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"With or without offense to friends or foes  
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—Byron

## "The People be Damned"

In November last the people of Oregon cast a majority vote against the closing of the lower Rogue river to commercial fishing. The upper Rogue has been closed for 20 years. The lower Rogue has been closed to commercial fishing for steelhead for the same length of time. Seine fishing has long since been banned and the only fish taken are salmon. Yet to show their contempt for expressed will of the people, both houses of the legislature have voted the closure of the stream within three months of the date the people rendered their verdict.

Salmon fishing provides the only large payroll at the mouth of the river. Its closure means a real hardship to the region. It also means the waste of a valuable Oregon food resource. But it again emphasizes the latent hostility towards enterprise and industry that makes capital shy of Oregon investments—lest to satisfy prejudice and hysteria they be confiscated.

The defiant action of the legislature is due largely to log rolling and the fact that the people of the upper region have ten times the number of legislators and votes than those of the lower river possess. It is worthwhile noting those in both houses who voted in accordance with the popular vote. The roll call follows:

#### In the Senate:

For closure—Bennett, Billingale, Carner, Crawford, Dunn, Eberhard, Eddy, Kiddle, Kuck, Miller, Moser, Schulmerich, Staples, Upton, Wheeler, Woodward.

Against—Bailey, Brown, Burke, Dunne, Fisher, Francisovich, Hall, Johnson, Jones, Mann, Spaulding, Strayer, Mark.

#### In the House:

For closure, ayes—Allen, Brough, Bynon, Chinook, Day, DeLap, Deul, Eckley, Fisher, Gill, Glass, Gouley, Hamilton, Howard, Jansen, Lawrence, Lee, Lewis, Macpherson, Manning, McAllister, McCormack, McCourt, McGraw, McPhillips, Mott, Nichols, Oxman, Peters, Schupp, Scott of Umatilla, Scott of Morrow, Smith of Hood River, Smith of Marion, Snell, Stockdale, Swift, Temple, Thornburgh, Tompkins, Weatherford, Wells, Yate, Longman—44.

Noys—Anderson, Andrews, Angell, Chindgren, Gordon, Helberg, Hill, Johnson, Keasey, Knapp, Nash, Norton, Proctor, Stewart, Taylor, Winslow—15

It will be seen that many of these legislators voted not only against the expressed wishes of the majority of the people of the state, but against the clearly expressed wishes of the people of their own counties. Twenty-five of the thirty-six counties voted against the measure. It was nearly tied in three others. The counties voting against closure were:

Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Gilliam, Grant, Jefferson, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

It will be interesting to see whether Governor Meier has any respect for the mandate of the people and vetoes the bill, or whether he also joins the ranks of "the people be damned" crowd.

## Drift Towards Autocracy

Numerous bills before the legislature indicate a drift towards autocracy the old regime never dared to contemplate. It features many of the administration measures, designed to concentrate all powers in the hands of the executive and give him as many portfolios in state government as Mussolini holds in the Italian cabinet.

There is the bill to place public utilities under the control of one man, appointed and removed at pleasure by the Governor. There is the water power commission bill giving the executive control through his appointees of power development. And there is the state police bill, entailing an expenditure of \$1,063,000 and an army of officers to enforce prohibition, traffic laws, fish and game statutes and forest fire patrol—all under the Governor.

Then there are other bills to deprive the people of electing judges of all courts and let the Governor appoint the judiciary from justice of the peace to supreme court—thereby giving the executive branch of government full control of all the courts. And there is the bill already passed giving the Governor power to appoint legislators in case of vacancy, depriving the people of selection by election of their representatives, a clear encroachment of the executive over the legislative branch.

There is also a bill to remove the industrial accident commission and substitute a single commissioner named by the Governor and numerous other measures tending towards increasing the absolutism of the Governor—all this despite the fact the people voted overwhelmingly against such procedure when they defeated the cabinet form of government.

## The Demise of the "Erg"

According to the electrical books an "erg" is the work represented by one C. G. S.—which must mean Comical Genius Slaughter. The grange utility district bill, being the work of Dr. Slaughter, must, therefore, be an "erg". The senate committee to which the "erg" was referred found that it was threatened with "electrolysis". Its "potential" i. e. electrical intensity, was great but its "solenoids" were "static". As soon as the committee found "watt" was "watt" it decided to remove its "torque" and throw it out into the "magnetic field". So while they had the doctor hitched to a "binding post" Senator Bailey took "charge" of the "erg" and after carefully measuring its "Volombs", "Ampere's", "Farads", "Henrys", "Joules" and "Ohms" decided that it had too much "resistance" so gave it a "short circuit". In other words he told the doctor that his "insulator" needed oiling and his "battery" needed water.

To make a long story short Dr. Slaughter's bill has been slaughtered by the committee and a substitute will be offered to the senate. This of course will not be pleasing to the doctor who has spent many long and weary months, with no assistance but the friendly cooperation of a preacher and a school teacher, in drafting the bill which was to provide cheap electricity "without cost to the taxpayers" thus making the shepherders rich and the Grangers happy and content. 'Twas not to be, however, for his bill is gone where the "horse power" is free to wander in the "magnetic field" and watch the "armature" make love to the "kilowatt".

## TO THE WOODSHED!



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## Canines and Posies

By W. A. DELZELL

Some Oregon folks raise posies and some raise dogs. Although animal and plant life do not readily hybridize, most dogs attempt it to the detriment of the posies. This causes neighborhood rows and incidentally makes business for the legislators. Our own legislature has tackled the problem of how to keep untrained dogs from the posies and at the same time not unduly tax the raising proprietors.

The time honored remedy for all disturbing conditions of "passing a law again" is again being applied in two bills now before the session. The first would protect the posies along the highways and by-laws by penalizing anyone who plucks, mutilates, dips up or in any other way desecrates them. The penalties provide for heavy fines and jail sentences. Such drastic "laws again" will inevitably call for the establishment of a special state constabulary of Posy Protectors officered by an Imperial Grand Protector and the usual retinue of under-officers, each entitled to wear a state expense.

A gorgeous uniform patterned doubtless after the Kaiser's Imperial Foresters and amply empowered to seize and search all palpitating young lovers who may be concealing the torn petals of the daisy with which they have plighted their troth.

The other bill provides for the regulation, control, care and social-welfare of the state's canines. To enforce this "law again" we are to get another set of constabulary having at its head the High Chief's favorite hound. Uniforms of course, and at state expense. One pattern already suggested is grey-houdtan with spanish fur cuffs, a brass collar for insignia and a tin whistle exhaust. One can easily conjure the vision of an Oregon landscape embellished with these snuffly caparotomed Protectors and Supervisors cavorting through the glens redolent with the tang of cedar and heavy with the perfume of the dog-wood bloom, while the hillside resound with the baying hounds, and the toots of tin whistles.

Oregon already has a distinguished galaxy of inspectors, supervisors, special agents and investigators. It will do no harm to add a few more Posy Protectors and Master of the Kennel to the present list of Bed-sheet and Privy inspectors, enforcement officers and kitchen snoops sniffing of the garbage cans. We have meat inspectors and food inspectors, for both jackasses and humans; seed experts and fertilizer commissioners; oculists for the potato eyes and dermatologists for the pear's skin; stock inspectors looking for black-legs and chiropodists at the rest; beetle hunters roaming the pine forests, and weevil chasers crawling through the alfalfa fields; bee inspectors solemnly contemplating the business end of a hornet while college youth and poultry experts vie in doing the same for the chickens. We have health nurses to inspect our children's teeth, tonists and tumblers; college experts to tape our daughters' legs and pat shapely backs in a wild search for the winner of the Golden Apple; medical experts to sort out the feeble-minded and democrats from the milling herd, while from the left, yepers the colleges pick their athletes and the poor voter his nominee.

All we need now is an Experimental staff added to Department Three of the new Agricultural Bureau to seek methods for crossing a Shanghai rooster with a cotton-tail rabbit for the production of spotted Easter eggs and the old state is saved. Yes, once again Oregon is first in the nation: she proposes to protect her posies from all flirtatious desecrations—canine or human. Her dogs are to be supervised, exercised and trained in toilet manners by the gaudiest lot of uniformed specialists ever turned loose in the heather since Robin Hood's men camped in Sherwood Forest or Phil Metcham led the Shriners' parade at Philadelphia.

Alabama has her food riots, banks in the middle states burst like geyser craters, booms at an Oregon primary, timbermen may wall and hop growers take bankruptcy, but Oregon cares for her own! For dogs and posies, uniforms and insignia, tin whistles and oratory, travel allowances and deficiency appropriations, Oregon is in a class by herself. On with the dance, let joy be unfeigned. The taxpayer pays the fiddler. Here's your match, Nero.

## BOY'S LIFE SAVED BY DOG'S CURIOSITY

St. Helena, Ore. (UP)—Pearl Kobb, 12, son of a farmer, owes his life to the curiosity of his dog—but it cost the life of the animal. As the lad was on his way to school he noticed sparks shooting from a barb wire fence with the glow of a Fourth of July celebration. Attracted by the display the dog trotted ahead, sniffed at the wire and was electrocuted. The sparks were caused by a high tension wire, which was torn down by a wind storm. The boy was about to investigate when he saw his dog fall. He sensed the danger, and stood crying in the road until men came to repair the break. They said he, too, would have been electrocuted if he had attempted to remove the dog's body.

Scotts Mills—Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Sutton and daughters, Elizabeth and Mary of Newberg were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCracken.

## LAUNDRESS AND LADY

THESE days, you can't tell where one begins and the other leaves off. For most ladies launder their own fine lingerie, and most laundresses have fine lingerie of their own. And they have one other great bond in common now—they use White King Granulated Soap for the heaviest as well as the most delicate washing jobs. White King is pure—that's the reason. Made from vegetable and nut oils good enough to eat, its fine quality makes it safe for anything that water won't harm, and at the same time disposes effectively of the heaviest woolsens.

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## HEAVIEST RAIN IN YEARS FALLS AT LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles (UP)—One of the heaviest rain storms since 1914 swept southern California late Tuesday night and gave every indication of continuing Wednesday.

Rains of cloudburst proportions fell in outlying sections of the city, flooding streets, retarding inter-urban street car service, and undermining buildings.

At Pasadena, 120 inches of rain fell within an hour, and by midnight the total had reached 1.99 inches since early Tuesday afternoon. Santa Monica and Venice, beach cities, had recorded 1.43 inches during the same period, while Santa Barbara, 100 miles to the north, gave 1.20 inches as its total for a 12-hour period to midnight.

In Hollywood, 78 of an inch deluged the city in one squall, which precipitated 46 inch in Los Angeles. Pacific electric interurban train service was interrupted at various points. Sand washed from a hill near El Segundo, derailed a car; a bridge near Palms was weakened, necessitating transferring of passengers.

At least three persons were seriously injured during the height of the storm. Motorcycle Officer Joseph Waite of the state highway patrol was internally injured when his motorcycle skidded from under him.

William R. Lillie, 34, received two broken legs when struck down by an automobile. Fred Schuller, 49, was laterally injured in a similar accident.

Mr. Angel—Eugeibert Grimam returned to Mt. Angel after visiting for several weeks with Mrs. John Maney at Pe. Ell, Washington.

## FREE TEXTS NOT FREE, CLAIM OF COUNTY COURTS

The county courts of the state seem to be lined up against the free text book measure, from a cross-section of information gained at a meeting of the legislative committee of the judges and commissioners association here Tuesday with a number of other judges and commissioners present.

County Commissioner Smith, member of the committee from this county, stated that it seemed to be the general opinion among the visiting officials that the text book bill should be defeated.

"The bill would raise taxes half a mill," stated Commissioner Smith, "and the feeling among all the judges and the commissioners is to reduce taxes, not raise them. At half a mill the bill would cost Marion county taxpayers \$35,000 in round figures."

The legislative committee was here specifically to fight the bill advanced by the league of cities to give cities and towns 70 per cent of the county road money raised in their own limits instead of the 50 per cent now allowed them. Counties generally are opposed to the bill, including a solid county court from Clackamas county, the home of Chris Schuebel who is directly opposing the measure. The Yamhill county court was also opposed to it and members of several cities appeared against it, including the mayor of McMinnville, who declared that his city wanted to see the county roads developed as this was the most beneficial thing that could be done with the money for the advantage of the cities themselves.

Commissioner Smith opposed the bill for Marion county. He pointed out how Marion county had aided cities and towns from the county road funds in the market road program, including such towns as Turner, Gervais, Stayton, Aumsville and in fact virtually all the smaller towns of the county. There seems to be no demand for the measure from Salem, which raises its own road funds. The commissioner stated that indications are the bill will meet with defeat.

County Fruit Inspector Van Trump, who Tuesday went through the Seto and Lacombe strawberry sections to inspect strawberry plants on a number of plantings there, stated that all the plants he saw were in wonderful condition and he found no trace of weevil whatever in plants raised for selling as plants.

He visited six plantings in that section and pronounced the plants not only clean but they are growing in fine shape and making wonderful growth.

"The soil east of Lacombe in the Downing section is very similar to the soil in the great strawberry section up around Silver Falls," he stated. "Indications point to a great strawberry year for the coming year and the plants are in fine condition. All I looked at were in the newer plantings and I didn't get into the older plantings, so can say nothing in regard to their condition. But there are a number of new plantings scattered here and there in those strawberry sections which make wonderful showings."

GOITER REMOVED  
Independence—O. Osmundsen, a farmer south of town, was operated on for goiter at a Salem hospital Monday morning and last reports he was resting easily. Osmundsen has been quite a successful turkey raiser, marketing over a thousand birds this year.

Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. Doty Grace, their four sons, Milo, Merl, Elmer and Irl Ludwig Meyers, Inez Lee and Lucila Foreland, all of Silverton, and Miss Mabel Hall of Aumsville, all spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grace's daughter Stella, Mrs. Hoyt Cupp, and family of Aumsville.

## Cripple Tortured and Buried Alive Found in Coffin In Deep Ditch

Chicago (UP)—George Wittbrod, 34, a crippled salesman, was rescued Wednesday from a rough coffin in which he was placed by seven men who kidnaped him, beat him, let him hang for an hour from a cross in a cemetery and then buried him alive.

A farmer passing the cemetery at daybreak heard stifled moans and called police. Wittbrod's coffin was found in a deep ditch, where he had been tossed after a night of torture unequalled in the history of Chicago crime. He was suffering from cold, exposure, the beating and fright.

Officials to whom Wittbrod confided that he often had been the object of "practical" jokes by neighborhood hoodlums, because of his affliction could hardly believe such an attack as this had been intended as a "joke."

Wittbrod said he knew the names of six of the seven kidnapers and police began a hunt for them. The salesman said he was on his way home from a poolroom late Tuesday night when the seven seized him in an alley and knocked him unconscious.

When he awoke, he said, he was in an automobile with the men. They taunted him and told him they were taking him for a "ride." His feet and hands were tied.

They took him to All Saints' cemetery. There, he said, he was unfinished Tuesday night. An attempt was made to force the rough coffin into the grave, but it would not fit when laid horizontal. It was stood on end in the grave while the men debated whether to get a shovel and dig the hole bigger.

Nearly was a half dug grave, which the grave-diggers had left unfinished Tuesday night. An attempt was made to force the rough coffin into the grave, but it would not fit when laid horizontal. It was stood on end in the grave while the men debated whether to get a shovel and dig the hole bigger.

The men, Wittbrod said, finally removed the box from the grave, fastened it to the back of their automobile, started away at a rapid pace and cut the box loose.

The coffin rolled from the roadway and into the ditch, where Wittbrod was found, face downward in the box and half dead from the mistreatment he had received.

Mr. Angel—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Turner and Mrs. Harry Benton, of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirsch were dinner guests at the Charles Ulrich home Sunday.

Seattle (UP)—Ruth Garrison may know Wednesday night whether she must return to the state prison or may be given her freedom. That was the prediction of attorneys and court followers Wednesday after Prosecutor Robert Burquander had announced that he had only five or six more witnesses to call, and Miss Garrison's attorneys had rested their case.

The young woman, who is fighting to prove that she is sane and should therefore be permitted to leave the state institution, made her greatest bid for liberty late Tuesday when she testified, for the first time, that her former lover, Douglas Storrs, led her to poison Mrs. Grace Storrs, his wife.

Storrs didn't tell her to kill his wife, but, according to Mrs. Garrison, he spoke of Mrs. Storrs' attempts at suicide by poisoning, and told Ruth that if she went to a certain drugstore, they would furnish her up."

Miss Garrison did not reveal that situation during her original trial, when she did everything possible to shield her lover.

She has spent nearly 12 years in prison since she was adjudged not guilty of murder by reason of insanity.

Prosecutor Burquander, launching a desperate fight to prevent her release, is basing his case on his belief that Miss Garrison was sane when she entered prison, has not changed, and that it would be unsafe to permit her to mingle with society.

He called three witnesses, all former prison employees, after Ruth had concluded her testimony and her attorney had rested their case. Through them he tried to prove that her mental condition had not changed, and that she was a trouble-maker and bearer of false tales in prison. He was constantly blocked by Miss Garrison's attorneys, Everett J. Smith and Frank B. Sharpstein, and it was the general belief that the case would hinge on the impression Ruth made on the jury when she told of her life, tearfully spoke about the crime she had committed and sketched details of her life in prison.

SON IS BORN  
Mill City—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Root are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a son born February 2.

Scotts Mills—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brougher and son Ira and Miss Mary Myers, motored to La Center, Wash., Sunday, where they visited old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beasley.

Mt. Angel—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Orth and children and Mrs. F. B. Roycroft of Portland visited Mrs. Orth recently.

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