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More Political Folly

ON the state ballot you will observe a measure which if passed means Oregon will go into a state of chaos, for no one, not even the author of the measure, knows what it is all about.

It is known as the "cabinet" form of government and would upset all we have and give nothing that we do not now have. And most important of all, it would save the taxpayers no money.

Almost annually some fellow comes forth with a plan to change the general order of things. And why? because it gives that particular fellow something to harp on, possibly puts him on the front page of the newspapers for a while and permits his name to sizzle in the public mind.

This proposed "cabinet" form of government would depart from the beaten track; it would scrap all offices in Salem and put in their place another set of offices under another set of names, which offices must be filled. And, in casting up the expense of the "cabinet" form of government there is no saving. But there is the expense of making the change. No one can move without a heavy cost. No system can be abolished without heavy expense and lost motion in getting the new system established.

That is true with this "cabinet" form of government. So, vote against it as you will vote against about all the other state measures.

The Biggest Issue

THERE has been a lot of "issuing" in this campaign, but the biggest issue is to elect Julius Meier and let him use his well trained business mind on the state's business. That is the issue which will elect Meier and it should, for we have the state business in a snarl and tangle with fancy taxes being collected and then having to be returned to the people; with base rate assessments changed at will; with the remnants of the Walter Pierce political errors still rising to haunt the state tax board.

On top of these things we have a few who are agitating a new crop of taxes of different breeds. Julius Meier knows business. Even his worst enemies admit that he does. More important to Oregon than anything else politically right now is to put Julius in that state house with full power to reorganize the state government and adopt sound financial policies.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

"Abide With Me"

Emma Louise Ashford, who died in Nashville, Tenn., recently, was a prolific composer of sacred music, but she did not write the hymn, "Abide With Me," for which she seemed to be given credit in the dispatch concerning her death. This beautiful prayer in poetic form was written by Henry Francis Lyte, Scottish curate and poet. The familiar music, devotional in spirit and melodious in movement, was written by W. H. Monk. This poet and composer jointly created one of the most popular and comforting of all the hymns. Possibly Mrs. Ashford may have composed her own music for the hymn.

Lyte wrote many poems, a volume of which was brought out by a daughter after his death in 1847. The poem that immortalized him was his swan song, written shortly before his death, and was entitled "Evening." It was inspired by reflections at the end of day when he sat in communion with nature, discouraged by weakness and baffling illness and seeking strength of spirit to face the inevitable. Who shall measure the solace the Christian world has found in the creation of that hour out of the exalted mood of the poet?

Abide with me! Past falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

Peace Garden

Milwaukee Journal: A great garden, to cover a thousand or more acres, will one of these days be opened at some point on the border between the United States. In it, under glass where the hundred years of peace the two countries have enjoyed. Half of the garden will be in Canada, the other half in the United States. In it, under glass where that is necessary, will be grown every flower and shrub native to the two countries. The \$5,000,000 necessary for the purchase of land, for the original plantings and for endowment

will be sought from the peoples of two countries. It is a splendid idea and one which will appeal to peace lovers, as well as nature lovers, as a fitting celebration of a great event.
Such a garden, once established, will no doubt rival Niagara Falls as an attraction on our northern border and will help bring our two countries closer together, as the Falls without question has. It will be a perpetual reminder that two nations may live side by side for generations as good neighbors. And we can think of no symbol of peace so effective as a living, growing, blossoming international garden of flowers.

Swedish Nightingale

Time: One evening two years ago, a radio public of Great Britain was asked to dial carefully, listen closely, and it would hear the song of a nightingale. The other day news dispatches included accounts of a similar treat for the radio public of Sweden. After a nation-wide hunt, a shady corner had been found in a park in Malmo where nightingales lived in abundance, sang frequently. A microphone was fastened up in a tree. When a nightingale perched near it and began whistling, the sound was cut in on a nation-wide hook-up. The bird was still performing when the radio stations cut out to go on with their regular programs.
Nightingales have often whistled for Victrola recording. They have even given duets with canaries. In the spring and early summer the nightingale has a long song. The tones are rich, pulsating, more like those of a flute than of any other instrument. In late summer and autumn they whistle whispering songs in soft undertones. Nightingales are not found in North America.

Value

Reading the above item one wonders where and what value is. And then one notes that Mark Twain's estate last year was paid \$10,000 in royalties on his book, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer." It was written more than fifty years ago. If the value is there people will find it, want it, remember it.

DAILY WASHINGTON LETTER

It's Out at Last!—Innocent Little Miss Were to Blame for "Tapping" Senator Nye's Telephone Wires and Not Wicked Spies—At Least, That's What the 'Phone Company Says.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Services Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—There is still some suspicion in the minds of the more imaginative that spies have been trying to tap the telephone wires leading into Senator Nye's office, but the telephone company investigator says it was mice.

Insulation was found to be torn off the wires and after all the charges of wiretapping and espionage that had grown out of Nye's investigation of Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick's senatorial campaign expenses in Illinois it was hard for the discoverers to believe that the incident had no sinister significance.

Nevertheless, there are mice running around in offices of both the Capitol and the Senate and House office buildings and many traps have been set. The record for most mice caught appears now to be held by Senator Howell of Nebraska, whose traps have caught four. Here in Washington it is not one kind of a pest that afflicts us it's another.

A few weeks ago everyone was scratching fleas. And before that there were several billion strange moths. A year ago an invasion of starlings had the whole town swarming and worrying. Perhaps you remember the cockroaches which were so thick on Capitol Hill as to cause Senator Keyes of New Hampshire to rise on the Senate floor and demand relief because they were eating the bindings off his books.

Senator John Marshall Robinson, campaigning for re-election in Kentucky, returned the other day to his old home at Pig Misery on Pity Creek in Bracken county. They gave him a barbecue—which doubtless caused more pig misery than ever—and school girls strewed flowers in his path.

Information from sources not especially friendly to Senator Tom Heflin of Alabama indicates that the contest between Tom, running as an independent, and John Hankhead, the regular Democratic nominee, will be closer than most people expected. But with Senator Hugo Black and the state's 10 congressmen all campaigning vigorously for the regular ticket the chances still seem very good that Tom will be retired.

Senator W. B. Pine, the Oklahoma oil millionaire, has been waging an intensive campaign by radio. His publicity makes much of the allegation that he shuns all social engagements in Washington so that he can devote all working hours to serving Oklahoma.

"Blind Tom" Gore, his Democratic opponent, is sarcastic about Pine's use of phonograph records. Gore has developed a bizarre line of attack, as follows:
1. Pine miserably failed to get Oklahoma a tariff on oil.

2. The next Congress will be Democratic, so if Pine couldn't get an oil tariff out of a Republican Congress, what can he hope to get out of a Democratic Congress?

3. Oklahoma mustn't send an oil man to Washington because when he speaks for an oil tariff nobody will know whether he is speaking for his pocketbook or his state.

Then there's "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, Oklahoma's Democratic candidate for governor, who achieves a record of simplification when he explains:
"I won the primary because the people regarded me as incorruptible, unimpeachable and unconquerable."

Oklahoma, as you may recall, has the habit of impeaching or trying to impeach its governors.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

In anticipation of an attack on the city by troops shortly to be mobilized in Ashland, Captain Ferguson, the only active member of the National Guard at present in Klamath Falls, will mobilize himself at some point between this city and Keno, according to information which has leaked from military quarters.

"There's a better time a-comin'" declared Jack Palmer, Methodist Indian preacher, pointing skyward, when he was taken to jail three months ago, convicted of giving liquor to another red-man.

This morning before United States Commissioner Cannon in

Portland, he took the pauper's oath and left for the Klamath Indian reservation, insisting that he was a good Methodist.

Palmer swore that his sole property consisted of \$20 passage money to Klamath Falls, two old wagons, two old horses and a wife, who owned two ponies.

Weather permitting, the Women's Equal Suffrage League will participate in an auto parade here tonight. A number of citizens have offered their automobiles for the purpose.

At different points along the line of march, speeches will be made by prominent Klamath Falls men.

Banker Stabbed By Hold-up Men
CHICAGO, Oct. 30, (AP)—Courtney B. Merrill, 54, vice president of the Union State bank of South Chicago, was fatally stabbed last night by two men who attempted to rob him.

One of the robbers used a knife, while the other fired a pistol. Nons of the shots took effect, but they led to the belief Merrill had been shot.

The attempted holdup occurred when the two men trapped Merrill in a garage.

Police got a brief story from the banker before he died and concluded he was slain either because he was too slow in putting up his hands or because the holdup men mistook an automobile key he held in his hand for a pistol.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye
We know there is no financial, traditional or military imperialism in the American heart.—President Hoover.

What is called over-production is really a lack of production of what the people want.—Henry Ford.

The first time I learned a football was not only something to kick, but something to think with, was when I saw a great football player for the first time.—Knute Rockne.

Many a pauper with an indefinable quality of taste is far richer than the people who possess the greatest amount of things in the country.—Ramsay MacDonald.

EARNINGS DROP
NEW YORK, Oct. 30, (AP)—The United States Steel corporation has reported third quarter earnings of \$37,595,299, compared with \$47,061,304 in the previous quarter, and \$70,173,713 in the like period in 1929. The figures are after deducting operating expenses. Directors declared the regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 a share on the common and preferred stocks.

Medical Question

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Daily CAPITOL News Letter

Free Textbooks. State Buys Books. Some Opposition. Various Opinion.

BY JAMES F. ROWE
United Press Staff Correspondent
SALEM, Ore., Oct. 30, (EP)—Out of the south recently came news of a battle to abolish free textbooks. Oregon educators, however, today proceeded quietly with their plans for adoption of a similar system in this state.

LITTLE has been heard in protest to free state texts. gubernatorial candidates sought to make it an issue in their present campaigns. They failed for lack of protest, was the opinion of state officials.

Opposition in South
CITIZENS would gladly favor and plan for free books to evade the yearly burden of book purchasing, it was said.

THE STRONGEST opposition can be found in a faction that opposes California's present system—public school teachers and officials.

IN OREGON, their action to defeat the proposal has not as yet been generally voiced. In California, the association of public school superintendents protested a lot textbook printing.

Plates Promised
IT WAS CLAIMED that selection of books was inadequate, that savings in state printing were less than one-half of one per cent of the total cost of education; that 14 leading companies refused to lease plates to

state print, and therefore 75 per cent of modern texts were not available to school children of the state.

Teachers Stand
BROCK and G. A. Howard, state superintendent and public instruction, substantiated allegations that school teachers generally are opposed to state printing and free texts because it limits them in selecting volumes desired in their respective schools.

"EACH PHOENIX or teacher has his own ideas on the suitability of texts to the particular course he conducts," they declare.

Cite Violations
"IF STATE printing and free texts were inaugurated in Oregon, the satisfied class would be those who purchase books for their children," Brock said.

VIOLATIONS of Oregon's present law governing selection of texts should lend impetus to the progress toward free texts, it was held.

RECENT CHARGES that Salem schools were not adhering to the state law in using those texts selected by the state textbook commission were made a point of City Superintendent George W. Hugg.

HUG ADMITTED he allowed the use of other than those books selected by the commission but declared there was "less violation of the law in Salem than in other parts of the state."

SAID HUG, "you can go right down here to Eugene or Baker and find worse violations of that law than are found here. It is the duty of the state superintendent of schools to enforce these laws. We always seem to be the first blamed, however."

IN ANSWER to these charges that misuse of the textbook law

was statewide, Howard declares they were untrue.
ALTHOUGH he admitted there might be a slight discrepancy in some districts, he cited numerous cities closely following state recommendations in selecting their books. Among those named by Howard were Grants Pass, Pendleton and Marshfield.
A BILL urging adoption of free textbooks in each district, the district to be allowed to make its own purchases, now is being prepared by the Parents' Teachers' association. It will be presented the 1931 legislature, Howard declared.
"The proposed plan will not be suitable to adoption either with state free textbook laws that might be suggested or as a single measure in case the latter plan is defeated," Howard said.

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