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Editorial

DESPICABLE POLITICS

It now is revealed, in litigation over the spoils of slander, that John Hamill, author of "Under Two Flags; the Strange Career of Mr. Hoover," contrived his sentimental volume by deliberate distortion of events in the life of its subject. In an affidavit repudiating this work of profitable malice, Hamill confesses to having undertaken a slanderous misrepresentation—by partial quotation from court records to the end that statements apparently damaging when considered alone, but wholly innocent when taken with their context, should be circulated as fact.

To the lasting shame of Americans it may be said that many thousands of them read and approved the Hamill book, nor blinked at accepting its every declaration as gospel. The president, of course, was the chief executive of his country. He could not with dignity meet these malign accusations, these cowardly intimations, but must rely instead upon the better discernment of his countrymen. There was no other course. But at a time when his burden was far heavier than that which the office usually decrees, for the economic woes and worries of the people were descending upon him, this book was avidly sought and read as the true appraisal of the president. Mr. Hamill now admits that he perpetrated a falsehood. The sounder sentiment of the nation never believed otherwise.

But so strangely are we constituted, and so deaf are we to justice in such matters, that Mr. Hamill's repudiation will never be so celebrated, so eagerly attended, as was his slander. That he subsequently should brand himself a literary liar will seem now of no consequence to many citizens who accepted his fabrications as truth beyond need of further proof. Yet time achieves certain amendments. The Hamill slanders have all but been forgotten.—Oregonian.

THINGS THAT MIGHT OCCUR

(Continued from page 1.)

Losses in European markets compensated for by the growth of markets in the countries bordering on the Pacific ocean.

Gradual abandonment of much (farm) land in the back hills, with the responsibility for such a move likely to devolve largely upon the state.

Drastic restrictions on corporate enterprises.

A continuing problem of the relationship between negroes and whites.

More complicated and more grave minority group problems.

Further increases in divorce rates unless programs are instituted to counteract this tendency.

A revolution in housing methods, with the question of government aid arising.

Preservation of an adequate degree of local self-government looming as one of the large problems of the future.

Growing abundance of minerals available at declining prices, then rising costs, with the ultimate outlook suggested by the position of England, where growing difficulties of mining have swallowed up the gains the technology and the output per worker in the coal mines is less than it was 50 years ago.

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PIRATES WEEKLY

Editor, Peggy Corson

SCHOOL BEGUN AGAIN

Mixed cries of delight and amazement greeted the news that school would not begin Tuesday morning as had been planned. Why? Fate, dear readers, fate! Some unknown element had very obligingly placed a few imposing slides on the necessary tracks and covered a few with enough water to make progress impossible. Therefore, our teachers spent a few anxious days worrying about their students' profound disappointment at finding a teacherless school. But they really needn't have concerned themselves, for we were all getting along nicely. However, Miss Clark and Miss Ledbetter arrived Wednesday slightly the worse for wear, with thrilling tales of their journey. Picture our two dignified and worthy instructors being dumped unceremoniously with a few other passengers, their baggage and the collection of a few days' mail into the deep recesses of a Liberty truck. What other remarks are necessary?

TOURNAMENT SUGGESTED

A letter recently received from Mr. Sevy of Langlois contained the satisfactory plans for a tournament to decide the Northern Curry Girls' Basketball Championship for 1932-1933. These games would include only those played by Langlois and Port Orford. The terms as stated by Mr. Sevy and agreed to by Port Orford are as follows:

"A banner shall be awarded to the winning team at the close of the game, February 17, to be the property of the winner. If a tie occurs in the two scheduled games, January 27 at Port Orford and February 17 at Langlois, the banner will be awarded to the school holding the highest total score.

"The banner shall be designed and purchased by the principals of the two schools. It shall be financed as follows: Langlois, \$2.00; Port Orford, \$2.00; Mr. Sevy (personal), \$1.00; total, \$5.00.

"All rosters from the visiting school at each game shall be admitted without charge.

"A neutral referee shall be provided by the home team, that is acceptable to the visiting team."

These games should be anticipated with great interest for they promise to be exceedingly interesting and should have the wholehearted support of the community.

SCIENCE DEBATE

A discussion that really began prior to the Christmas holidays has finally come to a climax. A debate was arranged for the benefit of the class Friday to be judged by the students. Raymond Kreiger and Howard Whitman upheld the theory that the lightning rods on tops of buildings protect the buildings because they take the overcharge from the clouds into the earth. Leaman Dean and Vernon McIntee claim that the rods discharge the surcharged electricity from the earth. Perhaps both ideas are right—perhaps they are not irreconcilable. However, the class has learned a great deal in their research.

TECHNOCRACY STUDIED

The Social Problems class is beginning to delve deep into the mysteries of Technocracy. Clippings are to be read and reported during class and when the students have learned more about it the period will probably be turned into a general discussion, for already differences in opinion have been freely aired. Friday, Miss Clark read an interesting article from the Reader's Digest on "What Is Technocracy?" which gave enlightenment on several points.

MANY STUDENTS ABSENT

It was hoped that by the time school had again started that the general illness which has seemingly taken the community by storm would have subsided somewhat, but that does not seem to be the case. Thursday and Friday mornings 10 students were absent and Friday afternoon nine were missing. A few of these have the flu, either for the first time or are victims of a relapse, which seems to be quite popular.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE

With several games to be realized in the near future, it will be necessary for all basketball players to snap into training and more or less strenuous practice. Thursday night was turned into the regular Monday night practice for both teams and Friday afternoon found the greater part of the student body witnessing a game between the first and second boys' teams. The score was nothing to brag about on the part of the second team, as the first team seemed to have a steady run of luck and defeated their opponents by a large difference in score.

SEMESTER ENDS SOON

At the monthly meeting of the school board it was decided that the first semester should be extended one week from the original date of expiration. This will make up for most of the time lost for one reason or another during the past month. So January 21 will find examinations over the following Monday to begin a clean sheet. The next week will be spent in thorough review for all classes.

STUDENT BODY MEETS

At the regular student body meeting Friday afternoon several matters of importance were settled. After the motion to the effect that all bills should be paid, the members decided to complete the necessary business towards the completion of one of the semester projects. It was found impossible to appropriate enough money for the original plan, that of buying a drinking fountain for the gym, but that we would probably have sufficient funds to build 12 lockers for each basement for the use of all basketball players. Final arrangements were put into the hands of a committee consisting of Gerald Rutledge, chairman, Edward Lindberg and Marion Wilson.

The student body was pleased to find their check for a light bill returned by Mr. Frank Seal of the Port Orford Electric Company together with the receipted bill. They find this to be an aid to their financial situation and wish to extend their thanks to Mr. Seal.

TASKS DISTRIBUTED

In order to make the general upkeep of the school building easier, several students are appointed each month to assume the responsibilities of certain rooms. For the month of January Miss Clark has appointed Maxine Barklow to keep the Science room in order; Rae Capps the girls' basement; June Crumley the typing room.

GENERAL NOTES

Vernice Ingell was a visitor at school Thursday and Friday. Donald McKen visited school Friday noon.

Cards and letters have been re-

ceived from Donna McKenzie who has recently entered Ashland Normal. She writes that she has registered and will start her regular classes soon. Best of luck, Donna!

CHAMBER FAVORS "BUY AMERICAN"

Western World

The "Buy American" slogan was adopted by the Bandon Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting at Jerry's yesterday when it adopted a resolution proposed by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The resolution follows:

"Whereas America is being flooded with foreign goods which are being held in this country at prices below the domestic cost of production resulting in prostration of American industry and the unemployment of millions of men, and,

"Whereas, these conditions have been aggravated because of the depreciated currencies of over forty nations that have gone off the gold standard, enabling them to sell in our domestic market at a differential ranging from five to sixty per cent, and,

Whereas, France was quick to appreciate the disadvantages to her commerce and promptly imposed a surtax equal to the difference between the par value and the depreciated value of the currencies of these countries that had abandoned the gold standard, Germany and Canada adopting similar measures,

"Be it therefore resolved, that emergency legislation designed to permit application of excises or surtaxes on all competitive imports both dutiable and non-dutiable compensating for exchange variations is urgently needed and should be immediately enacted by the Congress of the United States."

Favor Post Office Bill

The chamber also adopted a resolution asking the Oregon delegation in Congress to favor the Brunner Bill, known as House Bill No. 6305 to provide that post offices of the second class shall not be relegated to third class unless annual receipts are less than \$5500.

Under present conditions the sale of postage has diminished to an extent that would put many post offices in the state, including Bandon, back to the third class, thus reducing the number of clerks and curtailing the service. The bill is to temporarily maintain the present classification for a year.

The local committee of the chamber which appeared before the budget hearing at Coquille on the 31st reported that its plea to leave the school per capita tax as it has been for the past year met with no success, the opposition being too great.

Heavenly Visitor Appears in Sky Christmas Morn

Western World

A meteor of unusual size was observed close to the earth in this vicinity between six and seven o'clock on Christmas morning. In Bandon several people reported having seen a peculiar light on that morning and thought it perhaps was the aurora borealis so it created little attention locally. However, since then a number of people living in the Fourmile section to the south of Bandon have reported seeing a real live meteor. Among those seeing it were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kay and Fremont Moore. A large ball of fire shot through the air, leaving a wake of sparks and finally disappearing when it "blew up" like a sky rocket that had run its course.

The Coquille Sentinel says that several Coquille people saw the meteor, which they say exploded "in close proximity to Coquille." Grover C. McQuigg told the Sentinel that he was attracted by a whistling in the air that sounded like the mill whistle at Marshfield only not so far away. Suddenly through the fog he saw a light break and it became as light as day. It was a beautiful purple ball about the size of a 50-gallon oil drum head and appeared to him to be about 2,000 feet in the air, traveling eastward with a tail of fire behind it 100 feet in length, followed by a flume of smoke more than twice that length. He thought it exploded over the Coquille ball park.

At Gold Beach, according to the Curry County Reporter, the heavenly visitor was seen by two men while they were crossing the Rogue river bridge. They reported that it disappeared in the ocean.

There seem to be several versions of the course the meteor took but from the number of people who saw it there is no question as to its authenticity.

Farm Mortgage Situation Perplexes All Concerned

Western World

The farm mortgage situation is one of the serious economic problems confronting the country, according to a review of the agricultural situation by the Oregon State college extension service in the current agricultural situation report. Due to the sharp drop in farm income, this problem in perplexing a great many farm owners and mortgage holders of Oregon.

Based on preliminary data, the Oregon cash farm income index is

given at 43 per cent of the 1926-1930 average. This compares with around 55 for 1931, 84 for 1930, and 100 for 1929. Most of the decline in income is due to low prices, as gross production has been fairly well maintained.

The report points out that the payment of fixed charges for interest on indebtedness out of farm income is now quite a different matter than it was three or four years ago when income was much greater.

"What can be done is the question being asked far and wide. Foreclosure! Moratorium! Adjustment! Legislation! All are being discussed and acted upon more or less," the statement says.

"In several states, county farm mortgage adjustment boards have been set up through which debtors and creditors may obtain assistance in making adjustments," the report points out. "These county boards are composed of persons who are capable of supplying valuable information and suggestions to both creditors and debtors in the present emergency."

The report also gives data on the amount of farm mortgage indebtedness and the percentage held by various lending agencies, and an outline of possible legislative action by congress. Copies of the report are available from county agricultural agents.

"All you need to get back to the farm," says a writer, "is backbone"—and some liniment to rub on it.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Curry. In the Matter of the ESTATE of CHARLES HOWELL PEARSE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, as administrator of the Estate of Charles Howell Pearse, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Curry, and that Saturday, the 4th day of February, 1933, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said date, at the court room of said court, has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto, and the settlement thereof.

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HARRY A. PEARSE,

Administrator

JULIUS COHN,

Attorney for Administrator

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior.

General Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, December 17, 1932.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Lorenzo D. Romine, of Port Orford, Oregon, who, on Sept. 11th, 1931, made homestead entry Serial No. 019807, for E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 25 Township 32 S., Range 15 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Fred Coughell, United States Commissioner, at Gold Beach, Oregon, on the 20th day of January, 1933.

Claimant names as witnesses: John E. Slove, Charles Forty, Wm. Hurst, Sr., and Perry Hurst, all of Port Orford, Oregon.

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