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TURNING TO GOD IN TROUBLE—Now for a long season, Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found of them.—3 Chron. 35:4.

President Hall, of the state university, says he is no "back stairs diplomat." He speaks right and tells the world that if it wishes a better and greater university, it must pay for it. That's sensible. He will win many supporters by his straightforward attitude.

The new bill providing for junior colleges throughout Oregon may easily be misunderstood. It does not make the colleges compulsory but leaves them to the various districts created, to be approved or turned down as desired. Furthermore, they will simply be more comprehensive high schools with two years higher education available, not separate institutions. In many states of the union they are very successful and very popular. It remains to be seen whether the idea is reasonably adaptable here.

WHAT ARE CITY'S BEAUTIES?

The state Federation of Women's Clubs in New York has offered prizes to the best ten lists sent in answer to the question, "What do you think are the 10 most beautiful things in Greater New York?" The awards are to go to five high school pupils and five adults. The subjects eligible as "beautiful things" cover a wide range from such tangible articles as statues, paintings, stained glass windows, bridges and buildings, to a beautiful view from a given point.

Although at times it seems as if almost too many prizes are offered for too many purposes, this particular contest does have worthy points. Citizens in any community might well ask themselves what are the most beautiful things in their locality. If the inquiry stimulated interest in beautiful things, keener observation of surroundings, better knowledge of the true treasures of the city, it would be valuable. If the inquiry worked, in the long run, against ugliness in cities, a great deal of good would result.

WORTH \$8 IF WORTH ANYTHING

Some of the state senators offered objections to the proposal that legislators receive additional compensation in the form of "expense money" amounting to five dollars a day. We notice that not enough of them objected to keep the bill from passing but there were many who were sincere in their position without doubt. Here is the important question, however—is the increase reasonable and worthy of commendation?

The Observer thinks so. Maybe it's not needed for this particular legislature because its members will serve this session at the old \$3 rate and do just about as well as they could possibly do at \$8 a day. But the point is that the service they render, if it's worth anything at all, is worth the added allowance. Oregon doesn't want to be niggardly about its servants even though the constitution (whose specifications were written when meals were two-bits and hotel rooms a dollar) says that \$3 a day will be paid. We don't expect other state officers to serve the commonwealth at any such ridiculous figure and it's foolish to expect it of legislators.

On top of that is a present and future consideration. Without question there are men now in the legislature who cannot well afford to be serving the state for forty days, or one, at the rate of \$3 a day. They are absent from their business activities and are forced to be at a living expense far in excess of the old compensation. In the future, also, the greater pay for senators and representatives will have no small influence in securing men to run for the legislature who would otherwise consider the sacrifice too great. Those who do not need and do not want the increase can give it to charity, but it is nevertheless deserved. If we cannot afford to pay them a total of \$8 a day we cannot well afford to have them in the service of the state at all.

JUNIOR LEAGUE HAS NEW CHIEF

B. B. Johnson, Deposed Because of Ill Health—Frank Navin Named

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (AP)—Frank J. Navin, of Detroit, today is retiring president of the American League.

Byron Bancroft Johnson, who founded the circuit in 1900 and has been its president ever since, has been voted a "temporary vacation" because of his health. His physician said Johnson never again may be able to assume the duties of president of the league.

Action of the eight league club owners last night in relieving Johnson of his post automatically postponed the meeting. Commissioner K. M. Landis had called for today at which there was to have been a showdown between the commissioner and Johnson over the Cobb-Trip Speaker charges.

Landis said he would have a statement later on the status of these players who Johnson previously had said would not join American League clubs this year.

With the passing from league councils at least for a time, of Johnson, there came from Baltimore the report that Cobb has been offered a salary of \$25,000 to play this year with the Baltimore Orioles of the International League.

Jack Dunn, president of the Orioles said no one has told him he should not to "business with Cobb." He is a free agent, as far as I know, Dunn said, "so I have the right to endeavor to sign him."

Cobb had not received the Baltimore offer late last night. Asked if he would be willing to play for Baltimore the Georgian replied: "That's a hard question. You know, I'm not in the clear yet. That is, I don't think I'm in the clear myself, no matter what my friends think. But Jack Dunn is a wonderful fellow. I like to be in his company. I can't say at this moment whether I would play for Jack or not. It things came that way I don't know any man I'd rather be associated with."

A formal statement concerning the status of Johnson was given out following a meeting of the eight club owners of the league last night. It was the first American league meeting that has been attended in two years by Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, and bitter foe of Johnson.

"Mr. Johnson's personal physician," said the statement, "participated in the meeting and Mr. Johnson's health was such that he should immediately take a much needed rest."

Navin Appointed "Thereupon the duties of the president were entrusted for the time being to Mr. Frank J. Navin, of Detroit, vice president of the league."

At the Johnson home last night, the door was answered by a nurse who said that both Johnson and Mrs. Johnson were too ill to see any one. Dr. Drury was at the Johnson residence for several hours.

So far as the title goes, Johnson remains president of the league having his \$10,000 a year salary. His contract does not expire until 1928 and his last public utterance yesterday was that he would fight to hold his office "until hell freezes over."

Miss Klopfenstein On Co-Ed Gun Team

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 24.—Freda Klopfenstein of La Grande, a member of the co-ed rifle team, will shoot in the match which is the season with West Virginia. Miss Klopfenstein is a sophomore in commerce.

Telegraphic matches such as the one with West Virginia are held throughout the year under official supervision. The competing teams shoot at the same time on each team's home range, then telegraph the scores to the other.

LONG, LEAN PITCHER MAY YET SHOW CLANS

Douglas McWeeny, long and lean Brooklyn pitcher, bloomed in the spring and faded in the summer last year, but Manager Wilbert Robinson is convinced that he will make a great moundman after all. He proved a sensation in the training camp, but could not get an even break in the regular season when he won 11 and lost 13, taking part in 42 games. McWeeny left his trade of lumber to take up baseball after Jeff Pletcher had taught him some of the tricks at the Great Lakes Naval Station.

HORSESHOE SHORTAGE LOOMS IN BASEBALL

A horseless age is fraught with peril to America's national game. A Cincinnati sporting goods manufacturer says some substitute may have to be found for horseshoe in baseballs and gloves. Some 5,500 horseshoes are used in baseballs made in Cincinnati each year and 12,000 more are consumed for the manufacture of mitts and gloves. Hair from the manes and tails of a thousand horses are used each year for padding.

HUDOLPH WINS CROWN

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press)—Erwin Rudolph, of Chicago, Saturday night stripped Ralph Greenleaf of his world's pocket billiard title by coupling four behind to whip the title holder 450 to 284 in the final block of their championship match here. Rudolph won the third block 170 to 77.

LEONARD, STORM CENTER OF BASEBALL, TURNS TO GOLF



LEFT TO RIGHT—WALTER HAGEN, "DUTCH" LEONARD, Hubert "Dutch" Leonard, whose glory about a fixed ball game blew Ty Cobb and Trip Speaker out of baseball, but worried by the fuss he created, he's shown here with Walter Hagen, famous professional golfer, enjoying a round of golf at the Sunnyside Country club, Fresno, Cal.

Playing Manager Not So Popular In Big Leagues

By Billy Evans The American League will have only two playing managers next season, Stanley Harris at Washington, Ray Schalk at Chicago.

Three player-managers will perform at the National, Bob O'Farrell at St. Louis, Dave Bancroft at Boston and "Sturry" Metzger at Philadelphia.

During the past few years the pendulum has swung from the player-leader to the bench pilot. Despite the fact that more than average success was attained by players who also doubled as managers, it is a tough job for one man.

Handling a ball club is one thing, playing a game. It's quite a task when you combine the responsibilities of the two jobs.

Sisler Should Improve I look for George Sisler to be at least 25 per cent more efficient around first base the coming season than he has been for the last two years.

I am inclined to think that Sisler made a serious mistake when he took over the managerial job. Probably it was just as bad a blunder on the part of the owners in selecting him.

Sisler doesn't possess managerial temperament. He is retiring, rather than aggressive. He is prone to worry. I am positive that Sisler, in trying to take care of the managerial burden, found it impossible to concentrate on his playing.

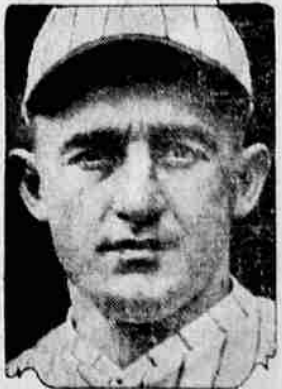
Incidentally, Sisler didn't have quite as good a ball club as a lot of the experts insisted.

Bush Does a Comeback I note that Joe Bush led the National League in point of offensiveness last year, after passing from the American and joining the older organization. The figures show that he held the opposition to a batting average of .211, not bad for a veteran supposed to be through.

No doubt the success of Bush at Pittsburgh was due to the deceptiveness of his fork ball. It is a freak delivery, perfected by Bush, that takes a more puzzling break than the hard-to-hit spitball.

When Bush came to the Philadelphia Athletics he had one of the best fast balls I have ever judged. It soon won for him the cognomen of "Bullet Joe." An arm injury later robbed him of that great speed and resulted in

Seeks Raise



Frankie Frisch, traded to St. Louis for Rogers Hornsby, refuses to sign unless given a substantial increase in salary. He is said to have received \$18,000 from the New York Giants last season.

Oregon Defeats Idaho Vandals 39-24 Saturday

Table with 4 columns: State, W, L, P.O. Washington State 2, 0, 1000; Oregon 1, 0, 1000; Washington 1, 0, 1000; Idaho 2, 2, 500; Oregon Aggies 0, 1, 500; Montana 0, 3, 000.

This Week's Schedule Monday—Oregon versus Washington State at Pullman. Tuesday—Oregon versus Idaho at Moscow.

Wednesday—Oregon versus Montana at Missoula. Friday—Southern California versus California at Berkeley.

Saturday—Oregon versus Washington at Seattle; Washington State versus Idaho at Moscow.

EUGENE (By The Associated Press)—The University of Oregon basketball team opened its 1927 conference season Saturday night by defeating the University of Idaho 25 to 24 before a crowd estimated at 4,000 persons.

Oregon started an early drive which pulled up a 13 to 3 lead in the first five minutes, then playing defensive throughout most of the remainder of the game. Idaho did not get started until the second half, when they almost routed the Webfoots. The game was rough, two Idaho players being ejected on personal fouls. Westergren, of Oregon, was the outstanding star.

W. S. C. WINS SPOKANE (By The Associated Press)—Washington State college defeated Gonzaga university basketball team 25 to 21 here last night.

Gonzaga led 20 to 19 during the final half, but the Cougars held the Bulldogs in check the remainder of the contest. The score at the half was 13 to 11 for W. S. C. Bowler, of W. S. C. and Ingram, of Gonzaga were leading scorers with eight points each.

Ask U. S. to Lift Income Tax Liens

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—Attorneys for Charlie Chaplin today asked the government to lift its income tax liens on money held in the bank by the movie star.

The lawyers offered to give bond for the unpaid balance of the \$1,133,000 in liens levied against Chaplin and his film corporation to secure payment of alleged back taxes and penalties. They appeared hopeful of an agreement with government officials shortly. They are interested particularly in obtaining the release of money held in the banks in the east by Chaplin so that he can defend the divorce suit brought by Lita Grey Chaplin.

"If Chaplin can get his money in the banks," said Isaac Siegel of New York, one of Chaplin's legal staff, "he wants to go back to California and fight for his children. He also wants to continue his work. He also can be sure he is going to fight to the limit for the two children."

Siegel said Chaplin knew nothing about his business affairs, having left them in the hands of auditors and managers. He is willing, according to Siegel, to permit the government to continue its liens against the corporations funds and his own money in California.

Bees Bring Wealth From Soggy Swamp

WAYCROSS, Ga., Jan. 24 (AP)—Though never fully explored by man, Okefenokee swamp, known to the Indians as the land of trembling earth, has been encompassed by an industry of 400,000,000 tiny workers.

The last link of a 200 mile chain of beehives has just been completed within the 600 square miles of spongy land, located in southern Georgia and northern Florida. Abounding in thousands of flowers, gull berries, tupelo and black gum and red bay, the swamp now supplies a large part of the honey in eastern and southern markets. Besides the treacherous earth, the beekeepers have other obstacles. Bees have learned to protect themselves from the bees while satisfying their appetite for honey. After smearing their bodies with resin fresh from pine trees, the bees wallow in mud, giving themselves an armor the bees can not penetrate.

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SHEEPMEN TALK GRAZING FEES

Conference Opens at Salt Lake City—Jardine Talks Today

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 24 (AP)—Whether grazing fees in the national forests and national domain shall be fixed upon a cost and economic basis or upon the commercial value of the land to stock are the divergent views from which each side will argue at the conference opening here today.

The stockmen claim that the people of the nation are benefited by their raising their cattle upon the public lands and that the benefit from the grazing costs are coming from fixing the fees upon this basis. Both the Hargrave and Casement reports bring out prominently the commercial value of the argument and the proposed increases, the stockmen claim, are based upon the commercial value of the lands.

Tells of B. C. Cases In presenting this report, Herbert C. Bryson, of Walla Walla, Wash., pointed out the fact that in British Columbia the grazing fees for sheep on forest lands serve in one and three-quarter cents per month and the fees for cattle are comparatively low compared with the rates now charged in this country. "A 25 per cent of these fees are returned to the local authorities for maintenance of the lands," Bryson said. "These rates are based entirely upon cost of administration. There is no profit cost when figuring from the social and economic point of view."

Twelve livestock men were invited to present their views at a meeting of 250 cattlemen and sheepmen yesterday. Those included Oregon, F. A. Philip, Portland.

The plan was outlined to the livestock men some time ago by Secretary Jardine, at which suggestion the conference was called. He proposed that the government officials meet the livestock men prior to the annual convention of the National Livestock Association, which meets tomorrow. The government's side of the long-standing controversy will be presented informally by Jardine, who arrives this morning from Idaho Falls, Ida.

The government officials will argue in support of the standard

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