

## Putting Pep in Portland

 Humdingers of the metropolis are planning, under theblahful leadership of Mayor Baker, a grand get-to-gether
banquet, where the stimuli of hot air and glad-hand are expected to revive the drooping communinity sindirt, put are ex
pep in Portland, and restore her "place in the sun". This is official admission that the go-getters of th
chamber of commerce and step-on-the-gas boys of the service
clubs have not delivered the goods, that page ads in the Ore gonian depicting the resources of Oregon as consisting
Portland do not bring results, and that the constant gra
tuitous knocking of Portland enterprises and industries an tuitous knocking of Portland enterprises and industries and
alleged disadvantages in other city newspapers is having its result. So final recourse is had to the custom hallowed spe
cific of spreading the bull, in the hope that it will act on the collective citizenry like dope on a worn out race horse.
But is not the mayor acting precipitately? Should he
not, like the "great engineer" appoint a highly salaried com not, like the "great engincer" appoint a highly salaried com
mission to make a survey of the situation? Or ahould he no avail himself of the services of his own pet expert, Kennet
Harlan, to whom the city council paid $\$ 48,000$ for a repor never made and has just voted $\$ 12,000$ more for another ro
mance? Or perhaps the council will include in the budget an other $\$ 25,000$ for information already on file in the library
the city hall. If not, there is the boxing commission to fall back on. If a hot air revival to save Portland is the need hour, why not draft the acrobatic Billy Sunday from his
River ranch and the fair Aimee, who by this time his River ranch and the fair Aimee, who by this time has
ered from her long distance dive from the shores of the not be the first time the mayor has appeared on the sawdust
trail. But why not try simple civic apirit awakeners-such as the Eugene plan of growing whiskers, the Pendleton idea
of ten gallon hats or the Longview device of movie picture

Fundamental Differences Opening the debate on the Smoot-Hawley bill, Senators
Smoot and Simmons stated the respective attitudes of the Republican and Democratic parties on the tariff. The
tude of both parties has changed in recent years, but
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founded and there is still an "unbridgeable gulf" as
Simen Simmons termed it, between them.
$\qquad$ requirements for tariff revision, blamed the Democrats
any future damage to the program and accused them of be
ing backed by "internationalists" in trying to break dow ing backed by "internationalists" in
the principle of the protective tariff.
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abandoned the old theory
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reasonable profits from consumers,
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Typical of Bureaucracy
Our bureaucrats take themselves very seriously and
scem unable to note when they make fools of themselves. A
glaring evample of bureaucratic autocracy is Mrs. Millie R. glaring example of bureaucratic autocracy is Mrs. Millie R
Trumbull, secretary of the board of inspectors of child labor In the past Mra. Trumbull has endeavored to prevent chidren from giving exhibitions of their progress in dancing
Now she has issued an edict to the effect that fehudi Menu
hin, 12 year old musical prodigy of San Francisco, will no be allowed to appear in concert at Portland. If similar assinine edicts had been enforced in the past
the world would have lost the early playing of most of it
great musicians, all of whom attained celebrity in youth. Mrs great musicians, all of whom attained celebrity in youth. Mra
Trumbull sees no difference between permitting a child $t$ give expression to his genius and the
children in factories and sweatshops.
Mrs. Trumbull bases her complaint, was enacted to preven chirs. Trum from baing employed in industry when they shoul
be at school. Playing a violin cannot be construed as manu be at school. Playing a voin cannot be construed as manual
labor. As far as school goes, probably no child studies hard
er than this "brightest star in the musical heavens," wh
has played in all the great citios of the country.
Just how much violation of either letter or intent of the law there is in this concert, only a bone-head bureaucrat
can fathom. The incident shows just what the average family can expect in the line of official interference shouid the proposed child
hiek town autocrats.

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