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War Bird Tests Wings

Measures introduced in state legislatures throughout the country show promise of running the full gamut of freakishness before the sessions adjourn, according to a United Press survey.

Ranging from a bill that would make installation of ashtrays compulsory on all automobiles to one requiring that all school buses be painted red, white and blue, the proposed bills exemplify some vivid imaginations.

Among the bills introduced in the Massachusetts legislature was one that would make the governor "King of the Commonwealth." Another, intended to dispel any illusions about the incomes of hat check and cigarette girls, provided that all employees working on straight salary must wear signs visible at 10 feet, warning that all tips go to the "house."

Tough on Politicians
Georgia legislators contributed a bill that would abolish the time-hallowed institution of "horse-trading." Misrepresentation of a horse's age or teeth would be a criminal offense.

Bullfrogs were passed as game fish in a bill passed by the Oregon senate. Legislators of Pennsylvania introduced a bill that would compel city firemen to take motion pictures of all two and three-alarm fires to be used later in the instructing of recruit firemen.

Sen. J. Miller Bonner of Alabama, who has served in the state senate longer than any other man, proposed a bill making it a felony for a political candidate to violate a written campaign pledge after taking office. Such a violation would be punished with a sentence of one to ten years in prison.

A measure requiring all lobby-

ists to file monthly financial statements specifying the employer, the amount of salary and expenses and where the money was spent, also is on the Alabama legislative calendar.

The proposed legislative investigation into the administration of former Gov. Eugene Falmagne of Georgia drew the proposal of a three-cent stamp to finance the inquiry from Rep. William Barrett of Augusta, Ga. The bill was referred to the committee on state insane asylums.

A unique proposal said to be forthcoming in the Illinois legislature is one providing pensions for fathers.

According to its author, Rep. Edward G. Hayne of Ottawa, Ill., it would be along the same lines as the existing mothers' pension law.

"Oftentimes the mother is the breadwinner in the family," said Hayne, "because the father is incapacitated. In such a case when the mother dies the dependents are destitute. If the father had a pension the problem would be solved."

Former WPA Clerk Retained By City

Miss Bobbie Turner who served the city for several months as secretary to City Judge Robert Lessing as a special employee paid by the WPA, is now working as a clerk in the city offices. She was recently released by the WPA but because of her good work was retained by the city.

TWO STEPS
Paradoxical as it may sound, where it is necessary or desirable to change floor levels between rooms, two or more steps are less dangerous than one.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS!

Significant Statements by Interesting People

J. B. Lillard, president Sacramento Jr. College—"Let the dead past bury its dead" would be a good saying if the past really ever died!"

Gloria Swanson—"I never want to hear the word 'clothes' again.... of course I brought a few nice things from New York.... and Adrien is designing some others...."

Ed Runyon, publisher, Middletown Times-Star—"Considering recent child-marriages, we could well forget darkest Africa and concentrate on the education and conversion of our own American heathen."

Wardon James A. Johnson, Alcatraz—"I try to be both realist and idealist, considering each prisoner not only as a separate human problem but as an individual human being."

Elmer E. Lore, assemblyman, North Hollywood—"Newspaper men who cover the Sacramento beat could, if interested, tell the editorial writers that we are somewhat less fat-headed than hand-picked samples of our work would indicate!"

Assemblyman Ellis Patterson, King City—"California must not lower herself to recognize gamblers, but should drive them out of the state by rigid laws enforced absolutely!"

Senator Charles Deuel, publisher, Chico—"No one can corrupt a legislator unless he is willing to be corrupted."

J. Haynes Smith, San Francisco hotelman—"From observations I would say 90 percent of California's adult and near adult population plays gambling games on occasion...."

Bert Adams, editor, Livingston Chronicle—"Former Man Buried Tuesday," says headline in the Ceres Courier. Whadaya mean?"

Work on Coast Road Link Moving Ahead

Opening of a new section of coast highway, an extension of State street in Long Beach, between Alameda street and Wilmington boulevard is expected to be completed in July. Only 18 miles in length, this will be a wide and important link in the coast route and the distributor highway around metropolitan Los Angeles.

Pavement Signs Slow Down Cars

Motorists traversing the state highway through Welteria are heading the school warning signs repainted this week on the pavement by the state highway department.

Local motor-officers on duty there to halt the "race-track" speeding that brought protests to the city council recently from Welteria school P. T. A. report that the signs are contributing to a slower speed by motorists.

Industrialist



Sir Montague Burton, who employs 15,000 workmen in Leeds, England, is shown while visiting the West Coast and expounding his theory that an impartial tribunal should be established in this country along the lines of the present court system to hear and pass judgment on all disputes between employers and employees. Sir Burton was knighted in 1921 for his work in the interests of industrial and international peace.

INTEND TO WED

Notices of intention to marry were filed this week by the following local residents:

Nygaard Laursen, 53, 2063 Torrance boulevard, and Lex A. Salyer, 53, 1533 23rd street.

Leslie M. Richardson, 26, 1100 El Prado, and Virgie Perkins, 23, 1100 El Prado.

Alton D. Roberson, 18, 504 El Redondo, Redondo Beach, and Frances P. Primrose, 18, 24602 Eshelman avenue, Lomita.

Hunt Oil Well Goes On Pump Production

The Hunt No. 1 oil well at the intersection of Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards was put on the pump late last Thursday after a 10-day fight to shut off water. It is understood that the operator, P. V. Collier and associates, were forced to cement three times before halting the flow. Collier could not be reached today for a report on the production or pressure. The hole is a re-drill job.

Parked Car Stripped of Extra Wheel, Tire

While his car was parked in front of the Soule Steel company last Thursday evening, William J. Gallardo, San Pedro, had the spare wheel and tire lifted, according to police reports. Gallardo recently played one of the leading roles in the flood benefit play, "The Harum Scaram," staged by Columbia steel employees.

Congressman Colden at the Capitol

By CHARLES J. COLDEN
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It has been said on the floor of the House that the Dred Scott decision of the Supreme Court, that protected the slave owner in taking his slaves into the free states of the Union, was one of the causes of the Civil War. Congress had enacted the Missouri Compromise, which restricted slavery.

very. If the legislative decrees of Congress had been followed rather than the mandate of the Supreme Court, some claim it would have been possible to have avoided the Civil War.

Our nation stands at the crossroads. Either Mr. Roosevelt must carry out the mandate he received in November or he must succumb to the decisions of the Supreme Court and do nothing. His program provides a method to reach the objectives of the New Deal.

F. D. R. DETERMINED... His method is constitutional and within the power of Congress. There is one alternative and that is to amend the Constitution, but the amendment route may require years of time, while the President's program offers an early solution.

It can be said of President Roosevelt that he has not chosen an easy path. He could very easily say that the Supreme Court has made it impossible to carry out the New Deal program, consequently we must cease our efforts, relax our battle for progress, and let the forgotten man and the suffering public make the best of it. But no, the President is determined to continue his battle and carry out his program for the masses. It is the greatest battle carried on affecting the Constitution within a century.

FUTILE GESTURE

The American Youth Congress marched to Washington recently. These young folks demanded an interview with the President. For an individual to secure an interview with the President usually requires a request of a week or ten days in advance, but these impetuous young folks wanted to see the President right now. The President consented to an interview with a committee from this delegation within a few hours, but the young folks were impatient and they marched down to the White House and staged a siting strike out in the street, blocking automobiles and traffic. So the police gathered the leaders in, but they were soon discharged at the request of the President.

Four young ladies, who represented themselves as students at Vassar, called at my office. They were opposing the appointment of money to richly endowed schools, like Vassar, and asked that the bill place the money within reach of the poor. Their cause apparently was a just one, but it is not necessary to storm Washington and the White House in order to get a hearing on such a matter. Most members of Congress are glad to entertain these suggestions when presented in a simple letter, but writing letters is not so spectacular, and not near so much fun, as a trip to Washington.

WHAT LINCOLN SAID

It is an old custom for members of Congress in the support of their arguments to quote from Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and other outstanding men of the past. It is most difficult to say, with any degree of accuracy, what the opinion of any of those splendid men would have been in commenting on present conditions. It is like figuring out what Moses would say about bicycles, or Solomon about egg beaters and tooth brushes.

Public men, like private individuals, frequently make contradictory statements at various times in their lives and when facing different experiences. One of the most interesting illustrations is found in a speech of Abraham Lincoln while he was a member of Congress. It appears that on Jan. 12, 1848, Abraham Lincoln in discussing the war with Mexico, and perhaps having in mind the state of Texas, made an emphatic declaration which contradicted as President during the Civil War.

As President, Lincoln's first thought, of course, as every student of history knows, was to preserve the Union, to prevent the Confederacy from setting up a separate nation. We are all happy that he did so, but in his speech in 1848 in Congress

he said the following: "Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right, which we hope and believe is to liberate the world. Nor is this right confined to cases in which a whole people of an existing government may choose to exercise it. Any portion of such people that can, may revolutionize and make their own of so much of the territory as they inhabit."

KNEW HIS WORK

Only a few days ago I wrote a short article about James P. Buchanan of Texas, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. Buchanan, as you have noted, was suddenly called by the Grim Reaper. Like Joe Byrnes, our beloved Speaker, Buchanan was the victim of overwork. He was a man who devoted almost his every thought to the duties before him. It was said that he was more familiar with the appropriation bills than any other member in either the House or the Senate.

Each appropriation bill contains hundreds of items. The total of items in all the bills reaches into the thousands. I cannot recall anyone asking any kind of a question about any of these items that Buchanan could not answer rapidly and accurately. It will take years for anyone of the younger members to have the acquaintance and familiarity with the government finances possessed by Buchanan of Texas.

MUSICAL PLAY GIVEN AT NARBONNE HIGH

"An Unfinished Portrait of Washington," a musical playlet in one act was presented by 29 members of the Junior Dramatics club under the direction of Miss Anna Shea, Mrs. Frances Hamilton and Mrs. Myrtle Schwan.

Costumed in a dress of the Civil War period, which had been worn by Miss Shea's grandmother, Nell Mills played the part of Martha Washington. Thomas Jefferson was portrayed by Richard Seden. Georgina Milligan and Kenneth Mac Hale took the parts of Ann and George Curtis.

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