

# Capital Journal

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## Our Ambassador

Dispatches from Washington convey the sad tidings that Oregon's senators have been unable to secure official credentials for Julius Meier as envoy extraordinary and ambassador plenipotentiary from Oregon to the crowned heads and parliaments of Europe and Asia to secure their participation in the 1925 Portland exposition. However, letters of introduction will be furnished Ambassador Meier to American consuls abroad, which will help some.

As a matter of curiosity, it would be interesting to know just who appointed Mr. Meier as ambassador from Oregon and just what his credentials are. The governor did not, for there is no provision in the constitution authorizing such appointment. The legislature did not, because the legislature refused to recognize the exposition. Who then appointed him?

And what is Mr. Meier to present to the crowned heads? There is nothing to indicate as yet that there is going to be an exposition. There has been no money put up for an exposition. There has been no site selected or purchased or agreed upon for exposition purposes. There are no exhibits collected nor are there any in sight. There has been no plan agreed upon for financing any part of the exposition. What then is Mr. Meier to request exhibits for in the name of Oregon?

Mr. Meier presents the interesting spectacle of an ambassador from a state that has no diplomatic service and whom nobody appointed, traveling about the world soliciting displays for an exposition that does not exist and which there is no proof will ever exist—and doing it all in the name of the state of Oregon that has officially through its legislature repudiated the exposition—and which thus far nobody has thought enough of to put up any money for.

And this raises the problem, what, if he secures any displays from foreign lands, is Mr. Meier going to do with them? Where is he going to put them? Perhaps after all it is just a scheme to secure exhibits for his department store and open a mail order business abroad.

## A Recreant Press

For a month or more, the Portland newspapers have been printing articles about the "Federation of Patriotic Societies," how representatives were holding secret sessions and passing upon the merits of certain candidates for gubernatorial honors who appeared before them soliciting support, and in return pledging to withdraw and support platform and candidate selected, if the choice went to others than themselves.

Monday these newspapers stated that the federated societies had endorsed Senator Charles Hall of Marshfield for governor. None of the newspapers have, however, at any time printed any real news concerning these organizations, who they were, or their representatives, what their principles and platform, although every newspaper as a matter of course, had the information. Nothing like this could be pulled off in the metropolis without all the newspapers knowing all about it.

In failing to give the people the facts about this presumptuous outfit, the Portland newspapers have not kept faith with the public. Intentionally for reasons best known to themselves, they have entered into a conspiracy of silence, either intimidated by the "patriots" or in sympathy with their aims and efforts. In either case they have been recreant to journalistic ethics.

In answer to correspondents seeking some information, the Oregonian replies:

The Federation of Patriotic Societies is an organization of between 50 and 60 delegates chosen by certain secret societies which are confined to Protestant membership. The federation itself is in a sense secret, in that the names of neither delegates nor participating bodies have so far been disclosed to the public. Knowledge of identity in either case is largely a matter of deduction, but, generally speaking, the federation is composed of those bodies (with perhaps additions) which waged a successful campaign in the last school election in Portland.

All of which is very indefinite. Why does the Oregonian not give the names of these societies? They are public property. There was no effort to disguise them in the school election, nor is there now. As a matter of fact, members boast of their strength and purpose. The K. K. K., the A. P. A., and other allied organizations have discarded secrecy in politics in their efforts to revive religious and racial bigotry and proscription of 300 years ago.

## Warning Issued To Stage Lines

Failure of stage and truck line operators to comply with the new law placing these carriers under the jurisdiction of the public service commission has brought from Chairman Fred A. Williams of the commission a warning that unless the delinquents move immediately to comply with the law legal action will be taken to enforce compliance.

To date only 90 applications have been made for permits to operate stages and trucks over the highways of the state. This, it is said, represents only a very small portion of the carriers which are operating over the highway and which come within the purview of the new law.

Williams, in a statement today, calls attention to the fact that the commission gave notice of its readiness to receive applications from stage and truck operators in January, but that in spite of this notice very few operators have complied with the law.

"We sincerely hope it will not be necessary to resort to extreme action as there is no valid or reasonable excuse for non-compliance with the law as this act protects the operator to the same extent it protects the public and is mutually beneficial."

is becoming a profitable cottage industry.

## Night News Summary

Springfield, Ill. — Executive clemency was denied Harvey Church, Chicago murderer of two automobile salesmen by Governor Small. Church has been sentenced to hang Friday.

New York. — President Harding was lauded by officials of national budget committee for having put "squarely up to congress the question of raising money to pay the soldier bonus."

Wilmington. — Raymond Schofield Curtice, United States consul at Nagasaki, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head at a hotel here.

London. — While there has been little amelioration in conditions in Belfast firing at intervals continuing with serious results, the general situation appears much more promising.

Montreal. — Protesting his innocence, Rev. A. Delorme, Catholic priest, charged with murder of his half brother, Raoul, university student, pleaded to be tried as soon as possible.

The Hague. — Court of international justice opens with fitting ceremonies.

## Fake Messages Sent In Behalf Of Candidate

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Fake telegrams and letters sent to President Harding from Pennsylvania today caused W. Harry Baker, secretary of the republican state committee, to seek a federal investigation.

Mr. Baker revealed today that fraudulent telegrams had been sent to the president purporting to endorse the candidacy of J. C. Overton, negro head waiter at a West Philadelphia hotel, for appointment as register of the United States treasury. The telegrams bore the names of Mrs. George Wharton Pepper wife of Senator Pepper; Mrs. John Wanamaker III, Mrs. Baker and others. Baker said none of those persons knew anything about the telegrams.

Mrs. Wanamaker received a letter from George Christian, secretary to President Harding acknowledging the telegram. Similar telegrams were sent to the president and Senator Pepper asking that appointment of state prohibition director be deferred.

Cigar Factory Organized. The Bandon Cedar Manufacturing company of Bandon, Coos county, capitalized at \$50,000 filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department here Wednesday. The incorporators are J. F. Kronenberg, O. L. Zantner and F. S. Perry.

Permission to operate in Oregon was granted to the Winchester Company of the Pacific, a Delaware corporation, capitalized at \$1,000,000, and the Toke Point Oyster company, a Washington corporation, capitalized at \$500,000.

Los Angeles. — A terrorist program of international scope may be revealed through the arrest here of eight alleged members of a band of extortionists, it was said by federal and other officers participating in the arrests.

London. — The London edition of the Irish Bulletin asserts the British government has decided to release only half the Irish political prisoners in Great Britain.

Los Angeles. — Detectives investigating the slaying of William Desmond Taylor continued interviewing persons thought to have information possible bearing upon the case, but without definite results.

## Starlight

By the Noted Author IDAH M'GLONE GIBSON

Virginia Gets Her Chance  
"Oh, I wish we had come home directly from dinner, Kitty," I exclaimed regretfully, when the girl handed me the message to call Theodore Stratton upon my return. "It is after 11 o'clock now and of course it is too late to call him."

"Too late, your grandmother!" exclaimed Kitty excitedly.

"But he will be in bed."

"In bed?" said Kitty scornfully "why it's the shank of the evening for Stratton. I wish he was in bed. I would like to get him out. But no such chance to get even with him. He is probably in the Alex grill, dancing with the prettiest girl there while Maud Sanson sits at a nearby table and tries to look as if she liked it. Shall I call him for you, Virgie?"

"Wait until we get upstairs, Kitty."

"The moment we closed our door Kitty phoned. The hotel operator told her he was not in his room."

"Have him paged," ordered Kitty, with assurance, and then we sat down to wait.

"Is this Mr. Stratton?" I heard Kitty say, for she was still holding

## MRS. HATFIELD SABINA, OHIO

In Pitiable Condition When She Began Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Sabina, Ohio. — "I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for weakness and irregularity. I was weak and nervous and could hardly stand on my feet long enough to cook a meal. I was this way for about a year and had tried several medicines and had a physician, but to no avail. My sister was taking your medicine and finally induced me to try it. I now feel fine and can do my housework without any trouble at all. You can use this letter for the sake of others if you wish." — Mrs. WELDON G. HATFIELD, R. R. 3, Sabina, Ohio.

Housewives make a great mistake in allowing themselves to become so weak and nervous that it is well-nigh impossible for them to attend to their necessary household duties.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound should be taken when you first notice such symptoms as nervousness, backache, weakness and irregularity. It will help you and prevent more serious trouble.

**SAP AND SALT**  
By Bert Moses  
A war on people who start wars would stop wars.  
First be sure you are wrong, and then quit cold.

A wife may be an ornament, but a husband seems to be a necessity.

When a boy's parents do everything for him, he rarely does anything for himself.

You can get more happiness right where you are than by chasing around after it.

To the ladies: Why not display the intellect more and the underpinning less?

Hez Heck Says:  
"If you must be a sucker, make 'em supply new bait each time."

I heard the receiver click and I was very glad for my knees literally gave way beneath me and I sank to the floor.  
Kitty jumped to help me up, demanding in excited tones: "What did he say? Is the part gone? What excuse did he give?"  
As soon as I could I told her everything that he had said: "He told me that he had asked a man named Merton—"  
"Yes, he is the casting director," interrupted Kitty.  
"—to get me on the 'phone for the part and that Merton had said that he could not find me," I continued.  
"No wonder Merton was determined that you should not see Mr. Stratton this afternoon, Virgie. I've always wondered: 'why is a casting director.' Of course he can act as a buffer and keep a lot of people away from the director who under any circumstances is usually harder to reach than the North Pole."

ing the receiver. Then with an excited nod she pushed the receiver into my hands.  
As I raised it to my ear I heard an impatient voice: "This is Theodore Stratton. Who wants me?"  
"It is Virginia Winston, Mr. Stratton. You told me to call you. I hope this is not too late."  
His voice changed abruptly from impatience to a sugary suavity. "It is never too late for you to call me. I thought I had lost you, Virginia. I phoned your apartment twice and was told you were not there any more."  
"Why that could not be. I have not left the house since my illness."  
"Isn't your number 784,211?"  
"No, that is the number of the apartment house across the street. I know because I have a friend living there."  
"Oh, I must have gotten the numbers mixed, but I cannot understand why Merton did not find you. I asked him to call up the service bureau, knowing they would have the right number. He said that he could not find you and that he thought you had left the city. He recommended another girl for your place."  
My heart sank. "And you engaged her?" I felt my voice was a wall of agony.  
"Yes, I engaged her dependent upon her test which we are to have tomorrow but it isn't too late to rectify matters. I am sure now that the test will not be at all satisfactory."  
"Why, Virginia, the part was written for you and I was very much annoyed when I thought you had left the city without letting me know."  
"I'll have it out with Merton for this. He won't refuse to let you see me again. Be sure and be at the studio at 9 o'clock day

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"Well," yawned Kitty in conclusion, "you are all set now. Let's go to bed."  
"Are you sure that I am all set, Kitty? Suppose I do not make as good a test as the other girl."  
"Don't worry, Virginia," assured Kitty out of her wealth of worldly wisdom. "They'll never make a test of you, my dear. Theodore Stratton has already put you through the acid test of his flagging interest in women and found that you measure up to a greater degree than any other young woman that he has met lately. And there you are."  
"That's why you get the part."  
Later I was to know that the wisdom of Solomon spoke through Kitty's carmine lips.  
Tomorrow—News From Home

**TOM MIX**  
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