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## Welcoming Premier MacDonald

THERE is real promise for good in the forthcoming visit of Premier MacDonald to the United States for a call upon President Hoover. In recent years there has been a growing tension between the two greatest English-speaking nations. Questions such as naval power, freedom of the seas, settlement of debts, tariffs, etc., have been disturbing factors to Anglo-American comity. The breakdown of the Geneva conference on disarmament in 1927, American resentment over the proposed Anglo-French agreement, British jealousies over American prosperity—all these have contributed to the growth of some ill feeling between powers which ought to be united in endeavor for the making of this a better world.

We believe that a realization of this lack of accord was an important factor in the recent British general election. The British are more world-minded than we are. Here, if some other country feels a grudge against us, we take no note of it, unless it be to play the bully. We show scant consideration for the feelings of other peoples whether Latin-Americans, English or Japanese. But the British seek to cultivate goodwill and friendly relations. Their people seem to be more sensitive to possibilities of international friction. So it came about that the conservative government under which the strictures between Great Britain and the United States arose, was defeated and the labor party put into power.

Premier MacDonald should derive much good from meeting President Hoover and Secretary Stimson and other leaders in American public life. Surely out of such a visit some agreement should issue which would effect a cessation of the needless race in naval construction. We cannot convince the world of our pacific intent if we launch programs of vast navies while paying lip service to the outlawry of war.

British opinion is tending strongly also to seek other safeguards for her safety than might upon the seas; so perilous has that security become with the invention of submarines and airplanes. Their surest defense may come to be in the principle of freedom of the seas which they long have opposed.

Then the coming of the labor party leader ought to be educational to Americans as well, who may learn that MacDonald is neither walking delegate nor bolshevik, but a pretty sensible and altogether loyal Britisher, a fine gentleman and an able politician.

## Relief for the Unemployed

NEGRO life has long been recognized as the source of the inspiration of much of American music; it is coming to be recognized as a field for cultivation by literary artists. Last year DuBose Heyward, a writer of the Carolinas, won first place in the Pulitzer awards for drama with his play "Porgy." This year Mrs. Julia Peterkin, also of South Carolina, wins the Pulitzer award for the best American novel with her story "Scarlet Sister Mary," also a study in negro character.

Mrs. Peterkin did not take to writing until her son grew up and went away to school. Life was lonely for her on the big Carolina plantation. Time hung heavy on her hands. She took up music, but it did not appeal to her. A teacher in Columbia suggested that she turn to literature. She did so, and found her source-book in the materials of negro life in the coastal region of South Carolina. Her sketches she submitted to Carl Sandburg and to Henry Mencken. They voiced approval and she persisted in her work. Her first books, "Green Thursday" and "Black April" were sketches. In "Scarlet Sister Mary" she ventured the full-length novel now hailed as a prize-winner.

Not many women released from domestic cares with the home-leaving of their children find release in literature. Many merely go on with bridge. Mrs. Peterkin sets a high mark for those who with time on their hands turn to the arts: painting, literature, or music for self-expression.

## Now for a Crime Survey

THE University of Oregon is to sponsor a "crime survey." This is such a new and untrodden field that it should prove an inviting field to our unemployed surveyors and recent college graduates. What we foresee is a voluminous book loaded with graphs, statistics and footnotes that will make it forbidding to attempt to read. It is so easy in making a "survey" to call on the reference librarian and have her assemble all the book and pamphlet material on the subject which the student works over into a fresh mulligan devoid of interest and lacking in originality.

There are many "crimes" that ought to make very interesting reading if the college sleuths will really direct their studies toward their solution. Imagine the snappy reading the university "crime survey" would be if it had chapter headings like these: university bootlegging; Chinese gambling in Portland; the Wemme case; subsidizing college athletes; what's under the Portland Telegram's war paint; the legislature; stock rustling via motor truck in Klamath; the Roosevelt highway which a "straight-thinking executive from North Bend calls the crime of the century;" and so weiter.

## High Interest Rates

FIVE and one-eighths per cent interest on U. S. government treasury certificates. Higher, much higher, than war-time financing costs. Probably not since Civil war days, or possibly in the Cleveland administration, has the government had to pay so much for money. What makes the rate so high? Just a credit stringency. So many people borrowing money to buy stocks and bonds with that the demand for credit exceeds the supply.

Attorney stringency we believe; which probably will be eased through stock market liquidation. Declines in commodity prices will release a great deal of credit; and high rates naturally put a brake on credit demands.

Eugene taxpayers turned down the school budget which would have exceeded the six per cent limitation. The Eugene district has been carrying a load of nearly \$100,000 in warrant debt, plus a bonded debt of over \$400,000. The budget would have devoted \$10,000 toward reducing the warrant debt. Rotten financing, to go on plunging into debt. The only sound basis for government financing is the cash basis. Bonds are all right for long-time capital investments—otherwise it should be "pay as you go."

The Olympia paper mill venture failed to live up to the prospect, as some Salem stockholders have learned. Now it passes into "strong hands"—but that doesn't mean early dividends by any means.

## "Where There's Smoke"



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## BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

An old time commencement:

It was at Philomath college, Philomath, Oregon, in June, 1877, Prof. H. B. Horner, being one of the class of six in a student body of 200. Prof. Horner also graduated from Willamette with the class of 1885, while holding the position of reporter on The Statesman. He is one of the oldest of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural college in point of service, and an outstanding writer of Oregon history.

Philomath college was established by the United Presbyterian church in 1867; just 10 years after Rev. Milton Wright, later bishop of that denomination and father of Orville and Wilbur Wright the pioneers of air navigation, opened the "Institute" at Sublimity, Marion county. The Sublimity and Philomath schools were in those days the only institutions of higher learning sponsored by the church on the Pacific coast. The Sublimity school long since ceased to function, and Philomath college is more or less moribund. Willamette and Philomath were the great schools of the Pacific northwest (and the coast) in 1877.

The famous Aurora orchestra, under the music master, Henry Conrad Finck, was engaged for the commencement exercises of Philomath in 1877. Though Philomath had no railroad then, the great preparations for commencement brought visitors from Washington, Idaho, Montana, California and various parts of Oregon. So great was the gathering that there was no building large enough to accommodate the audience on that occasion. But Samuel McLain, a man unlearned in books though a college builder, donated a beautiful grove to serve as an academy—after the fashion of the original academy of Plato with its classic shades at ancient Athens—for this and subsequent commencement exercises.

The sight of the Aurora musicians arriving with their instruments on one of Ben Holladay's stage coaches gave great interest and rejoicing. The eighteen members, each a bearded man with modest mien, were every one an artist in his favorite part who lived close to nature and drew music from the skies—but each one was likewise an earnest student of the great composers, and trained by one of the masters of his time, Prof. Finck, father of Henry T. Finck, who was to become the nation's greatest musical critic and companion of the brilliant stars in the galaxy of the golden age of music.

That was the first year of President Walker's outstanding administration at Philomath. At the appointed hour the academic grove was dedicated with noble music by the Aurora orchestra and prayer by Bishop Castle. United States Senator John H. Mitchell, who made a special journey from Washington, D. C., to be present, delivered the address to the graduates, and the scholarly charge was given by President Walker.

Then followed the final selections by the orchestra, "to which" remembers Prof. Horner, "a chorus of birds above in the trees responded; and the grove, the program and the orchestra were as classic as if the grove of Academe had been really transferred from Athens to Oregon."

Chief Little Bison, the Sioux spokesman for the rights of the Indian race, in the course of his address to the Salem Rotary club yesterday, paid a high compliment to Superintendent Lipps of the Salem Indian school, in which he said Mr. Lipps has the highest conceptions of the proper training of the Indian youth of any man

he has met in his travels—and he has been all over the United States and in other countries, studying the problems of the primitive races.

It is fortunate that the Salem Indian school has at its head at this time a man with the fine ability and broad vision of Mr. Lipps; at a time when a study is being made along new lines of Indian training, as related to what ways are best to help the remnants of the tribes who originally possessed this country, by the agencies having the direction of the federal activities in this field. There is a great future for the Salem Indian school, under such direction.

A Salem son of Scotia says mirrors were invented by a Scotchman to give Englishmen and others something to laugh at.

"Don't send the nickel's worth of liver today," phoned a Salem Scotch lady to the market man. "The cat has caught a mouse."

## Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

June 12, 1904

School election for this district will be held Monday, June 20, when one director will be elected and a vote taken to determine whether a grade of study above the ninth shall be established.

Never before were strawberries so plentiful in the Willamette valley. Several of the local grocery stores are making shipments to outside points.

The First Congregational church will observe its last Sunday in the old church building today.

Ronald C. Glover, who has been attending Willamette the past year, returned to his home near Albany.

## SALEM HEIGHTS TO PUT ON PROGRAM

The Salem Heights community club gets under way Friday night with a series of entertainments to be staged each week-end during the summer months. The first program for Friday and Saturday evenings will be a movie, showing Reginald Denny in "The Night Bird." In addition home talent vaudeville acts are being developed and these will add spice to the program.

In addition to Denny's act a comedy and a weekly news are to be shown as well as a two-reel western feature. The shows will be given in the new community house recently completed in Salem Heights.

## MRS. ADA JOHNS IS CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Ada Johns, a resident of Salem and Marion county the past 72 years, died at 5:15 o'clock Tuesday night at her home at 1925 Fir street after an illness of several months. She was 73 years old. The deceased was born at St. Louis, Marion county, in December, 1855, the daughter of Joseph and Harriet Matt, pioneer family. In 1880 she was married

## Editors Say:

### BUILD UP OREGON

The Statesman takes a broad view and proves itself worthy of its name. It believes that Salem's best interests require the construction of the South Santiam highway.

But the Statesman could have gone farther in its position by showing that the construction of the North Santiam route might result in the trans-mountain traffic missing Salem altogether. Salem's argument, thus far, in favor of the North Santiam route has been the directness of it between Bend and Portland. This contention, however, may rise up to vex the city later on, if the North Santiam should be built before the South Santiam route, for the new Cascade highway route crosses the North Santiam east of Salem. What would hinder, then, a highway commission from improving the Cascade route so that through traffic from Bend to Portland might travel the shortest route by going through Silverton, Mt. Angel and Woodburn, if the shortest air line route argument is of any virtue? As we have pointed out time and time again, the argument is fallacious for the reason that population served is a more potent factor in determining highway locations than air line distances. But if Salem continues to employ the direct route argument for her North Santiam project, she may live to see it turned against her.

The Statesman has done much to relieve the tense feeling that has been fermenting in Albany against Salem. It proves that all of Salem is not engaged in the project of opposing the South Santiam route by favoring the North Santiam substitute. It really points the way for Salem to follow in pursuing her best interests.

Salem will be sure of all north-bound traffic from eastern and central Oregon, if the South Santiam route is built by way of Albany. She will be sure of it without cost of expenditure.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

### VARIOUS "CRIMES OF THE CENTURY"

The Coos Bay Times quotes with full indorsement the statement of a prominent North Bend citizen that "Oregon's crime of the century" is the failure of the ruling forces in this state to promote properly the Roosevelt highway. Well, the Roosevelt highway is worth of being promoted all right, but do not the Times and the North Bend citizen take in a good deal of territory in their characterization?

The selection of the greatest injustice current depends a good deal upon where you are sitting. To coast counties it may well appear the tardiness in completing the Roosevelt highway. Albany might say it was the effort to divert the Santiam highway from the southern route. In Bend probably it would appear to be the Public Service commission's routing of the proposed cross-state

## Here and There:

Terse comments on Events, Local and Abroad, in the Current News.

YOU'LL be surprised to know the crop which produces the greatest return to Oregon farmers. It isn't wheat but rather hay whose total value amounts to \$28,445,000 according to figures for 1925 production. Of course, hay prices were far superior to wheat prices and that accounts for much of the variance. The total return from wheat ran slightly more than \$24,000,000 in 1928. Oregon's apple crop in 1928 was

railroad too far south. In Malheur county doubtless folks would say it is that same body's opposition to the Nyssa-Winnemucca railroad. Several eastern Oregon communities might award the doubtful distinction to the slowest in government irrigation development. Portland thought until recently that it was the failure of the transcontinental railroads to give it fast trains to the east. The Dalles thinks it was abolition of fish wheels. Astoria might consider in the governmental gold brick handed that hustling city in the submarine base matter.

We forget just now what our chief grievance here in Eugene is. By tomorrow it will probably be down upon us again like a ton of brick. The point is that every section and city has its own cause for thinking it is not getting the consideration it ought to have. But seriousness of local grievances is merely a matter of viewpoint. None is "Oregon's crime of the century."—Eugene Register.

### SURPRISE PARTY AT NERGER HOME

ZENA, June 11.—Saturday evening Mrs. J. H. Neiger was hostess at a birthday surprise party given in honor of H. J. Neiger at their home at Lincoln. Mr. Neiger was genuinely surprised as he and his family were just ready, as he thought, to attend a show at Salem when the first guest arrived. Roses artistically arranged in baskets were used in the living rooms. Two tables of bridge were in play during the evening. Assisting Mrs. Neiger in serving were Mrs. Clarence Merrick, Mrs. Alvin Madsen, Mrs. Antone Senn and Mrs. Jesse Walling. Included in the guest group were the guest of honor H. J. Neiger, Mr. and Mrs. Antone Senn of Portland, brother-in-law and sister of Mr. Neiger, Ben Neiger of Portland, an uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Purvine, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Merrick and son Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walling, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Madsen and two sons, Richard and Robert, Kasper Neiger, Mrs. Anna Neiger, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fraser and sons, Arnold and Billy, Helen Neiger and the hostess, Mrs. H. J. Neiger.

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worth more than \$6,000,000 and her strawberry crop nearly \$2,000,000 which shows how fast this type of berry is increasing in production. Loganberries sold for a total of \$875,000 for the 1925 yield.

Complete figures for Oregon's 1928 crop production are now obtainable from the extension department of the state college. Incidentally the figures were compiled by F. L. Kent, statistician, who died suddenly Tuesday.

THE house and the senate are having a tilt adding to the warm weather which will soon be upon Washington, D. C. The house prepared its tariff bill in committee, subjected it to some minor revisions and then using a "gag rule" shot the bill through the house without the formality of much debate. Party lines were quite rigorously adhered to. The senate will have a different procedure. The bill will come from committee and be torn to pieces on the floor. The work of the house is done in committee; the work of the senate is done on the floor.

The result is that the house is through with its consideration of the tariff bill and has voted upon it but the senate wants plenty of time for everyone to talk. Leave it to Borah and Brookhart and Hefflin to do the talking.

Picking a youthful president for a university is quite the style. Chicago won the honors with her 30-year old leader but California probably will rank second for the time being with her 28-year old leader. Age means little in this modern world; ability to "deliver," to "have the goods" as the athletic coaches say, means everything.

RAMSAY MacDonald had the unusual experience of having his auto towed from the railroad station to his home by a group of women who attached ropes to the premier's car and hauled it home. Newspaper accounts say the women who did this act performed it as a means of doing honor to the premier but we mistrust that there was some Scotch thrift in it. Think of the gas the premier saved.

"Ten tornadoes in the middle west" runs the headline and we of the west, who are never bothered with such events, read hastily and pass on with a sigh of relief. Take an inventory. When do you recall a lightning storm here which did any damage? Did you ever hear of anyone in Oregon being injured by a tornado? How much damage did cyclones do in Oregon in 1923? There's ample room, after this inventory, to be glad you reside in Oregon.

## Why subject your heirs to the risk of individual executorship?

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