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"With or without offense to friends or foes
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—Byron

Why No Prosecution?

Commenting on John Hamill's book, "The Strange Career of Mr. Hoover," the Statesman says: "The president could as a matter of law bring a libel action; but probably considers it would demean the dignity of his office to engage in an unseemly lawsuit with these defaming unknowns."

Yet Mr. Hoover did not hold it beneath the dignity of his office to roundly denounce William B. Shearer, the "bass-drum" of the Geneva disarmament fizzle or to engage in vitriolic denunciation of the Navy League for its charges against him and seek exoneration at the hands of a self selected board of inquiry composed of his own subordinates. Former President Theodore Roosevelt did not hold it beneath his dignity to sue a detractor for libel, neither did King George V. Libel laws are intended to protect those in the seats of the mighty as well as those in humbler walks.

"Assuredly," continues the Statesman, "if the charges in the book are no more pertinent than the portion the Capital Journal reprints regarding the activity of the Oregon Land Co., they are of no consequence." The Capital Journal reprinted none of the charges made against Mr. Hoover and there are plenty. It merely reprinted the Silver Falls City prospectus, which is introductory, because of its local historical interest.

Concluding, the Statesman says:

We thought the democrats had enough campaign material without going back to Hoover's boyhood to drag forth episodes of doubtful truthfulness and no relation to his public career.

So far as we know, the democrats have nothing to do with any of the volumes of the growing library purporting to depict the real Hoover, books which if untrue, constitute plain cases of criminal libel. Yet the department of justice has started no prosecutions against authors or publishers. Why doesn't it?

As a matter of fact, the democrats are giving Mr. Hoover better support than the republicans. The personal attacks on the president come from republicans, such as Representative McFadden of Pennsylvania and Senator Johnson of California. Though we hold no brief for the democrats, they have not yet resorted to the dissemination of libel and scandal, such as utilized by the "golden special" against Woodrow Wilson, or against Al Smith in 1928, and last year against Senator Norris of Nebraska—all traced to the national republican committee.

The Insanity Dodge

Winnie Ruth Judd's defense has fallen back on the old dodge of insanity to save the precious neck of the defendant. Her parents tell of girlish eccentricities and seek to establish hereditary taint in the family. Whether they can convince the jury remains to be seen.

Of course we are apt to conclude that only an insane person could conceive and execute such a fiendish crime as the defendant admitted, the murder of her two friends, the deliberate carving up of them and with their bloody remains packed in trunk and suitcase, attempting a get away to destroy the evidence. We naturally surmise it the work of a maniac.

Mrs. Judd is insane in the same way that Hickman was. She knew right from wrong and deliberately plotted the crime. In the same sense, most murderers are insane. Yet that does not prevent them from being menaces to society and meriting the punishment the law provides for public safety.

Such emotionally unbalanced persons, clearly conscious of their acts, remain a menace, whether in prison or asylum. Eliminating the extreme penalty merely encourages others similarly constituted, who believe they can also get away with it.

A Shrinking Valuation

The city council utilities committee has decided to offer the Oregon-Washington Water Service company, on the advice of its engineers, Barr and Cunningham \$865,000 for the Salem water plant. As the company paid \$865,000 cash for the plant three years ago and since then has invested in extensions and improvements probably \$200,000 more, it is easy to surmise the result—a refusal of the offer and a resort to prolonged litigation in case of condemnation proceedings.

All of this might have been saved by arbitration as offered by the water company last summer, but the city attorney prefers litigation. Even the mayor offered the company \$1,100,000 last June in a "hoss-trade" for property now deemed worth \$695,000 and none of the councilmen have any hope of securing the plant at the price offered.

The offer is merely a gesture to pacify the electorate while time is being marked until the courts pass on the validity of the water bonds. Nothing can be done until then and that means at least six months. Meanwhile the 700 men promised jobs the day after election can also mark time. And if the bonds are held invalid, we will be back where we started from two years ago.

Owner Borrows \$16 On Artificial Leg

Kansas City, Mo. (AP)—Service extraordinary—that what Kansas City pawnshops are offering nowadays.

Detective Harry Hirsch, assigned to pawnshops of the city, discovered just how complete this service has become.

Entering a shop, he noticed an artificial leg.

"What's that doing here?" "We lent a man \$16 on it," replied the proprietor.

"Oh, said Hirsch. "How'd he get out of the shop?"

"I gave him a pair of crutches," was the reply.

France is reported to have made more technical progress in aviation in the last 12 months than any other country in Europe.

Syracuse Students Admit Using Liquor

Syracuse, N. Y. (AP)—Sixteen per cent of the men students at Syracuse university drink intoxicating liquor, a questionnaire indicated.

An additional three per cent admitted drinking when not in training.

Smoking was indulged in by 29.8 per cent.

Dr. Ernest S. Griffith, dean of the lower division of the university, said he believed the figures were correct.

MAY CONFISCATE CARS
Edinburgh, Scotland (AP)—Bands of poachers, roaming the countryside in automobiles, gathering in flocks of pheasants, rabbits, and salmon, have caused the authorities to consider whether the cars can be confiscated like the rest of a poacher's equipment.

VARIED KEYNOTE BEING SOUNDED; VAUDEVIL AGAIN

Packed to the brim with thrills, and called by experts the most original film ever to reach the screen, Universal's series "Frankenstein" will make its debut at the Warner Bros. Elsinore theater, for three days beginning with the mid-night matinee Saturday with Colin Clive, Mae Clark, John Boles and Doris Karloff in the featured roles.

The extraordinary story of a young scientist who brought a human monster to life through weird electrical mechanisms and surgery is based upon the fantastic eighteenth century narrative of the same name written by Mary Shelley, wife of the poet.

The dangerous but glamorous life of the notorious World War spy, "Mata Hari," is portrayed in the picture of that name which will open Sunday at the Warner Bros. Capitol theater for three days with the sensational combination of Greta Garbo and Ramon Novarro in the leading roles.

The amazing cast of this ambitious Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production also includes such outstanding screen personalities as Lionel Barrymore, Lewis Stone, C. Henry Gordon, Karen Morley and Alec B. Francis, together with a large group of supporting players.

Guido Deiro, piano accompanist, is the headline on the second unit of the Joe Daniels' Varieties, the vaudeville road show which are now showing at the Grand theater Saturdays and Sundays. Aside from being a showman of international reputation, Mr. Deiro is also famous for his Columbia phonograph records, NBC broadcasts, and Vitaphone pictures. Three other acts of unusual quality are also on the bill this week.

Bill Connors, popular San Francisco night club entertainer and vaudeville, will be seen in a comedy talking and singing number, as well as being the master of ceremonies for the unit. Clinton and McNamera present their hilarious skit entitled "On Duty."

This clever team is a highlight on any show. Juana and Cortez offer a series of dance specialties in big time style. Elma Novak and her Sweetheart band will again accompany the unit. On the screen will be seen "Big Business Girl" starring Loretta Young, Frank Albertson, and Ricardo Cortez.

"Tabu," a tropical romance with all the beauty and charm of a far away place, was filmed in Bora in the Society Islands group, in a land where love seemingly began. There P. W. Murnau spent 14 months among the native Polynesians filming a romantic drama that surpasses all the earlier South Sea romance movies.

Reri, fairest flower of them all, was dedicated to the gods, forbidden to love—Tabu. Matahah, her lover before she was chosen as "Tabu"—one who must be set aside as something sacred, untouchable—was unwilling to accept her arbitrary removal from his life. There follow scenes of love, life, and laughter, and then tragedy for Matahah for his defiance of the tribal leaders and in the fulfillment of the "tabu." The characters in the story, all of them natives, are credited with a quality comparable to Hollywood's best acting. Murnau was fatally hurt shortly after his return to the United States, and died without having realized the success he achieved in his undertaking.

"Tabu" is a silent picture with a stirring musical setting by Dr. Hugo Reinsefeld, one of the outstanding musical minds of show business. It concludes at the Hollywood Saturday night.

Scotch Family Seek Job On Long Hike

How a Scotch miner and his family had walked more than 1,500 miles in search of a job was revealed recently when George, the twelve-year-old son of Philip Reynolds of Glasgow, decided to leave the hiking party and explore for himself. Hearing that work might be had in London, the family, including Mrs.

Reynolds and the children, ranging from an infant of nine months to George, walked nearly 400 miles to the city only to be disappointed. They hiked back to Hamilton, near Glasgow, then trudged nearly 300 miles to Doncaster, England, where a reported job could not be found. Back to Hamilton they started, but on the way George disappeared at Bowling. The rest of the Reynolds returned to Hamilton and started a search for the boy who turned up at Paisley, having made a circuit of nearly 300 miles alone.

Doris Blake Says:-

Young Chap Writes His Frank Opinion of Hip-flask Girls

By DORIS BLAKE
They drink and tell, too, just as some of the young makes kiss and broadcast the news. They accept their share of what the hipflask contains and then sit down and write what they think of the drinking stunts. As witness the most recent report received, signed "Hex."

"My friend and I stopped off in a town on our way north to see two girls we knew there. We had dinner at their home. Then, it was proposed we go on to a dance at the country club. The girls brought along a bottle lifted from the cellar. . . . And could they drink?"

And so on. The rest of the cadish communication we will not disclose. Enough to say that the incident served as a broadside against our "very loose moraled young women."

Maybe we are hard on the young man. But we hate a teller. Yet—it may be due to this morning-after return to the extremely conventional standards for which man is noted that morality is claiming an old-fashioned revival in feminine circles.

The revival is on, young ladies. And if you want to be as up-to-date in your private lives as you are in your dress, you leave the liquor and the easy necking habits alone. Mrs. Mary Agnes Hamilton, lecturer and former member of the British house of commons, reports that young people in England are moving away from the drinking and swearing habits of early post-war fashion. They are turning to domesticity and marriage with a good old fashioned idea of making it ago with the first altar partner.

In our country, too, the very smart young women are abandoning the wild ways and the wild days of the post-war era. It is only a group of not so smart young folk here and there who still pursue the loose manners and loose morals of yesterday's young generation.

It was a losing game for women. It still is, where it is practiced. If a man drinks and tells it probably is more because his girl ideals are outraged than because he is a cad. Whether modern woman rejects the idea of being idealized by man or not, it is what the gentleman in love wants to do and you can't stop him.

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This Dry Shampoo Formula May Prove Valuable to You

By ANTOINETTE DONNELLY

If for some reason you do not want to make a date with your hair dresser or yourself for a shampoo and you want your hair to look bright and clean, here is an emergency pickup for you. Just take your clean Turkish towel and rub the head vigorously fore, aft, top, and sides. Take another towel and repeat.

Then take your brush and give yourself five minutes' good brushing. You may have to have your wave reset, but I have in mind for this emergency shampoo, people who are suffering with colds or some other ailment that disposes temporarily of the strap and water shampoo.

This treatment is excellent for the scalp and hair. You will feel, yourself, how tingling it is and how much more life there is to the hair as a consequence. If you feel you have rubbed dry hair a bit too dry just wet your finger tips with a little warm olive oil or oil of sweet almonds, and rub it into the scalp at convenient intervals.

You know, I think the idea of rubbing a tiny bit of oil into the scalp nightly to combat the luster-

less hair is a good one. Usually the oil treatment is postponed until the night before a shampoo. Then you can lay on just enough to make the scalp feel moist and the hair show a bit more weight and gloss by a light fingered application nightly.

You can do this, too, without running your wave. You feed your face cream nightly. Why not feed the scalp its lubricant, too?

A hurry-up treatment for the oily

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haired is the dry shampoo method. You can use the towels as described. If this is not sufficient to stem the oil, use corn powder or warm corn meal. Sprinkle through the hair and then brush out thoroughly. Common table salt, possibly handier, may be employed in the same manner. A friend of mine uses one of the cleaning liquids with success. The odor evaporates quickly.

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