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Sackcloth and Ashes

THE people of Oregon are the ones to wear sackcloth and ashes over the humiliating performance of two of the highest-placed officials in the state last Tuesday. When the governor and state treasurer resort to vituperation and personal abuse one of the other the state should rebuke both of them. They are the hired servants of the state, employed to conduct the business of the state in proper manner, and not to spend their time in private vendetta. The legislature if it is wise will keep out of the mess and let the disputants settle their own conflict for it is always dangerous for outsiders to mix in a personal brawl.

Holman is right about the governor. Meier is mean and harsh and overbearing. He is now venting on Holman the abuse he flung at Secretary Hoss. His conduct of the inquiry over the administration of Henry Meyers at the penitentiary revealed his rudeness and discourtesy. He has been knowled to all his life; and is so accustomed to being regarded as the All-Highest that he is unable to cooperate with others save as they bow their will to his. He reduces every incident to personalities and becomes contemptible when his will is crossed.

Holman likewise is crass and overbearing. He is as anxious as the governor to run the works. He no longer got his seat warm than he started in to fire and hire at state institutions as though he were the sole member of the board of control. He has been building up a political machine at every opportunity, and has sought to load the state payroll with political henchmen, claiming it to be his right to put his friends in office in these institutions. His bitterness at William Einzig, state purchasing agent, is due to the fact that Einzig refused to let him run the purchasing office. There is no "reign of terror" in Einzig's office but there soon would be if Holman could get his hand in.

We credit Holman and Meier both with some degree of sincerity in their desire to give the state a good administration, to reduce costs of government and eliminate graft. But these pure motives are so alloyed with political ambition or personal prejudice that neither is rendering the service which the state ought to receive. Both have been guilty of absenteeism, spending very little time at the state capitol. At a time when constructive leadership and harmony are called for it is deplorable to see leading executives spilling their spleen.

Reports of board of control meetings may continue to be racy reading as newshounds set down the verbal thrusts and parries of the sparring members. The spectacle is one to disgust the people of the state, revealing only the littleness of supposedly big men.

The League Bankrupt

THE fresh rampage of Japan in China passes unnoticed by the league of nations. Not a breath even of inquiry comes out of Geneva. As though stricken dumb the league utterly ignores the far eastern situation, while the secretaries and the under secretaries and the flunkies continue to draw their salaries and sip their drinks at Geneva cafes. The league has before it the report of the Lytton commission, which made a thorough study of the Manchurian controversy of a year ago, and severely condemned Japanese aggression. This report has been before the league for months, but in the face of the threat of Japan to withdraw from the league if any action was taken in support of the Lytton report the league has done nothing.

Thus is peace murdered in the house of its friends. Thus does the idealism of the league of nations fade with the first blood-red rays from Mars looming out of the orient. The league is morally bankrupt. It seems impotent even to make a gesture in support of international morality.

The only pronouncement worthy of the Kellogg peace pact and the peace treaties is the Hoover-Stimson doctrine of refusal to honor the fruits of conquest in Manchuria, and that from a nation which is not a member of the league. This doctrine is endorsed by President-elect Roosevelt. The costly superstructure of the league, designed to end war in the world thus proves a hollow shell. Political intrigue and national fears once more rout the forces of peace and civilization.

New Battle Over Fish Wheels

CLATSOP county will miss Jim Mott when the fish wheel bill from The Dalles gets into the legislature again. Mott was the principal fighter who got this bill enacted and who saved it last session.

It is time now to prove whether the Astoria contention was correct or not, that the fish wheels were destroying the salmon industry on the Columbia river because they prevented all but a very few fish from reaching the upper waters to spawn. It is now six years since the fish wheels were abolished by adoption of an initiative. Thus the salmon cycle should now show whether the run is increasing which would help to bear out the contention of the fishermen at the mouth of the river.

Since the subject is again to be made a legislative matter it should be given very careful study by the legislators. If the time has not been sufficient for a real test of the law the repeal bill should be laid aside for another biennium. With fishing as profitless as it was the past season there would be little injury in continued closing of the upper river.

People with weak hearts ought to stay away from basketball games. All others who enjoy and can stand thrills and spills and sensations ought to go. Salem is a fine basketball town. The high school always has a good team, and Willamette is able to compete on a better basis with the big schools than in football. There is nothing like sports to afford a relief from the care and grind of making a living.

By a two-thirds vote, McNary and Stetler voting with the majority, the senate joined the house in overriding the president's veto of the independence bill. The only Oregon man in congress standing with the president was Gen. Martin, Congressman Hawley being absent with the Butler funeral party when the vote was taken. As we said once last year, when Hawley retires Martin will be the only "republican" from Oregon left in congress.

Editorial Comment

From Other Papers

HOLMAN LAUNCHES A CAMPAIGN

One of the most interesting aspects of the legislative session at Salem is the rebellion of State Treasurer Rufus Holman against Governor Meier. Back of that according to those who claim to be informed on what is really what in politics there is a long story in which present grievances, such as the quarrel over what the purchasing agent, Bill Einzig said to Mr. Holman's stenographer, are mere incidents.

When George Joseph died shortly after his rather unexpected nomination for governor there were several statesmen who felt themselves the natural heirs of the Joseph mantle of reform and foremost of these was Mr. Holman. When the Joseph forces were gathered behind Julius Meier, due largely to the skillful workings of Henry Hansen, there were many secret disappointments, or so ran the story.

Throughout the campaign, however, Mr. Holman labored valiantly for Meier; when Tom Kay's death made it necessary for treasurer Meier gave the place to Holman, and throughout most of the first two years of the Meier regime, it was Holman who stood with the governor in the board of control with Hal Hoss the secretary of state in lone opposition.

On the "Q. T." the wise ones predicted the situation would not last. They said that once Holman had been elected treasurer in his own right, he would begin a campaign against Meier with the governorship as the goal of his ambition.

This gossip may be unduly severe on Mr. Holman. He is an able man. He has done some good work as treasurer. We are glad to support Holman for treasurer. We did not support Julius Meier when he was running for governor. In the present situation, however, our feeling is that the governor is far more deserving public support than Mr. Holman.

The reasons offered in support of the Holman change are mostly trivial and the charges are unproven. The methods used by Mr. Holman (if it is he who is responsible for the circulation of unsigned charges) are reprehensible. They lend color to the political supposition that Mr. Holman is sacrificing his loyalties to his personal ambitions. If it is true that Mr. Holman is personally advocating warrant operation for the state it is an heroic effort to balance budgets his surety not following the business judgment so often demonstrated in his own personal business.

The Meier-Holman feud at this juncture is an exceedingly unfortunate thing. This is no time for personal politics on any side. Governor Meier perhaps has not completed all he hoped; he has undoubtedly made many mistakes and he has his full share of shortcomings, but on the whole he has given this state the kind of management the times demanded. The policies he is advocating now are sound.

It is no time for snipers.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Royal Neighbors

At Suver Install New Set Officers

SUVER, Jan. 18 — The Royal Neighbors installed new officers Saturday night, as follows: Mrs. Corry DeArmond, orator; Mrs. Mable Kerr, pastor; Ada Countryman, vice orator; Mrs. O. J. Bagley, chancellor; Edna Allen, marshal; Veta Lamb, assistant; Anna Brown, reporter; Nellie Lamb, I. C.; Edna Allen, O. C.; Minnie James, flag bearer. Mrs. Milvina was ceremonial master and Mrs. Hattie Reed, installing officer.

Daily Health Talks

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

The sufferer in relation to night and day, is the one who complains of numerous nervous symptoms during the day. Dizziness, "sinking sensation", faintness, sensation of weight in the stomach, attacks of abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting, are other signs that must not be overlooked. There is no instance where a diagnosis of tapeworm is made unless evidence of the worm is found. If Johnny has a full appetite but does not gain in weight, it does not necessarily follow that he has tapeworm. However, if worms are found, proper medication should be given. A "vermifuge", that is, a medicine that destroys tapeworms, should be given only under the supervision of a physician. It is rather a simple matter to get rid of the parasite. It is wise, however, to have your own doctor direct the treatment.

Perhaps there is no better evidence of the progress of the human family, than the increasing purity and safety of our foods. We have become "food conscious" and it is becoming more and more difficult to find standard products. The commercial world is doing its full duty in assisting the public officials in the maintenance of high standards. Answers to Health Queries Appreciative. Q.—What is a remedy for falling hair? A.—Brush the hair thoroughly daily and use a good tonic. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope for full particulars and repeat your question. N. M. Q.—What should a girl of 21, 5 feet 2 inches tall weigh? A.—She should weigh about 125 pounds. This is about the average weight one of this age and height as determined by examination of a large number of persons. A few pounds above or below the average is a matter of little or no significance. (Copyright, 1934, E. F. S., Inc.)

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

In the first capitol: "Hookydeed!" Dawne again: Page our old, old timers: Under date line Dec. 4, 1854, a Statesman reporter wrote: "The territorial legislature commenced its 6th annual session today; two rooms in the new and somewhat OUS 'state house' lately built here having been finished in advance of the other apartments of the building for the purpose. The hall appropriated to the 'house of representatives' is on the ground floor facing the north—the 'council chamber' directly over it. Much credit is due Governor Curry . . . for his personal exertions . . . to have the apartments ready . . . in both houses. What, however, strikes us as the most useful and novel arrangement . . . is the manner in which every member is furnished with a WRITING DESK AND A COMPLETE SET OF WRITING MATERIALS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HIS SEAT. This is a luxury which few legislative houses have seen can boast of, even in old communities.

The "house of Oregon sounds so territorially rude to stranger ears that one might be inclined to look for a capitol corresponding to his ideas of the people of the country. But a near approach to this building would dispel any such ideas. THE MASSIVE building resting on its solid stone basement and yet unfinished condition—and the newness of its face is not emblematic of rudeness, but of the stalwart proportions of the young and rising territory and embryo state of which it is the capitol."

One gleans later on in the news articles from which the above words are taken that the plan called for a cut stone edifice 50 by 75 feet, and with two stories, 19 and 15 feet high, on a foundation of "rouble and ashler worked stone rising to top of water table 4 feet above the surface of the ground." The "edifice of the long order" is the first story comprised a main hall of entrance 15 feet wide, with a stairway to the second story; the hall of the house being 36 by 46 with three entrances, next being the federal court room 20 by 27 feet, and an office for the "executive secretary" 12 by 20 feet. The second story with a main hall and stairway, council chamber 26 by 36, a room for clerks and three committee rooms; and a library room 20 by 30.

But it was found that the structure originally planned, to be built of stone, etc., would cost \$46,000. And preliminary government had provided only \$25,000; with no more in sight. Capt. Chas. Bennett, discoverer of gold in California, builder of the Bennett House in Salem, where the Masonic temple is now, had erected the stone foundation. He was paid \$8,125.71, and preliminary expenses were enough to bring the total to \$9608.87; leaving available only \$15,391.13. So the plan was changed to Grecian (Doric) style, and wood substituted for stone, and Wm. H. Rector contracted to complete the capitol for \$14,940.

Page our old, old timers. The writer is requested to give the date of the removal from the old mission cemetery of the bodies of Anna Maria Pittman Lee and Nancy born son and Cyrus Shepard, to the Lee Mission cemetery, also particulars and date of looking in the Willamette river one or both of the tombstones, and the long later recovery of one of them. These facts may help: Lee Mission cemetery was incorporated June 27, 1869. The deed to the property was made Jan. 9, 1869, to the Lee Mission cemetery, by J. L. and E. Parrish; that is to the first 4.77 acres. The Bits man would be glad to have information as to the points named, or any other moving it back to the original location. Information as to removal of the bodies is especially solicited.

CONRAD DAHL WEDS MRS. M. TERRIL Event is Announced at Birthday Party Given by Bride's Children BETHANY, Jan. 18 — Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Dahl, who were married at Hillsboro last Thursday were the inspiration of an old-fashioned charivari at their home here Tuesday night. Noise made from explosives were so low that it was heard for miles around. About 30 took part in the affair.

Monday night at a birthday party Mrs. Dahl the news of their marriage was announced to their friends. Miss Doris Terril and Harry Terril, daughter and son of Mrs. Dahl gave a party for their mother's birthday. When all of the guests were assembled, Miss Terril played the wedding march as her mother came in to the arms of her son Harry, and Mr. Dahl came in accompanied by Mrs. T. E. Preston. The announcement was then made of the marriage which came as a surprise to many.

Mrs. Dahl was, before her marriage, Mrs. Mignon Terril. Mr. and Mrs. Dahl will make their home here on Mrs. Dahl's home farm. Mr. Dahl also owns a farm in this district. Present Tuesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. Hartwick Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sater, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Kobernuss, all relatives, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Greenland, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Overlund, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Klostner, Hans Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mead, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jorgenson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schantz, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Ellertson, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Preston and Doris and Harry Terril.

First League Debate Slated for Schools

DALLAS, Jan. 18 — Mrs. S. E. Whitworth, high school debate coach, announced that the first high school debates will be held Thursday, January 26, with the teams from Salem and Independence. One of these debates will be held in Dallas but it is not definitely decided which team will come here.

"THE BLACK SWAN" By Rafael Sabatini

CHAPTER FIFTY-FOUR

Aldridge rose to escort Morgan. As he was turning to go, the Admiral passed to speak to Miss Priscilla. "I'll send my steward to prepare quarters for you, and for you, Charles, and you, Major."

The Major and de Bernis had both risen. The Major bowed with cold and distant formality. But Monsieur de Bernis had a word to say. "If you will give me leave, Morgan, I will travel back to Jamaica on one of the other ships. Perhaps I might take charge of the Centaur for you."

Morgan stared at him, and then from him to the others. Almost despite himself, a little gasp of relief had escaped the Major, whilst Miss Priscilla had suddenly looked up and on her countenance there had been a momentary expression of bewildered dismay. Sir Henry thrust out a heavy lip, stroked his long moustache reflectively for an instant. "What the devil . . ." he was beginning. Then he shrugged. "Oh, but just as you please, Charles. Just as you please. Come, Aldridge."

He rolled out of the cabin with the lean captain following at his heels, leaving Monsieur de Bernis alone with his two fellow adventurers. Before he could utter the expressions for which he was seeking words, Miss Priscilla had risen. She was very quiet, very pale. "Bart," she said, "would you oblige me by going on deck for a while?"

"The Major started forward briskly, proffering his arm. 'My dear!' he exclaimed. She shook her head. 'No, no, I mean you to go alone. I have a word to say to Monsieur de Bernis.' His eyes glared at her. 'You have a word to say to him? What word? To what purpose?'"

"To my purpose, Bart. Does it not seem to you that there is something to be said between us after all that has happened? I think you, yourself, might find something to say to him. We are a little in his debt, I think. Don't you?" The Major was in confusion. Emotions conflicted in him. "To be sure, my obligation to Monsieur de Bernis is . . . very real. Stab me, very real! I confess that I have been mistaken in him. At least to some extent. And . . ." "Please say no more," Monsieur de Bernis checked him. "You will only make matters worse."

"You may say it afterwards," Miss Priscilla added. "Pray leave us now." "But . . ." Major Sands hung there, racked by misgivings. "But do you think . . . Surely you can have nothing to say to Monsieur de Bernis to which I cannot be a witness, in which I cannot join? It is no more than natural, my dear Priscilla, that I should wish to unite with you in expressing . . ." "I have something to say in which you cannot join me, Bart, in which you are not concerned at all."

Alarm painted a foolish look upon his face. "But surely, Priscilla . . ." "Oh, please go! Please go!" Her tone grew impatient. He spread his hands. "Very well. If it is your wish, Monsieur de Bernis, I am sure, will not abuse the situation. He will not remember . . ." And now it was Monsieur de Bernis who interrupted him. "The only abuse that is threatened, sir, is your own abuse of the lady's patience."

Farewell Party For LaDukes Held, Christian Church

MILL CITY, Jan. 18 — Friday evening a large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. LaDuke and family met at the Christian church to give them a farewell party. During the early part of the evening a program consisting of two short plays, songs, instrumental music and selections by the women's comb orchestra was enjoyed. The LaDuke family came to Mill City about three years ago from Salem and have made a large circle of friends here who will miss them.

Smoke House Lock Is Molested; Meat Stolen Third Time

OAK POINT, Jan. 18 — P. O. Black had his smoke house broken into and a quantity of meat taken. The thieves broke the lock off the door. This is the third time he has lost his meat. Leonard Peterson has purchased the William Webb place of 168 acres. Mr. Webb and his brother-in-law, Arthur Kays will go to his place near McMinnville the first of February, but Mrs. Webb and the children will remain here until school is out. Mr. Peterson will farm the place.



"I do a dreadful, lovely thing," he said, and took her in his arms.

though it was, reached his ears and cut him like a sword, betrayed him into saying what he would never say. "Ah, mon Dieu! You were not mistook." He crossed to her, and set a knee upon the locker on which she sat. "Attend to me, Priscilla," he said gravely. "I go because, as I told you that night when we talked ashore there, under the stars, I am what I am and you are what you are. I run away from you, which is what you supposed. I run away from you for your own sake.

I would not have you betrayed into a weakness because you may perceive that I have the presumption to love you. I tell you this, just as I might place a wreath upon a grave. Do you understand?" "I am not dead yet, Monsieur de Bernis. And whilst I live you have a certain claim to me. Only today you risked your life for me. I understand. Don't suppose that I did not. What that odious Sir Henry said was true. You killed Leach, you faced death from him, so as to make sure of delivering me whatever happened."

"That was a duty."

"To me?" She swung to face him fully, looking up at him. "To myself. To honour. To chivalry."

OPERETTA FEATURE FOR TWO SCHOOLS

SCIO, Jan. 18 — Tryouts have been held for the operetta, "Polished Pebbles," which will be presented by the high school girls club late in February. Miss Doris Clarke, director, has chosen the cast as follows:

Pioneer Observes 68th Anniversary Near Hazel Green

HAZEN GREEN, Jan. 18 — Mrs. Louise Johnson celebrated her 68th birthday Sunday. Mrs. Johnson is one of the local pioneers, a sister of Mrs. Ellen Van Cleave, daughter of Adam Brombaugh. The family came by wagon train from Iowa in 1867.

Chamber Gathering Postponed Week; Program Planned

SILVERTON, Jan. 18 — The Silverton chamber of commerce, which was to have met Wednesday night was postponed until next Wednesday night, Jan. 25.

"You will not have known many," said Monsieur de Bernis. She looked straight into his countenance, and again there was the long pause. At last she allowed round on the locker, turning her shoulder to him and her face seawards, so that he might not see the tears that were gathering in her eyes. Still she was silent a little while, so as to regain control of her voice.

"Perhaps . . . perhaps, after all, I was mistook as to your motives for going on one of the other ships. Perhaps I was wrong to wish to ask you to remain."

But the break in her voice, faint because of several other important meetings being held this week. Ernest Starr, president, reported Wednesday of this week that a speaker was being arranged for the January meeting.

Another interesting feature of next week's meeting will be a report of the legislative committee of the chamber of commerce. Serving on the legislative committee are Alf O. Nelson, M. G. Gunderson, Jack Fish and Ed Porter. Regular committee reports will also be made.

Mrs. Johnson has part of the farm her father bought when locating. Though not the oldest citizen, she has lived in the community the longest. On Mrs. Johnson's woodshed is a frame and door from the first school house which stood back of Thor Slattum's on A. Wood's farm.

36-Inch Steelhead Caught by Robinson

INDEPENDENCE, Jan. 17 — Paul Robinson pulled a 36-inch steelhead weighing 14½ pounds from the Trask river near Tillamook while on a weekend fishing trip with Loren Mori. The fishermen are teachers at the high school here.