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"Without or with offense to friends or foes
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—BYRON.

Should Reject West

The senate is scheduled to act today upon confirmation of the nomination of Roy O. West as Secretary of the Interior. The hope is that Mr. West will be confirmed, but as political dopesters are usually as wrong as sport dopesters, there is a possibility that he will be rejected. He should be for the appointment was a preposterous one.

Mr. West's ability is not in question, but the placing at the head of the Interior Department, with its control over power sites and power development, a man who for many years and until his appointment, was a public utilities lawyer, legal advisor and business associate of Samuel Insull, power magnate, and his colleagues in the power lobby, is an affront to the public.

It is true that Mr. West says that he disposed of all his stock-holdings in the Insull companies before taking oath of office. But his long association with power companies must naturally influence his viewpoint and a man with such a background is not wanted in an office which carries the chief responsibility for conserving publicly owned resources of the people.

As Secretary of the Interior, Mr. West serves as one of three members of the Federal Power Commission, before which the Insull interests and other power concerns have applications seeking concessions for power projects. He moreover will have the final say in the development and disposal of power at Boulder dam. He is the responsible head of that department which supervises the nation's oil reserves, the timber lands in national parks and water power on Indian reservations. His renewal of the since cancelled Sinclair oil leases speaks for itself.

Why place in charge of the national resources a man who all his life has been a representative of an industry which does not protect, but exploits these resources, and who has been for 25 years active in their exploitation? The nomination of Mr. West set an evil precedent, and the senate should reject it, quite aside from any question of his personal ability and integrity.

Official Spokesmanship

Distribution of federal patronage under President Hoover is to be taken out of the hands of senators and representatives, and vested in the Republican Central Committee, according to a statement made by its chairman, Dr. Work, quoted by Paul V. Anderson, Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in an article in the current issue of the Nation. While Dr. Work has issued a formal statement deploring the publicity given the plan, this publicity "was based on statements voluntarily made by him to a group of newspaper men several days earlier."

Dr. Work told the newspaper men that "Mrs. Alvin T. Hert was entitled to a place in the Hoover cabinet; that the National Committee in future would have a larger voice in patronage distribution and a greater influence upon public affairs, and that the campaign for the reelection of Herbert Hoover in 1932 was to be launched at once."

The newspaper men present all testify that these statements "were made and accepted with the understanding that they could be published, but that their author could not be quoted. This was done. Then came the inevitable flare-back from Capitol Hill and the returning Utah, and even Dr. Work was publicly deploring that any such publicity should have occurred."

Here we have a repetition of the familiar "spokesman" system, whereby public men make statements for publication but refuse to be quoted, and when the publicity results in unfavorable reaction, immediately deny having made them. The remedy is for newspaper men to refuse to print statements from those unwilling to be quoted, from president down.

On his South American trip, Mr. Hoover installed an official censor and all news sent was subject to his approval. This is the first time in history that a private citizen has established a press censorship, so that the press has an inkling of what is going to happen to news when this private citizen becomes clothed with supreme official power.

Thus the flower of autocracy is bursting into full bloom in democracy.

Deserve An Increase

A review of the activities of the State Industrial Accident Commission will impress any impartial observer of the success of its administration since it began operation July 1, 1914. Since the first year its business has increased 80 percent, and the work and responsibilities of the commission multiplied accordingly.

In the initial year, the Commission received and passed on 5,000 claims and received from contributors and workmen approximately \$350,000. In 1928 the Commission received and passed upon approximately 40,000 claims and received from contributors and workmen almost \$3,000,000.

The Commission has heavy duties, the administration of a large department, systematized for efficiency and economy; the handling of large sums of money through the cashier or banking department; the hearing and rehearing of claims of injured workmen to prevent litigation; and the investment of funds in securities.

When the Commission was created, the salary for a commissioner was placed at \$300 per month. It has never been increased. If the job was worth \$300 a month in 1914, with the increased cost of living and the increased work and responsibility, it is worth much more now. A bill pending authorizes an increase of \$100 per month, making an annual salary of \$4,800. This increase is a modest one and will provide a salary far less than any private insurance concern pays for similar work.

The salaries are paid by contributors to the fund and there seems no reason why the moderate increase should not be granted. Unless sufficient salaries are paid, it will be difficult to secure competent commissioners, and with incompetent administrators, many times the cost of the increase will be lost. There should be no objection to the proposed bill.

COMPANIONATE UNIONS MARK CHINESE LIFE

Peking (AP)—"Companionate marriages," which made their first appearance in North China about two years ago, have leaped into sudden popularity during the past few weeks, as several young couples of considerable prominence have adopted this method for living together. The idea is entirely new in China, and obviously has been imported from the west.

The decline of the old Chinese marriage system, which has been gradual for many years past, is now making its final plunge with a fierce rush. Go-betweeners are almost out of business, and even "marriages for love," which were considered radical a year or two ago, are too conservative for the more ardent young people.

In western countries, where marriages have been more or less informal matters for generations, the tremendous changes in China during recent months, even weeks, cannot be overestimated.

The very slow change in the marriage system which preceded the rise of the Kuomintang have been replaced by a dizzy revolution. The Chinese marriage system is now not only being altered, but it is being shelved. In its place is appearing, not the conservative marriage system of the west, but the most daring conceptions of the younger generation in America and Europe.

The system of marriage which is becoming most popular, apparently, is that of a simple announcement in the newspapers. This announcement, signed by the young man and young woman, is considered sufficient. It merely states that these two people love each other and therefore have decided to be married. There is no ceremony, no gifts, no consultation of relatives, no licenses. The newspaper announcement is sufficient.

STAMP INVESTMENT BRINGS BOY PROFIT

Monrovia, Calif. (AP)—A little industry in using the mails, netted Joe Elliott, high school student, more than 1400 per cent on an investment in postage stamps.

Joe wrote a letter ostensibly to his father but addressed it to a fictitious street number in Hamburg, Germany. The letter was placed aboard the Graf Zeppelin on its return flight to that country and bears the special stamps prepared for mail on the famous trans-oceanic trip.

Postage cost young Elliott \$1.05. Collectors appraised the envelope and stamps, with cancellations and special marks placed there by both German and United States Government officials, at not less than \$15 present value. And, they declared, the value was destined to increase with each succeeding year.

OFFICERS SEATED BY DONALD LODGE

Donald—The regular meeting of Venus Chapter No. 129, O. E. S., was held in the hall Friday evening. The worthy matron, Mrs. Ila Yergen, was prevented by illness from being present. Miss Eva Swan, associate matron, presided at the meeting.

The officers who could not be present last meeting, Mrs. Leita Gley, organist, and Mrs. Ellen Fisher, clerk, were installed by the worthy patron, J. A. Bush, with Mrs. Nona Yergen acting as installing marshal.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served in the banquet hall by a committee from Venus auxiliary composed of Mrs. Fred Yergen, Mrs. J. A. Bush and Miss Eva Swan.

CLEAR LAKE

Miss Ruby Baker came home last week to visit with her parents for a few days before she goes to Portland for medical treatment. Miss Baker has been over on the coast near Otis for the past several months with her grandmother.

Little Betty Jean Smith has been quite sick the past week but is improving.

Work is progressing nicely on the Massey house in Quina's. The cement was put in Monday.

The health nurse was called to school last Thursday morning to see after several of the children who had been sick.

WEST SALEM

Miss Lottie McAdams has been confined to her home for several days with a severe throat affection. Mr. and Mrs. Hubell Young and children of Plaza street motored to Albany Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitting.

J. R. Kennedy of Salem was a

WEDDLE QUITE ILL

Jefferson—Fred Weddle is seriously ill as his home near Jefferson. He never fully recovered from the flu which he had several weeks ago and other complications developed.

MEAT CUTTER LEAVES

Independence—Fred Fisher, who has been employed for some time as meat cutter at the City market, has accepted a position in a market in Willamina. Henry Himes will take the place made vacant here by Fisher.

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Delegation of Wenatchee misses greeting the first electric locomotive to pass through the Great Northern's Cascade tunnel in Washington. It is eight miles long and cost \$14,000,000.

COUNTY CLUBS WILL MEET NEXT MONTH

Amity—The Amity Study club was entertained at the home of Mrs. E. C. Home Friday afternoon. The president, Mrs. C. C. Randall, called the meeting to order and the usual devotional exercises followed. A letter was read from the county president, Mrs. H. Palmer, inviting the club of Amity to be present at the club institute to be held in McMinnville February 8.

Roll call was answered with current events. The lesson for the afternoon was given by Mrs. J. M. Umphlette. Her subject was an article written by Sherman Gwin. After an interview with W. S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, dealing with the rapid advance in the world of science. Mrs. A. W. Newby gave a short sketch of the life of Benjamin Franklin, January 17, was the anniversary of his birth. The hosts served delicious refreshments at 5 o'clock. The dining room was artistically decorated in ferns.

Mrs. R. R. Massey was a guest of the club for the afternoon. Twelve members were present.

SCIO TOLL TALK DROPPED FOR YEAR

Stayton—The Stayton Mutual Telephone company held its annual election of officers last week. The Stayton company has a large portion of its lines on the metallic system which is a great improvement and they expect to place it all under this system.

Work is being done on the McAdams and Scio lines which will be a great improvement. Scio has asked for a toll of 10 cents between there and here but through the intercession of J. W. Mayo, who visited the Scio group, they dropped the toll talk.

Officers elected for this year are Byron Denny, president; Harry Humphreys, vice-president; E. D. Alexander, secretary; treasurer; John A. Thoma, director; J. W. Mayo, representative to south-board association.

HOPMERE

Residents between Hopmere and Waconda are signing for electricity and it is expected the line will be extended by early spring.

Recent visitors at the C. M. Tanquary home were Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, Waconda and Miss Ellen Hackett and grand-nephew, Lloyd Glover, of Brooks. Expected guests are Mrs. Emma Reed, Turner and Mrs. Minnie Hejerson, Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wilson have returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Eugene.

After two years in Hopmere, Joel Tonkins and family have moved to Salem.

Miss Eva Landers had as her guest recently Mrs. Ruth Beck of Portland.

Mrs. Ida Girod has returned from an extended visit in the east. Mrs. N. LaFontain's twin daughters, Mrs. Jean Rosencrans and Mrs. William Cummings, of Portland, were here last week to spend a birthday at home.

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'DUTCH DETECTIVE' GIVEN, WEST SALEM

West Salem—A number of the young people of the Knight Memorial church presented the play "The Dutch Detective" in the community hall on Friday evening. The cast, under the direction of their pastor, Rev. H. C. Stover, did exceptionally good work, portraying the characters in a vivid and realistic manner. The play is replete with many laughs and humorous situations and the large crowd present showed their appreciation and enjoyment with frequent outbursts of applause.

Proceeding the performance a number of popular vocal duets were given by Miss Venita Edwards, and Miss Harriet Adams with Donald Allison at the piano, in a very pleasing manner. The play was sponsored by the Ladies Aid of the Ford Memorial church and it, together with the candy booth, netted a nice sum for their treasury.

BUENA VISTA CLUB GUEST, ANDERSONS'

Hopville—The Woman's club of Buena Vista met at the home of Mrs. N. C. Anderson Wednesday. After the business meeting Mrs. Emma Anderson, who was in charge read an article on federation work. Mrs. Anderson gave a flower contest representing a girl in which Mrs. H. Prather won first prize and Mrs. J. H. Neal the consolation prize.

Eleven members and two visitors were present. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Emma and N. C. Anderson. The next meeting will be held at the home of S. W. McClain, assisted by Mrs. Sarah Prather.

Mrs. Ed Miller and daughter, Mrs. Paulus of Salem, visited Saturday with Mrs. P. A. Wells and family.

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LEAGUE AWAITS HOOVER'S STAND BEFORE ACTING

Geneva—The League of Nations celebrated its ninth birthday frankly speculating on what will be the policy of the coming Hoover administration towards the League. While the latter was chock full of nine-year-old conviction that it will live to reach its tenth birthday and also its hundredth whether the United States joins the League or not, yet it also frankly admitted that a continuation of the United States' collaboration is capable of furnishing its youthful organism with lots of life-giving vitamins.

The League has already lived through three different American administrations and if during the coming fourth administration there is a continuation of the growing policy of American collaboration with the League the latter will have little complaint to make. Nevertheless, until the League is definitely fixed on the policy of the coming Hoover administration as well as that of the new English government that will follow the general elections of this year it will be obliged to mark time a trifle in its major political activities.

Before the close of the present year, however, it expects to complete its preparation for a first general disarmament conference and then put it up to the powers themselves as to the advisability of convoking this conference for the early part of 1930.

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