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SPECIAL ELECTION TOO EXCLUSIVE
As long as a special election was to be held this year (estimated cost \$75,000), it would have been highly desirable if the questions to be presented to the people had not been limited to the two tax measures which will appear on the ballot.

As enacted the law calls for the election "at the first biennial election following the effective date of this act." That puts the election of the additional senator, should the re-districting amendment be approved, off until the general election in November, 1948.

Voting on the measure at the special election this year would have eliminated any such situation. But instead of this there will be merely a cigaret tax, which will probably be defeated, and a property tax for the benefit of higher education as the issues.

You will be interested, we are sure, in the comment on the senatorial district change made by the Oregon Voter, thus:

Central Oregon is entitled to one more senator, and about the only way it can get it is at the expense of Northeastern Oregon, which has four senators representing 63,428 population, less than the 72,966 represented by one senator, Cornett of Klamath, in his district.

To keep Rex Ellis and Umatilla county happy, Cornett introduced SJR 21, to amend the Oregon constitution so the senate will have 31 members instead of 30, and a companion measure, SB 313, to provide that the one new senator shall be from a new district, Deschutes, Lake, Crook and Jefferson counties, as contemplated in SB 271, but without wiping out the Ellis district, Union, Umatilla and Morrow.

Presumably, every time the reapportionment comes up and a reapportionment involves disturbing a senator who may be enough of a bulldog fighter to scare into refusing to reapportion at the expense of his district or his seat, all that has to be done is to shift the burden to the people by another constitutional amendment to add another senator to the Senate.

One incidental advantage to this is that on this one adjustment the Senate would have an odd number of senators so the election of a Senate president might not be held up, but as the house would continue to have an even number of members, 60, it might get itself into an even vote speaker-ship jam similar to that which delayed organization of the Senate two years ago in the valiant contest put up by Dorothy McCullough Lee with its tie voting for some forty ballots.

Rather than acquiesce in this laxity in dodging the constitution's clear mandate, thirteen senators voted against SJR 21.

The war news from the Pacific areas has brought a number of new 50-50 names into prominence so that hereafter the gag man need not use such combinations as Walla Walla and Sing Sing to achieve his effects. Here we have Iloilo, Sanga Sanga and Tawi Tawi, each available for the sake of variety. Even as we say this, however, we are ready to agree that nothing has yet turned up with quite the effect of the 50-50-plus combination of Walla Walla, Wash.

WASHINGTON COLUMN

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—The possibility that the government may again be able to proceed against certain so-called monopolistic practices of labor unions under the Sherman Anti-Trust laws is at stake in two highly important cases now under consideration by the U. S. Supreme Court.

INDIRECTLY this was in the nature of a jurisdictional dispute because the northwestern mill workers belonged to CIO unions, and by putting restrictions on the San Francisco mill production, the A. F. of L. union was getting at its rivals. But the whole affair was a good example of union make-work policies, and U. S. attorneys, taking action against this practice as a conspiracy to restrain competition from other areas, won a conviction which was upheld in the U. S. Court of Appeals. Counsel for the Carpenters then appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

The New York case grows out of a contract between A. F. of L. electrical workers and contractors, under which the electricians in New York City will not install equipment that has been wired outside the city.

THE two cases taken together have an obvious post-war significance in view of the tremendous possibilities of pre-fabricated housing development. If the Hutcheson case decision is given a broad interpretation, prosecution of labor unions for monopolistic practices in restraint of trade will be impossible.



Death's BRIGHT DIAMONDS by Lionel Mosher

THE STORY: Brenda points out to Nick that motor trouble needn't have kept her father at The Ledges the previous evening unless he had really wanted to stay. The garage was full of cars, any one of which he might have borrowed.

THE FOOTPRINTS
Pat, Charley and Eric, bless his ubiquitous little heart, were in the kitchen when we came in. "Well," Eric said, "the early risers."

Charley went over and put some coal on the fire. Pat stood over the stove frying some eggs and doing a bad job of it. I could tell by her earnest air of preoccupation that she was a little angry. But when she turned, there was a faint smile on her lips.

"Where is your father, Miss Temple?" "I haven't the faintest idea," she replied. "His car is gone," said Eric. I pricked up my ears at that, and Brenda glanced at me briefly.

"The furnace fire's out," Pat called over her shoulder. "Run down and build a new one, will you, Nick?"

I was glad to get out of that atmosphere of bottled-up animosity. While I was waiting for the wood to catch, I stood staring at the cellar floor. There was a thick film of dust that must have been weeks in settling during the long days when the house had been unoccupied. I saw the tracks where Mr. Hudson and I had ministered to this hungry engine aimlessly and converged at the firebox door.

Then I saw something else. With a curious feeling of expectancy I went over for a closer look. When I leaned down, I felt something as Crutsoe must have felt when he saw footprints on his desert isle. It was a very big foot, bigger than either mine or Mr. Hudson's, and the prints were quite clear. They ran straight across the cellar to the door that led to the bulkhead.

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and anxious. "The fire," I said. "Put some coal on it." "Never mind the fire," answered Charley. "What hit you?" I sat up. "Where's Eric?" I said. Pat and Charley exchanged glances. Then Charley said: "Can you stand up, Nick?" He took me by the arm. As we went back through the kitchen, Eric came in by the back entry. "It is not there," he said. "What?" asked Pat. "The axe," he went on suavely. "I saw it by the carriage-shed this morning, but now it's gone." "What did you want with the axe?" demanded Charley. "But to help our friend Nicholas with the wood for the fire," Woolf looked at me round-eyed. "What has happened? You look pale."

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"Somebody slugged me," I said, "in the cellar." "Slugged?" He lifted his hands and a mystified expression came into his eyes. "Just now, you mean? Then we must have a look around." "You look," I said. Eric was not very convincing but by now I was sure of nothing. I went into the library and lay on the big divan in front of the fireplace. Pat followed me in with a basin of warm water and some gauze. "Let's have a look at your head, darling." "I'm all right." "No doubt," she said cheerfully, "but you're getting blood all over the divan." Then Phineas Hudson arrived. He removed his cigar from his lips and peered at me closely. "What's wrong?" "Somebody in the cellar hit him over the head," Brenda Temple said. She looked at Mr. Hudson steadily. "But then you would have been hit, father," said Pat, "and—" She stopped. A dead silence followed in which everyone must have thought the same thing: that Phineas Hudson's words and tone seemed to imply that he was in no danger from the attacker in the cellar. At that moment I caught sight of Bruce Temple's figure as it passed the tall French windows in the library. He had The Times under his arm and he stopped to light a cigaret. There was no reason whatever for his being on that side of the house. If he was just coming from Minot with the paper, he would have had to walk halfway around The Ledges on either side to reach the library windows. And he would have passed both the front and rear entrances of the house to do it. (To Be Continued)

Others Say...
DEFACING THE CAPITOL (Salem Statesman)
High school students who came to Salem for the basketball tournament caused damage to the state capitol and grief to the secretary of state's office when they defaced walls of the capitol on the stairway leading to the dome. Names of 141 persons were written on the walls with lipstick and ink and some carving was done with knives. Some of these names were of Salem students. All names have been turned over to the superintendent of public instruction and the officers of the high school athletic association. We had thought that youth had outgrown the primitive period which produced the couplet: Fools' names, like fools' faces Are always seen in public places. Evidently that is not the case.

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Some discipline should be meted out to the young people at least to the extent of making them contribute to repairing the damage done, estimated at \$200. And next year there should be advance warning against defacement of the capitol, plus closer local surveillance when youth visit the building.

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