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ROSEBURG welcomes the 81st annual session of the I. O. O. F. grand lodge of Oregon and its affiliated bodies.

Few may realize it, but the grand lodge of Oregon is older than the state itself.

Of its 81 sessions, eight have been in this city. Naturally we are proud that Roseburg has been so often selected as a meeting place and right now we invite these folks to come again—and as soon as possible.

Military Training. FOR the benefit of those who may have been puzzled by rumors of a controversy over military training in our state institutions it may be said that one of the required courses for boys in the first two years in college, along with courses in English, mathematics and so on, is one of military training.

It is the policy of the federal government, in providing for our national defense, not to maintain a large standing army made up of professional soldiers, but rather to give the students in our state schools the rudiments of military tactics so that in case of emergency we may have competent leadership without waiting a year to train it.

This work is called ROTC or Reserve Officers Training Corps. The government furnishes money to carry on this work. The reason back of this policy is this: The standing army is made up of soldiers. Their interest is in war. They crave to have something doing.

On the other hand the ROTC while trained in the science of defense, is made up of business and professional men who also know the horrors of war and want none of it. They are determined not only to keep America out of war but to keep war out of America.

This military training course, one of the minor courses of the freshmen and sophomores, is wholly in the interest of peace and not war. The drill is beneficial to the boys physically. There is educational value in the courses studied and the propaganda to the effect that military training transforms peace loving students into war-thirsty militarists is as absurd as it is insincere.

Editorials on News (Continue from page 1.) Klamath marsh instead. He thought he had reached Klamath lake, and in his journal he expresses disappointment, setting down that instead of the great body of water he had expected to see there was only a wide "savannah."

ON HIS first journey to Oregon, Fremont dragged along a small cannon, experiencing great difficulty in getting it over the narrow trails he was obliged to follow but hanging onto it determinedly in spite of obstacles.

This cannon, according to his journal, was fired only once during the entire trip, and the occasion for its firing arose on the Klamath marsh, where the Klamath Indians assumed a somewhat threatening attitude. The cannon was fired to overawe them, and it seems to have accomplished this purpose. At least there was no trouble.

In the Fremont party were several Indian guides, including two Delawares, who had come all the way from the Missouri river with him. He relates that upon the firing of the cannon and the later distant explosion of the shell these Indians could be seen distinctly to swell with pride at being connected with an expedition possessing such an awe-inspiring weapon.

FROM the Klamath marsh, Fremont started back overland for the Missouri river, in the dead of winter, following roughly the present route of the Fremont highway, passing and naming en route Winter ridge and Summer lake. Summer lake took its name from the green grass found growing around hot springs along its shore.

There was deep and crusted snow on the ground, which made travel so slow and so hard on the horses that Fremont gave up his plan to recross the Rockies in winter, turned south, crossed the Sierras in midwinter with infinite difficulty and so reached Sutter's Fort, where he remained until spring and then returned by the southern route.

IN THE crossing of the Sierras, it became necessary to abandon the cannon that had been carried along clear up to that point. As to the fate of this cannon, there are conflicting stories. It is reported to have been found and lost again and there are still hopes that it may be recovered and authenticated. It would be a rich prize for any Oregon or Northern California museum.

KRRR PROGRAM (1,500 Kilocycles) SPONSORED BY NEWS-REVIEW. WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 Morning Hours: 6:45—Early Birds, 7:00—Alarm Clock Club, 7:30—News-Review News Broadcast.

THURSDAY, MAY 21 Morning Hours: 6:45—Early Birds, 7:00—Alarm Clock Club, 7:30—News-Review News Broadcast.

THURSDAY, MAY 21 (Continued) 7:45—Alarm Clock Club contd., 8:00—Good Morning, J. M. Judd, 8:15—Mills Bros, 8:30—Devotional, 8:45—Salon Music, 9:00—Guy Lombardo, 9:30—Tango Time, 10:00—Famous Music, 10:30—Women's Exchange, 11:00—Love Songs of Today, 11:15—Afternoon Hours: 12:05—Coppo's Pinto Pete and His Ranch Boys, 12:20—News-Review News Broadcast.

THURSDAY, MAY 21 (Continued) 12:30—The Studebaker Champions, 12:45—WPA Program, 1:00—Famous Orchestras, 2:00—Music of Other Lands, 2:30—Heart Songs, 3:00—World Book Man, 3:15—Concert Selections, 3:30—Storyland, 4:00—The Editor Views the News, 4:15—Matinee Reveries, 4:45—An Ounce of Prevention, 5:00—Bill Billies, 5:30—Motor Shop Garage presents The Hawk, 5:45—Ted Lewis and His Band, 6:00—Morton Downey, 6:15—The Ford VS Revue, 6:30—Songs of Yesterday, 7:00—Popular Dance Time, 7:30—Sign off.

Frequent Visitors at the Gates



"THERE'S MURDER IN THE AIR"

By ROY CHANSLOR

SYNOPSIS Ruth Tyler, blind daughter of former District Attorney Daniel Tyler, is psychic. She foretells murders at the exact time they are being committed but is powerless to give sufficient information to prevent them. These weird visitations come upon Ruth while she plays her violin and always at night. Mr. Tyler seeks the aid of Dr. Jan Karase, celebrated psychiatrist, but the latter must go to Baltimore on another case. Tyler expresses his disappointment that Karase is not interested.

"Interested?" exclaimed Dr. Karase. "But certainly I am interested, my dear fellow! I would give almost anything—why, this is a fascinating case, sir, fascinating. I'm not one to exaggerate; so you will believe me when I tell you in this case may prove to be one of the most important—yes, incomparable importance to the study of mental phenomena."

"Then why—" Tyler was bewildered. "The case to which I am committed involves the sanity of a dear friend," said Dr. Karase. "Perhaps the lives of his wife and children. If it were anything else—any other case at all, I could turn it over to my assistant. But this is a personal responsibility."

"You spoke of an assistant," said Tyler hopefully. "Yes," said Dr. Karase thoughtfully. "But he is young—and not himself a psychiatrist."

"Oh," said Tyler, disappointedly. "I—can't you even give me advice, Dr. Karase?" "Again the little man turned his look of mild astonishment upon Tyler. "Advice?" he said reproachfully. "In a case of this importance, with only a personal investigation? My dear sir!"

"But what shall I do?" cried Tyler desperately. "If your assistant is not qualified—" "I did not say he was not qualified," said Dr. Karase mildly. "I merely said he was young, and not a psychiatrist."

RAMBLINGS

of the NEWS-REVIEW MAN By PAUL JENKINS

ED BARSTOW, squire of the upper Cow creek country, celebrated his 77th birthday a few weeks ago—I believe it was on the 23rd day of April. He had considerable help, as a lot of his neighbors dropped in to slap him on the back. Ed is about the youngest old man I have ever seen.

Ed lives at Anchor. In his unregenerate youth he was a sailor—a real one, by the way, on real sail ships—and what would be more natural than for a sailor to come to Anchor. He took to an unimproved piece of land and built upon it a house which is a jewel, and made the ground to bloom with flowers and produce strawberries, and peas, and onions, and spuds, and such like, and he lives a wonderfully contented life there.

Ed saw the sea—and a great deal beside the sea—for that matter; but after sailing all seven seas, and being wrecked in the most approved manner, he came to port and went to railroading. He held responsible positions with the Burlington, the Great Northern and the Southern Pacific, until just a few years ago, when he retired and came to Cow creek. He still likes to hear an engine whistle, and comes to Roseburg every so often for that purpose, although trains are about as scarce here any more as mountain sheep on Mount Nebo.

Everyone who knows Ed stops and sees him for a while, when driving past his place. He's one of the most hospitable souls in Douglas county, and will welcome you at the gates, providing his rheumatism aren't giving him too much hell.

Yesterday was a windy day on Cow creek. The light dust of the roads drifted in billows before the blast, and limbs and fragments of limbs blew from the trees in all directions, and leaves stripped from their moorings filled the air. Returning through the canyon south of Canyonville late in the afternoon, I came upon a great fire tree which had blown across the Pacific highway, about half a mile above the Alpine Lodge. It had held up traffic quite some time before a section of the trunk could be sawed out and rolled aside.

It's going to rain some more, as a few of the farmers have commenced cutting alfalfa hay. Never in any too good humor in this country, there is something about the cutting of alfalfa that makes old Jule Pflavin fairly boil with anger and chagrin. The old boy knows only one way of venting his wrath, and that's to grab a sprinkling can; but he's a wonder with it.

There used to be a nice place about half a mile above the Myrtle Grove auto camp, this side of Myrtle Creek, where a traveler could pull to one side of the road in the heat of a summer day, and rest in the shade, but don't try it now. Not for a while, anyway—something has died there. At first I thought the smell came from one of these newfangled yellow waste cans which the highway department has placed there, but I guess not, although the can don't smell like a rose. Judging by the volume, the odor must come from an elephant.

I drove 120 miles yesterday and (To be continued) PRISONERS USED TO REMOVE WEEDS. The city of Roseburg is solving the problem of labor connected with the regular spring cutting of weeds and grass on unimproved streets and city-owned lots with little expense this year. Heretofore the city has spent a considerable sum of money each year to do the work.

This season, however, city prisoners are being used on the grass cutting crews. There has been an increasing number of men taking jail sentences rather than pay fines for drunkenness, and such prisoners are being turned over to the street department to be used as laborers. The latest addition to the grass cutting crew is James McMillan, who lacked money to pay a fine of \$10 for drunkenness following his arrest last night by city officers.

Daily Devotions

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS. Read Luke 4:16-18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the poor...

NOTABLES QUOTED ON U. S. CONSTITUTION'S MERITS. Editor News-Review: Although I have written several times concerning the constitution, I am anxious to show that men of prominence feel the same and have so expressed themselves. William Harper, a met distinguished senator of South Carolina, said: "The constitution has laid down the fundamental and honorable laws of justice for our government."

SPELLING AWARDS MADE AT WILBUR. Some 200 elementary school pupils attended the annual spelling contest held at Wilbur, May 16. Only those pupils from fourth grade to eighth grade, inclusive, and who averaged 90 per cent and above in the spelling course of the school year, were eligible. Twenty-six per cent of the Drain elementary school were eligible, but only 21 per cent were in attendance.

BEVERAGE MEN TO EYE MEETING PLANS. Plans for the forthcoming state convention of Food and Beverage Dispensers, Inc., will be discussed tonight at a meeting at the Dutch Mill. Wallace Rapp, general chairman, is requesting all committees to be in attendance in order that a thorough check may be made of all details so far arranged and plans made for additional work to be done. The convention is to be held in Roseburg June 21, 22 and 23.

OREGON PWA HEAD TO BE HEARD HERE. C. C. Hockley, state PWA administrator, is to be in Roseburg Thursday to confer with county and city officials regarding working projects and proposals for possible future work. Mr. Hockley is to be interviewed by Harris Ellsworth, editor of the News-Review, over Radio Station KRRR at 4 p. m. Thursday at which time the work of the PWA will be thoroughly explained by the administrator.

LETTERS from the People

Communications to the News-Review for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed five or six lines in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address must accompany the contribution.

James Otis expressed himself thus: "There are bounds, which by God and nature are fixed, hitherto have they a right to come, and no further." These are the first principles of law and justice.

In the first place the constitution was intended to hold the governmental powers from stealing the God-given rights of the people, from violating the principles of eternal justice and seizing upon the things which belong to God.

Justice Davis stated, eloquently, in rendering a supreme court decision: "The constitution is a law for rulers and for people, equally in war and peace, and covers with its shield of protection all classes of men, at all times, and under all conditions."

Why? Congress has delegated all its prerogatives and powers to one man and that one man now wants the constitution to scrap it that he may, as the English king, have no authority above his own, no authority but his own. The foundation upon which this government was built was "of the people, by the people, for the people," and the people to choose by ballot men from among their number to carry out the wishes of the people expressed by what is called a platform which the candidate pledges himself to carry out.

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