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BETTERING THE RACE

Certain learned men, convening with their peers at the Race Betterment Conference in Battle Creek, Mich., express fears that the "better stock" of the race is dying out. Successful people—people who make money, attain leisure, get educations—are not reproducing as fast as poor people. As a result, the population is increasing through its weakest members, not through its strongest. So runs the plaint voiced at Battle Creek. It is risky business for a layman to dissent from the opinion of a scientist. Yet it seems to us that these men are worrying themselves unduly. In fact, it even seems as if there were just a trace of snobbishness in their remarks. The expression, "the better stock," sounds suspiciously like "upper classes," somehow. One fears that somewhere there is a feeling that the children of a college professor, for instance, are in the nature of things more worthy and more valuable to the race than the children of Giuseppe, the pick-and-shovel man. With such a feeling we must disagree emphatically. For the entire point of our American democracy is that children of Giuseppe need not grow up to be pick-and-shovel men if they do not want to. The state will give them all the education they are capable of assimilating. We submit that Giuseppe's children are every bit as likely to be physically and mentally sound as the college professor's. Our form of government and society give them every opportunity. If it is in them to rise, there is no reason why they cannot themselves enter the ranks of professors or stock brokers or newspaper editors, or, possibly, even movie orchestra directors. For ourselves, we are not in the least worried by the fact that the birth rate is lower among college graduates than among the poor. We cannot help remembering that some of the greatest men ever born in America came from what our Race Betterment friends might call the "lower classes." If you are interested, we are thinking of such men as Abraham Lincoln, Henry Ford, Walt Whitman, John D. Rockefeller—and so on, ad infinitum.

Years ago when the French did not like the English and did not understand them, they used to refer to their country as "Perfidious Albion"—perfidious Albion. And indeed the English are hard to understand. To the logical French mind the English always seem to say or decree one thing and do another. For instance, they still have that relic of the dark ages, a censor of stage morals. The theater in England is not unfettered and free. Before a play can be produced for pay before the general public, it has to be licensed by the Lord Chamberlain, one of the officers of the king's household. But—and here comes in the inconsistency—this does not settle the matter. If any private society chooses to rent a theater and do the play for the benefit of its own subscribers, the censor is powerless to intervene. Which is why "The Captive," that unsavory French play which proved too strong for New York's stomach, and "Maya," an equally malodorous drama, have recently been done in London.

An official probe is something that endeavors to find out after the damage has been done what everything should have been known before.

Be circumspect. One of the disadvantages of being a recognized liar is you may want to tell the truth sometimes.

You can't always tell. Just because a man is using flowery language is no sign he is handing out bouquets.

Economist: A fellow who spends all his money trying to figure out how to save a little of it.

The hardest thing in the world to hold, besides a royal flush, is your own.

Biologists devote a great deal of their time to cell life—criminal courts too little.

SYLVIA J. BROWN TO BE CANDIDATE FOR CO. CLERK

Miss Sylvia J. Brown, a well known young woman of this city, today announced that she will be a candidate at the primary election, May 15, for the democratic nomination for county clerk. Miss Brown has a wide acquaintance throughout the county, due to the fact that she served for a number of years as secretary in the county agricultural agent's office, and the friendships formed there will give her a good standing before the voters of the county. She has had a good deal of experience in lines of work that qualify her for the office. She was employed for several years in abstract work and is therefore familiar with the county records and with court procedure. She had an opportunity to develop executive ability in the office of the Roseburg National Farm Loan association.

ATTENTION, LEGIONNAIRES

Regular meeting of Umpqua Post, No. 16, American Legion, at 8 Tuesday evening, Jan. 17, at club room. Report on membership drive. Be sure to attend.

AUXILIARY WILL ENTERTAIN POST THIS EVENING

The Umpqua Post of American Legion Auxiliary will entertain the legionnaires this evening at a very interesting affair at the Knights of Pythias hall. The event will follow the business sessions of both organizations at the armory and will be in the nature of a card party and dance. A supper will be served to those attending, after the program of the evening. Mrs. James Soules is general chairman for the entertainment.

Carload Red Top fencing arrives in a few days. Lowest prices out of car on arrival. Mail us your orders. Wade Drag Saw (new) for \$125. Stearns & Chenoweth, Oakland, Ore.

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devoted to bridge were used for something worth while.

The learned O. O. McIntyre, says, "The highest salary paid to a female theatrical star this season is \$5,000 a week. She isn't worth it, nobody is."

You read also that a new partner in a great financial concern will get \$1,000,000 a year, about \$20,000 a week. He can easily earn it, if a man is worth a fair share of what he produces.

The trouble is that theatrical stars, partners in great banks, and a few other fortunate individuals excepted, the average man gets, not what he produces, but as little as he can be made to take, usually a little more than it costs to keep him alive and working.

A locomotive engineer hauling the load of ten thousand stage coaches, is not better paid, cost of living considered, than the stage coach driver of 100 years ago. And a woman keeping up with a modern electric or steam driven machine produces 100 times as much as her great-grandmother produced, and gets little more than her great-grandmother got. The world of business has learned to organize and produce but has not yet learned to be generous. It will learn.

Will Rogers, whose horribly painful duty is always to be witty, says he favors "equal opportunities for none, and special privileges for all." We are far from that, but no farther than we are from that arrangement reversed.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

MINSTREL SHOW ENJOYED

Editor News-Review—A few days ago we read a notice in your valuable paper that read: "Last night, so we went, and at 8 o'clock sharp they let go. Fifty Ott had his music store and all his assistants and as usual pleased the three hundred or more eager spectators, who came from every section of Douglas county to attend the 'Darkies Awakening' in Coles Valley, Oregon. The characters of this show were principally women and girls, but you would never have known it; for in their comically dressed costumes they appeared so perfect a regular southern darky would have envied them. For two hours the whole show was a success. The jokes the local characters played on their nearest neighbors, so unexpectedly, won praise even from the victims themselves. When the darkies began their performance to the tune of Dixie Land, the rafters appeared to quake. When Em Ebenezer appeared for his sentence, and before he danced the jig, all was silent, but when the act entitled 'The chicken story,' and 'Mrs. Pepper's Ghost,' the silence was soon an uproar. Then came the monologue, which brought down the house. Among the other parts worthy of special mention was 'Coon Creek Courtship.' The singing of Nancy Copeeland was exceptionally well taken, and this talented lady should occupy a higher plane in life for not a few possess such a voice. Everyone expressed themselves that Wallace Matthews looked better than common, and his singing was simply great. We did not learn the names of all the characters, and were afraid to ask them, but maybe they would have known.

—A SPECTATOR.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 17.—Editor News-Review: Why should I, Ruth Snyder, be executed for deliberately planning the murder of her husband? It is even worse for a woman to do such a thing, than for a man. "A life for a life," the Mosaic law said, and that law is the best to follow in all deliberately planned murders. If all such murderers, old or young, women or men, are executed in the next five years, such crimes will become very unpopular among the criminal classes.

The electrocution of these two in Sing Sing prison will in all probability save a number of people from doing as they did. Respectfully yours,

MARY A. YOUNG.

FLASHES OF LIFE

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK.—The Army recruiting bureau has a perfect man—Sergeant Herbert E. Smith, age 27, weight 138, height 5 feet 6. He passed an examination covering moral, mental, and physical attainments—with a mark of 100 per cent. The perfect man has been a husband a few months. He married a childhood sweetheart and "Mrs. Smith is boss." He does not drink. He smokes a pipe. His home is in Newark.

NEW YORK.—Claire Gilberli, who says she was once a show girl, is a poker player. In her last game she lost \$2,800. Having three aces, she bet \$500 before the draw and was raised \$2,300 which she saw. She failed to improve. The opponent showed a straight. Then she had Sidney Smith and Joseph Cohen arrested. They

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were convicted of larceny when she demonstrated she could read the cards by means of a fleur de lis design on the back.

NEW YORK.—This is the sixtieth birthday of a fragment of the heart of a chicken which theoretically is immortal. Kept in 80 cultures at the Rockefeller institute, it lives and grows. It could double its size in 48 hours, but it is pruned occasionally by Dr. Alexis Carrel and associates for study with the hope that it will lead to great discoveries for use in the world of medicine.

TARIFF DECREASE RESOLUTION DIES ON SENATE TABLE

(Associated Press United Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—By a vote of 183 to 164, the house today tabled a senate resolution proposing a downward revision of the tariff.

This action, taken at the instance of Representative Tilson of Connecticut, Republican leader of the house, has the effect of virtually killing the measure, inasmuch as a vote to reconsider would be necessary to take it from the table. Some members of the western Republican independent group made it clear, however, that some move against the tariff was to be expected in the house at this session.

Representative Garrett of Tennessee, Democratic floor leader, vigorously opposed today's action. The resolution approved yesterday by a coalition of senate Democrats and Republican independents was transmitted to the house as an expression of senate sentiment. The house alone has authority to initiate tariff legislation.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH HELD LAST NIGHT

The annual meeting of the Episcopal church was held last night in the Parish House, the main purpose of the meeting being the election of a vestry and delegates to the convention of the Diocese of Oregon. The following vestry men were named: J. C. Hume, varden and treasurer; M. E. Ritter, junior warden; R. L. Campbell, clerk of the vestry; these with C. G. Russell, Dr. H. C. Church, M. F. Middleburg and R. E. Pargeter, composing the vestry; M. E. Ritter and R. E. Pargeter, delegates to the convention and C. G. Russell and Dr. H. C. Church, alternates.

P. T. Randall and R. J. Craig were appointed members of the council with other appointments to follow. This body will have charge of the more active movements of the church as a whole. A concise and efficient financial report was read by Treasurer J. C. Hume, the report showing the mission to be in a very satisfactory condition. Mrs. E. V. Hoover, treasurer of St. George's Guild, brought out the good work being done by that organization. After the adjournment of the business meeting the rest of the evening was taken up in informal discussions on the forward work of the mission.

CHURCHES PLAN UNION SERVICES STARTING FEB. 5

Pastors to Do Preaching for a Special Evangelistic Effort During Two Weeks Period.

Five churches of Roseburg, namely the Baptist, Christian First Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South and the Presbyterian, are uniting for a union revival to begin on Sunday evening, February 5, and continue for two weeks. The pastors of these churches will preach at the services and the plan at present is to open the series of meetings in the Baptist and Presbyterian churches with two great Sunday evening services.

An executive committee, consisting of the ministers and two of the laity from each church, has been formed and is engaged in arranging the details. The plans of the committee include a cottage prayer meeting before and during the meetings, the organization of an orchestra, a union choir and arrangements for solo by Roseburg singers. The music will be an important feature of each service.

While these services will be conducted by the five churches named, the committee in charge cordially invites and expects the cooperation and assistance of all the people of Roseburg and vicinity. The object of this series of meetings is to help Christians into a deeper Christian life and to enlist those who have not heretofore been enrolled under the Christian banner. The chief of the executive committee is that a long and strong pull all together in the churches will do much good in the city.

HERCHER TO MAKE ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR COUNTY JUDGE

R. A. Hercher, of Dillard, who recently announced himself a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of county judge, has started an active campaign. Although already quite well known throughout the county because of his connection with various farm activities and through his connections with the tax league, he is preparing to make visits to every part of the county in order to meet with the voters and permit them to learn of the plans that he has for the conduct of the office. Mr. Hercher has the endorsement of many of the political leaders of the county and expects to make a determined race for the public nomination at the May primaries.

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COUNCIL TAKES UP VARIETY OF CITY AFFAIRS

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North Roseburg drain was discussed at some length but no action taken. Several months ago the city built a drain extending from Jackson street to Deer Creek, passing in front of the Crocker building and under Winchester street. The drain is for the purpose of taking care of the surface water which previously gathered at the intersection of Jackson street and Second avenue south. The cost of this improvement is to be assessed against all of the property in North Roseburg.

It has been proposed to extend this drain to include the waterway between Jackson street and Winchester. There is a fairly large stream of water that comes down the alley being carried part of the way in an 18-inch pipe. In flood periods the water collects and runs into the furnace room off the Calumet Packing Corporation's building.

The city engineer has estimated that it will cost approximately \$1,956 to extend the drain already constructed to take care of this additional need. If the drain is built the North Roseburg property will also be assessed for that improvement. After discussing the matter at some length, the council adjourned without taking action.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Data reported by Arthur W. Pugh, Meteorologist in charge.

Barometric pressure (reduced to sea level) 5 a. m. 30.24

Relative humidity 5 p. m. yes 79

precip. in inches and hundredths: Highest temperature yesterday 42

Lowest temperature last night 26

average temperature for two days 34

Normal temperature for this date 41

Precipitation, last 24 hours 0

Total precip. since 1st month 1.29

Normal precip. for this month 5.31

Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1927, to date 13.58

Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1927, to date 16.89

Total deficiency since Sept. 1, 1927 12.7

Average seasonal precip. Sept. 1 to May, inclusive 31.12

Forecast for southwest Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday; continued cold.

THE TINYMITES

STORY BY NAL COCHRAN — PICTURES BY KNICK

Wee Clowzy slid down from the hay, and as he landed, yelled, "Hurray!" At last we're back on earth again. That surely was some flight. I must admit that I was scared. But think how lucky we were. We surely should be thankful that we all are quite all right.

"You bet we should," someone replied. "And, as for me, that sort of ride is not so good. I'd rather have my feet on solid ground."

The rest then left the pile of hay and Copy said, "Come on, let's play. A larger, greener field than this I'm sure can never be found."

Just think! The bunch had left the land of snow, and goodness me, 'twas grand to see the green grass growing. They were tickled as could be. They raced around and like as not it was the sun that made them hot. "Oh, I must rest," said Copy. It's too strenuous for me.



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE

The bunch was very tickled with the things that they had found. (The Tinymites try to make the animals go in the next story.) (Copyright, 1928, NEA Service, Inc.)

FINE EVENING PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN AT INSTITUTE

A very interesting program is prepared for the evening session of the Victory Institute which will be the observance made by the Roseburg W. C. T. U. for the eighth anniversary of the 18th amendment on Wednesday, when an all-day program will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Ada Jolley, the state president of the W. C. T. U., will Mrs. H. A. Canaday will give a

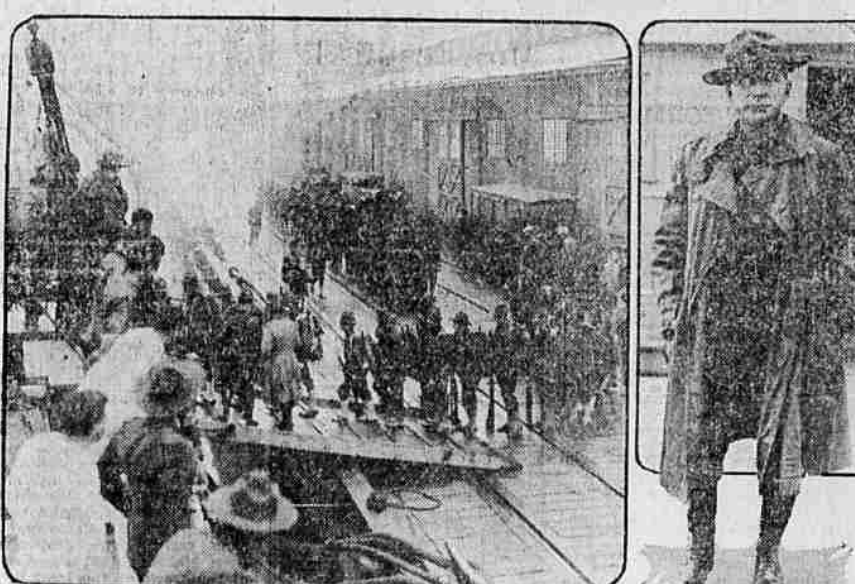
arrive here today from Portland and will be the featured speaker at all three sessions. Mrs. Jolley will give a talk this afternoon before the Roseburg Woman's club. The song service for Wednesday evening will be led by Mrs. C. S. Heinline and devotions will be conducted by Rev. J. D. Penhall. Special musical numbers will be given by Mrs. A. J. Young, violinist, and her orchestra, in which will be included Mrs. C. S. Heinline, pianist, Mrs. Donald Gibbs, Floyd Fear, Claude Crocker and Dale Strange, president of the W. C. T. U., will Mrs. H. A. Canaday will give a

reading and vocal numbers will be given by Miss Evelyn Quine and Merle Clark. The state president will give an address and after the silver chimps, Dr. Frank B. Matthews will close the institute with a benediction.

Our car of fertilizer will be shipped within the next couple of days. If you want to buy at carload prices place your order now. Wharton Bros.

George E. Cole, of Myrtle Creek, was a business visitor in Roseburg today.

"It's a Long Way to Nicaragua"



That's what these 400 Leathernecks of the 11th Regiment sang as they boarded the U. S. S. Ogila at Newport News, Va., with the prospect of action against the bandit Sandino's men ahead of them. At the right is Colonel Robert Dunlap, their regimental commander.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



"WHERE MEN ARE MEN"

J.R. WILLIAMS