

The Oregon Statesman

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"

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Human Needs

THE general public has the feeling that the needs of individuals and families are now being adequately met in all cases of destitution.

But the situation is by no means as rosy as such a placid belief would indicate. There are hundreds of people who have kept off relief, but whose resources are now pretty well exhausted.

Higher rents and higher food costs make the monthly stipends, sufficient a few years ago, inadequate today.

The taxpayer public is apt to grow callous, and when it reads of a sitdown in a WPA office to say, "let them starve."

The general economic situation is improving; but there are many families where their individual situation is not improving, where higher costs make their position worse.

Ultra-Red Catalonia

IN Catalonia political coloration is most pronounced. There the communists are "rightists" supporting the Madrid-Valencia government which itself is liberal-socialist.

Probably the majority of the people of Spain prefer the liberal republic; at least that was the expression at the election a year ago.

"The battle behind the Catalan front must seem a paradox to the uninformed. But in reality it is a struggle on the part of the so-called and misnamed "Red" loyalist government to suppress definitely in Catalonia the real Reds, who want a Trotskyist society or something further left than that."

The Madrid-Valencia government will probably be able to keep the Catalan anarchists under control. The other parts of Spain are far more conservative.

Governor to Washington

IN his term Governor Meier made a trip to Washington to urge power development on the Columbia river.

The state will await with interest the outcome of the engagement which the "Oregon expeditionary force" will now participate in.

It is not exactly a General Sheridan ride the governor is making; but the emergency does exist because the framing of Bonneville legislation is now in committee.

Equitable Taxation

IN his report to stockholders, the president of the Curtis Publishing company said the directors were considering moving the plant from Philadelphia on account of the high taxes levied there.

Those planning investment in business enterprises now must consider the burden of taxation as well as the ordinary business factors of raw materials, markets, transportation, labor.

Competition will have the effect of equalizing taxation as among the several states. Otherwise business will be attracted to the state with low tax rates.

The Willamette is just staging its annual spring opening. Except in a few places the flood does more good than harm.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Pioneer fiber flax industry that brought first general attention to our franchise advantages:

A good many hundreds of columns and even pages of matter have appeared in this newspaper in the past 40 years and more on the importance of establishing a great fiber flax and hemp industry in the Willamette valley.

This has been accentuated by the fact that these are among the most important of our many franchise products and industries—that crop and lines of manufacture which nature has rendered especially certain of success here.

The God of nature drew the plans here for the flax and hemp kingdom of the world, and provided all the materials therefor, with a five to seven year rotation scheme indicated.

Every requisite of soil and climate was provided, and therefore, without the omission of the slightest detail.

The last long series of flax articles in this column was in the September 15-20, 1936, issues, following another of the same month that was in the papers of the 2nd to the 10th inclusive.

In the first above named series was a clipping from the Salem Capital Journal of May 30, 1925, which read:

"Chester H. Miller, grandson of Charles Miller, who grew the first flax to be grown in Oregon and won first prize at the International exposition held in Philadelphia in 1876, was in Salem yesterday with the actual specimen which his grandfather sent out to the exposition and the medal and certificate which were awarded at that time.

"We are glad that you are here, Thomas Mann. No nation can exile you. Yours is a larger citizenship, in no mean country. Wherever men love reason, hate obscurantism, shun darkness, turn toward light, know gratitude, praise virtue, despise meanness, kinde to sheer beauty; wherever minds are sensitive, hearts generous and spirits free; there is your home. In welcoming you, a country but honors itself."

"That was not the first fiber flax to be grown in the Willamette valley; several small patches had been grown in various parts of the valley, running back to 1844, and in the Aurora colony, in the '50's to the '80's, it was grown, raised, netted, spun and woven into household articles, some of which are yet in use—for flax will almost last "forever," if kept in dry places, and will wear almost proportionately long.

In the series last above named, the writer promised a further report on the Miller experiment, and in a trip to Jefferson on Sunday, April 4, made a small start in repeating this promise, which will be extended from time to time.

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Paper Ships



On the Record

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

"Thomas Mann, German author and Nobel prize winner, arrived in New York on Monday from Switzerland, where he has been living since the Hitler regime. He is the guest of the University in Exile, of the New School for Social Research."



Dorothy Thompson

Many share your exile, Thomas Mann, whose feet are yet on home ground, whose house is safer, whose language is spoken in the streets where they live. But they, like you, live between two worlds—between a present which they believe to be in dissolution and a future which they hardly hope to live to see.

And of your future in history we have no doubt. Generations from now men may speculate about your persecutors, however the circle turns. But of you they will say: His virtue was equal to his gifts. He served with humility a most exacting art and with nobility the loftiest human aims.

1. From the Poems of Robinson Jeffers. 2. "Buddenbrooks." 3. "The Magic Mountain." 4. "Death of Venice." 5. "Mario the Magician." 6. Disorder and Early Sorrow." 7. "The Magic Mountain." BY THOMAS MANN. Published by Alfred A. Knopf.

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Burl Industry in Northwest Gains

Digging of maple and laurel burls, enlargements of the trunk and roots of the soft maple and laurel, is developing into a sizable industry in Oregon and Washington according to J. H. Van Winkle, who was in Salem yesterday conferring with state employment service officials regarding hiring men for his operations.

Van Winkle, now operating in Silverton and Jefferson areas, stated that about 500 men are now engaged in digging burls in Oregon and Washington. The burls are used in furniture manufacturing.

For the burl, which is then shipped to Los Angeles, Van Winkle expects to extend his operations soon to other parts of the valley.

The local employment office has openings for four men to dig burls at present. Tools needed include saw axe, wedge and shovel.

Matheny Favored As Ferry's Name

The name, "Daniel Matheny of Wheatland," was suggested to the Marion county court yesterday by County Judge W. O. Powell of Yamhill for the new ferry at the Wheatland crossing to honor the first ferry boat operator there. Daniel Matheny established ferry service on the present route in 1844 and Wheatland, where he also ran a general store, gained its name because it was the shipping point for wheat from Marion and Polk counties and lands to the south, Judge Powell recalled.

Judge Powell said his court was planning to build up the road approaching the Wheatland ferry from the Yamhill county side so the ferry could be operated during high water. With the Willamette river up yesterday, the Yamhill approach was under water for a third of a mile.

Catalogue Lists Courses at H. S.

Students registering for next year's courses at Salem high will be aided by the use of a 20-page mimeographed catalogue which has just been completed at the high school.

Students and faculty collaborated in the preparation of the catalogue, which describes each course offered. It is the first time such a book has been prepared at Salem high.

It is intended to make available for parents and students a description of courses, requirements for graduation and for matriculation in schools of higher education.

Col. Moshberger Dies in Portland

PORTLAND, April 15.—(AP)—Colonel Eugene Moshberger, 62, commanding officer of the 162d infantry, Oregon national guard, died today.

Colonel Moshberger, a native Oregonian, had been a member of the national guard since 1898. He served with the second Oregon infantry in the Philippines as an enlisted man and rose from the ranks as a member of the old third Oregon. During the World War he served overseas as a major in the 162d infantry.

He is survived by his widow and four children.

Ratcliffe Case Retrial Asked

Prejudice in Awarding of Damages Is Alleged by Oil Company

The Union Oil company of California filed a motion in circuit court yesterday for a new trial of the suit in which R. S. Ratcliffe last Saturday won a \$2400 jury verdict against the company. The motion contends the damages awarded by the jury were excessive and "appear to have been given under the influence of passion or prejudice."

The company also maintains that the plaintiff and not the defendant breached a gasoline sales contract and submits an affidavit containing the testimony should be taken from Richfield Oil company and Moffett and Cameron, independent operators. John Riesbeck filed suit in circuit court yesterday afternoon alleging an automobile he purchased from Bossell-Crimson Motors, Inc., was misrepresented as being virtually new, and asking for \$1000 exemplary damages and \$200 attorney fees.

Whereas he contracted to pay \$1043.76 for the car, its actual value, he asserts, was not more than \$400.

First National Bank of Corvallis vs. W. G. Wildig; defense motion for more definite statement of demands allegedly made for payment mentioned in complaint.

Eena company vs. Adolph Boetticher et al; sheriff's return of execution on personal property showing nothing realized.

Freemont L. South guardian-ship; order directing Charles N. Westover, guardian, to pay Carrie J. Chase \$600 for caring for ward.

B. B. Cronk estate; order approving sixth semi-annual account showing \$23,071 received, \$233.42 paid out, \$407.29 cash balance and \$7600 in other assets.

Dorothy M. Norden guardian-ship; first annual account of May Wilson, guardian, showing \$1391.76 received, \$45.20 paid out and \$637.76 cash on hand.

Mary A. Longacre estate; report from July 15, 1935, forward of Anna Welch, executrix, showing \$102.44 received, \$6.40 paid out and \$637.76 cash on hand.

George Howard Hampton guardian-ship; order approving sixth annual report of Laude & Busby, trust company guardian, showing \$1988.58 received, \$4836.57 paid out and \$3672 in personal property held.

A. W. Mize estate; order closing estate and releasing Helen Dye as executrix.

Mary C. Moyer estate; order approving final account of Della Gilliam and Josephine Davenport, executrices, and directing distribution.

Marriage Licenses — Oswald O. Oesterreich, 32, soldier, March Field, Calif., and Kathleen Hammond, 26, nurse, Portland.

Municipal Court — Ray Doan, drunkenness and vagrancy, 10 days in jail.

Laverne L. Bennett, violation of the basic rule, fined \$2.50.

Gordon A. Pearcey, four in driver's seat, fined \$2.50.

Justice Court — Joe Claffoni, arrested by state police; plea of not guilty to charge of larceny of automobile belonging to Harry Kenyon, Jr.; preliminary hearing set for 9:30 a. m. Saturday; \$750 bail not furnished.

State vs. Eddie L. Altig; jury trial today at 1:30 p. m., on charge of being drunk on a public highway.

Frank Goodman, \$2.50 fine driving without operator's license.

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Maden Jailed For Driver Card Lack

Charles Foy Maden, 325 South Commercial, was sentenced to 30 days in jail in municipal court yesterday after being arrested for having no driver's license.

Report Earnings Of Birthday Ball

\$386.48 of Net to Remain in County, Announced by Chairman Mason

Marion county's share in the net proceeds realized from the two dances given in Salem in January on the occasion of the president's birthday and sponsored by the Warm Springs, Georgia, foundation, for the benefit of infantile paralysis sufferers throughout the county and directed in Salem by the citizens general committee and the Salem Trades and Labor Council, amounted to \$386.48, according to an itemized report sent to the national organization by Gerald W. Mason, general chairman and John E. Brophy, treasurer, it was announced Thursday.

Ticket sales and incidental receipts, reached the sum of \$725.02 with disbursements, \$172.90, consisting chiefly of expenditure for rental hall rent, decorations and printing. After deduction of expenses the net profit was \$552.12 and of this sum 30 per cent or \$165.64 was sent to the national committee and 70 per cent or \$386.48 was retained by the local committee and its treasurer for the aid of infantile paralysis sufferers in this county.

Chairman Mason wishes to stress particularly that the newspaper space generously allotted during the campaign, radio time, stenographic service, and other incidental expenses were donated and he desires to express for himself and all the committees appreciation for fine response and cooperation of Marion county people in making the event the most successful ever held here.

Tickets for the various clubs and organizations were: Salem Trades and Labor Council, 567; the "Flying Squadron," composed of Mason, Windshar & MacArthur, 217; Kiwanis, 90; Lions, 41; the 20-30 club, 39; Rotary, 33; Cherrians, 33; Active Club; Silverton, 3; Mt. Angel, 6; Stay-at-home club, 1; Crystal Gardens, 314, a total of 1387 at 50 cents.

Craftsmen Going To State Session

Forty members of the three Salem High Future Craftsmen clubs and four instructors will attend the annual convention of the Oregon chapter at Portland today and Saturday.

Ario Fontanini of Salem, state president and also western regional vice-president of the national organization, will preside over the conference which will include a series of contests, a trip to Bonneville dam and the annual banquet.

Fourteen chapters will be represented at the convention with an attendance of about 150 expected. Salem chapters are the apprentice chapter, the Auto Shop chapter, the Craftsman Shop chapter. Instructors who will accompany the Salem members are Floyd Seigmund, W. T. Porter, C. A. Guderian and T. T. Mackenzie.

Speeches in public speaking, first aid, parliamentary procedure, trade analysis, safety first posters and ritual ceremony will be part of the program.

Radio Programs

Table with radio program listings for KAO, KOIN, KEK, and KGW stations, listing times and program titles.

STEWART WARRIOR RADIO STEVENS-BROWN Credit Jewelers & Opticians 184 N. Liberty