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OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

Junior-Senior Banquet Is Held At Imbler High

The Junior class of the Imbler High school gave the annual banquet for the senior class last Saturday evening in Wade hall, under the supervision of Miss Charibel E. Cannon, Junior class advisor.

The senior class flower-is the sweet pea, so the decorations were carried out in pastel shades. A false ceiling was made of streamers of pink, yellow, green and orchid crepe paper. A large artificial chandelier hanging in the center furnished the only light with the exception of stage lights and candles. The front of the stage was banked with pine boughs.

A three-course dinner was served at seven o'clock by the women of the P. T. A. The color scheme was carried out in the table decorations by the use of candles, place cards, nut cups and flowers. Yellow and green were the colors used in the menu.

Lynn Anderson acted as toastmaster, and kept the guests well entertained.

During the course of the banquet the following toasts and addresses were given:

Address of welcome—Winona Westenskow.

"Obstacles Overcome in High School," Leo Munson.

"Overcoming Competition," Roberta Brock.

"Class Optimism," Lyle Sanderson.

"Freshman Adventures," Mary Richeson.

"Apology to Seniors," Marjorie Perry.

"Keeping Friendships," Carol Wagner.

"Acquired Knowledge," Raymond Munson.

"Sportsmanship," J. W. King.

Response to juniors—Doehen Graybeal.

After the program the "Hit and Miss" orchestra furnished music for two hours of dancing.

The program and activities for senior week follow: May 15 at 8 p. m. J. George Wiles, pastor of the Presbyterian church of La Grande, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon—"Build the Universe Around Your Own Subject."

May 18 and 19 final examinations.

May 18 8 p. m. commencement program. E. B. Ringo, of La Grande, will give the address. A slightly different type of program will be developed this year. The students to represent the graduating class will develop sub-topics of the unified topic—"Our School" in short speeches.

May 20, close of school. General assembly of High school students at 9 a. m. when cards will be given out and awards earned during the school year will be presented. 11 a. m. senior class day exercises in Wade hall.

The P. T. A. will have the picnic lunch under its direction and it will be served at noon. At 2:30 the E. O. N. and Imbler High will play the deciding game in their three-game series, each team having won on its home diamond.

Imbler is proud of the showing of her two representatives at the state track and field meet. Norvin Woodell, although not placing high enough to win any points, reached the finals of which only eight individuals of 64 entered in the 100-yard dash qualified. Woodell placed sixth—just outside the point makers in the final race.

The winner of the Cove-Imbler game for the Union county championship will meet Wallowa county champions in a three-game series for the trophy.

The state grand stand a survey of the Imbler Smith-Hughes department Monday. The grand stand is seeking a true appraisal of the worth of the Smith-Hughes instruction in the high schools of this state in order to determine whether or not to oppose the proposed withdrawal of federal aid from this work.

Prof. Harry Johnson, of the High school, and three Imbler High students, John Friswold, Max York and Howard Wilson, left just after the close of school Friday for Portland and returned Sunday night. The boys report a fine time and say they received much valuable information while there. They made a tour of inspection through several large boats in the harbor, including the old battleship, Oregon. The city editor of the Oregonian took them in charge long enough to show them through the plant and explained many phases of newspaper work. The Sunday edition was just going to press and its many departments were explained. They were guests at the police station and were shown through the jail and other departments and were given much information on how the state metropolis combats crime. The boys are loud in their praises of the fine treatment accorded them by these busy men who gave much of their valuable time to give some boys from Eastern Oregon a "break."

Mrs. E. J. Hazen left Saturday for Pendleton to visit her mother who is ill.

Phil Prior, of Portland, arrived last week to visit friends here.

The Citizenship club of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades assisted by the 1st and 2nd grades, gave a musical program for their mothers on Friday, May 6. The program, which was as follows, was announced by Claude Westenskow:

1. M-O-T-H-E-R, third, fourth and fifth grades.
2. Recitation, Gusta Fowler.
3. "Mother Macree," harmonica band.
4. "Morning Prayer," boys quartet, (Alvin Bushman, John Rollins, Claude Westenskow, Gus Fowler).
5. "Violet," by double quartet, (Warren McCoy, Billie Kellum, Richard Wilson, Dean Morris, Shirley Lloyd, Betty Crouser, Maurine Westenskow, Myrtha Westenskow.)

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. — Psalm 23:1

GOVERNMENT BY EXPERTS

Whenever hard times come upon our nation there is always a tendency to blame the government — including the president and all his subordinates right down to the lowest officials in state, county, and municipal governments, but especially Congress.

Our senators and representatives are blamed for seeking advantages for their own constituents at the expense of the rest of the country, blamed for legislation intended to win re-election regardless of the best interests of the nation, and blamed for great waste of time in debating questions which any ordinarily bright high school boy could settle.

The sad fact is that a considerable amount of such criticism is justified. It is true that our present form of government is not efficient, and that our economic system is sadly in need of repair. But we need not go far in search of the reason for these conditions.

During the past decade or two our colleges and universities — and even our high schools — have been placing extreme emphasis upon the physical sciences, economics, commercial subjects, and business administration. As a result, the men who are now in positions of power and influence have accomplished wonderful things in engineering, scientific research, and production of goods — the things they were trained to do.

But it is only recently that the educational institutions have been able to convince their students of the importance of the social sciences. So there has been a discouraging scarcity of public servants with definite knowledge of governmental and social principles, and the few that existed were unable to accomplish anything in competition with the mass of common politicians.

Colleges and universities everywhere are now experiencing a great growth in those departments which were formerly neglected. They are training increasing numbers of young men and women to participate in government, placing new emphasis upon history, sociology, and political science, as well as economics.

This shifting emphasis in education is an encouraging sign. College trained men and women always have been leaders, but they have naturally confined their efforts, for the most part, to the fields in which their special training was received. They have been leaders in business, science, and industry.

Now they are being trained for leadership in political science and government, trained to lead their fellow men out of the welter of problems and conflicting ideas which are hindering their progress. The time may come when we shall have a government by experts.

SURPLUS ACRES

The federal government's eagerness, during a large part of the country's development, to cultivate every potential farm acre is responsible for present farm surpluses. It is no exaggeration to say that while thousands of farms were being abandoned as unprofitable the government at Washington was encouraging the reclamation of waste lands for farm purposes.

Of the 935,000,000 acres of farmland in the United States, only 605,000,000 are actually fertile and 350,000,000 produce enough to supply domestic and foreign markets and to support farm blocs in both houses of congress.

This is not merely pointing an evil that defies a cure. Poor farmlands can be used for reforestation with benefit for the nation and with profit for the owner if he "harvest" his surplus timber.

Perhaps this suggestion appeals more to conservationists than to farmers. And it would probably meet with opposition from the farm bloc which depends upon reclamation of potential farmlands to bring more voters into their fold—to raise bigger and better surpluses, that the useful issue of "farm relief" may never die.

Other Papers Say:

JUSTIFYING MINORITY RULE

A communication on this page brings up a very important question of government, because it is an attempt to justify minority rule on the

ground that it has saved the taxpayer money.

Through the process of the referendum a few citizens deprived the state institutions of higher learning of the \$1,181,000 appropriation given to them by the last legislature, and our correspondent reasons that because the referendum saved the taxpayers that sum it was justified.

The trouble with minority rule by means of the referendum is that it is a two-edged sword, which can cut both ways. It pleases our correspondent in this instance because it saves

him a few dollars a year. But has it occurred to him that it could be used in such a way as to cost him more money than he is saving through its present employment?

Let us suppose for a moment a case in which the shoe would be on the other foot. Let us suppose a case which might actually develop within the next year or two. Let us suppose that the voters decide in the coming election that they will have cheap motoring; that they will cut the license fee to 50c. Let us suppose that the incoming legislature, fearing that such an act would throw the burden of retiring the \$29,000,000 outstanding highway bonds onto real estate, would annul the act and place the license fee back at its present level.

Then, let us suppose, that these property-less citizens, these folks who educate their children at other people's expense, should invoke the referendum, hold the operation of the legislative act in abeyance and force the farms and houses of Oregon to pay the highway bonds for them?

How would our correspondent, who owns property, feel about such a use of the referendum? How would he like minority rule then? Would it not be possible that such employment of the referendum would wipe out all his savings from his use of it against the educational institutions and even more? How would he enjoy paying for the other fellows' highways?

That's the trouble with minority rule. It's all right when it's on your side; but it's all wrong when it's against you. And one never knows when it will hurt, because it takes so few persons to invoke it.

Of course, if our correspondent should find himself thus embarrassed, this block cut would be mean enough to remind him that chickens have a way of coming home to roost. On the contrary it would come back to his porch and "meow" and perhaps he would welcome it. For this newspaper would protest just as vigorously against minority rule when it pinches its correspondent as it does when it saves him a few dollars.

If our correspondent's employment of the referendum against the schools would have permitted the state to

Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

**Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

1. Segments of curves
2. Old piece of cloth
3. Barriers in streams
4. Old musical instrument
5. Karoont
6. Kingdom in Indo-China
7. End of a hammer head
8. Opposite the face
9. Country
10. Of an Oriental
11. Irmeline
12. Stop
13. Not at home
14. Pronoun
15. Short-napped
16. French city
17. Fall
18. Pertaining to the interior of a building
19. Humble
20. Kind of Jack
21. Foreign weight
22. East Indian
23. Scotch river
24. Member suit-able
25. English cathedral city

**DOWN**

1. High mountain
2. Cereal grass
3. Plumed
4. Dispatched
5. Illud'ly way of
6. Scabb
7. Scabb
8. Lessened
9. Opening
10. Scandinavian money of account
11. Close by
12. By
13. Negro corruption of master
14. Pintail ducks
15. Athletes
16. Turks
17. Japanese
18. Vase
19. Masculine name
20. Marine distress call
21. Crocus
22. Primary color
23. Afternoon naps
24. Tallest fish
25. Bend in timber
26. Cautioned in advance
27. Old word meaning to consecrate
28. Mistake
29. Disturb the peace
30. Summoned in a hotel
31. South African fox
32. Portion
33. Mountain in Idaho
34. Creek
35. Anglo-Saxon money of account

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JAPAN'S ARMY TO LEAVE SHANGHAI

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of the recently signed truce agreement were observed by China.

The troops, once returned, would be held in readiness to return should a "genuine emergency" demand it, he emphasized, but he added that the government in the future probably would be slow to decide such an emergency existed and would not consider minor infractions of the truce by the Chinese reason for dispatching troops.

"The decision is due to the Japanese government's desire to conform to world opinion," he said, "and to prove that Japan had no territorial or other ulterior motives in sending the troops to Shanghai."

The withdrawal will mean a return to conditions as they existed before the outbreak at Shanghai last January which cost thousands of lives, both Chinese and Japanese, and the destruction of millions of dollars worth of property.

Since the withdrawal of the fourteenth division from Shanghai to be sent to Manchuria, announced by the war department yesterday, only about 15,000 Japanese troops remain there. These are mostly in General Kenkichi Ueyeda's ninth division. They will be withdrawn within a month's time and will return to their original home station at Kanazawa.

The government hopes, the spokesman concluded, that the complete withdrawal of troops would facilitate the early convening of a round table conference of all the interested powers to discuss the city's future and proposals for a permanent neutral zone.

After the 9th division leaves a small force of Bluejackets only will remain there to protect Japanese residents.

SHANGHAI JAPANESE SURPRISED

SHANGHAI, May 11 (AP)—Word from Tokyo the Japanese government had decided to withdraw all its troops in this vicinity within a month caused considerable surprise in the local Japanese community and even among the military authorities.

Japanese laymen seemed to feel the situation was still too precarious to justify complete withdrawal of all troops.

Clark Wood Says

Doc Einstein has abandoned his theory that space is curved. Any ball player knows, however, that a sphere is.

"A \$20 gold piece was made to sing over radio broadcast by drawing a victim's name across the surface." Trueful, no doubt, but we'd be more impressed by century notes.

The author who says he works on a diet of sausages and onions probably wants to be assured of at least one scent a word.

Justice is vindicated, and for eleven years Al Capone will be unable to perpetrate the heinous crime of evading his income tax.

The difference between foreign and domestic relations is that our statesmen keep the latter on the government payroll.

An 800-pound lion ran amuck in a Boston radio station. Unfortunately, he couldn't catch the studio crooner.

"It takes seven private workers to support one public worker in the United States." Supporting of them, what?

St. Louis Golfers Tee Off

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Tournament golf play for 1932 in the St. Louis district was inaugurated with a pro-amateur competition at Creve Coeur under auspices of the Professional Golfers' association.

Soviet Scientists To Study Stars

LENINGRAD (AP)—Under auspices of the All-Union Conference of Astronomers, an expedition of soviet scientists will travel to New Zealand this summer to measure the declination of stars in the southern hemisphere.

YOUTH SUICIDES AFTER SLAYING RELATIVE'S WIFE

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automobile hurtling down the road, driverless, to make it appear the woman had been killed in an accident.

Meeker was held in the Holmes county jail at Millersburg, pending the filing of charges.

Young and Meeker were close friends and were related by the marriage of Young's brother to Meeker's sister.

The only motive advanced for the killing of Mrs. Meeker in her husband's alleged confession was that she was "not welcome" at his home. Meeker and his wife had been separated several months but she had returned to live with him a few hours before she was slain. Young was alleged to have participated in the killing out of "friendship" for Meeker.

Health

WATER

Few persons realize the spongelike nature of the human body and yet it is a fact that 70 per cent of protoplasm, the structural basis of organic life of the human body, is water.

Water represents about two-thirds of the total weight of the body and the average man carries in his body 100 pounds of this fluid.

A man may starve for weeks, when supplied adequate water, but he will die within a few days when deprived of fluid.

Part of the explanation for this is to be found in the fact that water is the medium in which the chemical changes in metabolism occur.

It is water that brings digested food substance to the cells of the body, and water carries away the waste products incidental to cell function.

Water plays an important part in the elimination of waste products and in the control of body heat loss.

Water passes from the body through various channels. More than 700 cubic centimeters, or approximately 25 ounces, of water are lost through insensible perspiration.

Drinking an excess of water is usually followed by a compensatory output through the kidneys. There is little risk therefore in overloading the healthy body with too much water. There is greater danger in

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