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## A Justified Refusal.

ATTORNEY GENERAL VAN WINKLE was entirely right in declining an opinion, at the behest of Governor Pierce, on the question of the constitutionality of the recently enacted law to establish a model training school at Independence, to be utilized in connection with the state normal school at Monmouth.

This bill was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. If it is to be attacked in court, which the governor apparently believes possible, the attorney general will be called upon to defend it. If he should, before then, give an opinion on it and that opinion should be unfavorable, his position as its defender in court would, of course, be an impossible position to maintain. The attorney general walked into a trap of that kind in regard to the automobile truck and bus license bill. He is on record as saying he believes that bill invalid. Apparently he has learned something by experience and is profiting by what he has learned.

The question as to the constitutionality of the Independence training school bill was raised by State Treasurer Kay. The constitution provides, he pointed out, that all state institutions must be located in Marion county, unless by vote otherwise of the people. On the face of this showing it would seem that not only the Independence training school law but the Ashland normal school law, also passed by the last legislature, would be open to attack.

## Herriot's Supreme Crisis.

THE ministry of Edouard Herriot, in France, totters to its fall. Apparently the final tragedy cannot be long delayed. Since his accession to the premiership Herriot has faced crisis after crisis and each of them in turn has been averted. The present tide appears too strong to be stayed, even by one of his great resources.

The French crisis is dual. It grows partly out of the terrific straits of the country in finances, and it is partly religio-political. In the nation's extremity there has developed strong support for the idea of a capital levy, to revive the expiring currency and fund pressing national debts. At first Herriot has set his face against such a measure. Latterly he has come around to its support, as a measure of last resort. Against a remedy so heroic there was certain to be very great opposition and it has developed.

On the religio-political side Herriot is faced by two grave problems. He has aroused opposition by his declaration of a policy of withdrawing the French embassy from the Vatican and by the attempt in Alsace to establish non-sectarian schools. Rioting has grown out of the strife over these questions. The outcome no one can foretell with certainty.

The premier defends his policies in both issues with characteristic vigor. In explaining his position in regard to the Vatican embassy he said recently:

What are my crimes and that of my Government? We are laymen and we are fighting for laicism, which is not an aggressive doctrine. We stand for freedom of conscience and we protest when, in this twentieth century, an attempt is made in the name of dogma to constrain conscience and when we are told, as our ancestors were told in the Middle Ages, that science and liberty are idols.

And in speaking of the heroic measures demanded to meet the financial crisis Herriot has just said:

The time of illusion is past and we must save the state by a mighty effort, everyone putting the state above party lines. France, our common mother, is smashed under the weight of the charges she bears for common good. Everyone must take on his shoulders a portion of the burden.

Herriot's downfall has often been predicted since his accession to the premiership. Many times he has fought with his back to the wall. Always until now he has managed to win. This time the odds against him appear too great. The world will admire his game fight, whatever may be its judgment of the issues.

Most Rev. Alexander Christie, archbishop of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Oregon City, had administered the affairs of his church for more than a quarter of a century in all of the western Oregon territory, and with supervisory powers over a much greater territory in the Northwest. The period of his supremacy in this archbishopric has seen great growth and development in his work. Prominent men of the northwest and the nation who knew him—both those of his own faith and others—will keep his memory green.

"We have engaged the services of a substitute," announces one of the Oregon newspapers which has been a subscriber to the Darling cartoon syndicate service, in telling of the illness of the famous Ding. The whole country misses Darling and hopes for his speedy recovery, but few qualified observers are willing to agree that anybody has found "a substitute." There are possibly a few other cartoonists as good in their respective lines but there is no substitute for Ding in Ding's line.

Cascade national forest gets but \$40,000 this year of the more than a million in road and trail funds allotted by congress to Oregon. Proportionately it does not look so impressive. But leave it to Nelson Macduff's Scotch thrift to make the mite stretch out and spread over.

Better an editor's chair at Oregon City than a diplomatic ministry in far Siam, apparently thinks E. E. Brodie, who has resigned the latter to resume the former. Most people will agree with him.

Optimistic thought for today: First instalments are paid of the federal income tax and the state, county, city, school and special property taxes.

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Saved 17 Times. (Salem Capital Journal) The secretary of state has compiled a list of measures enacted by the legislature which are now in full force and effect because they carried the "emergency" clause. The several hundred other new laws will not be in effect until May 28, 90 days from the end of the session. From this list it is evident that 17 times during the session the "public

peace, health and safety" was endangered, and it was necessary as many times, to declare an emergency for its "immediate preservation." Among the great crises averted by the prompt and courageous action of the legislature, was the threatened destruction by ground squirrels whose activity endangered the public peace, health and safety. The situation was saved and the danger averted by the prompt passage of a measure establishing control districts and official poisoners.

Another great menace, that to the peace, health and safety of Oregon from wild range horses, was successfully and skillfully parried by the enactment of a law providing for their roundup and public sale by the sheriff. However, if no bidders appear, the county must board and lodge the horses indefinitely as there is no provision for otherwise disposing of them. Worthless horses are thereby likely to be eventually worth a good deal to the county—but the horses are saved, as well as the state—only the taxpayer loses, as usual.

Among other instances where the legislature promptly and properly arose to the emergency and insured the public health, peace and safety, was by the passage of a law providing for the grading of potatoes. As long as the farmer could sell his spuds, with the big ones on top and the little ones in the bottom, the welfare of the commonwealth was endangered, but now an army of inspectors under the state market master, have officially been sent to the rescue.

So it goes down the list. Seventeen different varieties of disaster, calamity and catastrophe, threatening the state and its inhabitants, have been valiantly and chivalrously routed in constitutional manner, through the strategy and sagacity of our long-winded law-givers and the approval and approbation of our inebriated executive, thereby preserving the public health, peace and safety, until at least another election.

## The Premier Event.

(Ashland Tidings) Nothing of importance happens in a big town except another bond issue now and then.

## Whom Wealth Cannot Taint.

(Pendleton East Oregonian) It does not matter how much William Jennings Bryan has become a millionaire through his investments in Florida. Wealth will not change his political philosophy and he will remain the "Great Commoner" always, and always he will be found in the ranks of the champions of human rights as against the champions of property rights.

## Consoling Thought.

(Corvallis Star-Times) Ah, well, maybe we are not going to miss J. L. Brady so much from the pages of the Salem Statesman. The new editor, Mr. Tooze, makes his announcement in the issue of April 2, in which he talks about "Progressive Causes" and the "Glory of Service."

## Why More?

(Portland Journal) A parole board is proposed for Portland. Why a parole board here? How much farther is the law beyond the public to be asked to go in creating agencies, boards, jobs and functionaries to handle those in society who violate the law?

There are now police departments, sheriffs' offices, state officers, federal officers and others paid by the public to catch those who live beyond the law. There are city attorneys, district attorneys, state attorneys and federal attorneys, and special attorneys to prosecute them. There are justices of the peace, municipal judges, district judges, circuit judges, supreme judges, state judges and federal judges to hear the cases and sentence the guilty. Various authorities can suspend sentences, grant paroles and issue pardons. And now comes more proposals for parole boards.

It is a very difficult matter to get many criminals into jail. They escape the police, witnesses disappear. There is failure to convict. Jurors often pronounce the guilty not guilty. There are appeals and appeals, and finally paroles and pardons.

Are we to spend millions upon millions a year to get the crooks into jail and then continue to set up new boards and commissions and functionaries to get them out? The judges hear all the details of a crime. They know all the facts. They are the best judges as to how long criminals should be confined.

It is always possible to pardon those who indicate reformation. The public will probably get along better if the judge's decision is allowed to stand until there is ample evidence of reformation, and when that evidence is presented to grant conditional pardons upon recommendation of the judge, rather than to create more authorities whose business it often becomes to get those out of jail that it has cost much to get in.

## Oregon Briefs

Plasterers and cement finishers at Marshfield have organized the eighth labor union on Coos Bay and have applied for a charter.

E. H. Hedrick, for the past three years superintendent of the Heppner schools, has been elected to a similar position at Medford for the next year.

The McMinnville chamber of commerce is investigating the feasibility of a starch plant combined with a dehydrating plant. Local capital, about \$15,000, is available for the project.

Fines and forfeitures collected in Oregon City's municipal court during the month of March reached the sum of \$1381, exceeding that of any month in the history of the city.

Dr. R. E. Bosworth, first president of the Corvallis Kiwanis club, has been elected delegate to the Kiwanis international convention which meets in St. Paul, Minn., the week of June 22.

One hundred and twenty Chinese pleasant hats were received in Heppner from the state game commission for distribution in Morrow county. This is the second consignment this season to that county.

Constable Dave Adams of North Bend could not serve papers upon himself, and so it was necessary to obtain a constable from Marshfield to acquire Mr. Adams with the fact that he was being sued for \$15.

## The Pleasure Is All Ours Madam



## CONGRESSMEN MUST TAKE RISE

Conscientious Scruples Against Accepting Pay Increase, if Any, Must be Ruthlessly Put Aside

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, April 7.—It may be a shame to take the money, but—

Any member of congress having conscientious scruples against accepting the recent pay increase that body voted itself will just have to accept it. If he doesn't take it willingly, it will be forced on him.

Such is the ruling of Comptroller General J. R. McCarl, who normally is the last man in the government to let loose of a penny that he doesn't have to part with.

In his job as independent auditor of Uncle Sam's expense, McCarl disallows all sorts of bills that people want paid.

But the stand McCarl takes in regard to congressional salaries is that the law says they are \$10,000 a year and \$10,000 they must be.

Any member who refuses to sign the payroll on the \$10,000 basis seeks to evade it not actually break the law, he holds. And of course that is not to be thought of.

The only legal course, McCarl rules for members who do not feel they are worth \$10,000 a year as congressmen, is for them to accept the full amount, receipt for it, and then return such amount as they deem an overpayment to the treasury's "conscience fund."

The McCarl ruling came as a result of the refusal of the Hon. Henry St. George Tucker of Lexington, Va., to accept his first salary check drawn at \$10,000 instead of \$7,500 a year.

It's a matter of family pride, it seems, with the Hon. Henry St. George.

One of his ancestors was serving in congress when the bill was passed raising congressional salaries from \$5 to \$8 a day.

This ancestor refused to take the money—or at least objected to taking it.

Just how the thing was finally settled, history doesn't make quite clear. But as one who has made it a life-long practice to uphold the precepts and traditions of his ancestors, Hon. Henry St. George Tucker is impelled to protest the pay raise, even to the point of declining his salary check.

If Tucker persists in spurning the cash, it is suggested a memorial be erected to his memory as a democrat who by personal sacrifice demonstrated the official economy which President Coolidge preaches.

One suggestion for such memorial is a life-like and heroic-sized American dollar, placed in an appropriate niche over the treasury doorway. And on the memorial plate beneath would be inscribed:

"Tucker Wouldn't Take 'Em"

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wishes of his dancing attractions as a stage manager does to meet with the concealed faculties of temperamental mixtures. Moss and Fontana after a tour of Europe will return to Broadway under a new contract in September. The contract gives them the right to dictate the service rendered by the kitchen, the orchestra and the waiters. This team has been receiving 50 per cent of the cover charge and on Saturday nights their share amounts to as much as \$700 or \$800.

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crowds, Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Chamberlain, placed the number at 8,000 or 10,000, and Mr. Bryan coincided with their views.

Delegates are arriving from every direction to attend the citizens' county convention Saturday.

Eli Perkins arrived home today from a trip down the valley.

The Methodist church is holding a special entertainment and social this evening.

J. A. Griffin is a visitor in the city from Cottage Grove.

In Lighter Vein

Had the Right Idea. (London Answers) Gray—Having your car repainted to match your wife's gown, eh? Isn't it rather expensive?

White—It's cheaper than buying a gown to match the car.

Explains Exodus. (London Humorist) According to a Boston newspaper, the cross-word puzzle had its origin in ancient Egypt. This explains why the Israelites were so anxious to flee into the wilderness.

Too Designing. (London Passing Show) "Should we have female architects" has been discussed in a daily paper. A male cynic unparadoxically protests that there are quite enough designing women about already.

Double Revenge. (Tit-Bits) The Joneses have a saxophone; The Jenkinsons a radio; A phonograph beguiles the Flynns; Revenge is sweet. We now have twins!

Naughty Royalty. (London Answers) Tommy—Father are kings and queens always good? Father—Not always, my son; not when there are axes out against them.

Short Story. (Judge) Chapter I. Tarry. Chapter II. Merry. Chapter III. Carry.

No Revenue Today. (Hamilton Royal Gahoon) Maid—Mum, there's a revenue officer waiting at the door. Mrs. Jones—Well, tell him we don't need any just now.

Meet Mr. Bunyan. (M. J. T. Voo Doo) Lit. Prof.—Who was John Bunyan? Stude.—He was—er—ah—oh—he was an eminent English specialist on foot trouble.

Yes, They Must. (Oklahoma Whitebird) Frosh (from Gopher Creek)—Guess this riddle: What has four feet, fur, goes "Me-yow," and has nine lives? Soph—A cat. Frosh—Aw, somebody must have told you.

Tom Sims Says—

PECULIAR Ohio news today. Man caught with a load of liquor in Lorain was arrested. We don't know why.

Michigan man tried to end his life on a train leaving Florida. Wonder how California will beat that?

Hard-boiled reags got \$40,000 worth of stamps in Valparaiso, Ind., so now they can send vacation post cards.

Cincinnati (O.) wife asks divorce. Says he kissed a girl 19 times. We don't think nuptials so many.

It doesn't matter, but Mr. Wilkeda got arrested in Detroit, and his name sounds like two radio stations.

This Nurm, the runner, is still breaking records. He can run around because he doesn't run around.

Coolidge is having more trouble keeping his cabinet full than a citizen is keeping his cellar full.

The marvel of the age is that some of the flappers are about 20.

A model home isn't worth a darn without a model family inside.

Citizens' convention at the courthouse Saturday.

Both the university and the public schools will resume sessions Monday.

Several local timber men left for Wisconsin today.

By a typographical error the crowd at the speaking yesterday was placed at 3,000 instead of 3,000. Several gentlemen who are used to estimating

### Fellowship of Prayer

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TUESDAY  
Rejected by Man

Read Lk. 20:9-18. Text: 20:17. The stone, which the builders rejected, the same was made the head of the corner.

MEDITATION:—Each one is responsible for making fundamental choices. We cannot be both friendly and selfish, envious and generous, we must be one or the other and each one must decide for himself. A mere compromise amounts to nothing in life's great adventure. So with Jesus Christ—we must be either for or against him. Shall we reject the Saviour or make him the pattern of our lives?

"So I must make my choice. Shall I travel north or south, which of the two opposites shall I love, ... God or the world's evil. Whichever I love I choose will quench and drive out the other. And thus if I choose the love of God it will destroy every worldly passion and the river of my affections will be like 'the river of the water of life, clear as crystal.'" —EPIPHANY—O God our Father, we are sincerely thankful for Jesus Christ. Let us sense the eternal significance in our daily work and in our opportunities of service to thee and all mankind. Amen.

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