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Political Wood Smoke

LOOK to see if Henry Hanzen isn't throwing the wet wood on the fire to make smoke on Governor Martin. The group which called District Attorney Trindle to get him to launch a case to test Martin's right to hold the office left with him a brief prepared by a Portland lawyer who was principal legal adviser to Gov. Meier. Where does Henry come in? Look up section one, article fifteen of the state constitution.

"All officers, except members of the legislative assembly, shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified." The theory is that if Martin is ineligible because of being a retired army officer, Meier is still governor; and one sees at once what it means for Henry, (et al.) if this theory could be established. The committee which waited on Trindle may be sincere in devotion to the constitution or in hostility to Martin; they may also be stalking horses for Hanzen. Now what is the provision which is cited against Gen. Martin? Section three, article five:

"No member of congress, or person holding any office under the United States, or under this state, or under any other power, shall fill the office of governor, except as may otherwise be provided in this constitution." The question is, does the fact that Gen. Martin is a retired officer of the United States army make him ineligible to fill the office of governor? The constitutional question is one we pass over to the lawyers. This practical fact is true: that Gen. Martin's status was well known when he was a candidate for the office. The people knew of him as a pensioned army man; and the people elected him in full knowledge of his status. From a purely common sense viewpoint the people made their decision last November. The time to have raised the question was when Martin was a candidate or when he took office. The belated discovery of the constitutional provision savors more of venting political animosity to the governor than safeguarding the constitution. However, we recognize the controlling force of the constitution; and if question is raised we shall merely let the lawyers fight it on the judges.

Robbing the Gamblers

WHAT might be called poetic justice operated on the gamblers off Long Beach when their strong box was raided by ship pirates and \$35,000 cash stolen. By what law of God or man were the gamblers entitled to the cash in the first place? How may the pirates be prosecuted for stealing stolen money? A question in ethics as well as in law.

The sum testifies to the size of the stake in gambling. The spread of the vice has been amazing the last few years. The depression, bad luck on the stock exchange may account for the increase in gambling. Another reason is the decline in standards of personal morals. Many people live on a what-the-hell basis in these times.

Horse and dog racing with pari mutuel betting has been legalized in many states recently. Illinois has gone farther to legalize bookmaking. This gambling racket has grown to immense proportions in Chicago and New York. The circulation manager of one of the largest newspapers in these cities is head of the bookmaking syndicate. Heretofore it has existed by paying protection money to police. So common is the business in Chicago that one can find a bookie at most every cigar corner.

In Salem slot machines have been flourishing either with connivance of the police officers, or it is claimed by some in the know, by buying "protection". The presence of the slot machines and their operation and the operation of gambling devices and gaming tables in card rooms has been known. What deserves a grand jury investigation is the local set-up which provides the "protection". How are the profits split? Who gets in on the pay-off? Who stays the hands of enforcement officers, in city and country; or are their hands afflicted with self-palsy?

All this talk about legitimizing gambling is false gospel. It will feed, not appease the gambling instinct. Even if it is a persistent vice the state should not be party to its promotion.

Stalin of Russia has a new title, "athletes' best friend". He reviewed a parade of 110,000 Russian young people on the Red Square in Moscow, a sports parade, and later witnessed athletic events, tennis games, wrestling, boxing. Volley ball is said to be a favorite game and Americans have introduced baseball. Russia has gone sports-minded with six million enrolled in organized athletics. The counter-revolution must be on if Russia is taking up sports, along with restrictions on divorce, Paris styles in clothes, and literature not dosed with Marxian ideology.

Dr. Abraham Epstein of New York, secretary of the American association for social security, brands the pending bill of Roosevelt's now in congressional conference, "an economic lunacy," "pure, clumsy stupidity." I. M. Rubnow, vice-president of the organization, calls it a "distinct and epoch-making advance." Epstein's criticism is because the bill doesn't go far enough; and Rubnow regrets the measure doesn't include health insurance. Neither worries about pay day.

Old man Rockefeller was 96 Monday and two papers in eastern Oregon ran two column etchings of him, which they might have feared to do 30 years ago when Judge Landis was soaking his company \$28,000,000 in fines. Rockefeller anticipated the rich-soakers. He has given away \$500,000,000 to charities and education and health institutions. He cashed in five million dollars worth of insurance policies Monday though, so he will not have to apply for his Townsend O. A. P. for a few years.

Rep. Brewster of Maine called Tom Corcoran, one of the death-sentence lawyers, a liar in the utility hearing Tuesday. Brewster is the one who charged pressure was being used to get him to vote for the death sentence under threat of cutting off the Passamaquoddy project to harness Bay of Fundy tides. In any event he has put the administration in a hole so it will have to go ahead pouring thirty-six millions in the Fundy funnel,—more "Brewster's Millions."

Sec. Morgenthau who has been saying the country could stand it to zoom the national debt, now goes into a flutter to urge reducing the debt by hiking the levies of income and inheritance taxes. One place they could cut the debt four billion dollars is by not spending the last appropriation.

The house of representatives is considering the TVA bill. TVA is the set-up which had its accounting severely scrutinized by Comptroller McCarl. It proved nimble-witted however, explaining discrepancies in the receipts at cafeterias as "children playing with cash registers."

Editor Ingalls of the Corvallis Gazette-Times confessed the other day to having difficulty in finding a "last line" for his column. Just suppose one of his subscribers wrote in and suggested he use his first line for that purpose.

Every new deal press agent seems to have been born with a mimeograph in his mouth.

Polk county has a brand new planning board. I plan, you plan, we plan; we plan, you plan, they plan. Who plows?

VISITS FROM NEW JERSEY INDEPENDENCE, July 9.—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baker for a summer visit. The Baker's were accompanied from Chicago by Mrs. Baker's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Nugent, who will visit at the home of Mr. Baker's par-

The Great Game of Politics

By FRANK R. KENT Copyright 1935, by The Baltimore Sun

The "Wild Men" Myth Washington, July 9. ONE of the arguments most frequently used to allay the alarm felt by conservatives over Mr. Roosevelt's policies has been that the president was the "real bulwark" between the radicals and the country and the "wild men" of congress.

BUT for him, it was contended, congress, seizing the bit in its teeth, would run away and upset everything. This has been a favorite theme for one of his more devout journalistic interpreters. With it his intimates have explained the sops to silver, his "share the wealth" messages, his friendship with the inflationists, the tremendous outpouring of federal funds—in fact, almost everything. He, it was urged, had to seem radical—in order to keep the real radicals from going to extremes. The gist of their song has been that if it had not been for Mr. Roosevelt we would have had a revolution.

TO men who know the personnel of the senate and house, this has always appeared a completely fallacious and utterly insincere argument. Congress, like the country, has always seemed to them intensely and overwhelmingly conservative. The radicals have been much more noisy but nothing like as numerous. The new deal contention has been that the more noisy became the depression had greatly increased radical sentiment, and only a man such as Mr. Roosevelt, who, showed sympathy with the radical point of view by gestures toward the left, could keep them in hand. Otherwise, they insisted, a revolt would occur.

THE recent defeat of the president on the public utility holding bill makes this argument look extremely ridiculous. In the light of the facts it seems wholly disproved. What the vote showed was what most thoughtful men have never doubted—to-wit, that actually Mr. Roosevelt is, and has been from the start of his administration, far more radical than congress, and that a majority of house and senate would prefer to follow him in a conservative direction. Certainly, that is true of both house and senate leaders. Congress as a whole is less radical than the White House and the test on the holding company bill proves it.

HERE was a measure aimed against a great industry which has been the target for every political demagogue in both parties. It was right up the radical alley. The sins of certain holding companies made the attack plausible and the president of the United States made the issue personal. He did more than that—he exerted every ounce of pressure and every resource of the administration to have his way. He publicly and fiercely denounced the lobby of the utility companies, but it is conceded that the administration lobbied with equal intensity and disregard of restraint.

IT is charged that threats to withhold federal funds for public works were made against recalcitrant congressmen. Purely political agents like Mr. Hurja, assistant to Mr. Farley, and through whom most of the smaller federal patronage siffs, were thrown into the fight. Yet, the president's bill was saved in the senate, where he has a two-thirds majority, by a single vote—and that obtained only after the most desperate administration effort. In the house, where the "wild men" are supposed to be wildest, the president lost by more than 100 majority—a really devastating defeat when it is considered how deeply he had involved himself personally in the fight and the violence with which he made it.

EVERY real radical in house and senate was with Mr. Roosevelt in this business. There was not one of the "wild men" on the other side. But in the senate, though a good many democrats voted with the president for personal reasons and against their better judgment, he won by one vote only, while in the house, where the presidential fight was even more frantic, he lost by a hundred. It does seem that after this we should hear no more of this "Roosevelt the bulwark against the wild men in congress" argument. After this even the most ardent admirers should be tight on to suggest that he has saved us from "revolution" or kept congress from "plunging away with the country." The real radicalism is in the White House, not in congress.

Woman 80 Years Old Undergoes Operation

SILVERTON, July 9.—Mrs. Hannah-B. Taylor, 80, of Scotts Mills, who submitted to an emergency operation Sunday morning at the Silverton hospital, is reported as getting along very well. For the first few days her condition was considered critical. The three-pound baby, Norman Lehman, son of Mrs. E. E. E. Lehman, who underwent an operation Thursday night, is reported as getting along very well. Lloyd Kennedy, night officer at Silverton, submitted to an operation at the Silverton hospital Sunday.

BACK TO SOUTH

SUBLIMITY, July 9.—Mrs. Teresa West of Oakland, Calif., left for her home after visiting relatives here the past few weeks. Christine Schulte left for Oakland, Calif., where she will visit her sister and family for a few weeks.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Diary 73 years old: yields strange history: Journey to Oregon in 1858:

(Continuing from yesterday): "The houses (of the Havana of 1858) are mostly of one story and covered with tiles. The harbor is in the form of a circle and surrounded by hills that rise gradually up from the shore, with cottages and neat gardens enclosed; shaded by the cocoa, the palm and the orange trees, they looked the picture of contentment."

"Soon as we dropped anchor we were visited by the custom house officers, health officers, and, lastly, by the captain general, and his suite. He was a fine, portly looking man; looked as though he and the world were on the best terms possible. After going through the preliminaries of a visit, he took the captain and his ladies on shore with him."

"After they left we were visited by bumpoats, as they are termed, filled with oranges, pineapples, cigars and jellies. The officers would not allow them on the vessel for fear of creating sickness, but some of the passengers managed to smuggle a few on board by means of baskets attached to a rope.

"We were compelled to remain all night, as no vessel is allowed to leave between sunset and sunrise. But it gave us an opportunity to see the sun rise over the hills and bathe the city and harbor in a flood of golden light.

"There were some 50 vessels in the bay with sails all set on the eve of departure for their far-off homes, and the jolly heave-ho of the sailors as they hoisted the anchors, mingled with the song and the jay, came floating to us on the balmy breath of the morning. It spoke of light and merry hearts enlivened with the hope of a speedy reunion with friends at home—while our courses were set for the land of the stranger."

"There are no wharves at Havana. Vessels are obliged to lay off in the bay; they are loaded and unloaded by means of lighters. It is very expensive and laborious. The shore is very bold in many places, and ships of the largest class can haul close to the shore without any difficulty."

"The natives are about 50 years behind the age. A little Yankee genius and enterprise would develop things amazingly here.

"We weighed anchor about 8 a. m. and sped on our way, with gentle breezes and a calm sea. On the second day out, Arthur was taken down with a light fever, which kept him down about a week.

"Tuesday morning about 9 a. m. we reached Aspinwall in the midst of showers, went on shore and took shelter at the Ocean House."

DAUGHTERS DUE FOR VISIT WITH MASON

JEFFERSON, July 9.—Mrs. John Doyle and son Michael of Temple City, Calif., and Mrs. Edna Doyle and daughter Patty of Milwaukie, Wis., will arrive Wednesday for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Mason. Another daughter, Mrs. Riley Gilbert and twin daughters of Chicago are visiting at the Mason home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller returned Saturday night from Terabonne where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wester. The Westers' returned home with them for a brief visit with their daughter, Mrs. Lyle Gilmore and husband, and also to see their new granddaughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore July 3.

Visit Mrs. Thurston Mrs. Norma Skelton and two sons and two daughters of Forest Grove are guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Grace Thurston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith and son Delmon and daughter Josephine arrived in Jefferson Saturday evening from Phoenix, Ariz., for a visit with relatives and friends. They are former Jefferson residents. Mr. Smith was in business here for several years.

HAS MALARIAL FEVER

STAYTON, July 9.—A. K. Lulay went Sunday to the Horst bog yard after his little daughter Jean, who was suffering with malarial fever. She is considerably improved since returning home.

Twenty Years Ago

July 10, 1915 The highway committee may be forced to take additional \$3,000 from next year's fund to make up deficit at Rex-Tigardville.

England is rushing to completion a group of super battle cruisers.

Snap shots—The best show is the unconscious exhibition given by a crowd of people.

Ten Years Ago

July 10, 1925 Appearing for the first time in their new uniforms, over 150 Salem members of the Elks lodge went through their drill movements last night.

For the second time this year Salem is being visited by a heat wave. A high temperature of 94 degrees has been reported.

Approximately 400 persons visited the 21st street swimming pool yesterday.

Across the Channel!



"WHOSE WIFE?" By Gladys Erskine and Ivan Firth

CHAPTER XLII Cyrus K. Mantel, still chucking like a benevolent gnome, walked swiftly to his waiting car and was driven home.

"I immediately to his library and, sitting at the big desk, drew the leather-bound book, without title or any sort of mark, toward him.

"He unlocked it and laid it open before him, at the page marked 'Solution,' and wrote: 'The chip of brick and mortar, broken from the wall of Vane's penthouse, beyond reach, suggested to me that the body could have been slung onto the roof from the building in process of erection.'

"Assuming that the body was not that of Isabel Vane, it was reasonable to suppose that Isabel herself had left the apartment by the fire escape.

"The fact that her jewels were gone, but that there were no signs of burglary, and that her bed was undisturbed, further strengthened my theory of voluntary flight.

"I went through this building and found a derrick operating within reach of the Vane terrace.

"Having noticed the birthmark on the dead body which caused the mother to identify it, caused me to think that no woman who lived by the beauty of her body would have permitted this blemish to remain long on her. I therefore found the plastic surgeon and discovered that my deductions were correct and that he had indeed removed such a blemish from the body of Isabel Vane, and therefore, it was certain that the body was that of an unknown woman.

"Who, wishing to elope with the notorious Isabel would be prevented from so doing by the tie of another woman?

"The only one was Roger Thornley. Upon investigation he was shown to have left by motor with his wife Millie for the West Coast two days before the murder.

"Old Suky, starting voodoo magic against some unknown man, was well worth watching.

"It is easy to deduce that the man she hated was Roger Thornley because of his abuse of Millie whom the old woman loved.

"The chemist in Greenwich Village could identify Vane, but only knew that the man who purchased the veronal said he was Vane.

"In the same way, a man's voice announcing the murder had said he was Renton, but there was no proof that it was Renton, and later plenty

of proof that it was not. This would argue that someone had plotted the elopement and the murder with care.

"There were two women missing in whom I was interested. One of them was dead.

"They were Isabel Vane and Millie Thornley. The post cards that kept arriving from Millie Thornley were difficult to account for.

"The murder of Donetta Dane, its similarity to the first murder, saving for the presence of the head, and the presence of Roger Thornley, with his inimical attitude toward Vane, strengthened my suspicion of him.

"Betty's report of the whispered conversations overheard in the hall, and Thornley's threat because of Donetta's knowledge of some move of Gerry Gordon's, made me send for the list of women sailing on the Fresno between California and Oregon.

"I had also found the shreds of a telegram in Thornley's room at Millbank Manor, with the name of this steamship line on it. And I was assured by everyone, including Betty, that Mrs. Roger Thornley had sailed on this line. I was also assured that Donetta had known that Gerry Gordon had sailed too, and that was what had angered Thornley.

"I found that Mrs. Thornley had sailed for China as indicated, but that no Gerry Gordon was listed.

"What had happened to this other woman, who now seemed to have disappeared?

"There were three women in whom I was interested. Two of whom had vanished. One was dead.

"I went to a radio station and arranged to use their radio and television facilities to broadcast the photographs of Isabel Vane. At the same time I broadcast an appeal, offering a reward in case of that station for any information regarding the original of the pictured head I was showing.

"An answer came from a young intern in Chicago on vacation.

"He recognized the head as that of a woman picked up, injured and quite insane, wandering in the vicinity of San Jose, California. She had been sent to the State Asylum at Napa, where she now was.

"I sent for him, talked with him and flew to California where I found Isabel Vane—insane. I brought her with a doctor and an attendant to New York in time to produce her as the corpus delicti at the Vane trial."

"Cyrus K. leaned back in his chair and studied the book before him. Then reaching forward, he lifted the phone and gave a number.

"Hello, Ingles! he said. "Thank you, I'm just as pleased as you are. He's a splendid chap. . . . Oh! my dear Ingles, you mustn't

feel like that. Anyone might have thought as you did. It certainly looked bad for the boy. . . . Why, of course, he won't hold it against you. Didn't you do all you could to help him? . . . Yes, it is tragic for her, but that is all you can expect as an end for them, when the beginning is such as hers. I called you to tell you that I've just had a wire from the police at San Jose, California. They have found the head. Yes, He apparently threw it into a ravine as he left town after beating Isabel. He probably thought she was dead. Nice customer. Oh, yes, He'll get what's coming to him. What's that? Old Suky? Oh, she's sure that voodoo will take care of him, and I'm sure that justice will. You take care of this affair of the head will you, Ingles? . . . Fine. I'll look forward to seeing you soon. Yes, I hope so too. It'll be fine to be on another case together. The best of luck to you, Good-bye.

"Again Cyrus K. took up his pen and wrote.

"The murder of Donetta Dane was due to fear of her knowledge—that she might inadvertently expose him. It was an attempt to hide his own trail and further implicate Vane.

"The cards supposed to be sent by Millie could have easily been written and signed by her, on almost any excuse before the two left New York, to be posted by Roger at correct intervals.

"Donetta Dane was an innocent victim. The only thing she had feared was a fetish of her own. She did not want her husband to know that she had ever posed in the nude for Lawrence Vane. That was the reason for her whispered request of him and his assurance of silence."

"Again he leaned back and surveyed his work. He removed his glasses and stroked one eyebrow thoughtfully, then murmured to himself:

"I wish I could write in the most interesting part, to me—that not only have I been able to save an innocent man and bring a guilty one to justice, but I have been instrumental in bringing young hearts together. Life is very kind to a sometimes, very kind."

"He leaned forward, closed the book, snapped the lid and placed the key on a separate hanger within a secret drawer in the desk.

"Then he took out another book, identical with the one he had just locked. All the pages were blank.

"He took out small brushes and embossing stamps and gold liquid. Carefully he drew on the cover of the book he had just locked, a small bottle, and a golden derrick.

"He then laid the locked book aside, and drew the virgin, blank one toward him.

"I wonder" he mused, "I wonder!"

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Orchard Heights Women Leaving on Journey to Kansas

ORCHARD HEIGHTS, July 9.—Mrs. J. W. Simmons and her sister, Mrs. A. A. Withers, are leaving Wednesday for Hiawatha, Kan., home of their youth, where they will spend several weeks with their parents and other relatives and friends.

Recent guests at the H. R. McDowell home were Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Glass of Lansing, Mich. Mrs. Glass, aunt of Mrs. McDowell, will be remembered here as Lillian McCowan who attended the Popover school many years ago. Other relatives at the McDowell home were Rev. and Mrs. Joe Fisher and John Cavitt, all of Portland, and Mrs. G. W. Porter of Junction City.

TOWNSEND CLUB ELECTS

INDEPENDENCE, July 9.—The regular meeting of the Townsend club was held Friday night in the form of a picnic. Election of officers resulted: president, E. A. Weddle; vice-president, Valen Guld; secretary, R. W. Baker; treasurer, C. McBeth. Rev. Newfeldt was elected congressional delegate to the meeting at Albany.

Gubser Buys Country Home of Stoutenburg

UNIONVALE, July 9.—A deal was made Saturday whereby Ernest Gubser became the owner of the nine-acre farm home of the late Mrs. Hettie Stoutenburg, owned by Archie Stoutenburg of Kelso, Wash. Mr. Gubser owns 107 acres in the Grand Island neighborhood that he will farm in connection with this.

FORMER TEACHER DIES

SILVERTON, July 8.—Word has been received here of the death three weeks ago of Miss Josephine Gordon, former teacher in the Silverton schools. Miss Gordon went to Mt. Vernon, Wash., two years ago where she has since taught. When at Silverton she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Palmer.

Classes in Bible Held for Children of Mehama Section

MEHAMA, July 9.—Ted Mulkey, who has been ill in a Milwaukee hospital, was brought to the home of his father and sisters here Friday. They report him in much improved condition but he must still be under the care of a physician.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN STARTED YESTERDAY MORNING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE MISSES BOYINGTON AND DELLAMARTEN.

HONOR MISS STORTZ

BRUSH CREEK, July 9.—Four girls from here planned an apartment kitchen shower for Edna Stortz, formerly of Brush Creek but now employed at Salem, Monday night. Attending from here were Althea Meyers, Corinne Moberg, Inga Goplerud and Leila Forland. Leila Stortz of Salem also attended. Miss Stortz will live with her sister Wilma in Salem.