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#### The Zorn-Macpherson Bill

TNDOUBTEDLY the most bitterly fought legislative measure on the ballot in recent years is the Zorn-Macpherson school consclidation bill. Ever since it was proposed the issue has been attended with acrimonious discussion, with commission of crime, and with a barrage of propaganda much of which goes far beyond the bounds of truth. And after the smoke clears away it will be found that people have voted quite largely as their prejudices or their personal interests dictated.

It is unfortunate that this important question did not receive some competent and thorough and unbiased investigation. The survey commission made no such study, merely dismissing it as too late a proposal for the state to consider. None of the groups taking sides one way or the other has made any exhaustive study of the question. Usually if one went behind the scenes he would find that some partisan has pulled the strings to obtain the desired resolution for or against consolidation.

Admittedly it would be difficult to make such a survey, because it would involve much speculation as to the future: the growth of our population and wealth, trends in education, etc., etc. If we were to sketch briefly the scope of such a study we would outline it some-1. Study of the capital outlay required over a 25-year period, with

and without consolidation. 2. Study of operating costs over a similar period under consolidation and under the present set-up.

3. Study of the effect on property values over a similar period of time in all of the affected cities. 4. Study of the probable attendance at the schools under both

systems of school organization. 5. Study of the effect of consolidation on the quality of work offered, and of institutional service to the state. 8. Comparative study of costs and efficiency in other states op-

erating on the single university plan and on the two-institution plan. 7. A similar study of normal school organization. Those are merely points which occur to us at the moment. It is not necessary to add that not a single impartial agency has made such a thorough-going study. Lacking that, how can the people vote intelligently on this Zorn-Macpherson bill? Well, perhaps they will vote just as intelligently as if they had it, judging from reports of

past "survey" commissions. Oftentimes blind instinct is about as safe a guide as carefully wrought out charts and diagrams. It is not surprising however that figures are used wildly and recklessly both for and against consolidation. The proponents claim savings of \$20,000,000 in 20 years, but give no detail to justify the numerous ciphers after the first digit. The opponents are likewise reckless in assertions of costs for new buildings at Corvallis and of losses through abandoned property at Eugene and Monmouth. We

and plague them in the future when they come hat in hand to request The contest appears to have developed into a race for savings. Each side makes its appeal on the grounds of "economy". Comparatively little attention is given to the effect on education, whether it will be prospered or injured by the changes, whether more or fewer youth will receive the benefits of higher education. That is a question of great importance to Oregon of today and tomorrow, quite as much

Speaking now from general knowledge and not after thorough study of the various factors involved, these facts seem to us to be

1st. Corvallis "could" take care of both enrollments; and Eugene "could" get along without new buildings. In both cases the ability would be limited only by necessity, because when times are more propitious Corvallis will need for its normal present set-up additional buildings for physical and biological science, and library addition. Likewise Eugene if it contnues as the university town, will require extensive building, and let us hope on a far better plan than has marked its development in the past. Monmouth likewise will call for

In this respect however an educational institution is like the farmer: what it wants and what it needs are always limited by what

2nd. We cannot expect our state schools to operate indefinitely the present revenues, receiving only the miliage revenues. The reason is that property values have a tendency to remain on a level, increasing very slowly, while the growth of educational costs due chiefly to larger enrollments, has been far more rapid. At present the schools are "getting by" but when enrollments again increase

more funds will have to be provided. Now under consolidation the state could spend far less money than is required for two separate institutions; or under extravagant administration it could spend even more. It seems altogether reasonable to expect savings in operating by having one campus and one set of buildings and one administration. To spend more would be sheer squandering of money—and that is not at all uncommon among higher institutions.

So if one looks at the question solely or chiefly from the money angle, considering the costs over a term of 25 years, it seems to us an inescapable conclusion that under careful administration consolidation would result in lower capital costs and lower operating costs.

the amount of which we would not presume to fix. However there are other considerations than costs, which in our case determine our opposition to the Zorn-Macpherson bill. The state has established the university and state college as separate institutions, has maintained them for a half century. Each has or should have a distinct program of work. Each has performed a useful service in the past, and each can continue so to function in the future under proper direction and with proper public support. We are bitterly opposed to the butchery which the present state board of higher education has perpetrated, which purposely destroys the educational individuality of both institutions and shall not cease to carry on holy war against the state board until its blunders are rectified. We believe that these mistakes can be corrected and the university preserved as a school of liberal arts and professional training and the state college a school for vocational and technical training,) And we further believe that, in view of the investment that has been made not only by the state, but by private individuals, and the traditions which also have their values, the state should continue to maintain the university at Eugene and the state college at Corvallis, hoping that a single administration may remove causes of bickering, and considerable of the duplication; though we frankly admit the cost will be greater to the state.

State Prohibition Repeal

IN her radio address endorsing the measure for repeal of the Anderson act, which provides the enforcement machinery for the state onstitutional amendment, Mrs. David T. Honeyman of Portland urged the repeal "so that when the 18th amendment is repealed and power to regulate the liquor traffic is given to the state they can estitute a system of control and regulation that is reasonable and therefore enforceable." She further recommended that we should repeal the law now "in order that Oregon can have the earliest in-dustrial benefit of the modifications of the Volstead act which are reasonably certain of enactment at either the coming short session ss or the first session of the new congress which convenes

Mrs. Honeyman must know that repeal of the Anderson act will not enable this state to institute a new system of control and regulation. She must know that modification of the Volstead act plus repeal of the Anderson act of this state will not enable Oregon to obtain the vague "industrial benefit" so far as this state itself is

For there still remains Section 36 of Article 1 of the state con

"From and after January 1, 1916, no intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured, or sold within this state, except for medicinal purposes upon prescription of a licensed physician,

or for scientific, sacramental or mechanical purposes;
"This section is self-executing and all provisions of the on and laws of this state and of the charters and ordinances of all cities, towns and other municipalities therein, in conflict with the provisions of this section are hereby repealed." to long as this provision remains in the constitution neither

#### A Queer Time to Send in a Substitute



## BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS-

There is some hope:

5 5 5 Our flax farmers, producers of with a degree of confidence.

their platform. That might mean for the favorable inference. almost anything, and in its last analysis might lead to rates competitive with the countries with the lowest wages and worst living conditions; even Russia with its forced labor the cost of which may be little or nothing; comparatively, competitively.

When Franklin Roosevelt started on his great hand-shaking tour. he stood on that plank, and went it one or several better, denouncing the Hawley-Smoot tariff as a "ghastly jest," "wicked and exorbitant," "highest in the history of the world," and like tommyretand shouted: "Our policy declares for lowered tariffs!"

## The Safety Valve - -

Letters from Statesman Readers

Dear Editor:

In your editorial in The States-Bill Borah's Idaho potatoes. They vides, but higher rates. are so dry and mealy." I think you are surely mistaken in this -his political powder has always quickly. been sopping wet. It is now, and on account of it he will fail to get his rabbit skin to wrap up baby Roosevelt in. Some people claim that Mr. Smith cannot sleep could really rest better in the bed of some lake or stream.

Respectfully, C. D. CHILDS.

As he breezed along, he found men who asked him about special schedules in which their seewalnuts and filberts, breeders of tions were interested—and, in evpoultry, cherry growers, and men ery case, he assured them in efengaged in all industries on the feet that he "was all right on the electric light globes are being sold land in the Salem district, may goose question." Like the candi- at such prices as American mantake courage and face the future date for mayor in the town where ufacturers cannot compete with. the issue was on geese running Mounting millions of these globes

> of the country, he must have louder. checked up, and found he had committed himself for all the products of the soil-so he threw the platform plank overboard and went "the whole hog," for all protective farm tariffs. The fly in the cintment is that he represents only himself, and cannot take any of the roaring unreconstructed elements of his party with him, to say nothing of the so-called republicans off the reservation, like Hiram Vallingham Johnson and up to date copperheads of his lik.

\* \* \* But unlooked for and unexpect ed things are happening, like neatly all the world going off the gold standard, and thus with their cheap currency actually lowering our protective tariff rates. Doing this as effectively as though the democratic party were in power at Washington, and living up to its platform policies.

And, north, south, east and west, cries are going up. If the campaign lasted a little longer, man of November 1, concerning and Franklin Roosevelt got all the potato controversy between over the territory, he would, to be two southern Oregon editors and half consistent (an impossible commenting on the two sacks of thing), be promising not only all same sent to you, you say that the protection to all industries 'Al Smith would say they excel that the Smoot-Hawley law pre-

Appeals are going up from statement. Al Smith would never North Carolina for higher rates recommend anything that was on imported ores, with the plea dry, not even a potato. If he were that otherwise their mines will going out hunting he would in have to shut down; and copper sist on having his powder wet- miners in that state say their inin fact that is just what has kept dustry is headed for extinction him out of the presidential chair unless something is done, and

Refiners of sugar, makers of steel, wood pulp, paper, and dosens of other articles, all over the in a house that is shingled, and of those in other sections, demand relief. Relief will come. How? From the flexible clauses of the Hawley-Smoot tariff, which democrats in the lower house of con-

legislature nor the people may pass any law permitting the manufac ture and sale of intoxicating liquors in Oregon.

But the repeal of the Anderson act may do irreparable damage to common decency in the state by doing away with the penalties for violating the constitution. Repeal would open the door wide for book legging, moonshining. Joints and speakeasles could blossom out a open salcons save for the feeble effort of federal prohibition agents (only 20 operatives being assigned to Oregon) to enforce the federal

We do not believe Mrs. Honeyman wants that condition. And we are positive the state doesn't. Vote 318 X NO.

In the early fall when farmers of the wheat belt were drawing resolutions to hold their crop for \$1 per bushel we felt skeptical their program. There was that heavy Canadian crop coming on which would press the world markets later in the fall. The result has justified the fear, because now prices have slumped to record low levels, impoverishing all who were holding their crops. The wheat market is now almost hopeless; but those who sold early in the season are at least not so bad off as if they had held on to their crop.

Oregon and Oregon State play their football game the Saturday before election. Perhaps they set it then for fear that after election they would be "consolidated."

The beekeepers of the state are going to meet in Portland. We wonder if they bring along their samples like the hopgrowers.

son was born to Helen Twelvetrees, movie star. You might Britten in a 15-round bout in

assassinate las

more than doubled, if the flood keeps up.

"A competitive tariff for rev- got them going and coming, as men in the United States have lost enue," wrote the democrats in the story goes, both sides falling their jobs in the last few months. on account of cheap steel prod-By the time the breezy "fifth other countries. So it goes-the cousin once removed" had taken woice for relief, from all over the in most of the farming districts country, is loud and growing

very favorable of attainment.

So they must have help from

### . . . Of Old Salem Town Talks from The Statesman of Earlier Days

November 2, 1907 gress, more or less at the mercy Registration for the coming city of the paid lobbyists of selfish inelection yesterday totaled 582. Of these 489 are republicans, 56 democrats, 5 socialists, 16 independents, 14 prohibitionists, and people's party voter.

The H. S. Engine Works will soon be open for business in the old "Tiger" engine house on State street just west of the light company's office. The company will democratic south, to say nothing manufacture gasoline engines for spray outfits, boats and other

> Reports are being received here of an epidemic of bubonic plague raging in Seattle. Already three persons have died from the disease and hundreds of others are ill.

> November 3, 1922 The Oregon public service commission has ordered a reduction in rates charged throughout Oregen by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. Under the order, rates for residence and a few other services classes are reduced to the approximate level in effect before the increase ordered by the commission two years ago.

Attending an organization most ing for a younger men's club at the Y. M. C. A. last night were Frank Hutchason, Arthur Mont-gomery, Alfred Montgomery, Her-bert Socolofaky, Merle Petram, Keith Brown, Harold Socolofsky, Desmond Daue, John Skewis, Al-vin Lenon, Lester Ohler and Walter McGilchrist.

NEW YORK .- Mickey Walker new welterweight boxing cham-plox of the world last night when he received the decision over Jack

the publicity in the line and back-field, figuring that would astago-nize all of them. The would astagoaize all of them. Then he said the namo. seniors were just trying to get con-

thought he was a cinch."

then?" Pidge asked.

the votes to Pat?"

trol of the team for next year and with Wynne calling signals, hog all got a square deal." "That's a lotta oatmeal," Pidge Insisted.

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"He wanted it himself. It was t

sold against either Pat or Ted but next afternoon. didn't trust Stone. Then somebody got the idea that if they voted for Pidge they could beat us and still smooth things pretty well because everybody liked Pidge."

"Well, I'll be doggoned." "I still don't see, though," the Brute said, "why they didn't pick me if they wanted a compromise candidate.

"I wish they had. Look at the position it places me in," Pidge re-"You might as well forget that,"

Ted said. "She's all yours, And it's okay with me. How about you, Pat?"
"Sure. If Stone had enchered in

we'd have had to bump him off

sometime, but we can just kick you in the tail if you get cocky." "And you're not kiddin', either," Pidge replied fervently.

As soon as they were alone in their room Pidge began to talk

"You know, Ted, I feel guilty as hell-as if I had stolen something that belonged to you." "Forget it, Pidge. Think how

of us if Stone had gotten it." "You know, Ted, I've got it figured out, Prof. Bolger said one day that to get elected to office a man haven't made any enemies because things to get in anybody's way. But

"That damn Stone." "But he made you captain,

"That's a laugh. You know damn well who'll run that team, all-American yourself,"

congress, if they are to be put on

anything like an even keel with

cotton growers, who get 7 cents

a pound protection on their prod-

uct, against the cent and a half

place with a sweeping republican

Still better, in that case they

might be encouraged with the

prospect that the tariff commis-

sion might be empowered by con-

gress to change rates without any

tics entirely, and left to a com-

mission of experts, as in all other

major countries, and not entrust-

ed to the log rolling shifts of con-

Again, no man in the Salem dis-

trict can afford to east his vote

for other than a republican ad-

ministration at Washington, in

view of the need here, above all

other sections of the country, for

protective duties, for our farmers

and all who prosper with their

prosperity or suffer with their ad-

versity, including every one of us,

including our laborers.

50 per cent restriction-

victory.

terests.

much tougher it would be for

I'm making myself one right now." "Who?"

Pidge."

But that will not be enough, in many cases, for only 50 per cent increases in changes are allowed under the flexible clauses. Many rates will have to be doubled, and

Right now, in Salem, Japanese ucts coming from Belgium and

Without all these happenings, our walnut and filbert and cherry growers and poultry breeders and other people on our farms might have been next to hopeless in any likelihood of getting better protection. It is an ill wind that blows nowody good. They will now have the help of all other sections, and with a republican victory next Tuesday they will be "sitting pratty," with the chances of whatever relief they may need

\* \* \* Especially our flax growers. The rates in the lower brackets, on unhackled flax fiber. And they on flax straw, unhackled fiber and will be in 1000 per cent better on flag straw, unhackled fiber and hackled fiber of \$3 a ton, a cent and a half and three cents a pound respectively, are so inadequate as to admit of no material help from the tariff commission under the flexible clauses-

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# Yesterdays

**Bovine Joke** Played Upon Medical Man

> SILVERTON, Nov. 2.—It became noised about Silverton late Tuesday afternoon that Dr. C. W. Keene had awakened the morning following Hallowe'en to discover that he was the posnot bargained for. The cow, some report, was tied in his basement while others insist it was tied outside the basement

Keene learned who the owner of the cow was and it is not definitely known at Silverton whose property but it is said the cow was returned in good time to its owner on Mill street.

Neither is it known just who the pranisters were, but the local arthorities and those involved did not consider the mat-ter a pleasant joke, it is said, and should the pranksters be-come known there might be

A Football "HUDDLE" By FRANCIS WALLACE

er. I thought I was a hig shot— and that damn Stone makes a burn out of me in front of everybody." The Bruta got the lowdows.
"Stone tried to pull a fast one.
He called a meeting this afternoon,
or had Sheets do it, of the sophomores; told them that we had planned this thing to shut off competition and make sure that either Pat

Ted laughed.
"Put out the light, Captain."
Pidge reached down, turned the button; laughed. "There you are, giving the cap-tain orders already."

or Ted was elected so we could be sure to have control."
"I can see why he wanted to knife me," Ted said. "But why knife Pat? Why didn't he swing "We kept it in the room, anyhow, Pidge."
"Sure—now you got to make all-

American." That was a consolation, anyhow; good scheme. He figured with all might as well get over it as soon as possible. There was a terrible finality about elections, too.

Ted Wynne would never be caporganize the young ones and sneak in, Did you see his face? He Pidge drove down to Bellport "What made them pick on me,

"Well, Clark told me. Stone mother had gone on an orgy of had enjoyed their contests, respectgave them the old line of stuff preparation. "I tell you, Mother," he said,

Before the first meal was over,

she lost her excitement. Pidge callthe glory; but if they lined up with ed her Mother Wynne and in gen-Stone and Sheets, he'd see that they eral acted as one of the neighbor's Ted's dad was enormously proud

moting and cleverly introduce come a big place but none too large serious thoughts until such time as Stone as the people's choice, he was surprised the for John Wynne. He was surprised they must be faced, confident that would have gotten away with it. But when the kids got outside they thought things over. They were next afternoon being him over the would come running.

was accepted as inside stuff, straight from the big bosses.

Ted had called Barb and reminded her of her promise to save him a dance. "Oh, I'm so sorry-I forgot; and

around. He didn't tell her about Pidge. He called Rosalie,

"The calendar is open," she said warmly, "and I have a surprise for old Pidge." The surprise was Letty, the

squealing blonde. after all," he exclaimed. "Glad to gan to understand why Ted Wynne

see you, baby." girl, would you, Mister?" "Wouldn't even try, Helen her. Kane."

figure was that of a strong young her?" had to be mediocre. That's me. I boy; and the gown followed its "And ask that damned millworkform like gold leaf; her hair was er for it? He's swellheaded enough I just don't bother enough about waved back from the forehead like now. I suppose you just want to a cap of light bronze; face flushed, sapphire eyes glowing in a startling setting: confident, eager stride.

Rosalie was vital. "You look like a million bucks, Ted breathed fervently. "Thanks, Buddy-you're a bit of

you and Pat-being captain means "You stand out among the rest just as much to me as being Prince of these girls like the Statue of of Wales; but I was getting a big Liberty among a lot of tug boats."

> New Views "What do you think about the proposed repeal of the state dry law?" This was the question asked yesterday by Statesman reporters.

Walter Eberhard, fireman; haven't given that much thought yet, not made any decision."

John Fitzgerald, student: "Oh don't know. The state couldn't be a lot wetter than it is anyway."

And, still better—though that Ralph Kletzing, advertising manager; "It should be defeated. is perhaps too much to hope for What we need is more prohibithe near future—that tariff matters might be taken out of poli-

know with my work I couldn't othy and Katheleene Johnson.

"So I'm a statue, now. Reme ber Galatea, sculptor."
"Pygmalion breathed life into her

-boy, you don't need life; you're flowing with it."
"But still a statue—and not able to breathe on a sculptor." The boys at the club dance were

stunned. Pidge was wandering about, punch-drunk. Even Stone was neglecting Barb in a play for Rosalie. Barb was a pale yellow moon by comparison. Ted wondered what perversity made his eyes follow the

Barb Roth had never analyzed her interest in Ted Wynne. It had always been so frankly apparent that he was devoted to her that she had not been seriously concerned two days after Christmas. Ted's about his frequent revolutions. She ed him for his stubbornness, was even amused by his stern actions. She had always felt that she could get him back whenever she desired—if she desired. And she

was not certain that she did. Men hadn't stirred her beyond the point of necessary companions and stimulating adversaries. She enjoyed prancing about without serious en-tanglements, and she was never unconscious of her physical attraction to have the son of one of the big or of the fact that she might repre-"Sure—old stuff—but they fell bosses in his home, and the captain sent a comfortable financial future for it; and if Tom had been smart enough to let Sheets do the pro-

John Wynne had properly broad- choice; but he had grown as an cast his coming so that Pidge was individual and was a desirable addia target for curious eyes; and tion to any girl's court. Ted was when he came over and slapped handsome in a clean, boyish man-John Wynne on the back, that gen- ner, particuarly when he was taking tleman's prestige mounted to the things seriously. He was evidently top girders. He was in with the a figure in football, even bigger big bosses, no doubt about that; than Stone, and when he could and thereafter, when John Wynne bring the New Dominion football dropped a hint about the future of captain and one of the Cleveland the Riverside or of steel stock, it Pidgins home as his guest, he was acquiring value in the social world. Barb Roth was interested in the social world. Her father's money was still new; there were homes out the Pike and an inner circle which she had never penetrated; a I'm all booked up; but I'll see you circle to which the Cleveland Pidgins had easy access. Barb knew her Sunday society sections.

And young Pidgin had possibili-Barb and Rosalie understood each other. No person at the Club had more quickly or accurately ap-

preciated Rosalie's triumph than "Doggone, if it ain't Christmas Barb Roth. Observing it she bewas becoming more difficult to han-"You wouldn't fool a wee little dle. It was time to begin pulling in the strings - Ted belonged to

"Rosalie is gorgeous," she said to Rosalie was a gold goddess. Her Tom. "Why don't you dance with

dance with him.."

"You should know better than that, Tom. I noticed you were admiring her and I thought I'd let you know that you needn't sacrifice yourself because you're with me. Give the girl a break, Tom."

"Why?" "She's making an obvious play

for you." (To Be Continued)

have my name published. I've been asked that before getting five

jobs just recently."

know there is a great deal of agitation about it, but I don't believe the bone dry law will be repealed in this state. It will be a great surprise to me."

Anne McKenzie, housewife: "I

SURPRISE MRS. SWANSON

ABIQUA, Nov. 2-Mrs. Swanson, who recently moved into the Sjovangen home, was the inspiration of a surprise when a group of her neighbors walked in to welcome her to the neighborhood. Present were Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. A. J. Lathers, Mrs. Otto Dahl, Edna and Minnie Johnson, Mrs. Anonymous Carpenter - "By Oscar Satrum, Mrs. Sander Johngolly, I want to repeal it. But you son, Mrs. Anna Oveross and Dor-

## Daily Health Talks

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

TUCH has been accomplished in the prevention and treatment of diseases of the kidneys. Formerly little was known concerning this vital organ, but our knowledge has grown with new methods of diagnosis and the use of modern surgery.

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modern surgery. Perhaps you do not know that though we normally have two kidneys we can live to a ripe old age with one kidney, or, in fact, that many babies are born with only one kidney. Believe

babies are born with only one Dr. Copeland kidney. Believe Dr. Copeland kidney. Believe Dr. Copeland kidneys also have been known to live without discomfort, and in most instances unaware of their curious state. Such cases are rare, of course.

The kidneys are located in the abdominal cavity, one on each side. Contrary to a common belief they are not low in the back, but high up. The kidneys are supplied to purify the body. They remove poisons and waste materials that are included in the food. In the process of digestion, the nutritive elements of food are carried by the blood to the various organs and tissues of the various organs and tissues of the body, while the undesirable elements are carried to the kidneys, which rid the body of poisonous and varied, simple, and wholesome.

The lungs exhale carbon dioxide, a waste substance of no value to the body, and this function aids the kid-neys in the work of eliminating poi-

Under normal conditions an adult

passes from the kidneys from one to one and a half quarts of fluid daily, the amount being influenced by weather, weight, occupation, diet and the quantity of liquids con-

sons and waste.