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HANGING BY THE EYELIDS

We used to hear it said that the constitution was the last refuge of a scoundrel. Deprived of any other grounds on which to escape punishment for his misdeeds a culprit would almost invariably find a lawyer who would argue that the law that penalized him was in violation of the constitution. The last ditch opponents of the national prohibition amendment appear to be much in the same fix. They are invoking the initiative and referendum provisions of the constitutions of most of the states as the last straw between them and everlasting drouth. They want the people to vote on ratification of the amendment after the legislatures have acted, and they want a vote ordered right away without waiting for any such formalities as the petitions the constitutions require.

Some means by which they can possibly delay the proclamation that the amendment has been ratified, no matter what, is a case of life and death to them. Ordinarily any state statute or enactment against which they could interpose some federal law wouldn't look like three cents to them, but this a ground hog case and they are as anxious for a reprieve as the man sentenced to be hung at sunrise.

The constitution plainly specifies that an amendment shall go into effect when it has been ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states. The constitutions of the states that have initiative and referendum provisions also plainly specify that laws enacted by the legislatures except in case of emergency shall not go into effect until so many days have passed to give the people an opportunity to petition for a referendum.

So the attorneys for the booze interests chorus in unison that no ratification of an amendment to the constitution of the United States can be valid until the people of the state have voted to approve the legislative ratification. That doesn't follow in any event. The people may not and probably do not want to vote. They may be and probably are entirely satisfied with the action of the legislatures. Nevertheless the booze crowd will shout themselves hoarse that no ratification can be legal until the people have voted.

As a matter of fact the provision of the federal constitution in regard to ratification would hold over anything to the contrary. No matter what contrary provisions there might be in any state constitution they would be entirely nugatory—as futile as the pope's bull against the comet. "Ultra vires" is what any lawyer worth his salt would say of a state statute contravening a provision of the federal constitution or standing in the way of its enforcement. In trying to put any strings on the nation it was fully decided fifty years ago that the states were acting beyond their powers.

But, of course, there is no provision in any state constitution that the ratification of an amendment to the federal constitution by the state legislature shall or can be submitted to a vote of the people before it shall become effective. The men who wrote those referendum amendments to the state constitutions were not fools enough to think any state could tell Uncle Sam where to head in.

The whole rumpus is supremely silly; nor do we imagine that it will delay for a day the proclamation of the adoption of the federal amendment.

King Booze is dead. His obsequies need not be postponed.

Representative Jones of Lincoln and Polk counties has introduced a bill at Salem appropriating \$2,500,000 for a Roosevelt coast military highway to extend through Clatsop, Tincola, Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties to the California line, being contingent on the federal government appropriating a like amount and providing for floating bonds for the project.

That General John J. Pershing is already an active candidate for the republican nomination for president next year, is something that seems hardly credible, and yet rumor has it

that Elmer Dover, Vice President and Manager of the Mountain States Power company, which furnishes the juice for Coquille lights and mills has resigned to take charge of Pershing's campaign in the west. Mr. Dover was secretary to Mark Hanna, when the big boss made and unmade presidential candidates and later served as secretary of the republican national committee.

The United States senator or the Oregon editor who spends his energies in abusing President Wilson is playing into the hands of the enemies of mankind. No man of this generation ever had such an opportunity as Wilson has now to promote the coming of that happy day when "the nations shall learn war no more;" and he is living up his opportunities. Hold up his hands, instead of trying to stab him in the back by every sort of direct attack and covert innuendo as so many are doing. Unreasoning partisanship may not be an unpardonable sin but it is one of the devil's best instruments.

Final figures from the Oregon war and thrift stamp sales show Coos county in sixth place with a total sale of \$550,997.46, nearly \$80,000 over its quota. The total sales in the state were \$16,489,972. Portland led with \$6,220,000, while Clatsop, Linn, Washington, Marion and Clackamas were ahead of Coos county.

The first bill introduced in the legislature by Representative Thrift was one "relating to the compensation of attorneys." If it is intended to regulate or reduce lawyers' fees we imagine it will stand little chance in bodies where they are so largely represented as they are in both houses at Salem.

The appeal of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce for support in a movement for the revision of the present train service does not appear to have struck a responsive chord anywhere in the county.

While the Salvage Shop at Marshfield was in operation during the war it turned over \$2746.04 net profits to the Red Cross after paying operating expenses of \$51.65.

The two days without connection with the outside world we suffered the first of this week were like what the pioneers had to endure for weeks at a time.

What the Hun did to the bodies of his enemies to acquire world dominion the bootlegger would do to the souls of his patrons to gain dirty dollars.

Looks as if this nation was going to consist of the United States and New Jersey.

Think of what Uncle Sam did to the Hun and then pity the poor bootlegger.

The bootlegger is deserving of just as much respect as the snake or the Hun.

Bluejackets Prove Immune

One hundred American bluejackets recently faced possible death as unflinchingly as any of the destroyer heroes who bottled U-boats, says a Washington dispatch. These men compose the "flu squad" of the navy. Under the supervision of naval surgeons they have time and again exposed themselves to the deadly germs. They have inhaled "flu" microbes. They have had the "flu" bugs injected into their veins. They have taken in the cause of the "flu" epidemic in every known form.

Navy physicians wanted to establish the nature of the "flu" germ and some way in which the disease is spread. They called for volunteers who would expose themselves to it, as the band of heroic physicians in the famous "yellow fever squad" did in solving the mystery of yellow fever.

Knowing that thousands of victims of the "flu" had died, these 100 sailors nevertheless volunteered for the duty.

But to the astonishment of the physicians of the navy and of the public health service, not a man so exposed or inoculated developed any symptoms of the "flu." Medical science is baffled. Every man should have been in bed seriously ill, if medical science knew anything of the nature of the deadly epidemic. But not a man developed even a fever or cold.

The "Flu Mystery" is the title of the public health service's record of the experiments. They are carried on in Boston and San Francisco.

Thirty men at Boston were inoculated with secretions, filtered and unfiltered, from the upper respiratory passages of a typical case of influenza in the active stage of the disease. The material was introduced into the nose and throats of members of the "flu squad" by sprays and swabs.

Each of the 30 men kept on showing the most amazing health. Ten volunteers visited the Chelsea naval hospital and allowed "flu" patients to

cough and sneeze in their faces. Each was exposed to the "flu" for about three quarters of an hour, and all continue healthy.

Blood from live patients with typical cases of "flu" was injected into the veins of 10 men of the squad. None became ill.

Pure culture of the "influenza bacillus," as isolated and determined by medical science, was introduced into the nostrils of members of the squad; a filtered suspension of washings from the upper air passages of an acute case of "flu" was dropped in the eyes of two members; more was injected into another with a hypodermic needle, but none took the "flu." The "flu" is mystery, that's all. Science is still baffled.

"Sanitarians will do well," Surgeon General Bue says, "to go on applying the general principles of control that are based on the justifiable assumption that the disease is a droplet infection. I believe, however, that we have not given enough consideration to the hands and mouth as a part of infection, nor have we sufficiently emphasized the possible infectivity of the earliest stages of the disease."

The public health service expects to continue the experiments and the 100 heroes of the "flu squad" will again and again expose themselves to the fatal epidemic with the hope that the veil may be lifted and humanity made safe from it.

Girls Making Good

"Girls are making good as detectives among the dairy herds of Oregon," says E. L. Westover, field dairyman of O. A. C., who has charge of official cow testing in Oregon.

"Four girls checked up on 1481 cows for October to determine whether or not they were paying for their feed and keep. One girl detected nine cows in one association that were not. They were weeded out at once and sold for beef."

"The total pounds of milk produced in October by all cows in associations was 829,393.76 pounds, which contained 41,195.99 pounds of butterfat. The average production of each cow for the month was 422.72 pounds of milk and 20.99 pounds of butterfat."

"The highest milk producing cow in Oregon during October, as reported by the different associations, was in Tillamook county where the cow Countess Sunnybrook De Kol 2nd produced 1550 pounds of milk and 44.95 pounds of fat. The highest fat producing cow was a grade Jersey that produced 978 pounds of milk and 58.68 pounds of fat, in the Linn County Association."

The girls in charge of the different associations are Miss Helen Miller, Nestucca association; Miss Doris Sawyer, Linn county association; Miss Eva Blackwell, Smith and Umpqua association; all former coeds of O. A. C., and Miss R. P. Snedeker, a graduate of the Oregon Normal, Tillamook association.

Almost a Million

Coos county contributed \$901,550 to the grand total of \$38,362,550 of the Fourth Liberty Loan in Oregon. The number of subscribers in the county was 8,898. The oversubscription was 24.27 per cent. These figures have just been received from the State Headquarters. The official compilations do not show the quota of non-banking centers.

In the newspapers outside of Portland 87,384 column inches of space was used in paid and free publicity in aid of the loan.

Following is the statement of the communities of this county:

Quota	Amount	No. of Subs
Marshfield \$	\$415,750	3,617
North Bend	111,000	1,630
Coquille	80,500	92,650
Myrtle Point	63,500	69,830
Powers	22,000	61,550
Bandon	90,000	90,000

Thrift in the Legislature

State Capitol, Salem, Ore., Jan. 21.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—T. J. Thrift, member of the house from Coquille, is living true to his name and is now drawing compensation on injuries to one hand received in an accident at his home. The question naturally arose as to whether or not he could continue to draw this compensation while the state was paying him the munificent salary of \$3 a day for his services as a legislator. The attorney general has ruled that he can draw his income from both sources. Mr. Thrift is now wondering if the accident commission will take care of injuries sustained while serving in the halls of the legislature, evidently anticipating that there is going to be some crush at the close of the session. Mr. Thrift says that he is going to say little until he gets onto the ropes—besides that is one way of getting a reputation for great wisdom.

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Three blocks from high school; seven lots; two-story residence, four rooms below, three above. Apply at Sentinel.

Road Situation in Coos County

President Charles Hall of the Coos County Good Roads Association and Coos county's member of the State Chamber of Commerce, returned Tuesday from a visit of several days at Portland and Salem, and speaking of the proposed \$10,000,000 bond issue for road work in Oregon he is quoted by the Times as saying:

"We held a meeting with the Highway Commission and also conferred with members of the legislature.

"The general view seems to be that the ten million bond issue should provide that three-quarters of the amount be expended in completing the Pacific Highway to the California line and the Columbia river highway as far as Pendleton and the balance to be expended as the Highway Commission sees fit.

"It was also generally agreed that the matter should be left largely in the hands of the Highway Commission as the state now has an organization that is entitled to the greatest public trust and confidence.

"For instance the program would include the hard surfacing or macadamizing the Myrtle Point road from Coos Bay to Roseburg where it would tie onto the Pacific highway.

"Douglas county has placed about \$65,000 at the disposal of the State Highway Commission to be used in fixing the Myrtle Point-Roseburg road and the state will probably add another \$100,000 to this amount.

"However the Highway Commission is now waiting to see what the legislature does before arranging its program.

"The bids on the Coos Bay-Coquille road are to be opened March 7. I told the commission that ordinary weather would enable the contractor to start work as soon after March 7 as he would be able to assemble material, equipment and a crew.

"There is a general feeling that the state legislature should not make it mandatory that contractors engage entirely returned soldiers for the work as it is questionable how many of them will desire that kind of a job. Contractors generally will be pledged to give returned soldiers preference.

"By placing the expenditure of the funds in the hands of the Highway Commission, they will be able to determine whether the time is opportune to press construction, both for public welfare and from an economic standpoint or whether to allow some of it to go later.

"Senator I. S. Smith, of Coos county, is on the road committee of the senate and is taking much interest in the plan."

New Work for Flyers

Requisition for 10 airplanes for forest patrol purposes in the Pacific Northwest has been made, according to announcement by Clyde R. Seltz, supervisor of the Cascade National Forest, with headquarters in Eugene. He expects that two machines will be assigned to that city—one for the Cascade forest and the other for the Siuslaw forest—the supervisor of which also has headquarters in this city.

Either forest may be reached from Eugene by airplane within an hour.

Coos County Leads Them All

From December 22 to Jan. 11 Coos Bay shipments of fir and spruce amounted to 4,685,000 feet, which nearly equalled the shipments of such lumber from all other points on the coasts of Oregon and California. Bandon shipments were 416,000. Add this to the Coos Bay shipments and Coos county accounts for more than half the shipments of the Pacific northwest.

Candlefish Are Good Sardines.

It is discovered that candlefish put up in tomato catsup are put on the market as sardines. There is no objection as they are every bit as good. The Coquille river has millions of candlefish in the Fall; they come in great schools and could be easily caught in quantities to supply a cannery for a short period each year.—Bandon World.

NO REASON FOR IT

You Are Shown a Way Out.

There can be no reason why any reader of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the word of a resident of the locality who has found relief. The following is convincing proof.

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