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THE AIM IS GOOD, THE METHOD ISN'T

"The purpose of the Rogue River Protective bill is to take the unappropriated waters out of the control of the state engineer's hands, and vest said control in the Legislature."

"The Rogue River Protective bill if passed is only a law and can be amended by the Legislature. It will prohibit the six dams on the lower Rogue. It will keep the waters of the lower Rogue out of the hands of California promoters."

"If the Rogue River Protective bill is defeated the next move will be to call for a public hearing before the state engineer. The Organized Power League will present its case with high-salaried lawyers and well trained specialists. A subsidized press will ridicule and deride every bit of evidence submitted by those who would save the Rogue River. Do you wish to take the chance?"

The above quotations are from one of the official pamphlets advocating the passage of the Rogue River Protective bill, and are published here as an example of how complicated and confusing this measure must be to the people of this state, who are trying to find out, between now and next Tuesday, whether they are for the bill or against it.

The purpose of the measure is said to be to transfer the control of Rogue River from the state engineer to the state legislature.

That sounds simple enough. If that is all the bill will do, then why oppose it. But the next extract says it is a law that can be amended by the legislature.

Naturally one inquires what are the provisions of the law? Well, the pamphlet declares it will prohibit six dams on the lower Rogue and keep the waters there out of the hands of California promoters. Then its purpose is not exclusively to alter the jurisdiction over Rogue River.

Will it also keep the water out of the hands of Oregon promoters and out of the hands of any company or individuals desiring to develop power or irrigation?

We thought so after reading the measure. But in the mass of legalistic phrasing we did not feel sure, so we consulted an attorney. He said it would. He said further that if the bill passed it would prevent anyone from taking water out of the river for irrigation, unless irrigation rights had already been granted. He further claimed it would prevent the utilization of water power rights which had been granted but not developed.

It was on this opinion that we based our opposition to the measure in its present form, although with its main purpose of preserving our game fish and scenic attractions for future generations to enjoy, we were, and are, in complete accord.

It is true that the bill, if passed, could not be devastating in its effects, because by action of the legislature it could be amended and, if the people desired, at a subsequent election, repealed. But in our opinion, a measure so technical in nature, and so far reaching in its effects, should first be presented to the legislature, where it can be carefully studied and debated before being presented to the people for final decision.

The argument that high priced lawyers and a subsidized press would render favorable legislative action impossible, we do not regard as a convincing one. The fishermen and sportsmen of this state are well organized. In their efforts to prevent the destruction of game fish, and secure the preservation of those natural resources which attract tourists, they have the support of an overwhelming public opinion.

And when all is said and done, it is public opinion, not high priced lawyers or a subsidized press, that finally determines questions of this sort. (P. S.—In regard to the second change, it would be interesting to have a list of those newspapers in this state which have been subsidized.)

ROBERT LANSING—A VICTIM OF INDECISION

THE death of Robert Lansing, Secretary of State under President Wilson, adds another name to the list of war casualties.

The unfortunate quality of indecision ruined Mr. Lansing's career, as Secretary of State, and eventually broke his heart. Had Mr. Lansing, when he first differed from President Wilson on his Mexican and League of Nations policies, taken a firm stand and offered his resignation unless these policies were changed, he would have lost his position in the cabinet, but he would not have lost his self-respect or his reputation as a genuine statesman with the courage of his convictions.

But he could not decide. As he virtually confessed to his subordinate, William C. Bullitt, who headed a mission to Soviet Russia, during the peace conference, he could not screw his courage to the sticking point. He wanted to eat his cake and have it. He took great pride in his exalted position, second only to that of the President, and he wished to remain in that position, even though he enjoyed no real authority, and was continually forced to endorse policies in which he did not believe.

The tragedy of Robert Lansing was the tragedy of a nature, fundamentally subordinate, placed in a position demanding qualities of strength, dominance and leadership.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters containing in personal health and hygiene, set to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

WHERE DO YOU GET THAT ACIDOSIS?

The other day I explained why a healthy person should use iodine. For the same reason a healthy person should use, say, iodine. Because a bit of iodine is essential for the normal development of the body and for normal metabolism. In other words, the element iodine is required as much as is the element iron or the element calcium. Iodine is naturally present in some food and in some drinking water. But in some regions there seems to be a deficiency of iodine in the soil and consequently in food grown on the soil—vegetables, meat, milk, eggs. One way in which such an iodine deficiency manifests itself is in the development of simple goiter in childhood. In some cities in the Great Lakes country, for instance, nearly one-third of all grade and high school children show some degree of simple goiter. When iodine is provided for all the children, the prevalence of goiter is reduced to a minimum. But in my judgment an adequate iodine intake is quite as necessary for adults, especially for middle-aged folk, though most mature adults are past the goiter age and hence an iodine shortage manifests itself in them in other ways than the development of goiter. I cannot go into the matter further here, than to say that in my judgment it is a good health habit for every adult, unobtrusively advised by his physician to the contrary, to take a small drop of ordinary iodine solution in a weak tea or in drinking water. People living near the sea or in a liberal quantity of sea food in the daily dietary may not require an artificial supply of iodine, but at that, it is not likely to hurt them. People living far from the sea and having little fresh sea food in their daily dietary had better have a grain of iodine occasionally. You may spell iodine, if you choose; I prefer the lay way. And you may take it out of the emergency cupboard for the first aid disinfection of minor wounds.



Acidosis has nothing whatever to do with acidity in the stomach. Acidosis means a retention or an accumulation of acid in the blood. It is a metabolic waste in the blood. No sign or symptom can be detected with acidosis even though it has it. In this respect it is so different from acidity that the apparently impertinent question becomes quite pertinent—where do all these physically healthy but mentally morbid people get their acidosis? Let us dispose of this question at once and go on with our argument. The well folk get their faintly "acidotic" from reading freak "health" literature, particularly the laid out by fake "food specialists" and shady nutrition experts in attracting customers. Give a wiseacre about an elementary knowledge of physiology a plausible suggestion about the acid character of certain foods and he will be so impressed with this kind of information that you can make him believe almost anything may be due to "acidosis". Acidosis, in fact, is not a disease at all. It is merely a feature, a state of the body, and in various sicknesses. Although one or another type of acidosis may accompany an illness, it is not such a disturbance of the digestive functions, after all we have no reason to assume that the character of one's diet is a factor of any practical importance in the development of such sicknesses. I mean to say that at least in my opinion, no one gains anything by trying to select his diet with distance of the digestive functions. On the other hand, I believe a good many diseased persons suffer real injury to health from restrictions in the diet inspired by the acidosis obsession. If human physiology were deemed worthy of a place in the elementary school every school boy would know that meats, eggs, cereal products, peanuts, plums, prunes and cranberries yield acid combustion products (the three fruits containing benzoic acid which is not oxidized in the body); that milk is about neutral in this respect and that potatoes, bananas, oranges, lemons, grapes, fruit juices, lettuce, all the fresh vegetables including tomatoes, and all other fresh fruits and all the green or red leafy, yield an alkaline or base combustion product. But if this same school boy were required to have a working knowledge of elementary hygiene he would know also that a healthy person should not discriminate against any food or class of foods on such account, and a sick person should leave the question of diet to the judgment of his physician. That I think is all an intelligent layman should know about the acidosis question.

Abe Malin advertisement featuring a cartoon illustration of a man with a large head and a sign that says 'Abe Malin'.

In some parts of the Orient the bride's father receives cattle, some daughters fetching as high as nine cows, but here at home the bride's father usually gets his daughter back. Another cheery little dump these days is the home that half Smith and half Hoover.

Communications

Lawyer Supports Judge Thomas. Much has been published recently in your paper in the form of petitions and statements concerning the so-called "presentment" by the Chaney grand jury. Being one of the attorneys conducting the grand jury investigation, I am familiar with the proceedings and conduct of that grand jury. Senator Eddy and myself were never advised by any member of the grand jury of his or her intention to make a presentment. On the afternoon before this presentment was brought in, Senator Eddy and I left Medford after having had an understanding with the grand jury that there was no further work the grand jury could do at that time, and that a recess would be taken. We learned a few days later that the grand jury remained in session the next day, and at that time Mrs. Grieve handed in the so-called "presentment" to Judge Thomas, and Judge Thomas notified us about this. Senator Eddy then advised Judge Thomas that the question asked had been answered by us many times and that the law covering those matters had been read and explained to the grand jury a great number of times. I am advised that thereafter, and before the grand jury convened again, Judge Thomas was advised by members of the grand jury that no vote had ever been taken on the matter, and that it was brought in without the concurrence of five members of that body. When the grand jury did convene again, Judge Thomas advised them that it was necessary that at least five of their number concur in making a presentment, and they were advised to return and properly determine the matter, and the grand jury thereafter did not return this or any other presentment into court. The opponents of Judge Thomas have attempted to influence voters in the coming election by misquoting both the law and facts relating to this matter and by insinuations that are very unfair and misleading. They have asked why Judge Thomas did not file this presentment; why he did not make it public; and why he did not answer the questions. The law of our state very completely answers all of these questions and shows that Judge Thomas acted properly and as any other judge should have acted or done under similar circumstances. The law of our state relating to presentments is contained in three sections of our code, as follows: Section 1413. Grand Jury May Present Facts or Opinions of Court. When the grand jury are in doubt whether the facts, as shown by the evidence, prove them, constitute a crime in law, or whether the same has ceased to be punishable by reason of lapse of time or a former acquittal or conviction, they may make a presentment of the facts to the court, by mentioning the names of individuals, and ask the court to instruct them on the law arising therefrom. Section 1414. Presentment, Duty of Court to Instruct Thereon. A presentment cannot be found and presented to the court except as provided in section 1413, and when so found and presented, the court shall give such instructions to the grand jury concerning the law of the case as it may think proper and necessary. Section 1414. Presentment, How Made. A presentment is made to the court by the foreman, in the presence of the grand jury, and with the concurrence of five of their number; but being a mere formal statement of facts, for the purpose of obtaining the advice of the court as to the law arising therefrom, is not to be filed in court or preserved beyond the sitting of the grand jury. It will be noted from the above, that any presentment must be concurred in by five members of the grand jury, and that it can not be filed in court or preserved beyond the sitting of the grand jury. I am quite sure that the voters of this district are disgusted with the dirty, mud-slinging, insinuating campaign being carried on against Judge Thomas, and that they will, by their votes, unquestionably put their stamp of disapproval on such practices. J. N. JOHNSTON, Atty. at Law, Grants Pass, Oct. 31.

Rippling Rhymes advertisement featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman, with text about a man who no longer scolds about a long hair on his lapel.

Medford Tax Rate. Feeling that the citizens of Medford would like to know how Medford city tax rate compares with former years and how it compares with other communities, the following comparison is presented: Medford Tax Rate Lower Than School District. Comparing the average tax rate of Medford for the years 1909 to 1927, with that for the years 1918 to 1927, we find the following: Average tax rate, 1909-17, inclusive, 14.5 mills. Average tax rate, 1918-27, inclusive, 16.8 mills. The above shows that while Medford has doubled in population in the last 10 years, there has been an increase of but approximately 15 per cent in its tax rate. City Tax Rate Lower Than School District. Comparing the city tax rate with that of School District No. 48 in the last 10 years the city school district tax rate has increased from an average of 10.1 mills for the years 1909-1917 to an average of 20.7 mills for the years 1918-1927. Increase of over 100 per cent. While Medford city tax rate has increased during that time but approximately 15 per cent. In making the above comparison no disparagement is meant as regards the Medford city school system, for I think we will all admit they are conservatively managed and their increase in cost is only in line with tendencies in other cities and school districts since the war. A. C. HUBBARD, Chairman Finance Committee, City of Medford.

Political Announcements

SHERIFF. I am the regular Republican nominee for sheriff of Jackson County. If elected, I will cooperate with all officials in the enforcement of all laws. CHARLES D. STACY, Paid Adv. Route 4, Medford. COMMISSIONER. I am asking reelection to the office of County Commissioner on my past record. Experience counts. Our finances are in such splendid condition that our County bonds cannot be purchased. A study of county expenditures compared to other agencies shows a careful handling of tax funds. I have always supported a constructive road program for the development of the county. I believe in faithful and conscientious service, fair and equitable consideration to all. A business man or farmer does not discharge a competent employee because someone else wants his job. VICTOR H. HESLER, Paid Adv. Waterman Infers. The Taxpayers' Committee, which I infer is Best, says "In the last three years and ten months, the district attorney's office has given us law enforcement without costing the taxpayer a dollar." Now isn't it a fact that if the office had been run in a businesslike manner, it would have shown a profit of around \$30,000? So instead of not costing a dollar it has cost us the above, and still more.

Ye Sausage Pot advertisement by Arthur Perry.

ANOTHER NAIL LIED.

Mrs. Henry Ford, addressing a delegation of women, told them that her husband "was easy on his feet."

Several of our social lions are taking courses in being irresistible but can't be.

One more league is needed to have an "agenda" here—the favorite trick of the League of Nations.

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Mrs. Sarah Savatthana heard Al Johnson last evening and had the best bowl since water pieces ran over the pulpit, until elected governor.

Most of the mince-meat under course of construction for Thanksgiving, is ready to bottle.

This department, which admitted the gabbliness of A. E. Smith, who is very chic, has stopped its Republicanism from unraveling around the edges. Location no longer has heralded him as a second Abe Lincoln, or a third U. S. Grant.

A plump lady in a pair of new, high-heeled shoes, on a rainy day, found it not a thinking proposition to walk across Niagara Falls on wire rope, but she could do it.

A group of upstate editors, who can think of the cutest things to jangle about, are now engaged in a gentle but attentive dispute over the enlargement of the canon in who-drink, viz: "The letter H is the beginning of Hoover, and the end of Smith." At first glance, this does not appear to be very "hot" as a point, and nothing to cause convulsions among that portion of the human race who make an itching proposition to none at all. The accused member of the alphabet is the start of Hope, and the terminus of Pooh!, and a goodly section of Noah Webster's dictionary is devoted to words in the same fix. When Nice Nellie is highly disturbed, she blushingly ejaculates: "This is an H. of a fellow. Howsoever, as that is a good word, we repeat—Howso-ever, this has nothing to do with the massive conflict seething between the high series of the esteemed Corvallis Gazette-Times, the also esteemed Portland Spectator, and the just-as-esteemed-if-not-more-so Eugene Register. This reporter was flabbergasted by the piffiness of the assault on unsuspecting Sister Hattie, and guessed right off the bat, that only in the middle of a member of the legislature, just before the dawn, could such a zippy quip be born. Imagine our chagrin, to read in the Time Magazine of 10 days ago, that in Paris was none other than Hon. Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the house of representatives, and member of that august body from the sovereign state of Ohio. The next treatise will deal with the well known semi-grunt, Huh! and the soothing word Huh! which everybody should, but nobody will, in the present state of the public fancy. Both, the reader will note by close inspection, are double-hatched.

St. Helens—Contracts let for construction of huge paper bag factories here.

Myrtle Point—Local Chamber of Commerce out for oiled road program.

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff's Father Was a Wise Egg

Mutt and Jeff cartoon strip showing a conversation between a man and a boy. The man says: 'MUTT, IT'S TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY THAT I LEFT HOME TO SEEK MY FORTUNE IN THE WORLD. I HAD HIGH HOPES THAT DAY! AND HOW MOTHER CRIED WHEN I BID HER GOOD-BYE!' The boy replies: 'JUST LIKE A MOTHER. DID YOUR SISTERS BAWL?' The man says: 'YES! THEY WENT BIG TEARS, TOO!' The boy asks: 'AND YOUR FATHER—DID HE CRY?' The man replies: 'NOPE! NOT A TEAR!' The boy says: 'HE MUST HAVE BEEN A HARD-HEARTED EGG.' The man replies: 'NO, HE WASN'T HARD-HEARTED! BUT HE KNEW I WAS ONLY A JOKE SO HE JUST LAUGHED!'

By BUD FISHER

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