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Autocratic and Illegal

Governor Meier recently asked all state officials and employees to contribute one day's pay each month to the fund for the relief of the unemployed. A committee of department heads was organized to carry out the plan. Instead of making the contributions voluntary, the committee proceeded to make them compulsory and pledged their departments to "whole-hearted participation therein."

In the circular issued by the governor's committee it is stated that "the members consider it incumbent upon everyone so fortunate as to be in the security of state employment to give to the limit of his financial ability. While of necessity all contributions must be voluntary in character, no difficulty in making this movement one hundred per cent effective is contemplated if all chiefs of departments exercise the leadership with which they should be endowed by virtue of their positions."

The coercive character by which the donations are "volunteered" is self evident in the scarcely veiled threat of intimidation—which naturally destroys all cheerfulness of giving by denying the employees their inherent right of disposing of their earnings as they see fit.

Worthy as the cause may be and great as the emergency, the whole procedure is not only an unwarranted display of autocracy but is plainly in open violation of the spirit as well as the letter of the law, not only on the part of those requesting the donation, but on the part of the official donors themselves. The corrupt practices act reads as follows, Section 36—2424 Oregon Code:

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A Dry Reform

Prohibition Director Amos W. W. Woodcock has suspended Henry Dierks, prohibition agent at Denver who has been charged with the slaying of a youth in a scuffle over a bottle of wine. He characterized the agent's conduct as "stupid and brutal". He continues:

I find that he has disregarded all our training and teaching for a year. The offense for which he was endeavoring to arrest Smith was a pitiful, non-commercial one. If he had succeeded Smith would have paid a small fine and that would have been all. . . . It was just brute force and no brains.

This is the first time a dry agent has even been censured for wanton crimes, and many such have been charged to their account, such as the assassination of the secretary of the Elks lodge in broad daylight in Buffalo, the shooting of an eye out of a United States senator leaving the capitol, and the long list of murders of the innocent on suspicion. Hitherto the lawless acts of the dry agents have always been approved by the department chiefs and the federal department of justice defended them in the courts, removing them from jurisdiction of state courts. The prohibition snapper therefore became a law unto himself and could get away with anything.

The unpopularity of prohibition has been largely due to the methods of enforcement, its ruthless gunmen and its poison denunciations—not from any lack of booze in any form or quantity. After eleven years dryness, liquor is more plentiful and cheaper in price than ever before. But it is a good thing to have the glimmerings of sanity and commonsense displayed for the first time in the service and Czar Woodcock is to be commended.

Benefits of Tariff

The efficacy of the tariff system in demoralizing and curtailing world trade is exemplified again with the recent action of Great Britain in deserting free trade and joining the list of nations erecting tariff embargoes patterned after the American plan.

When the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill was passed, nearly all the foreign nations slapped on retaliatory tariffs against American products, except Great Britain, and American industries began establishing branch factories, in Canada, France, Germany and elsewhere, to retain established markets. Now Great Britain with its anti-dumping law has supplemented its desertion of the gold standard, which by the depreciation of the pound sterling had the same effect as a tariff in raising the price of imports, with its anti-dumping law, providing excessive tariffs on imports.

In reprisal, the United States is raising the duty on imports from England to make them equal to the duties charged on American products by the British. Under the tariff laws, the countervailing duties go into effect automatically whenever the American duties on certain articles are less than charged by a foreign government on the same article. The British anti-dumping tariff measure, which becomes effective Wednesday, allows duties of 50 per cent based on value upon a long list of articles imported from the United States. In this list is metal furniture, cutlery, agricultural implements, wireless sets, typewriters, woolen manufactures, stockings and hose of silk and artificial silk, men's clothing, gloves, except those of rubber, tires and tubes and paper.

Thus one tariff law begets another in reprisal and international commerce foots the bill. Already American industry is planning the establishment of plants in England, which will mean less employment for the American workmen and less business for American railroads and steamers. Its a mad race that can only foster world economic depression, for which the tariff craze is largely responsible.

Independence—W. W. Newton has purchased the 20 acre tract fronting on the river here belonging to the late Lyman Damon. There are six acres in hope adjoining the city north of the highway bridge, these have been tended by Joe Hubbard since the death of Damon. The sale price was \$1800 and Newton with the help of his sons will operate the land which is very fertile. Newton has been operating a hopyard in the Hopville section for the past few years, his lease expiring with last year's crop.

"GOD SAVE THE KING!"



Antoinette's Beauty Talks

Slight Complexion Blemishes Subject to These Remedies

Liver spots, white spots, and moles are skin afflictions which, while not so common, still manage to make certain women uncomfortable with their presence.

Liver spots are larger than freckles, but like freckles are light tan to brownish black. How they get the name is not known. They have nothing to do with the liver in good condition or out of it. We are told on medical authority that they are due to some functional disturbance of, peculiarly female functioning.

Local treatment is similar to freckle remedying. Bleaches and lotions are to be had. Skin peeling will remove the outer cuticle and the spots along with it. Sometimes the following lotion will prove efficient: Salicylic acid, 60 grains, and two ounces of bay rum. You apply it with cotton swab several times a day, allowing the preparation to dry on. Stop applying the lotion immediately upon any irritation is felt and use cold cream to relieve the irritation.

White spots are said to be indicative of some glandular disturbance. Frequently they are found where goitre is present. But only a physician should be relied on for proper guidance. In the meantime the patches may be covered cleverly with a foundation cream and powder.

All moles are not to be categorized under the head of suspicious characters. Some are harmless things, easily removed. But because there is always that one chance of their being dangerous, it is wise to interview a good skin authority before taking any steps to remove them. The physician may recommend the electric needle treatment, but even with the mildest type of mole, he'll urge the most expert of workers for the job.

If your face has a scar from a mole removal or from acne, don't wait until the tissue is completely destroyed. See a good skin specialist before the scars are old, and in all probability, he can save you any further embarrassment.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

To the Editor:

I was disgusted with an article that I read in the paper. It said that Governor Meier's salary total was \$103, and that he had just grossly added \$45. Now \$150 is just 10 times what I am expected to give and I know that Mr. Meier is worth more than 10 times what I am worth.

I own a cheap automobile, tied up in the garage without a license as I can't afford one; nor can I afford gas and oil to run it if I had a license. I own a radio that I bought seven years ago second hand and some furniture that I paid \$500 for several years ago.

That is all I have. I own no home, no bonds (I did have \$1,000 saved three years ago but sickness and two major operations swept that away). I have no store or other business to pay my expenses should my salary stop. I had to drop my life insurance as I couldn't make the payments. All my assets if sold at auction wouldn't bring \$500, and I know that Mr. Meier is worth more than \$5,000.

Yet he demands that I dig up one whole day's earnings against his partial day's earnings. He can live without the government's salary. I can't live without my small one.

Why not base the amount to be given upon a man's assets? Fifteen dollars is three per cent of my assets and this much he is demanding that I give. I do not know his assets but if we were to say \$100,000 that would mean \$3,000 for him

to give. Would he do it? Is he willing to give on the same basis that he is asking us to give?

My children haven't been to a dentist for three years. Their health is suffering because with unsteady work, I haven't had the money to even meet installment payments on teeth repair.

If Mr. Meier would visit some of the homes of his lower paid employees and find out the living conditions in these homes he'd be advocating such things. Let him put a box in the entrance of each department and let all receiving a low salary or those who have not had steady work, give as they can; the box would not be empty. There would also be more peace and goodwill for him among the working people.

It has only been about six months since I passed the street looking for work. I know how it feels and have helped many a poor fellow. We live closer to the poor and give far more than we are able.

Did Mr. Meier deny himself a single necessity when he gave \$150? No! He is not that near bankrupt. But \$15 to me means a month's rent or a bit over half my month's grocery bill, or dental work for my children, or clothes for my wife, she has had so little as we were saving for a home when sickness swept the money away. It means so many, many things to me.

I had to turn the Red Cross down, I'll have to refuse to pay seals. I have always given a little to the organizations but can't now. With many of us it will just be transferring our help to the commission, money that was otherwise given with a free heart and "the gift without the giver is bare."

I know some charity cases that deserve the help that they are getting and I know some that have far more than we. They get for the asking more than we get by working. I know personally of one charity case that wasted more time and vegetables this summer than we were able to buy.

It makes me wonder. Maybe it would be better in these hard times to give my job to some other poor devil and ask for charity.

May some one who has the interests of all in his heart come forth with a solution in this great hour of need but I do not believe that Mr. Meier has solved the problem in a fair way.

I. H. COOPER.

To the Editor:

I noticed in the Capital Journal of Friday, November 20, an article stating that E. C. Bushnell, city building inspector, had reported several prominent Salem persons and firms as violating the city building ordinance by failing to secure permits. O. A. O'Brien, city councilman, erected two frame buildings in the South Salem business district and fire ward without securing a permit. At the same time, Leo M. Childs, Salem real-estate man, completely renovated a frame garage and building adjoining a filling station. He also failed to secure a permit. Although this was made known to the inspector, he did not bring charges against these two as against the others.

A property owner in this same block was refused permission to erect a frame garage because the ordinance calls for either stucco or cement.

A Subscriber

Salem, Oregon, Nov. 21, 1931.

ATTEND CLUB SESSION

Balloon—Mrs. Frank Russell and Mrs. Lucile Linn of the Salem Y. W. C. A. were the featured speakers at the women's club at Redwood Wednesday as delegates from the local Sew and Social club. A delicious dinner was served at noon in the grange hall. A profitable time was spent by all present.

AIR THRILLERS AND FUN KINGS WEEK END FILMS

Pictures of more than usual interest are billed for the Warner Bros. houses three days beginning Sunday with that fun pair, Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, as druggist cowboys in new laughs, coming to the Elmore in "Caught Plastered," and "Dirigible," starring Jack Holt, Ralph Graves and Fay Wray, at the Capitol theater.

In the comedy offering at the Elmore is found more action and less talking than usual. For the benefit of those who have not seen the two laugh kings, the picture not only is funny, but it is funny in an altogether refreshing way. It combines new laughs and dramatic tenacity. The story was written and production supervised by Douglas MacLean. "The Ruling Voice," a story of the lawlessness of a great city, shows for the last time Saturday at the Elmore with the popular midnight matinee starting at 11:30 o'clock.

"Dirigible" is an aerial epic that has long been awaited by Salem aviation and movie fans. The monster naval airship, the "Los Angeles," plays an important part in the production. The story of "Dirigible" is the story of the conquest of the South Pole by aircraft. Danger, adventure—thrilling flying—all are built around a powerful theme of romantic love. There is no "make believe" about the stunt flying, the picture being made at the naval air station at Lakehurst, N. J., with navy fliers appearing in the scenes and supervising the technical details of the production. The Capitol offers for the last time Saturday "Shanghai Love," with Richard Cromwell, Noah Berry and Sally Blane, a melo-drama of the sea in the days of the American clipper ships.

MAURICE CHEVALIER HOLLYWOOD SUNDAY

Maurice Chevalier, who rose to the heights of stardom in one of the most meteoric careers Hollywood has known, comes to the Hollywood theater in Salem, Sunday for three days.

This young Frenchman, with the background of all French military history behind him, puts a verve and dash into this story of gay army life among the ladies, which could not be excelled by any other actor in present day motion pictures. Irresistible in any picture he has yet made, Chevalier proves doubly so in this offering, particularly to the feminine members of the cast. It's not quite all "laugh, love 'em, and leave 'em," however, for there is sufficient body to the plot to maintain the interest of the most indifferent.

Chevalier is supported in the leading roles by Claudette Colbert and Charley Hogue. The comedy features, Charley Chase, in "The Panic Is On," and news reel and short subjects complete the bill.

The final showings of "Stepping Out" will be the feature at the Hollywood Saturday night. "Stepping Out," a comical filmation of the New York stage hit, was personally adapted by the author, Elmer Harris, for the picture. A whole galaxy of stars, including Reginald Denny, Charlotte Greenwood, Lilla Hyams, Lillian Bond and Cliff Edwards are in the cast. In this picture it's the wives who step out. Many of the scenes are laid in Agua Caliente and the rest in Hollywood.

Most caterpillars become butterflies but here is a butterfly who wanted to turn into a caterpillar! Though this may sound like the prelude to a radio bedtime story, it is in reality the plot of the Fox romantic drama, "Their Mad Moment," costarring Warner Baxter and Dorothy Mackall, which comes to the Grand theater Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Jack Jones in "Branded," action packed western drama is showing for the last time.

SLONNS HOME

Wanted—Mr. and Mrs. William A. Slon have returned to their home in Portland after spending a week as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Loran. Mrs. Slon is a cousin of Mrs. Loran. Other guests at the Loran home this week were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eamussen and their small daughter, Marjorie Jean of Silverton.

Doris Blake Says:-

Here's the Time When Girl Is Justified in 'Unladylike' Behavior

She is 28, the man 33. For three years they were constant companions. Marriage was talked of. Then his father died, leaving a large mother on his hands. She, a woman who'd been used to a husband doing practically her thinking for her, became so exacting of the son's time that arguments with the fiancée arose. They drifted apart.

Another man came into the fiancée's life. He was serious. The girl was just beginning to see the advisability of accepting him when No. 1 reappeared, heart broken at the news he'd heard, and pleading for another chance. He got it because he was the one she loved. Six months have passed, but no mention is made of marriage. There is no lack of money. It's the widowed mother's demands that she be not left alone.

"What demands can a girl make?" asks Paula, "about the future—and still be a lady?"

Is it so important to be a lady? A lady in the sense meant here, of course? I'm wondering how many women riding triumphantly beside their legally espoused mates would be sitting all so pretty if they took that lady business seriously?

As I view this show of living up to a man for the altar, being a lady doesn't seem to matter half so much as getting the man there. Not that said gentlemen have all had to be wheeled, bridled or flogged into the famous professional step—but the great majority of them have to be urged. Well—inspired, then! Anyway, they haven't been discouraged, exactly, nor allowed to slide along year after year by permission of a code that doesn't permit a "lady" to express her performance.

Out with the silly convention, say I, and a couple of other loud voices. Speak your piece about marriage being what you want, and the earlier the date, the better it will please. If you need something to bolster up your courage, visualize the long line of spinster "ladies" who waited patiently for the word that never came.

There's no glory and little dignity in the position brought about by refusal to project a word in your own behalf, or a bit of vigorous action, if need be.

Airplane Control Device Patent Is Approved Scio Inventor Just Notified

Scio—Within 18 months after the application was filed, George Meridian of Scio has received official notice from Washington, D. C., that a patent has been granted by the federal office on his invention of an apparatus calculated more accurately to control an airplane.

Although the application was not filed until April, 1933, Meridian had been working on a device of this kind for 20 years. Some years ago Portland papers gave it much publicity, illustrating the device by means of a pictorial miniature model that attracted national attention. Technical descriptions of the mechanism of the device is contained in the source received by Meridian from Washington as follows:

"1. In an aerial apparatus, the combination with a main frame having a steering shaft, pivotally connected thereto, of a sub-frame having a steering shaft, pivotally connected thereto, of a sub-frame pivotally connected to the frame, a plane pivotally connected to the sub-frame, and means connecting the steering shaft to the plane whereby the sub-frame will be caused to oscillate upon the rotation of the steering shaft, causing the plane to oscillate transversely, said shaft adapted to be moved vertically for oscillating the plane longitudinally independent of any movement of the sub-frame."

While revolution of the manufacture of airplanes is not anticipated by the inventor, he already has had many inquiries concerning the apparatus and it is believed it will develop into a big industry.

The inventor in this case has passed the age of 85 years. He has never been in an airplane and does not intend to be. He was a farmer in Illinois in his early manhood. For the last 15 years he and his wife have lived on a small acreage adjoining Scio, tending a walnut orchard, small fruits and a garden.

Marion—The Farmers Union held open-house at the Woodman hall Friday evening. Members and their friends attended.

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