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# Digesting . . . .. The News

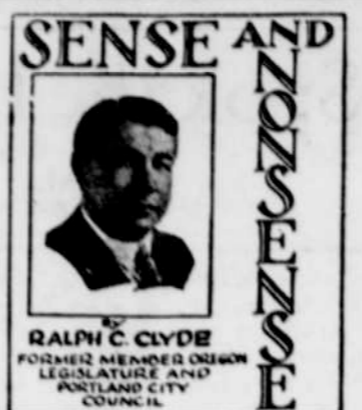
By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

From the mass of news appearing in our weeklies it is encouraging to pick out and record every item that indicates economic progress in the race. Hardly a week passes but wait here read of the merging of some our enterprises into larger and stronger units enabling them to render more efficient service at less cost and greater profit to themselves.

Whether it is the merging of insurance companies in Illinois; banks in Virginia or Kentucky; newspapers in Texas; school in Georgia; fraternal in North Carolina or Virginia, it represents an additional pillar in the economic structure that we are building.

Regardless of the many theories and fims on the equality of men and their rights, history teaches us conclusively that in practice the survival of the fittest is the surest doctrine and our enterprises and individuals who have prospered the most during these hard times have been the ones best prepared to stand the onslaught of depression.

There are a great many in our race who, publicly, admit that the merging of our assets, where practical, would be beneficial to themselves and the race but, privately, they fear to take the step because of that peculiar psychology which leads them to believe that others will think they are fail-



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### Is "Glad Handing" An Art

As soon as a candidate is elected to office he becomes a reception committee of one to take over the "glad hand grasp" of the artists in this line whose names are legion. One cannot number their many varieties. There is the clasp your hand with a mesmeric clasp the timid soul who slips his hand into your palm as though it were a dead fish.

One of the big shots is the boy who pump handle, the stone crusher and while he looks you straight in the eyes, as much as to say, "You know me, Bill". There is the clinging grasp that holds on like grim death. Then along comes the quick, duty grasp, which the glad hander gives just as much as to say, "Well, that's over."

Now, some of these grasps are not artistic by nature. They are not cultivated, while art is cultivated. Some of these fellows are born with this grip-giving quality, just as we are born with environment, gold spoons in our mouths, etc.

I consider the incoming Commissioner, B. Earl Riley, as the best glad hander I ever met. He grasps you by the hand, warms up to you, and you are ready to loan him money then and there without any references.

Here in the City Hall we are learning to discern the difference between the glad hand grasps of the hundreds who are selfishly seeking something, and those who really have something to offer for the benefit of the city with no ulterior motives.

As the glad hander gains in professional experience and practice, so we also gain in knowledge and understanding to distinguish between the false and the true glad handers.

ures, individually, merely because they were merged with others. In this same class can be grouped a great many of our small commercial, financial, fraternal and religious organizations.

(Continued Next Week)

### The Garage Business

In a city with the population of colored citizens like Portland, it is a rare thing to see colored men go it alone in the garage business. This the promoters and owners of the U. S. A. Garage are doing. The garage is located on Ross street just off Broadway south. It is a large brick building, modernly equipped. It does one good to drive in there and see two very courteous and efficient black men come to wait upon you. Colored people especially and as many whites as can be influenced to do so, should patronize this place for these young men are well qualified in their line of work and as they are taken care of more places will be opened for our men to get work.

The expulsion of undesirable aliens from this country at the rate of about 1400 per month indicates that Representative Oscar DePriest's urge last February before the House Immigration committee on the ten year ban on immigration as a solution to the unemployment situation will soon be felt by this present labor depression.



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# Arrow Tips

By Kits Reid

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kits Reid's views, but whether we do or not, her opinions are sane, logical and well worth reading. It is your privilege as well as ours to disagree with Kits and she invites your opinion upon subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

I have been wondering what would happen to the state of Oregon if the legislature met every four years instead of every two years. Would there be as much interest and unsettled plans of work as are faced every two years by the state department? No sooner is the session convened than up comes plans of reorganization of state government, and if the departments manage to escape dismembering or annihilation, they begin to take breath again and plan work and routine that they hope will last the next two years. Is it any wonder that those who try to give the state good honest work in their field of effort, sigh with resignation when some legislator springs a new plan or some consolidation scheme that will disrupt the work of gears? Usually the plan is suggested because some one else wants a job and the legislator is under obligations to pay a political debt and this seems to offer an easy way to pay it. State officials who try to give honest work for their pay check have my sympathy. Why anyone who is sincere and has a soul devoted to service wants the thankless task of a public office is beyond my comprehension. If, by any chance, he succeeds in the position, he is a target for every jealous hearted person in the state. If he does not want to succeed, and shirks, he at least has the solace of a pay check for two years, and the state suffers accordingly and every other department is damned for inefficiency and extravagance. I often wonder that so much good work is done and why.

I read a bill the other day that is being offered by the Child Welfare Commission and when I had finished the reading, I said to myself "May God pity the poor and afflicted." Just to be poor or in need of care tears down all walls of privacy or of a right to an individual existence. These bills give social service works or state employees, the right to probe into your most sacred experiences. You must either tell them all they want to know or go without the needed help. I think it is true for social workers to think less of the technique of their job and more of the humanity involved. Now that is not an original thought of my own but is deliberately borrowed. Why must we have laws that are inquisitorial? They make one think of the days of the old Inquisition when the poor unfortunate was stretched on the rack and his physical frame tortured for the "good of his soul." Now, we pass laws to allow our poor unfortunate to be stretched on the rack of poverty and distress for the "good of the social workers technique." We allow laws to be passed which seem beneficial but in their operation they are beds of sharp spikes to those who need help.

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