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

## For Oregon Products

A hundred manufacturers, distributors and retailers are expected to attend the meeting called for tomorrow by Governor Meier to stimulate Oregon industries and Oregon business. The executive will outline a program to increase the turnover for Oregon business by demand and use of Oregon products.

The effort, which is a continuation of the campaign long conducted by the manufacturers, by the Greater Oregon association and other organizations, is most commendable, but its success lies largely with the consumer, though of course jobber and retail cooperation will aid. If the spirit of loyalty to Oregon could be instilled in the public, selling as well as buying, as the California spirit has been in the golden state, Oregon industry would be immensely stimulated, pay-rolls increased and the balance of trade turned in the state's favor.

The average merchant, whether running a department store, a chain group or independent store naturally buys where and what he can buy cheapest and sells what he can make most profit on. Only consumer demand forces the carrying of other than the most profitable goods. This consumer demand can be and is stimulated by advertising, but the small manufacturer is necessarily handicapped by lack of production volume and frequently neglects to create demand by this most available method.

The great chains and also the cooperative buying associations of independents, depend for profits upon quantity purchases, mass selling and extensive advertising. They save in commissions, in freight rates and handling charges. By contracting for the entire output of factories, they secure prices the average Oregon manufacturer cannot meet, and they force the sales of these more profitable articles. The consumer demand compels the carrying of other stocks, but they must be specified by the buyer, else they remain on the shelves.

If the department stores, the jobbers and the chains would place quantity orders with Oregon industries as they do with eastern concerns, they would not only secure superior goods and lower prices but find it profitable to push Oregon made commodities. If in addition local pride can be aroused to stimulate consumer demand, the problem would be solved.

There is no one in better position to push the campaign for Oregon products, than Governor Meier, the biggest merchandise buyer in the state. He can set an example for the rest to follow—if he so desires.

## Earwig Futility

The biggest fizzle yet recorded by our costly bureau of entomology and agricultural experiment stations is their futile attempt to control the earwig. In the decade since the pests appeared, they have excessively multiplied and now overrun the northwest despite systematic campaigns costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to hold them in check—and beyond passing along formulas concocted by the federal department of agriculture and advising additional costly poison campaigns, hitherto ineffective, the bugologists seem helpless.

Some years ago the standard earwig poison of bran, sodium fluoride and water, recommended by the Oregon state college was extensively applied, with the result that the earwigs grew fatter and more numerous and evidently thrived on the diet. Then the Seattle formula of Paris green was given a trial, with similar results. Now the federal experts have concocted a new formula, consisting of 12 pounds of bran, 1 pound of sodium fluosilicate and 1 quart of fish oil, which is recommended as more attractive bait and more deadly to the earwig.

The objection to spreading poison in any form is apparent. If not fatal to earwigs, it kills many song and game birds as well as poultry, natural enemies of the earwig, rabbits and even dogs and cats, and is likely to be fatal to little children.

But there is hope that nature will assert its balance as customary, ere long. Birds, such as robins, have discovered the earwig a delicacy and can be seen feeding them to their young as substitutes for earthworms. Even the despised English sparrow is learning to like them. The insectary pests that hold them in check in Europe are multiplying and will soon take their deadly toll. In the meantime the only places free from earwigs are those with a few chickens about—preferably in the city, bantams. Ducks also are earwig eliminators.

## Rank Ingratitude

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, secretary of the Methodist board of temperance, prohibition and public morals, and national dry leader, declares that President Hoover is a "bitter disappointment" to the prohibitionists who take credit for his election. He declares: "Hoover is timid; the country requires courage. Hoover is slow to act; conditions require speed." Assailing the president's practice of appointing fact finding commissions, Wilson says: "It takes a year or so for the commission to report and by that time it is too late to do anything, or he promptly rejects their findings. Practically every member of all his commissions is disgusted with him."

After all that Mr. Hoover has done for the prohibitionists, even to perverting the adverse findings of the Wickersham commission into a favorable dry report, this is rank ingratitude—but it is typical of the fanatical dries. No one can suit them, no matter how much he plays the hypocrite. Mr. Hoover has toed the line for them all the way through, obeyed their orders, advocated more stringent laws, and given them all the millions of public money asked. True, he hasn't called out the marines, as Dr. Wilson advocated, but he has provided them a good sized army and the fifth largest navy in the world.

Yet Dr. Wilson announces that the dries will support Mr. Hoover against any wet democrat, so Hoover should worry.

London (AP)—Charlie Smith Tuesday was recognized by the British boxing commission as the heavy-weight champion of Great Britain. Smith was awarded the title Monday when "Phanting Phil" Scott, in a letter to the commission, surrendered the title.  
Norway manufactures no silk thread, and the entire demand is supplied by imports.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO THROW IT



## SECOND JAPANESE PRINCE TO MARRY

Tokio (AP)—For the second time, a prince of the imperial household of Japan has found a wife outside of the peerage.

This time, however, he is not a prince of the Imperial Blood, as was Prince Chichibu, but a member of the former royal house of Korea, which has been incorporated with the household of Japan's ruler since the annexation of the peninsula in 1910. Prince Ri Ken is shortly to marry Miss Yoshiko Matsudaira, daughter of a captain in the Japanese navy.

Miss Matsudaira was the youngest of the five girls sent to the United States last summer by a Tokio news-

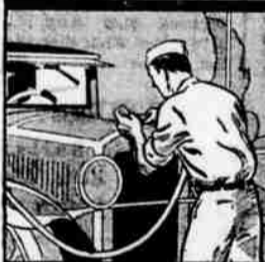
paper to express gratitude to the American people for their aid during the earthquake and fire of 1923. She was chosen to take part in this mission because of her beauty and because of proficiency in tennis, swimming, piano playing, fencing and flower arrangement. She is now 20. Prince Ri Ken is a son of the elder brother of the former King of Korea. No formal announcement of the engagement has yet been made, but

it is understood that the Imperial Household Department will offer no objections, although Miss Matsudaira is a commoner by birth. After she is married to Prince Ri Ken, the Emperor will elevate her to the peerage and decorate her with a Court rank. The older commoner princess in the imperial household is Princess Chichibu, wife of the heir apparent to the emperor and the oldest of his three brothers.

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The decree of the Multnomah circuit court awarding \$3,000 damages for personal injuries to Robert Odrlin, as a result of an automobile collision while he was riding in the Dugan's Dollars Transportation taxi, was upheld by the supreme court in an opinion handed down Tuesday.

The plaintiff was injured while riding in the taxi in Portland September 3, 1928 and brought damage suit against the taxicab company. Defendant appealed on the grounds of error and that the verdict was excessive. In the opinion of Justice Kelly, the decree of Judge Louis P. Hewitt was affirmed.

Other opinions handed down Tuesday included: James W. Seavey and Elizabeth Seavey, plaintiff and respondent vs. Elizabeth Green and others, defendants and appellants, and Lewis J. Hembree and others, defendants and respondents and Richard Shore Smith, defendant, cross complainant and respondent, appeal from Lane county. Contest involving will. Opinion by Justice Campbell. Decree of Judge G. F. Skipworth affirmed with modification.

T. L. Driscoll and others, appellant, vs. Otto Berg and others, appeal from Clatsop county. Suit to enjoin operation of fish traps. Opinion by Justice Kelly. Decree of Judge K. K. Zimmerman modified.

Bernard B. McHugh and Helen M. McHugh vs. Prudential Savings and Loan association, appeal from Multnomah county. Suit to recover money. Opinion by Justice Belt. Motion for new trial allowed.

Rehearing granted in Gold Beach Electric company vs. Gold Beach Light and Power company.

## LITTLE PULLING OF FLAX UNDERWAY

With flax harvest getting under way it is reported there will be very little pulling of flax if any, and that many growers are cutting down their flax like hay because of the short stand due to seasonal conditions. It is estimated by one grower that the flax will average around from 24 to 30 inches and that there will be very little top length flax. An estimate places the acreage at around half of last year.

## Lucky Man Paid for Punching Policemen

Pasadena, Calif. (AP)—Here's a man who's paid to punch cops. He is Dr. Billy McClain, Negro physical trainer for the Pasadena police department, who daily deliv-

ers a few at the proposal of local officers in their workouts with him. However, the trainer, who is a native of Australia, spends most of his time massaging and pounding the feet of his patients to insure the Pasadena department has no officers with flat feet.



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