

### STUDENTS HOLD TO DECISION ON COACH PROBLEM

With report made to the Salem school board at its meeting last night that the high school student council had consistently refused to take action which would result in the athletic coach being paid from student body funds, the coaching situation at high school for the first time began to appear serious. The school board has been making efforts toward arrangements similar to those of the present year, during which Coach Hollis Huntington has been paid \$450 from district funds and \$550 from the student body treasury, the district money being officially in payment for taking charge of two study periods at high school, and the student body money for his actual services as athletic coach. Unless the student council has a change of attitude, which according to present indications, will not be the case, the necessity will arise of securing a new athletic coach. Huntington has stated that he will return next year only under the present arrangement.

Superintendent Hug stated last night that he had attended meetings of the student council at which it had declined to take action. The attitude of the students is not one of direct refusal but of passive resistance based on the contention that they cannot afford to pay the money. Members of the council have stated privately that if the board will assume the full financial burden of building the athletic field east of the Parrish junior high school, for which the students are now paying half, they will favor a coaching plan such as the board urges. Reports from other sources indicate that the situation is affected by the political situation as regards high school societies, one organization in particular, the Julius Cassara, having the idea in mind of getting one of its own alumni members into the coaching berth at the school. No applicant for the position is accused of working through the society for his own interests, the idea is that the boys are working on their own inspiration, although perhaps urged on by other alumni members who also have collegiate affiliations at heart.

### Open Forum

Contributions to this column must be plainly written on one side of paper only, limited to 100 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor:—In Friday night's Capital Journal you published an editorial on "Abolish the Noose," and you seem to think it was awful to take the lives of Arthur Covell and L. W. Pearce in that way. The Bible says, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," and so say L. New, Covell not only, you might say, took the life of his sister-in-law but caused his nephew to do the job and, in so doing, has made a life prisoner of the youth. In other words, I think he might just as well have killed both his victims with his own hands, as I figure that that boy's life had been better if it too had gone to the gallows than to spend a life time, say of 50 or 60 years behind prison bars. And as for L. W. Pearce, well, he got just what was coming to him. He took

should pay for those with his own life? That's what booze does, and now you say it's not just. God forgive me for saying or thinking in this way, if it's wrong, but I can't see as it can be. And what if everybody who takes the life of people in one way or another were all given prison terms. Lots of them do not even get a life sentence, some only get several years. I want to ask, how much larger would our prison have to be built to hold them? And if there were no hanging and put to death in different ways, why I figure that people, lots of them would never fear a prison term but would not hesitate to take lives right and left. Why they would think that they'd give the rest of their lives to take a certain life. I say if people do not want to be put to death themselves, why don't they take someone else's life? The life you might take might be worth twice as much as your own. And to it has happened more than once where two or three men have been hanged for the life of one person. I say no. Let the one who took that life pay for it and if others were with him, why they should be given a term in prison, but to take two or three men's lives to pay for one, that's wrong again I say. I hope there will be others that can see my viewpoint, as I only mean to be just.

S. M. W.

To the Editor: Just a bit of news about our dog; she gave birth to 6 puppies on the 14th of April; three of which were born bob-tailed. They all died but one female, who is bob-tailed and in good health at present. Last summer there was quite a stir about a dog around Silverton that gave birth to bob-tailed puppies. So that I would let you know she wasn't the only one in the county that could do it.

My dog is a shepherd. This pup can be seen at any time. We live 1 1/2 miles above Silver Falls. This would be a good chance for some breeder to try and start a breed of natural born bob-tail dogs. MRS. E. E. MULLIKEN, Sublimity, Ore., R. 1.

To the Editor:—I am neither a colonel nor a major, just a high private, and for that reason only I ask permission to express my views on what is being said in the press on the 18th amendment, the author of making criminals, clipped from the Corvallis Gazette-Times, and the editor of The Capital Journal, remind me of a lady from Terre Haute, Ind., whom I asked if she knew a certain person there and she replied: "I am personally acquainted with the party, but don't know him when we meet." It appears that the above

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named editors voted to ratify the 18th amendment and don't know prohibition when met face to face. They claim that because Volstead advised to hold the booze reins tight that prohibition can't be guided, but that if the checks were loosened three or four per cent every thing in connection with the control of the drink traffic would move obedient and quiet. This advice reminds me of Bishop Potter opening a real nice and law-abiding saloon with prayer, and Chicago opening a real had saloon with a thousand dollar license for the purpose of making the booze vender be good.

"A thousand dollar license," said the man behind the bar, as he lightly knocked the ashes from his number one cigar. "Well, I guess that I can stand it if the other fellow can, but I'll have to run my business on a thousand dollar plan. And if the law insists on the thousand dollar raid, I will have

to shift the burden to the shoulders of my trade, or rather to their stomachs if their stomachs can sustain, and I'll drown them and I'll drown them and I'll do my level best, 'til the dear old oaken bucket sighs for solitude and rest. I'll fix them with the cheapest, vilest stuff, 'til their kidneys holler murder and their liver aches enough. And I'll trim them to a finish, and I'll trim them to a stand, 'til an honest glass of whiskey is a stranger in the land. And the shakes and snakes and Jim jams, and delirium tremens too, ain't a starter nor a circumstantial to all the things I'll do and I'll pay that thousand dollar license and still respect the clan, though for every dollar that I pay I have to kill a man." If you can't control this demon with dollars, nor with prayer, of the three or four per cent (a noax) we should certainly beware. The Corvallis Gazette-Times

clipping says that the Volstead airtight law has made us a nation of criminals. Comparing this statement with the looseness and rottenness of our national marriage and divorce laws which allowed Kid McCoy eight wives and the liberties he may have taken with other men's wives, looks to me about like the study of evolution compared to Christianity as a means to promote morals.

That woman, of which the Bible speaks as being created in the image of God, who said that Kid McCoy was not of the type of men that should be hung, and the

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disposition of Clarence Darrow to condone the hideous crime of Loeb and Leopold for a money consideration induces me to say that devolution should be taught in school and out, at least until man could get a vision of his own depravity. H. L. CLARK, 1900 South Commercial.

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