

his decision on the Knox liquor act. Or rather Mayor Mahoney, the firecracker mayor of the pelican town had his ego deflated by the decision sustaining in all respects the constitutionality of the Knox act. The suit was a proper one to be sure; but the defiant attitude of the Klamath Falls mayor was one to provoke resentment through the remainder of the state, as though he was a sovereign in his domain, and not subject to the legislative authority of the state of Oregon.

Judge Lewelling's decision was comprehensive and not at all surprising in its conclusions. It conformed to court precedent and was attended by logical reasoning. There seems every probability that the ruling will be sustained at the court of last resort, whither, we suppose, it will now be taken.

Legality, however, does not postulate success. The Knox plan has still to be proven. Scarcely a provision of it has been put into effect yet, save for the appointment of commissioners and administrators. We have heard of no issuance of state licenses; and only one case of arrest for illegal possession or transport of liquor. The commission has been justified in working slowly so far as establishing stores is concerned. But it should not delay the cleaning up of bad conditions in the roadhouses and beer joints. The state police is well organized; it has the experience from prohibition enforcement to guide it in enforcement of the present act. From now on the commission should exert itself not only toward providing places for vending of spirits, but toward licensing and controlling places for sale of beer and wine and the suppression of bootlegging of spirits.

The longer the delay now, the more difficult it will be to er. That's good but young mothers root out illicit selling later on.

Pendleton's Water Plant

THE city of Pendleton may take pride, according to the L East Oregonian, in its progress in retiring its water bond debt by accumulation of a sinking fund. It will be only



Alphabet Soup

CHAPTER SIXTI Suddenly, a figure rolled up to the Sergeant moved toward the sergeant moved toward the sergeant proudly when he saw her. "That is, no essualty, lady," said the Sergeant proudly when he saw her. "That sounds like a long time," she could say from the security of his arms. "It's not nearly long enough." They laughed. Just then, in the first flush of their happiness, every-thing made them Laugh. They laughed at Patricia's disarray, at the milk truck driver who stared starboard and rested there. The friend here had the narrowest es-deck of a darkened motor boat, now caps. His hat is out there in the only fifty feet distant, was alight. The light wavered, dropped. Patri-cia any white letters outlined along the side of the craft. She darted She caught at his hand and held the truck driver who stared only fifty feet distant, was alight. The light wavered, dropped. Patri-cia any white letters outlined along the side of the craft. She darted She caught at his hand and held the side of the craft. She darted the caught at his hand and held the craft.

"KNAVE'S GIRL"

forward "It's the Lazy Mary!"

The Sergeant snatched a mega-phone and held it to his lips.

"Stand by," he shouted through When the launch had put about and the rain and the storm and the was swinging back toward the city,

the rain and the storm and the darkness. "Stand by." There was a flash of red and then another. A burst of gunfire had answered his hall. And then the Lamy Mary, spitting bullets be-hind her, leaped into life and sped into the blackness of the Sound. The chase was short. Bill McGee's heat are fast but the miles issues and the store and girl direction of the sound. "Bill McGee confessed before he only had."

boat was fast, but the police launch geant the whole story. And one of had come upon him before his en- the prisoners confirmed it. He drove gives had time to whirl themselves McGee to Julian's house and drove to their full speed, and he could the car that took McGee and you not escape. Patricia lay flat upon away after he had shot Julia n the wet deck-she had been thrust down." there by Clark when the bullets Patri Patricia turned very pale. He

began to fly - half sick with the voice was quiet. fearful motion of the boat and half "Bill McGee is dead?" exhilarated by the unnatural ex-citement of the night. Across the "He's dead." "Do the police know I was kiddeck, the police had lumbered a mapped?" one-pound cannon into action. Now "They know everything, Patricia. she heard it boom. Even close-range MeGee's crew in trying to save aim was difficult in this pitching themselves confessed everything, They laid the blame on Bill McGee sea. Again the ominous boom.

"We've got him," said the Ser- but they told it all." She was white and still a mo geant. ment before she said:

The Lazy Mary was slowing. Her motors were sputtering, and the nex' series of rolling waves brought the launch abreast her. There was a scramble aboard the the city. A radiance seemed to lie Lazy Mary. The gunfire ceased. | upon the town hushed in that mo-

the Sergeant shouted. "This is a The tall towers of lower New York New York City police launch." far in the distance pierced the Hooks grasped the rail of the slowly brightening sky. The air

Lazy Mary and bumping, bumping, was cool, touched with the tang of bumping, the two boats came to- salt. Market carts and milk trucks gether. The Lazy Mary's motors rattled along the streets. The city expired in strange silence, but the was waking up when the police Sergeant was not yet ready to launch docked. board. Three men, drenched with Patricia was ill with weariness,

"Then I'm free?"

"You're free, Patricia."

rain, filed along the deck of the sick with relief, somehow strangefugitive craft with hands aloft. ly lost. She had been cleared of later I remembered meeting you While the Sergeant, rocking with Julian Haverholt's murder. She down town at Eileen Sycott's long the movement of his own boat, cov- was free. Free for what? ered them, two patrolmen clam-The policemen hurried into the bered over the rails mimbly and station ahead, eager to make their

clamped manacles upon their pris- reports. Patricis and Clark had been asked to return in the afteroners. Clark was now at the rail. noon. They stood on the whar! now.

manded. Bill McGee gave his own answer. would do next. The excitement that that Julian had fascinated you as

They saw him rounding the corner had borne her up had quite burned he fascinated so many others." from the wheel house, his sodden away. She looked forlorn and small "Marthe?" queried hair wildly over his eyes, a gun in in her crumpled tweeds, her face pale, her red hair tangled, her figeither hand.

By JOAN CLAYTON

were in the car and driving toward Long Island-Clark had telephoned it tightly. His responsive grip was comforting and sweet. He seemed his mother-Patricia said humbly: embarrassed, awkward, almost shy. "I was such a coward, Clark. He did not wish to discuss his part. How can you love such a coward?" "Why didn't you tell me, honey? Why didn't you tell me about you and Julian?" he asked, sober for the moment. The steady gentle pressure of his hand upon her hand did not lessen. "It would have been so much more simple for us if you

> "I was a different girl then," this grave-eyed girl said. "I was afraid, Clark. I was so afraid that I would lose you if I told the truth. And I -I couldn't have borne that."

"You were afraid I wouldn't understand?

She only nodded for answer, but her eves met his eves bravely. "But I would have understood,"

he said, his voice husky with remembered pain. "I knew, you see, I knew long ago that you weren'b Julian's niece. I knew it that day

when we parted in June." The memory of that day rose be-fore them. Clark pulled the girl more closely into his embrace, her red tangled head lay at utter peace upon his shoulder. After a long

while Patricia said: "Was that why you were so hor-

rible at Marthe's dance ?" It was dawn when they reached "I was burning up with jealousy

that night, Patricia. I thought that "Lay to in the name of the law," ment before the sun would rise. you loved Julian. I thought that I had lost you for good and all." "Julian was good to me," said the girl, "in his own strange hard

WAY. Another moment of silence. Patricia said, "Did Marthe tell

you about me?" and looked up at the man who was looking down at her.

"I wouldn't believe Marthe. Then ago.'

Patricia drew a long breath. "That must have been bad for you, Clark."

"It was bad for a while," he confessed slowly. "I knew you too well, "Where's Bill McGee ?" he de- alone together. The girl had no sweetheart, to think that you could idea where she would go, what she do anything wrong. But I thought "Marthe?" queried Patricia with

"Yes," he said briefly. "Poor

From her own happiness Patri-

cia could spare a moment's pity

for the other girl. Marthe March

she had lost everything. Clark's

words echoed in Patricia's heart.

They drove on into the sunlight.

The life with Julian Haverholt

seemed like a dream to Patricia

now. She stood on the threshold of

a sweeter, more simple life. A life

clear-eyed and honest. Patricia was

done with gambling, gambling for

"But won't you teach me

"I have forgotten how to play

it." declared Patricia. "Though

maybe," she added after a moment

money and gambling with life.

bridge ?" Clark asked.

Poor Marthe! And poor Julian!

matter of routine now until the remainder of the debt is wiped out and the city will own a million dollar plant free of incumbrance. The E. O. notes that in contrast with many units of government, which issue bonds but fail to build up funds for retirement of same at maturity, the Pendleton water board has done so. Serial bonds are usually taken care of all right; but governing boards have a tendency to neglect sinking funds or to divert the money to other purposes.

With reference to Pendleton's water system the E. O. says:

"When the gravity water system was built, over 20 years ago, many good people felt that the cost was too great to be met but the system has been paid for without costing taxpayers anything and we have a wonderful supply of pure, cool water-a boon not to be underestimated in this inland country."

The city has indeed been fortunate. Some towns have not had such good luck in their water department ventures. If there is any utility which a city should be able to operate successfully it is the water system; and most plants are now municipally owned and operated. In time Salem will certainly acquire the local plant; and with similar careful management to Pendleton should be able to extinguish the debt without increase in rates, if capital investment is held conservative.

The president has urged that railroads and utilities pay more attention to debt retirement than they have in the past. which is sound gospel. Much of the bond debt now outstanding is for property now unprofitable or obsolescent.

## Partisanship or Efficiency?

These resigned in protect against the infusion of Baker county into the organization. The manager of the Baker office was removed by Gay Limiter, state supervisor, Monday for pur-poses of partisan politics. The band, which is hi-partisan, thereupon resigned. The Baker experience is an incident in THE federal unemployment commission of Baker county the general campaign of Lintuer's to furn the nepublicans out of office, regardless of their efficiency, and fill the places with "deserving democrate". The same threat is made here, where the manager, E. T. Barnes, has worked untir-ingly and summaring his one from Carl Donnigh, democra-

the chairman. I the offices are political, then the "spoils" belong to mourals who won the last election. If the whole CWA If the of is to be made political then what has hitherto been carried sure. is to be made political then what has hither to been carried out as a program of selief calling for general support, will arouse contention and antagonism. If the political tiles spreads further and the selief extended only to those who vote according to Farley then the sincerity of the whole re-lief program will be thrown in question. Pres. Reserveit has announced his purpose to keep CWA free from politics; but that does not seem to restrain the partisan zeal of the party lieutements. lieutenants.

### Talking Through His Hat OHNNY KELLY writes in the Ogn:

"At request of the White House the imitation of the voice of the president will not be used in dramatization of news on the radio.

"The secret of the imitation was this: The radio actor in playing the role of Roosevelt talked through his hat. The hat was placed over the microphone and the speaker talked down into the instrument."

When we hear talk of bringing back 1926 prices by debasing the dollar we wonder if some one else may not be talking through his hat.

Fondness for lemon ples is alleged a reason for adjudging that the late Miss Margaret Keith was insane when she made her will. etimes she ate them for breaklast and sometimes at midnight. Now if that is proof a person is crazy the state will have to enlarge its asylums. Lemon pie, with a snow-white meringue whose top is tinted to just the right shade of brown, who wouldn't eat it early in the morning or late at night? Not the kind with the starchy filling, flavored with lemon extract, and innocent of real twang of the lemon; but real lemon ple, the kind your haustrau makes, give us that even if it does prove we are out of our mind.

Under the title, "Governors of baby. Oregon," the first line reads: Do not be mis-"Dr. John McLoughlin, 1823led by well-1843, director of Hudson's Bay meaning friends company and by courtesy called who declare the wernor of Oregon." That is not not ery at all. The lin by same bad, excepting that the term should read 1823-1841, and it Dr. Copeland abourful say chief factor instead of only express its eds and dis-

of the Territory and State of Ore-

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likes by crying. Of course, contin-And there should be another ued crying may be interpreted as a sign of pain or muthed discontant line, to take in the name of Jason Lee, wirtually acting as coof some sort. It should not be ingovernor with McLoughlin, 1834-1841. (Or else some other lang The loving mother dreads to hear uage might he used, to show that

baby cry. She ploks up the infant, McLonghlin acted as the sole govpets and soothes it unsecessarily. Baby soon learns that if it cries it ernor until 1834, and the two men stood in that capacity, by will be picked up and patted. Once mutual consent, after the arrival this habit is acquired it is difficult of Lee; the one for Great Britain and the other for the United When baby cries make sure it is

States, until Feb. 18, 1841, when not uncomfortable. Perlings a pin the provisional government was pricking it, or it may he dise estublished at the Lee mission-

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fort of a crease in the blanket. The child may be uncomfortalls because of overfeeding, or may be bungry be-cause of underfeeding. Change of a wet or solled gamment may be all that is necessary to calm the sugry baby.

Crying May Be a Habit But if baby cries and you are an

nored.

to break it

5 5 5 that nothing is wrong, leave it alo Bear in mind that if hely leaves f Again, there is a sub-liending in the Bine Book which reads "Before Provisional Governa cry will arouse internat from the ment," and another "Under Proional Government," and only

Valve

Letters from

Statesman Readers

"Ye Gods and Little Fishes'

I wonder if it is any worse for

the female of the species to see

men without a shirt on, than it

is for the male of the species to look at what has been carried on

for the last eight or nine years

among the gentler (?) sex?

The Safety and in someone rattled a bell in Editor Oregon Statesman:

Mehitabel Van Duyn has saw a man without a shirt on. My Oh! My! how shocking it is to offend the optics of the gentler sex.

upon the baby. To do so may invite the crying you wish to soothe.

De-apparaled from the neck to almost the waist and from the Answers to Health Queries

pedal extremity almost to the waist, leaving bat little more than the fabled "Gee String" on the well (?) dressed female. E. S. Q .- What do you advise for acid mouth? A .- This is usually due to a faulty As for myself I would much diet and poor elimination, and should be corrected. Send self-addressed rather see both clothed in a re-

spectable manner than to see such stamped envelope for further par-ticulars and repeat your question. exhibitions as has gone on for sometime back.

R. K. M. Q .- What cau sive saliva in the mouth? A .- This is usually due to acidity.

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The president has set May 1st as a date for ceasing the CWA

A bulletin of the state board of health says "the kidneys are fice on Aug. 18, 1859. A proposal to drain some of the flat land around Monroe in

pears under the sub-heading. "Under Provisional Government." and that is incorrect in two particulars.

Even assuming that the provisional government was not established until 1843, it is incorrect. But the provisional government was actually established in 1841. and continued in 1843, making a double (or a treble) error in the sub-heading. The line "Under

stands now, only the term of

George Abernethy, governor, ap-

Provisional Government" should be lifted, brought up, and under it should appear: 1 5 5

"First executive committee. David Hill, Alanson Beers, Joseph Gale, 1843-1844, by vote of the people." It now reads, "by a vote of the people of the Willamette valley.

"Second executive committee, P. G. Stewart, O. Russell, W. J. Bailey, 1844-1845, by a vote of the people." It now reads as incause that would represent the dicated, "by a vote of the people." Each was "by vote of the peo-

The provisional government ple" and "by vote of the people was voted and its officers elected of the Willamette valley." No one at the time and place indicated. else voted. The first one was in and was merely continued in the the open air at Champoeg, the wates at Champleg May 2 and second (1844) by ballot at poll-July 5, 1843. ing places; the first balloting of

that kind in the Oregon country. The careful reader can easily follow the above reasoning. 5 5 S

But he will be obliged to conlude that this would leave a hiatus in the office of governor or executive committee. There was a hiatus. The provisional government established Feb. 18, '41, did not provide for an executive committee or a governor. It set up a "supreme judge with probate powers," and elected Dr. I. L. Babcock to fill that office.

governor

He acted, performed duties under his probate powers, the validity of which were carried over into the territorial and state governments. He stood in the place

of governor until July 5, 1843, and, to make and keep the record straight, the hiatus should be filled up with the name of Dr. Ira L. Babcock, 1841-1843, supreme judge with probate powers, no governor being provided for that period. That would be the truth. In fact, no governor was needed, and the two executive

nors, performed only perfunctory duties, and few of them. 5 5 5 More errors, with which the writer has an additional quarrel, will be noted further along. This series has principally to do with broken terms of Oregon high officials, as the heading indicates.

Gen. Joe Lane was the first territorial governor, appointed by President Polk, taking over the office from George Abernethy. who was the first and only governor under the provisional govrnment. But Lane held the office only little over a year, from March 3, '49 to June 18, '50. President

Polk had appointed Kintzling Pritchett secretary of state, and he became ex-officio governor on the resignation of Lane, and so serving until the arrival of John P. Gaines, who had been appointed by President Taylor, and being on hand to take over the of-

A battle of financial giants is indicated by filing of suit in New York

and get me," he snarled. ure drooping from exhaustion. Patricia never knew the details Clark's hand was at her elbow. He

of the gun fight. She never wanted had steered her to his car, parked to know. A patrolman carried her where he had left it, bright against below; tossed her into a neatly made the grayness of the wharfs. What had conspired in vain. In the end police bunk, and locked the door be-hind him. She heard the pistols, Patr

Patricia smiled shakily. "It's over," she said. "All over," he agreed wearily, she heard the roar of the wind and

the pounding of the waves upon the floating and bound-together contentedly, and said, "Get into the car. Patricia. You're ready to drop." boats. But she heard most loudly "I guess," said the girl a little the silence that came with the cesfaintly, "you had better take me to sation of firing.

Bill, his boat sinking under him some hotel." "A hotel! My darling. are you and all hope lost, fought to the end. And then when the foundering | mad?" She was in his arms. His lips Lazy Mary-a hole in her sidewas almost ready to carry the were searching for her lips. He launch to the bottom with her, he tipped back her chin. She surrenwas brought dying aboard and car- dered utterly to the glory of his ried, with more tenderness than kiss. About them, on the lonely

might have been expected, to a tiny dock, there seemed to be the beat cabin where futile emergency treat-ment was given. Bill McGee, un-shriven and unmourned died with you dream I'd let you go? What made seven bullets in his body. "Do you love me, Clark ?"

It was Clark who brought Patri- Her arms were tight locked about cis to the windy deck. She was cry-ing now, but crying with happiness, as simply as a child. Clark was safe, and that was all "Do I love you! I have loved you

that mattered. Clark was safe, and forever, darling; I shall love you

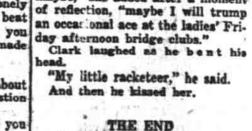
emy, Gaines, who had been ap- to build the territorial capitol pointed by President Pierce. Geo. at Salem and the territorial pen-L. Curry, who had been appointitentiary at Portland. In that

ed secretary, also by President much he was a welcome comer. Pierce, then became, ex officio, but so far only. He was not to the liking of the "Salem clique," and Curry was succeeded by John did not desire to remain long in W. Davis, also appointed by Presuncongenial company. ident Pierce, taking over the gov-

The next break was in the sec ernor's office Dec. 2, 1853. But Governor Davis resigned Aug. 1. ond term of Gov. L. F. Grover, 54, and Curry again became, exbeginning in 1874, on account officio, governor, and, under ap- of his elevation to the U. S. senpointment by President Pierce. ate. This occurred in the 1876 this time for the major office. session of the legislature. Grover

filled the chief executive's office held the office of chief executive as long. as the territory lasted, or until Feb. 1, '77, when S. F. Chadwick, secretary of state, sucto March 3, 1859. Davis had brought the money ceeded him, ex officio.

In Ten-Million-Dollar Suit



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A like change came when Gov Geo. E. Chamberlain was elected to the U. S. senate, and Secretary of State Frank W. Benson became governor, ex officio, March 1. 1909, holding the place up to June 17 of the next year.

Owing to inability to act on the part of Benson, on that date Jay Bowerman became acting governor, and up to Jan. 8, 1911. the end of the term; by virtue of his office as president of the senate.

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Gov. James Withycombe, elected in 1914 and reelected in 1918. died March 3, 1919, when Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, became governor, ex officio.

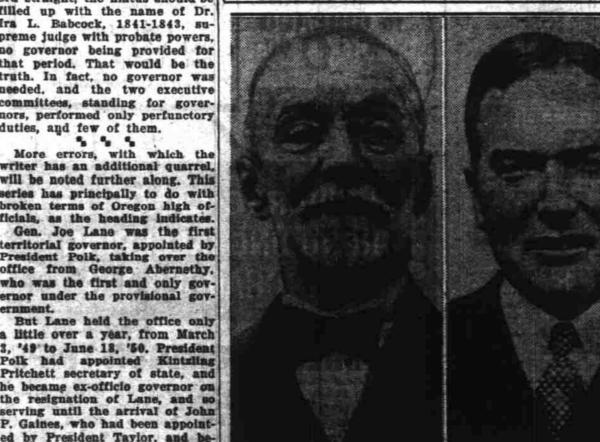
The last broken term, excepting for absences from the state of the chief executive, was Dec. 22, 1929; when Gov. I. L. Patterson died, and A. W. Norblad. president of the senate, served out his term, ex officio, ending Jan. 12, 1931.

In the office of secretary of the provisional, territorial and state governments there were a number of broken terms, especially in the early days.

This brings on another quarrel which the writer has with the compiler of the Oregon Blue Book -a friendly quarrel, of course. (Continued tomorrow.)

HONOR JIM ROCKHILL HOPEWELL, Jan. 24. - A farewell party was given Jim Rockhill Friday at Parvin's put dryer. A large group of friends gathered and enjoyed the evening in dancing. Music was furnished by local musicians. A delicious lunch was served. Jim left Saturday on the boat Kentucky where he will be employed.

· EARL COOK BETTER PLEASANT VIEW, Jan. 24. -The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook who left here 18 months ago for Clark



# I also would admonish Mehitabel to turn her attention to her own sex and help correct the evils

They set the example of nudism, Yours Truly, SINCERITY.

there Correct your diet and avoid poor

Hef program. That would seem a very generous extension of time. It is clear the government cannot indefinitely continue the employ-ment of men and women; and by May the seasonal labor demand ought to absorb many of the unemployed. CWA has been the most clearly visible relief activity the government has engaged in.

#### Lane and Benton county has brought objection from duck hunters who are straid their shooting will be spolled. That would be terrible, wouldn't it? Keep the country worthing for the city duck shooters! for the benefit of his health, will be glad to know that he is much better this winter than for sev-1853, to spite his political eneral years.