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Blame Rests On Hoover

Though eight months have passed since President Hoover appointed his commission on law enforcement, no report of any kind has been forthcoming and whatever hearings have been held, have been behind closed doors. This has resulted in an attack in the Senate on the commission and a notice that "not another dollar" will be appropriated to the commission unless it speedily submits a report of some kind.

Senator Glass of Virginia who was the author of the \$250,000 fund for the commission, charges that the original purpose—investigation of prohibition—had been "shunted aside." He declared:

This commission was appointed principally, if not solely, for the purpose of inquiring into prohibition, but until last week not a member of the commission had even read the provision in the appropriation bill authorizing its constitution. It is the most extraordinary exhibition of indifference to the expressed will of congress that I ever have known.

The commission is not entirely at fault. Though Mr. Hoover promised during the campaign an investigation of prohibition, by the time the commission was appointed, he had broadened the scope to include an investigation of all law enforcement, a mammoth undertaking of a complicated subject. In demanding a plan for the enforcement of all law, Mr. Hoover took the untenable ground that legislators are not primarily accountable for the enforcement of their statutes by assuming that the executive and judiciary departments alone need reformation. He does not propose the desirability or necessity of amending an unenforceable law to conform to public opinion.

Writing upon the problem of law enforcement in the Yale Review, Walter Lippman, comments as follows:

The President's position is most unstatesmanlike. For when he insists that violation of the Eighteenth Amendment is to be classed with the violation of all criminal laws, the President has simply chosen to ignore the evident fact that disobedience to the Eighteenth amendment, like disobedience to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth, is in fact political rebellion. If it is a crime it has the characteristics of a political crime. He is using the language of fanatics when he puts resistance to the Volstead act into the same category as ordinary crime. Mr. Hoover knows many violators of the Volstead act. He knows they simply do not have the characteristics of ordinary criminals. They are a substantial and indispensable part of the American nation. Confronted with such a rebellion, what ought the head of the state to do? Treat this rebellion as if it were like burglary and arson? The essence of rebellion is that the rebel thinks he is more righteous than the law.

Surely the intelligent thing to do is to isolate the rebellion against one such law from the breaches of other laws and deal with the issues as a district problem in statesmanship. Murder, burglary and highway robbery are not political problems. There is no dispute about the desirability of prohibiting them. To deal with these separate problems on the same hypothesis is to fall into quackery. It is like the search for a philosopher's stone. It is like looking for a pill which will cure a toothache and the pain of unrequited love.

Crocodile Tears

The Union Pacific railroad announces, through its legal department, that it will contest the validity of the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission requiring the building of the cross-state line in Central Oregon.

The contest is unquestionably inspired because construction of the line disrupts its traffic agreement with the Southern Pacific for joint use of the Central Pacific and enforces a breach of the compact made between the two railroad systems.

The construction of this line is necessary to complete the railroad map of Oregon. It was first projected by the late E. H. Harriman, but when the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific were segregated from common control and made separate systems, the project was dropped for the time being.

The cross-state line was again advocated by the Union Pacific during the contest between the two systems for possession of the Central Pacific. Every argument for its construction presented later before the Commission, was then advanced by the Union Pacific, officially and through the press. Arthur C. Spencer, the railroad solicitor who now announces the contest of the construction order, made numerous speeches of the necessity of its construction, not only for railroad needs, but for the development of the state. It was used as a club to force the Southern Pacific to a satisfactory agreement on the Central Pacific. This attained, the project was dropped.

We imagine that the Union Pacific, in contesting the cross-line order, is merely "saving its face," under its compact, for if the railroad would pay five years ago, as the Union Pacific then claimed, it would be a much more profitable investment now, when it would have a connection with the Great Northern as well as the Southern Pacific. So probably the Union Pacific is shedding only crocodile tears over being compelled to carry out its own project for its own advantage.

Christmas Services To Mark Observance By Salem Churches

Salem churches are preparing the most elaborate programs ever presented here during the Christmas season for the latter part of this week and up to and including Christmas day. Practically all churches will have special music at their morning services Sunday, and the majority of churches are presenting either sacred concerts, pageants or cantatas Sunday evening, Sunday schools of the various churches are giving holiday programs and parties on different days, the programs being open to the public.

Saturday evening a large program of recitations, songs and tableaux, and a play will be presented by the church school of the First Presbyterian church. The presentation of gifts for charity will close the program. The Perler class of the First Methodist church will hold their holiday program at the home of Miss Grace Elizabeth Smith Saturday morning. The Unitarian

receiving gifts for charity at both morning and evening services. The Court Street Christian church will give the cantata, "Watching With the Shepherds."

The pageant, "The Story Wonderful," will be presented at the American Lutheran church Sunday evening, while the Christ Lutheran will give the cantata, "Watching With the Shepherds."

Two parts of the motion picture, "The King of Kings," will be shown at the First Congregational church Sunday evening, in conjunction with the presentation of the cantata, "The Shepherd King," by the choir.

The Sunday school at the Castle United Brethren church will give the program Sunday evening, while another fine program will be offered at the Ford Memorial church. Sunday school Christmas exercises and parties are scheduled for Monday night for the First United Brethren, the Court Street Christian church, the Free Methodist, the Calvary Baptist, the United Brethren, the Ford Memorial, the First Baptist, the Highland Friends and the First Congregational churches.

Christmas eve the two Catholic churches, St. Joseph's and St. Vincent's de Paul's, and the Episcopal church, St. Paul's, will give their midnight services, commencing at 11:30 o'clock, with the public invited to the impressive services.

The first Evangelical church will give their special program Tuesday evening with a special section reserved for strangers. The decorations and the program will be most elaborate. A program will be held by the Reformed church, the St. John's Lutheran and the Knight Memorial on Christmas eve, the Sunday school children handling the main part of the programs. The carols will be sung by choruses from the First German Baptist, the Jason Lee and the Leslie churches for the benefit of the shut-ins of their neighborhoods.

Services Christmas day will include the masses at 7:30, 8, 8:30 and 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's Catholic church, with the Sacred Heart academy choir furnishing the music at the 9 o'clock mass; masses at the St. Vincent de Paul church at 8, 7, 9 and 10:30, with the 9 o'clock mass the children's mass. A celebration of holy communion will be held at 9 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church. There will be no music. A communion service will be held at 9 o'clock; 11:30 o'clock; held at 10:30 o'clock in the American Lutheran church and the new members will be received. Services at the Christ Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran will be held in German at 8:45 o'clock and in English at 11 o'clock. The First German Baptist will hold a religious service at 11 o'clock and the Sunday school of the church will give their program at 7 o'clock Christmas night.

Post-Christmas programs include a cantata, "Holy Night," at the Leslie Memorial church Sunday evening, December 29, under the direction of J. William Belcher of Portland. The Knight Memorial church players will present two plays in the social rooms of the church Friday evening, December 27. A 30 minute prelude of music will be given.

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CHURCHES

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL—Center and Liberty, 9:45, Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Bible school, 11:30, morning worship, "Star Led," 7:30, special musical program with two part set the moving picture, "The King of Kings," Sunday school Christmas program will be given Monday evening at 7 o'clock with the various departments and classes participating. The Portnightly club will not meet on Tuesday evening and there will be no mid-week service this week. Charles E. Ward, minister.

CENTER STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL—13th and Center Sts. P. J. Seaman, pastor, Sunday school meets at 10 o'clock, Martin Scherzer, Supt. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon at 11 o'clock in the German language.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN—Sunday school at 9:45. Max Gehlar, Supt. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Lutheran League (joint service senior and intermediate) 6:15 p. m. Communion service at 10:30 Christmas day.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE—655 Ferry street, Louise Pinnell, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45. Mrs. Myra White, Supt. Classes for all ages, special Christmas exercises throughout the day. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Jesus the Light of the World" illustrated with 50 candles. Y. P. S. Christmas

service at 6:30. Subject, "What Christmas Means to me." Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "The First Christmas Tragedy." Prayer service Tuesday night, and class in phisophy Friday night from 7:45 to 8:45.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Cor. Church and State Sts. F. C. Taylor, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning sermon by the pastor, "Emmanuel, God with us of the Holy Grail." Christmas pageant at 9:45 a. m. Ben E. Hickel, Supt. Young people's meeting at 6:30. Mid-week prayer and praise service by the pastor, Thursday evening led by the pastor. Church nursery in Epworth hall in charge of H. K. E. by service class. Junior church in annex.

CALVARY BAPTIST—W. Earl Cochran, pastor. Ferry and High Sts. up stairs. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. W. T. Jenks, Supt. Preaching service, 10:30 a. m. 7:30 p. m. B. V. P. U. 6:30. Senior, intermediate and junior. Monday night at the church. "A Prophet's Inquiry." Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "The Christmas Window." Wednesday evening, "The Christmas Window." Thursday, no choir rehearsal.

FIRST CHRISTIAN—High and Center Sts. D. J. Howe, pastor. 9:45 a. m. Bible school, John Beards, Supt. The annual Christmas offering for benevolences will be taken, 11:00 a. m. worship. The Lord's supper followed by service by the pastor, "Good Tidings of Great Joy." Christmas carols will be sung for the morning and evening services. Christmas meetings at 6:30 p. m. At 8:00 p. m. a sacred concert presenting the cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," in which a large number of voices will take part. There will be no mid-week service following the evening meeting of the church will be held on New Year's day with basket dinner at 1 o'clock, followed by reports from all departments, and election of officers.

JASON LEE—N. Winter at Jefferson and Fairgrounds road, Harry E. Gardner pastor. Church school with Christmas programs by departments beginning at 9 o'clock. Christmas worship at 11:00 a. m. Special music, Christmas sermon, reception of members, baptisms. At 2:30, the service at Cottage farm. Intermediate, high school and young people's leagues and next church meeting at 6:30; special features. At 7:30, the sacred concert by choir. Fellowship service at 8 o'clock. Christmas service at 11 o'clock. The mid-week devotion and Bible study Thursday evening at 7:30 with choir practice.

FIRST GERMAN BAPTIST—N. Cottage and D Sts. G. W. Rutsch, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Sam Schirman, Supt. Service 11:00 a. m. topic, "A Prophet's Inquiry." Evening service, 7:30. Subject, "New Found Joy." Special Christmas services at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. A well planned Sunday school and young people's Christmas entertainment at the church at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

SOUTH SALEM FRIENDS—Cor. S. Commercial and Washington Sts. 10:30 a. m. Bible school, Margaret P. Elliott, Supt. 11:00, morning worship. Sermon, "Where is He that says 'No Church'?" No church endeavor meeting Sunday evening, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. prayer meeting and Bible study, Chas. C. Haworth, pastor.

CHRIST LUTHERAN—13th and State Sts. Rev. Amos E. Minneman, pastor. German services at 9:45 a. m. Subject, "John's Testimony." English services, 11:30 a. m. Subject, "Fateful Thoughts and Words." Special music by choir.

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EMMANUEL FULL GOSPEL MISSION—17th and Chemeketa. Regular services Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday night at 7:30. Also Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11. Every Sunday, Evangelist Kenneth A. Wite.

FREE METHODIST—Preaching Sunday morning at 11 by Rev. A. C. Archer. Subject, "The Power of Christ." At 7:30 subject, "The Mission of Christ." Sunday school at 9:45. Young people's service at 6:30 p. m. Christmas program Monday evening at 7:30.

FORD MEMORIAL M. E.—West Salem, Meredith A. Groves, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mrs. J. L. Austin, Supt. Morning worship at 11. Sermon, "The Coming of Christ Child." Special music including a piano solo by Miss Doris Hamby. The Christmas cantata, "Watching With the Shepherds," will be given by the choir. Mrs. M. Baker will give the story.

CASTLE UNITED BRETHREN—N. 17th and Bebeassa. L. W. Riddle, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11. Sermon by Dr. W. Dennis of Eugene Bible University. "Christ Child." Special music including a piano solo by Miss Doris Hamby. The Christmas cantata, "Watching With the Shepherds," will be given by the choir. Mrs. M. Baker will give the story.

GLAD TIDINGS MISSION—253 Court St. over Western Auto Supply store. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Services at 3 and 7:30 p. m. Meetings Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

FIRST SPIRITUALIST—Fraternal temple on Center street, between Liberty and High. Services at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Luella M. LaValley will be the

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