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A Really Commendable Service.

On Monday evening, the League of Women Voters will sponsor a meeting at the Rainbow theatre for the purpose of impartial discussion of the measures to be voted on at the special election on July 21.

This meeting will be more than just open to the public. The public is URGED to attend. The purpose of the League is to provide intelligent and accurate explanation of all the measures, so that voters who are in doubt may make up their minds as to how they want to cast their ballots.

The initiative and the referendum are anything but perfect. They are cumbersome and expensive. Measures presented under them have to be taken or left, as is, with no opportunity for change or amendment. But we have both the initiative and the referendum, as a definite part of our system of government, and are not likely to discard them. So the thing to do is to use them as effectively and as constructively as possible.

The way to do that is by thoughtful and impartial discussion and consideration of the measures presented on the ballot, so that people may arrive at a thorough understanding of all the laws that are proposed and so may vote intelligently. If the people of Oregon understand fully the measures that are to be voted on, there need be no worry as to their decision.

The League of Women Voters is to be commended for its public spirit in arranging Monday evening's meeting. Providing impartial information upon which the voters may base intelligent judgment is a real service.

Where Is Disarmament Failure Driving Us?

As the world disarmament conference puts off until October the task of reaching some sort of agreement, Secretary of the Navy Swanson announces a plan to build the U. S. navy up close to treaty strength; and once again it becomes painfully evident that the job of cutting down the world's military establishments is almost impossible.

A Dog's Life—And Ours.

A CITIZEN set out the other day to buy a dog; and he remarked that mankind loves dogs because dogs have so many human virtues.

That is the way we commonly look at it; but it is quite possible that the real reason we love dogs is because they have so many human frailties.

Everyone who has ever owned a dog knows that a dog can win his master's affections most surely by displaying qualities that aren't ordinarily classed as virtues. A dog can be a braggart, a bluffer, a Falstaffian kind of coward, afraid of his own shadow, but hiding it by a great show of loud-voiced valor; he can be jealous, deceitful, arrogant, designing and stupid; and in most cases we love him all the more for it.

To be sure, he also wins us by his fidelity. But what really wraps our heartstrings about him is usually our realization that he is, like ourselves, a frail vessel filled with the minor vices of an imperfect world.

In French Indo-China the women wear trousers, men wear skirts, and children are given numbers instead of names.

Federal land holdings in the United States are estimated to contain nearly 200 billion tons of coal.

The League of Nations would help settle disputes; there would be non-aggression treaties, arbitration agreements and what-not to make war less likely; the frightful sacrifices of the World War would be justified by the fact that no such war could ever happen again.

Into the Versailles treaty was written the pledge that the World War victors would disarm just as soon as they possibly could.

And today disarmament looks farther away than ever, armies are bigger than ever, and more gold than ever before is being laid on the altar of the god of war.

What's the answer? Will we stumble blindly along until at last we trip into a worse war than the last one—or will we finally insist that statesmen live up to their promises and give us the disarmament they have promised?

War On Racketeers

NOT least significant of recent developments is the fact that the Crusaders, originally organized to fight prohibition, have now converted themselves into an organization to make war on racketeers.

Because of the intimate hook-up between the prohibition law and the racketeer, any group which works for the repeal of prohibition has got to give some attention to the racketeer problem.

There is no question but that the racketeer has done a great deal to swing public sentiment against prohibition. Justly or otherwise, the 18th amendment has been blamed for his existence. But we should be making a tremendous mistake if we took it for granted that all we need to do to abolish him is to abolish the 18th amendment.

That would help, of course. The bootleg racket was first of the large-scale rackets, and from the very start it was the most lucrative. But no one who reads the daily newspapers and sees ever-recurring headlines about the "milk racketeers," the "dry cleaning racketeers," the "labor racketeers," the "gambling syndicates," and so on, can be so naive as to suppose that the booze racket stands alone.

During the decade that began in 1920 the words "organized crime" took on a very real and definite meaning. Before that, big cities had had scattered groups of criminals operating independently, and they had had more or less loose groups of hoodlums who worked in gangs; but there never had been any genuine centralization of any carefully-planned organization.

The powerful and cohesive underworld gangs that curse our cities today are creations of the last dozen years.

In part these groups owed their birth to prohibition—but only in part. They are even more indebted to the fact that through many years we had let venality, favoritism and self-interest rule our city politics. The ward leader, the corrupt alderman, the crooked political boss—these men presided at the racketeer's birth, and they continue to shelter the racketeer today.

That is why the Crusaders' action is so encouraging. Repealing prohibition will only be a first step in the war on racketeers. To pretend that it will do the whole job would be to delude ourselves in a tragic and expensive manner.

Some 16,000,000 bales of cotton were ginned in the United States in 1931.

WASHINGTON
NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
The Inside Story From The Capital

Nonchalance
WASHINGTON, July 15.—Former President Hoover is doing more than playing with his war mementos out at Palo Alto. Casually the big boys of the republican party are dropping in to see him.

Senator Reed of Pennsylvania is there now. The news got out some days ago. He explained he was making the trip to see the annual hi-jinks at Bohemian Grove. The idea that there could be any politics involved was solemnly pooh-poohed.

You can imagine his amazement when he finds ex-Senator Smoot of Utah knocking at the Hoover door about the same time. Mr. Smoot gave up hi-jinking a long time ago. He has a better excuse for going. It seems he must see his banker friend, Henry Robinson, at Los Angeles and will stop at Palo Alto on the way back.

Campaign
The larger banks are quietly perfecting a strong organization against the Glass law. Another confidential meeting will be held here shortly. It will be bigger than the preliminary meeting recently held. By fall they may have a full fledged national campaign under way.

They are counting on help from the smaller banks out in the country which may not be able to qualify for the deposit guarantee.

Notes
No one here believes Mr. Hoover has any personal ambitions for 1936. It appears that what he is striving to do is to keep the party machinery in the hands of the right people. Or those he considers to be the right people. Watson has more backing than you know in his effort to put Saunders among the unemployed. The younger malcontents here are with him. They want action.

The association against the prohibition amendment will be disbanded when the amendment is repealed. Most officials in the organization are agreed on that.

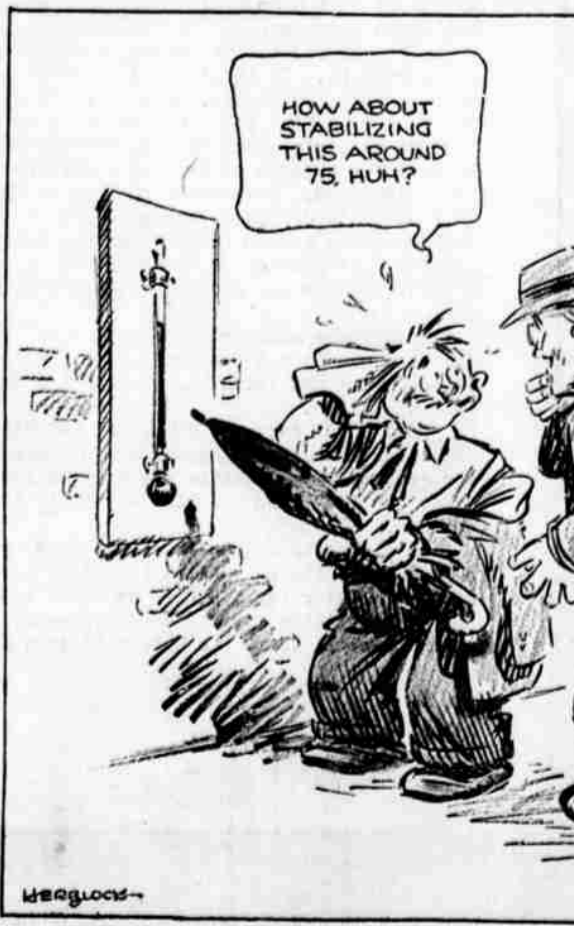
The word "super" as applied to Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet is inaccurate. It is a secondary cabinet. In the Hoover days it would have been called a cabinet committee. Now it is a council in official parlance. The democrats have studiously avoided use of the word "commission" everywhere.

Editorials on News
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which was colorless, bulls built their own price structure.

SO MUCH for stocks. Now a word as to commodities: The Coast representative of a large Eastern clothing house has just received this message from his sales manager: "I have just returned from New York, and conditions there were beyond all my expectations. I don't want you to sell any goods at the present time at all, except to someone who is a regular account of ours and to whom we have sold before. We will not accept any business from new accounts, as it would be worse to sell people and not deliver than not to have sold at all."

SOUNDS like the old days, doesn't it? What makes it sound MORE like the old days is the fact that

If Those Government Control Measures Work Out—



every merchant in the country is receiving, almost every day, notices of INCREASES in the price of merchandise.

WHAT will come of it all? Will the kite go too high and then fall back? Nobody knows. But this much is certain: Unless buying power, which in the main depends upon wages, keeps pace with rising prices, the bubble will burst.

IT CAN'T be otherwise. People can't go on paying high prices unless they have something to pay them with. And if people CAN'T PAY high prices because of lack of earning power, markets will disappear and business will crash.

SPEAKING of the commodity markets, here is an interesting little sidelight: The price of rye passed the dollar mark recently, rising 25 cents a bushel in three days. That is a pretty stiff increase.

WHAT is responsible for it? Two things seem to be. Beer, they say, is creating an added demand for rye bread. Then it appears that there will be no processing tax on rye.

INCIDENTALLY, a farmer here in the Klamath country held over 1500 sacks of rye from last year. The price last year was around 60 cents a sack, and now he can get 90 cents. He did pretty well by holding.

Unlucky Thirteen
No Hoodoo For S. P.
The unlucky number 13 has been no hoodoo to the safe handling of passengers on Southern Pacific trains.

This judding of a jimx was revealed today in the announcement by J. H. Dyer, vice president of the railroad, that the company has completed 13 years without having a fatality among its passengers due to a steam-train accident on its 9,000 miles of lines in six western states.

Earlier Days
(From Files of The Klamath Republican, July, 1909)
"No proxies go," said Charles Delap, deputy county clerk to a young man from Fort Klamath

Student Pastor To Speak At S. A. Hall
Rev. Joseph Bedoin, student minister of the Presbyterian denomination, will give an evangelistic address tonight at 8 o'clock at the local Salvation Army hall, following the regular Saturday night open air service which will take place corner Sixth and Main streets at 7:30 o'clock.

Wise Cracks
Evicted from his studio for non-payment of rent, a Washington, D. C., sculptor became so angry that he smashed all his statues with a hammer. Very likely, he reached the conclusion that his profession was a bust.

Sprague River
Miss Margaret Nabakowski and Miss Eloise Brown of Algoma are visiting Mrs. Alec Tilton. Miss Brown is Mrs. Tilton's niece. Mrs. E. Pankey and grandson, Clare Caston, of General Point are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pankey and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pankey.

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SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



Some People Say
The world suffers less from ignorance than from failure to act upon what it knows.—Dr. Frank H. Vizetelly, lexicographer.

I have always had faith in women and they have always dressed properly, and therefore we have no restrictions (on type of suits women bathers shall wear at city swimming pools).

We need a new party of moral ideas, a party that stands for the policy of prohibition.—Mrs. Ella Boole, former president, W. C. T. U.

I am renouncing Hollywood completely; for 350,000 followers of Mohammed, economic problems do not exist.—Rev. Ingram, movie producer, convert to Mohammedanism.

A 40-hour week in industry generally would not scratch the surface of our job of putting a large number of unemployed back to work.—Hugh S. Johnson, national recovery administrator.

Any religion that does not help to keep people young has something deeply the matter with it.—Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Children's big brick kiln is a pretty hot number just now, but will soon be ready to cool off.

On last Saturday about 21 of the good people of Pokesama, including the baseball team, came to Keno for a good time. The Keno ball team gave them a free dance Saturday evening.

Pennsylvania thief was arrested when he attempted to pawn a \$1,500 watch for a measly \$15. He should have known that time is precious.

An erroneous impression that Mary Pickford intends to remove to Texas to live probably arose from the fact that after her divorce from Doug she will be in the lone star state.

The average doctor knows 25,000 words, says a lexicographer. Two that we wish ours could forget are "Please remit."

"There is only one thing to be said when a husband persists in coming home late at night," declares a woman writer. The trouble is, however, that most wives don't realize this.

A change in the course of the Missouri river left the town of Carter Lake, Iowa, on the Nebraska side and it is impossible to enter the town by land without first passing through Omaha.

The 20th meridian west of Greenwich is generally used as the official dividing line between the eastern and western hemispheres.

REGISTRATION RULES FOR U. S. JOBS OUT

In order to comply with the provisions of the national industrial recovery act it will be necessary that all persons employed upon any work that is financed by federal funds be registered. The selection and extent of public work projects will be determined largely by the labor needs of the community where public work projects are available. Registration for employment will begin immediately at the office of the federal bureau of labor and government relief office, Room 12, in the court house. Check up of all persons who have previously registered is desired. The present registration does not imply that the applicant for work is on the direct relief list.

Labor conditions for those employed under the public works bill and the national recovery act has been outlined as follows:

Section 206 (a)—All contracts let for construction projects and all loans and grants pursuant to this title shall contain such provisions as are necessary to insure (1) that no convict labor shall be employed on any such project; (2) that (except in executive, administrative, and supervisory positions), so far as practicable and feasible, no individual directly employed on any such project shall be permitted to work more than 30 hours in any one week; (3) that all employees shall be paid just and reasonable wages which shall be compensation sufficient to provide, for the hours of labor as limited, a standard of living in decency and comfort; (4) that in the employment of labor in connection with any such project, preference shall be given where they are qualified, to ex-service men with dependents, and then in the following order: (a) to citizens of the United States and aliens who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, who are bona-fide residents of their political subdivision or county in which the work is to be performed, and (b) to citizens of the United States and aliens who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, who are bona-fide residents of the state, territory, or district in which the work is to be performed; provided, that these preferences shall apply only where such labor is available and qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates, and (5) that the maximum of human labor shall be used in lieu of machinery wherever practicable and consistent with sound economy and public advantage.

LOCAL MAN SAVED FROM SUFFOCATION

Artificial respiration and first aid treatment administered by a physician and members of the fire department Friday night saved the life of Robert Ray, of apartment 3, Linda Vista, when he was overcome by smoke.

According to Fire Chief Bardell, the fire in Ray's apartment was probably caused by a cigarette, or a spark from a cigarette dropped in the cushions of an overstuffed davenport.

Ray was asleep on a bed near the davenport, and was overcome by the smoke without awakening. The alarm was sent into the fire department shortly after 11 o'clock, when Ray was carried into the fresh air, and a physician called. He regained consciousness after artificial respiration had been administered, and his condition was reported to be satisfactory Saturday.

The Ray apartment and furniture was considerably damaged by fire and smoke, which, however, spread no further. The loss was completely covered by insurance, according to data obtained by the fire department.

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