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Educate the Politician

IN 1908 President Charles William Eliot of Harvard university had it in mind to include in the school a department for the instruction and preparation of students for public office. This idea resulted in the present school of business administration at Harvard.

More recently that school planned to instruct students in the fine points of handling government business ventures.

But as yet there is no material development of the idea for preparing students for public office. In fact, there has been little done along this line in the whole country, let alone in the institutions of higher learning.

There is one privately financed venture known as the National Institute of Public Affairs which devotes itself particularly to training students for public office. It is now considering applications from students at many colleges and universities, including this University, for internships in Washington, D. C. during February and March for practical experience in government business in preparation for leadership in public affairs.

This is the only hint of any instruction in political leadership which has been given any wide circulation.

Politics is a rather uncertain profession to adopt, as far as making a living at it is concerned. So uncertain is it, in fact, that it is practically useless to seek public office without leisure and a high pressure publicity agent, and both of these call for money, which very few potentially capable politicians have.

Without doubt there are many young men with these qualifications and aspirations in this and other universities. Why, then, should they not have available, at least in some institutions, courses which are devoted to the preparation of capable, intelligent men and women for public office?

Unfortunately the principal requisite these days for public office is to get in the public eye. (Witness the unbelievable political power which Huey Long has grabbed for himself.)

Such political demagogues would not flourish under a system which includes education in politics. They would either be trained to fit their positions or be unable to cope with the competition in public life.

Civilization is based upon the amount of useful knowledge which one generation can hand down to the next. Sooner or later it will be realized that political experience will have to be handed on, just as is experience in business, science, farming, medicine or any of the innumerable fields for which men prepare themselves during a college course.

Midertime Cells Rave

A HUMAN individual starts as a single cell which contains a group of genes, rather more than half of which he obtained from his mother and the remainder from his father. This is his or her inheritance," explained Dr. R. R. Huestis, professor of zoology, speaking before a student group the other night. He blamed the final human product on an environment, which he called the "third parent."

So environment has to take the rap, and we can't blame ourselves on the genes and chromosomes.

The single cell, under the directions of inherited determiners, becomes a group of cells six years old, when it is sent to school dressed in what mature groups of cells dictate that six-year-old groups of cells shall wear and it goes through the rigamarole that six-year-old groups of cells have to do and know.

And finally the group of cells gets old enough to go to college where it is pleasantly excited in association with pleasantly exciting groups of cells of another sex, and

where highbrowed, hornrimmedglassesd groups of cells throw bundles of blackspeckled cellulose cells at it until it is thought that its cells have fallen into an order deserving to clutch a scroiled group of cells certified by the almosthighgodalmighty group of cells that run the college and it is sent out to mingle with all the other groups of cells which swarm over the infinite number of cells that make the world.

And he may wind up by not proving any-reading Winchell and McIntyre, listens to Eddies Cantor et Wynn, rides in elevators, streetcars, subways, automobiles, aeroplanes, dirigibles, submarines, etc., etc., becomes like all the other groups of cells, and marries another group of cells, and produces loads and loads of other groups of cells until it finally shuffles off for a final mingling with all the groups of cells that are only dust on the great terran-ean group of cells which was once only a single cell.

And he may wind up by not priving anything.

But of course this is only the raving of a yawningwithspring group of cells at mid-termtine.

Asleep in the Deep

USUALLY, sea tragedies are fairly well spaced out, and the furor of public indignation over one has died out before the next occurs. In the last few months, however, we have had three major shipwrecks, two appalling in their loss of life, and all of them occurring to the same company. Obviously, something is wrong, and there is a public anxiety, especially among college students, to discover where the blame belongs.

It does not belong wholly on the shoulders of the shipowners. True, the crews they select are inexperienced, undrilled in fire-fighting and life-saving, the equipment is poorly inspected, seldom used (only one life boat on the "Morro Castle" had been out of its chocks since 1930), and insufficient for the large number of passengers.

But the real seat of the trouble is not there. It lies in the fact that the public demands luxury, large lounges, elaborate quarters, and gigantic boats, in which the proportion of seamen to passengers is so small as to preclude the possibility of adequate control in an emergency. The shipowners are business men, and they give the public what it demands.

It would be fatal to any one company to install the safety devices now proven and available, because the devices would restrict the luxury, the size, and thus the false sense of security now prevalent.

The present precarious condition can be rectified, we believe, without excessive government control, long legislative process, bickering, lobbying, and topheavy committees of investigation.

A tentative proposal advanced by Admiral Wm. S. Sims seems entirely feasible. The only necessary legislative act is to create a law requiring every steamship company to insure the life of every passenger for some thousands of dollars before the ship is allowed to leave the dock. The rest can be left up to the insurance companies without the slightest fear of the outcome.

An unsound, ill-equipped ship, with a poorly trained crew would have no more chance of obtaining insurance than a man in the last stages of heart disease. And without insurance it couldn't sail. This method might work a hardship on the shipowners at first, but between the profits of an individual and the saving of human life there should be small choice.

If all the people in the state who broke traffic rules were laid end to end, we could walk easier.

The Passing Show

CHANCELLOR SELECTION DELAYED

THE report from the Portland meeting of the state board of higher education that the selection of a new chancellor must be again delayed is hardly news. It's like the old fable of "the man biting the dog": when a chancellor is selected it will be news, indeed. Meanwhile Chancellor W. J. Kerr waits impatiently for the promised retirement, or so it is presumed.

Nevertheless patience is the only prescription for those who have endured for more than two years. It is imperative to regard the very practical difficulties which confront the state board.

For what the state of Oregon is able to offer, it is not easy to attract really first class men. It probably will be necessary to pass entirely over the lists of experienced college and university presidents and make the selection from among younger and relatively untried men. Such a selection must be made with the greatest care and it consumes time.

Furthermore, unpleasant as it may be to face the fact, it is difficult for the board to make any very specific offers to any man till after the legislature has fixed the appropriations for the coming two years. And there is the additional difficulty of obtaining a strong majority in the board itself.

There may have to be some changes in the board before anything constructive can be accomplished. There are some members who would be well pleased to prolong the present situation indefinitely without change. There are others whose absences have made it difficult to get consistent and concerted action at meetings. The recent appointment of Mrs. Beatrice Walton Sackett will strengthen the board in this respect, but positive action will be difficult till there are nine members regularly in attendance at all meetings.

Nevertheless, there is hope that this long-deferred action will not be delayed beyond the coming June. If it is so delayed, it will be difficult to restrain accusations of bad faith which will create turmoil in the system.

Despite all the glowing reports of accomplishments, there will be no real progress in these schools till the original promise of new leadership is fulfilled.—Eugene Register-Guard.

The Day's Parade

By Parks Hitchcock

Rails in the RFC

THE administration, with an obvious eye cocked toward government ownership and control of public service operations has of recent months loosened the bankruptcy laws with the hope that delinquent and unsuccessful carrier agents will carry their failures to the government via the RFC.

Government Ownership? Although Transportation Coordinator Joseph B. Eastman publicly announces that the government has no mind to take over the railroads, acute capitol observers are not so sure. At any rate, they feel that if the bankrupt railroads prefer to go into government receivership rather than trust their management or liquidation to private boards and private capital, that the administration is not going to frown upon them.

Wheeler Speaks Senator Burton K. Wheeler (who by the bye is chairman of the interstate commerce committee) is not so bashful about sponsoring federal ownership; he believes that if the railroads can't be run successfully under private capital that the government should take them over and insure the people of proper transportation facilities.

Rails Hard Hit Railroads have been loud in their complaints during the years of the depression; they claim that they have been hit harder than any other industry; in many districts lines have been suspended and the number of operating trains cut down.

Bar to Fluctuation Senator Wheeler and other of his mind believe that if the railroads were stabilized and run without exorbitant profit in times of prosperity that a large hunk will be cut out of the pie of those speculators who make their living by fluctuations, and that equalizing the profits of one of the nation's largest businesses will tend to keep business as a whole on an even keel.

Information from a high government official discloses that a supreme court ruling on the Gold Clause may be issued Saturday, with the ultimate result that national traders cannot profit by the outcome, whether it be in accord with or adverse to the administration, and foreign traders can profit hugely due to the fact that United States citizens will celebrate Lincoln's birthday by closing banks and stock exchanges.

Effect on Stock Market Without any ruling on the gold clause, stocks have been dropping steadily. Of course this is in accord with the common opinion that the supreme court can do nothing else except rule adversely to the administration policies, i. e., that of dollar inflation.

Still, in our opinion it would not be wise to render the decision Saturday, because, after all, the decision has been withheld in order that the administration officials may devise some feasible plan whereby the government can recoup, and by rendering the decision Saturday, the supreme court would absolutely do away with any financial gain on the part of the American stock traders and actually give all profits to foreign traders.

Administration's Coup According to "high up" officials, however, the administration has some plan whereby no actual loss will be incurred by the government, but still great losses are likely to be incurred on the domestic stock market.

The only possible reasons whereby the supreme court could render a favorable decision would be those of common welfare and expediency and not wishing to put the administration on the spot, and the only way it can withhold the decision is by the latter reason.

Tax on Speculation If the decision is rendered Saturday, however, high officials have advocated a 95 per cent tax on all domestic stock and bond transactions in order to suppress foreign speculation and profit.

Domestic Traders Prayer In the event of such a decision Saturday, all that domestic traders can hope for is such a tax. Any other movement by the Democratic influence which is at present very prevalent would necessarily do much toward putting them in disfavor with the big financial kings of this "free country" and thereby cause them to lose a great many followers.

Grace Moore Big Hit at Auto Show

By Dick Watkins Emerald Feature Editor Here, there and everywhere— A few short glimpses in tune with our times: . . . Grace Moore, of "One Night of Love" fame was recently paid \$5,000 for a 20-minute daily appearance at the San Francisco auto show . . . the auto show lasted for eight days so figure it out for yourself . . . The American premiere of Franz Lehar's latest opera, "Tiganiini" broadcast last month over the NBC

was apparently very successful judging from comments sent in from all over the U. S. and will soon be due for a repeat performance . . . just for good measure, we'll remind you that Lehar composed the "Merry Widow," recently made into a film . . .

A radio fan recently sent in the following letter to one of the big (Please turn to page 3)

'Ladies, You've Our Sympathy'

Editor, the Emerald:

This male-shemale argument is getting nowhere. And, indeed, why should it? Tired of writing trivialities, blurring meetings to which no one was attracted, blowing up propagandist balloons which caused no flurry in their flight, one of your writers decided that, by God! someone was going to pay some attention to something she wrote. Result: an attack on the male of the species.

I submit a poem from Ted Cook's column ancient poetesses, which, by substituting gal reporters for verifiers, might cover the subject: Those ladies who, with nimble pen, Deride in verse the ways of men, Arouse in us a male desire To know the girls who go through fire

And brimstone for some worthless male, And scorch'd, it down to write and wail In neat and saialbe quatrain; And then get scorch'd and write again. Miss Fishback, Jacobson, and count— Less more who don't think men amount To much, attack us, rifles primed With sad retreat, such nicely rimed.

For men are very seldom true, And never to a lady who Is sure to mold them into verse; Who breaks her heart to swell her purse! Ah, ladies, you've our sympathy, For what a hell your life must be! Or are the men who've done you wrong Existing only in your song? A CONSTANT READER

Our Oregon Girls

Editor, the Emerald:

Glorious they are, those glorious creatures who call themselves Oregon women.

Truly we are humbled, being only those unwanted males who come to college in search of attainment that called education which, if properly applied, may be the precious basis for acquiring that which makes us so attractive to the opposite sex.

We mould ourselves, build ourselves that we may lure the woman of our dreams. We place our women upon a pedestal and do homage to the exalted goddesses from the lowly depths from when ce we bow our heads in profound worship.

That is our attitude that results from the environment of the American adolescent. That is the attitude that results from our reading and thinking during the formative ages.

Then we come to college that we may achieve the things that shall make life beautiful and happy. Immediately we are confronted by those pulchritudinous Oregon women of whom legend abounds.

First, disillusion creeps into our fevered brains and our gentle hearts, then follows sadness. Our picture of Oregon women—real, human, understanding—becomes but a distant memory. Instead we are confronted by giddy daughters of small-bore, fifteen-cent society folk, who mortgage homes and businesses that their sweet child may derive every benefit of a college education with a fur coat and shiny car for which she may be pledged to a sorority, and so snare some hapless, sophomore Lothario before she finishes her freshman year.

Those are the Oregon women—good sports, regular—that should be showered with our affections. And someone wondered what ails Oregon men!

Sincerely, Laurence Lawrence.



Again I See In Fancy

By Frederic S. Dunn

Was It at Dunn's or McClung's

The very mention of Lish Applegate is suggestive of "that reminds me." He belongs to that twilight between the prehistoric and the authentic, with the savor of both clinging to him. A very real personage, he yet is invested with an aura of the unreal which seems to require substantiation and affidavit.

For example, there has arisen an error in the literature surrounding him that involves a confusion between the two Applegates, Elisha and Jesse. They were quite different characters, Jesse having nothing in common with Lish or the University, save that he was uncle to the former. The true story of the startling part Elisha played in the subscription list has been editorially ascribed to Jesse by those who did not know the real setting.

The greater fame of Jesse and the larger role he assumed in the pioneer life of the Oregon Territory have tended to concentrate attention upon him and to eliminate the name of Elisha who had no such standing in the community but who did own a spectacularly, if somewhat ludicrous, element in the founding of the University. Like the fabled "wise men of Nottingham," Lish Applegate saved the University in a very real crisis.

The preservation of a sketch in profile of Jesse Applegate among the archives of the University has led me to fear that the confusion is rather general. We should have a portrait of Lish, but it would be difficult to paint him now, just as it is impossible to describe him.

Then this same dimmed recollection has thrown a controversial air about the scene of that signing of the subscription list. I have always heard that it was in my father's store and certainly must have derived the impression from accounts given me by my parents or my elder sisters. But last spring, at the Annual Ladies' Night of the Round Table, Judge Laurence T. Harris, '93, followed his admirable discussion of the pioneer legislative ventures of Oregon with a reference to this famed incident when Lish Applegate sealed the subscription with a sum that every one knew was an impossibility for him.

The burden of Laurence's summary was that this occurred in McClung's store, his authority being Chris Marx, who got it from T. G. Hendricks, both now deceased.

I have made much inquiry among those who could remember, who either can not now recall the exact provenance, or emphatically name Dunn's. J. H. McClung had not yet moved to Eugene to join the firm known so long as McClung and Johnson, or the Grange Store, where the Tiffany-Davis Building now stands. Underwood & Gray were then established on that corner and, of course, there

may be confusion between the earlier and later firms.

Until more substantially disposed of my boyhood impression, I shall always think of that scene in relation to my father's store,—that open space in the back of the establishment, behind the stacks of calicos and overalls, where a low wood stove provided rendezvous for country folk and town committees. I can still see them with their heels on the fender. Yes, and I can hear the tobacco juice sizzle as it struck in staccato rhythm. It was in such an atmosphere the University's "Declaration" was signed.

Next in the series "SHE WAS A NAWFUL NAUGHTY GIRL."

Answers

- (1) O.S.C. 1868, U. of O. 1872. (2) Phi Beta Kappa, 1776. (3) William Henry Harrison. (4) Jefferson Davis. (5) Yes. (6) Twice. (7) Sidney B. Wood. (8) Mt. Pelee. (9) Nevada. (10) February 22, 1894.

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