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Consolidation Undesirable?

IT is good to be told that Oregon is operating under a system of government which it is impossible to improve. For years we have been hearing, and believing, that a consolidation of a multitude of state bureaus, boards and commissions under a few departments would result in increased efficiency and bring about a substantial saving to taxpayers.

Governor Meier advocated consolidation of various departments in his inaugural address and has since urged our legislative body to adopt his program. He advocated the grouping of all state law enforcement departments under one head, patterned after the Canadian mounted police system.

All went well until numerous witnesses appeared at the committee hearings and advanced the argument that the consolidation idea is not worth the paper required to print the bills. Witnesses appeared telling the committee that consolidation is desirable, but should not include the state traffic department.

Then came leading sportsmen who said the plan is constructive but it would reduce the efficiency of the state fish and game department if its wardens were included in the program. "Take in the others, including the traffic department, but don't bother ours," was the substance of the argument advanced by the fish and game boys.

Then to further prove that the consolidation plan is as full of holes as a rusty sieve, those jealous lovers of the state prohibition department pointed out that the efficiency of their department would be greatly lessened if its representatives wearing badges of authority were placed under the command of a central state police department.

So we find that the state traffic, fish and game, prohibition and other law enforcement bodies are all working to a maximum of efficiency and being conducted in the most economical manner.

The only fly in the ointment is that heads and members of the several departments believe in consolidation, so long as it does not include their respective departments. They are possessed of an "holier than thou" attitude.

Meanwhile taxpayers are bending lower under the excessive load, with hundreds of them signing pledges to go on a tax strike unless relief is afforded. At the same time members of the legislature are growing gray haired in a frantic endeavor to plug the leaks and provide sufficient money with which to operate the state.

If there is anything more inconsistent and fickle than the human mind it has not been discovered.

Legislative Responsibility

IF the present session of the legislature fails to enact a measure which will drive ponderous trailers operated by motor truck companies from public highways of the state, it will have failed in its duty.

There is not an individual who drives over the highways of Oregon but who recognizes the extreme danger to which trucks and their trailers of boxcar dimensions subject those of the traveling public. There is not one but who recognizes the tremendous damage public highways are sustaining as a result of their common use.

While it is admitted that highways are constructed for commercial use as well as for pleasure, it was never intended that they be subjected to loads which their construction will not bear, and as a result of which deterioration and complete destruction are resulting many years earlier than were they used for moderate loads.

Oregon has a system of highways of which its citizens are justly proud. They make motoring a joy and together with the splendid tourist attractions which the state has to offer, are attracting an increasing number of tourists year after year with a resultant profit to the state as a whole. Let us not be so negligent as to permit their premature destruction by vehicles and loads which they were never intended to carry.

Science assures us that fish make love, "bill and coo." But not in public, which is in harmony with our frequent declaration that petting should be done in private, that it is nothing to look at. Even the unblushing lovemaking of the screen rarely is worth the price of admission.

Regardless of the boosting spirit of psychology, longing for the unattainable is a source of unhappiness.

"I believe in grumbling," says E. W. Howe. Not only does he believe in it, he works at it.

EDITORIALS

From Over The Nation

Tarkington Sees

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: There will be a great public rejoicing with Booth Tarkington that his slight has been restored by the operation which has been concluded in Baltimore with the final removal of bandages. What- ever section of America may have failed to appreciate his books and plays did not fail to recognize the fortitude, patience and manhood which he put into the fight for his eyes. The struggle was a long up-hill affair. For many, perhaps, it would have ended last August, when he passed from declining vision into total blindness. From Indiana, the battle became the more intense. Booth Tarkington occupies a special place in American letters. To his credit are some twenty-five novels and seventeen plays, ten of the latter being written in collaboration. His first work, "The Gentleman From Indiana," which still commands news readers and is an old friend in many a library, was published in 1899; since then he had been an un- flagging producer. He was born in Indiana and his humor and outlook upon life are true to the Hoosier soil.

A Woman's Idea

The Pathfinder: Miss Frances Perkins, industrial commissioner in New York, wrote to the American Institute of Architects arguing that building plans in the future include bigger and broader window sills. There is now, she declared, not enough room for the window cleaners to stand and she cited, the fact that last year no fewer than 100 window cleaners fell to their death in New York. Applying soap and water to the outside of windows of fifty-story buildings is a precarious business. But the men taking the risks seemed to think little about it, and the men putting up the buildings had heard on criticism and had accordingly given the matter no thought. It took a woman, whose head is never far from the heart, to see the trouble and call for a remedy. There is room and time for more sympathetic, intelligent women in our official life.

Here's A New Will

Time: In Birmingham, England, a retired manufacturer made his will, had a talking picture made of himself reading it, selected the friends and relations who will be invited to witness it after his death. Seating arrangements are planned so that his image on the screen will speak to each individually as if in real life. His speech will begin: "Now that I am dead, I claim the right to speak to you impartially. He will point out faults and virtues of one and all, concluding: "And now, my dear nieces, nephews and friends, I will bore you no longer. \* \* \* I will save unpleasant lawsuits my solicitors will now read you a will in similar terms which you will find drawn up, testified and witnessed in correct legal manner."

BIRTHDAY SUGGESTION

Young Lady (who has looked at everything in the shop): Oh, dear! I'm afraid there's nothing quite suitable. You see, I want to give my husband a big surprise on his birthday. Clerk (fed up): Then why not hide behind the door and shout "Boo!" at him!—The Humorist.

Name Question

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HORIZONTAL 41 Eye, 1 Oklahoma's 42 Meadow, 3 Governor, 5 Henry H., 9 Beer, 10 Basile, 12 Reverence, 13 To scatter, 14 Stigma, 16 Long, church bench, 17 Giltop, 19 Steel jacket, 22 Artist's frame, 26 Middy sleep, 27 Abundance, 28 Wisconsin, 30 Reckoned, 31 Infested with eggs, 34 Orcot, 37 Rescued, 38 Small hole, 3 Scarlet, 4 Woolen thread, 5 To sharpen as a razor, 6 Spigot, 7 To be indebted, 8 Recent, 11 Desert fruit, 14 Says jesting-ly, 15 Feared, 17 and Bellone made Paris, 18 New York non-stop flight, 19 Prepared lettuce, 20 Townsman, 21 Afternoon meal, 22 Bankard, 24 Before, 25 Commanded, 26 Pigeon, 29 To annoy, 32 To annoy, 33 Wild duck, 34 To cry, 35 To make a mistake, 36 Fabric, 38 To wander about, 39 Since, 40 To write.

DAILY WASHINGTON LETTER

Worried Over Prohibition Issue? Never Mind, So Are Master Minds of the Two Major Political Parties of the Nation.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—Nearly everyone agrees that prohibition probably will be the big 1932 campaign issue, but let's not be too sure that the next presidential election is going to settle anything.

First, we must see where the master minds of the two major parties are going to stand on the issue. If that question has been bothering you a little, you can rest assured that it has been giving a lot more worry to the master minds. Your correspondent will undertake to explain just why.

Among the Republicans, the most important thing to consider is the 1932 attitude of President Hoover, who presumably will be renominated and will almost surely be able to tell his party what to put in its platform. The latest idea is that Hoover may campaign as an "open-minded," law enforcement president while admitting that prohibition is "on trial" and may prove to be unenforceable. That was the attitude of the two men on the Wickersham commission regarded as most likely to reflect Hoover's views, Chairman Wickersham and Judge Mackintosh.

"Straddling" is Dangerous The campaign will be as good as under way before Congress can act on the commission's recommendation, for more money, more men and other measures for enforcement. It will be easy then to argue that the recommendations ought to be carried out before any decision is made as to enforceability.

On the other hand, some folks would think such an attitude was just another straddle and the law enforcement prohibition has been becoming increasingly pronounced. If successful, however, it would put off the day of ultimate decision on prohibition.

As far as prohibition is concerned, the master minds of both parties are worrying almost entirely about the big northern states such as New York, Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut. The wets won't vote in all those states last November and the victors, except in New Jersey were at the expense of the Republicans. They were very impressive victories, too.

Dry Faces Handicaps The Republican parties in New York, Illinois and New Jersey went pretty dry last year, however, and although all six normally vote Republican in a presidential year there is plenty of room for belief that a really dry presidential candidate would be likely to lose them all.

A dry Hoover at the head of the G. O. ticket, with hardly any other issues to help overcome the handicap in those states, is an almost sickening prospect to many northern Republican politicians. Of course, if prosperity were to return pretty soon, with a rush and the Democrats were again to make the bad political mistake of nominating a Catholic, there would be so much to worry about.

But the Republican master minds can't depend on anything of the sort and so they are worried terribly. Mr. Hoover himself being the most conspicuous figure on the anxious seat. Both the wets and the dries of the party have been on his neck lately, in unprecedented numbers and with unprecedented insistence.

Hoover is Baffled Important leaders on both sides have been telling him that it is political suicide for him to firmly espouse the other cause and Hoover is sorely baffled by the question whether to be wet or dry, his feelings are easily to be understood. The Democrats, on the other

hand, are almost certain to go wet. Nobody thinks they could carry a single one of the aforementioned states with a dry candidate. Political considerations will decide their course just as they will dictate the Republican attitude. And in so far as the Democratic convention is concerned, the wishes of the dry south will have to be sacrificed to the end that the party may assure itself the hope of a lot of electoral votes.

The Democrats have a wide split on prohibition just as the Republicans have. But from the standpoint of politics, their logical decision is comparatively easy to make.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

The circulation of the Northwestern is about half what has been claimed by the publishers in the past, and this in spite of sworn statements which have been so repeatedly flaunted before the eyes of Klamath Falls citizens by the publishers of the morning paper.

Some time ago the publisher, editor, general manager, managing editor, etc., of the morning paper, the Northwestern, made an affidavit that the circulation of the paper was 1,400 copies.

The Herald does not dispute the truth of that affidavit. At that time it may have been true, but at the present time the Northwestern's circulation is, according to authentic information, \$40 daily. Of this number 100 copies are kept in the newspaper office, so that the circulation is in reality 740 copies, counting "dead heads" and news stand deliveries.

Plans for a new Masonic Temple, to be built at the corner of Sixth street and Klamath avenue, are being completed. The plans call for an expenditure of between \$40,000 and \$50,000. With the property costing \$10,000, the new structure, when completed, will represent an expenditure of nearly \$60,000.

Papers in a suit to enjoin the sheriff, as tax collector, from collecting taxes levied for salary purposes, circuit court purposes, jail purposes, county poor farm, and court house purposes, will be served on the sheriff late this afternoon. The action is brought by Kuykendall and Ferguson representing Charles Graves, formerly justice of the peace of Link River precinct.

SPRING LAKE NEWS NUGGETS

MRS. A. E. SCHREINER SPRING LAKE, Ore., Feb. 13. (Special)—Mrs. Charles Ager and son, Audrey, were among the shoppers in Klamath Falls Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fach were transacting business in Klamath Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Folsom and Mrs. Andrew Folsom and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dowson were visitors at the Stewart home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Isenbice were visitors at the Schreiner home Sunday evening. Thomas and Howard Jackson called on the Stewart boys Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Dolan were city visitors Saturday. Mrs. Charles Young was shopping in Klamath Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Williams and daughter Grace were in Klamath Falls Saturday from their ranch home in this district. Mrs. J. Stewart and son, Leslie and Mrs. Smith enjoyed Sunday visiting with Mrs. Frank Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pernell have moved away from this neighborhood and James Small has rented their ranch.

AIR NGUT SCHOOL KALAMAZOO, Mich.—And now night schools are offering courses in aeronautical engineering. One in this city has included a ground school course in aviation. It is designed for students who will follow aviation as a life vocation.

RECIPE GIVES COFFEE ROASTER IDEA FOR PERFECTING FLAVOR

Applies Rule for Mixing Muffin Ingredients to Patented Roasting Process

Success in muffin making depends to a great extent on the care with which the batter is made. That is why most recipes state that the milk should be poured into the flour a little at a time rather than all at once. Such care prevents lumps from forming. This rule, "little at a time," is the basis of Controlled Roasting—a process patented and used only by Hills Bros. in roasting their coffee. By automatic control, coffee passes continuously through the roasters, a few pounds at a time. Accurately controlled heat is applied with the result that every berry is roasted evenly—to the degree that insures a rich, uniform, full-bodied flavor. The common method of roasting coffee is in bulk—just the opposite of Hills Bros' process. Hills Bros. Coffee is always fresh because it is packed in vacuum. By this process air, which destroys the flavor of coffee, is taken out of the can and kept out. Ordinary coffee even if air-tight, do not keep coffee fresh. Grocers everywhere sell Hills Bros. Coffee. Ask for it by name and look for the Arab—the trade-mark—on the can. Hills Bros. Coffee, Inc., San Francisco, California. ©1931

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

If I were God I would have come down and cuffed that man Lewis. He'd never have gone to Stockholm to collect that reward. —Billy Sunday.

I suggest that President Hoover appoint another of his commissions to interpret what the Wickersham commission has said. —Governor Harry Woodring of Kansas.

Education in journalism, which plays so vital a role in the life of every man, is as desirable in

history, in civics, in the sciences and in the languages.—Professor John E. Drury, University of Georgia.

Let's quit harping about the depression. Let's talk better times.—James A. Farrell, steel magnate.

Human progress marches only when children excel their parents.—President Hoover.

Of all domestic animals, the cat is the closest to man in mental and moral make-up.—Ambassador Amal of Brazil.

NIX ON THE LIBERTY YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif.—Regular free feeding is a lot better than having to get out and hunt your own food, judging by the actions of the cow elk here. The herd was liberated this winter, but instead of enjoying their liberty, the elk bugled lustily outside the paddock until they were locked up again.

\$100 Reward

We will pay \$100.00 to any man, woman or child (preferably children) who can swim across the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean under the following simple conditions. All contestants must wear at least one Oregon Boot, two if you so desire. Contestants must NOT stop for refreshments. No hitchhiking on the backs of whales will be permitted. In order to collect the reward you should have at least two eye witnesses who saw you make the swim. Come on folks, get out your bathing suits, pick out your favorite Ocean and make one hundred dollars very easy. Better enter the contest now, as only 300 entries will be permitted.

And Another Thing

Don't forget that the New York Bargain House, Inc., has moved from its Main street location to 126 South 9th St., near Klamath Ave. We carry a full line of Men's Work and Dress Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Furnishings, etc.

New York Bargain House

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