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ROSEBURG, OREGON, THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1924.

QUESTIONABLE METHODS EMPLOYED.

The News-Review is in receipt of the following query from a resident at Melrose:

"I notice in your paper of May 3 an article bearing the signature of the Board of Public Records Investigation Commission. Will you kindly inform me through the columns of your paper the names and members of this board and the authority under which it operates?"

Sorry, but it can't be done. There seems to be some crookedness attached to the authority of this alleged "board" and the mystery hinges around the candidacy of one W. G. Rochester, of Looking Glass, who aspires to fix assessments in this county as a candidate before the primary election for the office of county assessor.

In fact, it appears to this paper that Mr. Rochester is the whole "board," and that he failed to leave a knot hole large enough to escape when he penned the "findings" of his pet tribe. Anyway, we had Mr. Rochester call at this office yesterday to explain the personnel of his self-made "Board of Public Records Investigation Committee," and his lapse of memory was astonishing. He stated the alleged communication was received by him some days ago through the mails, and that its author was as foreign to him as the political mind of old King Tut, but regardless of the fact that he knew not from whence it came, he thought so much of the vapors of a diseased and perverted mind, that he would pay regular advertising rates to have the matter printed in full, leaving this paper to "hold the sack" as to the true identity of its author.

This kind of stuff is what might be rightfully termed dirty politics. Spreading propaganda under the guise of a board of unknown quality is like sticking a dagger in the back of an innocent person. It is likened to the slimy-tongued gossip that throws its poisoned venom about to crush the soul and ruin the character of those who are, in every way, the peer of the defamer. We respect opposing candidates in any election who make a clean, out-and-out fight for their goal, and, while their qualifications may be extremely opposite, such uncalculated publicity as might come from a self-made "board" to discredit an opponent, is certain to have disastrous effects on its author.

No, Mr. Inquirer, we confess ignorance who composes the "Board of Public Investigation Commission." Mr. Rochester supplied the "findings" of the body to this paper. Now he has forgotten where the idea was hatched, or who its sponsors. We think the "board" was sawed out by hand. It has every semblance of fake origin—a sort of abortion improperly timed.

Anyway, we are mightily glad to get the "qualifications" of Mr. Rochester and set them before the people of this county before the primary election. If he should apply like methods to the conduct of the assessor's office the taxpayers can hardly afford to take the grave chances of considering his candidacy with any degree of seriousness.

This is an awful country, isn't it—what with bobbed hair, high taxes, oil scandals and the low price of eggs! Hard to make a decent living here; no chance to get along. You hear something like this pretty often says Farm Life. But is it, really, such a bad country? Ask the Chinaman, who is trying to bootleg himself into the United States, as witnessed by this statement of Secretary of Labor Davis "Thirty thousand Chinamen are waiting in Cuba today, watching for a chance to be smuggled into the United States. They are willing to pay from \$100 to \$2,500 a head to any one who will accommodate them." Our chance in America ought to be as good as the "heathen Chinese's." We are already here, we know the language and the customs of the country, and are in some degree established. If the man from China is willing to pay as much as \$2,500 to get to this land of opportunity to make his fortune we ought to be able to keep even with the bill collector, at least.

Some of the schools are holding "arithmetic tournaments." If they don't look out the schools will get so interesting that you can't persuade the kids to go home.

The program for Roseburg's annual strawberry carnival is assuming good proportions and the event is going over with a bang.

Present weather conditions are excellent for a big crop of Douglas county strawberries in the not far distant future.

Germany has just one objection to the reparations plan, and that is that it does not want to pay up.

Principal reason why so many people's dreams don't come true is that they never wake up.

A fellow thinks he is awfully cute until the screen is removed. Then he looks like himself.

When a man loses his independence his props go out from under him.

Douglas county against the world—for climate 'n everything.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—The fellers are wearin' the new carnival hats Today and some of 'em Will continue To wear 'em For the next year.

DUMBBELL DORA THINKS An adder is an adding machine.

Tom Ness was out on the main drag today wearin' an alfalfa derby and he's afraid to git his hair cut fer fear it won't fit.

The Rotarians were all late gittin' to work this a. m. on acct. of the strenuous climate last night down at Grants Pass.

Dear Pickin's: I have the hay fever sunthin' terrible. How can I git rid of it? ZEKER. Zeke: Quit sleepin' on a hay mattress.

If a lot of these politicians who high-life themselves into believing that they are going to be elected were to get the hoof and mouth disease it would be a blessing.

If you see an editor who pleased everybody there will be a glass plate over his face and he will not be standing up.

On acct. of the Dan McGrew pomes being in such wide demand ye ed. today prints a short one which is of the Robt. Service type: 'O here's to the man who has the guts Tho' he dwells in palaces, brothels or huts; The real he-man with a draw of grit A man who does not know how to quit.

He can hold a mob with an empty gun And turn a tragedy into fun. Fearless stand at the graven stone; Yet weep in the silence of night alone. Worship a sweet white virgin's glove Or teach a courtesan how to love. Dare the dullness of fireside bias Or stake his soul for a wanton's kiss.

With strawberries sellin' at 20 cents a box there's bound to be down few of 'em in shortcakes this time of the year.

NEW QUEEN CANDIDATE Ye ed. of Prune Pickin's takes great pleasure in announcing a new candidate for the carnival queen race. This young dame, to be sponsored by this column, is entering the race late but we believe she has a chance of passing her opponents and ending in top notch place. She is qualified for the honored position and states that she has already ordered the crown. She does not roll her sox, hasn't bobbed her hair, refrains from indulging in a lip stick and has a line of chatter that will get her by any place. As far as popularity is concerned, we feel that she cannot be beaten. She is known in every section of the county, her fame has spread to many sections of the country, her features are of the Grecian type, her tresses of a golden hue, her eyes are hazel and her disposition nutty. Prune Pickin's will fight for her to the last ditch. At this time we take the utmost pleasure in announcing to our many readers the candidacy of DUMBBELL DORA. The vote for her now stands:

Dumbell Dora 2 Ye ed. cast the first ballot and it happens that Dora is also old enough to vote.

CUT THIS COUP! AND SEND IT IN TO YE ED.

I'm fer Dora, old sox, and here's my vote. Here's a "think" fer Dora to show I am qualified to vote for her. Dumbell Dora Thinks

Jack and Gill Ran a still Makin' fire-water; Jack got in jail On the very first sale. And Gill—well, the revenoos shot her.

The annual epidemic of peddlers hit the village this week and most of the households are now equipped with trick dish washin' apparatus, new scrubbin' brushes, loud smellin' toilet water, etc.

We met a feller today who said he had a good stock of home brew in his cellar and he said that he wasn't a heavy drinker and he said "How come?" and he said, "Well, I only weigh 140 pounds."

We read a headline today sayin' that the Kickapoo Indians are governed by a woman. It's just a case of Kickapoo Indian when he's down.

Parties may come and parties may go but the mud files on forever.

RADIO PROGRAMS

From Pacific Coast Stations

RADIO KPO, Hale Brothers, Inc., San Francisco, 423 meters.

May 8—1-2 p. m. Rudy Selgers' 3:30 p. m. organ recital, Theodore J. Irwin; 8-9 p. m. Philipp Lombardi, Argentine tenor, accompanied by Sylvia Begri; 9-10 p. m. Miss Sue Hill, soprano, accompanied by Mildred Symons, Miss Ethel Guyon, flutist.

May 9—Regular afternoon features. Silent at night.

May 10—2:30-3:30, Mill Valley Junior music club directed by Mary Melrose Gardner. Regular Saturday evening dance programs.

RADIO KJL, The Oakland Tribune, Oakland, Calif. 509 meters.

May 8—3-5 p. m. baseball scores. Silent at night.

May 9—3-5 p. m. baseball scores. 7:30-10 p. m. broadcast of Hill College Alumni banquet and events at Hotel Oakland over leased wires to KJL station; 10 p. m. American theatre music.

RADIO KHJ, The Times, Los Angeles, 295 meters.

May 8—12:30-1:15 p. m. Program through courtesy of Fitzgerald Music company.

May 9—2:30-3:30 p. m. Program presented through the courtesy of Fitzgerald Music company; 7-7:15 p. m. Organ recital from the First Methodist Episcopal church, Arthur Blakeley playing.

May 10—12:30-1:15 p. m. Program presenting Albert Broad, tenor and Emma Whippet Ahlswede, pianist; 8-10 p. m. Program presented through the courtesy of the Coudron club of Pasadena.

RADIO KFI, Earle C. Anthony, Los Angeles, Calif. 449 meters.

May 8—4:45-5:15 p. m. Evening Herald News bulletins; 5:15-5:45 p. m. Examiner news bulletins; 5:45-7:30 p. m. Y. M. C. A. concert, solo lectures; 8-9 p. m. Ambassador hotel orchestra concert; 9-10 p. m. Examiner concert; 10-11 p. m. concert arranged by John Smallman, baritone.

May 9—4:45-5:15 p. m. Evening Herald News bulletins; 5:15-5:45 p. m. Examiner news bulletins; 5:45-7:30 p. m. concert by Myra Belle Vioke; 8-9 p. m. Evening Herald concert; 9-10 p. m. Examiner concert; 10-11 p. m. Trinity broadcast orchestra; 11-12 midnight Ambassador-Max Fischer's Coconut Grove Orchestra.

May 10—4:45-5:15 p. m. Evening Herald News bulletins; 5:15-5:45 p. m. Examiner news bulletins; 5:45-7:30 p. m. closing music week concert; 8-9 p. m. Florentino Redon, mezzo-soprano; 9-10 p. m. Examiner concert; 10-11 p. m. popular concert; 11-12 midnight Ambassador-Max Fischer's Coconut Grove orchestra.

RADIO KGW, The Oregonian, Portland, Ore., 492 meters.

May 8—10 p. m. Dance music by George Olsen's Metropolitan orchestra of the Hotel Portland; Intermittent solos by Naomi Miller, soprano.

May 9—3:30 p. m. Talk for women, auspices Home Economic department, Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis, Ore.

May 10—10 p. m. base ball scores, weather forecast and dance music by George Olsen's Metropolitan orchestra at Hotel Portland.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT GIVEN

With the exception of the lack of rainfall the weather conditions during the week ending May 6 were very favorable for all kinds of crops, according to the report of Edward L. Wells, of the U. S. weather bureau. The report for this period is as follows: The temperature was variable, with several cool nights and some frost. Most of the week was dry, but light to fairly generous rains occurred near the close. In most western counties these were sufficiently heavy to benefit crops, but in the eastern and extreme southern portions drought continues. In some sections water for stock is scarce on the range. Water in streams is low, and on some of the smaller irrigation projects water for irrigation is falling. All grain was benefited by rain in western counties, but in many eastern localities it is suffering from drought. Rain is particularly needed in these localities to bring up late sown spring grain. Grain still shows the effect of frost in central and eastern localities, some seedling remains to be done. Planting of corn is under way. Corn needs warmer weather. Rye is heading in the milder sections, and some has been cut for silage. In some localities the damage by the frosts of the preceding week proved to be less than was feared, but in most sections conditions are about as reported last week. Where orchard heating was done little damage occurred. Where not damaged by frost fruit is setting well. Unirrigated meadows and pastures were hit by rain in western counties, but elsewhere are suffering from drought. Feed on the lower ranges in central, eastern and southern counties is drying rapidly. Alfalfa still shows some frost damage in the colder areas. Shortage for water for irrigation threatens the alfalfa crop in some eastern localities. Lambing has given good results, but some loss of lambs is occurring owing to the weakened condition of ewes on short pasturage. Stock is being moved to summer range. Shearing continues. Hops are growing well. Planting of potatoes is well advanced. Potatoes killed by frost are recovering.

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RESTRICT SMOKING AT N. Y. CONVENTION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, May 8.—Due to the presence of women and to fire regulations smoking will be restricted at the democratic national convention.

Joseph P. Day, chairman of the national committee, made this known when he announced that the committee had accepted an offer of a department store to provide a club room for the use of delegates and guests at Madison Square Garden.

At the Art Theatre, in the garden, will be converted into a lounge and smoking room with post and telephone facilities. A special entrance will lead directly from the garden to the theatre which the delegates may enter without going outside the building.

BANQUET AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH THIS EVENING

The men's class of the Christian church is sponsoring tonight a big Father and Son banquet. More than 150 tickets have already been put out for this banquet and it is expected it will be one of the big times in the church during the present year. A fine program has been arranged. The music will be by the orchestra, with some special vocal numbers. The speakers will be Bert Bates, Prof. Hamm, A. C. Marsters, Glenn Rodabaugh, Ralph Church and the pastor. The ladies of the church are serving the banquet. Every man is supposed to find a boy and bring him to the banquet, and quite a large number are responding. Tickets are still being sold, and anyone wanting to get in can see any of the men's class or the pastor and get tickets. The banquet will be at 7:30 p. m.

LITTLE EXCITEMENT AT EXCURSION SCENE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) AMITE, La., May 8.—The presence of national guardsmen trolling the vicinity of the scene where six men, condemned to death for the murder of Dallas Clegg, were little outward appearance to indicate that within twenty-four hours wide attention would be focused this little town.

YOUTH IS HAPPY TO BE FATHER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, May 8.—Seventeen year old Burton S. Tucker, whose bride, Mrs. Susan Tucker, 49 years old, on April 22, gave birth to a daughter at Baldwin, N. Y., is "very happy" to be a father, according to a telegram which Tucker's lawyer says he has received from the bridegroom in Los Angeles. The lawyer said he had received on Monday from Mrs. Tucker, who with her husband is under indictment in connection with their marriage, a telegram which read as follows: "Letter follows. Full explanation."

TWO MEN CHANGE PLEAS TO GUILTY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) COVINGTON, Ky., May 8.—Walter B. Carey, Canton, Ohio, and E. Huth, Alliance, Ohio, two of four co-defendants of Congressman John W. Langley, Kentucky, on trial in federal court here on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government through a whiskey transaction in 1921, reversed their pleas of guilty and entered formal pleas of guilty today.

Hello! Hello! Making Conversation.

Comic strip by Gluyas Williams titled 'Hello! Hello! Making Conversation.' It consists of several panels showing a man and a woman in conversation. The dialogue is humorous and includes lines like 'YOU SHOUT TO YOUR WIFE SHE'S WANTED ON THE PHONE - IT'S MRS. BLOOT', 'AND RECEIVE ORDERS TO HOLD THE LINE AND MAKE CONVERSATION FOR JUST A SECOND - SHE'S DOING UP HER HAIR.', 'YOU PASS ON THE GLAD TIDINGS TO MRS. BLOOT AND AFTER TRYING TO THINK UP SOMETHING BRITLY TO SAY REMARK THAT IT'S PRETTY COLD FOR APRIL ISN'T IT?', 'AFTER A LONG SILENCE YOU ADD THAT YOU'VE REALLY NEVER KNOWN APRIL TO BE SO COLD AND TRO YOUR FOOT NERVOUSLY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE DOOR.', 'SEVERAL SECONDS LATER YOU HAVE AN INSPIRATION AND INQUIRE CHEERFULLY WHETHER THE BUDDIES ARE ALL WELL.', 'THIS BRINGS OUT THE FACT THAT MRS. BLOOT HADN'T ANY MESSAGES AND NEVER DID HAVE, AND MAKES YOUR MIND JUST A LITTLE BLANKER THAN BEFORE.', 'IN DESPERATION YOU DRAG THE PHONE AS FAR AS IT WILL REACH AND HISS UP THE STAIRS TELLING PETE'S SANE TO MAKE IT SNAPPY.', 'AND EXPLAIN HASTILY THAT YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING IT MUST HAVE BEEN A BUZZING IN THE PHONE. INSTANTLY IT ASCENDING HOW COLD APRIL HAS BEEN.', 'UNTIL AT LAST YOU HAND THE PHONE WITH A MEAN LOOK OVER TO YOUR WIFE AND STINGER OFF TO REST UP.'