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Legislative Thrift

The Oregon legislature, elected on pledges of economy, celebrated Thrift week by passing a resolution allowing themselves \$5 a day each, a total of \$18,000, compensation over and above the pay the constitution prescribes, and which the people have twice in recent years refused to constitutionally increase.

To prove their sincerity and consistency, the same legislators are also preparing a constitutional amendment for submission to the people prohibiting any increase in pay for public officials during the term for which they were elected, increases to be effective only for subsequent terms. But why bother to amend the constitution in this case, when the legislature can make the same provision by simple amendment of salary bills? The legislators oppose salary increases for any one besides themselves during elective terms.

There is no question but that the legislators are inadequately paid, but they were all anxious to serve even at the inadequate wages and many of them spent more than their salaries to secure nomination and election. In the campaign it was not money sought, but the honor and distinction of "service" in the luncheon club sense.

The people have refused salary increase to the legislature because they view it as an expensive luxury and costly snout at the stipulated price. But one must admire the nerve of the legislators in doing what no other session has dared to do, though it raises the suspicion that pickings must be exceptionally poor when it is necessary to resort to constitutional violation to provide expenses.

Divided Responsibility

The senate has passed the administration bill requested by the governor transferring the state prison from executive control to the board of control—comprising governor, treasurer and secretary of state. The experiment has been tried before without success.

The object of the bill is to relieve the governor of personal responsibility, for the prison has been a source of grief to governors who could not resist the temptation of playing politics. But it also relieves the other members of the board of personal responsibility, and blame for trouble cannot be placed directly on anyone under the new regime.

It is one of the axioms of good government that divided control means divided responsibility and tends to confusion and inefficiency. The warden will have three masters to serve, instead of one, so the bill is a departure from modern political reform which centers responsibility instead of scattering it. Neither the treasurer nor secretary, technical and clerical officers, are part of the executive department under the constitution.

This necessity for centralized responsibility is recognized in the governor's desire for a budget system wherein he will be the budget officer, and a central purchasing agent for all state departments under his control be provided, a principle the prison bill violates.

The Revelations of A Star's Wife

A Story of Married Life and the Movies

By VIOLET DAIR

Author of "A Wife on Leave," "What a Willow Knows," etc.

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THE TRAGEDIES OF A COMEDIAN.

"Oh, Sally, what do you think?" Gypsey exclaimed when she bounced into her house in Los Angeles on the very day set for the wedding. "It's all off! I got a letter from Rudolph—here it is, but it's so long, don't stop to read it; I'll tell you what it says. He wrote me that his mother was perfectly crazy about my work, and told him that never, under any circumstances, was I to give it up. Think of it—making me do those awful comedies all my life, when I'd been planning to save up my money and have a company of my own and do 'stunts'! And she said—Gyp drew a long breath and fixed me with a baleful eye, as if I'd been the dowager myself—"she said she'd like to get into the movies, and would I please arrange it as soon as I possibly could."

Of course, if she had really been in love with Rudolph, she would have agreed to do comedies till she was ready for the Old Lady's Home, and tucked her mother-in-law into something or other as an extra. That's what I told her the day I came home from New York and found her camped on my door step, so to speak, all ready to em-

back on her third matrimonial endeavor.

"I know it," she agreed. "And I couldn't have been really in love that first time, either, when I broke it off because Lucius laughed so at my picture. Of course I was awfully sensitive then; I am now for that matter. People think because I do such wild things in pictures that I like them, but I don't. I simply hate being such a

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fool. Why, the last time Carter— that's her director—"told me that I was to do one of those awful stunts, I sat down and cried. But I'm not going to do any more of 'em."

"Why not?" I demanded, sitting up straight, as I caught a glimpse of Hugh's car turning into the driveway below.

"Because I've stopped. I made a real picture just before I left the Coast; nobody knows anything about it, but it's a big one sort of tragic, like those Pauline Frederick does, and I'll never do comedies again. You see?"

She danced down the stairs beside me almost to the first landing; then apparently remembered her new dignity, and walked sedately the rest of the way. Not even Hugh's hilarious greeting could make her forget it again. But I wasn't convinced that she could get away with it for long, or that the public would accept her in a new kind of role, no matter how canny she might play it.

Gyp was so excited over the prospect of getting out of comedies and getting married as well that her feet didn't seem to touch earth all evening.

"You'll go with me, Sally?" she asked, when I told her good night. "Promise me that you'll go with me! Don't back out at the last minute, will you? I'm scared to death, truly!"

"Church and projection room both, I'll be there," I assured her. "I'd rather have gone to the studio with Hugh, heaps; his picture was nearly finished—only the titling remained and I hated to be away for an instant. Not that I ever dared offer any suggestions; I'd learned that a star's wife, if she hasn't any official capacity, isn't supposed to have brains. But sometimes when the author and the director and the man who was titling the picture got to arguing about something, I'd have an inspiration, and take Hugh aside

and pass it along to him.

The projection room to which we went the next morning was hot and stuffy, despite the brilliant coolness of the early autumn air. It was owned by a company that rented its rooms to people who wanted to run off a picture and hadn't a room of their own, and that morning the outer office was crowded with people who were perfectly certain that their own stuff was more important than anybody else's, and that the affairs of the industry would come to an end if they couldn't show it.

"But we've got only four rooms. They're all booked till ten o'clock tonight; I can give you one then, protested the man who was in charge. "What—only two reels? Well, let's see. I've got some advertising films coming in in fifteen minutes; if you can get out by then—"

"Oh, sure, sure!" The fat little man who had been pleading with him gathered up his hat, round metal containers of film and bustled off down the corridor, while the rest of us smiled; we knew all too well that, once he got into that projection room with his prospective buyer, a man who dealt in States' rights stuff, he'd stay till he was dragged out.

Tomorrow—One Last Attempt.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 21.—(AP)—The mercury had climbed to 8 below. This is the coldest weather since December 1924.

Official reports from Meacham show 33 below and Kamela 34 below, Tolocast, about 25 miles south reported only 2 below.

Although the sun is shining this morning, street thermometers at 10 o'clock were hovering around 10 below.

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Except for the cold snap of December 1924 the temperature recorded at 8 o'clock this morning was the lowest since 1913. The mercury this morning dropped to 18 degrees. In December of 1914 the temperature went to 11 degrees but outside of that cold spell today's record is the lowest in 4 years. The freeze has probably done some damage to broccoli, as it is being followed by bright sunshine. Hard freezing followed by a bright sun is very injurious to broccoli plants, injuring the soft pulp in the center of the stalks. The full extent of the damage, however, cannot be determined until the plants begin to head up.

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SCOTCH CHAMPION MEETS LA BARBA

New York, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Elky Clark, bristling little Scotch champion of European flyweights, will trade punches tonight with Fidel La Barba, pink pin of the world's 113 pounders, in the first international title match of 1927. The bout is scheduled for 12 rounds at Madison Square Garden.

Speed and biting power have made the 21-year-old Californian a 2 to 1 favorite despite Clark's long record of knockouts among Europe's little men. The invader, who seeks world honors at the age of 23, has floored 20 opponents in 49 battles staged over a period of five years. Both champion and challenger employ an aggressive style.

\$500 REWARD FOR SLAYER OF PEPPER

Hood River, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Reward of \$500 for the arrest of the slayer of Ray F. Pepper, who was shot to death December 21 in his cabin home near Mount Hood by an unidentified stranger, was offered yesterday by the county court. Local officers have been unable to solve the mystery.

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