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Governor And Legislature.

Whatever hope there was that the legislature would refrain from attempted political reprisals against Governor Pierce went glimmering on the opening day of the session, during the hour while the governor was reading his message. Then such a result nothing else was to be expected, for the executive piled up provocation on provocation in that document.

Now the fruits are appearing, and they are a good deal as expected. There are bills in the making to abolish the state prohibition department and the state market agent's office; to place the penitentiary under the state board of control, and to take from the governor and place with the legislature the appointment of the game commission, the fish commission, the port of Portland commission and the state insurance commissioner.

It is not certain that all these plans can be carried to fruition by the governor's enemies. The executive will, of course, veto as many bills calling for such changes as are passed. To override the vetoes, 40 votes in the house and 20 in the senate will be necessary. Whether these numbers can be mustered for all of the measures of reprisal remains yet to be developed.

The state prohibition department is an institution which in hands other than those of the incompetent Cleaver would be an efficient force for prohibition enforcement. But if no way can be found to get rid of Cleaver except to abolish the department, then it may as well be abolished, because there is ample demonstration in the record that Cleaver will bungle everything he attempts. As to the state market agent, there appears little reason for continuing the office, as farmers themselves quite generally are said to favor its abolition.

Attempts to take his lawful constitutional appointments out of the governor's hands are ill-advised attempts and unworthy ones. If the legislature carries them through it will lay itself open to the very charge that has been laid with such good cause against the governor—that of pernicious political activity. The legislature ought to occupy itself with constructive rather than vengeful efforts.

Why Youths Go Wrong.

Everett Hill, international president of Rotary, speaking before a northwest district gathering of that organization in Portland a few evenings ago, made some remarks concerning the training and care of children that are pertinent to the general newspaper discussion of the case of 16-year-old Dorothy Ellingson, who slew her mother at San Francisco, because the mother had objected to her "jazzing around" all night.

The cause of juvenile delinquency and juvenile crime is lack of parental guidance and control of children almost exclusively, declared Mr. Hill. For the appalling fact that most desperate crimes are committed by mere boys and for the fact that the majority of inmates in many of our penitentiaries are below the age of 21 years, blame is directly traceable to the parents who failed in their duty to know where those boys were and what they were doing at all times while they were growing up. Because children are not corrected while they are little, they get beyond correction long before they are grown. Too many woodsheds have been turned into garages, Mr. Hill declared.

Mayor Baker, of Portland, who himself has made a study of the juvenile problem and who has often made public addresses along exactly the lines of what Mr. Hill said, heard the Rotarian president and nodded vigorously at the various points he made. There is agreement not only between these two but among all who have studied the problem, that the way to keep our youth going straight is to control our children before they become youths, to keep close to them and to know where they are and what they are doing at all times.

It appears in the case of Dorothy Ellingson that she has been beyond parental control for some time past, although she is but 16. But she could have been controlled while she was little. She would have stayed home when she became older if she had been taught properly and watched closely while she was younger. That is the lesson for parents in the Dorothy Ellingson case.

A farmers' meeting at Gresham adopted resolutions calling upon the legislature to ratify the federal child labor amendment, and also calling upon its own members to keep a record of how members of the legislature vote on the subject and to defeat those who vote adversely if they run for office again. There was marked division in the meeting over the resolutions, but the fact that it was adopted contravenes plainly enough the theory of legislators from some of the agricultural districts that farmers generally are against the amendment.

The Sinslaw harbor improvement appropriation is assured, according to word from Washington, and the channel in the Lane county harbor will be dredged to a depth sufficient to obviate the necessity of lightering lumber vessels. That will be a good beginning, but the ultimate possibilities for Sinslaw harbor development are much greater than the present project contemplates.

In Colorado a state prison investigation by Thomas Mott Osborne has revealed that convicts have been habitually flogged and confined in dark, unsanitary "coolers." Thomas J. Tynan has been warden of the prison for sixteen years past. It is altogether unlikely that the beginning of his cruelties has been recent. Nor is it likely that they have been completely unknown to higher state officials. Well may Colorado blush.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Mr. Gary's Comment (Christian Science Monitor) No man tribute it was which Elbert H. Gary paid to President Coolidge when he declared in a talk to the business men of Washington, D. C., that, by surrounding himself with men who are capable and by his daily walk and conversation, the president is exerting an influence that is of benefit to every living person. In this connection, further, he urged upon

his audience that the best thing that they could do for law enforcement would be to remove liquor from their tables at their homes, and he also claimed that America had never had such a good prospect of success and prosperity as it has today. It is more than a coincidence that a man of Gary's standing should so link up prohibition with success and prosperity. His wide experience in dealing with men places him in a position where he can justifiably be looked upon as speaking with authority along this line.

Newspaper Retail Price Freedom (Editor and Publisher) In a retail price that covers the physical cost of newspaper manufacture and distribution lies editorial freedom. There is not the slightest doubt that this is a prime economic fact for every newspaper publisher to keep well in mind.

In the whole realm of commerce nothing but newspapers is now traded in with the copper cent as the unit of measure. Nothing is so cheap, so accessible to every man in the street, as a newspaper. The newspaper must be available to the whole citizenship to remain true to its responsibilities.

It is not expected that newspapers shall sell at copy prices which make them absolutely dependent upon advertising. Whatever may have gone before, the present tendency is surely away from that attitude. In so far as this can be accomplished without the sacrifice of circulation (and through such distribution the functioning of the original ideas of a constitutionally guaranteed "free press") it is most certainly desirable from every point of view.

Editor and Publisher commends the course of The New York World and the Kansas City Star. Their price advances were well justified. No hardship is worked upon readers, and the economic position of both of these great newspapers better fortifies editorial independence.

He is Wrong (Salem Statesman) The governor of Washington is very frantic about the child labor amendment. He belongs to the millionaire class and he was an accident in politics. He has tried for years to govern but finally on what looked like a reactionary way he managed to slip through by a few votes in the primary. His election followed as a matter of course.

He is not a representative of Washington. He is simply a money bag, and office adds to his pride. If he ever knew little children, he has forgotten; if he ever had sympathy for them, he has lost it. He is wrapped up in his dollars and it is a bad situation.

In Lighter Vein

Bascom Tells One (Baltimore Sun) Bascom Slemp said at a dinner in Washington: "A foolish man who keeps out of politics because he thinks politicians are corrupt was reading the comic strips the other night when his young son said: 'Pop, what's political economy?'"

"Political economy," the foolish man answered, "is—er—well, I guess political economy is the science of not buying any more votes than you actually need."

Home Volunteered (Boston Globe) Mrs. Hoyle—Why do you put so much salt in your husband's food? Mrs. Hoyle—I want to get him into the habit of drinking water.

One Remembrance (His Wife)—A writer here explains why some husbands consider their wives angels. Her Brute—"I suppose it is because they are always harping on something."

The Flavor Lingered (The Simpsonian) "I once loved a girl that made a fool out of me," declared a man. "What a lasting impression some girls make!"

Prop Wanted (Christian Witness) The colored janitor of a church in

her face in her arms on the edge of the kitchen table. My agitated thoughts quickly smothered up the little bits of information and tried to form some kind of action.

"You couldn't stop him? Why couldn't you?" I demanded, fiercely then added quickly, "Did you know him? Had you ever seen him before?"

"No—no, Mrs. Armour," she declared. "I tried—I tried—but he wouldn't let me have him."

"Which way did he go? Think, think for God's sake and tell me what he looked like," I begged.

"He went down—down town—and I—I don't know what he looked like," she declared, again bursting into tears, and I could not get another word from her.

I rushed wildly to the telephone. My first thought was to tell Kent but I realized he would hardly have had time to reach the office yet. I took the receiver off the hook and took central to give me the police station.

I then, and then I told my story as rapidly and as well as my fainting nerves and overwhelming fear would let me. I described Kent Jr. and told exactly how he was dressed.

Then I tried to get Kent on the phone, but he had not gotten in yet. I left word to have him call me at once when he reached the office.

I rushed back to Nancy. She was standing by the kitchen window. As she turned toward me I saw a look of desperate fear in her eyes.

"I couldn't help it! It wasn't my fault," she declared, covering before me.

Strangely enough it never entered my head that Nancy herself might have had some part in Kent's disappearance. If I had thought of it then I shudder to think what might have happened, and what I might have done in my wild frenzy.

Tomorrow—The Agency of Hopeless Waiting.



While on her way to a mail box this morning Mrs. Elm Pash was held up by bandits who tore the stamp from her letter and escaped in a high-powered car. Nobody ever kicks at a detour off the straight and narrow path.

St. Louis had a violent temper. He was converted, but sometimes his temper would get the best of his good resolutions. On one occasion when he was repeating one of his lapses, he made this prayer after he had asked the Lord to forgive him, "O Lord, prop me up on the leaning side."

More Cross-Word Stuff (Florida Times-Union) Judge—"Why did you throw the dictionary at your husband?" Woman—"Oh, well, I was trying to work a cross-word puzzle and asked him several times to tell me a word of five letters, meaning domestic happiness, and he wouldn't do it."

Real Sympathy (Boys' Life.) A teacher, trying to impress on her pupils the rightness of kindness to all animals, took them for a walk to bring the lesson home to them. Hearing a scream from little Johnny, she asked: "What's the matter, Johnny?" "I've been sitting on a hornet," was the tearful response, "and I'm afraid I've hurt the poor thing."

The Kind That Hurts (London Punch) "Now, what's your candid opinion of my painting?" "Well, if you really want my candid opinion—" "Thanks. In that case I don't."

Youth's Greatest Trial (Columbian Record) The saddest thing about life is it taken fifty years for young people to learn what they should know.

Oregon Briefs The General Petroleum Products company, a large gasoline retail concern, has started work on a \$15,000 distributing plant in The Dalles.

A total of 261 automobile accidents occurred in The Dalles during the past year and of this number only two participants were placed under arrest.

Luther & Morgan, Albany hop growers, have just sold their 1924 crop, 50,000 pounds to Smith Brothers of Portland for 15 cents a pound.

W. W. Cardwell, one of the best known attorneys of southern Oregon, died at his home in Roseburg. Mr. Cardwell was born at Canyonville in 1862.

The Ashland-Klamath Falls highway is now declared safe, maintenance work having been completed. The road of eight inches of snow on the summit.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the warehouse of the Cole Manufacturing company at Willamina, causing a loss estimated at \$10,000.

The Shelvin-Hixon lumber company at Beaverton is running at full capacity for the first time since last May. Work has been started on two more dry kilns, making a total of 22.

The Union high school board at Rainier has called a special election for January 25 to decide on the purchase of a site for a new school building.

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That shows how far men wander from the truth, and they merely guess.

How much do you think the United States is worth, all together, in thousands of millions of dollars.

According to the census bureau, all the property in the United States three years ago amounted to about \$220,563,822,000. That means 320 times one thousand million dollars, with 805 millions to spare.

It's a great deal of money, but you may be sure that it's much less than the United States is worth. Properly developed, the state of Texas will be worth more than the total "wealth of the United States" as now estimated.

Nobody has the faintest idea what the real wealth of this country amounts to. In ten years the total wealth, according to the figures above, has increased more than 72 per cent. Give this nation 50 million more inhabitants, intelligent, willing to work, and they would raise the value of the nation's property 500 per cent in half a generation.

The value of the nitrogen in the air, which men will eventually extract cheaply, could buy a dozen Rockefeller's, if you could only get the wealth floating around in the air above some small town. We're very rich. Unfortunately we are not safe from attack.

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But, this thought is recommended to the president and to his advisers. It is not the fact that \$250,000,000 worth of flying machines from a foreign country could destroy every one of the \$150,000,000 worth of buildings in short order.

It would be worth while to spend a few million dollars to get the needed fighting airplanes and swift pursuit planes, if only as insurance for the billions of dollars worth of property, open to attack in this city.

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NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

Special Correspondence To The Guard From Various Live Districts In Its Field

SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 19.—(Special)—Mrs. C. J. Bedell of Dexter was in Springfield to receive medical treatment Friday.

Mrs. Joe Hart of Walthersville was a Springfield visitor Friday.

Richard Easton was here Friday in the interests of business.

W. Frank Anderson had a piece of steel removed from his right eye, having suffered the injury while at work at the American Manufacturing corporation. His sight is thought not to be impaired.

Mrs. I. B. Goddard, of between Mill and Second street on C, is slowly improving. She is not able to be sitting up.

Mrs. Frank Smith of Pleasant Hill came Friday and is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Markham, 124 west Main street.

Mrs. J. Edgar Trotter has been quite ill the past week with a gripe at her home between Mill and First on F street. He is now feeling somewhat better.

Robert H. Holmes of Eugene was over Friday from the district office of the Southern Pacific, on business at the local S. P. depot. He attended the Lions club luncheon with Carl Olson, depot agent.

The next meeting of the Springfield local of the Royal Legion of Yeagers and Lumbermen will be Monday night, January 26 in the W. O. W. hall. A measure proposing raising funds for a St. Patrick's day celebration will be up for a vote.

Mrs. Milo Thompson of Vida was in Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott of Salem arrived Friday evening to spend a few days with their daughter, Mrs. W. Henry Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Casteel of Eugene moved to Springfield Sunday and have taken apartments over the Hall Shoe store.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Taylor are planning to move next Sunday, taking apartments over the Hall shoe store.

Mrs. Verdon May of Marcola came Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Manly went of Corvallis Saturday night to visit Mrs. Manly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Holcomb. They motored back on Sunday.

Selmer Wicks has blood poison in his right arm, due to getting poison in a scratch on his thumb.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald were dinner guests of Mrs. Hattie Spencer on Saturday.

Announcements have been received from Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gossett of Billings, Mont., of the marriage of their son Frank and daughter Juanita at a double ceremony Wednesday, Jan. 7. They are the grandchildren of Mrs. J. E. McKay, and they with their parents were former residents of Creswell.

A family gathering celebrating the birthday of J. E. Woodson was held Wednesday at his home the guests being Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Woodson of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Ida Wicks and son Leslie Wicks of Star, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wicks of Cottage Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fry and children, Miss Helen Wapole and Lundy Woodson and family of Cottage Grove and Richard Bushnell. The evening was pleasantly spent at cards and enjoying a two-course luncheon. The color scheme used throughout the house and refreshments were pink and white.

The brothers of the Eastern Star proved to be very fine hosts Thursday night at the meeting of the Eastern Star lodge. The table was set nicely with paper plates with the emblematic star decoration, and much fun enjoyed during the serving of the courses as one did not know what was to follow next. Each guest was given a stunt to reel off during the course of the luncheon causing much amusement. About 20 enjoyed the evening. Past Patron C. F. Moore was presented with an Eastern Star pin as a token of appreciation as Patron during the year. The presentation speech was made by C. H. Sedwick.

The M. G. R.'s enjoyed a pleasant meeting with Mrs. F. A. Richardson and daughter Mrs. Jones, Friday night with a beautiful covered dish supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard and son Gernie and wife motored to Shasta City, Cal., Friday.

Mrs. J. F. Knox went to Lafayette Saturday. Mr. Knox is employed at Lafayette and the family will leave soon to make their home there.

Gertie Hoffman, daughter of Mrs. Harriet Cassaday, left Saturday for St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, to undergo a major operation.

The sewer force put in the last 18-inch pipe Saturday. They will lay considerable more 12-inch and less. They claim the sewer will be much better for having been laid this winter, although the water caused much delay.

A. J. Van Osdal spent Saturday in Eugene on business.

Barion Hellwell from Roseburg spent the week-end with his brother, A. W. Hellwell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Phelps spent Sunday with their friends in Cottage Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps are now living in Tillamook.

Mrs. D. H. Hemenway accompanied C. M. Shinn from Portland Saturday. Mrs. Shinn, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Ken, since Christmas, will return home with him.

Cottage Grove high school basketball team lost the game played Saturday night in Corvallis. The score was 24 to 14 in favor of Corvallis.

The cottage prayer meetings will be continued by the M. E. church this week preparatory to the beginning of a revival at the church beginning Sunday, Jan. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mays and daughter, Gail, returned Saturday from Raymond, Washington.

The American auxiliary has appointed the following chairmen of the different committees: hospitalization and community welfare, Mrs. L. R. Long; unit activities, Mrs. J. A. Rhodes; Americanization, Mrs. Clara Hall; finance, Mrs. Fred Bennett; publicity, Mrs. Ed T. Bakely; membership, Mrs. Ray Nelson, Mrs. Vinal Randall, Mrs. Marvin Smith and Mrs. H. W. Titus; social, Mrs. C. C. Cruse; beneficial legislation, Mrs. Robert Stewart.

At the meeting Saturday of the Community club the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. L. Darby, president; Mrs. T. C. Shaw, first vice-president; Mrs. F. C. Houser, second vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Hatch, secretary and treasurer; a lookout committee was appointed to visit the sick

and needy, Mrs. Henry Mason and Mrs. H. C. Schaefer; Mrs. Frank Mendell is the chairman.

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