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A Toast to the Minister-Designate

OREGON'S own E. E. Brodie, editor of the Oregon City Enterprise, ex-minister to Siam, has been designated as the new minister to Finland. The Statesman hastens to congratulate Mr. Brodie upon his new assignment; and to commiserate with the journalists and politicians of Oregon over the impending departure of Mr. Brodie from our midst. Just how a governor may be chosen without the friendly visits of E. E. (nee Steve) over the state is a matter of grave uncertainty. Lacking Brodie's sage counsel, the state is sure to make some grievous mistake.

Going to Finland puts Mr. Brodie at quite the opposite point of the globe from his former assignment at Bangkok, Siam. There it was hot, continually hot. In Finland Mr. Brodie will assuredly cool off until maybe he will wish himself back in Bangkok. He will be comforted however that he is going to a fellow-prohibition country. Since Turkey forsook the dry dictate of the Koran, Finland and we stand alone among the nations. True, if accounts we read are correct, Finland's drouth is even less exacting than that in America. In his new post Mr. Brodie may rejoice that he comes from a prohibition country, for then he will not have to supply warm Rhemish to the dry-voting, wet-acting Finnish senators. His embassy will not be an oasis like the foreign legations in Washington; and that indeed will be a vast relief to the purse of the diplomat from the Clackamas.

We are glad Mr. Brodie goes to Finland, for we feel sure that he will come back. Were he designated to serve at Warsaw our fears would be abiding, for Warsaw is ever the home of revolutions and Brodie is not at all quick on his feet when it comes to dodging bullets. Finland has another advantage, the minister need no more try to learn the language than to learn Siamese. Were he in France or Italy or Spain he would have to begin language lessons. No Saxon can be expected to learn more than the names of the towns in Finland, and none of them outside of Helsingfors and Abo.

Give a toast to Mr. Brodie, minister-designate to the Republic of Finland. Urbane and genial, gracious and hospitable, experienced and accomplished, Mr. Brodie will represent the United States with honor to his country and to himself, and bring distinction to Oregon, which loans him reluctantly to the larger service for which he has been called.

Salving the State With Democracy

THE so-called resolutions adopted by the state central committee of the so-called democratic party of Oregon reach the height of ineptitude. Instead of the usual ringing periods of adoration to the Founding Fathers, to Jefferson and Jackson and Wilson the resolutions are naught but sniveling satire on Republican incidentals. The democrats offered nothing and damned nothing; all they did was to try to sneaker out loud over something funny which Oz West must have written.

The resolutions read like the banter of the Washington Gridiron club. Lacking any program to present or any justification for its continued existence since the party has deserted most every cause it once proclaimed as the "paramount issue," the democrats have only drivel of collegiate grade to offer as a basis of appeal for popular suffrage. They hope by raising a cheap laugh to make the people of Oregon think there still is a democratic party worth voting for.

The speeches at the Jackson day banquet were not so bad. The several would-be or has-been candidates who said their pieces to the banqueters attempted to present something more of a program. Haney damned the utilities, always a straw man for political spell-binders. Pierce told about the income tax again. Watkins denounced the "interests," while Brigadier General Martin extolled General Andrew Jackson, in whose honor the banquet had been called, despite the fact that the candidates usurped all the calcium light.

It is unfortunate for the state that the democrats are riven by dissension, wandering unsheltered on the hill-sides, and without an issue to consolidate on; too bad because it leaves the republicans swaggering and boastful, self-satisfied and cocky. The Jackson Day banquet cannot be said to have given much of an impetus to democratic harmony; nor do the resolutions of the state committee, squeaky with ten-cent satire form a rallying cry for any popular uprising of the voters.

Senator Corbett Enters

SENATOR H. L. Corbett of Portland has yielded to the importunities of his friends and has definitely committed himself to become a candidate for governor in the May primaries. His entrance provides Portland with a candidate all its own; and it must be admitted, with a candidate of great initial strength. The name has long been an honored one in Oregon history, and Henry L. has borne it with credit to himself and to the family. His business standing, his political record, and his wide acquaintance give his candidacy a prominence right from the start.

George Neuner, federal attorney, has stated that he will make an announcement about February first that he will be a candidate. Active and aggressive, Neuner will make a vigorous campaign for the nomination. His entrance lengthens the list of the cast of characters who so far have declared themselves to five: Norblad, Hall, Bennett, Corbett and Neuner.

It is instantly apparent that the conventional words from store-sale advertising may be fittingly used: the voters will have "plenty of material to choose from."

Since the death of Governor Patterson three weeks ago, fishing in political waters has gone on furiously. Some have cast their nets and drawn nothing. Others may be mistaking turtle legs or crab nibbles at their line for husky fish. Metschan made a wise decision to stay out. From now on till the primaries strenuous campaigning is in prospect.

A Chicago man didn't speak to his wife but she waited 12 years before applying for a divorce. Some men would be glad if their wives would shut up for a dozen years or so.

Senator Dill would stop that fellow in Louisiana from swearing over his radio. We hope there will be no law preventing a household from swearing at his radio on occasion.

Fame is fleeting, must think Coach McEwan at Oregon who now considers continuing his year out as "teacher of English."

LIKELY TO BE ANNOYED



BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

A little sermon:

That is what this is going to be for this Sunday morning. The reader may choose his own text; get it out of his Bible or book; of his own life and experiences, or wherever he may.

The Bits man is sitting at his Oliver typewriter in room 704 of the Savoy hotel, Los Angeles. This is his seventh Oliver, No. 9, that he is wearing out. And back of the seven were two or three calligraphs, and a Blickensderfer, and before them was a typewriter with wooden keys. There were two typewriters in Salem then, the first that came. The other one belonged to Joe Albert.

There has just passed along Sixth street in front of the hotel an ambulance, with the shrieking wail made by the driver's horn that is familiar to almost every reader. There has no doubt been an automobile accident. They are very frequent in Los Angeles, and there are a number of emergency stations—though a recent review shows a comparatively clean record for the big metropolis of southern California in the footing up of traffic accidents throughout the country.

On Friday, January 5, as the West Coast limited train of the Southern Pacific was making its way through the Sacramento valley, there was a long, straight stretch of track that ran by the side of the paved highway; miles and miles of road and railroad without a turn. The passengers on the observation car noticed, a few miles down the straight stretch, an automobile gaining on the train. Then another automobile came along, gaining on the first; and a third one and a fourth.

It looked like a race. Some of the passengers got excited. Their sporting blood was aroused. One might have secured several bets had he so minded. One after another the four automobiles passed each other, and before long all of them passed the train. An element of excitement was added by the meeting up of a number of autos going in the other direction. It appeared that several collisions were narrowly avoided.

The excitement had died down and the incident was about to go into the limbo of forgetfulness, when the attention of the passengers was called to a lot of automobiles on the highway, held up by the interest that centered in one of the machines that had slipped or skidded and turned over.

This aroused new interest, and there was a general discussion of the race several miles back, when an old railroad man, from the Milwaukee road, on his way south for a winter vacation, joined in. He said that the other passengers assumed to be a race between the train and the automobiles was no race at all. That is, there was no race on the part of the train. He said that no train crew would dare enter into such a race. The train must run on schedule time. No railroad man would think of entering a race against an automobile, no matter how his sporting blood might be aroused and tempted.

And that is one of the main reasons why there are so many more automobile than railroad train accidents so many more in proportion to the number of people carried.

The Bits man was tempted to look the matter up, and he found that of \$40,129,680 railroad passengers carried on the American lines in 1922, there were only 102 fatal accidents to passengers. That is less than the number of

fatal accidents by automobile travel in Oregon.

It was long ago found that it is safer to travel by rail than to stay at home, and the accident insurance companies accordingly agree to pay double the face of a policy of a person killed while riding on a railroad train.

The old Milwaukee railroad employee said some more things, particularly complimentary to the Southern Pacific railroad. One thing, he said, the proportionate number of accidents on this great system is low, compared with the other systems of this country. He attributed part of this to splendid management and up to the minute equipment in every department, from the track under the local section man up to the crack trains. And he spoke well of the personnel of the Southern Pacific system. His idea was that part of this was due to the old age pension system that was inaugurated by E. H. Harriman, one of the pioneers in this field. He said his road, the Milwaukee, has no pension system, excepting one maintained by the employees themselves, supported by their contributions.

The conclusion of this sermon is that something should be done about automobilizing that will make its accident and death tolls smaller.

The roads and streets should be made safer for the drivers, and the pedestrians, too, who are disposed to observe the rules of the road and the instincts of decency and neighborliness, against the recklessness and lawlessness of "the other fellow."

Every one who drives an automobile takes his life in his hands every time he goes out on the highways, from the reckless and careless fellows he must meet. The lives of perhaps 100 men and women were in peril from the four racing machines on the Sacramento valley highway, for the thoroughfare was fairly busy with machines going both ways.

In Germany when a man is found driving in a drunken condition his license is taken away from him—not for 30 days or six months, but for life.

The danger on the American highways is not so much from high speed as it is from poor and reckless driver, and drunken ones. Then we have 48 different rules of the road in our 48 states, to say nothing of the hundreds of cities. We have the same thing in our crime wave. There are 48 different kinds of criminal laws and penal rules in this country. They do the thing better in Great Britain, where there is one system for all, and every prison is under one supreme head. We have too much "states' rights" in the United States, in these two particulars, and in many others.

That's the sermon. There is enough intelligence in the United States to work out these matters, by general cooperation. Individual initiative is a good thing, in many ways. It is a bad thing in matters that affect alike the order and safety of the whole of our 120,000,000 people in continental United States.

JEWES HAVE FRAT CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The first Jewish social fraternity at Oregon State college has just been granted permission to organize by the student interests committee. The new fraternity will be the 36th fraternity for men on the campus. The new local has taken the name of Beta Phi Tau and will petition one of the strong national Jewish fraternities.

Editorial Comment

From Other Papers

NATURE'S DRUNKEN SPREE

(The Bend Bulletin)

Nature went on a drunken spree when it decided to fashion the Bend country, says a writer in a magazine published in New York. Not only does rock float, wood sink and water run up hill in the Bend area, but according to the eastern publication workers excavating basements frequently feel their picks go "tumbling through fissures into the very bowels of the earth." And, furthermore, "county officials," digging into Pilot butte to get surfacing material, "found to their amazement that inside it was sheeted in solid ice."

As the writer warns to his subject, the wonders of the Bend country, "where Dame Nature went on a jag," multiply. The Metolius river is pictured as springing from a big rock. The Deschutes is described as a mighty, powerful stream. "Yet in places a man can jump across it, so deep and narrow is the canyon it has cut," says the writer. The Lower Bridge diatomite mines are pictured as hills of rocklike substance. A 10-year-old boy can pick up and toss for many feet a piece of diatomite the size of a man, it is added.

The rock that floats, says the magazine author is pumice. The wood that staks is mountain mahogany. And as to the water, well, it doesn't really run up hill. It just seems to do so primarily to the effect of an elevation of 3500 feet, atmospheric conditions and the lay of the country.

There are a few inaccuracies and exaggerations in the article, but, doubt if you wish, the writer has not done full justice to the wonders of the Bend country. Bend is not built on a mere sheet of lava—it is built on innumerable sheets and far under the lava is an eroded mountain range. And the Metolius river does not spring full grown from a big rock—it issues from the base of one of the most perfect volcanic cones in western America.

The diatomite mines of Deschutes county are described as hills of rock-like substance. No eastern magazine printing fiction should be satisfied with this statement, when facts are more interesting. The diatomite plant is a place where microscopic plant fossils are mined, a place where potential face powder is excavated with a steam shovel.

Even the magnitude of the lava river tunnels of the Deschutes basin is underestimated. There is described a cave "hundreds of feet long," "the old bore of a lava flow." Central Oregon's lava tunnels are thousands of feet long and they are the underground channels through which molten rivers of rock cooled long years ago.

Perhaps Dame Nature did go on a drunken spree when she decided to fashion the Bend country but the results of that jag can be described better by facts than by fiction.

BUS VS. RAILROAD TAXES The Oregon Voter compares the percentage of income spent for taxes and roadbed investment by the busses and railroad companies operating in Oregon and finds that the busses are spending 6.6 per cent of their operating income while the railroads are paying from 25 to 30 per cent. The disparity results from the fact that the public donates to the bus lines the use of its highways but requires the railroad companies to construct their own roadbeds. The 6.6 per cent bus tax is for license fees and gasoline tax. The railroad pays 6.4 per cent of its income on its physical property, and from 20 to 25 per cent on maintaining its roadbed and pay-

Blot Out "Catching" Diseases

Dr. Copeland's Health Message Today

Use Preventive Measures When a Child Has Been Exposed to Contagion, Advises Authority; Teach the Health Value of Clean Hands.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.
United States Senator from New York.
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

NOBODY wants a contagious disease in the family. And all the "catching" diseases are to be dreaded. The danger of contagion can be lessened by preventive measures and intelligent care.



DR. COPELAND.

up so much trouble.

Teach your child to wash his hands frequently, to keep the face and the mouth clean. The inside of the nostrils should be gently washed out every morning and night, for the moist nostrils easily catch the germs from the air or soiled hands. Teach your child to keep his hands away from his mouth and nose.

Scarlet fever and diphtheria have been in the past the most dreaded of all the contagious diseases. Thanks to modern science there have been found preventives for these terrible ailments.

Modern science too, has given us methods of finding out the susceptibility of a child to these diseases. A test is made, and if the child is found to be likely to take the disease, then by an inoculation there is prospect of

prevention. In this way, as well as by the intelligent teaching of the child in right habits of cleanliness and living, the dangers of these dread diseases are greatly reduced. Only by the greatest precaution, and by intelligent education, can the public help in blotting out these diseases of infection and contagion. Protect your children and the children of your friends and neighbors so that they may have better health now and for the generation to come. Your doctor and science have out-

First, we must insist on cleanliness, and direct the children in their personal habits. There are preventive measures that will go far toward keeping a child from "taking" a disease when exposed to it. Almost every contagious disease begins with a running nose. When a child wakes up in the morning with a sore throat, running nose, fever and headache, keep him home, and in bed. In the early stage of contagious diseases you never know what particular contagion it may be. Take no chances, but keep the child apart from others to protect them from the contagion. A child should be taught to cover the mouth when coughing, or sneezing. This should be everybody's practice. The schoolroom is a place where the common cold is frequently met. On the door-knobs, pencils, erasers, and everything children touch, are the wily little germs that set

their best efforts into the prevention and cure of disease, but it is only with the cooperation of every man, woman and child that these dreaded diseases can be stamped out.

Answers to Health Queries

H. H. S. Q.—What causes shooting pains in the legs and joints?

A.—This is probably due to rheumatism. The source of infection must first be removed before the trouble can be cleared up.

A. R. M. Q.—Is there any harm in third cousins marrying?

A.—No.

M. R. B. Q.—What do you advise for enlarged prostates?

A.—Try using hot and cold compresses alternately for fifteen minutes night and morning.

M. O. B. Q.—What do you advise for catarrh?

A.—I would suggest a good nose and throat spray. Other special treatment is advisable.

L. D. Q.—What causes hives?

A.—What do you advise for blackheads?

A.—This is usually due to some food which causes irritation.

2.—Correct your diet by cutting down on sugar, starches, and coffee. Eat simple food.

D. M. L. Q.—How much should a girl aged 19, 5 ft. 3 inches tall weigh?

A.—She should weigh about 121 pounds.

R. J. Q.—What is the cause of sharp pains in my stomach causing me to vomit? I have had my appendix removed.

A.—You may be troubled with hyperacidity of the stomach. It would be wise to consult your family doctor for an examination.

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Lay Sermons

AGE SPEAKS TO YOUTH

"Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings."—Proverbs 4:10. Reprehension in wrong-doing is usually a stimulus to repentance. For the criminal who is failed to plead regret for his wrong is a very common occurrence. Hickman hoped that his crime and his fate might be a "warning" to the young." Many and many another whose sin has found him out, weeps from his sense of guilt; and counsels youth not to walk in his footsteps.

But did you ever hear of a man who had led an upright life and reached old age, who advised his boys to choose deliberately a career of crime? Do you know of any veteran in Christian living who says to boys and girls to forsake old standards and to throw themselves away in lecherous pleasures? No; no indeed.

Then is there not some significance in the agreement of opinion between those who have conformed to social conventions of morality and those who have not? When both sinner and saint unite to advise young men and

women to cleave to the good in life there must be a correctness in such counsel which lies deeper than custom. Private virtue and the recognition of it are ancient; and it takes more than the upsetting philosophy of the modern prophets of moral anarchy to overthrow the fundamentals of personal morality.

But why, with all the admonition of the elders, with all the discipline and the training in the home, with all the lessons of the school and all the teaching of the Sunday schools that youth is wayward? Look back at the young people you knew in grade school or high school. Count the moral failures in that group. The number is sure to be astounding. Our agencies for character building score too high a percentage of failure. A mechanical device no more accurate and dependable in its results than our "factories" for training of youth would quickly be discarded. Perhaps we would discard church and school too if we could contrive some substitute which would more successfully build character.

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of youth to meet the allurements of a life of evil.

The Ecclesiast was a man of the world. He knew the pleasures of living and he knew the folly of frivolity. Here was his closing preachment to youth:

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the way of thine heart and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."

The "Preacher" knew human nature. He knew that young men and women in spite of all that might be taught them, would of their own free will, with the inclination of their own desires, with only the warning of ultimate reckoning to restrain them. As it was in his day, so is it in ours. No church school may be a factory turning out a product identical in texture and quality; for the raw material is infinitely varied. Spite of this, the burden still remains for the radical retraining of our equipment and method of moral training of boys and girls, both to justify our effort and to conserve social and personal values.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

January 12, 1905

Governor Chamberlain delivered his biennial message to the legislative assembly. He recommends among other things, a short session of the state assembly. He refers to the school funds and takes the stand of decreasing the number of books required. He recommends generosity with the state university and college. He asks that small cottages be built at the soldiers home. And other things.

The regular county teachers' examinations will be held February 8 to 11. Both state and county exams will be given.

First snow of the season covered the city.

The Olympia brewing company has under contemplation the erection of a malt house to supply its Salem and other breweries.

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Like the warm
clasp of a helping hand
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the dark side of the road

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Yamhill Sheep Raisers Meet

McMINNVILLE, Jan. 11.—Feeding of sheep, marketing and sheep diseases were among the topics discussed here today at the annual meeting of the Yamhill County Sheep and Goat association. Molesting of stock by wandering dogs was also brought up for discussion as losses from this source have been considerable in the county this season.

Prof. J. N. Shaw and Prof. H. A. Lindgren, both of the livestock department of Oregon State college, spoke during the day.