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### A VICIOUS BILL ON THE BALLOT!

Perhaps one of the more misleading measures coming up on the state ballot in November is the bill entitled, "For an act to regulate the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the state of Oregon; also to provide for the filing and payment of claims for damages arising out of the liquor traffic; to create a liquor research board; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith; and to repeal chapter 220, Oregon laws of 1937."

Every voter in Oregon, who desires the most effective and least tyrannical control of liquor, should take the time to read the entire bill and learn of its many freak provisions.

The present system of liquor control would be wrecked, the huge annual income to Oregon from state store profits would be lost, all retail beer outlets would be closed, and the field would be reopened for the moonshiner and bootlegger if the measure were to pass.

Voters are entitled to their choice, and should make one. But unless they read the full text of this bizarre bill, they are likely to be taken in by the measure. A vote for the bill will not be a vote for greater temperance, but for the abandonment of all that has been proven worthwhile in our present system of handling the liquor problem—a system which has been hailed as one of the best in the nation.

By all means read the full text of the anti-liquor league's bill, which even provides taxpayers' money to perpetuate itself. How any person who sincerely seeks to further the temperate welfare of the state of Oregon could vote for such a measure, after understanding its provisions, is beyond the ken of this newspaper.

Bootleggers, moonshiners and the underworld will vote for and bless the measure, which should be warning enough to all honest citizens.

### WHY DON'T WE LIKE HITLER?

For the sake of just suppose, let's pretend that the United States underwent a disastrous war and that a strip from California was taken from us by treaty and given to Mexico.

In such a case, residents of the territory would be told "You now are Mexicans, and no longer American." The land, resources and trade also would go to that Spanish-speaking republic.

Suppose, too, that conditions were such that for several years we had to endure this intolerable land-grabbing and loss of many of our citizens. About the first thing we'd do—if we had any good American blood coursing through our veins—would be to get back on our feet and hasten the day when we could reclaim our own.

The first leader coming along who proved to us he could unite our nation and build it back to a world power would gain our enthusiastic support, and he would deserve it. And when the time came for us to assert ourselves, one of our most burning ambitions would be to return those Americans along the transferred borderland back to the United States. We would feel that they rightly belong here, had always belonged here, regardless of what a scrap of paper tucked away somewhere had to say on the matter.

We would cheer long and loud when our leader told the whole world we were going to reclaim our people and our land. We would be willing to back him to the point of bearing arms.

This may be quite a hypothesis, but it is almost a direct parallel to the rise of Hitler in Germany and his present demand that Sudeten Germans and their land be returned.

If Hitler had not been good for the German nation and its people, and if Hitler weren't rebuilding a stricken country back to a world power, he would not be popular in his own land.

But Hitler is a savior for his countrymen, and you can accept that as fact whether the idea of a dictator is repugnant to you or not. The man is attempting to

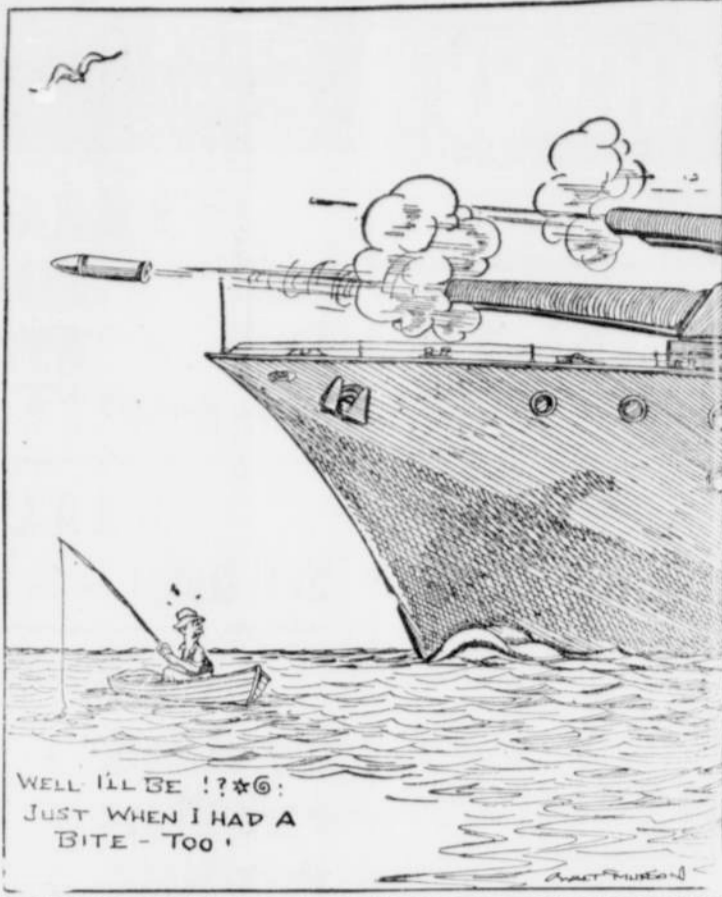
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rebuild, and a leader of the fatherland who would follow any other course would be traitorous to his people.

Although outside sympathy largely is with poor little Czechoslovakia—created out of the plunder of the World war—still there is a lot of reasonable justice in the stand taken by Herr Hitler. The man is not a demon, but a genuine leader who has outjockeyed the whole of Europe for the benefit of his country.

France and England are acting with much less grace, for that matter, than is Germany in the present war-threatening crisis. For both France and England have pledged support to tottering Czechoslovakia yet are bargaining selfishly with Hitler for dismemberment of their so-called protectorate.

The whole disgusting action on the part of France and England is shamefully remindful of their backturning while Italy grabbed up Ethiopia, and while Italy and Germany meddle in Spain.

As far as right and wrong are concerned, odds are that Germany is far cleaner than those who accuse and libel her.

In America, it might be good for us if we forgot old war days hates and quick prejudices against dictators and took a calm and calculating look at things in Europe. Possibly, should another world war break out, we might be on the other side of the fence.

At least, we couldn't pick less appreciative allies than ours of 1917.

### Ashcraft Takes Over Richfield Gas Station

Norman B. Ashcraft, Talent school superintendent for the last five years, has taken over the Richfield gasoline station at the corner of North Main and Bush streets in Ashland following purchase from Harold R. Jordan, operator for more than 10 months.

Ashcraft will be assisted by his son Kent who will attend Southern Oregon Normal school here this winter.

Jordan, a retired army major, said this week that he will continue to make his home in Ashland. The Jordans came here in June, 1936, and are property owners.

### ALICE M. HOBBS

Funeral services for Alice M. Hobbs, 76, who died Monday at the Community hospital, were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Cedarville,

Calif., under direction of the Litwiller funeral home. Interment was in Cedarville cemetery.

### Congregational Church

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By EARL SNELL  
Secretary of State

Many Oregon citizens have wondered exactly what part the pedestrian plays in the traffic accident picture, and what pedestrians can do to improve their record.

To begin with, the pedestrian is an extremely vulnerable target for the automobile. Collisions between cars result in approximately one death for every 500 accidents, yet nearly one pedestrian dies for every 10 injured by automobiles.

Last year one-third of all traffic victims in Oregon were pedestrians, and one-half of these were 65 years of age or older. In other words, elderly pedestrians formed one-sixth of the total number of fatalities, yet they were involved in only one out of every 210 accidents.

The main lesson taught by these figures is that pedestrians can be safe only by staying out of the paths of automobiles. Motorists, of course, are to blame for many pedestrian deaths, but each pedestrian should feel himself responsible for his own safety. He should therefore not only obey the letter of the law, but should not tempt death by insisting upon his right-of-way when some motorist threatens it.

Pedestrians also should be careful not to be in places where motorists do not expect them—that is, wandering in the middle of the highway, walking in the center of a street between intersections or standing off the curb while waiting for a traffic light to change.

There is no substitute for vigilance in the matter of pedestrian safety; a person should be on the alert whenever he is walking the streets or highways within sight of a moving automobile.

### Alaska Wheat Gag Back in New Guise

The old Alaska wheat gag, that has far more lives than the proverbial cat, has appeared again in Oregon, according to Dr. D. D. Hill, associate agronomist at the Oregon experiment station. Not a year goes by but what either Alaska or Polish wheat bobs up from some source, he says.

This time the promoter represented this wheat to be a hybrid of his own creation, which is unusual. Ordinarily the source is given as some ancient tomb or the claw of a goose, says Dr. Hill.

While the promoter said that his wheat tests some six per cent higher in protein than ordinary sorts, the actual fact is that Alaska wheat is so poor that it can't be sold as wheat at all under federal standards, and in spite of its gigantic heads it does not yield as high as many of the ordinary sorts grown in Oregon.

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