 800 miles along the treacherous mountain range. Hay hopped off from Lima as word was received that a woman was dying of poisoning 400 miles from the Peruvian city, bringing the patient to medical aid.

The other nine will be employed on the county road near the tuberculosis hospital. The nine men to go to work on the county road, under county pay, will replace a number of men laid off recently.

The county court and roadmaster are still receiving applications from men who declare they need work at once. Investigation often proves, however, that conditions at the home are not as bad as described by the applicant, so the court members pass the man up in favor of someone whose circumstances show to be in dire need. An attempt is made always to give the job to the most needy.

BOBBY AMBROSE TO BATTLE ANDY JOERG

Three six-round fights are included in the card announced for the Silverton armory for February 16. Fighters well known in Salem will figure in all of these. Bobby Ambrose will meet Andy Joerg of Silverton; Terry Kileen will meet Ray Hannan of Silverton and Red Witcraft will oppose Young Johnson of Silverton.

Four round fights will find Hank Brady of Silverton and Roy Williams of Scotts Mills matched; also Young Douglas of Silverton and Kid Englehardt of Mt. Angel; and there will be a surprise curtain raiser.

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MEAT STORY ESSAY CONTEST LAUNCHED

Local high school girls are to have a chance to win a university scholarship through participation in an essay contest which has just been launched.

Announcement of this event, the eighth national meat story contest, has been received from the National Live Stock and Meat Board headquarters in Chicago. The board is sponsor of the contest which, it is said, also has the approval of the Bureau of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, the home economics departments of many state colleges and universities and high school home economics teachers.

Each year since the first contest in 1924 several thousand girls have been entered by their teachers and it is expected that the enrollment for 1931 will at least equal and perhaps surpass previous contests.

Judging of the story will be handled by a committee of home economics authorities. Contestants will be given complete freedom as to choice of subjects so long as they deal with some phase of meat, such as production, marketing, selection, cooking, place in the diet, etc.

The contest announcement has been sent to home economics teachers in all parts of the country and essays must be in by March 15.

DEGUIRES, BOWES FACE GRAND JURY

Charged with possession of a still Joe and Edward Deguire and Stanley Bowes were bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace Miller Hayden on Saturday. Bond was fixed at \$500 for each of the three.

H. D. Threlk, charged with being drunk on public highway was fined \$20 and costs in justice court.

The case of Sarah Palleon, charged with pointing a gun at another, which was taken under advisement by Justice of the Peace Hayden, was settled Saturday morning when Mrs. Palleon was declared not guilty.

The case of Charles Lehman, charged with giving an N. S. F. check was continued until February 14.

ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING NOTED

In special observance of the 21st anniversary of Boy Scouting in the United States, which will be celebrated all over the country next week, the Dallas Boy Scout troop has arranged to hold

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a court of honor at the Polk county court house Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

W. L. Hayward, regional director from Seattle, will deliver the main address and Judge Harry Belt of the supreme court bench, will preside at the court. O. F. West, scout executive, will also be in attendance from Salem.

Mr. West reports that scouts in every troop in the two counties are making some special observation of the 21st anniversary. A window calling attention to the event is being arranged in the

Court street side of the Miller store building.

Today special services in honor of the Jason Lee church and the St. Paul's Episcopal church, the pastors, Rev. Hugh B. Fouke and Rev. George Swift, respectively, announcing that they will preach on an appropriate topic.

Next Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, 31 Boy Scouts in uniform and 21 men interested in the movement will call on Governor Julius L. Meier to present him a book outlining the history of

scouting from 1910 to 1931 and asking the governor to assign to them some specific duty for the city. W. L. Hayward will be spokesman for the group.

Groups of scouts in each state are calling upon the state governors to remind them of the anniversary.

JEFFERSON, Feb. 7.—(Special) — Miss Frances Pierce, teacher in the schools here, was called to Portland tonight on account of the death of her cousin, Ira Pierce, in that city.

Proposes Wider Curves on Side Road at Brooks

The two curves on the west side of the county road intersection with the Pacific highway at Brooks will be widened to 56 degree curves, Hedda Swart, county engineer, reported Saturday following a visit to the place for pur-

poses of surveying and staking out the new lines.

The curves are being widened as a safety measure. With the small curve at the site at present, cars must necessarily slow down before traveling off the highway onto the county road; either that or miss the road. With the curve there will need to be no slack in the car on the opposite side of the road are 56 degree ones.

DID YOU EVER GET PEEVED

and say something you wouldn't have said if you had waited until you had cooled off a bit?

Why of Course You Have

We all do that. I wrote an ad this morning when I was good and sore — and this afternoon I read it over and wouldn't think of having it put in the paper.

Maybe I'd Better Tell You What Peeved Me

Now laugh if you want to — I don't care. Now you see, I'm still a little peeved. I bet you'd be peeved too if somebody came snooping around your place, prying into your private affairs. Now wouldn't you?

Here's What Happened One Day This Last Week:

A man I didn't know (but I think somebody said his name was Skaggs) and another fellow, I think his name is Bean — I don't know, of course, what kind of a bean, 'less it's Green Bean, of course I'm guessing at that — Well anyway, they put in a lot of time at both our stores asking the boys a lot of questions about our business, looking at our prices, which are all plainly marked, and I guess they must have got sore about our prices, 'cause they sneaked out when they saw someone come in that knew them!

No, They Don't Live in Salem,

but they get some of the money here to keep up a big office force in some bigger town than Salem. Now as I said before, I'm not peeved any more — in fact I feel so good I'm going to tell you of a lot of nice things for you at Busick's store — and none of the money you spend here goes to Wall street, either. One of these days I'm going to tell you about tricky prices.

BUSICK'S - Two Stores

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<p>Real Fancy Grapefruit No. 2 cans 2 for 35c</p> <p>Dainty Bits Grapefruit No. 2 cans 2 for 29c</p> <p>Fancy Cove Oysters 10c</p> <p>New Pack Fancy Shrimp 2 cans 29c</p> <p>Alaska Salmon 3 cans 29c</p> <p>California Sardines 4 cans 25c</p> <p>Domestic Sardines in Oil regular size cans 5 for 25c</p>	<p>Fresh Frozen Strawberries Just Pure Cane Sugar Added to Oregon's Finest Berries 2 lbs. 35c</p> <p>Loganberries 2 lbs. 25c</p> <p>Red Raspberries 2 lbs. 33c</p> <p>We Have a Lot of the Finest Rome Beauty Apples You Ever Saw Oregon Grown, Too, and They Are Only 97c box And of Course We Have Other Apples, and Some of Them Rome Beauties, Too, at 83c box Don't Confuse Those 97c Apples With Ordinary Apples</p>	<p>Fresh New Stock Crisco 6-pound pails \$1.43</p> <p>Ivory Soap 4 bars 25c</p> <p>White Wonder Soap 10 bars 33c</p> <p>Creme Oil Soap 5 bars 25c</p> <p>C. & H. Manufacture Pure Cane Sugar 20 lbs. 91c 10 lbs. 46c 100-lb. sacks, \$4.53</p> <p>We Have Only a Limited Amount of This Sugar Left, So Order Early</p>	<p>Pillsbury's Best Flour 49 lb. sk. \$1.25</p> <p>Crown Flour \$1.25</p> <p>Blue Daisy \$1.12</p> <p>By Jove! I'll Bet That's It One of the Boys Told Me He'd Bet a Nickel the Reason Those Two Chain Store Fellows Sneaked Out of Our Store Was Because They Didn't See Any Tricky Specials! Now Do You Suppose That Was It?</p> <p>Fresh Standard Eggs 2 doz. 35c</p> <p>M.J.B. Coffee Costs a Few Cents More Than Some Others, But It's Worth It! 1 lb. can 43c</p> <p>Pet Milk 4 cans 25c 7 small cans for 25c</p>
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WILL ADD 14 MEN TO CREW ON ROAD

Fourteen more men will be placed on road work in this territory beginning Monday morning, Roadmaster Frank Johnson said Saturday. Five of these men will join the state highway road crews working west of the river.

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