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The House Abdicates

NINE rans for Gordon Taylor. His display of intelligence is what you might expect from a newspaper man. Gordon Taylor along with Ralph Hamilton and J. A. Thornburgh had the courage to vote against and speak against house bill 77 "abolishing" the public service commission.

Taylor is a little fellow from Clackamas county, and he comes from a small town, but he has never been a bottler, and his speech against the one-commissioner bill showed he had strength of character as well as independence of judgment. He said in part:

"In all my legislative observation I've never seen such child-like faith as this body exhibits. No one seems to feel free to talk on the merits of this legislation. Personally I have no faith in our Moses nor do I have faith that this bill will save us."

Of the trinity of power proposals this one-commissioner bill is the worst. The hydro-electric commission bill is probably the best, though actually the net gain is very slight and the foolish gesture of defiance of the federal government is ridiculous.

We do not agree with those legislators who say that because Meier recommended it, the bill should pass. This is merely an abdication of intelligence which is inexcusable.

Repeat the Market Road Tax

THE house should follow the lead of the senate and pass the bill repealing the state market road levy, making other provisions for caring for market roads.

Our reasons for supporting this bill have previously been elaborated. In fact, The Statesman was the first paper in the state to point out that the time was at hand for curtailment of the burden of highway financing.

Naturally the highway commission will squawk over the cut, but the commission is the servant of the state, not its master.

Praise for Rain

GREAT days these, with the rain pouring down copiously. The rains may be a bit disagreeable but they are needed to soak up the ground and in the form of snow fill up the mountain valleys against next summer's drought.

Another gratifying report is that the rains have finally fallen over the middle west and south where last summer's drought was prolonged into the winter working continued hardships on the people and making a real threat against next summer's crops.

"Entitled to Be Wrong"

URGING the Portland city commission to employ Carey & Harlan, one George Walter Holcomb said: "We the people, wise or foolish, are entitled to be wrong."

The country will make an ugly face over the bonus bill which congress seems determined to pass. The man in the street doesn't favor it; and the able-bodied ex-service man doesn't favor it, but feels he doesn't dare oppose it.

Yesterdays

Loomis is general manager, and is inventor of the renovator and carpet cleaner which is being manufactured.

Ex-Gov. J. H. Fletcher of Jefferson was calling on his numerous friends here.

Another electric railway is projected to reach out from Portland, articles of incorporation of the Portland Terminal Railway company being filed here yesterday and showing capital stock of

HEALTH

Today's Talk

By R. S. Copeland, M. D.



DR. COPELAND

We all sneeze and we all cough. But how many of us do our mouths when we do this? Neglect of this little precaution is the main cause for most of the colds and winter ailments so common in this country.

Do you know that among every 1,000 men employed, there are more than a hundred cases of disability every year? This illness, whatever it is, lasts for one or two days. More than half of this number are disabled because of diseases in the breathing organs.

Diseases of this type are spread by the spraying of the secretions of the nose and throat in coughing, sneezing, spitting and talking. People who are tired and are in run-down condition, when exposed to such dangers, quickly contract the infection. In their turn, they spread it to others.

Any person who has a cold and is in any way lowered in health should keep away from crowds. Children who have colds should be kept home and not be permitted to attend classes.

The common habit of embracing and kissing children has led to many infections that could have been prevented. This applies to so serious a disease as tuberculosis, too.

In spite of the numerous signs issued by local health bureaus, spitting is still a common vice in this country, and it is most dangerous to health.

We are too much concerned with the cure of these ailments rather than their cause and possible prevention. We recall the well-known adage, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Answers to Health Queries MRS. D. W. Q.—Will you tell me why my legs appear to swell during the daytime while at night they go down? What treatment would be helpful in this case?

A.—This condition may be caused by a possible heart or kidney disturbance, although it is also possible that it is due to over exertion, such as long standing, walking, etc. Have an examination so that definite advice and treatment can be outlined.

MRS. B. F. F. Q.—I have a rash on my arms, shoulders and back which is slightly itchy, occurring in light pink patches. When I become tanned the summer, these patches remain light and are very noticeable. What would you advise?

A.—This may be due to a form of eczema, although it would be difficult to make a definite diagnosis without seeing the existing condition. Why not see a skin specialist for examination and advice?

A. D. Q.—What can I do for a pain in the area of the right lung? This has persisted for four years and seems relieved when I am careful of my diet and elimination. I have been examined but the doctor pays little attention to the pain, saying it is probably due to gas. Is this likely? I am afraid of lung trouble and am extremely nervous and high-pitched. Also troubled with constipation.

A.—The pain is very likely due to gases—judging from the description of your symptoms. Eat more laxative food, take plenty of exercise in the open and keep your bowels open. For further particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question. An x-ray examination will definitely rule out the possibility of a lung condition.

H. N. Q.—How can I gain weight? 2.—Do you think cod liver oil will help one to gain?

A. Eat plenty of good nourishing food, including milk, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables, cereals and plenty of water between meals. Sleep as many hours as possible. Avoid worry and over-fatigue.

DELAY IN RECOVERING SILVERTON, Feb. 18.—G. W. DeLay, a member of the senior high school faculty who has been confined to the Silvertown hospital for the past two weeks, is rapidly improving. He will be taken to his home on Thursday of this week. He will not, however, be able to return to work in the high school for about two weeks. Mrs. Anne Powell is substituting for him.

\$50,000. T. T. Burkhardt, J. Thornburn Ross and C. B. Aitchison are the incorporators. When registration books for the county were closed last night at 5 o'clock, the records showed 3,225 names on the books, 2,946 of whom are registered as Republicans.

THE PRINCE A-WOING GOES



"Murder at Eagle's Nest" By WINIFRED VAN DUZER

CHAPTER XXVI. Walter headed his list, as Carl Carey had done, with the names of Peter and Emily Hardy and the Baron von Wiese and bracketing the three together, checked them off.

"Their stories click," he remarked. "Separately and together and the butler bears them out. The three of them were pow-wowing from the time the last guest left—the last but Mrs. Frost, that is—and William was around more or less all the time serving high balls and emptying ash trays and finally fixing them up with sandwiches.

"Hardy and the Baron settled in the library around eleven o'clock according to all accounts and never moved till I got there near two. Mrs. Hardy was here and there till she joined them about twelve but by piecing together all the stories we've got her account; she was out of sight more than three or four minutes at a time all evening. And the Baron's gout was bona fide; he couldn't have moved if he'd wanted to."

"And the butler?" "He was on the job, according to Mrs. Hardy. She's ready to swear that he wasn't out of earshot. Of course," she added, "she had quite a lot to drink. Let's begin with the Frosts; there seems to be a serious looking across their trail. Yeah," she interpolated hastily in response to Bim's look. "I know about Mary Frost—sift of the earth and all that. I like her myself. Bim and I've a lot rather she wasn't in this. But it's her own fault she is in."

"Walter, you know Mary goes around with Em's crowd mostly on account of Ted. He won't mix with the people she really cares for—cultured, quiet people—and she pals with the other kind to keep him contented. Not, of course, that she isn't fond of Em and the others."

"All right, Miss Fix-it. The fact remains that she does pal with that gang and now she's into this with the rest. Well, then, she makes a great show of being willing to come through with all she knows—and turns around and gives us a lot of hoop-ey, which, when someone else is pretty sure to give the show away, she confesses. That lady hasn't told all she knows; not by a lot."

"If she's stood for so much from that worthless husband of hers, why did she get all hot and bothered when he made eyes at the Baroness? What did they—Mary and Ted—row about so bitterly that she rushed away and left her to get home alone? Why is she so worried all at once about what he might do when he's drunk? That boy had been drunk before and no one ever heard of her throwing a fit about it."

"But this is different, Wally." "Certainly it's different; this is one of the times when the thing that always may happen does happen."

"Then there's Ted who won't answer questions. Why not? He's a swaggering idiot but he knows very well that this is no time for swank. He won't talk because he's got something to hide—that's what."

with out supposing—not have been thinking of Mary at all. He might have thought it was another woman going to keep a date—a woman who interested him more than his wife did.

"But—but he hasn't so much as glanced at anyone for ages! Mary said herself that for a whole year—"

"We're just speculating, honey. And so we may as well consider what might happen if your friend Mary suddenly went crazy with jealousy herself. You don't believe that possible? Remember what Reynolds said when the meek go haywire. Supposing she had reason to believe her pet grief had stood her up to keep a date with another woman and that she thought she actually saw the other woman slipping out to keep the date. And, going off her head as I said, that she got her hands on a gun?"

Bim laughed at that. "You could say those things about anyone, my dear. You could ask what would happen if anyone in the world went crazy. But it wouldn't get you anywhere."

"Maybe not. Only the motive is there."

"Anyway the jealousy motive lets Laura Allan out. She couldn't care enough about anyone to lose her head."

"Couldn't she?" Walter asked somewhat cryptically as he nevertheless wrote Laura's name next Mary's. "She cares about something enough to lie about going into the garden according to Imogene."

"You believe Imogene, then?" "In this case, I'm a sort of odd that Mary thought she saw Laura Allan with the shawl."

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"on, wasn't it?" "She saw the Baroness really. She understands this now."

"But Miss Allan was in her mind. Else why didn't she think of the Baroness in the first?" "I don't quite see—"

"Never mind, kid. Then there is Bunny Baid—nice, quiet fellow, Mildly Bohemian but nothing rough. Almost a hermit in a way even if he does entertain his lady friends at two in the morning while inquisitive gardeners prowled about his diggings. Europe once a year—Paris, London, Berlin, Vienna, the Orient. What is he like when he's in Europe? Who does he know? What's his (Continued on page 10)

Babies GAIN when bowels are strong, regular

Baby isn't gaining his six or eight ounces a week? Constipation may be the reason. It is behind most of a baby's troubles. Colic. Fretfulness. Gas. It keeps Baby from accepting or retaining the proper amount of nourishment.

AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN

YOUR friend or relative, for whose ability and judgment you have the highest regard, may be well qualified to handle your estate wisely and to the advantage of your heirs. But has he the time or facilities? After all, he is busy with his own affairs and naturally they are of primary importance to him. The matters of your estate very probably would constitute an additional burden.

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Salem's first store: (Continued and concluded from yesterday.) "But this pastoral and contented state of affairs was suddenly transformed. Strange rumors came from California, that gold had been discovered in that country; it could be washed out from the gravel in the river bars, and that great fortunes could be made in a short time.

"The peaceful condition of affairs was dispelled as if by magic! Avariciousness developed itself with astonishing rapidity, and all desired to visit this Eldorado and dig out fortunes. Those who could, and had the ready means, made immediate preparation to go, braving the storms of mountains, the danger of rapid and deep rivers, swollen by winter rains and snows; for it was late in the fall when many started. Those who from lack of means were unable to supply themselves entered into contract to divide equally the gains if they were outfitted, and so continued they honestly divided the proceeds.

"Excitement reigned unbridled; Indian ponies, provisions, picks, shovels, etc., commanded extraordinary prices; contracts were annulled, claims abandoned, and in fact the whole community was utterly demoralized. Within two months three-fourths of the men of the territory were on their way to California, threading the almost unknown and forcing themselves across over rivers and against hostile Indians. Soon the yellow ore of the Feather, Yuba and American rivers was in circulation in our midst, and in 1850 it was very plentiful, was paid out with a lavish hand, and so continued for several years, as if the supply were inexhaustible. Labor rose from \$1 a day in 1848 for common laborers and \$1.50 for carpenters to \$4 to \$8 and more.

"The agricultural interests, for two or three years were almost utterly abandoned. Trading, speculation, 'wild cat' enterprises, were the rule. Fortunes were made or lost with astonishing rapidity. California in the mean time had received thousands of cosmopolitan inhabitants from all parts of the world, nearly every nation on earth being represented. Crimes of every description were perpetrated. . . . The discovery of gold brought a different class of people from those of the 'forties'. The new class immediately commenced to construct steamboats for inland transportation, establishing steamship lines from New York to Astoria for the increase of mail facilities, carrying of passengers and freight, establishing intercourse and trade with the natives of the opposite side of

the Pacific ocean, and the population rapidly increased. "I will now revert to a subject that should have been mentioned before. When I came to Oregon there were no mail facilities whatever. We received newspapers only by the missionary ships, once a year and letters from friends by emigrants across the plains, and the war with Mexico had been close six months before we heard of it. It generally required two years to write and receive a letter, and then we paid 50 cents to have the letter carried to the first postoffice in Missouri by persons returning to the states.

"When the Pacific Mail Steamship company established their lines and crossed the isthmus, we hailed it as one of the remarkable achievements of the day. We were then able to hear from our friends once every three months.

"The next great step was the overland mail and telegraph, and finally the completion of the continental railroad, the acme, as we thought, of human progress—and now if there should be a delay of a few days on account of a severe blockade, what a howl is set up!

"The first U. S. mail that was ever received in Salem was three days coming from Oregon City on a keel boat, and the day it left that place a gentleman came through on horseback and told the good news; consequently we were all excited when it arrived.

J. Henry Brown wrote in his autobiography about an equal amount of matter concerning the Indian wars of the Oregon country from the time of his arrival in 1847.

Dan J. Fry, Sr., whose body was on Tuesday followed to its last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, was among the less than half a dozen men still in active business life in Salem who are able to date their commercial beginnings here back to the early eighties.

Thus do the slow moving years make swift changes, counting time by decades of scores of the grim reaper is relentless and the vicissitudes of fortune are many.

With the ancient philosopher, Mr. Fry might have appropriately mused that had he been put back at the beginning with a choice of making the course of his pilgrimage different, even remembering all the struggles and hardships, he would have chosen the lot the fickle fortunes gave him.

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SPEND A DAY SAFEGUARDING THE WORK OF A LIFETIME



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Contrast such an individual with the Trust Department of this bank, whose business is confined solely to the handling of such matters. Necessarily this department can offer far greater service, and in addition, guarantee efficiency through adequate facilities and a specially trained personnel. If you are interested our trust officer will be glad to assist you in completing these important arrangements. Come in at your earliest convenience.

The Trust Department of this bank operates under authority from the Federal Reserve System and under the supervision of both the United States Government and the State of Oregon.



SALEM'S COMMUNITY OWNED BANK