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—Byron

## Shake-Down Bills

Every past session of the legislature has produced a fair crop of shake-down bills but this session gives promise of a three-fold yield. Due to dull times and unemployment many have flocked to the state house where they hope to become gleaners in the field.

These legislative high jackers are usually clever gentlemen who always work under cover—using Honest John from Sucker county as a "come-on". The bills, as drawn, always appear to be in the public interest. Through them the corporations are to be punished and the dear people restored to their rights. Honest John, who is ever pleased to receive honorable mention in papers, and thus inform the home folks that he is fighting their battles, is usually eager to receive from the hands of a third party one of the bills prepared by the under cover legislative racketeer.

The bill is accepted and introduced by Honest John—perhaps unsuspecting Willie and Innocent Tom are kind enough to add their names as fathers of the measure. All is done in good faith by these well-intentioned gentlemen and the bill progresses as far, and as fast, as good and earnest intention can carry it until—the highjacker gets to work.

Having seen the bill fairly on its way Mr. Racketeer sends out his scouts to feel out the interest effected. If they are found to be alarmed, negotiations are entered into for the defeat of the bill. If satisfactory arrangements are made the highjackers' organization sets to work to withdraw or kill it, and as this is usually accomplished with but little effort, Mr. Racketeer is able to cash in at an early date.

Investigation shows a common origin for many of these measures, the originals bearing the same water-marks, the same typewriter defects and other evidence tending to show the measures the product of a master mind, prolific in ideas but short on a knowledge of the law. Though few would stand the scrutiny of the courts, they can be productive of much annoyance and expensive litigation. Evidence being gathered may be brought to the attention of the legislature, to the embarrassment of members who have been the unsuspecting dupes of a few fast working gold-diggers.

## Big Bill's Circus

True to form, Big Bill Thompson is staging a circus in his campaign for reelection as mayor of Chicago that should and probably will win him the solid moron vote. He parades with two brass bands, and an old time brewery wagon, beer barrels and all. The ballyhoo is headed by a natty looking cowboy in gorgeous mountings, supposed to represent Big Bill himself. A desert burro follows the brewery wagon, christened "Little Arthur" supposed to be a counterpart of Alderman Arthur Albert, Senator Deneen's candidate for mayor. On the burro's back rides a small fat boy. Following comes a lean and vicious old mule, christened "The Judge" after Judge John H. Lyle, who with Albert leads the Republican candidates seeking to dethrone Thompson. On the Judge's back rides a cadaverous-looking person who grins in imitation of Lyle. Then Big Bill roars:

"If Little Arthur is elected I'll take this halter, throw it round his neck and drag him into the office of the Daily News. That is where he belongs. If The Judge is elected I'll put it round his neck and yank him into the Tribune. That's where he belongs. If Bill Thompson wins you'll need no halter, for he wears none. But listen, folks, we're going round the world with this show of mine, just like we did four years ago. I've got two jackasses and before I get through the whole world's going to know about those jackasses—and what they represent."

Then the man on the mule pipes, "I don't care if I don't know how to run the city of Chicago. The Chicago Tribune will run it for me," and the fat boy on the burrow squeaks, "I'm Little Arthur. I want to be elected. I don't care if Thompson did cut the price of milk for babies, I want to be mayor."

Judge Lyle displays machine guns, sawed-off shotguns and "pine-apples" and his meetings, as symbolic of Thompson's law enforcement and styles the mayor as a "blabbering jungle hippopotamus"; "Jumbo, the food relief quack"; "flabby jowls of a barnyard hog"; and Big Bill comes back with: "Nuttty judge"; "arrogant, incompetent, inefficient moron"; "essence of nothingness."

They are certainly staging a good show, better perhaps than Big Bill's last campaign, when he carried around a caged rat named for his opponent, and promised to twist King George's "snoot". And a good show gets the votes—in Chicago any way.

## Old Age Pensions

The old age pension bill has been defeated for the fourth time in the past eight years by a vote of 36 to 24 in the House. At the same time the Senate voted to authorize the Governor to appoint a commission to study old age pensions and unemployment insurance.

Old age pensions are simply dols, designed to eventually do away with county poor farms by permitting the inmates to pay their own way by aid of pensions, which would be distributed much as widow's pensions are now. It would remove the stigma of the poor house but at the same time would militate against thrift as it would discourage the incentive of self support and hence have a demoralizing effect, while increasing taxation for the benefit of non-taxpayers.

Unemployment insurance is not a dolo but is based upon a small percentage of the earnings of the employed, met by a similar amount from employers, the total of which is equalled by the state. The fund thus created, is drawn upon during periods of unemployment until exhausted. In England these funds have long since been exhausted and replaced by dols.

In our rapidly progressing socializing of the state, both old age pensions and unemployment insurance seem likely to be placed on the statute books in the course of a few years. In the meantime, we can take advantage of the experience of other nations and avoid their mistakes, in the drafting of the acts. The need for such measures is realized in times of depression, but the time to put them in effect is during periods of prosperity lest they work additional hardships on the harassed taxpayer.

## AN OLD FRIEND TURNS UP



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## Hoover Outlines Policy In Lincoln Day Speech Broadcasted by Radio

Washington (UP)—President Hoover's broad statement of policy in his Lincoln day speech was generally accepted Friday by his political associates here as the opening gun in his re-election campaign.

Hoover's speech was a masterpiece of statesmanship, in most cases it should limit its responsibilities to supplement the states and local communities. It should not assume the major role in replacement of the United States or local government.

It was learned on local authority the president expected his remarks would be applicable to control of water power, as well as drought relief work and measures to assist the recovery of business.

Mr. Hoover paid tribute in his address to the spirit being shown in the nation to promote better business. "Success is not gained by leaning upon the government to solve all the problems before us," he said. "That may lead to destruction of character."

"Victory over this depression will be won by the resolution of our people to fight their own battles in their own communities, by stimulating their ingenuity to solve their own problems, by taking new courage to be masters of their own destiny."

"This is not the easy way, but it is the American way. And it was Lincoln's way."

Mr. Angel—Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Oswald and family, Mrs. Joseph Stadler and Mrs. Mary Oswald visited Mrs. Margaret Scharback, who is ill, in Independence, Mo. Scharback was a former resident here.

Woodburn—A silver tea will be held by the Woodburn W. O. T. U. at the Methodist Episcopal church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to which all women of the community are invited.

"You would find him pounding at the public mind against nullification and for adherence to the constitutional processes of government. No stronger statement has ever been made than that of Lincoln upon obedience to law as the very foundation of our republic."

"The big issue of Lincoln's day was states' rights, the president said, adding that this remains a dominant problem."

"We are faced with unceasing agitation that the federal government shall assume new financial burdens, that it shall undertake increased burdens in regulation of abuses and in the prosecution of crime."

"The federal government has assumed many new responsibilities since Lincoln's time, and probably will assume more, but there is an essential principle that should be maintained in these matters."

"I am convinced that where federal action is essential, in most cases it should limit its responsibilities to supplement the states and local communities. It should not assume the major role in replacement of the United States or local government."

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## Youth Confesses Story Of Horse Show Fire's Origin Merely Hoax

Portland (UP)—"I guess I was just a darn fool." That was 15 year old Fred Peacock's explanation Friday at the juvenile department of the county jail in admitting that his story concerning the disastrous Oakland horse show fire was untrue and a hoax.

"I wanted to make the headlines and when I did I felt like a fool," said the rustic youth who is held for the government following his admission that he drove from Oakland to Portland in a stolen automobile.

Peacock walked into the office of the Oregon Journal Thursday and said he had "heard Jim Lawton, drunken cowboy, admit that he had dropped a cigarette that caused the fire." He contended that Lawton went back into the flaming stables for a horse and never was seen again. Four men and 53 horses were burned to death in the flames.

The youth, who is a member of the California national guard, said he was calling on a girl in Oakland last Sunday night and went to the fire early Monday when he heard the apparatus and saw the flames. He looked on while efforts were being made to extinguish the flames, but he admitted that he had no idea how it started.

Peacock said he stole an automobile belonging to R. Norris, 2722 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Calif., and drove from Oakland to Portland with a youth named Hubert St. Claire, who has since disappeared, according to police.

Peacock gave his age Thursday as 19 but admitted he had lied. He gave the age to get into the national guard.

The rather frightened youth was questioned at length by Aaron Frank, Portland, who lost nine horses in the fire and who offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person who set the blaze. Frank was somewhat skeptical of the lad's story but called R. Stanley Dollar, president of the Oakland international horse show. Dollar informed Oakland police who in turn urged Portland authorities to make a complete investigation of the youth's story.

Amity—Mrs. Hettie Shields who has been visiting for some time at the home of her daughter in Portland has returned to her home here.

Amity—Mrs. F. L. Cannell left Wednesday for Portland where she will visit for a week with friends. Rev. F. L. Cannell is pastor of the Methodist church of Amity.

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