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Editors Meet at Eugene

THE university is host this week to the editors of Oregon, so if residents in other portions of the state feel a sudden change in the altitude it probably is because the "heavyweights" of the state have moved into Eugene and the remainder of the state is thrown up in the air for the time being. We took a day for the editorial conference, and left it with reluctance. Editors and publishers from over Oregon were gathered for the annual refresh of editorial and business problems. The problems never change a great deal, but they afford opportunity for endless debate and discussion.

John Henry Nash, who wears a doctorate now from the University of Oregon, was there from San Francisco and talked about fine printing. Nash is a master craftsman, printer of beautiful books. He printed one set of books of 250 copies for \$37,500 and his other prices are in proportion. He makes his own paper or rather goes to the paper mill and personally superintends its manufacture. He has special fonts of type cast in the foundry for his finest work. Nash has done some of the very finest printing ever produced, probably his finest work being a printing of Dante's "Divine Comedy." He has executed orders for William Randolph Hearst, W. A. Clark Jr. and other men with lots of money, so much money in fact that we can scarcely understand the language. Art Brock, foreman of the state shop, was in Eugene to see Nash. Brock is a lover of fine printing and is always eager to do homage to a master of the craft like John Henry Nash.

Nash has a very interesting personality and his running-fire manner of speaking bristles with native wit. Nash started out in life as a bicycle rider and won many races in the days before automobiles. But his fame as a printer is now international.

The editors were not beset with politicians as might have been expected. We did not stay for the banquet last night, and perhaps there was a turn-out of candidates on that occasion. H. L. Corbett was there the first day but returned home, and no other gubernatorial candidate had put in his appearance up to yesterday afternoon.

C. C. Chapman was there, but he is a regular attendant, and as editor of the Oregon Voter, one of the eligibles. E. E. Brodie, minister designate to Finland, left his editorial desk at Oregon City to enjoy the fellowship of the Eugene meeting. He was the recipient of the hearty congratulations of his editorial associates over his appointment. Mr. Brodie leaves in a few weeks for Washington for a conference with the department of state and then will sail from New York probably about the first of April.

If there were few candidates on exhibition there was plenty of discussion of politics among the editors. Neuner's entrance or threatened entrance provides something of an enigma, the editors thought. Some thought Neuner would get good support among the members of the grange, and with a consolidation of "dry" support and the German vote which he has a claim on as a native of Bavaria, it was suggested he might be a real contender for high rank. On the other hand Gov. Norblad was conceded the Scandinavian vote which is estimated to exceed the German vote in this state. Careful students of the political situation seemed to put Corbett and Norblad as leaders in the race to date. Elbert Bede' had not arrived yet so the latest progress reports from the Hall camp were not available.

Prof. Spencer of the University of Oregon law school discussed the law of libel for editors and his paper brought forth some interesting inquiries. Editors are always interested in the libel law principally because they do not want to overstep the law and invite libel suits against themselves.

At a meeting of the Associated Press group the outside editors seemed in favor of making the Salem office of the A. P. a full-time bureau. At present the A. P. reporter, Steve Stone, shares his time with the Capital Journal. The importance of Salem as a news center was recognized and the editors expressed themselves as favoring having the A. P. Man devote his full time to servicing the state with news from Salem. This might result in getting more Salem news on the A. P. Wires.

It was a disappointment to the editors not to get to see and to meet the new \$11,500 coach, Doc Spears. Unfortunately Spears will not arrive on the campus until Feb. 22nd, when a big banquet will be held. Dean Allen should have held back this conference so the editors could see Spears and see whether he is sound in wind and limb and worth what the contract calls for. We do not know how good Spears will make as an Oregon coach, but he will have a hard time beating McEwan as an after-dinner speaker. McEwan was professor of English but that didn't hurt him a bit when it came to talking. He was clever, full of wit, and put his stuff over in good shape. Spears of course is a surgeon and surgeons seldom aspire to fame as banquet speakers.

"What to See in Salem"

THE Salem Ad club and the Chamber of Commerce thought of the same idea at the same time, that was the publication of some folder to hand out to the tourists who come to Salem which will acquaint them quickly with things of interest here. Salem is rich in matters of historical interest, has many points which tourists would like to see if they knew how to reach them quickly. The proposed folder would contain a map of the city spotting the special points of attraction, and containing snap-shots of buildings and homes of interest.

But this should be supplemented by the cordial reception of visitors. Folk here should go out of their way to help tourists get about, should encourage them to stop over and really see Salem and surrounding country. The spirit of hospitality will do much to hold visitors here for a few days who might otherwise rush on after filling the gas tank.

SMALL SON IS BORN
BRUSH COLLEGE, Feb. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Buell of Brush College received word this week of the arrival of a boy at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buell of Olympia, Wash. February 2. The little boy has been named Charles Arthur. Mother and son are doing fine. Arthur Buell is well known in this vicinity and in Salem. He was employed in the engineer's office of the state highway department at Salem for some time. Later he worked in the same capacity in Portland before moving to Olympia where he is draftsman on bridge construction work.

ANOTHER POSSIBLE OUTRAGE



BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

He will make good:

This prediction refers to Rev. Thomas V. Keenan, who has resigned his place as Catholic chaplain at the Oregon state penitentiary and been appointed as a member of the parole board. He takes the place of Rev. Norman K. Tully, resigned. He gives up a salaried job for one without salary.

Father Keenan has, to the personal knowledge of the Bits man, been one of the most efficient men in the office of chaplain in the history of the prison. He is sympathetic without being a sentimentalist. He is a student of penology and has a good understanding of the frailties as well as the nobler qualities of human nature. Though he is a Catholic and loyal to his own church, he carries no vestige of secular prejudice against any man.

Father Keenan has been a friend and helper of all the prisoners with whom he has come in contact in his labors behind the grim walls. Thus he has the qualities of a model parole officer.

He will of course be besieged now, in his new position, by the friends and relatives of undeserving men alike. He will not be carried beyond the bounds of reason by his sympathy for any one in trouble, nor will he refuse to do his duty, and recommend the utmost in the way of help towards the rehabilitation of the unfortunate victim of environment and temptation for whom society has a right to exact reformation from his involuntary confinement. That is the attitude of a competent member of the parole board, and Father Keenan is qualified by experience and educational training to perform such functions for the general, as well as the benefit of the person in prison who has qualities deserving of the consideration of a parole board. The other members of the Oregon parole board are Jay L. Lewis of Corvallis and Miss Beatrice Walton, private secretary of the governor.

Henry C. Porter of Aumsville, pioneer and leading citizen of that section, in a letter under the heading of "Believe It or Not," addressed to the Bits man under date of February 8, sends the following:

"When George Beale and George Baker were hanged in Salem in 1865, they were not carted to the gallows in a cart, but were taken to the place of execution on a dray. The dray was not read from the scaffold the 97th Psalm, but, holding a fair sized Bible in a steady hand, and in a clear distinct tone, read the 57th Psalm and then threw the Bible out into the crowd, saying, 'Take it, I have no more use for it.' Beale had asked of the sheriff that his body might drop from the scaffold a distance of 10 feet. His request was not granted.

"Little Billy Barker, who always got his man, was deputy sheriff at this time. About 100 feet west or northwest of the scaffold was a merry-go-round. It was propelled by horse power and circled to the left. It was not well patronized, although there were many people on the grounds hours before the execution took place. I remember, distinctly, seeing a man riding on this merry-go-round while he was reading from a pamphlet containing the confession of the condemned men that was being sold that day for the benefit of the state, the price being 50 cents per copy. The man wrote his own confession, but Baker's was written at his request by his spiritual adviser.

"After reading of the reunion of the Simpson clan that was held in Salem last summer, I have ascertained that very few if any of the younger generation of the Simpson were aware of the fact that their uncle, David Simpson, was at one time struck by lightning and rendered unconscious for a time. Many years ago, while on his way from Sublimity to his home in the Waldo hills, he was riding a mare with a young colt following and when near Beaver Creek was struck by lightning. When he regained consciousness he found the mare on which he was riding lying dead and the colt standing near by unharmed. A neighbor jokingly attributed this casualty to the fact that uncle David had a short time previous to this voted the democratic ticket. Uncle David was a republican, but his two brothers living near him, James and Barnett, were democrats. But he is as it may, when I grew up to manhood and General Grant was running for president, I voted the republican ticket, and I am still keeping it up.

"Something about athletics. William Simpson, son of Thomas Simpson, taught school in the Aumsville district at one time. He was a cousin of John Ed Buff. The Buffs were a pioneer family of the Silverton district. Mr. Simpson said he had timed John Ed, many times, and that he could run 100 yards in eight seconds. Buff won in a mile race on the state fair grounds track and at the same time defeated a fresh runner on the last 100 yards.

"Half hammond or hammond (a hop, step and a jump, or two hops and a jump), was a favorite pastime among boys and young men back in the sixties. Thirty-six feet was considered a fair jump; however a few, very few, could cover 39 or 40 feet. Buff's record was 44 feet. In 1869, soldiers at Fort Klamath told the writer they knew Buff while in the army in Arizona and that they saw him win a foot race there while carrying a man on his back.

"Andy Wyland, at the first state fair, held at Oregon City, threw a rock or stone over 200 feet in 10 hops. When Abner Frazer was exhibiting a stallion at Sublimity years ago, Marion won a wager by jumping clear over the horse without touching him. And these young men had no one to teach them. If young Smith could have had some of these high priced coaches to give him a few pointers, he might have been a close second to the cow that jumped over the moon."

"Hon W. H. Hobson of Stayton now past four score years, when a young man, could cover 110 feet in 10 hops. When Abner Frazer was exhibiting a stallion at Sublimity years ago, Marion won a wager by jumping clear over the horse without touching him. And these young men had no one to teach them. If young Smith could have had some of these high priced coaches to give him a few pointers, he might have been a close second to the cow that jumped over the moon."

"(How many readers will now look up the 57th Psalm in their Bibles? "Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me," are the opening words, and there are 11 verses. The members of the Simpson clan, spoken of by Mr. Porter, are all relatives of Samuel L. Simpson, Oregon poet laureate, author of "The Beautiful Willamette." David Simpson was for a long time assessor of Marion county, and he owned much of the land that is now the part of Salem from 12th to 24th street and south for several blocks. His son, Jack Simpson, was the star reporter of the Statesman in the middle eighties. The Simpson home was the tract from 18th street to Mill creek, north of State. Fred G. Schwatka, afterwards Arctic explorer and author was the man who on the day of the Baker and Beale hanging sold the pamphlet containing the con-

The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

GRAND
North High between Court and State
Today—"Lucky in Love."

BLIGH'S CAPITOL
State between High and Church
Today—"Hot for Paris."
Sunday—"Disraeli," with George Artlis.

FOX ELSINORE
South High between State and Ferry
Today—"Rin Tin Tin in 'The Million Dollar Collar.'"

HOLLYWOOD
North Capitol street, North Salem
Today—"Rin Tin Tin in 'The Million Dollar Collar.'"

The never falling interest provoker is Rin-Tin-Tin, the wonder dog, whose fame has been shed down through several generations of dogs bearing the same name. Today at the Hollywood there is a Rin-Tin-Tin who does his stuff in such manner as to win the admiration of his audience. Annual actors have the delightful quality so seldom seen in people—they are natural, doing their acts without a thought for the audience. We call them "dumb animals" but they are not half so dumb as some of their screen contemporaries—Mary Brian for instance.

The American Association of University women are sponsoring the play that all Salem will want to see—"Disraeli," which begins Sunday at Bligh's Capitol. This organization has tickets on sale at 10 places of business in Salem. All the tickets purchased either from a member of the association or from these places of business will reap a benefit to the association, which benefit will be applied on the scholarship loan fund.

Remember how Ramon Novarro sang the Pagan Love Song? That song is still going and I wonder if we won't be humming it way off in those years when we are asked to demonstrate a song that was popular when we were young. There is just no forgetting the peculiar plaintive quality that Novarro has in his voice and the deep beauty of feeling that is there. Personally, "The Pagan" was one of the best pictures of the past few months—it was a real classic.

Editorial Comment

BANK DEPOSITS
The statistics on bank deposits in the various cities of Oregon show Eugene holding third place in 1929. Portland with \$166,000,000, of course, keeps first place, and Salem, with \$11,000,000 keeps second. Klamath Falls and Pendleton, both on the other side of the Cascade range, have crept up with more than \$8,000,000 deposits each. Medford is sixth with close to \$6,000,000.

While it is possible for the condition of various large funds, such as county or city deposits to make a big difference on any particular day, the figures are fairly representative of city development in Oregon. Taking the state as a whole, there has been a drop of close to \$8,000,000 in deposits in the last year which is only partially explainable by bank consolidation. Possibly stock speculation took out its share. There is no overlooking the fact that business in some lines, particularly lumbering, has been a bit below normal. Portland, despite its balancing of diversified industry to an extent greater than in any of the other cities, showed its proportionate decrease.

Yet business has not been bad in 1929. Against a total of more than \$300,000,000 the fluctuation is very small. What should concern us more than anything else, West Salem.

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SEE and HEAR
WARNER BROS. and
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MATTY HEMP—FIELD SPECIALIST
TOMMY DONOHUE—EVENING PRINCE
THEY ARE SCREENED IN THE BEST THEATRE
Directed by BOSS LEBRON
WITWIT
Also Talking Comedy
Talking Serial
"KING OF KONGO"
Coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

CHARLES BUDDY ROGERS
"The River of Romance"
A Grandest Genre

WHEN MIND AND BODY FAIL TO COORDINATE

It is Important to Develop Coordination and Poise, Particularly in Children, Not Only for Health but for Accident Prevention

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

ACCIDENTS caused by automobiles are increasing rapidly. You have only to enter a hospital to find the large number who are there recovering from some automobile casualty. Every newspaper has the sad stories of accidents, accidents from many causes.

One authority tells us that there are twice as many children of school age killed in accidents as die of any one disease. This is really appalling! What can be done to lessen this harvest of life and limb?

We see "Safety-First" signs everywhere. They are put up by the health authorities in every great city. They are seen in street cars, subways and in buses. The Red Cross and the State do much in this line. Attempts are made to educate the people so that they will exercise every care to avoid accidents.

St. Louis has introduced into its schools a system of safety education for boys and girls. The result has been that 75 per cent of the usual number of accidents to children have been prevented. Every city should follow this noble example.

According to the National Safety Council, there are thirty-four non-fatal accidents to every fatal one. We are glad it isn't worse, but this means that out of thirty-four accidents many victims will be crippled in some way or other, and some of them permanently.

In stormy, slippery weather, there are numerous accidents. People go, with lowered heads, maybe under umbrellas. They dash around in front of street cars and automobiles, without stopping to make sure of safe passage.

On the street, in the store, in the factory, or right at home any one of us is liable to have an accident. When one is over-tired, or absent-minded, it is very easy to make a misstep or to do the thing which wouldn't be done if the mind were alert to every move.

Some persons seem to stumble more easily than others. How can we develop our power of co-ordination? It is well that children when they are young have systematic exercises, some form of games or dancing, some form of exercise that will train body and brain, to work together. The word "poise" of the body is developed in this manner.

These things influence the good health of the child. Perhaps fewer accidents would happen if all could be taught poise, alertness and the importance of what we call "safety first."

Answers to Health Queries
M. K. B. Q.—What is the cause of excessive perspiration under the arms?
A.—Should use your health and you will increase in weight as well as benefit generally.
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Today - Sunday - Monday
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DEVIL MAY CARE

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