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Just PERSONAL



By DEWEY

The living love to get flowers and we are no exception. Last Friday afternoon when a beautiful potted plant, bearing a card with this inscription: "If the town can endure you for five years, we should be able for the next 50 years" thrilled us no end, but the remainder "if it should wilt, cook it like spinach" surely put us in the dumps.

In the first place, it has been six years that the town has had to endure us—and pretty flowers such as this plant, when wilted, would make beautiful botany specimens. Remember how we once pressed flowers between the covers of books?

Flowers for the living is something many of us forget. We are all human in our frailties, prone to err, and to disagree with each other, but sometimes we should forgive these and send out a few blossoms, just like those we received last week. Yes, we appreciate such sentiment, even if it was primarily meant to tease.

Once, in our youth, perhaps we were not forgiving in case of a disagreement. However, as age creeps along, mellowness is most

likely to come. Our best friends, we have found, are those with whom we have many disagreements—many arguments.

Am anxious to hear about Rev. E. C. Hicks' trip which kept him away almost four months. I am certain that he has quite a story to tell. Observant and worldly wise, he saw many things which have a bearing on the way trends are heading today. Will try to persuade him to write his observations in a story form.

Those of the Pilot readers who have never had the opportunity, such as I have, to know this grand man, so rich in experience, so understanding of humanity, it should be your resolve to meet him as soon as possible. My hope is that the Community church is able to enlist his services in the building of the new building.

Few know how much Rev. Hicks had to do with the early development of the Lower Yellowstone basin of Montana. He was identified with banks, with schools, with youth and newspapers. He is by far, I know, the most informed of any in this area on history. He is without peer in analyzing current events.

Mr. Hicks, as early as 1942, told me about the possibilities of this area. He urged me then to get here and invest as much as I could. He knew trends better than most realized—at least I have found his predictions true to the very word.

Weather Report

For the week ending on Sunday:	Max.	Min.	Rain
March 3	52	44	.74
March 4	46	36	.71
March 5	48	34	.20
March 6	52	40	.42
March 7	66	35
March 8	70	45
March 9	53	44
Rainfall for week			2.77

WASHINGTON WEEK

By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

Perhaps the real reason why so many votes were cast in favor of sending the Universal Military Training bill back to committee was the parliamentary situation which developed on the floor. A substitute proposal, having to do with military training for high school boys, was adopted in the Committee of the Whole and the bill came to final passage in that form. When this amendment in the nature of a substitute was rejected by a roll call in the house, that left final action on the original UMT bill, reported by the committee, without any amendment whatever. Had several amendments, which were to be offered, been in the bill on final passage it would have been generally more acceptable since those amendments would have made the plan more in line with what most supporters of UMT wanted.

The rules of the House are a bit inflexible regarding an amendment in the nature of a substitute which is approved in what is called the Committee of the Whole. This subject is a bit technical for full discussion here except to say that when a substitute is passed all action of the original bill ends. That is what happened to the UMT bill in the Committee of the Whole.

I made a flying trip to Oregon to speak at a banquet in Portland Maturday night (March 1). Since I wanted to talk with the army engineers there regarding maintenance work on the harbor at Bandon, completion of the Amazon Creek drainage in Eugene, possibilities of opening the mouth of the Chetco, and to get a progress report on the Willamette basin flood control work, I stayed over Monday in Portland and took the plane out that night. Then my troubles began. The second leg of the trip to Washington, D. C., which would have landed me here at 10:30 Tuesday morning in ample time to be on the floor when the house convened, was cancelled at Denver. Then I boarded a plane scheduled to arrive here at 12:30—still in time. This flight was also cancelled, this time at Chicago where we landed in a blizzard. There was nothing to do then but take the night train, which I did and arrived here Wednesday morning, only to find that the final action on the UMT bill had been taken—and this was not expected until Thursday! The only bright spot in this whole sad story is that a "live" pair was arranged with Congressman Herlong of Florida for me. He would have voted against sending the bill back to committee, I would have voted for returning it to committee—so our two votes cancelled out.

When I was in the district in December, I received information concerning what appeared to be improper handling of the sale of Indian lands, by Indian Bureau officials. Since that time I have been gathering information concerning this matter and now have facts on a number of cases. Recent stories in the Oregon press developed rather fully the details on one case. It seems to me that not only have officials responsible for handling such sales been negligent, but it may be necessary to amend existing law to assure the performance of the public trust by the Indian bureau.

Indian lands involved were held by the government in trust for the Indian owners who are wards of the government. The obligation of guardianship on the government requires that the Indians get the fair market value for their lands. Obviously this has not been done. It may be necessary to have the House Interior sub-committee on Indian Affairs investigate the matter and make recommendations to the congress for changes in the law.

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