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THE TEACHER TURNOVER

The teacher turnover in our local schools as well as the rural schools is the biggest problem facing the school boards as well as school patrons of today. The faculty lists in most schools have not been announced, but we will venture the assertion that the percentage of teachers reemployed will be less than 50 percent. Because of poor pay some will quit the teaching profession, while others will go to larger districts offering better pay and more advantages. Despite the fact that teachers generally have been given slight increases in salaries, the increases offered teachers have not kept pace with salaries and wages of other professions. The net result is that our schools will suffer and more of the smaller schools may be closed.

Smaller schools now are being staffed largely by ex-teachers who have gone back to teaching because they felt that they are needed. Otherwise these schools might remain closed. It is unfortunate that our taxation system isn't flexible enough to meet a situation of this kind and still more unfortunate that the public does not always understand the position of the teacher with reference to the salary.

We are learning that we can't have one class or profession prosper at the expense of other classes and perhaps have comparatively high wages in some professions and not have a comparative scale for others. This has been the trouble with our internal situation as well as our international situation and the facts are recognized by those who have assembled in San Francisco this week to try to work out a plan for world peace. To promote international peace we must at first promote a stable economical condition not for one nation, but for all nations and the same situation exists nationally, all classes should be entitled to a decent wage scale.

The inequities in our system brought about labor unions with a prime purpose of giving the union members a standard of living comparable to other classes. In 1932 the farmer had to establish a barter system to live and the present subsidy plan, whether we like it or not, is the outgrowth of an effort to raise the farmer's purchasing power.

Now for \$100.00 to \$125.00 which the average salary of the teacher, we expect him or her to live and earn enough money in the meantime to continue his training course so that he can offer our children the best there is in education. Teaching is one profession where the teacher never stops going to school because he is expected to keep up with new methods and new technique. Out of this wage scale we expect him or her to be a good citizen, buy bonds, support community enterprises, save enough to go to summer school and finally save enough to retire in his or her old age.

It ain't in the arithmetic.

THE BAIT SMELLS

At a time when our government is scratching the bottom of the tax barrel to find funds to meet current obligations, it is the height of folly to propose a hundred-million-dollar public expenditure annually to establish a Rural Telephone Administration, which after all the camouflage is removed, is just a device for putting the government into the telephone business, the same as into the electric power business.

In a country that has more telephone than all the rest of the world, there is no excuse for the government spending taxpayers' money in this manner.

The bill which would authorize this \$100,000,000 expenditure and a new government bureau with high salaried officials, would loan money to small telephone companies for 1 1/2 per cent, lower than they could possibly get it any other way.

Significantly, the small companies did not fall for the cheap money bait, for the United States Independent Telephone Association has gone on record in opposition to the measure.

Aside from their objection to government in business, the telephone companies oppose the Rural Telephone Administration idea as contrary to the best interests of the United States, and of the farmer in getting telephone service. They feel that the logical expansion of the industry as private enterprise, will get more telephones to more people more quickly, when material and manpower are available, than any political agency.

Medical men are astonished by a rare case just called to their attention: a man suffering from a cigarette cough.—Pittsburgh Press.

Teen Aged Boys to Be Trained Again As Farm Workers

A limited training program for boys from 14 to 17 years old who want full-time summer farm jobs will be conducted again this year at Oregon State college, announces Russel M. Adams, assistant state farm labor supervisor in charge of youth activities.

A maximum of 15 boys will be given instruction each week for four weeks from May 20 to June 17, although the actual number accepted for training will depend on previous orders from farmers, according to Adams.

On the basis of last year's program, when 40 boys were trained and placed in summer farm jobs, the state farm labor office anticipates more applications from boys than can be handled. Many of these teen-age boys, however are

expected to be placed by county farm labor assistants directly without having taken the course.

"The purpose of this course is as much to determine the attitude, willingness and general ability of the boys for farm work as it is to give them pointers on how to do the job better," Adams points out. "In a week we can give them only a limited amount of instruction but we hope to find out how well they will fit in with farmers who are willing to give them additional help."

The campus program includes instruction in such things as truck and tractor driving, farm machinery upkeep, safety methods in handling bulls, doing chores, handling milking equipment, feeding, general farm work and safety first with livestock and machinery.

Additional information concerning this program is available from county extension service farm labor offices and through two extension circulars, No. 438 for prospective farmer employers and No. 439 for boys.

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

THE CAPITAL MOURNS. The Capital is in a state of official mourning which will continue for thirty days from the date of President Roosevelt's death. The City of Washington, being accustomed to big news breaks and sudden shocks, has apparently quickly absorbed the recent world-shaking event, and business goes on as usual. One thing is clear, however, and that is Franklin Delano Roosevelt is going to take a place in history along with the greatest. He not only served longer as president than any other, but he was president during the depths of economic depression and during war-time affluence. He was president while the seeds of the present war were germinating, and he was war president almost to the time of final victory. Whatever his critics say of other phases of his administration, Mr. Roosevelt was eminently successful as Commander-in-Chief in the prosecution of the war.

TRUMAN AS PRESIDENT. The question most people are asking now is "What kind of president will Mr. Truman make?" I cannot attempt to answer this question, but like nearly everyone else, I am willing to discuss it.

As Senator, Harry Truman was a hard-working, conscientious man. He was not classified as one of the New Deal Senators. In fact, many of the reports made by his special committee which investigated war contracts were sharply critical of the Administration. Other than for the excellent work done by his committee, which was known as the Truman Committee, Senator Truman was just an average Senator—able, effective, but not outstanding.

Quite likely, President Truman will be about the same kind of a president that he was a senator. President Truman is a modest man and a very genuine sort of person.

Although Truman is not a New Dealer, he is a Party man. As a good Party supporter and a democratic senator, Truman, while in the Senate, generally voted in support of administration policies. But, as everyone knows, there is a sharp cleavage in the ranks of the majority party, the new deal left wingers on the one side, and the normal and conservative democrats on the other. Since the late President Roosevelt headed the party organization while this cleavage was developing, he had little difficulty in keeping the support of both factions. It does not seem likely that Truman can do the same.

Whatever political problems may arise to plague President Truman in the future, he has taken over the office in an atmosphere of general approval and of sympathy for the gigantic task with which he is faced. He quite evidently has the whole-hearted good will of the Congress. He has already let it be known that he will appeal to the senators and representatives for advice and counsel.

It is not considered likely that Mr. Truman will make any changes in the Cabinet immediately.

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Cottage Grove lodge Loyal Order of Moose No. 810 meets every Tuesday evening 8:00 p. m. at Phillips hall.

ately. He will, of course, install people of his own choice in the secretarial staff, and will reorganize the White House to suit his own ideas. This will doubtless mean the elimination of Harry Hopkins, Judge Rosenman and others.

After the San Francisco Conference, it is expected that Frances Perkins, Francis Biddle and possibly Postmaster General Frank Walker and Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau may be replaced.

Apparently, Truman will make a very careful selection of the individuals he names on important jobs, and having named them, will give them ample authority and expect them to carry on without further coaching from the top.

RODS WANTED FOR MARINE PATIENTS

Alton F. Baker of Eugene, chairman of the Rods for Marines committee in addressing Boy Scouts of this region, has sent out an urgent appeal for rods for the Marines. At the Marine base in Klamath Falls, 5,000 Marines have returned from the South Pacific, suffering from tropical diseases. The only cure is the rebuilding of the human body and this is being done through an outdoor program, similar to the Boy Scout movement. The task of region eleven is to secure fifty fishing rods and reels for these Marines. Either a rod or reel or a part thereof is acceptable. If you have a rod or reel to donate, please call Orlo Baffley, phone No. 7, and a Scout will pick it up.

BAPTIST TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the First Baptist church will be held May 3rd in the church dining room at 6:45. A potluck supper will be served followed by the business session. All members are urged to be present for this very important meeting.

Opal Whiteley Is Believed To Be In English Convent

Older residents of Cottage Grove will remember the fantastic story of Opal Whiteley as outlined in her diary, portions of which were published by the Atlantic Monthly in 1922. The story created a furor in the literary world and in other circles. Cottage Grove was particularly interested because it was the locale for the large part of the foster-parentage fantasy. Elbert Bede, former editor of the Sentinel, reported the local end of the story and followed up on the story for a period of 15 years. Those who were interested in the story will be interested in some recent information which Mr. Bede has secured through Ellery Sedgwick, who was editor of Atlantic Monthly at the time Opal's story was published. Opal entered a convent in England a number of years ago and is believed still to be there. Immediately before that she published in English magazines stories of a trip to India, where her foster-parentage fantasy was accepted. This fantasy included immediate descent from Prince Henry de Bourbon of France, an explorer who frequently visited India and may have married a native of that country. Regardless of the truth, or lack thereof, of the foster-parentage fantasy, Opal was unquestionably received as a member of one of India's royal families and was feted as such, went on various hunts and pilgrimages on elephants that were decked out in royal trappings and otherwise played the part of a princess. From a Cottage Grove lumber camp to a princess of India was how the little Cottage Grove girl made good. More mysterious still is the fact that the expenses of Opal's

ONE WAY TO RELIEVE CROWDED HOSPITALS
Cut Down Tonsil Slaughter

The abuse of tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy and the supposed importance of the tonsils as "foci of infection" has subsided a good deal since the hey-days of the 1920's, but when one realizes that at present about one-third of all surgical operations are for tonsillectomy, something must be wrong. Since there is no acceptable evidence that the indiscriminate removal of tonsils benefits the patient with arthritis, nephritis, rheumatic fever and heart disease, or with diseases of the eye, and since the incidence of cold and pneumonia is not reduced by the operation, there would seem to be no need for its wholesale perpetuation.

Errors should not be made in diagnosing the natural state of hypertrophy of the tonsils in childhood as evidence of "infected tonsils" simply because they are enlarged. They rarely become large enough to interfere seriously with breathing or eating, and it is rarely possible by inspection to state with certainty that the tonsils are "infected".

DR. H. A. HAGEN

trip to India were paid by the mother of Prince Henry. The latter not living to deny or support Opal's story, Mr. Sedgwick is of the belief that Opal firmly believed her own story as published in Atlantic Monthly. He has no apology to make for its publication, although he does not rise to express his own belief or disbelief in one of the greatest of literary yarns as written by Opal.

Delmar Rearrick GM 2/c recently completed officers' training school at San Francisco. Delmar and Mrs. Lester Rearrick of Port-

land spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Lavina Rearrick, mother of Delmar, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castle, parents of Mrs. Lester Rearrick.

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WHAT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE? Keep this in mind: Stocks in nearly every lumber yard in America are depleted because all wood has gone to war. Millions are planning new homes when war is finally over. Europe will need lumber to rebuild. In other words, your work with wood products is permanent... it's work with a future... the future of free America! So stay on the job—for your country, and for your own and your family's security!

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