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What It Really Means

Tuesday's election is the most important held in Oregon for many years as it will determine whether the state is to become a province of the "invisible empire" of the Ku Klux Klan by the election of Walter Pierce as governor, and which is even more important, whether religious bigotry and fanaticism are to prevail by the passage of the mis-called Compulsory School bill, and thus make Oregon a leader of the freak states of the nation.

Mr. Pierce is not running for office as a democrat but as a betrayer of democratic principles. He is not advocating any democratic principles. Not a single democrat of prominence is advocating his election on the stump. Except for the Portland Journal and its affiliated subsidiary the Pendleton East Oregonian neither of which has had courage to discuss the school bill, not a single democratic paper is supporting Mr. Pierce.

The issue is greater than party—it is the issue of good citizenship, the issue of the future welfare of the commonwealth. The question is whether we are to turn the administration of the state over to a demagogue who is in a sinister alliance with secret society spoilsmen, for exploitation, or whether we are to continue the present efficient business administration. It is whether we are to continue under constitutional government or surrender the state to the unscrupulous commercializers of racial hatreds and religious bigotry.

The dollar is proverbially the coward—and there is no better or surer way to keep money for development of Oregon out of the state than by electing a Non-Partisan Leaguer as governor. There is no more effective way of keeping people out of Oregon than by electing the Ku Klux candidate for governor and thus advertising the fact that Oregon is in the control of the Klan—as will certainly be claimed in case of Pierce's election. There is no more certain way to drive away population than by closing all private and church schools, by denying parents the inherent rights of supervising the education of their little ones and making the child the ward of the state.

There will not be any need to hold expositions or to advertise Oregon abroad, if Pierce is elected or the Compulsory school bill passes. All the expositions and all the advertising possible will not offset the advertising such action will give Oregon as the fool in the family of states.

A City Necessity

On the local ballot to be voted upon by Salemites Tuesday is an important measure for the issuance of \$13,500 of bonds for the purchase of badly needed fire equipment.

Salem disenjoys the unenviable reputation of being the poorest protected city of its size in the country when it comes to fire fighting apparatus. It has less equipment than most cities a third of its size. It has one of the most efficient forces of fire-fighters in the country, but they are immeasurably hampered by lack of the wherewithal for fighting fire.

A single fire may any day cost the city ten times the small amount needed to supply the necessary equipment. Its equipment is entirely inadequate for fighting any fire in buildings over two stories in height. It is inadequate for fighting more than one fire at a time.

If Salem is to grow in size and population, better fire protection is a first essential. Vote 502 X Yes.

One of the candidates who has made good by faithful and conscientious service is Mark Poulsen, candidate for city recorder. As assistant recorder he is familiar with the duties of the office and has fully earned promotion.

There is no substantiation for the claim that Walter Pierce, who charged the government \$1.25 an hour for his services on the draft board, turned over the amount he drew, \$465, to the Red Cross. One of the wealthiest men of eastern Oregon, records show that he only donated \$10 to the Red Cross. However patriotism and parsimony seldom go together.

Along State Street

To be free of cares, be careful.

A "scandalizer" is the world's greatest press agent.

Does Prohibition pay? We'll say it does; ask the bootlegger.

Jack Frost paints the cheeks of Youth and the noses of Age.

A college is judged by the seating capacity of its athletic field.

The modern street is for the purpose of providing space for automobiles.

Economy on your part is considered stinginess on the part of your neighbor.

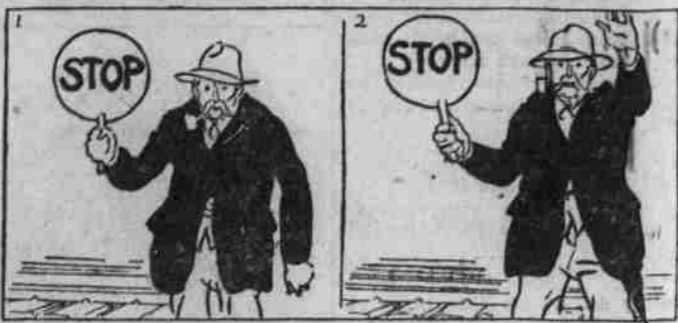
You can usually tell when a man has his first car by the initials on the door.

Europe may not give us credit for winning the war, but we see into have all the credit now that it is over.

People who are seldom annoyed about time will soon be reminded of how many shopping days there are until Christmas.

American tourists spent \$200,000,000 in Europe this summer. The Europeans need never become "dollar chasers." We will always take it to them.

PANTOMIME—By J. H. Striebel



WHAT HAPPENED When Sheila Elliston Refused Love

By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

Dr. Thornton's Advice

"What is it, Kay, what is it? Are you ill? Don't lose your nerve. Here give me the receiver. He did not understand you."

"Doctor, this is Phil Spencer. They told us that Sheila was here late this evening and that you went out with her and came back alone. We are very much concerned about her, doctor, because earlier in the evening, she was delirious."

"We were just about to send for you when we found that she had gone. We are so glad that she came straight to you."

"What! I! Phil, too, dropped the receiver and swayed so that I thought he was going to fall."

Tony picked up and listened intently.

"Doctor Thornton says that he will be right down."

"Tell him we can't wait," almost shouted Phil. "We must find her immediately." Phil started toward the door.

"Wait a minute, Phil," I said and Tony grabbed his arm.

"What do you mean? I am going to find her," insisted Phil, beside himself.

"But Dr. Thornton may give us some valuable information, Phil. It is impossible for you to start out without any plan thinking that you can find Sheila. Where would you go? We must get from Dr. Thornton his opinion of what a woman would do if she were delirious with fever. You know people often wander away under such circumstances."

I was rambling incoherently, trying to talk against time for I wanted to keep Phil. I wanted him to see Dr. Thornton and I also wanted Dr. Thornton to see him. I have never seen anyone look as wild as my brother did at that moment.

His eyes blazed with maniacal fury. His mouth was twitching and his face was like parchment in its bloodless intensity. His hands kept pushing me away each time a little rougher than the last.

Tony Soper observing this came forward. I was afraid the men would come together. The nerves of both were at the cracking point.

Fortunately at this moment Dr. Thornton, surprised and perturbed, made his appearance.

He ignored the two men and came directly to me taking both my hands in his. "What is it Katherine! What is this you are telling me about Sheila?"

At the sound of his voice I burst into tears.

Without remark he led me into the little anteroom at the side of the hospital lobby. Seating me on a sofa he sat down beside me still holding my hand. "Now tell me all about it."

As well as I could, for my breath came in great heart-breaking sobs, I recounted the whole story. I discovered that Dr. Thornton had not read the afternoon papers and so knew nothing about Walter Jones being taken to another hospital.

As soon as he learned this, he asked me if I thought Sheila had seen the papers and I told him that we had come to the conclusion that this was what had affected her mind for when Tony arrived at her room he found the papers on the floor and she, out of her mind, was trying to tell Phil and me that she was innocent.

"Perhaps," said Dr. Thornton, "she has tried to go to the hospital to find your Jones. Where did you say your chauffeur took him?"

"To the Good Samaritan."

"It will do no good to call up the hospital at this hour of the night. No one on duty would know anything we wish to know and if he did he would not tell you. I can't leave my patient but I will write you a note to the matron which will give you some kind of action immediately."

I started up and Dr. Thornton followed.

Phil and Tony were at opposite ends of the lobby. Tony, looking intently out of the window into the darkness of an alleyway, Phil striding up and down in front of the office desk.

"What do you think we had better do?" he asked.

"Doctor Thornton says, Phil, that we had better drive immediately to the Good Samaritan hospital."

"Let's go then," and he started for the door.

"Wait a minute, Phil. Doctor is going to give us a note."

While he was writing it I managed to whisper to Tony. "Won't you please take the wheel? I do not think that Phil is in any shape to drive."

"He will not let me, Kay. He resents me being with you now."

"You must stay with us, Tony. I want you and Phil to be together when we find Sheila because I am sure that Phil will then see that he has no reason for being jealous of you."

"God, I wish he had," Tony murmured under his breath. "He does not deserve her, and if anything happens to her, Kay, I shall never forgive him. When a man marries a girl his first and greatest duty is to her. No man or woman on God's earth should make him doubt her without at least listening to her story."

"I hope we will find her because I do not want to have in my heart the hate that I shall feel for Phil if anything happens to her. I shall never forgive him," he repeated.

"And I am afraid, Tony, that I shall feel as you do." The words came involuntarily, but I did not voluntarily contradict them.

New Books at the Library

This is children's week at the Library because the weekly story hour is beginning Saturday. Therefore a generous list of new books is being put out for the children.

"Roggie and Reggie Stories," stories of the playmates of Arabella and Araminta by Gertrude Smith.

"Brownies and Prince Florimel," by Palmer Cox. The brownies visit fairland.

"Just So Stories," a new copy of this favorite by Rudyard Kipling.

"Marjorie and her Papa," by Robert Howe Fletcher.

"Adventures of Ol' Mistah Buzard," by Thornton Waldo Burgess.

"Adventures of Prickly Pork," by Thornton Wald, Burgess.

"Lucita, a child's story of Old Mexico," by Ruth Gaines.

"Dolls of Many Lands," by Mary Hazelton Wade. Each doll tells about his home and experiences in his own country.

"The Light Princess and other tales," by George MacDonald.

"Kindergarten Stories for the Sunday school and Home." Bible stories for small children illustrated by copies of pictures by famous artists, by Laura Ella Cragin.

"Jade Story Book," by Penbryn W. Coussens.

"The Thankful Spicers," by Agnes Mary Brownell.

"Kit, Pat, and a few Boys," a camping story for older girls and boys, by Beth Gilchrist.

"Bob Hanson, Tenderfoot," by Ralph Bowles and Russell Carter.

"Boy Scout Treasure Hunters," by C. H. Lerrigo. Stories of a Boy Scout troop.

"When Lighthouses are Dark," boy's adventures on a Lake Superior island, by Ethel Claire Brill.

"The Other Miller Girl," by Joelyn Gray.

"Chris and the Wonderful Lamp" by Albert Stearns.

"The Home Radio, How to use it," by A. H. Verill.

"The Wreck Hunters," by Francis William Rolt-Wheeler.

"Ocean and its Mysteries," all about icebergs, waves, tides, plants, and animals of the sea told for Junior High boys and girls, by A. H. Verill.

"Scottish Chiefs," a beautifully illustrated edition of this old story of adventure by Jane Porter. It will be placed in the C. O. L. collection.

FEEBLE MINDED PAIR GONE

Lillian Lander, 18, and Clara Neal, 16, made their escape from the state school for feeble minded last night, according to a report made to the police. Today efforts were assisting in a search for the girls.

Miss Lander and Miss Neal have blue eyes and both are dark complexioned. One was wearing a jacket and the other a blue coat.

OPEN FORUM

Contributions to This Column must be plainly written on one side of paper, limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor:—Just a short on the school bill. As a true American I am strongly in favor of the bill. I believe in one country, one language, whether born here or have come to our shores to better their conditions and become citizens by the adoption of our laws. We do not accept any to come here and bring their foreign ideas and laws to govern their adopted home. This is America, American ideas, American education for all. The English language for all in our public schools. If you want to teach your children any other language you can take them at five to eight years in your homes kindergartens or your Christian faith at your fire-sides or later after they have learned the English language, then take them to your church schools—Lutheran, Catholic or Adventist schools. There is no fight on this question but first get the English language only in our public schools. There is no fight against any college or higher education. C. B. Moores says it is against the Willamette, Newberg, Albany and other colleges. He knows better and falsifies when he made the statement and further the committee from the Lutheran synod knows better, the committee of Portland business men who sent out these statements against the bill are largely tax dodgers, having their wealth in bonds and untaxable property. Like the S. P. R. and P. R. L. & P. with millions of dollars worth of property in Portland that escapes taxes the great Union Depot taxed as trackage, as well as block after block of their buildings that are assessed only as trackage. We can raise three times the money needed for schools if this and other property was assessed as it should be. Take in Salem, the big Masonic temple, I. O. O. F. building, the Elks, W. O. W. building—take them in proportion to value of farm land is taxed and all taxes could be cut in half. Then if Governor Olcott thinks it a good thing to send to Iowa for a superintendent of the reform school, would it not be a good thing to send there as to a candidate for a governor, or for superintendent of asylum, penitentiary, etc.

You have held Walter Pierce responsible for all the large appropriations. It is possible that one lone democrat in the republican legislature is responsible for all the large appropriations? What was Tom Kay and others doing? Were they looking after the people's interest or not much. Say give us a rest and after Tuesday some others will get a longer rest.

To the Editor:—As mayor of Salem and on behalf of the city council I deem it a duty to make answer to an article appearing in the columns of the morning paper over the name of Verden M. Moffitt.

For nearly two years I have impartially served the people of this city. I shall retire from office January 1, happy in the feeling that I have done my best, without fear or favor, to promote the city's best interests. I would have the feeling of a duty neglected, however, if I passed by the opportunity of expressing my views on the measure relating to the appointment of the city marshal.

First, I wish to explain briefly what this measure, if adopted, will authorize the mayor to appoint the marshal for a term of one year but requires that not less than eight members of the council shall consent to the appointment. There is nothing unusual or novel in this proposed measure and Salem is one of the few cities in which the marshal is elected by the people. This measure has been given the unanimous and unqualified endorsement of the council several of the members of which will retire January 1, who cannot, therefore, be said to have any selfish interests in its adoption.

In the article by Mr. Moffitt the measure is made to appear as a frightful bugaboo, a menace to good morals and clean government. It says, "should this measure pass, your city marshal, instead of serving you as he now does will be forced to take orders from the politicians who make his appointment possible." The politicians referred to can be no other than the mayor and members of the council whom the citizens of Salem will elect as their representatives for the administration of the city's affairs. Such a statement is a deliberate reflection not only upon the honesty of the mayor and council of this city, but also upon the intelligence and good judgment of every citizen of Salem whose vote is responsible for their election. Is it reasonable to believe that in appointing a

marshal, your mayor and a majority of the members of the council would deliberately betray their trust, whereas, a candidate elected as marshal by the people would thereby become invulnerable to the temptations of the flesh? History has not revealed such to be the case.

My experience as alderman for two years and mayor for the past two years has absolutely convinced me that the present system is fundamentally wrong. The people elect a marshal and then hold the mayor and council responsible for law enforcement and a good, clean, efficient administration of the affairs of the city. There has been discord and friction in the past and if this measure is defeated it will continue to be so in the future.

A statement recently circulated for Mr. Moffitt claims that the police department has cooperated with the city council. It is significant, however, that this statement was not subscribed to by a single member of the council.

The present system I have said is fundamentally wrong. If the mayor and council are to be held responsible for law enforcement they should be given authority to appoint the marshal. True, the charter provides that the marshal may be removed for malfeasance in office but "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" and it is the very purpose of this measure to avoid the necessity of such action by appointing a marshal who will work in harmony with the mayor and council.

I have endeavored, thus briefly, and without personal animus to state my views with reference to his measure and urge that you give the same your most thoughtful consideration.

G. E. HALVORSEN, Mayor.

To the Editor:—The compulsory education bill is the cause of much concern. The American people dislike the term compel. The idea that we live in a free country causes many to forget or misapply just what freedom means.

We are collectively, not independently, free. We must measure up to the American standard which means the most good to the greatest number, regardless of sects or creed. The compulsory education bill requires that and nothing more. Private religious training is neither hit nor hindered. The purpose of the bill is to keep separate the church and state. Our national educational requirements are the most patriotic of all our institutions. It is here that we associate without discrimination. Now that private schools are springing up and are teaching religious tenets at variance and contradictory to other private schools and also to public opinion, this will lead to an educational variance such as exists among the churches.

The Catholics say, "give us the child until sixteen and they will remain Catholics for life." In talking with old men of Catholic faith they based their belief on being raised that way. Other private schools expect similar results. In time past we voted, as a rule, as we were raised, but "them days are gone forever," and in this sense the state is in advance of the church.

Bolled down the real compulsory education bill means the separation of church and state, it means eight years first in an untrammelled Americanized school. It is unpatriotic to flaunt our securities.

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ALSACE-LORRAINE WANTS INDEPENDENCE
Kolmar, Alsace.—Automy and neutrality for Alsace-Lorraine is the moving spirit behind preparations which are being made for an international conference to be held here this fall. It is expected that a number of delegates will come from America, especially Alsatians living there. Friends of the movement are to be invited also from Switzerland, Russia, Denmark, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Holland, Spain and other countries.

At a recent meeting in London of persons interested in the subject, it was unanimously decided that the proposition for autonomy and neutrality should be placed before the league of nations. The consensus was, however, that support should first be secured in such lands as the United States and England, and in countries which were neutral during the world war.

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