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THE HUNT FOR ISSUES

Mr. Wilson wisely counsels the democrats to make the league of nations its "paramount issue" in the next presidential campaign, in which both parties are jockeying for position.

Mr. Harding judging from all indications is planning to make his world court proposal a counter issue.

But he has a bigger card than that to play—law enforcement as applied to the drink evil.

Violations of the liquor law within our borders are regrettable, as are all violations of law, but they are no more numerous and no more harmful than those violations perpetrated by liquor sellers when the trade was licensed.

But the rum-running fleet on the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards are an insult and a challenge to the American government. Mr. Harding, in line with the enforcement pledges of his campaign, is reported to be about to bring the army and navy, of which he is commander-in-chief, into use to curb the impudent violators of our import laws.

A squelched rum-running business and a vindication of American law against alien and renegade poison peddlers may be worth a million votes next year.

The Oregonian refers to "utterance of two leading republicans," referring to LaFollette and Root. It would be interesting to know just how much of a following they, or anybody else in either party, lead. Very slight, we opine. There isn't a political leader, in the old sense, in America today. There are hundreds of factions, some of which have leaders while some haven't. Warren Gamaliel Harding comes nearest to being a leader, but not any too near.

Those who are urging President Harding to pardon "political prisoners" are fighting a phantom. There are no political prisoners in this country. Those prisoners are serving sentences imposed upon them for sedition, and sedition is every whit as much a crime in time of peace as in wartime. It may be worse.

In much less than the six months required by the department of commerce for a complete investigation of the sugar market, the department of justice has discovered enough facts to serve as the basis for prompt and effective action.—Oregonian.

Effective?

Democratic writers are shedding luky tears of sympathy for the republicans party over the danger that Borah, LaFollette and Johnson will concede. If they do so it will be hard to tell what they concede from.

Miss Mary Meeker of Brooklyn, N. Y., said to have the most beautiful hands in America and declares that dish washing made them so. How many flappers will follow her example?

New York seems to lead the country in burning people to death in tenement fires. It might be worth while to look into the condition of tenement houses in the metropolis.

About every day another record is broken when some fool proves himself or herself a bigger fool than some other fool by dancing longer.

The federal supreme court has adjourned to May 21. Three weeks without the legal acrobatic stunts we have become accustomed to of late.

A UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Efficiency and Economy Demand It

The Halsey high school needs more rooms and more teachers. Mr. English and Mrs. Freeland have some sixty pupils in their charge, whereas the law contemplates one teacher for not more than sixteen. Balf Bond, secretary of the school board, recently received the following letter:

Department of Education,
Salem, March 7, 1923.
Mr. Balf Bond, Halsey, Ore.,

My Dear Mr. Bond:
I visited your school recently for the purpose of checking up the library and science equipment. I wish to compliment the board of directors and principal upon their enterprise in securing a complete equipment for the teaching of the sciences, and also upon the fact that you have excellent cases in which to display the apparatus. Your library meets the state requirements in every respect.

The only point upon which you do not meet our requirements is that of the number of teachers. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to secure two additional teachers at the beginning of the next school year.

Halsey should be the center of a large union high school, comprising some six to ten regular districts.

W. M. SMITH, Asst. State Supt.

There is a considerable section of territory so located that it could conveniently be incorporated with this district, bringing in localities that have no high schools now and aggregating assessable property capable of yielding, without a burdensome levy, a school-tax revenue sufficient within a few years to pay the cost of a new and commodious high-school building and maintain a sufficient corps of teachers.

Some students now come from outside districts to the Halsey high school. With them comes their allotment of high-school funds. In frequent cases grade-school pupils also come from outside districts. Halsey might charge them for tuition, but has not done so.

Rather than jeopard the state funds now enjoyed, the board may debar outsiders from the high school, to reduce the number per teacher to the legal limit, but there is a move for a better remedy in the creation of a union high-school district.

Among districts all or part of which it is thought might be consolidated with ours are Lake Creek, No. 43, with property assessed at \$183,780; Alford, No. 64, \$290,558; Brandon, No. 134, \$187,987; Grasshopper, No. 101, \$154,363; Harmony, No. 40, \$168,454; Oak Plain, No. 39, \$205,389; Powell, No. 51, \$119,671; and Kirk, No. 50, \$194,930.

There are three consolidated high school districts in the county. Crabtree, No. 1, was formed by uniting three districts. It has \$291,860 in assessable property and levied a special tax of 3.1 mills last year, yielding \$904.76.

Sweet Home, No. 2, was formed from twelve districts, has \$3,813,761 assessed and raises \$6,483.38 by a 1.7 mill tax.

Plainview, formed from three districts, levied 4.4 mills on \$348,951 in property, raising \$1,535.38.

The assessment in the Halsey district is \$471,266, and the special tax 6.2 mills, to yield \$2859.85.

The larger the district the lower the tax rate required to finance a high school or erect a building. Shall the Halsey district be thus enlarged?

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Once he is certain which way the throng is going, a few stragglers taking a left-hand branch of the road; can not distract him. This is the situation as regards President Harding and the world co-operation idea today. He clearly sees the whole public before him on the road, he has the courage at least to follow the crowd and the judgment to distinguish between the real mass crowd and the deafening noise of the tiny irreconcilable group.

In their fears the hermits are justified. Membership in the world court will be no great trophy in itself for Mr. Harding's belt. It has, however, a meaning. It represents the forks in the road, and the taking of the right fork. And this road leads, as the pithecooid politicians know, not alone to participation in an international court. Past that it goes, towards toleration, adjustment and intelligence between nations of people, rather than primitive politics, international crime and murder.—Albany Democrat.

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The Custard Cup

by Florence Bingham Livingston

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CHAPTER VII

What Can You See in Him?

Lettie was in the midst of a financial enterprise. Mrs. Catterbox, a leader in penny prodigality, had offered the job of watching her two children till dinner time, at one cent

with which to pry off further gain. Whatever other qualities might be debatable or in abeyance, Lettie's trustworthiness was generally conceded. Successfully, therefore, she had interviewed tired mothers, until she had assembled nine youngsters in the driveway, each representing a cash value of one cent. When Mrs. Penfield entered, they were about to be conducted to the back yard, there to be vigorously and conscientiously entertained for an hour.

"We're going to play animals," announced Lettie, vastly excited.

"Animals?"

"Uh-huh. Out of that library book you been reading us."

"Lettie," called Mrs. Penfield, as the child danced away, "remember not to play too hard. You're big and strong compared with—"

Lettie pirouetted momentarily while she quieted this misgiving. "Huh, trust me! It's just little animals we're going to play."

Mrs. Penfield went on into the house. Uncle Jerry was there before her; also Frank Bosley.

"I thought you wouldn't mind, Carlisle, if we walked into your living-room for a minute."

She nodded pleasantly. "You're perfectly welcome." The words were hospitable, but not so cordial as Mrs. Penfield herself could have wished. She could not entirely conquer a feeling of irritation upon finding in her house a man whom she instinctively distrusted. A foolish feeling, she thought to herself. She had not a shred of tangible evidence against Frank Bosley, but the repulsion was strong. Her delight in finding a rela-

tive here in California had been greatly tempered by the friendship between these two men, unaccountable, persistent.

"Don't hurry because I came," she said, waving the guest back to his seat. "I'm going on into the kitchen in a minute." She opened her shabby leather bag and took out a small box, wrapped in paper. "I'll just give you this, as long as you're home again." She passed it over.

Frank Bosley took the box mechanically and turned it about as if bewildered. "What is it?" There was no doubting his surprise.

"I'm sure I don't know. Valuable, I s'pose. Your wife brought it in for me to keep while she was gone."

The red of swift anger surged into his face. "Gussie brought it in! What in h—l'd she do that for?"

Mrs. Penfield smiled. "I don't know. For safety, was all she said. And of course a burglar would be rather low in his mind 'fore he'd try this place."

His anger mounted steadily, blazing now in his prominent eyes. "D—n! She makes me sick, always getting the jumping jimmies! I'll see that she doesn't bother you any more, Mrs. Penfield."

"Oh, 'tisn't that I count it a bother, Mr. Bosley; but, land, there ain't any great protection here."

"And, great Scott, you carry this"—he turned the box over in his hands—"these rings—or whatever 'tis—round with you when you go anywhere?"

"No, I hain't never done that before, but going out of The Custard Cup altogether— And even so, what if I lost it?"

"I should say!" His words cut the air with violence. "Believe me, I'll fix this—"

Jerry Winston, whose merry eyes had sharpened with alert interest, broke in with a careful drawl. "Ain't you a bit hard on nerves, Bosley? Likely your wife's had a dream or something."

This lightened version seemed to restore Frank Bosley's composure. "Likely," he agreed glibly. "Been reading the newspapers, I presume. Got her mind full of robberies, and thinks she's going to be the next in line."

Jerry Winston nodded. "Worst thing in the world for nerves," he said sadly. "Women need lighter food'n that."

Mrs. Penfield started for the kitchen. Frank Bosley's voice followed her. "I'll be ambling along, Winston. See you again in a day or two."

Mrs. Penfield, emptying the baked