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Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.—Job 22:21.

DEMOCRACY A FAILURE?

Gordon Selfridge, American-born owner of a London department store, told a British audience the other day that democracy in America has failed.

Everyone, of course, is entitled to his own opinion, and it would be foolish to assert that the American democracy has met the present crisis in anything approaching a perfect manner.

But does Selfridge mean to imply that the British limited monarchy is the perfect system, and that it has successfully coped with the great problems thrust upon it by the depression?

And where are we to find this "inspiring spirit" who will control the country "without selfishness"?

As to the possibility of operating a government on strict business principles, we are doubtful, too.

What we often overlook is the fact that no government can be perfect as long as there is any human element involved; no government can be perfectly efficient and intelligent.

Democracy is a philosophy which holds that the human rights of those at the bottom of the heap must be considered. It is a deliberate attempt to gain protection for those rights — even at the expense of efficiency in government.

PUBLIC OPINION

Public opinion makes virtue. To say that men are righteous because they fear God is to express but half of the truth; they fear God because public opinion of their time and place insists that they fear God.

When the Mississippi and the Ohio were the frontier of America, muscle was the gauge of manhood and of excellence. If a man stood high in the community, he was a wonder in a rough-and-tumble fight.

Times changed. Frontiers vanished. The roughnecks were hanged. Public opinion established industry, thrift and honesty as standards. Money and learning became of more worth than muscle.

In this day and age no man can long defy public opinion. It becomes more difficult daily for the individual to "get away with murder."

In Washington

WASHINGTON—Already jubilant Democrats around Washington are beginning to speculate as to who will be the next speaker of the house if "Happy Jack" Garner moves over as

presiding officer of the senate in the next congress. They take it for granted that he will. One of the favorite jibes in the house since Garner was nominated for the vice presidency is for some Democrat to yell at a Republican, "Wait until Jack takes over the senate. Probable successors are many. Ac-

OUT OUR WAY



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By J. R. Williams

usually, everybody seems to have a candidate.

There's the tall and lean Joe Byrnes of Tennessee, chairman of the appropriation committee. All admit that he would be a serious contender. Byrnes' opportunity during the present session of congress—in the incessant drive for economy—has caused this personally popular representative to be regarded as one of the really big guns of the house.

RAYBURN A POSSIBILITY

Sam Rayburn of Texas, the bald, pleasant, mild talking man who handled Garner's campaign for the Democratic nomination, is another to be considered.

Then there's McDuffie of Alabama, for years the Democratic vice president who nominated Garner for vice president at Chicago. And there are others such as Rainey of Illinois, at present the majority leader; Rankin, the fiery and eloquent Mississippian, and McCormack of Massachusetts.

CONGRESS RESPECTS HIM

Crisp has projected himself before the house and the country during the present congress as has probably no other member. Pushed in to the post as chairman of the ways and means committee when Collier of Mississippi was stricken ill, he has borne the brunt of terrific responsibility almost since the beginning of the session.

He has announced for the senate, however, and is making his last stand as a member of the house.

Republicans and Democrats alike have come to acclaim Crisp for the work he has done during the past few months.

He leaves the house respected and admired.

Other Papers Say:

THE PENDULUM REVERSES

Public opinion, like the pendulum of the clock, swings from one extreme to the other.

A dozen years ago, opinion in the

United States, outside of the Northern Atlantic coast and some of the largest cities, upheld national prohibition. Today this same opinion is turning away from prohibition. It is at the opposite swing of the pendulum.

Fed by misleading propaganda on liquor consumption during prohibition days, disappointed by early failures of enforcement of the prohibition law and yielding to the arguments of those who demand for themselves the right to drink as one of their personal liberties, many well-meaning persons have been won to the cause of repeal.

Observing this swing in public sentiment, the two great political parties of the nation have declared in their platform of this year in favor of resubmitting the question of national prohibition. The Republicans favor resubmission of the question to the states. The Democrats declare more bluntly for repeal of the amendment.

But there is not much difference between the two platforms. For, if resubmission favors repeal, repeal will be inevitable. If the nation declares overwhelmingly for liquor, the nation will have it. Under a government of popular opinion no other result could be tenable.

Yet the resubmission and repeal platforms of the two parties are unfair to a great army of voters who believe in prohibition and who by casting their votes in either party are forced to vote against their conscience.

Such is the situation as the nation faces the national election. The drys, in order to vote at all, must vote for some change of the prohibition amendment, either for resubmission or for repeal.

One of the favorite arguments of the repealists is the one that drinking has not decreased under prohibition. Yet the department of vital statistics of the United States bureau of the census says that deaths due to alcoholism have fallen off fifty per cent since prohibition became effective. Again, the benefits of prohibition have been felt in the homes of the poor, where alcoholism formerly

caused misery. Society women arguing for repeal know nothing of the agony which alcohol has heaped upon their less fortunate sisters.

So far as enforcement is concerned, it must be admitted that the early years of control were sorry ones. But in recent years, the government and the states have been doing more efficient work. It is expecting too much to look for immediate 100 per cent enforcement. A nation that had drunk for generations cannot change its custom overnight. A nation that is made up of a cosmopolitan people cannot expect its citizens of foreign origin to lay aside on the instant their customs which they have brought with them. Prohibition enforcement is a matter of progressive education.

This process of education has been gaining in efficiency in recent years. Generally speaking, the persons who have cried out the loudest against the evil of law enforcement, are the ones who by their habits and example have done their utmost to cause it.

Thus far, no critic of prohibition has brought forward a better solution of the liquor problem. Everybody who favors repeal expects some master mind to show him or her the remedy after prohibition shall have been voted out.

There are master minds at work on the problem. The solution will be the return of the open saloon.

These master minds are telling us that we must save America by giving her a chance to drink herself to death. And their gospel is catching the ears of the crowd.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

Gov. Roosevelt's Trip Nearing End

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Yachts and fishing craft circled the Myth.

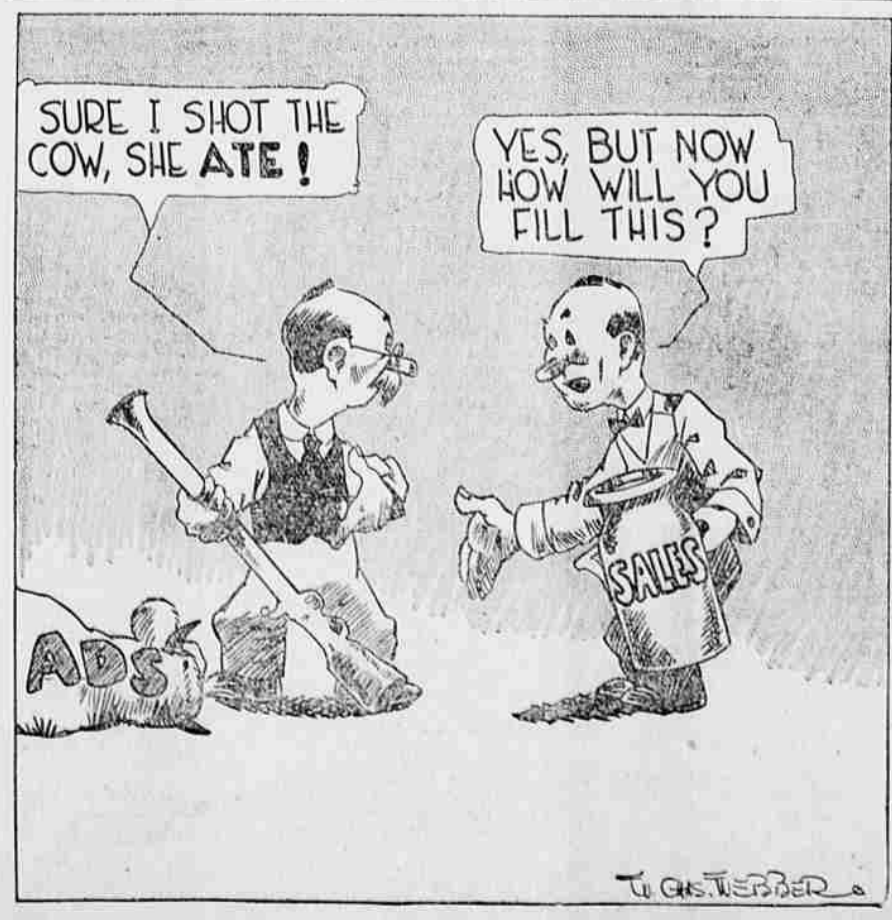
House and Roosevelt chatted for twenty minutes.

House declared for Roosevelt as the party nominee last winter.

George Briggs of Boston, one of the Myth's crew, was doubtful there would be enough wind to make Little harbor tonight. Little harbor is a few miles from Portsmouth where the week's trip ends tomorrow. Roosevelt may be the end of the day's run, Briggs said.

The wind was south, southeast as the Myth pointed toward Gloucester. The velocity was no more than eight miles an hour.

Not Much of a Saving



J. G. WEBBER

OWYHEE DAM WILL BE DEDICATED ON SUNDAY, JULY 17

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On the Oregon side of the warm and fertile Snake river valley. An unusual feature of the dam is the ring-gate spillway of "glory hole" built in a natural shelf of rock behind the dam. A drop of about 300 feet into the depths of the earth links with a diversion tunnel cut through the interposing rock and below the main portion of the dam. The entire river thus is sent through this subterranean passage while the dam blocks the course it ran since the earth was young.

Thousands of persons are expected to attend the dedication ceremony, to be held at 2 p. m. A special train will leave Dunaway, 5 miles southwest of Nyssa, on the Homedale branch of the Oregon Short Line railroad, at 11 a. m., arriving at the dam at 1 p. m. Free transportation has been provided up the heretofore inaccessible Owyhee river canyon. Upon reaching the dam visitors will find free buses to take them to the top of the structure where the speakers' stand and public address system has been installed.

The unveiling of the bronze tablet at the end of the dam will be part of the ceremony. Others who will attend are Governor C. Ben Ross of Idaho, R. E. Shepherd, president of the Idaho state chamber of commerce; J. H. Lowell, former president of the Gem irrigation district of Idaho; F. A. Banks, engineer of the Owyhee project, and a group of Oregon officials.

After the program the galleries of the dam will be opened to the public for inspection. And 4200 feet of galleries are served by an electric elevator, an innovation in dam construction.

WILBUR IN YAKIMA

YAKIMA, Wash., July 16 (AP)—Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, will end his Washington state visit today with an inspection tour of the undeveloped Roza irrigation project in this valley. Late today he will leave for the Owyhee dam in Oregon to participate in the dedication of the structure.

While in Washington he toured the proposed Columbia basin irrigation project, attended the dedication ceremonies of the completion of another unit of the Kittitas project and visited other irrigation developments.

COCHRAN TO ATTEND

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Cochran left this morning to attend the dedication of the Owyhee dam. They will be among the guests at a dinner to be given in Ontario tonight, at which Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, and Elwood Mead, chief of the reclamation service of the federal government, will be the guests of honor. On Sunday they will attend the dedication of the dam.

Mr. Cochran is acquainted with Mr. Wilbur, the latter having attended Stanford university from which Mr. Cochran graduated.

FANTASY STAGED AT EAST NORMAL

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concealed in the cottage of one of her young subjects, a boy, portrayed by Miss Ewagynne Jones. While he sat watching the lentils boil, the terrible headman, who was Dallas Norton in long thin moustaches and a fantastic costume, was preparing for the beheading, while the queen was not to be found.

A Real Mix-Up The queen was to be beheaded as the four bells rang twelve. However, if the four bells did not ring simultaneously that was also an offense for which the bell ringer, who was also the terrible headman, could be beheaded. The time for the execution passed, the bells did not ring together and the queen was not yet found.

The queen, Miss Frances McKennon, came out from hiding and ordered the execution as ordered. Whereupon, the headman, disguised if he were beheaded in the capacity of the terrible headman, he would be unable to behead himself in the capacity of the bell ringer, and several tragedies were averted in the amusing production.

Among the six who passed the little boy on their way to the execution were the Mime, played by Cecil Posey, who planned to make some money juggling for the onlookers; the milkmaid, portrayed by Miss Helen Glenn; the blind man, Joe Sayre; and the ballad singer, who sang a ballad before leaving to secure his best red coat for the execution. Harold Boner took the role of the prologue, and Charles McLin was the device bearer.

"You" was seated in the audience and would interrupt the play to ask questions, Miss Ruth Smalley taking the role.

The committees assisting in the production were Miss Elizabeth Ashbaugh, prompter; Margaret Maddock, chairman; Frank Ferris, Elta Dale, Harriett Singleton, Frances McKennon, Cecil Posey, Charles McLin, Dallas Norton, make-up; Francis Lewis, chairman; Wiley Hewitt, Dwight Mahoney, lights; Elizabeth Ashbaugh and Iris Morgan, co-chairman; Frances McKennon, Beth Christensen, costumes; Alysie Milne, Ruth Smalley, Harriett Glenn, Louise Hardman, costumes; Harold Boner, chairman, Eltona Hansen, Helen Glenn, Wiley Hewitt, Elsie Gietlhuber, Joe Sayre, stage.

Mrs. Caroline Daniels designed the stage sets and costumes, while Ralph Badgley was in charge of the scenery.

Musical numbers were presented by Miss Seville Pratt, violinist, accompanied by Miss Gladys Miller; Miss Glee Sias, pianist; Mrs. Margaret Maddock, vocal, accompanied by Mrs. T. R. Maxwell; and William Caldwell, vocal, accompanied by Mrs. Maxwell.

After the play those in the audience were invited to meet a "real queen" and punch was served to them on the stage.

Bob Logan, southpaw sensation of the Knoxville, Tenn., Sunokes, has been recalled by the Indianapolis club of the American association.

Twenty-two of 26 lettermen will return to play football at Alabama next fall.

Mrs. T. R. Akins Buried Tuesday At Enterprise

(Special)

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—Mrs. T. R. Akins passed away a few minutes before midnight, Sunday night, July 10, 1932, in the Enterprise hospital. She was taken ill a year ago and had the best of medical aid, but cancer and she fought a losing battle to the end. Mr. and Mrs. Akins bought the hotel at Innaha last winter and moved there but Mrs. Akins had to come back to the valley.

Mary May Elizabeth Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Pierce, was born August 26, 1874, at Maryville, Cal. She came to the Willamette valley with her parents when she was three years old. At the age of 18 years she was married to S. B. Couch, of Harriaburgh. To this union seven children were born.

In December, 1914, she came to Enterprise, and Sept. 11, 1915 she was married to Thomas R. Akins.

Mrs. Akins is survived by her husband, T. R. Akins, two daughters and five sons; Mrs. Orval Duncan, Portland; Mrs. Jack Grant, Pasadena, Cal.; A. F. Couch, Yreka, Cal.; Frank of Pasadena, Cal.; and Lloyd, Floyd and Leo Couch, of Enterprise; also 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Booth chapel at 2 p. m. Tuesday, by Rev. H. K. Wallis of the Methodist church, and interment was in the Enterprise cemetery.

A son was born last Wednesday night, July 6, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood, at the Enterprise hospital. The boy has been named Harry Ellsworth.

Max Ford, former resident of this city, returned last Sunday from Sedro-Woolley, Wash. for an indefinite stay. Max is the son of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Ford, former pastor of the Christian church.

ALICEL PERSONALS

By Mrs. Carl Fuller (Observer Correspondent)

ALICEL (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Travis and son, of Lime, who have been visiting at the D. B. Ruckman home left Wednesday for Walla Walla Lake to spend a week. They were accompanied by Mr. Travis' daughter, Miss May, and her friend, Miss Evelyn Anderson.

Harold Wallinger was quite badly bruised and shaken up last Friday when he stepped backwards off a hay rack while forking off a load of hay. He was unconscious for a while but was better after a few hours.

George Johnson is busy this week mowing his second crop of alfalfa. His brother, Enoch, is helping him.

Harvey Ruckman is repairing his heading outfit and plans to start heading the first of next week as the grain is ripening fast.

Miss Jessie Matthews, of Baker, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Carl Fuller, and also at the home of her grandfather, C. C. Welch, of Imbler.

William Kirkoff has returned from Baker where he has been taking treatments. He is much improved in health although not able to do any hard work yet. He is at the W. E. Ruckman home.

Miss Ruth Johnson is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. R. Gezeler, in Grange Hall this week.

Miss Georgianna Lockwood, of La Grande, is a guest at the Ed Clark home at Alicel.

Miss Eva Ledbetter is spending the week at the home of her sister, Miss Henry Lennig at Muddy creek.

Mrs. Margaret Oliver, who has been visiting old friends and relatives in the valley since Decoration day, left Thursday for her home in Portland.

Mrs. Julia Neville, an old resident of the valley, spent Friday visiting her old friend, Grandma Gaskill.

NO RELIEF SEEN FORM HOT SPELL IN SOUTH STATES

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In most of the area where it was to stay for a time yet. The greatest loss of life was in New Orleans where five have died in two days.

FOUR DIE IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, July 16 (AP)—Four deaths resulted from the heat here last night. The temperature reached 98 degrees yesterday.

Ish Williams of Rome, Ga., broke his own record when he swam 50 yards in 24 3-5 seconds at the Southern A. A. U. meet this year.

There Is No Substitute For Quality

SUPPOSE you bought a pair of stockings for forty-nine cents. You might wear them once, possibly twice, and then a hole appears. Was your purchase a bargain? No. You would have received more for your money if you had paid enough to insure the quality of the merchandise. The store that talks nothing but "Price, Price, Price!" is hindering some of its customers from making a deliberate choice of worthwhile merchandise. There are people, however, who will not be deceived.

FOR sixty-four years Falk's have been doing business. In all these years, through varying economic conditions; through periods of depression or inflation our stores have kept steadily true to their conviction... "There Is No Substitute for QUALITY."

FALK'S

Over The Valley Personals

Horses Frightened—Accidents happen on the T. B. Johnson farm in the Frosty district, too. One team on the mower, left to stand for a few minutes, became frightened and ran away, causing some damage. In the afternoon the rake team, becoming frightened when the ring broke out of the end of the tongue, ran away, damaging the rake but injuring no one.

Johnny Shirah again is city golf champion of Lakeland, Fla., after recapturing the title he won in 1930 and lost in 1931.

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GARDEN POTTERY

Add a piece to your rockery now. You'll find it at Clarks Florists. 7-16-1 t

ANNOUNCING NON-TAXABLE Admissions on dances at Eagles hall and Danceland Park, men 40c; ladies 10c. 7-15-2 t.

Hemstitching, pleating, button holes, etc. Norton's Kiddy Shop. —Adv.

LEGION BENEFIT DANCE Summerville, Sat., July 16. 7-15-2 tp

LIQUIDATION NOTICE

The La Grande National Bank, located at La Grande, in the State of Oregon is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.

F. L. MYERS, President. Dated June 13th, 1932. 6-14-60 t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of David Woodhead, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of attorneys, Green & Hess, at La Grande, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon this 18th day of June, 1932. R. J. GREEN, Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of David Woodhead, Deceased. June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16.

SAVE ALWAYS EVER. IT took that reliable, straight-thinking philosopher, Will Rogers to explode the myth that indiscriminate spending would bring back prosperity. Real prosperity is built on the twin solid rocks of normal spending and normal saving. Buy normally. But remember to save normally, too. \$1.00 OPENS AN ACCOUNT. First National Bank