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Back to Autocracy

SUCH is the heading of an editorial in the Portland Journal mit the germs to some baby.

Don't Kiss Baby discussing the Meier-Indiana plan of tax reduction. The Journal is really committing grave heresy and if it doesn't look out it may have to print news on its back page. The Journal was one of the bell wethers that leaped to the front of the independent movement and forsook its own party of "home rule" and "democracy." Now it seems whinnying to get back in its alley and uses such strong language as "autoeratic government" in discussing proposals of the administration. Let us quote:

The special committee that Governor Meier has appointed in each county can do more in tax reduction than could any special session of the Oregon legislature.

These committees need no especially passed law to give them power. Thus, if in any tax district an extrava-gant tax levy is proposed, this special committee, by going before the people with adequate objections and sound facts, can invariably defeat such a levy.

"Public sentiment and the desire for lowered taxes and reduced public debts would give the special committee all the power that it needs. And that would be the American way of conducting free government. It wouldn't be the introduction of autocratic government into local affairs which even a modified Indiana plan would be, if a special legislature put such a plan into effect in Oregon."

This is just what The Statesman has been declaring ever since the Meier-Indiana plan was proposed. Local communities have plenty of steam up for surgery on the tax budgets, and will accomplish fully as much for 1932 at could be accomplished by some state board.

The Test of the Hoover Plan

WE should see soon whether the Hoover life preserver which the conference at London strapped on Germany will have enough cork in it to keep Central Europe afloat. It probably would if the economic situation were not so muddled up with internal politics. On one hand is Hitler and his fascist group who want to duplicate the Mussolini coup and strong-arm the country. On the other hand are the communists who want to repeat Russia in Germany. mier Bruening, who is supported by President von Hindenburg, occupies the centrist position, and hopes to keep Germany on an even keel avoiding internal revolution.

Bruening has already had to resort to dictatorial decrees issued by the president. A censorship has been established on the newspapers. Banks function in strict accordance with government limitations as to withdrawals and sales of foreign exchange. There is every indication that the government is alert to the dangers of the situation and prepared to rule with a strong hand if it becomes necessary. In this juncture the prestige of von Hindenburg is a powerful factor in support of the republic.

The hopefulness in the situation is the fact that its seriousness is recognized. Evil portents are usually thwarted of actuality. So long as the crisis is recognized it can be dealt with and probably will be, though not without slow and painful readjustment.

Planning for Relief

WHAT plans are being made for co-ordination of relief work next winter? There will be work to do, though we do not believe conditions will be much if any worse than last year. We "got through", it is true; and we will probably "get through" again this winter, but there may be a lot of suffering if the work is not adequately organized and financed. There are a lot of people sliding through hard good things as well as bad and times without a dint in their scale of comfort. With a comprehensive program of solicitation they would be reached, and with assurance that a well organized relief program was under way they should be willing to contribute. There is an abundance of provision and of money here that none need actually suffer. The community is morally delinquent if it falls to co-ordinate its relief work and support it properly in times like the present.

Government estimates on world production of wheat indicate no burdensome surplus of the cereal. The crop will be from 250 to 200 million bushels short of last year. The world supplies on July were 100 million bushels ahead of July 1, 1930, so the available supplies will be from 150 to 200 million bushel: under those for the previous year; and will bring the quantity down to a size which ought not to be burdensome. Some day wheat will be worth raising again; in the meantime the farmers can raise political hell.

"Ocean View cometery is ideally located for a burial ground and much has been done by City Manager Garrett and his predecessor to make it well kept and pleasant."-Astorian-Budget,

Tax reform takes strange directions. Oregon passed a law axing income from intangibles at 8% and Washington passed a aw exempting intangibles from all taxation. You never can tell where tax reform lightning is going to strike

Mayor Cermak says that Franklin Roosevelt is wet enough "for our party in the west". But just how wet is that? Cermak is dripping wet and Texas is dripping dry. Cormak probably means that Roosevelt is the typical politician and both wet and dry.

The make of butter at the Mt. Angel creamery showed an increase of approximately 60% for the first six months of 1931 as ompared with 1930. And the creamery didn't have to borrow from the farm board to carry on its business, either.

An invading army of grasshoppers are ravaging the farms of Nebraska and South Dakota. That may be nature's way of reducing the crop surplus.

The boy who used to prove he was under twelve to get half-fare n a train, is now ready to demonstrate he is under fourteen for a two-bit hair-cut.

Quite a clearing out of job-hunters since the new state police head has announced appointments. Many who came to Pray went

Bodies of Four Found; Thought

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., July

Pittinger, his wife Flora, their Murder-Suicide to death. Police expressed the belief that Pittinger, a barber, had killed his family and then committed suicide.

UNTINGTON, W. Va., July

A hammer was found under
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Kissing the Baby

C. C. DAUER, M. D. Marion Co. Dept. of Health Kissing the baby except on the forehead should never be permit-



kiss him. Sometimes it is hard to refuse this but just remember the have much resistance against such in fections as colds and the like. It is by p r o miscuous kissing that bables m a y

Dr. C. C. Dener contract colds, bronchitts, influenza, diphtheria, tuberculosis and many other ser-ious diseases. An adult is capable of carrying around in his throat the germs of certain dis-eases without having the disease himself, but he can easily trans-

Just recently there was told an instance of a baby who was proudly exhibited by his mother at an afternoon tea. One of the guests who had a slight cold kissinstances no doubt could be multiplied many times. The moral is never let your friends or rela-tives, for that matter, kiss the baby.

Children Transmit Diseases Older children are very apt to want to kiss the baby. As a matter of fact children are even more likely to carry disease germs in their throat, especially those of the common contagious variety. Fortunately, a small baby will not contract many of this variety in the very early months of its life, especially if it is breast fed. However, whooping cough can be contracted at any age so beware of any child with a cold or running nose.

If you think you must kiss your aby, do so on the forehead. It is as bad to kiss a baby's hands as to kiss him on the mouth, Most babies' hands are carried to their mouths many times each day.

What health problems have youf If the above artisle raises any question in your mind, write that question out and send it either to The Statesman or the Marion country department of health. The answer will appear in this column. Name should be algued, but will not be used in the mare.

Daily I hought

So near is God to man, When Duty whispers low, Thou The youth replies, I can!"

-Emerson.

New Views

you release Albert B. Fall from prison? Why or why not?" This uestion was asked by Statesman eporters yesterday.

He had his time to profit from the government and now he must pay. He is just as deserving of punishment as a man 35 truth and in principle a bill of years of age."

Mrs. W. Smith, saleswoman: "I hardly know what I would do if I were president but it does seem such a pity that Fall should spend the last days of his life in prison. He has done some very his condition is now pitiful."

Mrs. I. V. McAdoo, Gervais: 'Yes, I should release him, because of his age and delicate physical condition."

crime committed."

Mrs. Mabel Love: "The law be no respector of per-

H. M. Welf, insurance agent: "I think he should be given every pay, the same as the rest of us."

Treadway Joins In Plea Special Session Needed

WASHINGTON, July/24 .-- (AP) has added his voice to the cry for a special session that has arisfor a special session that has aris-en from the ranks of democrats practiced in congress and the and the politically independent. Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, ranking member

of the ways and means committee, urged President Hoover to call such a session so that the chief executive's debt moratorium plan may be assured of congressional approval before December 15, when the next war debt payments are due.

RETURN TO WASHINGTON JEFFERSON, July 24. - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butler and daughters, Cleo, Marie, Marguerite and Leons, who have been visdaughter Ardith, 14, and their son James, 1, all had been shot to death. Police expressed the belief that Pittinger, a barber, had

HERE'S HOW By EDSON



Sunday: Blue-Blooded Beef

BITS for BREAKFAST

Hot time over religion:

In the Oregon constitutional convention that held its session in the old wooden Marion county court house August 17 to September 18, 1857, there were long and spirited debates, and at times acrimonious and amusing passages over section 5 of the bill of rights, article 1, that was finally made to read and still reads as follows:

"No money shall be drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious or theologi-cal institution, nor shall any money be appropriated for the payment of any religious services in either house of the legislative (The person assembly." religious.)

pensation of any religious serviological institution."

Hector Campbell, a member from Clackamas county, moved to strike out so much of it as would prevent the employment of a chaplain by the legislature, and made a long speech in favor "If you were president would of his amendment. Here is one passage: "Now the honorable gentleman from Polk ('Old Fred Waymire) thought when the bill of rights was under consideration before, he thought there should Mrs. Cora Reid, county school also be a bill of wrongs! I think, superintendent's office: "I would- sir, if this one is passed in its present form, without amendment, that it fully accomplishes that object—that it would be in wrongs instead of a bill of rights. consider it an innovation upon the usages and customs of our country. So far as I know, in none of the constitutions of the 31 states of the union is there a similar provision to the one contemplated by this section . . . It is a disregard of injunctions of the New Testament, the instructions of Paul to Timothy, where he informs us that 'first of all I will therefore that prayers and

ity.' Here the idea is fairly ad-Mrs. Winnie Pettyjohn, real- vanced that thus we may enact or: "I don't think there is any just and wholesome laws, and degree in crime. His sentence that we may enjoy the blessings should be that allowed for the of life. But there are other considerations. "It is not by chance or accident that we are here assembled to form a constitution for the future state of Oregon. It was not by chance or accident that the principles of liberty and indepencare but I feel he should have to dence were implanted upon our American soil; but we recognize, running through all our history, through the darkest hour of our J. O. Russell, life insurance: through the darkest hour of our "If Fall is guilty, let him take revolution, as well as the times his medicine like anybody else." of political turmoil that have followed, we recognize the instrumentality of an overruling and allwise Providence, that has hitherto guided and controlled the destinies of our nation, and to which we are indebted for the enjoyment of our privileges . . . I contend that it is a reasonable service that deliberative bodies and legislative assemblies should An administration republican publicly, and in a proper manner, acknowledge their dependence

state legislatures. Now why should we here in Oregon seek to establish a new order of things? .". Has there arisen any evil from this practice! . . . I contend that mortality and virtue must necessarily keep pace with the im-provements in the sciences and with the era in which we live . . The moral power of a nation is its greatest safeguard . . . I am willing that my vote should go down to posterity as the advocate much more whispered and

favor of the section as it stands the best and cheapest one to be now," reads on the report. "It as follows: take old newspapers was necessary," he said, "in or and tear them into separate der to make the bill of rights pages; take the pieces and wad harmonize. He contended if a them up into loose bunches and chaplain was to be elected from place them around in the crotch-A hammer was found underRobert Pittinger family were
found slain in their home here
last night.

A hammer was found underneath the body of the daughter.

Married women in future will on the public schools of Rapides parish, it. He was perfectly willing that the legislature should have a there will be found in them thou-

chaplain, but opposed to paying one out of the public treasury.

"If we didn't hold out any inducement to them for pay we might get men to act without pay, but the moment you do hold out the inducement of pay, money loving ministers will be crowding down upon us, and buttonholding the legislature all the time. The very worst class of preachers will come and logroll and elec tioneer for the purpose of getting hold of the public teat. He thought there were some good old Methodists in the country who, if they were elected, would never receive any pay, while there are lots of others who can't let any opportunity pass without having a lick at the public treasury any-how. What good do they do?

He did not go for paying a chaplain, but if they (the legislature) if they couldn't fine one to pray without pay, then let them pay him according to the value of his

The above is from the Oregonian's report. The Statesman had the following report of another speech made by the Polk county farmer member: "Mr. Waymire said the question was, 'Shall the people be taxed to pay for religious services?' In this country there were 20 or 30 ministers, and not three of the number would vote to pay for a chaplain, The Campbellites, Baptists, and other denominations, were opposed to the system. It could not be said that he was opposed to prayers and religion. "He had been for seven years

a Methodist, and was now a Mason, and a man could not be either without believing in a God. He wanted no prayers made to him intercessions be made for all for money. He wanted ministers men, for all that are in author- should preach for the reward offered by the Lord and Master. If he has souls for his hire, that is all he needs. But some of them in this country worked for money and had built fine houses. They did not, like John Wesley, intend to die not worth 40 pounds. With them their religion was an institution to collect money; and the wheels could not move without the car was loaded down with gold. They were not going forth in the world to preach the gospel of Christ, without purse or scrip. But the ground of his objection was the unjust principle of taxing people to support doctrines they did not believe. Suppose a Roman Catholic should be elected chaplain; every other religion in Oregon would be in open rebellion. Every one knew that. Yet you taxed Roman Catholics to pay for Protestant chaplains, and why not tax Protestants to pay Roman Catholies? The principal was the same, and it was a poor rule that would not work both

(Continued Tomorrow)

The Safety Letters from Statesman Readers

Editor Statesman: Of late much has been said and printed, and ... of maintaining the institu-tions that were introduced by the fathers of our country, and that have been maintained hitherte." thought which would not be per-missible to speak aloud or print, about the earwig and the best means of ridding the community of this new pest. We have tried a "Mr. Waymire said he was in number of eradicators and find

The Mystery of Geraldine'

On Christmas Eve young and find out the name of her tenant i"What you ask is almost impretty Geraldine Foster disap—if the tenant gave her or his pessible," said Dr. Clesleek. "But peared from the office of Dr. real name. And, by the way, I will do my best."

Colt next made a most extrakell's neighbor, corroborates his statement that he distributed gifts with her daughter that aft-erhoon. Geraldine had broken her engagement with Harry Armstrong. It is also learned that the mysterious Ephraim Foster, who had written Geraldine, is a woman. A blackmail note presumably mritten by the missing girl, leads Police Commissioner Thatcher Colt to a deserted house on Ped-dler's Road. Outside a window, he finds seven dead, blood-stained pigeons. The interior of the house is topsy-turvy. Colt comes upon a bloody axe and a strand of blond hair. Betty Canfield. Geraldine's roommate, identified the body of a nude woman, found buried a short distance away, as that of the missing girl. A pillow case covers the head. Although the surrounding grave is dry, the grave contains a pine-scented fluid. The medical examiner states she was dead not more than 36 hours. Two bottles, similar to those seen carried away from the doctor's office by two women the day of the disappearance, are found near the grave,

CHAPTER XVI. "Some lover of hers did it, said Dougherty promptly. "He probably got the girl in trouble, hen lured her up here and killed her. There's too much of this sort of thing going on-too many crimes of passion." "Perhaps," murmured That

"Plain as the nose on your face," declared Dougherty. "All we have to do is to find who owns this house and have a talk with some of her boy friends."
Thatcher Colt lit his pipe.

"Yes," he said. "And by the way, Hogan, I know you think you have a clue in that package you have there. Is that a Christmas present you have found?" "Yes, it is-it's a silk muffler" said Hogan, "I found it under the sofa. I would like to hang on to it for a while, if you don't

A Step Ahead
"Not at all—I've already had
a look at it," answered Colt
agreeably. 'A'lso, I have telephoned downtown and found that this house is owned by a Mrs. Haberhorn, who rents it out. It will be as you say, simple to

sands of the wriggling horrors. Take a good sized pall with about The way the section was originally inserted, as brought in with the report of the standing committee on bill of rights, it read: "No money shall be drawn from the treasury for the committee on the treasure from the papers into the water. In the bour were morning and he were just reporting for work.

Meanwhile, I had been busy. I had carried—among kindness. a gallon of hot water in it and any real good growing out of it. The Matesman is not a good pa-"Look what a mighty amount but they flock to the pages of the of jealousy it creates elsewhere. Capital Journal. This proves that they are democrats and only want to know one side of a question, wanted a chaplain he would rath- and the fact that water kills them er change the section so they is another proof of their political could pay by turns themselves. Or affiliations. They recognize poisons, even when not marked with skull and cross-bones, and absolutely refuse to roost on a piece of paper containing a cigarette advertisement. Many of them are to the office of the medical exreligiously inclined and have habits similar to Ma Kennedy-Hudson's and some closely resemble the newspaper descriptions of What-a-Man Hudson, and have lots of trouble before they reach

old age.
A local woman, who has wonderful head of hair of which on Madison avenue, to find out she is very proud, arose one what was contained in three she is very proud, arose one morning recently and discovered that her crown of glory was missing from the table where she had placed it the night before. On looking out of the window she saw it meandering across the alley, being propelled by a million of the little varments underneath trees." its silky strands. They are a pure nuisance, or, in the words of a local news writer, they are "three times as pure" as any other nuis-ance in Oregon. Salem has the the hairs contained in two eaproud distinction of being the earwig center of the universe, and in the words of a late un-The butterfly has wings of

The firefly wings of flame,

Humphrey Maskell, where she am temporarily removing some was employed, Mrs. Morgan, Mas-evidence from the scene."

He lifted the pillow case and flung it over his shoulder. "What's inside the bag?" ask-

ed Dougherty promptly.
"Seven dead pigeons," answered Thatcher Colt. "About midnight join me at headquarters. will you, Dougherty, and we will go over what we have. Mind?" "Okay," said Dougherty, and added after a moment's thoughtful pause, "if I haven't arrested

the murderer before then." "You won't!" chuckled the commissioner, and with a nod to me, he led the way down to the

Having eluded the ambush of a squad of newspaper reporters, waiting to obtain Thatcher Colt's personal version of the Peddler's Road affair, we hurried on toward the commissioner's office. As we entered the octagonal reception room, with its old fashioned woodwork and its transoms of stained glass, a curious sight met our eyes. Most of the people concerned in

the mystery of Geraldine Foster were gathered before us, their haggard eyes staring up into our faces. For the moment, I was startled at the sight of such an organized and appropriate convocation. Then I realized that by the telephoned orders of Thatcher Colt all these people had been quickly brought to headquarters. Seeing the commissioner, the father and mother of the murdered girl stood up with pathetic promptness. They guessed the truth without having been told. Thatcher Colt spoke to them briefly and in low tones, while my glance leaped around the room. Among the others gathered in the waiting room were two young men whom I judged to be Bruce Foster and Harry Armstrong, Neither resembled Geraldine, so I could not tell which was the brother and which the lover, Aloof from these others and looking pale and worn sat

Betty Canfield.

The Last Detail With another-reassuring word key?' to the parents, Thatcher Colt hastened on into his private of fice and I followed him. On the desk he laid the pillow case with the dead pigeons.

Then he dashed on into a small retiring room—a partition affair built for his personal use— and almost instantly I heard the sound of rushing water, Mr. Colt was taking a shower. In an amazingly short time, he came out

them the envelopes of hair, the face cloth with the crimson stains, the watch and the axe which I had wrapped in a news-For the next few minutes was busy on the telephone, calling various officers for the come missioner. Presently the deputy chief inspector arrived, followed by Doctor Clesleek; one of the most scholarly chemists attached

aminer. Without parley, Thatcher Coll issued a series of crisp, precise orders. He wanted the owner of the house on Peddler's Road found at once and brought down town. A detective must also be sent to Wisner's, a chemist's shop large bottles sent upon the us-

"Funny thing," added Thatcher Colt. "Damned funny thing.

Without pausing for comment, tion. he then gave instructions for examining the refuse pared from But he got here just the same." It was the washcloth found in the come to mortal kind.

EYEBUCK. murder house. (To be continued to

ordinary request of Dr. Clesleek. "In the pillow case on my desk are some dead pigeons, Doctor, he said. "Can you examine dead pixeons and make a guess as to how long they have been dead?"

"An autopsy on pigeons?" "Mind?" "No," sighed Dr. Clesleek, "I'll

io my best as always." Following the officers, Clesleek, his arms full of dead birds. left the room "Ah, Tony." wonder if those blundering fel-

lows up on Peddler's Road have found Geraldine's clothes yet. I assigned three of them just for that job. Now let me see. The deputy chief inspector took the envelope with the parings from her nails. They will show us something, too, I hope." His eyes were gleaming with the zest of the hunter, as he sat

as his desk and lit his pipe. "Ask that poor old couple to come in, Tony." Mr. and Mrs. Foster trudged

into the office and sat in chairs before the commissioner's desk. They were making a great effort to hold on to their composure. Very gently Thatcher Colt gave them a part of the story. Then he began urging upon them the im-portance of their remaining calm a the face of the tragedy and giving what help they could to the department. "Mr. Colt," rumbled old Ed-

mund L. Foster, raising his red hands over his head, "whatever appens, my daughter was a good girl, and don't forget that!" His voice was deep and vibrating with great feeling. His wife did not look at him. With her

two hands laid against her-breasts, she stared fixedly hrough her glasses, But there were no tears on the strained ace of the mother. "I am sure that Geraldine was

good girl," returned Thatcher Colt earnestly. "But, Mr. Foster, you remember the key that we found in her pocket. Are you sure that you knew nothing of that "Nothing," 'avouched Mr. Fos-

er, in his impassioned bass. Thatcher Colt then explained that the key fitted the house on Petiler's Road. He questioned the father about the friends and acquaintances of his daughter. Mr. Foster liked them all. He thought Betty Canffeld was a sweet little girl, Harry Armstrong was a smart fellow and,

objects I had carried—among kindness "Was Geraldine in any finan-"Bosh and bunk!" thundered the father. "I am not a poor man. I have one hundred thousand dollars to my name and half of if would have gone to my girl when I died. She must have been crazy when she wrote that note you found. Why, she knew I was going to give her ten thousand as a wedding present. And she knew she could come to her old father for anything. But now she's gone and she will never enjoy a penny of all that money." After a moment of silence,

Thatcher Colt inquired: Who will inherit her share?" "All of it goes to my boy, Bruce, now. Every cent," declared Foster with a wave of his mmense red hands.

"Was Bruce your first child, Mrs. Foster?" asked Thatcher The old woman clapped her

hands quickly together, as one does who is taken by surprise, You might add that those bottles does who is taken by surprise, smelt like the bark of pine and her crimpled cheeks quivered with sudden inexplicable emo-

"Bruce is not my first child,"

velopes. Then he called Docter the door and Captain Henry an-Clesleek aside and in a low voice nounced that the medical examcommunicated certain other in-structions, not a word of which I could distinguish. Also something passed from the hand of the de-tective to the hand of the chem-The earwig has no wings at all, ist. I caught a glimpse of that the saddest errands than can

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