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A SATISFACTORY VOW—"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, * * * and * * * will be my God, then this stone * * * shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."—Gen. 28: 20-22.

DOES TOLERANCE INCLUDE MENKEN?

Tolerance is a much used and abused word. It is preached by man and, unconsciously perhaps, practiced by a few. President Coolidge has on two particular occasions issued a strong plea for tolerance in all things. And he is credited in the last few days with having thrown his influence against the radical element in the United States senate to secure the unseating of Brookhart, of Iowa, whose irregular conception of governmental policies and practices is not wanted by administration forces.

Sunday in the Oregonian, the leading editorial was upon the subject of tolerance, discussing at some length the advantages and necessities for fair-mindedness, for that policy of "live and let live." And in the second column over appeared in the same issue an editorial about H. L. Menken and his magazine, The American Mercury, whose April issue has been excluded from the mails. The editorial treats the subject at some length and expresses hearty disapproval of him and his kind as evidenced in the type of writings which appear in The Mercury and such publications. The Oregonian sees no great loss to the country—probably very true—by the action of the postal department and criticizes severely the Menken type of mind and the Menken type of modern writings.

What is this thing called tolerance? Where is to be drawn the line between those people, conditions, tendencies toward which we are to be fair and open-minded and those which we are to condemn and bitterly oppose? Perhaps our policy of tolerance should be practiced today and forgotten tomorrow.

The Observer—like many of those plebian institutions to which he and his kind point the finger of ridicule—has no particular use for Menken. His writings and those of his followers are interesting, but even "Hatrack" is far from being the sensational article pictured by its critics. He is futile because he tells us very little about our pitiable selves that most of us do not already know, because he ridicules and attacks those elements of our personalities, our community life, our habits and conventions which exist by virtue of the elements of human nature. He publishes articles that belittle our average American culture and intelligence without knowing, apparently, that limited capacity, education and environment prevent that culture and intelligence from assuming interesting proportions. He attacks existing conditions and institutions without allowing for the slow process of evolution characteristic of great masses of common, practical people.

But Menken is far from being a serious menace to our established society. Throughout all history have we had our Menkens who ridiculed and scorned and attempted to destroy the existant fabric of society and government. (We have even had Menkens who wrote far more "suggestive" and "obscene" literature than the present-day type produces). And in the light of history such raving and ranting and ridiculing seems to have served admirably as a tonic for our social progress. We will have such things in the future, several generations away, as we have them now, yet we do not fear greatly for those generations because of it. Publicity-seeking geniuses are always with us.

Here in La Grande there is the great total of two copies of The American Mercury received each month for newsstand distribution. The price per copy is fifty cents and we entertain no fear, as does The Oregonian, that the lives and thoughts of our young people will be depraved by having to dig up four-bits for a high-brow magazine. If tolerance is to be a practical policy, let Menken rave on. Let him write and publish for his audience of cranks and super-intellectuals. We refuse to be deeply concerned about it.

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OUT OUR WAY By WILLIAMS

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By Junius

SHE NEEDS A RAZOR STROP!
Geneva had such pretty hair
It really was her glory
"Was" is the verb you have to use,
And thereby hangs a story.

When first she thought to cut it off,
She cut it to her shoulders.
'Tis easy combed—her alibi—
But soon she grew much bolder.

She cut it to below her ears
And wore it soft and fluffy
But soon 'twas whacked and plastered flat
Because it looked too puffy.

She shingled it to make it cool
And wore it thus a season,
And then acquired "Tomjola" curls,
"It's stylish" was her reason.

When Anna Q. was out of date,
She sticked it like her brother,
She's had it that way quite a month,
She's due for another.

She simply has no glory left,
There's not enough to wave it.
She's only got one hair cut left—
All she can do is shave it!

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Lady in Kokomo, Ind., saw a riderless horse galloping down the road and sat down on the curb to wait for the Prince of Wales. "Like spring, he can't be far behind," she mused.

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May the good Lord deliver us from the folks who are always saying—"Ain't it the truth?"

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Every president of the [illegible] probably isn't so bad if [illegible] a [illegible] way.

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Tom—My girl and America [illegible] other night on her radio.
Jerry—That's nothing. My girl gets Hungary every night without any radio.

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The absent minded man jokes are with us again. We are thinking of the man who kissed his shoes good-night and put his two daughters under the bed.

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ISLAND CITY HOST TODAY TO CHAMBER

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Boys Band Plays

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DEFINITION OF DEMOCRAT GIVEN BY DR. TAYLOR

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12. (AP)—The answer to the question "what is a democrat?" has been found, the Pathfinder, published here, announced today on the basis of findings by Senator Robinson, Arkansas; Morrison, Mississippi and Edwards, New Jersey, as judges of a contest in which 20,000 participated. First prize went to Dr. M. D. Taylor, county health officer of Artec, N. M., who submitted this definition:

"A democrat is one who believes in the fullest freedom of speech, press and religion; the separation of church and state; laws that bear equally upon all classes without special privilege or monopolistic advantage; right of stateguarantee by the constitution and less national paternalism."

Edwin Alexander Halsey, "confidential secretary" for Democrats of the senate, was rated second with this definition:

"A democrat is one who votes to adhere to the principles of the party as expounded by Jefferson, Cleveland and Wilson, which assure personal liberty, freedom and religion, speech and press; equal justice, industry, frugality and happiness; abhorring corruption and privilege and preserving inviolate the republic in vigor and union."

WOMEN FIRM FOR VOLSTEAD ACT AS IT STANDS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12. (AP)—Having in no uncertain terms informed the senate prohibition committee of their uncompromising opposition to the modification of the Volstead act, the Woman's National Committee for law enforcement today issued a challenge to the American people to "uphold the constitution and listened to the advice of speakers who asked them to [illegible] of the job of building up sentiment for law observance.

Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, who is in Chicago, of the department of justice [illegible] prohibition bureau said "watchful units of women" can keep officials delivering their best efforts, even though such officials at times be the kind that "unpatched, would shirk the task at hand."

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr., in a statement read to the conference asked "why not be honest with ourselves and admit that our children will not be the high-minded, fine people that we want and expect them to be unless their parents set them an example of justice and law abiding citizens."

London Favors Rolled Hose and Bare Knees

LONDON—Rolled hose and bare knees are to be the vogue, it [illegible] shown at the latest fashion exposition prevail, although caricatures have devoted attention for months to the ugliness of English women's knees. The maximum weight of summer raiment, [illegible], will be 20 ounces.

Lane Prune Growers Expect Heavy Yield

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 13 (AP)—Lane county cooperative prune growers elected officers and directors at the annual meeting at the local chamber of commerce last evening. Dr. L. D. Scarbrough was named president; H. T. Westfal, of Yoncalla, vice president; E. P. Saunders, of Alvadore, secretary-treasurer, and L. M. Miller, representative to the exchange board in Portland. Ernest Brunner completes the membership of the board of directors.

A heavy prune crop in Lane is anticipated this year, it was brought out at the meeting.

R. O. T. C. TO ATTEND DINNER

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 13. (AP)—Possibility that between 80 and 90 reserve officers and seniors in the R. O. T. C. units of the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college will attend the banquet to be held at Albany Saturday night May 8, looms with receipt of definite answers from many of the reserve officers in Lane county.

Major John P. Bubb, in charge of the district, will give an address on military problems.

Express Planes Make Trial Journey Today

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 13 (AP)—Five planes of the Western Air Express incorporated fleet which will carry mails between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, starting Saturday, hopped off here today for a trial flight over the route.

MUSSOLINI SCORES

TRIPOLI — Benito is making quite a hit. Lybian blacks staged a dance for him and women fought for the privilege of kissing his hand.

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MISSING AIR PLANE FOUND

CAIRO, Egypt, Apr. 12. (AP)—The missing airplane of Captain Rafael Martinez Estevez, leader of the Spanish aerial expedition which has Manila, in the Philippine islands, as its objective, has been found intact about 100 miles from Ammans in Palestine. Estevez and his mechanic had abandoned the craft, but they left a note attached to it saying they would make their way on foot through the desolate regions to Ammans.

Estevez has been missing since Sunday, when he became separated from the two flyers of the expedition Captain Lariga and Captain Gonsales Gallarza, on a flight from Cairo to Bagdad. Lariga and Gallarza reached Bagdad safely.

Many Factors Enter Into Court Decision

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 13. (AP)—Russia and America furnish the settings for the drama and Jewish festivals are used as monuments to calculate dates in a case decided by the supreme court today whereby Arthur Myron Richter will collect $6454.65 from the estate of his father. He brought suit against his step mother, Rosa Richter, and her three children, and won in the lower court. The three children were then eliminated from the case and only the stepmother appealed. The supreme court, in affirming Judge George W. Stapleton of Multnomah county, where the case originated, holds that the plaintiff not only shall collect the money from Rosa Richter but that he also shall be decreed the owner of one fourth interest in certain real property.

RECEIVES REMITTANCE

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP).—State Treasurer Kay today received from Multnomah county a remittance of $65,000 as part of the county's first half state tax payment.

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16-Year-Old Girl of Pinehurst Is Suicide

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Apr. 13 (AP)—In a letter addressed to her mother, Josephine Pokorny, 16, stepdaughter of a homesteader in the Cascades near Pinehurst station, gave unrequited love as the cause of her suicide. She was found late yesterday afternoon in her bedroom, a shotgun pressed to her temple, having evidently been dead about two hours. She had been employed at the Helms service station at Ashland.

Hangars to Be Built At Medford; Bids Up

MEDFORD, Ore., Apr. 13 (AP).—Bids for the building of hangars for air mail planes will be awarded this week by Vernc C. Gorst, who has the contract for delivery, and construction started soon at Barber field, according to an announcement this morning. The hangars will be built so units can be added.

The field will be made a four-way landing field, and graded and graveled.

The planes to be used in the mail service are about completed and it is expected they will start regular runs on or about May 15.

STEALS OWN CAR; ARRESTED

OMAH— Wetman Wiswall is going to be careful next time he steals his own car. He found it parked down town, the Mrs. having gone shopping, and he used it. The Mrs. notified the police and he was arrested. He could not identify himself nor the Mrs. and he spent two nights in jail.

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