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## Churches and Mergers

THE proposed merger of the Central Presbyterian and First Methodist churches of Eugene has been abandoned. The groups concluded the union could not be made harmoniously because of active dissent of minorities, so they concluded to go no farther with the merger plans.

There is difficulty in uniting churches of such historic roots as the Presbyterian and Methodist. Their doctrinal, social and governmental antecedents are different. While creeds are of little consequence any more, the vestiges of creedal prejudices remain. But the great handicap to all church union is the administrative organization. A church is not a local unit, except in a very few denominations. It has only limited powers, being subordinate usually to higher authority of bishop or presbytery or synod. The church organization zealous for its own preservation and growth, often frowns on proposals for union which submerge the denominational name or eliminate one of its outposts of empire. Ruling boards have grown more favorable to church union or federation in later years, but the sentiment is still conservative.

Divisions are bound to occur and if all the churches in the world were united it wouldn't be long till there would be fresh divisions. There are so many lines of cleavage that the cloak of brotherly love seems unable to spread wide enough to cover all the factions. There is the doctrinal cleavage, those who are fundamentalists and those who are modernists. Social distinctions automatically almost force people of similar social rating into similar groups. The uppity-ups clique together and the lowbrows gravitate together.

As a matter of fact we are having peculiar religious movements in this country at the present time. The differences between great groups like the Presbyterian and Methodist and Baptist are growing less; but at the same time segments of each group are dropping out to form new churches or societies: Missionary alliance, Four Square gospel, Pentecost group, who recruit very largely from those who are dissatisfied with the great churches which have preserved the name but largely abandoned the emotional stimulus of the old-time religion.

One thing which is forcing mergers in church groups is the cost of church competition. Church organization now calls for costly plants, well-paid pastors, trained and salaried musicians, until the church budget becomes a formidable affair which gives trustees and boards worries from beginning to end of the church year. Add to local budgets the call for money to help finance missionary activity at home and abroad, carry on benevolences, pension the superannuates, and the total is an impressive sum to raise from the voluntary contributions of the people. Most all the denominations report difficulty in financing their church programs; and a large part of the cry for church union comes from a desire to cut costs.

Church leaders are conscious of the acute problems which they face, both religious and financial, and some of the sharpest critics are within the ranks of the clergy. Times are bringing changes even to institutions dating back for centuries and grounding their policies on assertion of divine authority.

## A Key to the Riddle?

MEDFORD, Ore., June 10 (AP)—The Oregon State senate today adopted a resolution instructing its executive committee to initiate a bill for the 1932 election, making the state one huge hydro-electric district with power to sell to smaller districts and existing power companies.

Kenneth Harlan, rate expert of Portland, spoke in favor of the plan, declaring it an "exemplification of the power politics of the late George W. Joseph and of Governor Julius L. Meier." We wonder if the above contains the answer to the question of why Kenneth Harlan has brought suit against the Statesman for alleged libel? Is the state about to be plunged into an orgy of bond flotations on hydro-electric schemes at the instigation of me like Harlan? And is part of the program to muzzle the up-state press through threat of libel suits like the one filed against the Statesman?

There are fat fees for engineers and lawyers who can get a public ownership debacle started in this state, and get jobs supplying the services. The irrigation district experience may be duplicated on a vaster scale with the will-o-wisp of "cheap power." The stakes are high. We throw out the question: does the Harlan suit against the Statesman tie into the program of launching a great campaign to issue millions of dollars in bonds, the success of which may be augmented by muzzling the free press of Oregon either through fear or threat?

## Hoss Should Follow Through

SECRETARY HOSS and the Oregon State Motor Association should get busy and draft a bill for a reduced license fee for motor vehicles. Hoss first proposed it and the association recommended it. Now Geo. Rylander, professional petition promoter, announces his intention of initiating a \$3 license fee. In our judgment the \$3 fee is inadequate, and since the discussion arose we have said that it should be higher and include something in lieu of the property tax which Oregon and Washington levy on motor cars.

With the sponsorship of the secretary of state and the motor association a new scale of license fees would probably carry at the polls. If a more moderate scale is not drawn up there is danger that the drastic cut to a flat \$3 rate will prevail. Secretary Hoss started what we think is a good thing. He should follow through and call a conference of those interested in good roads and others interested in license fees and try to work out some acceptable bill.

The excellence of the symphony concert of Wednesday night should encourage those who have sponsored it for the past year. It should also encourage others in the community to lend a hand and give the orchestra proper support for a program for next year. The Y. M. C. A. has taken the lead in supporting the orchestra this year, providing a place to meet and helping arrange for the programs. But there should be a separate organization of twenty five or fifty people to look after the financial side of the orchestra and its concerns. This group with an adequate list of patrons and patronsess should give a firm foundation for what has become one of the notable artistic successes of the season. To head up such an organization we nominate F. G. Deckerbach. All in favor say "aye,"—the ayes have it. Frank, you're it.

Ohio farmers who felt a big shock think a motor made a big hole in the ground. Perhaps it is just the jar of farm prices reaching bottom.

## Climate and Health

By C. C. DAUER, M.D.

Marion County Health Dept. Climate has had tremendous influence on the health of people. Many persons who have not been blessed with the best of health are content with it if seeking a climate that will restore to them a greater measure of health.

If one will look at a map of the world he will discover that two-thirds of the population of the globe inhabit countries located in the temperate zones. Another fact will also become apparent; practically all the great civilizations that ever existed have been located in these zones. People have located in the temperate zones because they are healthier than the hot and moist tropics.

Ideal Climate The ideal climate so far as health is concerned is one where the temperature varies only from about 20 degrees as a minimum to 70 degrees as a maximum. England and parts of Central Europe fulfill these requirements as also does the eastern part of the United States.

British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon are also areas in which the temperature changes are conducive to health as does central California in the region of San Francisco.

Dry Conditions Best Dry climate such as one finds in southwestern United States are beneficial to those who suffer from tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases. Mountainous regions benefit tuberculosis patients, but are too stimulating for people troubled with heart trouble or nervous disorders. Forested regions have also been found beneficial as is evidenced by numerous health resorts in such places.

Hot climates as one encounters in the tropics are not healthful for the white race. The excessive heat gradually saps the strength of the white man so that in time he may fall prey to the diseases prevalent in the tropics.

Frigid climates are as a rule healthful, but the great handicap in these regions is lack of food. This accounts for the scattered population found in cold countries.

What health problems have you? If the above article raises any question in your mind, write that question and send it either to the Statesman or the Stateswoman and I will give you an answer which will appear in this column. Name should be signed, but will not be used in the paper.

## Yesterdays

... Of Old Salem

Town Talks from the Statesman of Earlier Days

June 12, 1906

Salem woolen mill baseball team met defeat at Silverton, the latter players winning 10 to 3. Tim Concanon and White were Silverton batters; and Bowen and Sheridan worked for Salem.

Construction work on state institutions will start shortly, following approval of the \$1,044,429 appropriation bill submitted to the voters last week.

Members and managers of the women's athletic teams at Willamette university were given a banquet by Prof. Boyer at the popular confectionery of Fuller & Douglas.

Hidden in the oak grove on Mill creek caught a person whom police think may be insane fired from ambush at Ray Gilbert, one of the passersby.

Marion and Polk counties clover acreage has increased 250 per cent this season over last year, a careful observer estimates.

Miss Mary Bayne, Salem student at O. A. C. was awarded the Clara H. Waldo prize for the sophomore woman judged the most outstanding.

## New Views

"Who will be president of the United States in 1932 and why?" was the question Statesman reporters asked yesterday.

Oscar D. Olson, florist: "Hoover, of course."

Walfrid Senn, elevator operator: "Asking me? I'm not a mind reader. Julius Meier if he could get it."

Aaron Astill, haberdasher: "Hoover, of course. He's best suited for the job. He's dry and the country is dry despite what they tell you."

Mrs. Dena Mack, proprietor Mack's Women's Wear: "I think Roosevelt will be the next president. I have always been a republican, but I certainly think that some good old democratic influence in this country, to change the economic situation."

Mrs. Coble del Cappinasso, Hubbard: "I have followed Roosevelt's career for the past 15 years and I believe that he is the logical one for the presidency. I have always voted the republican ticket but I will vote for him if I get the chance."

Harold Aspinwall, Woodburn school man: "I don't think about such things. Yes, I'm too busy training future presidents."

## HERE'S HOW

By EDSON



Tomorrow: The Invisible "Mike"

## BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Catholic history: (Continuing from yesterday.) The most important historic section of the old Oregon country for the Catholic church is the St. Paul district.

Erected there in 1834 was the first building on this coast north of the Spanish line that was used for church purposes by the fathers of the Roman Catholic faith, formally dedicated for its purpose January 6, 1840, by Vicar General P. N. Blanchot, the pioneer missionary, as was related in this column yesterday.

There, in the present town of St. Paul, was erected the first brick church edifice in the old Oregon country, in 1846. That building is still in use and in a good state of repair, and it is commodious and well arranged for its purposes.

Lacking lime, the bricks were originally laid in mud, but a few years ago the structure was gone over, and no crack or other marking imperfection appears. The work in the interior is fine, and it is said some of the pieces were brought from Europe.

The first sisters' school in the Oregon country was established at St. Paul. It was opened October 19, 1844, under the direction of six sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who had arrived in the Columbia river from Antwerp on July 31 of that year. That school is still carrying on. The first boys' college under the name of St. Joseph, was opened two years before.

The grave of Archbishop Blanchot, the pioneer priest and vicar general, is the central one in the present cemetery of St. Paul, where stands the little chapel that contains the resting places of the early sisters. Next to that of the pioneer is the one of his brother, Bishop A. M. A. Blanchot.

That section was originally called French prairie, and so general was the application of the term that it led to much confusion in the minds of early writers of Oregon history, and indeed this has been true in later times. The designation has been made to apply to all the territory reaching along the east side of the Willamette river from the Marion county line almost to the present city limits of Salem.

The mind of the generally accurate Bishop Bashford was sorely confused by this fact when he came to write his fine book, "The Oregon Missions." Some of the early writers were still more confused. A case in point is this statement in the matter pertaining to the Catholic missions: "An offer was made by the Catholics to purchase the building and grounds of the Oregon Institute first erected in the Wallace prairie, and offered for sale by Gary, who was closing up the Methodist mission; but that gentleman refused to sell to the successful rivals of Methodism, though the Methodist society would have received double what it did receive for the property."

The offer was to buy the building and grounds of the Indian manual training school that became the Oregon Institute and in charge of the Willamette university. That building stood near the present Willamette gymnasium.

There was great rivalry between the Protestant missionaries and the Catholics after the latter came. Both sides let their religious feelings loose.

## Daily Thought

"We make daily great improvements in natural, there is one I wish to see in moral philosophy; the discovery of a plan, that would induce and oblige nations to settle their disputes without first cutting one another's throats. When will human reason be sufficiently improved to see the advantage of this? When will we be convinced, that even successful wars become misfortunes, who unjustly commenced them, and who triumphed blindly in their success, not seeing all its consequences."—Franklin.

## "MAKE BELIEVE" By FAITH BALDWIN

CHAPTER XXXIX

Dressing for Jenny's party that evening, after the car had taken Margaret and Doctor Matthews in to town for their mysterious disappearance—Lorraine—amusement, Mary Lou looked about her room and sighed deeply, wondering how long she would live in it—now that everything had happened, and anything might still happen. She loved her room, it seemed especially hers. It had taken on much of her personality, as rooms with it had been the arena for many silent struggles and battles with herself, a place to which she came for sleep and dreams, in which the four walls mutely reflected her love and amazement, her suffering and her faint, forlorn hopes; walls which knew something of the capacity of youth for grief, the capacity of youth for resilience, for living in the present, for ignoring the future and banishing the past. Her room.

She leaned her rounded, dimpled elbows on the smooth glass of her dresser and stared absently into the face which confronted her. White and rose, her curling red-gold hair in arched masses, charming confusion, the very blue eyes grave as a child's frightened as a child's. From the dresser a little cloud of fragrant powder arose, and the scent of delicate Spring-like perfume.

"I'm awfully pale," she thought. A white, fresh and gleaming from her bath, with glowing from its treatment of first hot, then ice cold water and a gentle massage with a brush she put on the delicate wisps of hair which she said out on the bed, peach colored, crepe de chine, tailored and sheer and fine, brushed her hair into its halo of soft waves and curling tendrils, floated a film of fine powder over her face and neck, and arms and shoulders and finally stepped in-

to her very newest party dress, a tight little bodice of peach and silver shot taffeta, with a full, rather long skirt, unsewn in hem-line, a great black and silver rose on the shoulder for the only contrasting color. She looked lovely. Had never, perhaps, looked lovelier. But a close observer might have seen the faint shadows beneath the brave blue eyes, the wistful drooping of the red mouth.

She touched the slim stopper of a perfume bottle to ears and hair, forced her lips into a smile as Lorraine whistled outside her door, caught up her wrap of peach velvet collared in white fox and the evening bag of seed pearls which had been Jenny's Christmas present to her, and went out of the room.

"If it weren't so idiotic," she thought to herself, "I'd say I felt like a ship, drifting, going on the rocks, sinking—well, I'll go down with colors flying!" thought Mary Lou.

"Gosh!" exclaimed Lorraine like a youngster, when he saw her. "You're a public menace, Delight! I ought to lock you up in a glass case where no one could see you but myself!" He laughed as he said it, but his eyes were serious, a little jealous even.

Mary Lou laughed back. "I'd hate that," she told him. "No setting up exercises, no fresh air, no galloping over a good road and sailing over a fence. Yes, I'd dislike it very much, Lorry. I'd feel like a gold fish, with all its proverbial privacy made immortal by Mr. Cobb."

Lorraine looked very well himself, his broad shoulders held well back, his face, which had filled out these last months, eager, lighted with interest, the fine textured skin smooth and healthy with good color. His brown eyes smiled down into hers as they went to the waiting car together and his voice was vibrant with

not later than June 19. The following are the boys who will receive travel orders to report at Camp Huriburt: Tom E. Ballantyne, Harold B. Irish, George G. Smith, of Willamette; Lewis F. Campbell, William R. Campbell, Ernest S. Park, Willy M. Peary, Robert B. Spears, Kalman K. Vadney, Francis M. Walsh, Paul O. West, Kenneth L. Grimes, William B. Galsbord, of Salem.

## WALKING EXERCISE DEEMED BENEFICIAL

Those people who do a little walking now will prolong their days, according to a bulletin issued by the headquarter of the Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical society and the Marion-Polk-Yamhill Dental society. The bulletin endorses walking clubs and golf and all sorts of exercise that will bring people out of doors. It declares that sunshine and exercise can add more years to a person's life than any doctor's prescriptions.

Too many tourists seek the world from an automobile seat and too many people go to school and to work in an automobile, according to the report. That much of the sleeplessness at night is due to a lack of exercise is one of the predominant notes in the medical bulletin.

"Thousands of men and women have fallen into the poor woman's mode of living. They ride everywhere, to business, to theatre, to church, to market. They are whirling themselves quickly toward their last ride," declared the bulletin issued this week.

"Many children, especially those living in cities and suburbs, are being brought up as if they were helpless cripples. They are driven to an automobile school even when they live only three or four blocks away. They are driven to music lessons, to dancing classes, to parties, to the movies. The result is a generation of children who have no time to walk, to loiter, to dream."

And after the Whitman massacre, the French settlers rallied to the call of Tom McKay, stopson of Dr. McLoughlin, with supplies and equipment. McKay and Lucifer, F. X. Matthieu and William McCarty. Five more should be added: Joseph Gervais, Pierre Bellique, Francis Bernier, Francis X. Donpierre, and F. X. Ladroit; perhaps others.

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## Credit Group to Stage Picnic at Hager's June 17

The annual picnic of the Salem Retail Credit association will be held at Hager's Grove on Wednesday evening, June 17, according to a decision made at the weekly luncheon meeting on Wednesday.

A program of sports will be arranged and luncheon will be served at 8:20. All credit executives and their families are invited to attend. Reservations should be made with the Salem Retail Credit bureau not later than Monday. It is planned to have a caterer serve the dinner.

## Thirteen From Marion County Going to Camp

Thirteen Marion county young men have been accepted to attend the citizens' military training camp at Vancouver Barracks. The camp starts on June 15 and all students should report

the renewed joy of living. "Warm enough?" he asked, doubtfully. "I'll phone the garage and have Simmons bring up the town car if you're not."

"I'm all right." She shrugged herself deeper into the warm white collar of her coat. Better to drive in Lorraine's roadster with him at the wheel than to have Simmons, the second man, drive them in the town car, in which she would have to sit close to Lorraine in the intimate darkness. Far better, she thought unhappily.

"She got in the car. Lorraine's hands were steady on the wheel. They went down the drive and out of the gates and turned into the road which would lead them to the Wynnes."

"Too bad mother missed the party," Lorraine was saying, "but she was set on seeing this fool show and so was Doc Dan. She drove them in the car, and I almost forgot how exciting it was. I've been a selfish beast," he added remorsefully.

"Your mother looked beautiful," Mary Lou said, remembering. Margaret and Lorraine in her soft, draped coral velvet frock the white, hair, silver shining, in close waves about her delicate face, her eyes bright with her secret anticipation.

"Yes—yes—you're wonderful tonight," he said quietly. "I'm a darned lucky fellow," he went on, "far beyond my merits. . . . To have you—for I have you, Delight. After all you can't get away from me yet a while—you can't escape me. . . . I'll put up a fight if you try," he said, half laughing, very grave. "Do you want to go?" he asked her suddenly.

"Oh, please, Lorry—" "I've been pretty patient," he reminded her.

"I know." She touched his sleeve, a fleeting touch and one that she couldn't help. She had to, had to feel him near, just for a moment. "Oh, I mustn't!" she thought despairingly. "If I couldn't before—how much more important it is now that I—"

She broke off in her thoughts. Drew away her hand. Sat back in her seat and closed her eyes. It was all so hard—too hard. Once, Lorry dancing with Mary Lou, whispered: "They got off all right?" "Yes, Dined in town. Took Rodas and the big car. . . . Lorraine didn't suspect anything?" he pursued.

"No—" "I wonder," mused Lorry, "what she'll do? Mrs. Lorraine, I mean." "I don't know," said Mary Lou. Her feet were light on the polished floor, but her heart was lead in her breast.

"You—game kid!" said Lorry. Mary Lou was very popular that evening. There were dozens of more or less idle and eligible young men out from town only too anxious for an introduction, a dance. She forced herself out of her heavy abstraction and gave them all her blue, friendly glance, her quick smile, set herself the task of moving, in their arms, to the heavenly music, the task of responding to admiring comments in serious discussion, witty wisecrack. It was by far the longest evening she had ever spent. She had been playing a role for a long time, however, a role that had become part of her and all too real; she must, it seemed, play it a little longer.

"What a knockout!" said the admiring young men. (To be continued)

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