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FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

Vice-President Dawes

QUITE apparently, our General Dawes does not intend that for him four years in the vice-presidency shall mean four years of innocuous desuetude. It looks very much as though the country is going to be kept aware of the fact from now until March 4, 1929, that it has a vice-president. And at the prospect we are disposed to cavil not at all, but rather to say, Go to it, General; you shall have all the space in our paper that your deeds and utterances from day to day may warrant. We like the prospect.

Direct—that's Vice-President Dawes. He is not a man who, when he desires to speak of a spade feels constrained to refer to it as an implement for utilization in the prosecution of the useful calling of agriculture or gardening. He just calls it a spade, right out like that, and lets those whom he horrifies recover as gradually as they may. The diplomat who was skillful enough to evolve and persuade acceptance of the plan which is bringing shattered Europe out of the slough of financial despond and setting it on the road to stability, seems to have checked his diplomatic suavity along with his hat, in the senate cloakroom before going to grips with the red-tape boys.

Of course the mighty senators were first outraged and then enraged when the vice-president reminded them at his debut among them that he was beholden to them for nothing, and gave them to understand that he would conduct himself accordingly. Of course they didn't like it when he reminded them of the truths that their rules are archaic and stupid and that the one-man filibuster is a bald and ever-recurrent affront to the whole American people. Nor did they like his way of shortening the period of their posing in the spotlight while they were being sworn. Of course it was careless of the vice-president to forget to come back and adjourn the senate on inauguration day. But, hell 'n Maria; that's Dawes. A lion can't change his roar just because he finds himself in a new cage.

Someway, we can't bring ourselves to feel vexed with the new vice-president—not yet, anyway. And we have asked the printers not to use up all the headline type on other things. We feel that we are going to need some of it for Dawes during the next four years.

Portland's Police Row.

THERE are strife and bickerings in Portland over the question of who is going to run the police department. The situation is not new but it is rather more acute than usual. Mayor Baker, in whom, under the charter, is lodged responsibility for the policing of the city, has in L. V. Jenkins a chief of police who is satisfactory to him and in whom he has full confidence, based on contact and experience. A self-constituted citizens' committee, whose members, never having had police experience, are therefore well convinced that they know all about the police business and how it ought to be run, is trying to force Jenkins out. They want to import a man to be made super-chief with the title of police commissioner. They want him to have complete authority, which of course would make both the mayor and the present chief mere figureheads.

Such meddlesomeness ought not to be allowed to succeed. Portland is not crime-ridden. It is cleaner than the average city of its size. Its mayor is so competent that he has been three times elected to the office that he holds. Try as they would, his enemies and those of his chief of police have never been able to bring the slightest charge of irregularity or dishonesty against Jenkins. They say he cannot control his men. Neither could Napoleon nor Alexander have controlled men under Portland civil service regulations, which make it impossible adequately to discipline policemen for inefficiency or insubordination, no matter how rank. Aside from this handicap, Portland's mayor and its chief have been mainly hampered by meddlers, who instead of giving them the support to which they are entitled, are giving comfort to and encouraging insubordination among the police department malcontents.

The project for the Doernbecher hospital for crippled children in Portland is a fine and worthy project. The plan to appropriate money for its maintenance from the general fund of the state was unsound. The state ought not to go into the hospital business. Operation of the Doernbecher hospital after it is built should be provided for from other than state funds. This newspaper does not believe that a majority of the voters of Oregon would have favored its financing from state funds, or that such a majority will favor that course in the future.

Competent legal advisers of the state highway commission have given the opinion that the bus-truck bill is constitutional, notwithstanding the attorney general's gloomy forecast that it will be invalidated if it gets into court. If the law is taken into the courts, somebody other than the fearful attorney general ought to handle the case for the state.

The state board of control fears the \$125,000 appropriation for the Independence teachers' training school may be found unconstitutional, under an inhibition against the appropriation of state funds, except by vote of the people, for any state buildings outside of Marion county. What, then, about the appropriation for the Ashland normal?

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The State Might Have Helped (The Oregonian) It is doubly unfortunate, at a time when private philanthropy had been inspired to high and praiseworthy endeavor, that the state should have been placed by its governor in a seeming attitude of unwillingness to bear

at least a small part of the cost of peculiarly impelling enterprise. That enterprise is the Portland medical center, in its relation to teaching and research for the advancement of public health and hygiene, and the correction of the deformities of crippled children. Both phases imply a challenge

to the imaginations of forward-looking men and women. The latter particularly will tug at the heartstrings of all who know, from observation or experience, what physical handicap means. The fact about these young cripples is that, although a very considerable proportion are curable if taken in time, each year sees a group pass beyond the age within which hope of successful treatment may be reasonably entertained. Time is tragically important. In the years to come that which may be done now may be attempted in vain. Yet a way out may be found. It has been announced that work on the proposed hospital for children, financed by personal benevolence, will go on. It is inconceivable that so excellent a task should come to an end because the governor has misinterpreted the sentiment of the people, or because of a pecuniary emergency for which he alone is responsible. The Oregonian believes that the people of Oregon are wholly in sympathy with the movement in question—that they will take pride in leadership in a cause so obviously humane.

Sarkatical Like, This Is.

The Salem Statesman views with amazement the situation which puts negroes on a non-citizenship basis in the state. The Statesman surprises us. This subject was referred to the infallible electorate a year or so ago and they decided quite strenuously to keep the anti-Civil War legislation intact. Now the Statesman is an ardent primary law advocate on the theory that the intelligent voter can do no wrong. The Statesman now insults the voters' intelligence. As for us, we think the statute is correct, because the people said so. Is the Statesman trying to bully something over on us plain sovereign squats? Is it trying to play machine politics and reverse the plain mandate of the Voice of God?

To What Purpose?

A pink-headed duck has been procured for the American Museum of Natural History in New York, according to newspaper reports. It has only required three years of patient search to obtain it, nearly 200 men and scores of elephants it is claimed, having swarmed through northern India's jungles for that purpose, while native soldiers and hunters were directed to keep a sharp eye out. In 1922 and 1923 more elephants are said to have been used in the hunt than Hannibal employed when he invaded Italy. But no "pink-head" was forthcoming. A little more than a year ago, however, it was reported that one had been seen in Assam. So the chase was resumed. And now a "pink-head" has been captured! May one be pardoned for adapting a line from the Ingolstadt Legends thus: "Will anybody be one penny the better?"

Why the Discrimination

(Hosburg News-Review) The fellow who smokes cigarettes will pay a ten per cent tax for the privilege. The fellow who chews tobacco and spits out the juice—all over the sidewalks—is given authority so to do without any penalty. Such is life in Oregon. If a tax is good for one particular specie of tobacco why is it not perfect fair that all kinds share alike? Tobacco in any form is not a virtue—certainly chewing the weed is not the cleanest way in the world of disposing of a habit.

Rowell's Comment

DR WINIFRED STONER of New York facetiously points out that Mother Goose is one of the most immortal of writers.

"Tom, the Piper's Son, is a thief; Old King Cole drinks.

Not only does Taffy steal beef, but the staidest poor voices the calumny that all Welshmen do likewise. And so on.

Of course! The same thing may be said of the children's literature of all ages, and of the adult literature of the childish ages.

Grimm's fairy tales teach murder, theft and cheating.

Alice in Wonderland is full of slaughter and crime.

The Katzenjammer Kids are not only wicked, but dangerous. They teach children that if they blow up teacher with gunpowder, she will come down safely through the roof.

Or, coming to the greater mythologies, Homer teaches that it is honorable to kill and rob our enemies and to ravish their wives.

The great northern epics are worse. Siegfried is born of incest and practices highway robbery, as the only occupation worthy of a gentleman and demigod.

The interesting thing is that these outrageous immoralities are morally quite harmless. The imagination of childhood and of the childish ages is a self-protecting armor.

It is not the wholesome riot of primitive immorality, but the morbid decadence of modern sophistication, that does the real harm.

Tom Sims Says—

WHEN you are riding along a country lane and she takes off her hat it's time to smoke your pipe.

Have you noticed the secrecy of men's ties? It's because the women don't like to be bald-headed.

Lots of times a man thinks a girl is crazy about him because she can't get a date with anybody else.

Style hints for the future predict women may go without everything except money.

Love is blind, especially love of liquor; so is the lover after drinking some of it.

Women who marry to become pets usually lead a dog's life.

Some people couldn't kick any more if they were centipedes.

Once they kissed and made up. Now they kiss the makeup.

If hams and eggs get any more expensive they will be considered a couple of highbrows.

Electric stoves for submarines which will warn other ships that the submarine is coming up out of the water have been perfected by a Swedish inventor.

"Sap's Beginning to Run Freely"



AGENTS SEARCH CONGRESSMAN

"We're Not Prohibitionists; We're Just Enforcing Law," Pair Tell Representative Tom Blanton

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, March 6.—Many members of congress, first and last, have been accused of patronizing bootleggers, but Tom Blanton of Abilene, Tex., is the only member on record as having been held up by officers of the law on suspicion of being one.

It happened while Blanton was on a recent auto trip up into Pennsylvania. As he was coming down one of the long, precipitous inclines in the Cumberland mountains a couple of men in uniform stepped out into the road and signaled him to stop.

"At first I thought they were chauffeurs," said Blanton, in telling of his experience. "Anyway, they looked like chauffeurs' uniforms. But when they said 'stop' I stopped, as well as my brakes would enable me to do on the steep hillside.

"As the men moved toward the car the brakes began to slip and the car started ahead.

"Stop that car or I'll blow your tires out with this gun," one of the men said, dragging a .45 out of its holster. I stopped.

"Then the men said they were prohibition officers and wanted to see what I had aboard.

"I said 'All right, help yourselves. I'm with you on that proposition. I'm a prohibitionist too.'

"Humph!" grunted one of the men.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN NEW YORK, March 6.—Warfare goes on between pigeon raisers of the lower East Side almost every day. Pigeon cotes are placed on the roofs of high tenements. The nucleus of each flock is a group of fine-bred homing pigeons which never fail to return to their own cote.

A man is in attendance at each cote during all hours of daylight. When he sees a lone pigeon in the air he releases his flock. The pigeons soar up to the lone flier and in their way induce it to join the flock. When the flock returns home the stray pigeon comes along.

Trouble begins when two pigeon keepers send up their flocks at the same time. The two flocks meet with each other and sometimes only the true homing pigeons of one flock return to their home cote, the others, being of a gregarious nature, going with the bigger flock.

Then war is waged between the rival pigeon raisers. And sometimes fists and bullets.

The police have records of hiding crooks using homing pigeons to carry messages to and from confederates.

Orchard street is the most colorful spot in all New York, I believe. It is one of many of the East Side streets lined with pushcarts, but it has the most interesting display of wares.

Walk along one block and in these two-wheeled carts you will see displayed bright silk scarfs, second-hand shoes and clothes, candy, cakes, used and broken hardware of all sorts, new and mended chinaware, vegetables, fruits, bread, cheese, electric irons and curling irons, new and old books, translating dictionaries, table delicacies from foreign lands and other articles, too numerous to mention.

The whole blends into a mass of brilliant color in which move bearded patriarchs, squat ugly women, spruce young men and beautiful young girls. Here is the drama of the new

In Lighter Vein

Bryan's Great Chance. (Cleveland Plain-Dealer) If William Jennings Bryan never got up before and howled, now's his chance. Tom Marshall has just stated that no decent democrat is "dry."

Hold the Balance of Power. (Columbia Record) The main difficulty about cutting off the expenses of government is that practically all the expenses can vote.

Pleading Father. (London Answers) She—You must ask father's consent. He—But is that necessary? You have promised to marry me.

"I'll marry you all right, but George, dear, you must go to father. It pleases him once in a while to know that we still consider him one of the family."

No Compliment. (Washington Star) "Imitation is the sincerest flattery." "That may be," answered Uncle Bill Bottlerop, "but bootleg liquor is no compliment to old-fashioned whisky."

Probably. (Detroit Free Press) The lion and the lamb had just lain down together. "Aw for me," remarked the lion, "I should like to be called '7-30 in the morning.'" Said the lamb: "Don't bother to call me; I'll probably get up when the lion does."

Reassurance. (American Legion Weekly) "I wish you could assure me," said a nervous old lady, approaching the captain of an excursion boat, "that

this vessel would be able to come safely through a storm."

"Lady," proudly asserted the grizzled skipper, "this old craft has come through so many storms that half her timbers is unfitted."

Oregon Briefs

Kicked by a horse February 21, L. C. Young, 57 years old and a resident of Deschutes county for 15 years, is dead at a Bend hospital.

The county assessor has just completed making up the tax rolls for Tillamook county for 1924. The amount to be collected this year is \$1,022,077.62.

Charles O. Roe of Forest Grove has been appointed by the county court as superintendent of the Washington county hospital. Mrs. Roe is the matron.

A total of \$107,024.34 was turned over to the state treasurer for February by the state land board, nearly all of which goes into the common school fund.

Homer Cochrane, a rancher living west of Freewater, was seriously burned about the face and body Friday afternoon when the tank of an irrigation engine exploded.

Sixty per cent of the spring wool clip in Baker county has been contracted and 50 per cent of the common lamb crop sold, according to G. W. Dransley, stockraiser and broker of Baker.

Building construction in Astoria was heavier during the past month than in any other February in the history of the city. Value of buildings authorized during the month totaled \$109,730.

The postoffice at Whitner, in Baker county, will be reopened in a few days, with Mrs. Harrison as postmistress.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard March 6, 1900) Junction Lodge, A. O. U. W. will initiate a class of 22 new members tonight. A team from Albany lodge will do the floor work.

E. J. Frasier has received an elegant counter from Portland and placed it in his real estate office at the rear of the Matlock building.

The annual meeting of the board of directors of school district No. 4 was held at the court house last evening. The general statistical report published shows the district to be in excellent condition.

F. E. Sharkey of Blue River was in the city today. He is enthusiastic over the Lucky Boy mine of which he is a part owner.

H. B. Miller and F. B. Chase went to Portland this afternoon to attend the Fruit Growers' association to meet in that city tomorrow and Thursday.

C. H. Park will leave for London, England, on mining business this week. He expects to be gone about six weeks.

Mrs. R. S. Bean returned to her home in Salem today after a visit with friends in Eugene.

Edmundson Brothers today sold 60 bales of hops to a Salem firm.

Wire Pierces Eye Of Saginaw man

SAGINAW, March 6.—(Special)—James Conser, who has made his home with the J. F. Adney family for the past two years, may lose the sight of one eye as the result of an accident Monday. While helping roll up a piece of wire fencing he was struck in the eye by the end of a wire which pierced the eye ball. The physician at Cottage Grove ordered him to an Eugene hospital where it is thought it will be necessary to remove the eye.

NOTICE

Frederic E. Smith, lawyer, has removed his office to suite 445-446 Miller building on east Ninth street. m15

Fellowship of Prayer

Daily Lenten Bible reading and meditation prepared for Commission on Evangelism of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

FRIDAY
The Lord of the Sabbath

Read Lk. 8:1-11. Text: 9:5. The son of man is lord of the sabbath.

MEDITATION—Jesus taught that the Sabbath is for the highest good of men. It is lawful for men to satisfy hunger, it is lawful to heal the sick and to do good. The Sabbath is a day for worship, rest and refreshment. Jesus freed the day of the petty laws which were the delight of the Pharisees. The true disciple should do nothing for his own material gain but should consider well his spiritual necessities and give part of the day to public worship and private meditation that his soul may be refreshed.

Men and women out of the thick of life come to the church on the Lord's Day tired and discouraged and get something that sends them back to their work with new courage and resolution, for the church is the powerhouse of civilization.

PRAYER—Our Father, we would have the mind of Christ towards the Sabbath. May our fellowship with thee be very real. Teach us the secret of fruitful worship. Let the inspiration and peace of the Sabbath Day enter our souls and abide with us through the busy days of the week. Amen.

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Roofs Blown From Houses in Storm

DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska, March 6.—(AP)—Gales of great velocity are sweeping the Aleutian Islands. Seven houses at Unalaska were roofless this morning and one launch was torn from her moorings and tossed about on the waters of Margaret bay.

Children attending the territorial schools were bound with ropes like mountain climbers yesterday to resist the force of the storm that threatened to carry them into the sea. Lined with ropes the children were able to make their way safely to the Jess Lee Home Methodist mission.

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Quarters Burned While Diet Meets

TOKIO, March 6.—(AP)—While the diet today was discussing a measure for the gradual abolition of Tokio's quarters of ill-fame, 300 houses were destroyed by fire in Suzaki, one of the largest of those quarters in the city.

DR. SUN WEAKER

PEKING, March 6.—(AP)—The weakness of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who has been losing ground gradually since he underwent an operation for cancer of the liver on January 26, was more marked today. The south China leader's illness was complicated also by flatulency.

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