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

—Byron

The Ubiquitous Frats

Principal Fred Wolf of the Salem high school deserves commendation for efforts to stamp out illegal secret societies in the student body. This is a problem which has worried the board of education as well as school officials for years and also been productive of much friction and discord among the students.

The board is empowered, under the law, to expel or suspend pupils who violate the law by joining the banned organizations. Instead of resorting to this drastic penalty, Principal Wolf correctly rules that secret society members are ineligible to serve as officials of the student body and deleted their names as candidates. The law reads as follows:

Oregon Code—25-3504-5 Secret societies prohibited.—Secret societies of every kind and character, including fraternities and sororities, so called, which may now or hereafter exist among the pupils of any of the public schools of this state, including high schools, either local or county are hereby declared unlawful. It is hereby made the duty of each school board to suppress all secret societies and for this purpose such boards are hereby authorized to suspend or expel from school, in their discretion, all pupils who engage in the organization or maintenance of such societies.

The law was enacted because secret societies are productive of class consciousness, snobbishness and snippishness, as well as detracting from the main purpose of schools, the securing of an education. They are bad enough in colleges, where the adult student has a truer conception of the values of life, but are a recognized nuisance in high and grade schools where the student mind is immature.

The total enrollment at the high school is 1398, with an average daily attendance the past month of 1178. The principal estimates that there are between 115 and 130 secret society members in seven groups of from 8 to 25 members each. They form an organized minority, a compact bloc, in school affairs, and hence are frequently able to dictate to the unorganized majority, and dominate the student body. For the continued existence of these clandestine organizations, the parents are to blame for their encouragement and connivance of law breaking.

The Chain Store Tax

The Indiana chain store tax law, passed in 1929 imposing heavy license fees on chain stores, has been sustained by the United States supreme court. Similar laws have been proposed in many other states including Oregon, imposed by a few, and the North Carolina statute is now before the court for a decision on its validity.

The Indiana law was designed to raise money for the state aid school fund, and it is estimated will produce approximately \$500,000 annually. It imposes a fee of \$3 when one store is operated; \$10 for each additional store when from two to five are operated under a single ownership; \$15 on each from five to ten, \$20 on each from ten to twenty and \$25 for each in addition to twenty.

Lacking the opinion of the court, it is not known on what grounds the decision was based, though it would seem to the layman that it is class legislation, pure and simple, a distinct and unjustifiable unconstitutional discrimination. It is punitive legislation designed to overcome the economic advantage of chain operation.

We hold no brief for the chain stores, they have their evils as well as their merits and seem amply able to take care of themselves. They have their weaknesses as all standardized business run by long distance red tape has, as well as their strength. The best way to meet such competition is by adoption of their methods by independents, of cooperative mass buying, systematized selling and of advertising. The wide awake merchant who modernizes his business along these lines, has nothing to fear from chain stores but has an advantage over them in being on the spot and unhampered in his tactics.

It is perhaps a symptom of our growing paternalism that so many look to the government for aid and special laws to penalize competition instead of developing their own ingenuity, resourcefulness and originality to solve problems resulting from their own inefficiency. Business, after all, is a survival of the fit.

Discreditable Probes

Two investigations by the senate campaign fund committee are properly under suspicion, especially as the inquirers have gone so far as to attempt to set aside the rights of the states and seize ballot boxes over the protest of state authorities, even to demanding the federal courts assume jurisdiction and bring the ballot boxes to Washington for a recount. These cases are the current inquiries into the election of two new members of the senate, Senator Bankhead of Alabama and Senator Bailey of North Carolina.

Senator Bankhead was elected by a majority of 50,000 over Senator Hefflin, who charges fraud and the committee is taking his charges so seriously that it is making a rigid investigation. Senator Bailey was elected by a majority of 113,000. If the elections had been at all close and the majorities small, there might be some reasonable grounds for suspicion, but their size precludes it.

The motive back of these inquiries seems to be purely political. If Bankhead and Bailey can be prevented, on any sort of pretext, from taking their seats before the senate is organized, the Democrats will be deprived of two votes, which will enable the Republicans to organize the senate and seize all the committee chairmanships for the next two years. Theoretically the Republicans have a majority of one, but no one knows how far they can rely on the votes of Norris, LaFollette, Brookhart and Shipstead. Elimination of two Democrats helps solve the problem.

The committee has already established the precedent of asserting the right of the senate to go behind the returns in an effort to control state elections, which alone will go far towards discrediting senatorial investigations. If fraud is not proven, and there is no indication of it yet, and these investigations prove merely trumped up charges to keep Democrats out of their seats for partisan advantage—their discredit with the people will be complete.

Preside At Convention Breakfast



Mrs. Belle Gould (right) membership and emblem chairman, and Miss Ellen Rudnas (left) extension chairman, for the state federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, who will be prominently featured during the emblem breakfast arranged for Sunday morning, May 24, as a part of the state convention to be held here May 23, 24 and 25. Mrs. Gould will be in charge of the emblem ceremony at the breakfast, and Miss Rudnas will preside. Miss Rudnas is a member of the Marshfield club and Mrs. Gould is from the Coquille club.

Editor And Politician Victims Gunman Who Eludes Police Officers

Los Angeles (AP)—Circumstances involved in publication of a small magazine devoted to "exposures" of gambling and graft furnished detectives their main clues Thursday to the killing of the editor, Herbert F. Spencer, 43, and Charles H. Crawford, 32, political figure, in Crawford's Hollywood office late Wednesday.

They were fatally shot by a nattily attired, unidentified man who had been closeted with them for about an hour. He escaped from a side entrance.

Spencer, formerly a veteran police reporter and later city editor of the Evening Express here, died shortly after the shooting.

Crawford died three hours later, refusing to name the killer, although previously he had indicated he might.

In recent issues of the magazine, the "Grit of Critics," Spencer had threatened to expose "the Al Capone of Los Angeles." His widow said Spencer's life had been threatened repeatedly by telephone. She attributes the calls to an unnamed "gambling boss" of the city.

Crawford, who for years wielded a strong influence in local politics, was known as a patron of the magazine and was regarded as a financial backer. He was said to have furnished Spencer with "inside" information for publication. Of late, Crawford's political activities had diminished.

Among those questioned Wednesday night was Guy McAfee, wealthy former policeman, said by detectives to be connected with gambling enterprises. McAfee, who recently broke a political association with Crawford, and later was attacked editorially in the magazine, showed that he was in the hall of justice at the time of the killing, police said. The sheriff's office also lengthily questioned Joe Butcha, until recently business manager of the magazine. He said an unidentified man telephoned him shortly after the shooting and said:

"Now that Crawford and Spencer have got theirs, you'll be next, you."

Butcha was questioned closely about operations of the magazine, which was owned by Spencer and Frederick "Mike" Schindler, former newspaper associate. Spencer bought a half interest in the magazine four months ago.

Schindler said Spencer had gone to Crawford's office on busy Sunset boulevard in Hollywood to protest what Schindler described as Crawford's recent "bragging" that he owned the critic of critics.

Spencer had not expected to meet a third person at the office, Schindler said.

BUSINESS WOMEN TO MEET FRIDAY

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tion to order at 2 o'clock. The invocation will be given by Rev. B. Earl Parker of the First Methodist church. Henry R. Crawford, president of the Salem chamber of commerce, and Mrs. Mona R. Yoder, president of the Salem business women's club, will welcome the federation to Salem. Appointment of convention committees, presentations, and reports of state officers and special committees will be held Friday afternoon. The executive council business session will be resumed at a dinner in the silver grille at the Gray Belle.

A reception for all convention visitors and representatives of local clubs will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic temple social rooms. Officers of the state federation and of the Salem

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at Hood River and Heppner will be initiated into the state federation. Dr. W. C. Kantner will speak. The Salem club will preside at the emblem ceremony, and the Portland club's chorus will sing. William Wright will be vocal soloist. The incoming and retiring executive councils will hold their post-convention meeting Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Madeline Collin, editor of the state federation magazine, Miss Josephine Shade, a state chairman, and Mrs. Mona Yoder, president of the Salem Business and Professional Women's club, will vote in the convention by virtue of their offices. Delegates from Salem club are Helen Louise Crosby, Grace Elizabeth Smith, Susan Varty, Ruth Moore, Irene Breithaupt, and LaMoine R. Clark. Their alternates, in the order named, are Myrtle Gilbert, Mable Needham, Winifred Herrick, Maud Poltner, Maud Pressnall and Esther Hagedorn.

INDEPENDENCE HAS RESIDENCE BLAZE

Independence—A fire broke out about noon Wednesday at the M. Aumpbaugh place in North Independence and destroyed the entire top story of the residence before the fire could be gotten under control. Mrs. Kleby, the housekeeper, was putting out a family washing on a back porch and did not know there was a fire until the neighbors discovered it and put in an alarm. They all turned out to help save the family bedding, clothing and furniture and every article was carried to safety.

The dwelling that was burned is an old landmark being the former home of "Grandma" Fischer, and is located on a part of the original Thorpe Town of Independence. The house was partially covered by insurance and the owner had more lumber ordered to further the improvements.

Smedley' Pockets And Traveling Bags Bulge With Gifts From Meier

General Smedley D. Butler, famous guest of Oregon's chief executive, Governor Julius L. Meier, will return east Saturday night taking with him a large number of gifts presented by the governor and various organizations over the state. Most of the gifts will be presented to the general before he leaves Portland, although he has already enjoyed some, including the best of Willamette valley strawberries.

Late Wednesday the governor's staff collected a basket of the best home grown strawberries and presented them to the general on his way to Eugene, where Butler was guest at dinner and again as speaker at a breakfast club there Thursday. "I never saw any larger or better colored strawberries in my life," the general said when he saw the fruit.

The governor also presented the marine general with an ash tray on which reposed a miniature frog, official emblem of the governor's campaign in 1930. General Butler assured the chief executive the ash tray would occupy a prominent place on his desk at West Chester, Penn. Upon the receipt of these gifts, Butler lauded Oregon's hospitality and spoke feelingly of the reception he had been given. But other gifts will come the way of the general before he leaves the state. The Portland chamber of commerce, it was learned here, is preparing a fine book of Oregon scenes, to be presented to Butler prior to his departure. The scenes are being carefully selected and the book is being prepared by an artist. Another gift, at the suggestion of Governor Meier, is a light blue woolen blanket made in Oregon. Butler became attached to the blue

ANNUAL TALENT CONTESTS WILL BE HELD FRIDAY

The annual talent contest of the Marion county federation of community clubs will be held at the Warner Bros. Elsinore theater Friday night. A feature of the entertainment this year will be the appearance of the 45-piece University of Oregon band, which will be heard on the street during the afternoon and in front of the theater in the evening. Elimination contests were held last week-end to decide the various district winners.

"Daybreak," new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talkie, which will open Thursday at the Warner Bros. Elsinore theater, will present the most be-uniformed star the motion picture business has known.

Ramon Novarro, hero of Dr. Arthur Schindler's gay love story of Vienna before the war, has worn the uniforms of more armies. It is said, than any other actor of either stage or screen. When he appears as an amorous lieutenant of His Majesty's Guards in "Daybreak" it will be but one of nearly forty times that he has appeared in the guise of a soldier.

After city after city, the country over, had conducted contests to find a double for Nancy Carroll, the girl who is really the twin image of the red-headed star of "Stolen Heaven," the Warner Bros. Capitol theater attraction Wednesday and Thursday, was discovered in the line of extras at the Paramount New York studio during filming of the star's latest success, "Stolen Heaven."

Valsetz—Mrs. William McDonald has returned from a stay of several days in Dallas where she is having dental work done.

the man's shop special bargain carnival of gentlemen's furnishing goods

little can be said about this special selling event that is not explained more forcibly by the prices listed below. and after all this is a time when price considerations are of utmost importance.

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that goes for this event in particular and all others in general.

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fine woven patterns, (no cheap prints), guaranteed full cut, fast color, and pre-shrunk. pleated extra full cut sleeves, seven button front and the famous sta-rite reinforced collar.

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fancy pattern half hose size ten..... 20c

Yes, this group is from last season but comprises excellent styles in millans, and semmits selling regularly from \$5.00 to \$7.00.

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lightweight, soft, pure british wool golf hose in newest plain pastel colors, ribbed effects, the same in hose including new diamond patterns.

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neckwear, odds and ends \$1.00 quantities 45c

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