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"With or without offense to friends or foes I sketch your world exactly as it goes."  
—Byron

## The Repeal Referendum

The preliminary skirmish for the submission to the voters of a referendum on prohibition lost in the House of Representatives Thursday when Mr. Manning's bill for a plebiscite on the repeal of the state dry law was defeated by a vote of 41 to 16—which is probably 15 more votes for submission than could have been mustered two years ago. The vote shows that there are at least 16 members of the House who have the courage to vote their convictions and refuse to play the hypocrite.

Oregon's prohibition law was passed in 1916, which was the last time the people were given a chance to vote on the issue and that was before national prohibition was enacted. The Oregon law is far more drastic than those of any other state or than the Volstead act. It makes the making or possession of home brew a crime and bans the use of malt, vinous or spirituous liquors in physician's prescriptions—all permitted under the national law. If the law was repealed by referendum, the national prohibition laws would govern, and enforcement be under federal jurisdiction, though local cooperation in enforcement is compulsory. To retain a special prohibition enforcement bureau, however, it would be necessary to enact a new state enforcement act, in harmony with the federal laws.

It is hard to understand the violent opposition of the Anti-Saloon League and its allied ecclesiastical supporters against permitting the people to vote on a referendum. If Oregon is definitely dry, as claimed, the law will be retained. Why then not let the people pass on the issue and reaffirm it? If the people are tired of the "noble experiment," no amount of tyranny can enforce it against the will of the majority and the consent of the governed.

In the years since Oregon voted on prohibition, it has had a full and fair trial with everything granted enforcement agencies in the line of laws and money and men that was demanded. And there has been no diminution in the flow of booze, which is more plentiful, cheaper in cost and better in quality than 10 years ago. And the fact that public sentiment has changed is shown by the election of a wet to Congress in Portland and confirmed by the Literary Digest poll last May, which showed but 20,665 votes out of 56,093 cast, for enforcement, with 18,842 for modification and 16,586 for repeal. This is the real reason its advocates are afraid to let the people vote again on the issue.

## The Missing Link

According to press reports it has been already discovered that the Grange power amendment is not sufficient to put the power program into full force and effect. An additional amendment, broadening the Constitution so as to provide for the financing, construction and operation of transmission and distributing lines between the sources of primary power and the consumer, is required. During the campaign the Meiers, the Danas, the Harlans and the Clydes overlooked, intentionally or unintentionally, this small matter of transmission and distributing lines. The low cost of power at Umatilla rapids was broadcast but nothing was said about the cost of construction of, and losses through, a long transmission line to Portland. In fact the promoters of the Umatilla rapids project forgot to provide in their bill before Congress for the \$4,000,000 necessary to cover the cost of the transmission line leading from Umatilla rapids to Portland. A link, therefore, is missing in the hydrophobic chain.

The hydro-electric districts to be created under the proposed Grange bill, could under no circumstances stand the expense of constructing a long and expensive transmission line, so it is proposed to fall back on the good old tax ridden state to assume the cost of the missing link.

It is contended, however, that the state has no constitutional authority to finance, construct and operate transmission lines so another amendment to the Constitution must be submitted to the people. If approved we may see the federal government, the state and the municipalities all in partnership and each with a job—the government will develop the power, the state will call for and deliver it to the cities, and the cities will deliver it to the home folks and collect the bills.

The summer school for free power experts is due to open shortly after the adjournment of the legislature. A large attendance is expected for there will be good seats for all—but not "without cost to the taxpayers."

## Crossings Not Race Tracks

A woman correspondent sounds a righteous note against the mad way in which drivers often disport their cars at downtown intersections in Salem with no due regard to the privileges of pedestrians. She is right. Downtown intersections are made for crossing places—not race tracks.

And in event those who make mad and giddy dashes across pedestrian lanes think they are doing so without peril to themselves we quote from Manning vs. Helbeck, damage case decided by the supreme court but a few days since:

Where a pedestrian and an automobile moving in different directions, approach such a crossing (traffic lane) at the same time or in such a manner that if both continue their respective courses there is a danger of collision, then the pedestrian is entitled to the first use of the crossing; and it is the duty of the driver of the automobile to stop or to so reduce his speed as to avoid and give such pedestrian reasonable opportunity to pass in safety.

No mining of language there; nothing but what he who drives the fastest may read and understand. The pedestrian has the right-of-way. There will be a terrible tragedy at one of these crossings some day. And it appears from the language of the court that the one responsible will pay. It's time to curb the speed maniacs who imperil lives.

### JOHNSTONS ARRIVE

Scio—Christie Johnston and wife of Aumerville have moved to Scio, occupying one of Mrs. Pomeroy's residences near the Flanagan home. Johnston is a nephew of Mrs. Flanagan.

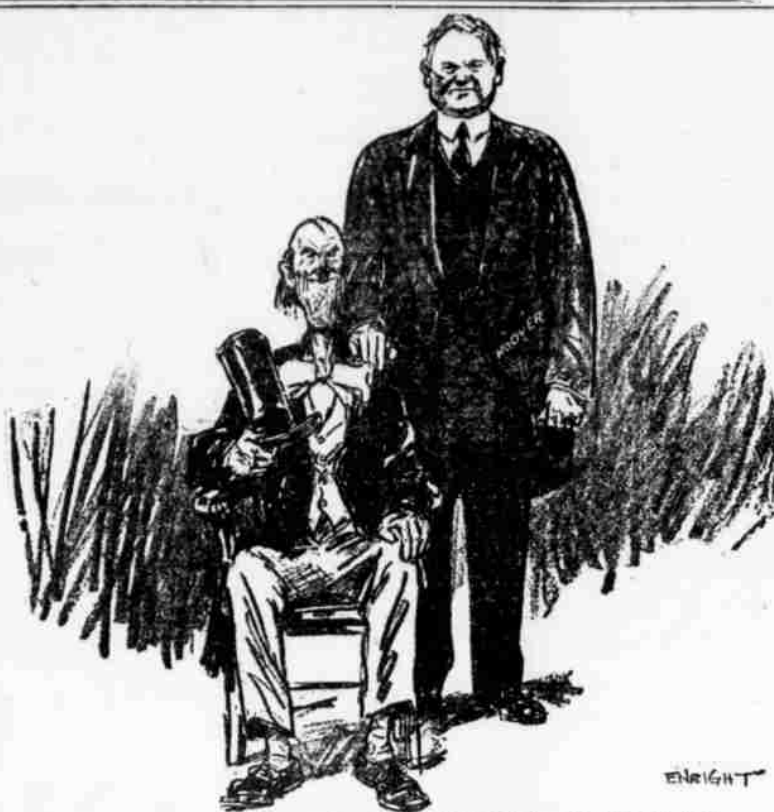
### MRS. ALEXANDER WORSE

Scio—Mrs. Louisa Alexander, who has been ill for six months, is reported still in a discouraging condition. She suffered a relapse 10 days ago and her life was despaired of for a time. It is believed she suffered another stroke of paralysis, the affliction which has confined her to her bed since last July.

### HOUSE IMPROVED

Maclay—Henry Benz has completed the wiring job of Theodore Olson's farm which has just recently been rented. He is also having his house remodeled.

## FOR THE FAMILY ALBUM



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## Bonus Racket Scored As Panhandle Game By Peter B. Kyne

The following article was written for the United Press by Peter B. Kyne, California novelist, veteran of the war with Spain, the Filipino insurrection and captain of field artillery in the World war.

By PETER B. KYNE

San Francisco (UP)—My opinion of this bonus agitation is well known; I will express it again: it is a grand game of "beat the government." I do not believe in bonuses for healthy men. For men who are suffering from illness or injuries contracted during the war I favor bonuses and healthy ones.

This bonus "racket" has drawn a flock of whiners, neurotics and professional panhandlers, many brandishing false certificates of disability. I have repeatedly been approached by members of the guild to attest to their "wounds."

The whole bonus thing is being maneuvered by a lot of patrioters, flag-wavers, many of whom never saw actual service. They are trying to cash in on a time of depression and popular sympathy for the unemployed.

If they were sincere they would have fought because they believed in their civic duty, with no consideration of money involved. If they suffered as some of them say they did, no amount of money can repay them.

In my opinion, the real leaders

of the old soldiers' organizations of which I am a member, are honestly and patriotically striving to make such organizations real service organizations.

There is a class of "old soldier politicians" who have come into our national life since the war and those men are always quick to seize upon any opportunity to publicize themselves and ingratiate themselves with what they foolishly regard as "the old soldier vote."

Our times at present are not so hard that an old soldier could not be expected to bear them with more courage and cheerfulness than other members of the population. Yet the spokesmen for an immediate payment of the bonus would make these old soldiers weak whiners and panhandlers at the expense of a nation already overburdened with income taxes.

and looked plum out of sorts with the whole proceedings. The President didn't mind it bit though. I guess them Albany lawyers can tell some fish stories themselves. The stories of fishing kept getting bigger and bigger so they adjourned for lunch. I went down in the basement and got a real good lunch for 25 cents and had all the added pleasure of hearing a group of senators sipping their soup and discussing matters of State. It's grand just to set there and absorb the glory of it all. I tried to imagine I was some foreign visitor like Cleopatra at the Roman Senate and looked all around for some one to take the part of Mark Anthony, but they wasn't no one there that looked the part. Senator Hall and Bill Strayer been absent.

After lunch I went back to the Senate and the fish row started all over again but they finally voted and it carried. Then somebody handed me a copy of Bill 26 and asked me to read it. It got me all so hot up that it most spilled the day. Why somebody is proposing to put a boy in jail for pickin a posy for his sweetheart along the highway! Just think of it! Making a wild flower worth more than a boy's liberty and a sweetheart's happiness. Why I kin recollect when Josiah and I was a courtin it was my chief delight to make him climb over old rail fences to pick some flowers on the other side. Once he tore his pants and got awfully mortified. But my land it when I had asked him to go get the flowers he had hesitated and said "No, Samantha it's agin the law fer me to pick a posy within 1000 feet of the highway lest I first go and get written permission from the Westerner Timber Company which own the land, why I'd ditched him right there and got me a new beau like Tom Kay or Wes Caviness that would a picked me a bouquet in the face of all the minous of the law and the horticultural society. The very idee that a pair of strolchin lovers has got to run this new risk of gettin into jail along with all their other risks. It's gettin so you can't set down with havin some new law passed 'agin it! And then we wonder why our prisons is filling up and why marriages are failures. No wonder when a lover is sent to jail for givin his sweetheart a handpicked bouquet.

## Samantha at the Session

By W. A. DELZELL

Monday bein washday at my nieces where I am visitin I inhaled goin' to the legislature and Tuesday we ironed, but Wednesday I was there bright and early. I hate to misbehave at the sessions, they are so instructive. And even if you do read it in the papers it ain't so clear as to be right there and see it fer yourself. Now Monday was the day they fit over Porter Portland. I ain't got the least idee who Porter is or what he done but up our way we all voted mostly fer Free Power and Meier and I wanted the governor to do what ever he wanted to Porter, but it was plain to see that ther was a lot of opposition.

A couple of town ladies with big fur collars was a settin next to me and I asked them to tell me what happened on Monday about Porter. They both started talking at once and I had a hard time to get the story straight but as near as I could make it out she says, "Why Porter is an invalid up in Multnomah county that has to have guardians appointed every two years. Sometimes the legislature picks 'em and some times the Governor has done it. Gus Moser has been the main guardian for a long time and it was feared that if Julius got a whack at it he might put in another guardian so Gus's friends was tryin to keep 'em from changin the law so's the governor could appoint a guardian. They proposed to make it so's the guardian could be elected with out no secret convint in the same as the Speaker is."

"How did it turn out?" says I. "Why they voted 24 to 28," says she.

"Which won?" says I. "I don't know fer sure but the oratory was grand and the best Singer was a fellow they called Joe."

"What was they oratin about?" says I. "Most of 'em was explainin why they voted different in '25 and '29 and was reverain again now. One speaker said the reason he voted wrong in '25 was because we had a democratic governor then and it was always consistent fer a republican to reverse himself to spite a democrat or an independent governor."

"Who made the best speech?" says I. "Why a fellow from Oklahoma had the best voice and delivery but he spotted it all by confessin he was a democrat. If he'd gone on

letting us think he was a republican it would have been fine. I was rased to despise democrats on account of the Civil War and because they always bring on hard times when they get into power."

"My land," says I, "you aint a blamin the democrats for the hard time we're havin now are you? Why, they've been out of office for ten years!"

"Times ain't as bad as they make out," says she, "now look at us, my husband works for the State and his salary is as big as ever and prices of what we have to buy are so low that we're better off than ever. Why eggs are down to 15 cents a dozen. If the farmers would only work harder and quit running around to these Grange meetings they would be all right."

"But times ain't any lower," says I, "nor interest on the mortgage, and how can you expect us farmers to prosper when wheat wont sell for half what it cost to raise it and wool and lambs way down, too? What are we a going to do?" says I.

"Can't you trust the Lord and Hoover?" says she. "Look how the Lord fed Elijah and Hoover fed the Belgians and made that dangerous trip clear around the Horn of South America. Don't that show he's the lord's anointed — and look how he's created all these commissions. Why with the great engineer in the world at the helm and with Hawley's Tariff a working well it just waitin in prosperity in another sixty days."

"Just around the corner now," The Oregonian says so. "Mebbe so," says I, "but with the mortgage been foreclosed on us and forty years of savings being swept away it's hard fer me to perk up and hurrah for Hoover. If I am a lifelong republican." And with that I up and walks over into the Senate to get away from them. The ignorance of a lot of these town whiners is surprisin. I arrived in the Senate just in time to hear the big debate over fishin in the Rogue River. As near as I could make out it was a contest in telling big fish stories by fellows who fish in the Rogue and the Deschutes and the Columbia. The man from Rogue River won with a big yarn about how a salmon upset his boat once. Every body laffed and it made the old chaplain awful mad. He jumped up a scowin and waved his arms and clapped his hands

## BANKING CODE INTRODUCED BY SCHULMERICH

Six bills to amend the state banking code, the substance of which was made public several days ago by the state banking department, were introduced Friday by Senator Schulmerich. To expedite their consideration the rules were suspended and the bills were read the second time and referred. Senator Schulmerich, chairman of the committee on banking, announced that there would be a joint committee hearing on the bills next Wednesday afternoon following adjournment.

Several hearings are scheduled for the coming week. Monday afternoon a public hearing will be held on senate bill No. 66, the measure amending in numerous respects the state horticultural code. This bill was up for third reading Thursday, but was tabled because of the absence of Senator B. W. Johnson, introducer of the bill and chairman of the horticultural committee. Johnson had the bill removed from the table Friday to be re-referred.

The Woodward-Fisher tunnel bill, an administration measure, and associations of the state of Oregon, are asking that the amendments to our law be passed without change. Respectfully submitted, (SEAL) F. P. PENNER, secretary, State Assn. Master Barbers ED MOORE, secretary, State Assn. J. B. U. of A. Portland, Ore. 1-29-31.

several bills pertaining to motor truck operation will be up for public hearing Tuesday night, Senator Duane, chairman of the roads and highways committee announced. Also on Tuesday night there will be a public hearing on senate bill No. 27, providing that all self-insuring state departments and activities operate on a direct appropriation basis.

## ARTISTS FAVOR GRAND CANAL

Paris (UP)—The most painted view in the world is the Grand Canal of Venice, according to experts at the Louvre, who estimate that 100,000 views of the same bright strip of blue water and faded yellow walls, in oils or watercolors, hung in museums and homes around the world.

In the Louvre museum alone are 17 classical paintings and etchings by masters long dead, all of the Grand Canal. Some show the Bridge of Sighs as well, others the Palace of the Doges, but all were painted, or sketched, along that famous waterway.

Notre Dame ranks second as a subject, with various windmills of Holland, Rhine peaks, Athenian ruins and the old Pont Neuf of Paris as runners-up.

The Louvre experts have noticed a drastic swing away from nudes towards outdoors in modern paintings. This, they explain by the high cost of hiring models.

## SUSPECTS HELD FOR SERIES OF ALASKA CRIMES

Ketchikan, Alaska (UP)—Suspected of the murder of L. G. Davis and Albert Farrow, of Petersburg, Charles Anderson and Clarence Langton were held by United States officials Friday while authorities sought to find some trace of the missing men.

Anderson and Langton were partners of Davis and Farrow, who have been missing for some time.

The men are also suspected of complicity in the murder of G. P. Marshall, who was killed in his boat, the Phoenix IV, last October 21 by bandits whose object was robbery. A safe was taken from his boat and his body was not discovered for two days.

A boat used by the four men was said to have been alongside Marshall's vessel before the murder was discovered. Authorities believe that the men may have killed Marshall, then quarreled over the division of spoils, and Davis and Farrow suddenly disappeared. Anderson and Langton have been subjected to an intensive examination, and United States Marshal W. A. Caswell declared that "they have made enough cross statements already to give us reason to hold them on any charge desired."

They were bound over to the grand jury on \$10,000 bond each and will be held for further investigation.

Italy is increasing its production of electric power.

# CLEARANCE SALE

## of New and Used Furniture

Hamilton's Clearance Sale, which has been in progress for the past two weeks, has been extended, to include merchandise in the exchange store at 255 North Commercial St. At this location are sold all of the goods taken in trade on new merchandise; also a number of popular price items in new furniture. In case you are in the market for reliable used furnishings it will pay you to make your selections from this store. Also if you have furniture you wish to replace you may trade it in on new merchandise at Hamilton's Furniture Store, 340 Court St., or Hamilton's Furniture Exchange at 255 No. Commercial St.

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