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Political Corruption in Iowa

THE good old state of Iowa is located with internal explosions deeply affecting the political life of the state. The man who lit the fuse to the dynamite is Verne Marshall, publisher of the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

Marshall, who is no reformer, but a plain-thinking American citizen with simple standards of honesty in office, keeps forcing the issue with the revelations he and his investigators have dug up at heavy cost to himself.

Ethiopian Defense

WIDELY known in circles of the United Presbyterian church is Dr. T. A. Lambie, who has been in missionary service in Ethiopia for 28 years.

He predicts, as reported in a dispatch from New York, that disease and the hardships of nature may prove more terrifying than the Ethiopian army to the invaders.

While nature may provide a great citadel in the climate and the terrain and the diseases which flourish there, it must be realized that a modern army moves with equipment to erase many of these obstacles.

Excess Building Costs

THE state university had \$365,000 to spend for a new library, with funds derived from a PWA grant and loan and some alumni pledges.

Corvallis had a similar experience with a high school. It received a 30 per cent grant and thought it was lucky.

These experiences should give the Salem school district concern before it launches the district on a million dollar building program which involves abandonment of two grade schools and the large senior high school.

READ OLD MINUTES AT DISTRICTS MEET

CLOVERDALE, Aug. 20—Summit Hill, Pleasant View and Cloverdale held their second annual picnic at the tabernacle grounds in Turner Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Wipperfurth read the minutes of a meeting held May 19, 1877, which was held for the purpose of establishing Summit Hill district No. 87.

Those present at Sunday's gathering were Mrs. Ida Elaine and daughters, Jean and Lyle, Seattle, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hann, Woodburn; B. Eysenbos, Gresham; Mrs. Irene Kaminski and B. Kaminski, Pratum; Mr. and Mrs. T. Neer and family, Corvallis; Betty Hay, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. L. Hammack, Mr. and Mrs. D. Meggers, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fellers and family, Morris Hunsaker and Mrs. A. Hunsaker, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitehead, Laverne Whitehead, Mrs. H. Peetz, Helen Peetz, W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ferris, W. Ferris and Mr. and Mrs. C. Stanley and family, Turner; Miss Fanny Wipperfurth, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. F. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. C. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. K. Wipperfurth, Mr. and Mrs. W. Schifferer and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Henkle, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Umbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schifferer, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cook, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rosenau, Mrs. Alice Wipperfurth.

HELEN WEST DOES WELL IN CONTEST

INDEPENDENCE, Aug. 20—Helen West, Salem candidate for queen of the Independence Hop Fiesta to be held August 29 to 31, is proving to be a strong contender for the throne of the big valley festival.

The local queen aspirant is 20 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, has light brown hair, and blue eyes, is fond of all outdoor sports, and admits a fondness for travel.

The fiesta queen contest closes on Tuesday, August 27, at 11 p. m.

Kay Stockholder Meeting Delayed

The meeting of the Thomas Kay Woolen Mills stockholders yesterday was adjourned until 10 a. m. Thursday for further consideration of the question as to whether or not the mill shall continue operations.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

OLD TESTAMENT ECONOMICS

Not having heard the address of R. R. Hewitt before the Salem Lion's club Thursday noon, I cannot judge it fully, but the published report shows some misunderstanding of the Hebrew system.

The object of the system as given in the Bible is that there may be no poor among us. Now all the works of the Almighty whether we examine the universe itself or the plant and animal life on the earth all function wonderfully.

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Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Revised history of the court houses of Marion county is told: For the January, 1872, term of the Marion county court, a record reads:

"It is hereby ordered by the court that sealed proposals be received up to the 7th day of February, 1872, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., for building a court house, and that the county reserves the right to reject all bids, and that the clerk give notice by publication in the Oregon Statesman and the Oregonian for the same."

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New commissioners came into office after the June election of 1872; Wm. Porter of the Aumville section and Wm. M. Case of the Champeong district, both prominent plowmen. But this did not hamper the work on the new court house, though they received no vote with the idea that they might economize on it.

Finding what they did, they only aided Judge Terry in completing the work so well begun and so faithfully carried forward.

At the June term their first, the court ordered a \$10,000 warrant drawn on the new court house contract—actually anticipating a not yet due payment, under strict construction of the contract. The court's order read: "For the payment due Sept. 15."

At the June term a warrant had been ordered drawn for \$421.13, and at the August term the new court authorized one drawn for \$153, to Boothby & Co., evidently for extra or changes added or made under orders of the architect.

(Concluded tomorrow.)

Ten Years Ago

August 20, 1925

Attempt to reach pole by plane is abandoned. MacMillan party victim of inclement weather.

\$20,000 allotted Willamette river above Portland and district engineer authorized to proceed with work recommended.

Portland police continue to comb city for Tom Murry, James Wilbos and Ellsworth Kelley, convicts who escaped from the penitentiary. Reports vary.

Twenty Years Ago

August 20, 1915

"Riding in an automobile equipped with electric lights inside and out, with fitted unique conveniences for sleeping, and carrying ingenious outfit for getting meals, Mr. and Mrs. Tripp and children of Brownsville passed through Salem on a trip to Iowa and Yellowstone park. They expect to cover the distance to Denver in 30 days.

Construction for the stalls for use as a public market on Ferry street east of Liberty will probably be commenced today.

The last band concert of the season, which was a veritable rag-time revel met with a variety of comments. Some dared him (Henry Stoudenmeyer) to do it again and others said it was the best yet.

Directors May Meet Today to Plan for Vote

The Salem school board, which has been awaiting legal opinions as to how the call for a special building bond election must be worded, may meet in open or executive session some time today to consider the proposed reconstruction program further, it was indicated last night.

A question facing the board is whether to ask the voters to pass on a \$600,000 lump sum bond issue or to break this amount down into specified appropriations for various buildings. It now appears the election may not be held until October.

The board's building-grounds committee, aided by Director Percy A. Cupper, is now studying possible sites for the new senior high school it is proposed to erect north of Olinger field and for the combined Lincoln-Park grade school.

Health

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

AT A RECENT meeting of the New York Neurological society an interesting paper was read on the subject of stuttering. It included a review of seven years' work in the handling of thousands of young men and women with stuttering and other speech defects.

In New York City alone there were found approximately 20,000 stutters out of a population of six million. Early attention to the subject of stuttering and other speech defects is essential.

White House conference on child health and protection, it was shown that 200,000 children stuttered and that only one in ten recovered from this affliction during the elementary school period.

Many So Afflicted

It is amazing to learn of the number of persons afflicted with this form of speech defect. As a rule the adult stutters can trace the affliction back to early childhood.

Learn Its Cause

There is no use in attempting to overcome a speech defect without knowing its cause. Many a stammerer has been made worse by useless efforts to improve the speech.

Often the young child will imitate someone who stutters or has some other form of imperfect speech. If permitted to continue with this mimicry the habit of stuttering will soon be formed and this may prove difficult to overcome.

Many children stutter only when they become excited or tired. Daily rest periods as well as supervised play and restrained activity, are often sufficient to bring about complete cure.

In order to overcome stuttering the sufferer must be taught to relax and maintain poise, self-composure and confidence. Of course, instruction along these lines is of little value if such underlying defects as enlarged adenoids, improper dental work and nasal infections and deformities are not corrected.

Answers to Health Queries

Q—What can I do to clear up matter in the eyes?

A—This is often due to a mild catarrh. Bathe the eyes twice a day and overcoming any catarrhal condition should help.

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"If a good boy you may be president, be whispered about"



"THE SNOW LEOPARD"

By Chris Hawthorne

CHAPTER XXXVI

"One-Armed" Toole's surmise regarding the fleet of airplanes was correct in a vague way, although it failed to comprehend the whole magnificent truth. The air fleet, in fact, was not a fleet at all, but a single plane, the "Two-Armed" Toole again.

Toole had visualized the scheme in its material aspects alone, while Bannister, recognizing it as a splendid pioneer movement, was primarily interested in its romantic and otherwise interesting aspects.

Secretly as the scheme had been working out for months, its real meaning finally had become known through the departure of an extra-official commission from Geneva, bound for the Sire Depression.

At the very moment that Toole and Bannister gained the top of the ridge the air fleet was circling over the heads of Toole and Bannister—passed over their heads in more than the obvious sense.

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"The window was open and Karen pointed out toward the distant hills to the east.

"Oh, she decided to stay among the wild people, did she? I gave her the choice of doing that or going back to New York with Jeff as a prisoner. Not such a bad dame at that. Crazy about her own smartness, though. The first quarrel she had with Jeff was over the letter she wrote to Karen, pulling that stuff about the Sires being yellow. I think Brenda was throwing a vamp eye toward Bannister."

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you, but it is important to them. They and their forebears have lived in these hills for five hundred years, scratching a bare living out of the soil and getting nowhere. My friend, Abbe Berger, devised that ritual under which we were made welcome. I think he borrowed most of it from Matthew, Mark and Luke.

The whole design was to enable us jointly to occupy the valley, irrigate and otherwise make it habitable for a large population. In the larger scheme, of course, it contemplates more than that—the idea of an experimental state in which all the Oriental nations will have a part."

Perhaps, when the turmoil now pervading the better-known parts of the world subsides, more will be heard of the Sire Depression and its developments. At present the rattling of rock drills and the roar of steam shovels in action are echoed only against the desert hills. True, there has been some talk of a "lost river" in the territory, and a great deal of sanguine comment upon efforts to divert it to the parched valley.

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he have insisted upon flying back to Maura alone with the prisoners!"

"Oh, they were snugly trussed up and crated," Dick assured her. "I helped with that myself. It was the only service he would permit. He's 'Two-Armed' Toole again."

"The detective had entered the hut as Bannister spoke. 'These Brit-ers are great people,' he said. 'They had a warrant for Jeff and the wares of an old jewel robbery, so they took charge of them and guaranteed to deliver them in London. Since a murder charge takes precedence over robbery, we won't have any trouble in extraditing the bunch. Besides, Jeff was born in the United States. That bluff he made about being an Englishman was all hooey.'

"Born in the United States?" queried Bannister.

"Yes, near New Orleans. So was Brenda." Toole leaned over and whispered something in Bannister's ear.

"No!" Bannister was incredulous.

"Yes," Toole insisted. "Jeff admitted it himself."

"What's all this?" Maurice Sire demanded.

"Bannister strolled over and seated himself at his side. A few low spoken words brought a look of amazement to Sire's face. 'No wonder the Whipples knew the potency of the bar sinister,' he said. 'When the whisper chilled me when they tried to use it against Karen and me. For a time it tied my hands—paralyzed me.'

"I'm glad you held out against blackmail," said Bannister, "but it must have cost you a lot of money to put over this big project in the Depression—money that will never come back."

Sire's eyes glowed. "Ten million," he said laconically, adding: "I do not want it back. There is a better spirit abroad in the world these days. Thirty years ago men of wealth subscribed to the jocular wheeze that since posterity never did anything for them, they were under no obligations to posterity. Now the reverse is accepted. Big money is being made more and more by corporations and less and less by individual effort. The kick of purely personal achievement is lacking. The thrill comes now, not from the making and piling up of money, but in getting rid of it intelligently and morally. Foundations of all kinds are accords from which the great tasks of the future may grow."

"The Abbe had joined them on the bench. 'A new prophet has come to the mountain,' he interjected. 'What I have dreamed he has made a reality.'

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"At any rate," Sire interposed, "Brenda denied that she had any idea that murder was to be done in connection with the Whipple Syndicate enterprise, and I believe her."

Toole had put on his derby and was walking out of the hut, but paused when Bannister called, "Hey, Bannister!"

"Show him the message that the plane relayed to you, daddy," Karen pleaded. "Why wait?"

Toole read the sheaf of aips that Sire handed to him. His eyes dimmed a little as he finished the last one.

"Matt Boyle is a pretty good scout at that," he said.

THE END

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