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## Drying Up the Senate

Former Governor Oswald West, who was one of the original advocates of prohibition, has called upon Admiral-General Andrews, commander of the prohibition army and navy, to lead a crusade to dry up the United States senate, starting in with Senator Stanfield. Mr. West declares:

Our courts are being burdened and our jails filled through trials and convictions of obscure offenders, while public officials who refuse to use even prudence in their indiscretions, run wild with impunity. The condition as it exists, not only breeds contempt for the law, but is setting a horrible example to youth who are too often taught to take the lives of United States senators as a guide to public duty and success.

The suggestion is an excellent one. Not only the senate but the house of representatives as well as the state legislatures, all of whom forced prohibition upon unwilling constituencies at the behest of the Anti-Saloon League, in order to strengthen themselves politically, ought to be given a dose of the medicine they have prescribed for the public. If legislative bodies were really dried up, the unreasonable and unenforceable Volstead act would be speedily modified to conform to common sense.

Of course there are senators and representatives as well as public officials, who are sincere prohibitionists and practice what they preach, but they are in hopeless minority. When Congressman, the Reverend Upshaw, of Georgia, dry leader in the house, denounced the "shameful tippling" by senators and representatives within the sacred precincts of the capitol, and called upon all members to publicly sign the pledge, not a solitary signature was appended.

The senate however, is likely to stay wet as long as it attempts to make the rest of humanity dry, and as a senator is "some pumpkins," we are likely to get a new dry generalissimo if the Admiral-General tries to reform it in the only way it can be dried up, with shot gun and bayonet.

## Banning an Evil

After side-stepping for years, the school board has finally decided to stamp out secret societies in the city schools. It has acted wisely, although only complying with the state law, passed in 1909, which reads:

Section 5075—Secret Societies Prohibited in Public Schools. Secret societies of every kind and character, including fraternities and sororities, so-called, which may now or hereafter exist among the pupils of any of the public schools of this state, including high schools, either local or county, are hereby declared unlawful.

In its efforts to enforce the law and check what is becoming a curse of school-life, the board should have the support of all citizens as well as the cooperation of the faculty and the students themselves. Each year, for years, has produced its secret society scandal to shock the community and the Capital Journal has repeatedly called attention to the menace.

The war upon secret societies in high schools is nation wide and it has been found necessary in many instances, to resort to drastic measures to eliminate these breeders of snobbery and demoralizers of school life. It is to be hoped, now that the period of temporizing is past, it will not be necessary to take extreme measures in Salem, but if it is, the school board will have almost unanimous public support.

## For Speedy Justice

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

District Attorney Carson has an opportunity to perform a public service not only to Marion county but the state of Oregon and the entire country by pushing to a rapid conclusion the trial of the three convicts who killed the guards at the penitentiary. There is no question of their guilt as the authorities have their written confession with finger print attestation.

There is considerable dissatisfaction in this country over the small like activity of the courts. Here is an opportunity to help eradicate some of that conception and restore the courts in the good opinion in which they should be held.

When convictions are obtained, as they undoubtedly will be, no time should be lost in bringing the condemned men to execution. It is not a question of their being any possibility of a miscarriage of justice. There is no excuse whatever for any delay. A prompt trial and an early execution would meet with high commendation.

When the time comes for the execution, the state officials should issue special invitations to the 400 or more prisoners in the penitentiary to attend in a body. Not only would the sight have a tendency to deter future prison breaks, but there are those now serving time who might profit by the memory when they get out.

We are not vindictive nor blood thirsty. We believe a proper re-education for the convicts and judicial procedure are necessary to perpetuate this nation and for that reason we would like to see Marion county set an example of speedy justice that would enable the press to announce within the next 30 days that Murray, Wilson and Kelly had escaped from the penitentiary via the gallows.

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## The Husband Tamer

By Violet Dare

"Matrimony and Complications  
"That was a day that Patricia felt she would remember on her death bed. It broke her a shabby face, with Mrs. Hewitt's suspicious and ill-tempered, Andrew feeling to be the perfect host but falling badly, and Hewitt the only member of the group who was at ease. Mrs. Hewitt kept remarking: "Well, I never knew Gregory to help get breakfast before—but then of course, we have so many servants!" Quite obviously she did not believe that Patricia employed either a cook or a second maid. She refused to take any interest in the plan for spending the afternoon at a country club, and it languished and died.

"Of course, I'll go if the rest of you really want to," she insisted. "But I'd just have to sit around alone—I'm not strong enough for golf or tennis; why not let me stay quietly at home?"

"I'd be with you, Mrs. Hewitt," Patricia told her. "The men could play golf, and we'd—"

"You and Patricia might go to a matinee today," Patricia reminded her about the Pollock's."

"This is Friday; there are no matinees today," Patricia reminded her.

"I think I'll just take a nap," announced Mrs. Hewitt, as they rose from the table. "I'm afraid that we made a mistake in moving from the hotel; of course, it is cool here, but it's so noisy, isn't it? Oh, my dear, not that I blame you—probably you don't mind the noise—but if I'd known how it would be I really think I'd have faced the heat rather than the racket those people downstairs made last night."

Patricia installed Mrs. Hewitt on her wide, soft chaise longue, lowered the shades, sprayed the air with lavender water, and closed the door softly behind her with a sigh. She did not realize that she was being observed until Gregory

Hewitt stepped forward and laid his hand on her arm. "Don't take this so hard," he said quietly. "My wife's always difficult—it's her nerves, of course," he added hastily, as if in apology for what might seem like criticism. "But—but I've tried so hard," murmured Patricia, lifting tear-filled eyes to his. "And I can't seem to do the right thing."

"There, there; don't you let this bother you. I've tried for twenty-five years to suit that woman," he explained vehemently, forgetting his resolution of a moment before. "And I've never been able to do it unless I let her suffer. She enjoys being wretched. Oh—I hadn't realized—" He broke off abruptly, realizing his lack of loyalty.

"She's a dear; she just doesn't feel well," Patricia exclaimed, glossing over her outburst of truthfulness. "Yes, of course, that's it," he agreed. "I'm accustomed to her moods, of course, but they're a bit hard on people who aren't. Now, what are you going to do this morning? May I help you wash the dishes?"

She laughed and shook her head. "The maids will be back within fifteen minutes, and they'll attend to that," she told him. "So I'm free."

"Then see here; your husband will be busy this morning, so why can't you and I go out for a walk? I've ridden and driven lately till I'm crazy. I want to go to Bronx Park and see the animals, and to the Aquarium and see the fish; haven't been allowed to go sight-seeing in this town since I was here the first time, a boy of fifteen, with ten dollars between me and starvation. I saw all the sights before I looked for a job. How about it?"

"Oh, I'd love to—" Patricia paused, thinking quietly. Andrew wanted her to help him; he was always urging her to be nice to

the men who were his clients or prospective clients. Hewitt was a big man—Andrew would be delighted if she could win his favor! He had liked it when she spent hours and hours with young Bill Wickam, dancing with him till she was exhausted, but keeping him interested and entertained, till finally he turned all his affairs over to Boyer & Boyer. He'd always liked it when she put herself out for his clients. And if Mrs. Hewitt was sure to sleep till they returned, "I'll go," she told Gregory Hewitt, with a delighted smile. "Just wait till I phone two or three people."

She called Linda Boyer. Linda groaned when she gave her reason for breaking their engagement for that morning. "My dear, I'm sorry for you," she exclaimed. "I know what you're in for. I've been being sweet and pretty to two South American millionaires this whole week, till they placed an order with Dick's firm, and I'm simply exhausted. Dick says I can have that emerald bracelet as a reward, but it'll never make up to me for the hours of boredom I've gone through. My heart is with you, honey; don't let your little charge feed the animals!"

Patricia laughed as she rang off. Entertaining Gregory Hewitt would be no task at all!

### SOCIETIES IN SCHOOL HERE ORDERED OUT

(Continued from Page One.)

was aiming were the J. C. K. O. and Friars, boys' organizations, and the K. C. T. A., T. N. T. and Phoenix, girls' organizations. It was also stated by Roy Simeral, member of the board, that to his certain knowledge there were four organizations of a similar nature in

Parrish Junior high school during the past school year. The outstanding characteristic of all these societies is that they "exist for social purposes" and allow new members to come into their ranks only by vote.

Other organizations in addition to the ones indicated for abolition will be watched closely and may at any time be abolished or have its methods or organization radically changed, it has been decided. The Snikpoh dramatic society, a high school organization, will be observed closely. It is said that the club is primarily of a social nature, that the element of exclusiveness characterizes it the same as those abolished, and that its only redeeming feature comes from the fact that its members occasionally present a play before the student body.

Some Exceptions  
The Troubadours and Cecilia clubs, boys' and girls' musical organizations, have also come in for their share of attention. Present indication is that they will not be abolished. The Philosophian club, the Latin club, the S club, the girls' athletic association, and other organizations are not at present found objectionable by the school board.

The matter came to a head last night when George Hug, superintendent of schools, made mention of the fact that there has been considerable criticism of public school societies in Salem in the past, and submitted a plan for the abolishment of the most objectionable of them. Mr. Hug's plan was briefly as follows:  
1. Requiring a written statement from each member, signed by the student and by the parent or guardian, signifying that the student had withdrawn from his or her society.  
2. Requiring all faculty members to withdraw as advisors for the organizations, thus removing official recognition of them by the school

administration.  
3. Forbidding any new members joining any of the organizations placed under ban.  
He suggested that failure on the part of any student to comply with the regulations as made should be made an offense punishable by suspension or expulsion from school.

Precedents Are Cited  
Dr. H. H. Olinger, chairman of the board, immediately produced a set of data that he had secured, showing how secret societies have been dealt with in other places in the United States. He read a clipping which stated that in Erie, Pa., the question had come to a head, and had been settled by forbidding members of any organization of an exclusive nature within the school from taking part in student activities of any kind, including athletics and work on student publications, and from holding student body offices.

Dr. Olinger read of stringent methods used in New York city to draw up a resolution on the subject, the organizations in New York, as here, he said, "the greatest mass of students are not affected."  
He read of legal proceedings in the District of Columbia, where secret societies, similar to those in Salem, had been banned by the school boards with the result that the students had sought to enjoin legally, the officials from carrying out their threats to expel members of secret organizations. The students failed in their lawsuit.

He read how the courts had upheld similar action by school boards in California, Illinois, Wisconsin and other states.  
There was considerable discussion back and forth between members of the board. The state law, forbidding secret organizations in high school, and instructing school boards to take whatever means necessary to abolish them, was read.  
"One thing you have to contend

with is the persistent claim on their part that these are not secret societies," said Superintendent Hug.  
"Any society where the members are elected by vote, I think should be abolished without any question," said Gregory.  
"These organizations run accounts at business houses in the city, and are very indifferent when they close them," said Gregory. "I could look over my books right now and tell you just what organizations you have in this school."

As a rule bills were eventually paid after being allowed to run all summer, he said.  
The idea of faculty advisors was commented on by Olinger. "This business of a faculty advisor is all bunk," he said. "When they're up to any mischief they just leave their faculty advisor out, and then when they get into trouble they call them in again."

By motion of Simeral, a special committee, consisting of Olinger, Neer and Gregory was appointed to draw up a resolution on the spot. The board adjourned while it was being drawn up. The resolution, as drawn up and unanimously adopted, read as follows:  
"Whereas, the school laws of Oregon make it an offense subject to expulsion or suspension for any public school student as such to belong to or affiliate with any secret society, fraternity, or sorority; and  
"Whereas, there are certain secret and semi-secret organizations in the Salem high school and the junior high schools which have been organized and exist for social purposes and are proving detrimental to the morale of the schools and the maintenance of school discipline; now

"Therefore, be it resolved: That the superintendent and principals be and hereby are directed, instructed and authorized to make and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the abolition

of these organizations."  
J. C. Nelson, high school principal, stated this morning that his first step in carrying out the board's wishes will be to call a meeting of all faculty advisors and student heads of high school societies. "I think the matter can be settled peacefully and amicably," he said. "I see no reason to believe that we will not have the students' cooperation, now that the board has made itself clear." The meeting will be called shortly before school starts, he indicated. Meanwhile he will confer with Cecil Edwards, president of the student body, tonight. Edwards is a member of the Friars club, one of the group which has been banned.

## CHICAGO TO CHANGE CHANNEL OF RIVER

Chicago, Ill.—Cutting a new channel nearly a mile long through one of the most congested business sections of Chicago, while river traffic continues in the old course, is the project to be undertaken by Chicago in straightening the Chicago river. It will be done as a means of relieving traffic congestion.

The new channel, which will pass through a part of the city now covered with car storage tracks and freight warehouses, will make possible the opening of four important streets connecting the south side of the city with the business district and also the rearranging of tracks and terminals thereby reclaiming a large area for business purposes. The channel will be 200 feet wide and 25 feet deep in the central 100 feet, sloping to 16 feet deep at the dock lines. The project involves moving of two bridges, the construction of five others and an excavation of 1,000,000 cubic yards at a mechanical cost of more than

By Chick Young

### DUMB DORA



### BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

### BARNEY GOOGLE



An Unlucky Draw For Sunshine

By Billy de Beck

### MUTT AND JEFF



Jeff Discovers That Being a "Daddy" Has Its Disadvantages

By Bud Fisher