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"SHOT IN THE BACK"

Whenever we think of the action of the late state legislature on HB 209 and HB 426, we cannot help having the feeling that the person whom these bills were intended to kill was deliberately "shot in the back." Why do we feel that way? Well, it's a long, long story, but here are the high lights leading up to the tragic end:

"Way back in 1903 a few forward-looking and forward-thinking women and men went up to the state legislature and successfully lobbied for the passage of a bill creating the child labor commission. The bill was sponsored by the State Conference of Charities and Correction, of which Rabbi Stephen H. Wise, T. L. Elliot, the late T. N. Strong and Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull were among the leaders, the latter being the secretary. The State Federation of Labor, the State Federation of Women's Clubs and a group of club women sponsored the measure also, and it went through under the late George Chamberlain, governor, with no expense attached. The governor appointed five people on the commission, of which Mrs. Trumbull was one, and she was immediately elected its secretary. For eight years the state was put to no expense in the operation of this commission and its work. Mrs. Trumbull gave her services and her late husband, along with others, gave of their personal and private funds to support the work. In 1911, under Governor Oswald West, a state appropriation was secured and an office was opened in Portland.

In 1917 the Child Labor, the Industrial Welfare and State Labor Bureaus effected a voluntary consolidation and Mrs. Trumbull was continued as the secretary of the three consolidated offices with no increase in salary. She was receiving at this time \$125 per month. In 1927, however, the Industrial Welfare Commission added an increase of \$100, making a total salary of \$225 per month, and from "there on in," Mrs. Trumbull never received any more raises.

At various times, indeed, at the meeting of nearly every state legislature, since efforts have been made to consolidate under the State Labor Bureau, the Industrial Welfare and the Child Labor Bureaus. But the attempts have been unsuccessful as the sentiment of the public was in favor of the policy of keeping the last two as social welfare activities.

In the 1931 session of the state legislature, however, without any notice whatsoever to the Industrial Welfare and Child Labor Bureaus, a bill was drawn by the ways and means committee (Burke, Wm. F. Woodward, Isaac Staples, Eberhardt, Strayer, F. Kiddle, Johnson, Wheeler, Dunn (not Joe E.), Spaulding, Homer, Angell, I. L. Stewart, L. D. Nash, Earl H. Hill, J. P. Yates, L. A. Allen, H. H. Chindgren, R. Goulay, A. V. Swift and Mark J. Johnson), and favorably reported, to consolidate with the Bureau of Labor under the title of BUREAU OF LABOR AND STATE WELFARE COMMISSION. According to reports said to have come from "inside" sources, the sole object of the consolidation was to get rid of Mrs. Trumbull and to increase the salary of the Labor Commissioner by \$50 per month, although he was elected on the basis of \$250 per month.

When the Child Labor and Industrial Welfare Commissions found out about the bill, they requested a hearing before the ways and means committee. Four or five went up and they were given TWO MINUTES EACH to voice their objections to the bill. Now can we be censured for having the feeling that Mrs. Trumbull was deliberately and in cold blood "SHOT IN THE BACK"?

But the above isn't all. Get this which we feel will make the motive clear to you, if it is not already so:

The State Labor Commission was getting the sum of \$15,500 for its work. The Child Labor and Industrial Welfare Commissions were getting \$16,000 between them. The new Bureau of Labor and State Welfare Commission has been granted an increase of \$6680 for its work.

Although the budget of the Child Labor and Industrial Welfare Commissions had been approved by ex-Governor Norblad, they agreed to cut it from \$16,000 to \$11,000 and finally to \$8680—exactly the additional amount allowed the Labor Commissioner under the consolidation plan. But still the ways and means committee recommended the passage of the bill. What other conclusion could be reached other than the effort was to oust Mrs. Trumbull?

In cutting their budget so drastically, the Child Labor and Industrial Welfare Bureaus agreed to cut down their rent by housing the two in one instead of two rooms; to reduce their office force and to reduce their salaries—Mrs. Trumbull even agreeing to return to her \$125 per month salary.

Now, just why was this concerted effort to get rid of Mrs. Trumbull? It was not due to her inability to do the work. No one charges that she is inefficient. On the other hand, as the Oregon Voter of March 14 says:

"Mrs. Trumbull has made child labor law enforcement her life work. Her career in public life was identified with the agitation for an Oregon child labor law. She was appointed on the original commission after the law was enacted. Large employers, at first suspicious of enforcement, gradually learned that Mrs. Trumbull was fair; that she did not use her authority for persecution or private political purposes, and that they could rely upon equal enforcement upon all competitors, large and small. The large employers appreciated this honest and impartial enforcement by a public official who did not play politics, and time and again they have come before the legislature to defend Mrs. Trumbull's work and protest against its being sacrificed to political considerations."

"Small employers, however, have been more or less dissatisfied, especially those who were struggling for survival and desired to practice economies in violation of law and shocking to morals. Parents determined to augment family income from labor of children under age did what many parents do, lied about the age of the child, and took offense when Mrs. Trumbull's checking of records exposed their perjuries. These small employers and lying parents have felt bitter towards Mrs. Trumbull, and their grievances were taken up by politicians. The child labor administration was 'jobbed' by false publicity, such as was perpetrated by greedy promoters of child violinists to obtain notoriety which would fill theatres, and was victimized by other misrepresentations."

In other words, we venture to say that 99 per cent of the opposition to the Child Labor and Industrial Welfare Commission can be traced to selfish motives.

It is said that the legislators all through the session seemed to take the position that anybody can do the work of these bureaus. The trouble

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Rev. Daniel G. Hill Jr., Minister
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417 Williams Ave.
Rev. W. R. Lovell, Minister

is these men, like most of the public, did not take time to investigate the real value of this work to the state. And we venture the opinion that if they had the result of their action would have been different.

The work of the Child Labor and Industrial Welfare Bureaus is confined to the inspection of state industrial plants, hours, wages and working conditions of women and children under 18 years of age.

It might interest colored voters to know that the only members of the Multnomah delegation to vote against the consolidation measure were: Anderson, Gordon, Gill and Lomergan.

This is not all. The law consolidating the Bureaus does not take effect until June, 1931, and the legislature with its strict "business" principles failed to make appropriation to take care of the expenses of the Child Labor and Industrial Welfare Bureaus from January to June, 1931. If the work is carried on the secretary, Mrs. Trumbull and her assistant will have to wait until the legislature meets in 1933 to get their pay.

We hope, however, that since it is too late for the governor to retrieve the mistake of the legislature, he will see to it that the state does not make the same mistake in refusing to pay bills of six months' standing of two departments.

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DANCE POSTPONED

On account of the ladies of the Mt. Hood Chapter, O. E. S., using the new Elks hall for a card party on the night of March 30, the Elks' Emergency Club committee has willingly relinquished the date in their favor.

Mrs. Vicie Simms, of 824 East Pine street, was hostess at dinner Sunday honoring Mrs. Elizabeth Slaughter and her sister, Mrs. W. G. Bird.

The Literary Research Club met at the home of Mrs. Mamie Stanton in Alberta Friday. It was guest day and Mrs. Rose Nichols, chairman of the executive board of the N. A. of C. W. C.; Lee Grigsby and Miss Jane Bryant were the special guests of the club's secretary, Mrs. Pollyann Reed. Mr. Grigsby graciously responded to a request to sing a group of songs for the club members. He was accompanied on the piano by Miss Bryant. Mrs. Nichols gave an interesting talk. The hostess served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be held the first Friday night in April at the home of

Mrs. Elsie Teague on Larrabee street.

The Emergency Club held a very interesting meeting last Friday night at the parsonage, 417 Vancouver avenue. Eighteen members were present. Among new members enrolled was A. E. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamison were the guests at dinner Sunday of Mrs. L. K. Weeks at her home, 444 Benton street.

The Old Rose Club will meet the first Thursday in April at the home of Mrs. Ida Schweich, 1037 Division street.

Misses Nellie Franklin and Geneva Turner arrived home Wednesday to spend the Easter holidays with their families and friends.

The Esperanto Breakfast Club was entertained Wednesday morning by Mrs. Jennie Myles at the family residence on 329 Sacramento street. She served a delicious two-course repast, assisted by Mrs. Elsie Reynolds. After breakfast a brief business hour was held and the remainder of the time devoted to the study of Esperanto. All members were present except two. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Rachel Bellard on Going street.

Mrs. Cora L. Jamison was the guest of Mrs. Rachel Bellard to witness Elissa Landi in "Body and Soul" at the Paramount last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, who have spent the past year in Corvallis, are expected to return to Portland soon.

DANCE with The Merrykannas

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(By Keren Mills Collins, Reporter)

Rev. Lovell will preach at both services Sunday.

Praise and prayer service on Wednesday, 8 p. m. Members are urged to attend.

The Zion Emergency Club met at the home of Mrs. B. Clemens, 720 Union Avenue North, Friday night. A pleasing report was made from the annual social held at the home of Mrs. Burt Turner.

Quarterly Conference will be held the fifth Sunday in March. Rev. T. Allen Harvey, presiding.

Olivet Church

DR. J. L. CASTON, Pastor
(Mildred Ivey, Reporter)

Sunday Dr. Caston's subject was, "The Sermon On the Mount." His topics during the week were: Monday, "Contrasts Old and New"; Tuesday, "Jesus On Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting"; Wednesday, "The New Life Thrust"; Thursday, "How to Regard All Men"; and Friday, "The Condition of the New Faith."

On Sunday morning the Missionary Society has charge of the service. Sunday evening special Palm Services by the Order of Eastern Star. Dr. Caston will be the speaker.

The Fellowship Club was entertained by Mrs. W. A. Neeley, Monday evening. The next meeting of the Fellowship Club will be at the residence of Mrs. Johnson on Fargo street.

The Missionary Society met at the residence of Mrs. Louis Jones Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ned Ellis entertained the Searchlight Club Thursday evening. The regular meeting of the Mountain Climbers will be held Sunday at 3:30 and a continuation of the subject, "The Creation."

Next week the Holy Week service will be held, at which time there will be a dramatic recital of the events of Passion Week. On Good Friday night there will be a three-hour service from 7:30 to 10:30 p. m. Persons may come and go at will. The service consists of a musical ensemble of hymns and church composition, with the Crucifixion story and the Seven Last Words of Christ as the climax.

Dr. Caston has been invited by the Oregon Conference Epworth League Council of Methodist Churches to accept a position on the faculty of their institution to be held at Falls City, Ore., in August.

B. Y. P. U.
Beatrice Arberry will have charge of the meeting. The topic for discussion is "Why Christ Is a Worthy Master."

The opening of the Tom Thumb golf course was quite a success Saturday. Rosalee Byrd officiated at the club house.

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The YOUNGER SET

(By GENEVA IVEY)



The G. A. A. Club had charge of the Little Tom Sunday night. From the financial report, the evening was quite a success. All Portland's younger set were out and enjoyed the thrills that golf affords. After a brief meeting Monday night, which included the golf report, discussion of the April's day dance and decision of indoor tennis at next meeting. The girls spent about an hour in basketball practice.

Myrtle Moore excited everybody as well as herself Sunday when she made hole-in-one on ninth hole, thereby receiving an extra round free.

The Trianon girls have a new policy, which permits the girls to go home after school and then come to club at 4:30. The members are asked to remember this announcement.

George Cannady was awarded third prize, \$2.50, in a singing contest held last Saturday night at the Paramount theatre. A dozen persons contested for the three prizes. On the 14th George won the second prize of \$5.



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