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A Closed Issue

THE Corvallis Gazette-Times chortles a little at what it thinks is the discovery by itself of an inconsistency on the part of The Guard in supporting the federal child labor amendment, while opposing on the ground of its paternalism, the Garland bill to require reading of the Bible in the public schools.

The Guard supported the federal child labor amendment because it believed, and still does, that there was the same necessity for federal intervention in the issue that there had been in the case of prohibition; that is, there were a few states that would not legislate to protect children in commercialized industry, just as there were a few states that refused to suppress the saloon.

Members of the Lane county delegation in the legislature, while they were understood to oppose in their personal views the ratification of the amendment, all except Senator Fred Fisk recorded themselves by their votes as willing to have the question referred to the people for an advisory referendum.

There is talk in Oregon and throughout the nation of inaugurating another campaign at once to bring about federal regulation of child labor. The Guard believes any such movement would be ill advised and unjustified. There should be a wait at least of a few years, to give the states which now fail in their duty toward children in industry a chance to correct the lack by legislation of their own.

Officiousness Rebuked

A CANNED editorial which is going the rounds tells of a woman supervisor of physical education who has concluded that high-school girls of today are over stimulated and under nourished, and "Moreover," she insists, "it is mostly the fault of the mothers."

She reached this latter conclusion, the editorial goes on to show, after she had sent out more than 400 letters to parents of high school girls, asking them to co-operate in seeing that their children had proper sleep, exercise and food. At the bottom of each letter she wrote: "We are very much interested in your daughter and welcome a conference at any time."

We find nothing of proof in what the lady relates to indicate indifference to their daughters' welfare by mothers. Any normal mother receiving an admonition from an outsider to look after her own daughter properly would resent it if she had a flash of spirit or an ounce of brains. If she did not invite the meddler to mind her own business, the alternative naturally would be to ignore the impertinence altogether.

What right has any officious official to send out a letter to 400 mothers, carrying the implication that they are neglecting their duty?

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

A Constitutional Convention.

Reference to the people at the general election of 1920 of the question of calling a constitutional convention for revision of the constitution is provided in a bill introduced by Senator Klepper today, the 60th anniversary of the webfoot state. Should the people approve, the delegates to the convention would be elected at the general election of 1928. The measure does not fix the date, but leaves this as a matter for future consideration.

any material economies effected in state government through consolidation, because part of the offices are provided by the constitution and part by the legislative enactment and it is virtually impossible to synchronize them. Conditions have so materially altered since the adoption of the constitution, it provides so many limitations, suitable enough for the time, but long since outgrown, and it has been patched with amendments so frequently and continuously in the effort to bring it up to date, that a complete rewriting would be of immense advantage and assist, not only in simplifying the code, and government as

well, but in reducing taxation and in developing the state. It is to be hoped the legislature provides the referendum.

Elihu Root's Rite For Success.

A dinner was given in New York last night to honor Elihu Root, on his eightieth birthday anniversary. Mr. Root was so overcome by the ovation given him, that his usual composure vanished, his customary eloquence failed, and he was only able to master his emotion sufficiently to say:

"I have only one what came to my hand to do—as well as I could."

And then he sat down. He had only done what came to his hand to do—as well as he could! That sounds simple enough. And yet we doubt if a better recipe for success could be composed in ten times as many words.

The trouble with most of us, we don't do whatever comes to our hand to do—as well as we can. So many things seem unimportant. They are little things. Why try to do them as well as we can. It takes so much time. Far better, we think, to wait until the big things come along and then startle the world with an amazing burst of speed.

But when the big things come, the man who has done the little things well is always there. And he carries of the prize, not because of his good luck or his inherent superiority, or his pull—but because he has formed the habit of doing whatever has come to his hand well—that habit has developed a strength of character and a capacity, which makes an supreme. We don't mean that any young man who does everything as well as he can will be a distinguished success. Individuals are born with varying capacities. But we do mean, that any young man who follows out this simple rule, will be a success—just as great a success as circumstances and his latent abilities allow. He will achieve better words, all there is in him to achieve—instead of going partially to waste.

New Road to Tillamook.

Everybody would like to see either the Wilson or Trask road built, because it reduces the distance between Tillamook and Portland to a little over 70 miles. We have always thought that when it came to a showdown in providing the necessary money that this is where the sticker would be. We feel sorry that one of these roads have not been built, and should the question of raising the money be put up to the people of either country, it is doubtful whether they will carry with so strong sentiment against increase in taxation. As to the proposition to make it a toll road, even that would not appeal to the taxpayers, and it is safe to say that no private individual or corporation would advance the money to build it. It is one of the many things we want and have not the money to pay for unless the counties assume considerable bonded indebtedness.

Masonry's Large Inclusiveness.

Masons generally will be interested in a letter sent recently by Rudyard Kipling in reply to an inquiry concerning his Masonic experiences. In it he wrote in part:

I was secretary for some years of Lodge Hope and Perseverance, No. 782, E. C. (Lahore, English Constitution), which included brethren of at least four creeds. I was entered by a member of the Bramho Samaj (a Hindu), passed by a Muhammadan and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course, on the level, and the only difference that anyone would notice was that at our banquets some of the brethren, who were debarred by caste rules from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL PRESIDENT Coolidge wants no fuss about his inaugural, but he does propose to make trips around the country, to get acquainted with the people, and to let them get acquainted with him. It is, of course, the best possible way to bring the people and the president into personal touch, and that is a good thing to do. It will be particularly pleasant in the case of President Coolidge, since it will introduce the people to a personality of real distinction, where many of them have been led to expect a pale and negative personality.

But let us take warning. We have literally killed the last two presidents by the way we "entertained" them. Roosevelt's life was shortened partly by the same thing. Garfield and McKinley were sacrificed to our imitation-democratic accessibility of the president. Harrison was not physically killed, but his temper was spoiled.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Here's Gotham's latest cross-word jester: "What's a one-letter word for breakfast food?" "I give up. What?" "X."

In Lighter Vein

Really Desperate (Louisville Courier-Journal) "I rejected Cholly. He now says he is desperate. Do you think he really is?" "They often are. Next thing you know, he probably will marry your best chum."

Bible Thought For Today

REMOVE FAR FROM ME vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me.—Proverbs 30:8.

Bible Question

(Look up the answer) Is a good name of value?—Prov. 22:1.

Stirring Things Up a Bit



PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY DIPLOMAT

Job for one With Iron Hands in Velvet Gloves is That Facing Everett Sanders

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A pair of the softest, silkiest kind of velvet gloves are an essential part of a presidential private secretary's wardrobe, but it is equally essential that there shall be a pair of iron hands inside them. Everett Sanders of Indiana, who will succeed C. Bascom Sloop as private secretary to President Coolidge on March 4, is reputed to have the necessary equipment, sartorially and anatomically.

Of Sanders' ability as a salesman this column already has spoken, but a presidential private secretary also must be a diplomat of diplomats. He mustn't offend anybody but frequently he must do and say things that are calculated to give offense.

He must know everybody and all about everybody. He mustn't let anybody "get to" the president, who oughtn't to "get to" him, but he mustn't make the mistake of preventing anybody from "getting to" him who ought to do so. He must be as smooth as silk to the people he lets in and he must make those whom he keeps out like it. He must be par excellence a politician—a "fixer."

He must be supremely loyal. He has at least as difficult, delicate and fully as important a job as any cabinet member, but he must manage to keep himself inconspicuous—to efface himself. Everett Sanders ought to fill the bill. He has been, for four terms, to all appearances just an ordinary "run of mine" congressman, from Terre Haute, Ind., but when you come to ask questions about him among his fellow law-makers, you discover that they all like him and that, without making any fuss about it, he has a lot of influence.

Sanders was the son of a Hoosier clergyman. He is 33 years of age. He has served in the 65th, 67th and 68th congresses, but did not seek reelection to the 69th, although it was conceded he would have had a walk-away. He was among those mentioned as a vice-presidential possibility at the Cleveland republican convention. The administration wanted Sloop on account of his political skill and experience, especially in the south, for he is one of that rare species, a southern republican.

Having done his work and done it well, it has been known for some time that he wanted to get out of office. Besides, his relations with Senator William M. Butler, republican national committee chairman, have not been the most cordial. He received a tempting offer from a firm of sardine packers. It was a Surprise (London Answers) Sultor—I hope my proposal for the hand of your daughter hasn't taken you by surprise, sir. Father—Well, to tell the truth, it has. You've been so jolly slow in getting around to it that I thought it wasn't coming at all.

Information (London Answers) Philosopher—I contend that a married man is always better informed than a single man. Cynic—Naturally. What he doesn't know, his wife tells him. Aerial Pedestrian (American Legion Weekly) Aviator's Mechanic—There's a fellow going down in a parachute. Aviator—I'll see if I can hit him. It isn't often we get a chance at a pedestrian. 25 Years Ago (From The Guard Feb. 18, 1900.) The burning out of a fire in the Hotel Eugene today caused some excitement. Fire Warden Hubbs has condemned the fire.

The pay car was here this afternoon and the depot employes are smiling. E. M. Reese, the Salem hop buyer, is in the city today on business. R. M. Veatch and J. W. Baker, both of Cottage Grove, were visitors in Eugene today. G. W. Thompson from the Bohemia district is in the city on business. The pupils of the Catholic school of this city went to Cottage Grove this afternoon to put on an entertainment and program. The Eugene fire department is holding a special meeting this evening. J. M. Williams went to Salem this afternoon on special business.

Tom Sims Says— THIS European oplum argument isn't turning out as it should. If we have the right dope on the situation. Greeks and Turks are arguing again. When they stop fighting it is just for the week-end. Dancer in Cedar Rapids, Ia., who believed what a bootlegger told him, has kicked the bucket. Frankfort (Mo.) bank cashier is missing so now Missouri detectives are trying to show him. Dogs are being used to haul milk wagons in Germany, but if they see a cat they probably deliver butter-milk. Many a man with a checkered past is now sitting quietly at home solving cross-word puzzles. South Chicago woman had 100 candles on her birthday cake because she never burned her candles at both ends. In Chicago the telephone girls have a glee club, probably so they can sing their wrong numbers. The world's failure to come to an end leaves us with no settlement of our European problems in sight. Burning love letters were bared in a Duluth (Minn.) case by an old flame.

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Oregon Briefs

More than 40 men are working on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway in an effort to keep it open. The road is almost impassable in many places. Marshfield started the new year with an extra large building month for January, permits being issued for new structures valued at \$34,350.

Morris L. Johnson, Klamath county appraiser for the bonus commission, has forwarded his resignation to Governor Pierce. Press of other business was the reason given. George S. Whittaker of Pendleton has signed a contract with the Gorman Press of Boston, Mass., for the publication of a volume of his verse, which will be published this spring.

J. C. Wegner is demanding \$15,000 damages from the city of Forest Grove, alleging that the sewer system was responsible for sickness in his family and the death of his wife. Donald Harris, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Harris of Broad-bent, is seriously ill in a Marshfield hospital from a case of sleeping sickness. Ed Roberts of Coquille narrowly escaped death a few days ago, when his

car plunged from the highway just below the bridge and sank in the middle fork of the Coquille river. After more than 85 years' service with a Southern Pacific line in Oregon as a locomotive engineer, Richard C. Morris of Portland has been retired on pension at the age of 67. The Oregon Canning company at Lebanon will operate at full capacity the coming season. More than 400 tons of vegetables have been contracted by the company within the past few days.

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