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—Byron

Portland Horse Show

It is reported that the Pacific International Live Stock Exposition if it opens this fall will not hold its night horse show. This no doubt accounts for the announcement of Anron Frank that his horses will be exhibited in the east and not here this fall.

About two years ago the Capital Journal predicted this state of affairs. It pointed out that the Pacific International was organized and first supported on the theory that it would stimulate and promote better live stock breeding in the Pacific northwest. In the beginning it did hold promise of success in this direction. The early exhibitors were largely drawn from local people who met their fellow exhibitors upon an equal basis and shared with them their successes. The horse show was supported by amateurs from many points—British Columbia to Southern California.

Not satisfied with holding things as they were and thus extend encouragement to amateurs in all lines the management of the institution started out to make it the biggest show on earth. It filled its board of directors with bankers, utility heads and society leaders who didn't know a horse from a mule. Under such management large purses were raised and offered to eastern exhibitors who were prompt to come and take the money. Along with many prominent exhibitors came the "gypsy" show man and horse trader. As a result the amateurs were forced out of the game and the "gypsies" were permitted to convert the show into a kind of circus. The owners of the stables exhibiting seldom appeared. They were content to leave the job to their clever stable managers who knew how to pull down the ribbons and bring home the cash.

As was predicted at the time the system is producing some bitter fruit and we will be fortunate if our own state fair does not get a taste of it. The Portland bankers and others who have been feeding and supporting the show are reported as growing cold in the matter and, if so, another great institution will pass into oblivion. It could have been saved, however, had the Portland newspapers been willing to look the facts in the face.

Free Text-Book Bill

Only the children attending public schools will enjoy the benefits of the proposed free text book bill should it become a law. Parochial and private schools are excluded even though they conform to public school requirements and use the books adopted by the state text book commission.

The parents of most Catholic, Lutheran and Adventist and other parochial school children, therefore, being taxpayers, will contribute to the fund necessary to provide free text books for others' children without having any benefit accrue to their own.

Governor Meier declared for free text books in his message and it is understood to favor the bill as it now stands. In the campaign he enjoyed the support of a great majority of the Catholics. It will be interesting to note just how far he will go in giving assistance to those who would remove the unjust discrimination now carried in the bill which makes for inequality before the law.

It is difficult to see how the policy of providing free text books squares with the promise of reduced taxation, for the books must be paid for by taxation. The extra cost to the Salem school district is estimated at \$20,000 annually. The more free things we provide from the public treasury the higher the taxation.

Drying Up the Capital

It is devoutly to be wished that the Howell home-raid bill designed to make Washington, D. C., a model dry town and prove to the world that prohibition can be made to prohibit, be enacted. The senators and representatives that put the dry laws over and enact such laws as the Jones' 5-10 act for its enforcement deserve to take a little of the medicine they have prescribed for the people. An end should be made to their immunity.

It is a matter of record that Washington is full of speakeasies and infested with bootleggers who ply their trade in Senate and House office buildings and run their stills in the shadows of the White House. Statistics show that arrests for drunkenness in the capital city far exceed those of pre-prohibition days while the dry-wet congressmen with leaky trunks escape prosecution.

Senator Borah says that "the violation of the prohibition law in the national capital by those in office who should obey the law, is notorious," and Senator Howell says that "every advantage is offered the bootlegger." And Congress runs the District of Columbia, with the army and navy to help.

When Washington is dried up, there may be some hope of drying up other cities. Let the noble experiment be tried, at any rate.

A Profitable Racket

"Free power without cost to taxpayers" is proving quite a profitable racket. Not only has it got the firm of Carey and Harlan a \$78,000 fee "for nothing," but another \$25,000 from the taxpayers of Portland for similar fees for useless experts. And the racket is still in its infancy—just wait until all the Grange power districts get into action to fatten the experts at the cost of the taxpayers.

Politically it has proven its potency as a campaign slogan—electing a governor pledged to the program as well as a city commissioner in Portland. And now it is being capitalized, just as the Ku Klux Klan hysteria was exploited in the form of political leagues for which a membership fee on the installment plan is charged for the enrichment of organizers, who are cashing in while the cashing is good.

In Portland we have the Municipal Ownership league, the Independent Political league, the Oregon Club, and the Citizen's Political league, with doubtless many others in the leaway, all intent on plucking the free power advocates.

SILVER TEA TO BE HELD
Thursday afternoon of next week at the home of Mrs. John R. Cox, Mrs. Earl S. Prather and Mrs. T. T. Palmer being the three joint hos-

esses. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend the social affair. An interesting program of music, readings and valentine stunts are being arranged for the afternoon by the committee in charge.

STABILIZATION PLAN OFFERED FOR BUILDING

San Francisco (AP)—One thousand attending delegates Tuesday were in virtually unanimous approval of the "balance wheel" plan of Anton E. Horst of Philadelphia, president who opened the session of the 12th annual convention of Associated General Contractors of America.

As Horst outlined the plan, it met with a warm reception, many members comparing it to the federal reserve bank as a stabilization measure.

The plan would control production of building, such as agricultural plans are now in effect in agricultural sections. Through a widespread statistics system, building operations and their effect upon community revenue would be checked closely. Building would be accelerated in times of depression, stepped down during periods of inflation.

The system would be augmented by the services of a national appraisal board, eliminating to a great degree, watered estimates of income and construction cost, Horst said.

"It has become quite evident that construction must become the balance wheel in general business," Horst said. "If the flow of both public and private building money can be regulated, it will have an incalculable effect on general business."

Paul Shoup, president of the Southern Pacific Co., sketched for members an outline of transportation of the future. It was a picture of longer trains carrying larger shipments over heavier rails, with short hauls and light traffic diverted to truck, bus and air lines under the railroad's operation.

Pointing out that the day may come when by public demand truck and bus lines are forced to use private rights of way, Shoup based upon it the demand that railroads be allowed to compete for traffic under the same conditions as other transportation agencies.

The convention, in its second day, will last through Thursday.

LLOYD HAS SON

Hollywood, Cal. (AP)—A son was born to Mrs. Harold Lloyd, wife of the film star, in Good Samaritan hospital late Sunday night. The child has been named Harold, junior.

Mrs. Lloyd was the former Mildred Davis, also a screen actress. They already have two children, Gloria and Peggy. The latter girl was adopted a month ago.

The child, which weighed four pounds, was born two months before it was expected, but it was given more than an even chance to live, and was placed in an incubator. Mrs. Lloyd was reported doing well. Dr. John Vrusink was the attending physician.

Many valuable works of art were burned when Mabini, a sixteenth century chateau near Lyons, France, was destroyed by fire recently.

TURNER MATRON PAID BIRTHDAY RESPECTS

Turner—Mrs. T. T. Palmer was pleasantly surprised on Monday afternoon when a group of friends gathered at her home to compliment her on her birthday anniversary. Music and social conversation were enjoyed for some time, after which dainty refreshments were served. In the group were Mrs. W. A. Martin, Mrs. I. H. Small, Mrs. F. C. Gunning, Mrs. L. J. Rowley, Mrs. Willis S. Burgoyne, Mrs. Earl S. Prather, Mrs. John R. Cox and the honored guest, Mrs. T. T. Palmer and small daughter Peggy.

HAZEL GREEN HAS SCHOOL ELECTION

Hazel Green—The boys and girls who comprise the student body of the local school held an election recently at which time officers were elected to serve the coming term. Earl Johnson was elected president; Leonard Palsi, vice president; Charlotte Van Cleave, secretary, and Victor Williamson, sergeant at arms. The pupils will put on a play Friday evening, February 13, for the purpose of raising money for athletic supplies.

JOINT PARTY GIVEN TO HONOR BIRTHDAYS

Kingswood—Mrs. Robert Adams of Orchard Heights road gave a joint birthday dinner party Friday evening at her home honoring the birthdays of her son, Ammon Adams and brother, Ammon Grice.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Grice, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Best, Larkin Grice, Lester Lippert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams, Irene Grice and Shirley Ammon Adams.

BEYERS HAVE SIXTH

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IDENTITY OF FARO SWINDLERS IS ASCERTAINED

Chicago (AP)—The names of three men who secured \$50,000 from Mrs. Myrtle Tanner Blackledge in a faro game at Springfield are known to police. It was claimed Tuesday by Lieut. Frank Johnson, who is in charge of an investigation of the game.

Johnson is a veteran in the work of solving confidence game cases. For 25 years he has studied closely the pictures of every man arrested on any kind of a swindle charge and it has been said he can recognize on sight more professional con-

fidence men than any policeman in the world.

He also knows, without looking up records, just the kind of schemes most of the hundreds of confidence men in the country have worked most frequently.

The detective said photographs of one of the men have been identified, presumably by Fred Litsinger, nephew of Edward R. Litsinger, member of the board of review.

Fred Litsinger was with Mrs. Blackledge when \$50,000 lent her by Edward Litsinger disappeared at Springfield. Mrs. Blackledge, who resigned Saturday as collector of internal revenue, claims the money was lost at faro. Litsinger claims he was robbed and has charged publicly that Mrs. Blackledge was a party to the robbery, securing the \$50,000 loan by a false story and luring Fred Litsinger into the hands of the men who escaped with the money.

Mrs. Blackledge, who became seriously ill after the loss was dis-

closed, was in seclusion Tuesday at the home of friends.

The Castle of Wattignies, one of the most famous strongholds of the feudal period in Northern France, was destroyed by fire recently.

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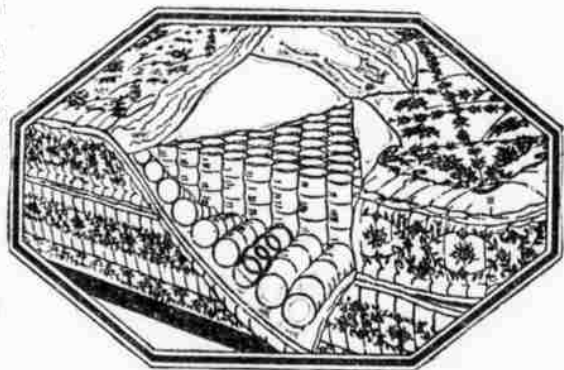
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