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NATION IMPRESSED BY FARMERS' BLOC

Solidified Faction Seems Destined to Stay.

GREAT EVENTS UNDER WAY

Agriculture Now Recognized as Backbone of Country.

PURPOSE IS THREE-FOLD

Co-operative Marketing, Credit and Placing of Farmer on Reserve Board Objectives.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—You can look at the farmers' bloc from any point you choose, you can examine its personnel and its mechanism minutely and critically, you can approach it with the skepticism born of recollection of similar movements in the past, you can talk with the individuals and the interests who espouse it and who argue that it should be eliminated; but the end of any such survey of the farm bloc is that it is without any doubt the largest single interest in American politics, that it is likely to continue to have the balance of power for a considerable period, and that it is more likely to grow than to diminish.

The older political leaders in both parties who deplore the farm bloc and who predict its early passing, are misled by one of the most frequent causes of self-deceit, namely, by the length of their own memories. Unless there is careful examination of the analogy between the past and the present, experience can readily throw you off the track.

Skepticism Is Shown.

Some of these older political leaders have memories that go as far back as the Patrons of Husbandry; the farmers' alliance, the agricultural wheel which started in Prairie county, Arkansas, and spread to power in eight southwestern states, the Ancient Order of Glenensers, and half a dozen similar organizations. Remembering how all of these arose, had their day of power, and declined, the skeptical older politicians say that, in due course, the farm bloc will be an one with these. It is undeniably true that the organized farmer in American politics is nothing new. Politicians and others with any considerable political experience remember Newt Greaham's Farmers' union, started in Hains county, Texas, of which a contemporary historian, whose narrative was qualified by personal enthusiasm, said, "an Aladdin army of a million men with a deadly concentration of purpose that would brook no denial, came into almost instant existence."

Great Forces Moving.

If that quotation from a historian of 1890 reads much like a present-day newspaper account of the farm bloc, still more does a quotation from an account written in 1892, of "Society" Jerry Simpson's populists. The author of this account, by the way, was Mr. Hamilton Garland. His words of 1892 sound a little like something Senator Tom Heflin of Alabama might use today about the present farm bloc:

"The alliance wedge," said Mr. Garland, "is the most powerful force in the country."

LONDON TO CONTROL YOUTHS AT MOVIES

PARENTS MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN UNDER 16.

Youngsters Will Not Be Permitted to Witness "Adult" Films Without Guardian.

(Copyright, 1922, by The Oregonian.) LONDON, Jan. 21.—(Special Cable.)—London has decreed that children under 16 years of age shall not see certain moving pictures unless taken to the exhibition by parents or guardians. The new film censorship provides: "That films passed by the British board of film censors for public exhibition be exhibited to adults only provided that this condition shall not apply in the case of a child accompanied by its parents or bonafide guardian and that this condition shall not operate until on and after July 1, 1922."

That seems a reasonable proposition, but a good deal of difficulty arose over the definition of the word "adult." The result was that an amendment was added to this condition in which the expression "adult" was made clearer. In this amendment the following words occurred: "Young person shall mean a person under, or appearing to be under the age of 16 years."

When the amended condition takes effect, therefore, no child under the age of 16 years will be allowed to witness films that have been passed for adult exhibition only unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The films that are passed by the British board of film censors are divided into two categories. The first are passed for "universal" exhibition and the second for "publible" or "adult" exhibition only. It is only for the second class of films that those who are not adults will be excluded under the new regulations.

BIRD'S PRAYER ANSWERED

Sick Parrot on Shipboard Gets Brandy and Recovered.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—A ship for a prescription usually falls on deaf ears in these dry days. But Skip Surgeon Giddings of the liner Kronland has a heart. On the rough voyage to this port Dr. Giddings was called to attend "Baby," a gray African parrot, belonging to Miss Beulah McMillan, an American missionary from the Congo. "Baby" was seasick, and mightily seasick. Having given up everything, including hope, he was engaged in his star accomplishment, the repetition of a prayer in English and African dialect, when the doctor called. "That's a prayer that deserves to be answered," said Dr. Giddings, and prescribed a half teaspoonful of brandy every hour. "Baby" recovered his health and hung on to his spurs. No prohibition enforcement official attempted to confiscate his bottle when he landed.

ALL ILLS PROVIDED FOR

New York Hotel Now Has Menu for Every Ailment.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Joy for the plump! Also for the dyspeptic and under-nourished. One of the big hotels has added seven special diets to its menu. The diets take care of every ill from hardening of the arteries to neuritis, from convalescing to old age. You pick your ill, pick your diet and summon the waiter. "No. 4," say you. "Yes, sir," says the waiter, "hyper-acidity—and we have a very tasty angina pectoris luncheon."

INJURED BOY SUCCUMBS

Fall Under Motor Truck Fatal to Alexander Reed, 9.

Alexander Reed, 9, died yesterday at Good Samaritan hospital from injuries suffered Friday when he fell beneath the wheels of a motor truck on the Linnton road. His right leg was mangled so badly that amputation was necessary and death was due to loss of blood and shock. The lad was the son of Claude Reed of Linnton. The body was taken to the morgue, but it was announced later there would be no inquest.

POPE LOSES LONG BATTLE FOR LIFE

Death Claims Pontiff at 6 A. M. Sunday.

HOPE GIVEN UP AT MIDNIGHT

Holy Father Remains Cheerful During Illness.

ROME, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Pope Benedict died at 6 o'clock this morning. The end had been expected for several hours. The attending physicians, Cardinal Gasparri and other members of the pope's household were present at the bedside. From midnight all hope had been abandoned and at 3 o'clock Dr. Battistini had announced that the pope could not live longer than four hours at the maximum. At 3 o'clock Dr. Cherubini, Cardinal Gori and the pope's nephew gathered around the bedside, the end seemingly being near. The pope appeared to be in considerable distress. His extremities then were becoming cold.

HOUSEHOLD AT BEDSIDE

Cardinal Gasparri and Attending Physicians Also With Patient Until Last.

Several thousand years of dancing, from biblical days down to the present time, came in for condemnation or eulogy by speakers as the case might be, when the debate on the subject of school dancing was held at the luncheon of the civic league at the Benson hotel, yesterday noon, in which Dr. Clarence True Wilson and Judge John H. Stevenson led opposing factions in the battle of oratory.

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DANCING IN SCHOOLS HOT LUNCHEON ISSUE

PASTOR LAYS DOWN BARRAGE ON DIRECTOR WOODWARD.

Debate at Noon Session of Civic League Replete With Bitter Oratory by Speakers.

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SUNNY CALIFORNIA DUE FOR MORE COLD

FURTHER KILLING FROSTS ARE FORECAST FOR STATE.

Much Damage Already Is Done to Oranges and Lemons—Relief Measures Discussed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Killing frost for all California, except regions adjacent to the ocean, was the forecast issued by the weather bureau here tonight for early tomorrow morning. More moderate temperatures may be expected later in the north and central portions of the state, the forecast said. Estimates on frost damage to oranges and lemons in southern California during the present cold snap ran from 30 to 75 per cent, in some sections, according to a statement issued by the state division of markets today. In others very little loss was reported. Large distributors were said to have withdrawn their prices.

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WAR ON MILITARY TRAINING CLOSED

University Paper Leaves Issue Up to Regents.

DISARMAMENT IS BACKED

Principle of Reserve Officers' Corps Attacked.

TIME WANTED FOR STUDY

Oregon Emerald Points Out Opposition to Policy; Investigation Is Promised.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The University of Oregon student daily newspaper, the Emerald, has closed an editorial campaign against retention of the reserve officers' training corps work as compulsory with men students for graduation and has left the issue to be investigated by President Campbell for the board of regents. The Emerald declared it represented a majority of student body sentiment. It set up that the reserved officers' training corps work was out of harmony with the trend toward world peace as manifested in the limitation of armaments conference; that the colleges and universities should set an example of disarmament; and that the four hours a week demanded of freshmen and sophomores for compulsory military education were difficult to spare in a university that was pushing its student body hard in all academic departments.

WHOLE BATTLE REPORTED

Many Monsters of Deep Seen Dying on Surface of Ocean.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—That the monsters of the deep fight in groups as well as engage in personal encounters, was declared by Captain G. Eversed Poote, a commissioner in the Gold Coast colony, who wrote the following to his brother: "Between Sierra Leone and Sekondi we steamed through, for more than an hour, a blood-red sea, and saw some hundreds of whales dead or dying on the surface of the water. Some were just able to move slowly along; few, if any, could move quickly. There must have been a sanguinary battle, supposed to have been put up by swordfish. It was most appalling sight and the extent of the bloody expanse must have represented the death of many more whales than were visible. No one on our ship had ever seen or even heard of anything approaching such a spectacle before."

RENTALS STILL SOAR

Additional Evidence of Increases Presented to Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Additional evidence of soaring rental charges here was given today to the senate by Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, who said that the owners of the building which houses the department of justice had proposed an increase of "only" some 400 or 500 per cent when the lease expires in June. Senator King, democrat, Utah, suggested that the government appeal the case to the district rent commission. "I'll say," responded Senator Smoot, "that we are not going to pay the increase unless the supreme court says we must."

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