

MRS. HARDING PURCHASES TRINKETS MADE BY WOUNDED SOLDIERS



Mrs. Harding at the Walter Reed hospital, Washington, where she purchased a number of trinkets at the annual Christmas sale made by wounded soldiers. The photo shows the president's wife looking over some objects made by Lieutenant H. E. Trammell.

Open Forum

Contributions to this column must be plainly written on one side of paper only, limited to 500 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor:—Section 4103 of the Oregon laws provides that the secretary of state shall publish a pamphlet before the election containing the measures to be voted on and also the arguments offered for or against the passage of them.

It provides that the parties offering such arguments shall for the paper and printing of his arguments. One copy of this pamphlet is sent to each registered voter in the state before the day of election. This is a fair law, as it gives both sides an equal chance.

There were about 260,000 registered voters in Oregon before the special election of last June and a copy of this pamphlet was sent to each, containing the arguments in favor of passing these bills, but it contained no arguments against the passage of any. Why?

The legislature made provision that those favoring the passage of the proposed measures could have 12 pages free of any charge, but made no provision to publish any negative arguments, except in one bill. They allowed two pages for arguments against women being on the jury. The two pages were not used.

More than that the legislature made provision that a committee be appointed for each measure to be voted on. The duties of these different committees were to write in favor of the proposed bills, but it did not provide for even one person to write against any measure. We find that 26 persons were appointed to write in favor of passing the proposed measures and their arguments were published and put in the hands of every voter in the state, the taxpayer paying for it all. But they made no provision for the overloaded taxpayer to be heard.

Of the 26 persons appointed to write in favor of these bills four were from Multnomah, Clatsop had three, Washington one, Union, Morrow and Umatilla two, Douglas two, Josephine two, Coos one, Clackamas three and Marion none. Why?

There was a committee of ten ladies appointed to write in favor of women going on the jury. They did not give their address, but I suppose, that they were from Portland.

What will the legislature do? Will they order a special election in May? If they do they should not receive a vote from a taxpayer. In fact there should not be any

money voted to help the Portland show at all. Will this legislature, the governor calling a special session, refer bill to the people, for the sole benefit of Portland? Will they put us to this expense for the sole benefit of Portland?

Will the members of the legislature meet the promoters of this graft secretly and stab the hard working taxpayer in the back? JOHN F. THEO B. BRENTANO. St. Paul, Dec. 12.

Russians Making Capital of Jap Peace Concessions

Moscow, Dec. 14.—(By Associated Press.)—Warlike appeals have been issued to the Russian bolshevik army and navy by Leon Trotsky, minister of war and marine. These appeals, sent out by wireless, demand increased preparedness for hostile action, and declare that Japan, "hoping to strengthen her Siberian position at the Washington conference," has launched an attack against the Far Eastern republic.

Pythian Sisters Elect Dallas, Dec. 14.—The local Pythian Sisters of Dalore temple have elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term: Past chief, Georgia A. Byers; most excellent chief, Irene Lynn; excellent senior, Bertha Rich; excellent junior, Laura Smith; manager, Freda Grindheim; protector, Otella Friar; guard, Carrie Dunn; mistress of records and correspondence, Lulu A. Sibley; mistress of Finance, Laura Foster; installing officer, Wilma Orr; captain of degree staff, Mary Starr.



The Giant Dog Hero of "The Silent Call"

Old Swindle Again Being Used In Paris

By Newton C. Parke.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The famous "Spanish swindle," which has registered its hundreds of victims in almost every civilized country of the globe, continues in operation only through the connivance of the Spanish police, according to a high French police official quoted by the Matin.

Recently new victims have been registered in France and the police have appealed to the press to issue fresh warnings.

The scheme of fraud first made its appearance in 1871. Suddenly wealthy business men by the thousands all over the globe began receiving letters signed by a person who described himself as a prisoner for debt in a Spanish jail. The tenor of all the letters was about the same.

"I have a trunk containing a large amount of money hidden in a certain place," wrote the "prisoner." "If you come to Spain and meet one of my friends whose name you will afterward learn and give him enough money to defray certain expenses connected with getting the trunk I will share the treasure with you."

To persons residing in the United States or far distant countries the Spanish "prisoner" asked that money be cabled to one of his friends, promising a rich reward when he left jail and regained his trunk.

Within a year after the band of swindlers began operations two of them were arrested and deported to the Philippines, then a Spanish possession. The following year 15 more were arrested, but since 1873 the French police declare, not a single arrest has been made.

French victims became so numerous that the minister of the interior in 1897 caused public warnings to be issued throughout the country. The French foreign office even protested to the Spanish government at Madrid, but without avail. The French police now believe that the swindlers have formed themselves into a band so rich and influential that they control high Spanish prison and police officials and work without fear.

Corn Winter Fuel. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—"Hiram bring in another scuttle of corn" doesn't mean another bumper of corn whiskey in this part of Kansas this winter. There was a bumper corn crop this fall and farmers have found themselves with an over supply and a poor market. Many have announced their intentions of burning their corn for fuel this winter. It's cheaper than coal, the farmers say.

Cotton Consumption Gains Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton consumed during November amounted to 526,610 bales of lint and 53,257 bales of linters, compared with 332,712 of lint and 34,827 of linters in November last year, the census bureau announced today.



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