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Phone Slash Fizzles

JUDGES TUCKER, LUSK AND BRAND, sitting in banc, have delivered a solar plexus blow to the telephone rate slash effected by Charles M. Thomas as utilities commissioner on November 1, 1934. The court decision is unanimous and unqualified and there is every likelihood the much ballyhooed nine per cent rate slash of the former commissioner has come to naught. It was supposed to bring \$600,000 in savings to telephone users, and to be a big feather for Judge Thomas to wear whether he campaigned for the governorship or for congress.

The telephone case followed the pattern of the acts of Judge Thomas while commissioner. First, retention of high-priced lawyers. A. E. Clark "handled" the telephone case while Thomas was in office and received \$9000; other legal fees and investigation cost ran the cost of the case during the Thomas incumbency to \$35,000. Second, there followed a flood of publicity. Third, the actual reduction order, immediately enjoined by the telephone company and as a consequence no actual reduction in rates to the consumer.

The present utilities administration for the state has run the string out as best it could; spent \$5000 more for investigation and hired Alfred P. Dobson to serve as special attorney for the state. Dobson's bill is not in.

The only gains to the state from the telephone case are a clarification by the courts of certain valuation procedure. The court allowed the state's contention to stand that payments made to American Telephone and Telegraph company, under contract, were not to be included as operating costs. Depreciation on equipment was set at 3.995 instead of 4.5 as sought by the company. Allocation of salaries for the San Francisco headquarters is allowed by the courts on a pro-rated basis.

Where the Thomas theory was most severely lashed was in a reduction of \$5,221,358 he made in the company's equipment. "But for the presumption of good faith which surrounds official action the court would doubt the sincerity of the commissioner's action in making this deduction" the court decision read. The utilities commissioner plainly could not restrain his zeal to make a showing. He leaped from the property account equipment, used and useful, and opened the way for kickbacks from the court.

The weakness in the Thomas utilities' administration was its concentration on a political rather than an economic viewpoint. Judge Thomas on the rostrum inveighing against the telephone monopoly was effective. As for Judge Thomas presenting a rate reduction case which would hold water in court—it's time now to talk about the congressional campaign.

Inflation is Here

STATEMENTS of Oregon banks published since the March 4 call bear ample evidence of the inflationary process the federal government is pursuing. Bank deposits are uniformly higher; there is only a slight gain in commercial loans of the institutions; the increase in government bond holdings is large.

The reports prove that inflation is not a bugaboo of the future; it is a present reality. The path thus far followed is not one of printing press money; it is the route of constant increase of federal debt, marketed principally through the banks which pay for the loans with new deposits. As the government spends these funds, they siphon back to the stream of bank deposits. Thus round-and-round goes credit inflation; prosperity is simulated through artificial increases in deposits; bond holdings soar.

The secondary manifestations of inflation are apparent in a booming stock market, in a redundancy of bank funds which make for cheap interest, and in growing interest by investors in things tangible—farms, houses, commodities, stocks—anything to which constantly higher prices will give greater value.

The banks are caught by a dilemma. They may dislike inflation and be scared of federal deficits but they dare not dump their federal securities. Any widespread sale would so break prices that a bank with one-third of its assets in federal bonds would impair its capital if not become insolvent with a bond market crash. The dearth of investment opportunity and the plethora of deposits make for the continued addition of government notes to the stream of credit inflation. "Is inflation coming," ask many people. It's not coming—it's here.

Joe's Kiss

MAYOR JOE CARSON came down to Salem ten days ago and made a bang-up speech to a civic club about the necessity of budget balancing. His peroration contained a few oratorical bolts for minority groups which delude the people. Naught but scorn had Mayor Joe for "hypocrites" who seek office behind the banners of a cause they privately ridicule.

Mayor Carson went back to Portland cheered by his applause. Whereupon the Townsendsites came to see him. Within a week, this pallid of political sincerity had been whisked to a lair of the Townsendsites, had become "one of them", had paid his dues and had implanted a Mayor Baker kiss on the brow of the solicitor who sought his membership.

His Honor implies, off the record, that this is all stage-show; a man can belong to a Townsend club and not be a Townsendsite. For all that the fact stands out that a speech by the mayor declaring that "Candidates ought to have the courage to stand out against the insidious forces of the day" is one thing and handling the Townsend clubs in one's own ball-wick is another. Having heard the mayor give vent to his real views away from home, we surmise the kiss was cold and passionless.

The resolution under which the Black senate committee is investigating lobbying includes authority to look into "efforts to influence or suppress or foment public sentiment." In one sense this is innocuous—for every individual or organization which seeks to influence public sentiment is properly subject to scrutiny. In another sense, and that the one selected by Senator Black, it is a shocking invasion of guaranteed individual rights: the right of petition, of assembly, and freedom of speech. The crack-down is against those persons or groups which oppose ideas of the administration. It is easy to see how if tolerated the device of the senate inquiry might become an agency of repression of freedoms—of the press, of appeal to congress and even of influencing public sentiment. A democracy must accept free effort to mold public opinion, subjecting each effort to fair scrutiny but without abridging or challenging its freedom. As a general rule the public mind settles to a fair verdict finally, though sometimes the escape is narrow.

The bitter satire in the announcement of the collegiate "Veterans of Future Wars" and associated "Gold Star Mothers of Veterans of Future Wars" is an index of the anti-war feeling which pervades campus and religious circles. It is an index too of the hostility which the post-war generation has toward war burdens. Veterans of the last war are now in maturity and in seats of power. By 1940 men and women will vote who were born after the armistice. This generation must be reckoned with, both as regards national policies and expenditures for war purposes, including pensions. Colleges are saturated not with pacifist propaganda which will directly affect the voting decisions of the decade starting with 1940.

The testimony of the way Bob Smith played the power companies for suckers to the tune of many thousands a year shows the fright of the companies over the holding company act, and their desperation to escape its more drastic provisions. Lobbying seems to come high; and the utilitarians were willing to pay the price. Justified as they were in presenting their case to the congress, the methods they used of taking telegrams and sending money on high-powered lobbies were for them the resentment of the public. In public relations the utilitarians have been singularly dumb.

Honor Rolls Listed, Scio

55 of 108 in High School Make Attendance Records

SCIO, March 20—Four Scio high students received grades of straight 1's for the six weeks period just ended. They are Ella Hall, Loris Hollis, Helen Light and Natalie Phillips. Miss Phillips, a freshman, has attained this honor each period throughout the year.

Eleven other students also placed on the honor roll they are: Audrie Bartu, Lucille Scheer, Arlene Darby, Thelma Sprague, Jean White, Florence Dennison, Jean Robertson, Jerry Faltus, Ilene Sprague, Juanice Trayer and Jack Yeager.

Hardy Scio high school students established a new high in attendance for the six weeks period just ended. Fifty-five of the 108 registered in school were neither absent nor tardy.

Fresh, Sophs Tie
 Freshmen and sophomores, according to Principal J. H. Tambleson, tied for honors, each with 99 per cent attendance. Juniors recorded 98 per cent and seniors 97 per cent. Arlene Darby, Opal Long, Charles Gearty, Elma Smith and Lucille Scheer, seniors head the list in perfect attendance. Others are:

Juniors, Georgia Archer, Alphonso Fraha, Noel Sommer, Ruth Miller, Ella Hall, Raymond Haines, Walter DeWitt, Clyde Crenshaw, Henry Ehrig, Walter DeWitt.
 Sophomores, Francis Elmer, Jean Robertson, Marjory Zielinski, Vera Walters, Glen Waggoner, Rita Sale, Lois Scheer, Bennie Eganer, Harold M. DeWitt, Scott Alexander, Charles Bates, Albert Bates, Rex Bilyeu, Clifton Burmaster, Florence Dennison, Essie Holbeck, Helen Light, and Roy Lambert.

Adele Koos Rites At Albany Today

ALBANY, March 20—Funeral services for Mrs. Adele Koos, 71, wife of Cyril Koos, near Tangent, will be held from the Fortmiller chapel Saturday at 2 p. m. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery. Mrs. Koos passed away at the family home Thursday, March 19, 1936. Mrs. Koos was born November 15, 1864, in Alsace, France, where in 1885 she and Mr. Koos were married. A year later they came to the United States, first living in New York, and then in Montana. Thirty-six years ago they came to Oregon and for 22 years have lived in the Plainview neighborhood near Tangent.

Surviving are the husband, five sons, Frank, Fred and Otto, all of Albany, and George and John of Plainview, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Cyrus of Aberdeen, Wash.; also nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Farmers in Fields Now And Some Oats Planted On Land Plowed Before

OAK POINT, March 20—This nice weather has brought farmers out in the field with their tractors getting their ground in readiness to sow gray oats. Some oats were sowed last week on ground previously plowed. Fall grain is looking good coming through the winter in fine shape.

Kenneth Black, a senator at O. S. C., is spending his spring vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Black, Black for the past term has been an instructor of a class of 34 sophomore students registered in basic military work in the R. O. T. C. Earl Gwin, freshman at O. S. C., is spending his vacation with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gwin.

Pythian Sisters From Silverton Attend Meet In Polk County Center

SILVERTON, March 20—Pythian Sisters are planning another of their card parties for the public. This to be held April 3 at the Pythian hall. The committee to plan for the affair consists of Minnie Fishwood, Norma Storaaal and Ola Bentson.
 Fifteen members of the Pythian sisters motored to Independence Thursday night to attend the meeting there held for the grand chief, Hazel Hollenbeck. Plans are also being laid for the district meeting to be held at Albany May 5. At this, the Silverton group will exemplify the initiation of a Knight.

New Chief Tightens Up on Violators of Laws About Bicycles

ALBANY, March 20—That the new chief of police, R. L. Chandler, intends to enforce the law on bicycle riders, is evident from his announcement that those who violate the law will be penalized.
 The law, according to the chief, requires a forward light that will be visible for 300 feet or more, and a rear light with a visibility of at least 200 feet, under normal atmospheric conditions. The rear light must be red. Complaints have been made recently by a number of local residents on this class of riders.

Parent-Teachers Plan to Establish Women's Chorus

SILVERTON, March 20—The Parent-Teacher association at Silverton is making plans for a permanent women's chorus. It is working on the organization report they hope to have over 50 members in it. Troupers are already underway. Mrs. Tom Anderson will be the director.

Bits for Breakfast
By R. J. HENDRICKS

Rank foolishness about 3-21-36 treatment in prisons, the parole board and other things: A very silly set of arguments: (Continuing from yesterday.) Lastly, the writer being quoted, Mr. Idleman, said:

"The pardoning board should be abolished. The judge who hears the evidence and pronounces sentence is a better judge of the time the prisoner should serve than the pardoning board."

That is not so. No one can say in advance. In fact, modern penology demands that no terms in years or months be fixed in commitments to prison.

The sentence should be indeterminate to the commitment of a man with his mind deranged. When the person with clouded mind is well, he or she should be released, as soon as there is a suitable place to go.

The same with the person convicted of a crime. If he or she shall show reformation, and a place to go where there is proper employment or support, parole ought to be granted.

But no felon unreformed in prison should ever be released. Not any more than a hopelessly insane person.

And the candle of hope should ever burn.

A few years ago, the Baumes law was passed in New York. It obliges life sentence upon third conviction of felony.

A number of our states went hog wild in copying it, as though something of great benefit and improved justice had been discovered.

Oregon has her Baumes law. It is creditable to the good sense of the committing judges in the various states that they have honored and are honoring that law more in its breach than its observance.

The same credit is due to the common sense of the average prosecuting attorney.

To the shallow mind, the idea sounds reasonable. But some of the soundest men in the United States have been "third time losers," and even fourth time, and beyond.

In practice, it does not make reason; fails to work good, and works evil.

No prisoner should be without hope; no man or woman in any situation or condition of life, and no one without chance of forgiveness.

Inquired Peter: "How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive? Till seven times seven?" Answered the Master: "Not until seven times, but until seventy times seven."

Thus, 490 times; a good many. But that reply is founded on pure justice. The Baumes law is founded on the folly of a mere guess.

Now, if there shall be indeterminate sentences, which every student concludes, there must be paroles and parole boards.

The form in Oregon is an approved one. In some, the superintendent or warden sits in, and casts a vote. It is better not. His advice can always be had.

It is silly to say men should not milk daily and an abundance of fresh fruits, vegetables, cereals, cream, butter and eggs. This diet must have an abundance of fresh air and sunlight. During the winter months, the sun's rays are not always available, cod liver oil should be added to the daily diet.

Do not rely entirely upon daily brushing of the teeth in order to insure healthy, sound teeth. This is only the beginning of keeping the teeth strong and free from infection and decay. Children and adults should report to the dentist at least twice a year and more often when decay or infection is present. Do not wait until pain sends you to the dentist for relief.

Answers to Health Queries
 L. L. Q.—What treatment do you advise for asthma? I am a young man and only find relief when I take some medication regularly. I would like to affect a permanent cure if this is possible.
 A.—For full particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question. Overcome any underlying infection and make every effort to improve your general health and resistance.

D. E. D. Q.—What can be done for a cold in the system?
 A.—Make every effort to improve the general health and resistance. For further particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.

Miss R. Q.—What causes the stomach to growl? I am also troubled with belching which is very embarrassing. 2: What would cause a lump in the throat which necessitates frequent swallowing? This is more or less constant and is very annoying.
 A.—This is due to the formation of "gas," caused by faulty digestion. Correct your diet and keep the intestinal tract clear. For further particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.

When these particular teeth are decayed or painful, the child instinctively chews on one side of the mouth. This will lead in time to overdevelopment of one side and cause the mouth to be "lopsided". Because of all these things, the dentist often refers to the four six-year molars as the most important teeth in the mouth.

In addition to regular visits to the dentist every child should have adequate amounts of tooth building foods in the diet. Foods rich in minerals, particularly iron and vitamins, are necessary for the growth and development of sturdy bones and teeth.

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work in prison because they compete with outside labor. There are plenty of things for the men and women in the Oregon state penitentiary to do that would give them self support without depriving any free person of a job. They could produce the raw materials for their butter, cheese, molasses, sugar, shoes and other leather goods, etc., on their own land, besides manufacturing them.

Also for their own bacon, most of their own meats, their eggs, etc., etc. They do a good deal of this now.

Thirty acres of state owned land would grow the sugar beets for making the sugar for all our state custodial institutions; land now owned, here around Salem. Experiments with sucrose content, etc., have proved this.

Then why send to Cuba or the Philippines, or elsewhere, for sugar?

The state flax industry is justifying itself. It has been the nucleus around which has been built up the beginnings of what is to become the greatest industry in Oregon.

The time is coming when the prison will not have any spare labor for threshing, retting or scutching. All spare labor will be needed in making, keeping in repair and furnishing spare parts for flax pullers, retting plants and the machines needed in scutching and otherwise preparing for the markets the crops grown within trucking distance.

(Concluded tomorrow.)

Blanks for Federal Seed Loans Are Now Available

ALBANY, March 20—Federal seed loan blanks for farmers are now available at the office of County Agent Floyd Muller and may be filled out on Mondays and Saturdays according to an announcement from Muller's office. The seed loans are from the federal government and will be rendered immediately. In the past, many farmers have availed themselves of this service.

Twenty Years Ago

March 21, 1916
 The Oregon Electric was stalled on Independence last night and passengers were brought to Salem on a motor speeder in a drizzling rain.

Walter E. DeLong will replace E. W. Stubbs on the Salem police force.

The Boston Grand Opera company is coming to Portland next week.

Ten Years Ago

March 21, 1926
 J. M. Upton of Bend is seeking the republican nomination for governor.

The Marion county Bee Keepers' association was permanently organized at the chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon.

Strongheart, the wonder dog, is playing at the Heilig in "The North Star."

Daily Health Talks

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D., United States senator from New York, Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

NOW COMES the announcement of a way to fill teeth without pain, the discovery of Dr. Hartman of Columbia university. It is hoped that the new formula will give the dentists a simple pain killer, enabling him to do more successfully with children who often are difficult to lead to his office.

Every child should have regular dental examinations and care. The youngster should be taken to the dentist before a trifling defect becomes a big one with increasing decay, serious defects and loss of teeth can only be prevented by early dental care.

Unfortunately, many mothers make the mistake of neglecting the child's temporary teeth. Little do they realize that decay of these teeth will lead to disease of the second set, the permanent teeth.

A very common mistake is neglect of what we call the "six-year molars." These four teeth are really permanent ones, but are usually mistaken for temporary teeth. Neglect of these vital structures may lead to serious disorders in the child's teeth and mouth.

Proper Diet Important
 In many instances the proper shape and future position of the second set of teeth are altered by neglect of the six-year molars. If these teeth are decayed, infected or lost, the entire jaw may be thrown out of line.

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The House of Cards



"DAUGHTERS OF VENUS" By Robert Terry Shannon

CHAPTER XXVII
 "I wish," she said solemnly, "you hadn't told me this. What do you suppose it will lead to?"
 "I cannot say," he responded, "but this I can assure you—you have not heard the last of it. There is so much, my Juliet, I could protect you from, if you would allow me. You see—" here his voice shook a trifle. "You see, darling, if I had my way I would surround you with an armor of love that no evil arrows could penetrate. But you won't listen to me! I try to tell you the truth and it's as though you were stone deaf. I don't want to take anything away from you or make you unhappy—I just want to give you my whole life—everything that I am and ever will be."

"Please!"
 Von Guerdon moved toward his hat and overcoat. "You won't even let me tell you what I feel," he said helplessly.

Juliet felt her heart melting like wax. She couldn't prevent it. Some quality in his voice had penetrated her and in another moment the stress would ring and release tears in her eyes.

"Don't go, please," she said faintly.
 Von Guerdon stood before her, thirsting for a little of her love and intimacy that would slake his parched heart. Pitying him, Juliet held both her hands out to him. It was true that he appealed to her sentiment, but he failed to rouse the sensuous warmth that O'Hara sometimes stirred.

"I do wish you were contented," she implored him, almost guiltily.
 Von Guerdon drew her hands together and pressed them to his chest.

"Words, words, words," he said softly. "You are so sweet—but you don't understand. Believe me, I've traveled over this whole world, across many seas. Thousands of women I have met. Lips, eyes, bodies—so many of them. It is like multiplying zeros. The total is nothing. With you—"

He stopped as though no words existed to express what he meant. He was a brilliant man, but not capable of defining love to this slender, fragrant girl who had, at best, only pity for him.

"Do you believe what I say?" he asked, with an effort.
 "Yes—I know how sincere you are," Juliet answered. She was conscious of her hands clasped in his warm palms, and felt a compelling desire to be kind to him.

"At first, I thought you were overbearing and domineering. I know better now, and I do wish I loved you—only I don't. I'm so sorry."
 Von Guerdon released her hands, and through the lashes of his eyes, suffering on his handsome face.

"Love doesn't come in half portions," he told her patiently. "Infatuation, desire, passion—those things are different. I love the part of you that will live on forever—the Juliet that will always be fresh and beautiful when this present lovely body is only a memory."

But this, to Juliet, did not make sense. It sounded beautiful but it filled none of the emptiness in her own breast.

"I'm probably too busy these days to think about love," he agreed.
 "You're in Europe, aren't you? I live for love. American girls of your type are different. You all are so very modern—moved under with your careers. But love will not always be denied. There is a flower in the Alps that grows up through the snow. My love is like that."

Part of what he said, Juliet decided, was true. It was the rushing activity of the institute that had blurred O'Hara's extraction. Love probably was a product of leisure.

"You're right," she said slowly. "It's only when I'm tired and a little lonesome that I—" she paused brokenly.
 "Exactly. This attitude is fatal to love."
 Juliet smiled. She was thinking about what O'Hara had told her earlier in the evening. In different words, Von Guerdon was saying exactly the same thing—that

she was getting only the humdrum husks of life. They spoke from different viewpoints and both affected her differently. Von Guerdon reached someone idealistic within, whereas O'Hara undeniably appealed to her senses.

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I craved but I could never find it. The great lonesomeness that would make you fall down and weep like a child if you gave way. Can you understand that?"
 Could she? Juliet wondered if she could share so poetic a rapture. Some sort of moral necessity—not quite clear in her mind—had made her freeze her emotions for years. It was O'Hara who had begun the thaw and as Von Guerdon was talking, her mind, now and again, lapsed back to that other man.

"When you say those things you leave me in a dazed glow," said Juliet. "I think love is ingrained in you, a necessity, but I don't need it. It's merely something that reaches me from the outside."



"Oh, for heaven's sake, you make me despise myself!" Juliet cried passionately.

"Have you ever been in love?"
 "Yes," she said. "I cannot believe that love died too," said Von Guerdon simply. "You live and inspire love, and need it. Surely my feeling for you is but a reflection of a sort somewhere in your own heart."

Juliet didn't combat this suggestion. She was still capable, she felt, of experiencing even a full love—with the right man, but it would never be an ordinary thing. Somehow it would have to be touched with the fineness that Von Guerdon had tried to express. That, and more.

"Maybe I'm a fool," she said aloud. "Do you think I'd be happier if I were like those girls who take their lovers so lightly? Sometimes I don't really know whether I'm being high-minded—or just cowardly."

"I can't give you a fair answer," he told her.

"Because I'm not a hypocrite. I love you so much that my testimony is prejudiced. So, if I agree you're a fool, you don't have to believe me."

Something shot through Juliet that was hot as anger. It came suddenly like a sheet of flame, and she jumped to her feet.

"Oh, for heaven's sake, you make me despise myself!" she cried passionately. "I can't stand a person that shilly-shallys around. I ought to say you to you, or I ought to say no. I ought to drive you out, or marry you. This business of wanting a tight wire is too complicated."

(To Be Continued)

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