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MEMBER OF THE SOLOMON:—"Hear thou in heaven, the dwellingplace, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel." (1 Kings 8:43).

THE POLISH LID

The lid is on tight in Poland. Marshal Pilsudski's government has issued decrees that make strange reading for Americans. Anyone who criticises policies or persons of the government is liable to a heavy fine and imprisonment. This applies alike to printed and oral criticism. Mere "conversation in public" of a sort adjudged "harmful to the state" is strictly forbidden. An editor "attacking state officials" is liable to a year's imprisonment and $2,000 fine. Anyone furnishing a newspaper with news of which the government disapproves may be punished as well as the newspaper printing such news.

The president must not be criticised, even if the criticism is true. Citizens are forbidden to take the side of anyone convicted under these decrees, even though they may plead truth as their justification. It looks as if Pilsudski, formerly regarded as a rather moderate dictator, is getting jealous of Mussolini. The Duce himself has gone no further than this in silencing criticism with a club.

Poles, however, are historically less disposed to tolerate dictation than Italians. How long will that form race stand for such repression? And what will they do when they blow the lid off?

THE RISING SURPLUS

This has been such a profitable year for American business that it is expected the government surplus for the fiscal year ending next June will be nearly $600,000,000. Naturally the people who have paid that money, largely in the form of income taxes, should benefit by it. President, Congress and public are all agreed on that principle. There is no agreement, however, on the application of the principle—the form in which the benefit shall be shared.

The president does not insist on his first proposal that the surplus shall be given to income taxpayers as a rebate. There has been much criticism of that plan, on two grounds—first that it would not necessarily be giving the money back to those who had paid it, and second, that a surplus had better be applied to reducing the national debt. The latter suggestion seems to appeal more strongly to the public as the discussion proceeds. The president himself remarks that such procedure "is eventually tax reduction," because every million of war debt paid off releases the government from the necessity of raising the money to pay interest on it.

A compromise of these two ideas may be adopted by congress. Such action would probably suit the public well enough—far better, anyway, than congress throwing in the money on new and unnecessary expenditures.

MONEY AND ESTEEM

American cities are notoriously lavish in their methods of welcoming celebrities to their midst or paying homage to the good and the brave. But now and then something happens to make citizens wonder whether the right expressions of respect have been chosen and whether the end sought is sufficiently well served to be worth the high cost.

Such thoughtfulness has been forced in New York by the recent refusal of the comptroller to approve several bills incurred by the city in welcoming heroes and royalty. The bills denied run into thousands of dollars. They include such items as scrolls offering the freedom of the city and costing $915, flowers for wives of the honored ones at $50, automobiles for cars "never used" at $698, gold-plated badges at $12.50, stenographic reports of the immortal words of speakers at $45, flashlights of the mayor at $40, coffee and sandwiches at $335.50, and so on. It may be an unusually long list, but other cities probably have their own pretty good imitations.

Some of the visitors so expensively welcomed are of really great note—for example, Captain Byrd and Chief Officer Acker of the Roosevelt. Certain royal visitors, too, seem to deserve a little special expenditure. But when the custom is extended to movie and beauty queens and swimming champions and everybody that has broken into sudden popular renown, it begins to look a little foolish.

And even when honoring such worthy heroes as the brave men from the Roosevelt— just how much respect, esteem and honor can be expressed in a $915 illuminated scroll? Especially when, as is charged, the words of praise are clothed in poor English? American standards for such things are a bit confused. We think that money and gilt and buttons and badges can express deep feeling better than bared heads, respectful silence, honest tears and proud and loyal hearts.

FOUR SCHOOLS SCHEDULE GAMES

Wallowa, Enterprise, Baker, La Grande Ready for Hoop Season

Wallowa, Enterprise, Baker and La Grande have announced their basketball schedules for the coming season.

The La Grande schedule was printed in yesterday's issue of The Observer. The others follow:

Enterprise

Jan. 8—Baker at Enterprise.
Jan. 14—Elgin at Enterprise.
Jan. 18—La Grande at Enterprise.
Jan. 21—Baker at Baker.
Jan. 22—La Grande at La Grande.
Jan. 28—Wallowa at Enterprise.
Feb. 4—Wallowa at Wallowa.
Feb. 5—Union at Enterprise.
Feb. 10—North Powder at Enterprise.
Feb. 12—Elgin at Elgin.
Feb. 12—Union at Union.

The two games with Baker are undecided at this date.

Baker

Dec. 17—Richland here.
Jan. 4—Baker here.
Jan. 8—Wallowa at Wallowa.
Jan. 14—Enterprise here.
Jan. 15—North Powder there.
Jan. 21—Wallowa here.
Jan. 22—Union there.
Jan. 28—La Grande here.
Feb. 4—North Powder here.
Feb. 5—Pendleton here.
Feb. 11—La Grande there.
Feb. 18-19—County tournament here.

Wallowa

Jan. 7—Elgin at Wallowa.
Jan. 8—Baker at Wallowa.
Jan. 14—Union at Wallowa.
Jan. 15—Imbler at Imbler.
Jan. 21—Baker at Baker.
Jan. 22—North Powder there.
Jan. 28—Elgin at Elgin.
Jan. 29—Enterprise at Wallowa.
Feb. 4—Enterprise at Enterprise.
Feb. 5—La Grande at Wallowa.
Feb. 11—Imbler at Wallowa.
Feb. 12—Joseph at Joseph.
Feb. 19—Union at Union.
Feb. 18-19—La Grande at La Grande.

ANOTHER BOXER KILLED IN FIGHT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15 (AP)—Steve "Boxo" Bergstrom, Minneapolis light heavyweight boxer, who was knocked out in the last round of a scheduled six-round bout here last night, died at a local hospital early today.

Bergstrom was knocked down in seconds before the scheduled end of the bout with Jack Samuelson for the third time. He had struck the floor with considerable force. Early reports were that Bergstrom's skull was fractured, but the cause of death was not announced.

He did not regain consciousness from the time he was carried from the ring until he died.

Great Opponent

Although George Barton, the referee, said there was no doubt that the injury resulted from the fall rather than from the blow that sent him down, police at the ringside arrested the referee. No charge, however, has been made against him, pending action by the coroner.

Bergstrom, who was 21 years old, had taken part in numerous fights as an amateur, and had slightly more than won the first as a professional.

His death was the second in an amateur bout in Minnesota within a month. Charles Pogatchnik, French light heavyweight, died yesterday at Hartford, Conn., following a bout with Elmer Ferneman.

PAINT THE PAIN INSIDE

NEW YORK—Barbers are now being advised to paint the cheeks from the inside out—with tonic methods, baseballs and fruit. The value of correct food and sport is being described in the college annual health week.

Ted Thye Defeats Johnson in Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 15 (AP)—Ted Thye, Portland, Ore., light heavyweight wrestler, won two straight falls from Joe Johnson of Modesto, Cal., here last night. In a preliminary bout, Georgetto, Greek light heavyweight, won one fall from Farmer Wilson of Klamath Falls, Ore., a second fall was called because of time.

BURNS, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—"Whitey Fox," who recently announced the Southern Oregon light heavyweight wrestling box, will appear here Monday night in the semi-final wrestling event at the Helix Theater against Joe Chisholm, of Ashton, Ida.

Ted Thye, Portland, and Tom Atley, Nebraska, will meet in the main event.

Ray Petty Wins From Duckstader

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Ray Petty, light heavyweight fighter of Oakland, Cal., was awarded a technical knockout over Russell Duckstader, Kennewick, Wash., in the eighth round of a bout here last night.

The referee stopped Duckstader with another five and one-half minutes, walked to the corner. The fight was scheduled for 10 rounds.

Georgie Dixon, Portland welterweight, won a 10-round decision over Red Clay, Wilmington.

Dale Byrnes, of Seattle, won a four-round decision over Francis Doyle, Pendleton welter, in one of the preliminaries.

Oregon Mentor Selects Swimmers

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Coach Howard Hansmann, of the University of Oregon swimming team, yesterday selected the men who will compete in the two-mile meet against the freshmen of Washington, University of Minnesota, Gonz, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Both varsity and freshmen teams were picked. The Oregon teams follow:

Varsity free style: Captain Art Larsen and Bob Hoppe from Portland; Phil Sheridan and Tom Hogan from Astoria, James Sharp, Tom Windom, Charles Silverman and Bernie Kamen.

Back stroke varsity: Julian Smith and Ed Kier of Willamina; Frosh, John Anderson and Noah Rieves of John Day.

Breast stroke varsity: Julian Smith and Willis Thatcher, Frosh, Bob McMath.

Butterfly free style varsity: Don McCall and Frank Frosh, Charles Silverman and Jim Woodsworth.

Free style varsity: Bob Hoppe and Art Larsen, Frosh, John Anderson and Bernie Kamen.

Relay varsity: Kamen, Sharp, Dave Anderson and Gerald Landers.

Varsity—Back stroke varsity: Julian Smith and Ed Kier or Willis Thatcher, Frosh, John Anderson and Noah Rieves or John Allen.

Breast stroke varsity: Julian Smith and Willis Thatcher, Frosh, Bob McMath.

Butterfly free style varsity: Don McCall and Frank Frosh, Frosh, Charles Silverman and Jim Woodsworth.

Free style varsity: Bob Hoppe and Art Larsen, Frosh, John Anderson and Bernie Kamen.

Relay varsity: Kamen, Sharp, Art Larsen, Phil Sheridan and Tom Hogan, Frosh, James Sharp, Tom Windom, Charles Silverman and Bernie Kamen.

CHESTFIELD CHAPTER

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Kappa Omicron, new sorority on the University of Oregon campus, has been granted a charter by Phi Mu, second oldest national sorority according to a telegram sent here. Kappa Omicron was organized in May 1925.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP)—Frederick H. Ecker, first vice president of the Metropolitan life insurance company, testified today in support of the motion in behalf of court for confirmation of the sale and approval of the reorganization plan of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway.

Ecker, who represents a large number of bondholders associated in the reorganization plan, was expected to be the last witness before decision in the matter was left with Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson.

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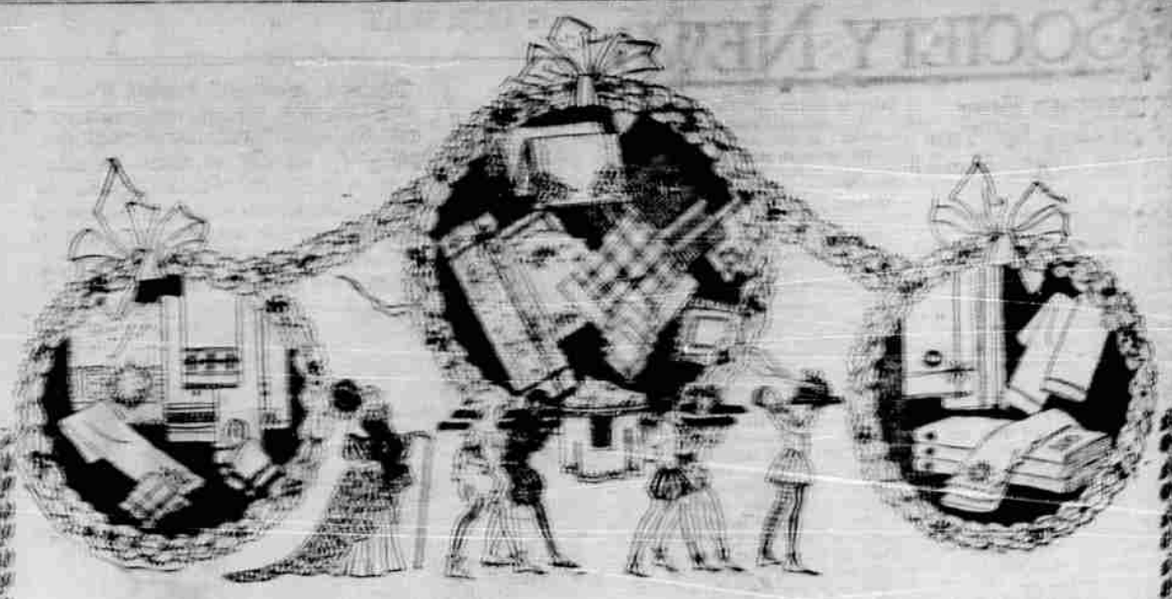

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