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State Mining Board

IT is feared that Governor Martin is unduly affected over the failure of the mining board appropriation of \$5000 at the special session of the legislature. The governor complains that with Bonneville being pushed to completion a survey of mineral resources is needed to learn what ores are available for reduction by the power to be harnessed at the dam.

Table with 3 columns: ACTIVITY, PERIOD, AMOUNT. Rows include Bureau of Mines and Geology for various periods from 1913-14 to 1929-30.

*This appropriation was not restricted to the biennial period 1929-1930 but was available until used.

Now if after the spending of \$213,425 the state doesn't know what its mineral score is, it is difficult to see where the added spending of \$5,000 would reveal it. It is probably true that in the archives of these bureaus will be found quite comprehensive data respecting Oregon's mineral resources.

A mining board can neither create mineral wealth nor develop it. All it can do is to study the superficial signs of minerals and come to tentative conclusions as to wealth-potentialities and opportunities.

Oregon's great deficiency is in minerals. It has some pockets of gold, some placer workings, some copper and quicksilver, extensive deposits of diatomaceous earth, and some building stone.

Gag Rule

"GAG RULE" is a term of opprobrium. It is the frequent cry of turbulent minorities and the frequent tool of those controlling organizations.

Another form of gag rule threatens the dear USA at the present time. It is not the gag rule of suppression of freedom of speech, of laws against seditious nor the tyranny of arbitrary rulers, president, governor, mayor or club chairman.

This isn't new, of course. Carlyle in his French Revolution asks of dying Louis XIV this rhetorical question: "Do the five hundred thousand ghosts who sank shamefully on so many battlefields from Rossbach to Quebec that they had not time to take revenge for an epigram, crowd round thee in this hour?"

The political campaign of 1936 which is now upon us is already developing into a gag contest. Hugh Johnson seems to have started it. His reply to Father Coughlin and Huey Long was a bundle of wisecracks and barnyard metaphors.

It may be that the demand for gag artists in politics will equal that in the radio field or in comic strip production. There the gagsters find steady employment. Their job is to incubate the gags of stage and screen and ether.

The public should learn to beware of gag-rule of this type, particularly in politics. The scintillating phrase may be brilliant but false. Victory should go to the side with best logic, not the side with the cleverest gagsters.

Piracy of News Restrained

IN a decision which went to the very heart of the issue the federal circuit court of appeals enjoined a radio station, KVOS, of Bellingham, from pirating the news of the Associated Press, which it had been doing by taking the dispatches from the Bellingham papers fresh from the press.

The fairness of this decision will be immediately apparent to any person who knows the facts. Newspapers at great cost to themselves, collect and disseminate the news. Through the Associated Press, a cooperative organization, of which most important newspapers are members, this news is distributed from city to city for republication.

There is a field for radio and its development in that

The Great Game of Politics

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The Federal Bully

Washington, Dec. 17.

THAT THIS Administration uses the immense power it has acquired in the name of emergency to coerce and intimidate those who oppose its plans or who stand up for what they believe to be their rights is a serious charge. Invariably it is met with indignant denial.

NEVERTHELESS there is truth in the charges. The Administration does do these things—and does them with calculated deliberation.

AN EXAMPLE is furnished by the new clause which an Administration measure has slipped into Government contracts since the last session of Congress. Here it is: "In accordance with the provisions of Section 14b of the Bituminous Coal Conservation Act of 1935, the contractor agrees that he will buy no bituminous coal to use on or in the carrying out of this contract from any producer, except such producer be a member of the Bituminous Coal Commission."

THE plain purpose of this is to club the coal companies into acceptance of the Guffey Coal Code or lose their business, have their best customers cut off from them and are marked as "unfriendly." It is as clear a case of coercion as could be had.

ONE reason why the name of Jesus makes such an appeal to mankind, is because the human side of that life is so well known. He was once a little boy and had all the experience of youth.

WHAT they seem not to have realized is that the Administration in an inconspicuous section of the act equipped itself with a weapon to save itself from a strike at them, and by violating the law, because with that they are complying, but for not "going along" with it, for having the courage to express dissent, for following the advice of counsel and declining voluntarily to accept the principles of a questionable act until they have been judicially construed.

IF your child or grandchild is not vigorous, alert and tireless in energy, find out why. Talk with your doctor, but above all use your own common sense. Do not pamper and spoil the child. Watch his weight and color and the way he sleeps.

Answers to Health Queries M. S. Q.—What can be done for sleeplessness, wrought up nerves and a feeling of restlessness? I seem to eat well and have nothing to upset me unduly.

Twenty Years Ago

December 18, 1915 Congress has adjourned for two weeks over the holidays. Mae Murray, Ziegfeld chorus girl, has deserted the stage for films.

Ten Years Ago

December 18, 1925 Christmas vacation at Williamette university begins today. Col. William Mitchell was found guilty of insubordination by

Safety Valve

COUNTY AGENT NEEDED

TO the Editor: Of course, we need a county agent. Last summer the agent's office demonstrated to the residents of Sidney and Talbot the proper way to get rid of rodents that are reducing the surplus of the necessities of life the same as the agent's office is trying to do.

Isolation Policy Deemed Doubtful

Change in U. S. Attitude to Belligerents Much Changed, Declared

America's traditional policy of neutrality has of late been transformed into a policy of isolation as regards belligerent nations. C. A. Sprague of The Statesman points out to Kiwanians here yesterday noon.

HEREFORE the nation in times of world conflict has insisted that freedom of trade go with belligerent nations, subject to international rules governing transport of contraband of war.

Health

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

TIME HAS been dragging, dear children, but Christmas is here at last. And what a day it is! Crowded stockings, many gifts, wonderful dinner and a Christmas tree!

THEY were the days of the war, when the people were in search of news and payments on liens and on the records of the recorder and of the treasurer. The recorder's office already has made its books conform with the audit, Protzman stated.

Interstate Truck License Issue

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For the first few days it seemed to Helen that Stella had really changed. She was so quiet, she scarcely spoke a word. Most of the time she just sat staring ahead of her.

and his helpers to control the big yields that the high-priced professors thrust upon us. If at each demonstration for rodent control they kill two pocket gophers and three white-bellied mice they are doing a heap of good and it will help further the need of an agent for years to come.

position: First, a prevailing opinion that the United States entered the World war because of the pressure of Big Business for the cause of the allies and second, that entrance into the last war was a mistake.

Numerous mistakes have been made at the city hall in recording liens and payments on liens and on the records of the recorder and of the treasurer.

Errors Noted in Lion Accounting

Spring was a miracle of flowers and fresh green grass. The first day the massive English pram was wheeled into the sunny corner of the open porch, the first crocuses had pushed their heads through the ground and looked bravely about.

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'Never mind a new deal, how about a new deck?'



'WIFE IN CUSTODY' by BEATRICE LUBITZ

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Chief of the modern fur-bearing animals may be listed the female, human.