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"With or without offense to friends or foes
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—Byron

"Off With His Head!"

"Tellest thou me of 'ifs'? Thou art a traitor! Off with his head!" So much for Hal Hoss when he dares to live up to the law and the constitution instead of the ukase of Governor Meier in the matter of collecting auto license fees in an illegal manner. So we have the diverting spectacle of the executive declaring war upon the secretary of state for not construing himself above the law as he himself does. For the governor, trained in the feudal barony of an hereditary department store where he rules as a petty tyrant, has the medieval conception that "I am the state," and attempts a feeble imitation of a Mussolini usurping legislative powers.

The governor had ordered the secretary of state, over whom he has no legal jurisdiction, to issue automobile licenses on a quarterly installment payment basis. The law reads that "the annual license fees prescribed in the act for such licenses shall be paid to the secretary of state at the time the application is made" and there is no authority for collection on the installment plan. The attorney general has ruled that the secretary of state cannot accept installment fees, under the law and has no authority to refund to those who have paid their full year's license.

In reply to the savage attack made upon him by Mr. Meier, Mr. Hoss temperately sets forth the law and quotes the constitution which he, as well as the governor is sworn to uphold, which reads "the operation of the laws shall never be suspended except by authority of the legislative assembly." But as the governor insists, what is the constitution among state officials?

So the executive by mandate attempts to set aside the law requiring the secretary of state to collect auto license fees and orders the state treasurer, who is without legal authority to collect them on a quarterly or any other basis, to do the collecting, decrees a special audit of the secretary's office asserting it over-manned, declares that because Mr. Hoss as a newspaper man (his training was in the business end of a newspaper) knows nothing of business and pays other sundry compliments.

All that the governor has done besides making a spectacle of himself in his four flush gallery plays is to demoralize license collections and thereby crippled highway finances dependent upon them, and his further acts only make confusion worse confounded, a necessary consequence of the refusal of officials to impartially enforce the law.

The executive in his frequent spasms of rage and spite reprisals forgets that "he that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city,"—or bosses a state, for that matter.

Bonding Aftermath

In the predicament in which several Oregon cities find themselves financially at present there is a warning to the people of Salem to "make haste slowly" in undertaking a municipal water supply proposal involving the issuance in bonds of \$2,500,000, or any major portion thereof. At the height of its earning capacity the revenues of the local water plant on the basis of existing rates would never have paid out on an investment of more than \$1,500,000. As is the case with other cities, these revenues have diminished materially by reason of existing economic conditions, and there is no indication when they will return to normal.

Everywhere over the country municipal "self-supporting" enterprises are finding themselves in difficulty. Right here in Oregon we find a citizens' tax committee of the city of Enterprise soliciting bond holders of that city to accept 10 percent of the face value of their bonds and cash them in on that basis. The solicitation follows action by the city in defaulting this spring on a \$5,000 principal and interest payment on its water bonds. Their first action was to increase the minimum water rate to \$2 a month. That failed to bring relief, and then came organization of the citizen's tax committee, which in its circular letter to bondholders says: "We admit that we owe more than we will ever be able to pay."

Interest requirements alone on outstanding Enterprise water bonds are \$6,480 a year. In 1931 their gross revenues were \$9,131, but now they have dropped to an average of only \$573 a month, scarcely enough to pay the bond interest. Adding to the difficulties of the city is the shrinkage (general over the entire state) in tax receipts. Out of a total tax levy for Enterprise of \$30,915 due in 1931 only \$19,412 was collected.

A municipal water system, engineered by Baar & Cunningham who have estimated and laid out the tentative plans for the proposed system here, has also got the city of Sutherlin into serious difficulties. That city is in default \$5,000 in interest payments, despite an increased water rate, has defaulted in the payment of \$30,000 of its matured water bonds, and because of these and other bond defaults has seen its tax rate jump from 19.1 mills on a valuation of \$442,000 for the levy for 1931 to 37 mills on a valuation of \$428,435 for 1932. Sutherlin collects \$3,000 a year in water fees and pays \$5,000 a year in interest on its water bonds.

The city of Vale recently defaulted on an \$85,000 issue of 6 percent municipal water bonds and forced the bondholders to take 5 percent refunding bonds in their place, meanwhile boosting the tax levy for municipal purposes to 69 mills. It also increased water rates and still finds itself in the red.

Stanfield is another Oregon city which has found a municipal water plant a precarious investment. Advising the deputy state treasurer of that city's predicament the city recorder writes under date of January 30, 1932:

It is the opinion of the present council that the city water system has never paid or even been self-supporting and, while at the present time it is paying for the expense of pumping, considering the interest on the bonds at six percent it is running the city in debt, or in other words, into the tax column, at the rate of approximately \$100 per month.

Not even higher water rates have been able to stave off higher taxes due to municipal water system deficits in these and several other Oregon cities.

AND WHAT HE WANTS IS A RABBIT'S FOOT!



RIPLEY SEEKS CONTINUANCE OF MURDER TRIAL

Robert Ripley, indicted with Frank Manning and Eugene Poe for the murder of Night Officer Iversen at Silverton on the morning of May 2 last year, has filed a motion and affidavit to support it asking for continuance of his trial to another term of court. His trial is set along with the others to be heard next week before Judge Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles.

In his affidavit Ripley states that John Alguire is a material witness to his defense, that he has discussed with his attorney, Chris Kowitz, the details of his defense and Kowitz expresses the belief he has a good defense.

Ripley in his affidavit states that John Alguire was proprietor of the pool hall in front of which Iversen was shot to death on the morning of May 2, 1931. He says he believes that Alguire is in California, that he has a sister in Silverton from whom he can get the address of Alguire, that he has been unable to do so far and he needs Alguire's testimony either in person or by deposition to round out his defense.

He states that from remarks Alguire is quoted as having made to other persons the former pool hall proprietor will testify that his pool hall was not entered or robbed on the morning in question. District Attorney Carson states that as far as the state has been able to find out, the pool hall was not robbed but he is not certain it was not. But he does not consider this as a material matter as so far he believes the state will not contend that the pool hall was robbed but that the men who shot Iversen were just in the act of entering it and robbing it when Iversen appeared on the scene and they took his life.

In all likelihood the motion for continuance will be argued next week only after Judge Wilson's arrival. If he should hold with Ripley it is possible an effort will be made to put over all three of these murder trials as the men are jointly indicted but it is understood all will ask for separate trials.

ACCOUNTANT HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

Los Angeles, July 6 (AP)—Irwin S. Liner, 43-year-old unemployed accountant, was held today on a charge of murdering Edwin H. Clarke, 33, retired New Jersey telephone company official, and his wife, Mrs. Kendal Clarke, 35. Police said Liner confessed he killed the couple when they attacked him after Clarke had accused him of undue attentions to Mrs. Clarke.

Liner was reported to have confessed last night after more than 20 hours of questioning by detectives, who had held him since the finding of the bullet-pierced bodies of the couple in their home the night of July 4.

Liner had been a friend of the Clarkes for years, and when Mrs. Liner left Los Angeles recently to go to a sick son in Manila, P. I.

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BOYS PREPARE FOR CAMPING AT OCEANSIDE

The advance party which will install the water system, erect the tents and put the camp in order in anticipation of a group of around 40 boys, will leave for Camp Oceanside, the site of the annual summer outing of the Y. M. C. A., next Friday. The main party will leave early Tuesday morning and will remain in camp until July 21.

The personnel of the group which will direct the activities of the boys while in camp has virtually been decided upon. As usual R. R. Boardman, physical director, and Dwight Adams, boys work secretary will head the party. Their assistants will include Bill Ross, Willamette university athlete who will be in charge of surf bathing, Fred Remington, Joe Hershberger, Wesley Roeder, Irving Hale, Everett Clark, Frank Bashor, Fred Blatchford and a Mr. DuBois of Portland. Blatchford will supervise the handicraft department, including moccasins making, weaving and a number of other activities. DuBois will have charge of the nature study department.

Sports in camp will include playground volleyball and baseball, heather ball, horse shoe pitching, and a variation of cricket, the latter game worked out by Dwight Adams. The annual stripe hunt will be a big feature of the outing.

Several hikes will be undertaken, the distances being arranged to accommodate the younger and older boys. Two separate programs for the older and younger boys have been worked out and about the only time the two groups will come in contact with each other will be at meal time.

The beach which borders the Y camp is considered one of the safest along the Oregon coast, while the marine gardens are visited by hundreds of persons annually.

The campers this year will include about 75 per cent boys who have taken part in similar outings conducted by the local Y.

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Correction Made by Press Association

Governor Julius L. Meier, following a brief hearing here Tuesday, refused to authorize the extradition of Alva Casey, wanted in Dent county, Missouri, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The Associated Press in reporting the proceedings inadvertently gave the name of the prisoner as Henry S. Canfield.

The Associated Press is glad to make this correction.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGE 96 PERCENT

Marion county school children entered the doors of little red schoolhouses or other sorts of schoolhouses 1,377,583 times during the past school year that being the aggregate daily attendance of all pupils during the year, according to the annual report being compiled by County Superintendent Mary L. Pulkerson. There were also 80,193 absences registered in all of the schools during the year and 11,375 tardy marks were registered up again the pupils. The average daily attendance showed a percentage of 96, with the total average daily attendance being 11,375.

Out of the total there were 1016 pupils who were neither ab-

sent or tardy during the year. Ten pupils who are physically handicapped and incapable of attending school have been taught outside school at their homes. The average daily attendance in high schools for the year was 2473, in junior high schools 1473 and in grade schools 7034.

Mr. Angel—Miss Clara Keber, Miss Teresa Pickett, Miss Grace Smith and Miss Marguerite Perayn spent several days in Portland visiting relatives and friends.

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Mt. Angel—Miss Helen Saalfeld, Miss Henrietta Saalfeld, Bob Appleby, Miss Louise Butsch, Hubert Saalfeld and Lawrence Saalfeld spent the week-end at Newport.

Silverton—Mrs. George Hubbs and daughter, Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. James Jenks and son, James, Jr., of Albany, went to Seaside Monday to remain throughout the week. Mrs. Jenks is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbs and is remembered in Silverton as Dorothy Hubbs.

Fringes constitute the latest hair-dressing fad in Europe.