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**POLITICS AND ORGANIZED CRIME.**

SOME of the most interesting reading matter of the year is likely to come out of the New York grand jury hearing at which U. S. District Attorney George Z. Medalle recently elaborated his charges that there exists an intimate alliance between New York politics and New York crime.

A charge of this kind is not new, and to people at all familiar with the ways of municipal politics, in Manhattan or elsewhere—it is not especially surprising. Yet it is an accusation over which we have never, as a people, shown any capacity to become indignant. If a detailed list of names, places and dates can be given us, we might be able to get stirred up about it.

The inability of the average big city government to suppress organized crime is one of the most shocking symptoms our society displays. Gang murders, racketeering, kidnapings, rum running, a conglomeration of lawless outbursts such as no other civilized land tolerates—these things are commonplace in our municipal affairs.

Yet we seldom have the sense to reflect on their causes. When Mr. Medalle declares that New York has these things because her gangsters are allied with her politicians, he states nothing more than a perfectly obvious truth. It is true not only in New York but in every other city where organized crime is troublesome.

A moment's reflection ought to show us that there cannot possibly be any other explanation. Inefficient our law enforcement agencies may be, but they cannot be so stupidly incompetent as to remain ignorant of the activities of gangsters whose names and deeds are known to the very school children.

Yet we continue to miss the point. We go to the polls, year after year, and vote for the same old crowd of machine politicians. We accept the spoils system without protest. We are complacent in the face of repeated revelations that most city governments grant favors to the rich and the powerful. And we cannot understand why organized crime is so well entrenched.

If Mr. Medalle, by citing chapter and verse for us, can show us precisely how such things work, he may start a wave of public sentiment that will help to eliminate the alliance between crime and politics in other places besides New York.

**BOOKS WE NEVER READ.**

DURING the last few years it has been a popular stunt to make up lists of the ten "best books"—the books that you would take along if you were going to be exiled to that fabulous desert island for the rest of your life. Now comes "The Drifter," writer of an engaging weekly column in The Nation, to suggest that it can be more fun to make up a list of ten famous books that one has never read and never intends to read.

This, it seems to us, is a pretty sound idea. The library shelves are full of great classics to which all of us give lip service, and with which we like to have people think that we are thoroughly familiar; wouldn't it be a boon to the cause of frankness if we should sit down and tabulate, in all honesty, those classics which we never quite got around to?

**ID DUCE AND HIS DENTIST.**

DR. ARRIGO PIPERNO of Rome has been private dentist for Mussolini for the last eight years; and now, visiting in Chicago, he asserts that Id Duce is the one man who never flinches or wriggles apprehensively while in the dentist's chair. When the dentist remarks—with that arduous chuckle reserved for such occasions—"Now, this may hurt a little," Mussolini simply squares his shoulders and says, "I do not fear pain." None of the dentist's gadgets ever bothers him; he even reads books while his teeth are being fixed.

Now this, somehow, strikes us as one story about Id Duce that is a bit hard to believe. Very likely the man does not "fear pain"—but what has that to do with being in the dentist's chair? It isn't exactly pain that a dentist inflicts; it is a weird combination of fright, misery and the kind of buzz-buzz business that puts teeth and nerves on edge. Is any man on earth capable of facing it the way Mussolini is said to face it?

Writer estimates the U. S. will produce 46,000,000 bushels of spinach this year as compared with 42,000,000 in 1932. Hey! Haven't they heard about this crop reduction business?

Under the new rules of the game formulated by NRA, even one strike is out.

**WASHINGTON LETTER**

By RODNEY DUTCHER  
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—"American lives and property" is an obsolete phrase. The big naval demonstration toward Cuba was consistently spoken of as a precautionary measure for protection of American lives. "American lives and property" had done service in various interventions through many decades. But President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull dropped the "property."

Asked about the omission, Hull replied: "We ought to keep our minds primarily and predominantly on American lives and if our brethren down there appear to set up a government stable enough to protect lives, the property is very apt to fare pretty well."

time bring American intervention for the protection of property. Such a government probably would undertake to abrogate the Platt amendment and it isn't unlikely that this government would accede to that. But if Cuban leaders emulated Mexican and Spanish revolutionaries some threat to American sugar properties would be almost inevitable, and as it grew the possibility of "property intervention" would increase.

**Communists Not Involved**  
Communists were not involved in the recent Cuban coup d'etat. But this government was worried so and at the possibilities of civil war or anarchy when it found a mere sergeant—a man inexperienced in government—at the head of the new junta.

"Lay off on this intervention stuff," Roosevelt pleaded with the correspondents as he sent warships. The real reason he sent so many ships was to pacify the Cubans. He wanted to scatter the vessels around the island so belligerent elements might see them and think twice before starting something. And of course trouble might break out almost anywhere.

**Using Mr. Ford's Cars**  
While General Johnson of NRA was in the White House talking with Roosevelt about Henry Ford's recalcitrance, a large Lincoln automobile (Ford-made) was waiting outside for some of the president's guests. It was White House car No. 100 and carried a blue eagle on the windshield.

Johnson himself drives a Lincoln and has made no threat to dispose of it.

**Delay on Public Works**  
Officials seem to be just now realizing the real rub in the delay on the \$3,300,000,000 public works program.

That program, which was designed to "prime the pump" for the recovery effort by putting 1,000,000 men to work this summer and fall, is estimated to have placed about 15,000 men on jobs to date. Probably less than five per cent of the work for which \$1,300,000,000 has been granted has been begun.

**Little Winter Work**  
Soon come winter months, when suffering resulting from unemployment is most intense. No more than a third of projected public works activity can be carried on in the heavily populated north during this period, concrete can't be laid at all in cold weather. The rest of the fall will be spent in signing contracts and most of the works provided for won't get under way until next spring.

Secretary Ickes, administrator of public works, has put on a sudden burst of speed. But it's rather late in the season.

**WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK**

**THE BONNEVILLE DAM**  
(Salem Statesman)

AS plans progress for the building of the Bonneville dam on the Columbia river, the people are naturally interested in the location and in the extent of the work which is in sight. Bonneville is situated on the Columbia nine miles above Multnomah falls, at the eastern edge of Multnomah county, just below Cascade Locks. It is where the gorge of the Columbia ends, so there is pent-up power in its waters at that point.

Bedrock is found at 110 feet below sea level. The normal pool elevation will be 72 feet above sea level. The height of the dam above the ground is roughly 66 feet; its length will be 700 feet. New navigation locks will be built around the dam; and the impounded water will improve the navigation up to Celilo falls where there is another canal. The Union Pacific railroad will have to be relocated, probably by building a tunnel on the Oregon side or using piers for a distance and carrying trains along the edge of the river. The S. P. & S. on the north side would be lifted 15 feet at the dam over its present grade.

Estimates of the army engineers are:  
Total dam and miscellaneous ..... \$16,000,000  
Power plant and sub-structure ..... 6,070,000  
Power plant super-structure ..... 1,870,000  
Turbines and auxiliaries ..... 3,600,000  
Generators and control ..... 4,300,000  
Transformer and switch gear ..... 1,720,000

Total power plant ..... 17,560,000  
Total dam and power plant ..... 33,820,000  
Engineering & contingencies, 25% ..... 8,410,000  
Total dam and power plant... 42,080,000  
Navigation locks ..... 1,870,000

Total dam, power plant and navigation locks ..... \$43,900,000  
Ten units will produce 430,000 kw. of 43,000 kw per unit. At the start only two or four units will be built. By building on the unit plan the market may absorb the power as it is developed. Prime power produced is estimated at 360,000 hp.

The next damsite upstream which is in line of development is at The Dalles, 43 miles above Bonneville. The dam at Umatilla rapids is strongly urged by Pendleton and Walla Walla both for power and navigation purposes. Lower and mid-river people urge Bonneville, and reports indicate that it is the one favored by the government engineers.

There are worlds of power in the Columbia river. It falls 1280 feet between the Canadian border and tidewater. As the northwest develops this potential power will be harnessed and put to use. If the development is synchronized then the bridling of the river may be accomplished without economic waste or dislocation.

**AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH**

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEN  
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

MOST times when people hear ringing in their ears, the sounds are heard only by them. There are occasional cases, however, in which ringing in the ears may be so positive that it can be heard also by the doctor.

Recently Dr. Samuel Iglauer described four cases in which ringing of the ears could be heard by the physician when he put a stethoscope on the side of the affected patient's head.

The ringing is due to spasmodic rhythmic contractions of the muscles around the tube that leads from the back of the nose to the ear, the eustachian tube. In other cases, the sounds are due to the blood within the large blood vessel that pass near the ear.

The sounds due to muscles having a clicking or snapping sound and are sometimes so loud that they may be heard several feet away from the patient. Usually the sounds are heard at times when the palate contracts.

If the sounds come from passage of the blood in the blood vessels, pressure on the blood vessels will cause the sounds to disappear. They also disappear when the head is turned to the side, so that the patient may develop an habitual turning of the head in order to shut off the sounds.

Sometimes the sounds disappear when the patient lies down, but they return when the patient rises. In many instances they seem to be associated with changes in the action of the glands of internal secretion. Sometimes ringing in the ears is so serious, because of the nervous reaction of the patient, that it is necessary to perform a surgical operation to bring about relief.

**SIDE GLANCES**



"I have to make new ones for my daughter-in-law every year. She loses them."

**HINTS ON HOUSEHOLD ARTS**  
By SISTER MARY

THE secret of pickle making lies in obtaining a correct bacterial action in one respect and at the same time preventing the bacterial action which causes spoilage and softening. Salt has been found to be the most efficient agent for this purpose and every recipe for pickles uses salt in some form in large amounts.

**Cucumber Rings**  
Eight or ten 4 to 8 inch cucumbers, 1 ounce stick cinnamon, 1 ounce whole cloves, 1 ounce whole allspice, 1 ounce celery seed, 3 pounds brown sugar, 3 pints cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon powdered alum.

Make a strong brine as in preceding recipe. Wash and wipe cucumbers and let stand in brine for three days. Keep covered with a large plate. Drain from brine and let stand in clear water over night. Drain. Add alum to equal parts of vinegar and water and let cucumbers simmer in this solution for two hours. Drain and cool and throw away vinegar solution. Cut cucumbers in inch rings and pack in deep crock. Combine sugar, vinegar and spices and bring to the boiling point. Pour boiling hot over the cucumbers and let stand over night. In the morning drain off vinegar, reheat and pour back over cucumbers. Do this three times. The fourth morning pack cucumbers in sterilized jars, scald vinegar and pour boiling hot over cucumbers. Seal and store in a dark, cool place.

**Gherkins**  
Two quarts small cucumbers, 2 cups salt, 2 quarts boiling water, 2 quarts vinegar, 2 ounces mixed pickling spices, 2 teaspoons powdered alum, 2 cups brown sugar, 1-2 cup sliced horseradish root.

Choose very small cucumbers of uniform size. Be careful not to bruise or mar the cucumbers. Wash carefully and pat dry between towels. Put into a deep crock and pour over brine made by dissolving salt in boiling water. Let stand twenty-four hours and drain off brine. Bring to the boiling point, skim and pour over cucumbers. Let stand twenty-four hours, drain and wipe cucumbers. Cover with boiling water in which alum has been dissolved and let stand six hours. Drain from alum water and rinse in clear water. Combine vinegar, sugar, spices and horseradish root and heat to the scalding point. Add cucumbers and simmer ten minutes. Pack in hot sterilized jars, pour over hot vinegar to cover and seal.

**Junction City News**

JUNCTION CITY, Sept. 13.—(Special)—Recent visitors at the Dr. Hicis home were Dr. Brower and family of Ashland and Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson of Noraton, Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Mollencock and Otto Hoppes and family of Salem spent the day with them. Also Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard and family and Mrs. Marion Johnson of Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips and granddaughter, Phyllis, spent Sunday at Independence visiting Mrs. M. Taylor, Mrs. Phillips' sister.

Miss Veda Carter of the Mountain States office force is spending part of her vacation at Prineville with relatives.

Angus Gibson of the Gibson Motor company was in Eugene on business Tuesday.

The Junction City Service club at its meeting Monday night asked that the Junction City school teachers and the teachers of the different Sunday schools meet with them on the evening of the second Monday in October for a potluck supper.

Ose Petersen was a business visitor in Halsey Monday.

The state president of the F. I. Girls was here Monday night from Portland on a visit to the local order. After the meeting cards were played and refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips of Salem visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips.

Ralph Speer and Frank Williams were in Eugene Monday on business.

Nancy Jensen, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Jensen, had her tonsils removed at the Allumbaugh hospital Monday.

Merle Milliron of Seattle was a visitor in Junction City Monday.

**Coburg News**

COBURG, Sept. 13.—(Special)—The Coburg Sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Walter Drury Tuesday afternoon, September 13. Mrs. W. T. Bettis assisted Mrs. Drury with the entertaining. Birthday gifts were given to Mrs. Mary Neat, Mrs. Eleanor Graville, Miss Minnie Scott and Miss Margaret Allam.

Two visitors, Mrs. John Lauritzen and Mrs. Nellie Franz were present. Others who attended were Mrs. Clayton Allam, Mrs. Albert Graville, Mrs. Elmer Harkins, Mrs. Robert Hennig and daughter Robert Anne, Mrs. P. A. Pirkin and two grandsons, Dale and Wayne, Mrs. Minnie Drury, Mrs. Douglas Wasson, Miss Minnie Scott, Miss Marydell Allam, Miss Thelma Cross, Miss Helen Drury, Miss Helen

**THURSDAY EVENTS ARE VARIED**

**Business Women Luncheon To Be At Noon**  
By MARIAN LOWRY  
THURSDAY will bring a number of interesting events.

The September luncheon of the Business and Professional Women's club will be an event at noon in the Osburn hotel. The membership committee is in charge with Mrs. Harriet Underwood as chairman. A large number of guests is expected. All women interested in the organization are invited to attend.

The University of Oregon Y. W. C. A. advisory board, which is made up of a group of town and campus women to assist the active Y. W., is to have its first meeting of the fall Thursday afternoon at the bungalow on the campus.

The Women's Relief corps Needle club is to meet Thursday afternoon at the armory. Mrs. Minnie Holcomb being chairman of the committee of hostesses.

Central Lutheran Aid society is to meet at the church Thursday afternoon.

**SEWING DAY**  
The Welfare League's weekly sewing day will be held Thursday from nine until five o'clock in the group's headquarters in the Tiffany building. Mrs. R. C. Romig, chairman.

All those having contributions of clothing are asked to call Mrs. Romig or Mrs. George P. Hopkins. School clothes are needed especially now.

**MEETING IN OCTOBER**  
The Women's Democratic league will not meet until the third Saturday in October, it is announced, instead of in September.

**PLAN FIRST MEETING**  
The Unitarian Women's Alliance is to have its first meeting next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dugald Campbell.

**CLUB ENTERTAINED**  
The Wednesday club was entertained at the summer home of Mrs. E. A. Lewis at Pengra, Wednesday. The group will start its regular schedule of meetings in October.

**GIVE DANCE**  
Members of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority entertained at their chapter house the past Thursday evening for a dancing party as one of several affairs that have been given to honor girls entering the university this fall. Miss Frances Droste was in charge.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
Lenia Ann Doolin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doolin, celebrated her first birthday at the home of her great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Elspas, the past week. Mrs. Charles Doolin and daughter have returned after a week's visit at the home of Mrs. Doolin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Elspas at Vaughn.

**FROM WASHINGTON**  
Miss Lucy Anne Wendell who has been spending the summer in and near Seattle has returned to Eugene and will continue her work at the university.

**GOING NORTH**  
Mrs. W. F. G. Thacher is going to Portland Thursday for a few days.

**LEAVING FOR SOUTH**  
Mrs. Eric W. Allen, Miss Betty Allen, and Mrs. John Allen are to leave Thursday for San Francisco to meet Dean Eric W. Allen who is returning from a trip to the orient.

Mrs. John Allen will remain in Berkeley, John Allen having gone earlier to continue his work at the University of California.

**TO MEET SUNDAY**  
Phi Mu alumnae are to hold a special meeting Sunday evening at the chapter house at seven-thirty o'clock. Miss Lucy Anne Wendell from the active chapter will meet with the group.

**TO INITIATE**  
The Rainbow Order for Girls is to meet Friday evening and hold initiation.

**C. P. Aid**

Thirty-seven attended the meeting of the Central Presbyterian Ladies' Aid society Tuesday afternoon in the church chapel. Members of the West division, Mrs. E. W. Arnes, chairman, were hostesses. The group made plans for a rummage sale to be given Saturday. Mrs. Frances Leighty is chairman for the event. The aid's next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of October.

**FOR THE BEST AMBULANCE**  
Service in Eugene Call the Red Cross Ambulance—Ph. 118

**Church Group Luncheon Tuesday**  
The Missionary society of the First Christian church held its monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon. There was a correct luncheon, followed by the program business meeting. Sixty attended. Mrs. L. E. George, president, presided. Mrs. E. F. Loer's division in charge of refreshments. Mrs. Hyle's program was in charge program.

Mrs. George Everingham, singing in Japanese costume and a Japanese song, accompanied by Herschel Scott, announced a plan to be given in the near future to members of Mrs. Raymond group, number three.

At the meeting, there was singing and prayer led by Mrs. Day. Mrs. George told of the year, Mrs. Mettie Hocking told the role for welfare auxiliary. Mrs. Thomas Bailey told of the for funds for the International on the campus. Mrs. Hocking T. Hibbard and Mrs. M. R. T. son gave a playlet, "Reaching ward." Mrs. Day gave a series of ways of forwarding the aim. The group's next meeting will be October 10.

**Auxiliary Heads Installed At Meeting**  
The American Legion auxiliary installed its new officers Tuesday evening. Mrs. George Mathews acting as installing officer.

Mrs. R. L. Moon is the new president, and other officers include Mrs. Clarence V. Stinson, vice-president; Mrs. C. S. Dillon, second vice-president; Mrs. Frank Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Glen Lewis, treasurer; Mrs. Chester Goodman, color bearer; Mrs. Earl Kost, sergeant at arms; Mrs. B. A. Stark, chaplain.

Mrs. Glen Lewis is to head the group's relief committee and other committee heads will be named later. Eight members from Cottage Grove visited the local group Tuesday. Following the meeting there was a social and refreshments were served.

The auxiliary's next meeting will be a social on September 26, the new officers to be in charge.

**Tea Is Given Sunday**  
Alpha Chi Omega sorority entertained with a tea Tuesday afternoon for girls entering the university. The event was given at the home of Miss Joan Shelley. Hours were three until four-thirty o'clock. John Bushman poured. Miss Good was chairman for the tea.

**Tea Tuesday**  
Honoring Mrs. LeRoy N. Springfield, Mrs. Ronald Peterson entertained on Sunday afternoon until five o'clock. Guests Mrs. Walker of Reedsport, Mrs. Goede, Mrs. J. T. Donaldson, Mrs. C. Faust, Mrs. John Nise, Mrs. Nise, Mrs. Paul Nise, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. L. C. Bond, Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Beulah Long, Fred Hall, Mrs. Allan Jones, Mrs. Land, Mrs. C. Sumers, Mrs. Brown, Miss Dorothy Nise, Sadie Williams, Miss Helen Brown, Miss Deloris Nise, Miss Brown, Miss Donna Mae Hess, the guest of honor, and the and small sons Bobby and Bill.

**Aid Divisions Are Entertained**  
Division three of the Methodist Episcopal ladies' Aid society is sponsoring a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Fred E. Chambers Thursday at one o'clock for all members and friends.

Several of the other divisions met Tuesday.

Mrs. G. F. Skipworth entertained for the meeting of the fourth division. Eighteen were present and two visitors, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Mark.

Mrs. D. O. Shuey entertained for the tenth division. Miss Ethel Shuey was assistant hostess. Eight were present.

Mrs. Charles E. Hunt was hostess for the members of division nine, the group meeting for a covered dish luncheon at her home. Eight attended.

Number seven met at the home of Mrs. C. W. Starr. Eleven were present. The group met for 'nch. There were three visitors present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Fred Lamb, a luncheon being planned.

Members of number five met at the home of Mrs. Ernest R. Giltrap. Fifteen were present and five guests. Mrs. Percy W. Brown read a paper.

Mrs. L. T. Loomis entertained for division one, the group meeting for a luncheon. The meeting followed. Fourteen were present and one guest.

Mrs. I. B. Czarne was hostess for the second division. Twenty-six attended. Mrs. LeRoy Needham was assistant hostess. This was the combined business and social meeting.

**Sorority Event**

Zeta Tau Alpha members entertained with a dinner Tuesday evening at the chapter house to honor rushers and their fathers. Members of the mothers' club assisted. About thirty were present. Bridge was played after the dinner. Miss Helen Emery and Mrs. J. Fred Gerot were in charge of the dinner. Hostesses included Miss Helen Emery, Miss Pauline George, Mrs. DeVert Hempy, Miss Alice Gerot, Miss Margaret Sprague, Miss Arlyn Ostad, Miss Gudrun Hammer, Mrs. Gladys Chase, Miss Ruth Hopson, Miss Lucille Cornutt, Miss Peggy Skene, Miss Jean Skene.

**Thurston School Opened On Monday**  
THURSTON, Sept. 13.—(Special)—Fifteen pupils enrolled Monday in the Thurston grade school with Marjorie Grant of Thurston the two more will enter later in the and will be Mary Jean and Robinson, both in the sixth. Those enrolling Monday were: grade, Gordon Reah, Weaver; third grade, Roger Stedt; Patty Shough, Jimmie O. Albert Jones; fourth grade, Travis, Eugene Whitbeck; fifth Betty Hansen, Lee Weaver. Newton and Franklin Robinson; grade, David Barnett, John W. seventh grade, Elmer Jean.

Two teachers have been sent in the Thurston grade school in the past few years and this is the year to have but one teacher, the enrollment dropping below only one teacher was hired this year.

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