

NEWS of SOCIETY

Social news must be in the hands of the society editor by 9:30 o'clock. Due to the fact that the social page is made up before noon, it is practically impossible to insert stories after that hour. Hereafter, items, no matter how important they are, that are delayed beyond that hour, will not be printed until the following day—News Editor's Note.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson have as their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Bates and sons, George and Donald, and daughter, Jessie, of Ely, Nevada. Mr. Bates is a prominent merchant and banker of Ely and Provost and is a brother of Mrs. Richardson. They are touring around and came from San Francisco to La Grande, expecting to remain here a week or so.

A number of Pendleton women drove to La Grande Monday morning and were guests for luncheon and bridge at the home of Mrs. Frank Hayes.

Invitations are out for a dancing party to be given at the Community club Thursday evening, July 24, by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, honoring their home guests, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Bates, who are visiting here from Ely, Nevada.

The Ladies Aid of the Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. Ambrose Wright Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

Fashion Notes

Mandarin Hat.
New York. — The comparatively small mandarin hat is highly appropriate with costumes of printed Chinese silk. Often the hat trimming matches the frock.

Gloves Grow More Ornate.
Paris. — Gloves are more and more ornate. One pair of white silk gloves shown here today has a black garter lined with white.

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the white showing when the garment is carelessly and swankily turned back with the gauntlet, and the fingers are trimmed with a tiny flowering vine in green and rose.

Ivory Tint is Back.
London. — Ivory tint in frocks have brought ivory itself back in vogue. Many women today are wearing carved ivory necklaces and big brooches with their ivory-colored hats, the idea now being to have the hat and jewelry match in tone.

COLLECTION OF BOOKS LARGE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene. (Special). — The third largest collection of books in the state is now to be found in the University of Oregon library at Eugene. During 1922 8,716 volumes were added to the library, making a total of 130,470. This number is exceeded by the Portland Public Library and the State Library at Salem.

In 1903 there were 12,000 books in the library. By 1906 this number had grown to 14,000, and the growth since then has been more than 800 per cent.

The total number of books issued to readers during 1922 was 311,774 volumes. Of these, 27,892 were issued for home use from the circulation and reference desks. The number issued from the reserve desk, chiefly used by students in the university, was 245,902. This represents an increase of 26.8 per cent in the total number of books issued, and an increase of 50 per cent in the number of reserve books issued.

The number of periodicals contributed last year was 1,353, which has been increased this year to 1,750. These publications include: monthly, 457; weekly, 129; quarterly, 193; bi-monthly, 26; daily, 3; irregular publications, such as government and foreign documents, 564; newspapers, 90.

Vienna Club Carl Scandal Causes Count's Expulsion

VIENNA (AP). — Aristocratic Vienna has been split into two camps as the outcome of the expulsion of Count Adalbert Sternberg from Austria by the police, at the request of Count Herbert Herberstein, controller of the household of the former Archduke Friedrich. Accusations growing out of a game of cards at the Jockey club led to Herberstein, as president of the club, ordering Sternberg's expulsion. Sternberg subsequently slapped Herberstein's face in a crowded street.

Herberstein, declaring that it was beneath his dignity to cross swords with a man like Sternberg or to appeal to the law against him, moved the police to expel him from the country and Sternberg was in Czechoslovakia within 12 hours.

The affair has aroused intense excitement in Vienna, and opinion on the propriety of Herberstein's action is divided. The Neue Freie Presse, in a leading article, reminds its readers that Sternberg is a son of the oldest noble house in Austria, which has figured in the country's history since the thirteenth century.

COUNTY UNIT PLAN BOOSTED

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene. (Special). — The county-unit plan of school administration is endorsed by Ira Richardson, professor of education in Colorado State Teachers' college, who is conducting two classes in education in the University summer session at Portland.

By this plan, Professor Richardson pointed out, educators aim to put county administration on the same basis as the present city system. A county school board whose members are elective, manages the districts of the whole county. This eliminates the local school board, which has been a great problem in school administration. The superintendent, preferably appointive, acts chiefly in a professional capacity.

In addition to increased efficiency in administration, this plan, said Professor Richardson, offers the possibility of larger and better equipped schools because of possibilities of consolidation. Likewise, standard teaching requirements are raised and the consequent better salaries may induce the professional teacher to remain in the county system rather than seek a city position.

This system of school administration is used throughout many states, of which Utah is perhaps the best organized. Three counties in Oregon, Crook, Klamath and Lincoln have tried this plan successfully.

REACTION IS SUREST TEST

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene. (Special). — Phenology and the study of handwriting are not accurate keys to a person's character in the opinion of Dr. Bernard C. Ewer, professor of psychology in Pomona college, California, and instructor in the University of Oregon summer session at Portland. Dr. Ewer expressed the view that the surest test of character was in the reaction of the individual to his surroundings and his ability to fit into his environment, and not in outward signs, such as are used by phenologists and hand-writing experts in their "character reading."

"Phenologists have attempted to read character by the protuberances over the ears and projections on the back of the head," said Dr. Ewer, "overlooking the fact that these protuberances are due to physical development and in the case of the back of the head, the projection covers center of motor activity that have nothing to do with intellectual qualities."

"Many specimens of penmanship have been studied without proving an index to character," he stated, "unless we consider one who habitually fails to dot 'i's' and cross 't's' as careless in habit. Recently, however, a California teacher found that by increasing and decreasing the speed of writing and the size of letters in a given time and by producing marked deviations from the natural handwriting of the subject, it was possible to determine certain traits of character."

EXODUS OF ALIEN STUDENTS CLOSES SCHOOL OF MUSIC

LEIPZIG, Germany. (AP). — Conservatories of music are declining alarmingly in Germany. Recently an institution with a normal enrollment of 200 pupils went bankrupt, and a great many smaller undertakings have been forced to liquidate.

During the inflation period these institutions were kept above water only by the fact that foreign music students paid five times the tuition of the natives. Since stabilization has taken place, however, thousands of foreigners have left Germany, finding it too expensive, and the music lovers who remain behind can for the most part afford to pay only about one-half the pre-war tuition fee.

How desperate the situation is may be judged by the fact that the conservatory students are permitted to play in movie houses and in cafes, a thing that was anathema before the war. There is also no objection to their earning money on the side by playing at dances.

The chief reason for the plight in which the musical art finds itself is the fact that the inflation period and the war have wiped out the middle class, which before the war was the principal supporter of the finer arts.

Wits and Brakes Only Rules For Motor Traffic in Paris

PARIS (AP). — The Prefect of Police of Paris is now issuing permits to drive motor cars at the rate of 4000 a month.

The police department is considering a new regulation of traffic that will relegate all cars driven into Paris for mere pleasure to the less congested parts of the town. At present all regulations are disregarded. The chauffeurs say that otherwise there would be no possibility of moving about in Paris. The drivers depend entirely on their wits and brakes. Speed regulations were forgotten long ago, but it is said they will come into use again when the new code of rules has been completed.

King Omitted From Legal Proceedings

DUBLIN (AP). — At the recent ceremony of the inauguration of the new Free State judiciary, one of the most striking features was the speech in the Irish language delivered by Chief Justice Kennedy, said to be the first official utterance by a judge in that tongue since the time of the Breton laws many centuries ago.

Under the new judicial regime legal procedure is to be greatly simplified, and the old cumbersome forms of indictment are to be abolished. A significant change is the disappearance of the name of the king. In the past, offenses were described in the indictment as against the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, His Crown and dignity, and jurors were sworn to "true deliverance between our Sovereign Lord the King and the prisoner at the bar." These forms are now abolished. Prosecutions were said as "The King v. So and So." They are now said in the name of the attorney general.

The new Free State court of appeal is an ultimate tribunal. Appeals to the house of lords have been abolished and appeals to the privy council can only be had by petition to the king for permission likely to be granted only in very exceptional cases. "The courts will," said the chief justice, "stand between the people and any and every encroachment upon their constitutional rights and liberties by whomsoever attempted."

MacDonald Holds Record For Speech in Commons

LONDON (AP). — Premier MacDonald has talked more in the house of commons than anyone else, and is 31 columns of the official report of the Parliamentary Gazette ahead of his nearest competitor. According to the record from January to the Easter recess, the premier's speeches covered 126 columns, William Graham, financial secretary to the treasury, being next with 55 columns and Sir Kingsley Wood third with 36 columns. Lloyd George only fills 47 columns, and Henry Asquith 35, while Stanley Baldwin takes fifteenth place with 46 columns.

It is noted that the Clydeside members are comparatively reticent. Tom Johnston and Neil Maclean filling only 30 columns each. James Kirkwood is not mentioned because only those who can fill 20 columns are recorded.

In the matter of asking questions, Commander Kenworthy easily holds first with 259 questions or 108 more than Sir Kingsley Wood, who is second on the list. With power and office comes criticism, and this is indicated by the number of oral questions answered, the premier having 561 to his credit. Minister of Health Wheatley 23 and Minister of Labor Tom Shaw 252.

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RAIN GOD IS GIVEN CREDIT

PEKING (AP). — The first rainfall of any consequence in Peking and vicinity during the present year occurred May 21. It rained again May 22. The drought was the most prolonged for several years.

There is little of the unusual in the above facts. Springs are apt to be dry in north China. The noteworthy feature is the fact that the rainfall coincided with a solemn ceremony performed in Peking to Yu Shen, the god of rain.

Prompted by the distress of agriculturists whose crops have been all but ruined by the drought, Peking official and religious bodies issued an invitation to the officials of Shantung to send to the capital a historical iron tablet of the Ming dynasty which is said to have a record for producing rain. According to a story which is widely accepted by the Chinese, a magistrate of Hantschuan, Shantung, in the days of the Ming emperors, became so concerned over the suffering of his people because of drought that he sacrificed his life as well as a sacrifice to the gods. On the following day rain fell and the drought was broken.

Out of gratitude for their deliverance the people built a temple and enshrined in it an iron tablet inscribed with the name of their martyr and a record of his deed. The then emperor, when the facts were related to him, was so impressed that he conferred upon the magistrate's name the title of Yu Shen. In the years following the tablet has been brought at intervals to Peking when the necessity for appealing to the rain god became acute, as in the present instance.

A day or two ago the tablet arrived. It was reverently placed in a yellow sedan chair, a relic of the imperial days and with much ceremony borne to a temple inside the Forbidden City. There a ceremony was enacted before it with incense and howtowing exactly as was done in the imperial days. Officials of the Boy Emperor's court and of the republic participated side by side.

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