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Off the Deep End

Anyone who has stood for the first time at the top of a high diving board knows the mingled emotions that chase each other up and down his spinal column.

That is about the state of mind of a political candidate. He blows hot and cold; he gets his nerve up, then feels it ooze away.

After such a period of uncertainty the editor of this paper has made the plunge. It was not an easy decision. An editor naturally prefers to live in his ivory tower and be an observer and interpreter rather than to buffet the waves in political waters.

Running for office in these days is a terrible ordeal. It takes time and it takes money, and we have little of either to spare.

We do not know a great deal about "practical" politics at our house. The lady of the house yesterday asked: "What do you do after you file?"

Sharing the Gas Tax

The league of Oregon cities is resuming its effort to get a slice of the proceeds of the gas tax. If the gas tax income is to be allocated on the basis of source, then the cities might claim a large share of that revenue.

There just isn't enough revenue at present to make any more division of income. Secondary roads need a lot more spent on improvement and maintenance.

Let there be no disturbance of the highway revenue now. If and when more money comes in than is needed for the state system, either add more roads for the state to look after or reduce the gas tax.

New Dark Age?

The shades of night are falling on the intellectual life in many lands. Raymond B. Fosdick in his report of the year for the Rockefeller Foundation says, "In some fields it is now profitless to go where we formerly went."

Will a new dark age envelop the earth? Will mankind lower the curtain of scientific exploration and search for truth after centuries of enlightenment? All this threatens.

"Silly" Criticism

Says the East Oregonian, which remains about the only daily paper in the state to support both President Roosevelt and Governor Martin, "The bill (the reorganization bill) was not opposed because there was anything wrong with it but because the critics wished to 'smear Roosevelt.'"

There is one answer to the EO's defense, and that is the vote of Senator Wagner of New York, who has been a consistent supporter of the president.

The Woodburn Independent, which is friendly to public ownership of utilities, expresses the opinion that any public owned utility ought to return a certain amount of revenue to the public body which owns and operates it.

The Statesman has rather consistently avoided the use of "dictator" with reference to President Roosevelt. It has believed he was too thoroughly grounded in American ideas of government to try to use Mussolini.

Senator LaFollette has the courage of his convictions. He urged lowering the exemption on the income tax and increase of surtaxes in middle brackets in order to provide more revenue.

The country has grown numb to grief and trouble, so there is not so much stir over the kidnapping of Peter Levine of New Rochelle, N. Y., age 12.

The Ad club played to good weather last night for its annual spring opening. That group seems to have a real stand-in with the weather man.

We have seen so many pictures of destruction wrought by air bombs we rarely pause to study them any longer. Barcelona, Madrid, Shanghai—what's the difference? A pile of rubble, a corpse or two, twisted wreckage; in the year of Our Lord 1938!

Another capitalist has been sent to represent this country in Moscow, Alexander Kirk of Chicago, to be consul. Will he ship in his virtuals as Mrs. Davies did?

Wall, Sun, April Fool!

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Studying Oregon history: 4-1-38 field laboratory class of Portland visits some Salem district points of epic past:

(Continuing from yesterday:) The second building erected on Salem's site by whites, and still standing, was commenced as soon as lumber was available from the mill a few rods west—across what is now Broadway street; metropolitan flavored name of the thoroughfare that shores both Liberty and High streets from the s a t h, near Mill creek, and runs north. North Salem, in which was Broadway, was platted before the main town of Salem.

That second building of whites on the site of Salem was erected for the headquarters of the Lee mission, and Jason Lee and wife lived there. So did three other families. In later years, the postoffice of the town was in that house.

That house, now numbered 960 Broadway, is much as it stood nearly 100 years ago, with the exception of the south L, which was built by Judge R. P. Boise, who for a long time, up to his death, had it for his home.

The site of Salem had been Chemeketa before the whites came; native name for place of gathering (I think an Indian city of refuge.) Ch with a cultural sound meant in one of the native tongues place—as Chama, place of the willows; Champoeg, place of the sand; in French Campment du Sable (sand encampment).

An ancient tribe here had a religion akin to that of the Dravidian races of India, as shown by remains and relics of a phallic temple (now in the Oregon State college's Horner museum).

Next name, The Mills, from the mission saw and grist mill. Next, The Institute, from the Oregon Institute, which by change of name became Willamette university. The first mails came to The Institute.

The place was not officially Salem till the plats were filed: North Salem, Feb. 15, 1850; Salem, March 22, 1850; another Salem Jan. 8, 1851. The third Salem was "The Island," surrounded by Mill creek and the mill race for the mills. Owner, J. B. McClane, who claimed that it really was. He was the first postmaster; his office in the house, where he then (1849) lived.

Logs for the first lumber were hauled from near where Marion square is now; thus clearing a place that became the site of the first school—the corner of Commercial street, south of the square. In that school house, July 4, 1852, the First Congregational church of Salem was founded.

The first of all, First Methodist church—first church in Oregon and first Protestant church in America west of the Rocky mountains, was held in the chapel of the mission Indian manual labor school, built in 1841-2, that became finally the home of Willamette university.

That Methodist church was really a merger of the mission, and goes back to October 6, 1834; to the original Lee mission site, 10 miles by water below the site of Salem.

Also his Sunday school, going back to Sunday, April 5, 1835. Cyrus Shepard arrived from Fort Vancouver, where he tarried for a time and taught the school there, employed by Dr. John McLoughlin.

The first teacher at Fort Vancouver had been John Ball, coming with the 1832 Wyeth party. Cyrus Shepard had been in ill health when the first J. son Lee missionary party arrived at Fort Vancouver. That was a second reason why he tarried to teach there, the first reason being that the teaching position there was vacant.

So Shepard might be profitably employed while he was teaching until the first building at the mission might be erected (of logs) and made habitable. The vacancy in the fort school was caused by the fact that Solomon Smith had run away with the wife of the fort's baker. She was a daughter of Chief Cobaway (Called by Lewis and Clark Comowool), of the Clatsops.

One historian says that Indian princess, named Cellast, was a beautiful woman. Solomon Smith took her to the house of Joseph Gervais, and there in 1834 taught the first school in present Oregon.

Jason Lee gave Smith and Cellast a Christian marriage, they were converted, and both taught in the mission school, and were otherwise employed there, and afterward on Clatsop plains below Astoria.

Annual Spring Concert At Silverton Postponed

SILVERTON — The annual spring concert planned by the music department of the Silverton schools which was to have been given Friday night has been postponed and the date will be decided upon later. Miss Bertha Alm directs the band, orchestra and chorus.



The Safety Valve Radio Programs

- KSLM-FRIDAY-1370 Kc. 7:15-News. 7:30-Sunrise Sermonette. 7:45-American Family Robinson. 8:00-The Merry-makers, MBS. 8:30-Today's Tunes. 8:45-New Pastor's Call. 9:15-The Friendly Circle. 9:45-Streamline Swing, MBS. 10:00-Novellen the Bookends, MBS. 10:15-Caron Robison a Buckeroo, MBS. 10:30-Harmony Magazine. 10:45-The Voice of Experience, MBS. 11:00-News. 11:15-Statesman of the Air-Home Economics Talk, Miss Maxine Buren. 11:30-Hollywood Charm School, MBS. 11:45-Hits of Today. 12:15-News. 12:30-Romilly Serenade. 12:45-Good Health, MBS. 1:00-Ed Fitzgerald, MBS. 1:15-Hawaiian Melodies. 1:30-Popular Salute. 1:45-Book-a-Week, MBS. 2:15-Rainie Weeks Sings, MBS. 2:30-Spice of Life, MBS. 3:00-Feminine Fancies, MBS. 3:30-News. 3:45-Harry Stanger's Sermon. 4:00-Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS. 4:15-Congressman Pettigrew, MBS. 4:30-Leone Varieties. 4:45-Radio Campus, MBS. 5:00-Popular Variety. 5:15-The Nangas. 5:30-Topics of the Day, MBS. 5:45-Freshest Thing in Town. 6:00-Benny Hill Melodies. 6:15-The Phantom Pilot, MBS. 6:30-Sports Bulletin, MBS. 6:45-The Broer Family at Home. 7:00-The Lone Ranger, MBS. 7:15-Joe Sanders Orchestra. 7:30-Swingtime. 7:45-The Newspaper of the Air, MBS. 8:15-Boxing Matches. 8:30-Isam Jones Orchestra. 8:45-University of Southern California Junior Prom, MBS. KOIN-FRIDAY-940 Kc. 6:30-Market Reports. 6:45-KOIN Clock, Ivan, Walter and Marg Margaret MacBride, radio columnist. 6:55-Edwin C. Hill. 7:15-Jack and Marg's Saturday Treat. 7:30-Our Gal Sunday. 7:45-Betty and Bob. 8:00-Betty Crocker. 8:15-Jack and Marg's Daughter. 8:30-Valiant Lady. 8:45-My Sister. 9:00-Jack and Marg's Real Life Stories. 9:15-American School of the Air. 9:30-Valiant Band. 9:45-KOIN News Service. 10:00-Lincoln Cathedral Choir. 10:15-Pretty Kitty Kelly. 10:30-Judy and Jane. 10:45-June days of Institute with Jeannette Cramer. 11:00-KOIN News Service. 11:15-Edna and Edna's Daughter. 11:30-News Through a Woman's Eyes. 11:45-Hilltop House. 12:00-Clare's Ventures. 12:15-Music for Fun. 12:30-Newspaper of the Air. 12:45-Gospel Singer, MBS. 1:00-Eyes of the World. 1:15-Ghost of Benjamin Sweet. 1:30-Call Me My Darling. 1:45-Boake Carter. 2:00-Hollywood Hotel. 2:15-The News. 2:30-Little Show. 2:45-Scotty and Sings. 3:00-Book-a-Week. 3:15-Paul Whiteman's Orchestra. 3:30-Arthur Godfrey, Barbaol. 3:45-Jack and Marg's Saturday Treat. 4:00-Slumber Boat. 4:15-Five Star Final. 4:30-Play Days. 4:45-Harry Owens Orchestra. 5:00-Pasadena Orchestra. 5:15-Call Me My Darling. 5:30-Chappy Chen. KOV-FRIDAY-620 Kc. 7:00-Musical Close. 7:15-Trail Blazers. 7:45-News. 8:00-George of Castlemood. 8:15-Cabin at Crossroads. 8:30-Stars of Today. 8:45-Gospel Singer, MBS. 9:00-Vaughn de Leath. 9:15-The O'Nells. 9:30-Gospel Singer, MBS. 9:45-Your Radio Review. 10:00-Stars of Today. 10:15-Mrs. Wiggs of Cabbage Patch. 10:30-John's Other Wife. 10:45-Just Plain Bill. 11:00-Call Me My Darling, Kitchen. 11:15-Argentine Trio. 11:30-Hollywood News Flashes. 11:45-Mrs. Wiggs Magazine of the Air. 12:00-Freddy Young's Family. 12:15-Argentine Trio. 12:30-View and Song. 12:45-The Guiding Light. 1:00-Play Days. 1:15-The Story of Mary Martin. 1:30-Bash Hughes, Commentator. 1:45-Maria Meade. 2:00-Bennett & Wolpertson. 2:15-Three Dances. 2:30-Candid Lady. 2:45-Gospel Singer, MBS. 3:00-Dorothy Mackenzie. 4:15-Larry Lewis. 4:30-Call Me My Darling. 4:45-Corbstone Quiz. 5:00-Play Days Surprises. 5:15-Musical Interlude. 5:30-Cocktail Hour. 5:45-Stars of Today. 6:00-Melodic Strings, and Guests. 6:15-Vic Arden Orch. and MBS. 6:30-Benson Hotel Concert. 7:00-First Nighter. 7:30-Jimmy Eldier. 7:45-Dorothy Thompson. 8:00-Anon's Andy. 8:15-Lucile Eara's Radio Station. 8:30-Rainbow Hotel Orchestra. 9:00-Gilmore Circus. 9:30-Fireside Hour. 10:00-News Flashes. 10:15-Glenn Sheller, Organist. 10:30-Lucile Eara's Radio Orch. 11:00-Ambassador Hotel Orchestra. 11:30-Olympic Hotel Orchestra. To 12 Complete Weather Report. KEX-FRIDAY-1180 Kc. 6:30-Family Ajar Hour. 7:15-Musical Clock. 7:30-Financial Service. 7:45-News Exchange. 8:15-Popular Waltzes. 8:30-News of Oregon. 9:00-Time for Thought. 9:15-Three Pals. 9:30-Mr. Dewey Farm and Home. 10:00-News. 10:15-Home Institute. 10:30-Current Events. 11:15-Radio Show Window. 11:30-Little Boy Blue. 11:45-U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. 12:00-Lost and Found Items. 12:15-Harmonica Hit Hits. 12:30-Hits to Housewives. 12:45-News. 12:50-Talk, O. M. Plummer. 1:00-Little Concert. 1:15-Club Minutes. 1:30-Your Radio Review. 1:45-Irma Glen, Organist. 2:00-News and Grain Reports. 2:35-Bakov's Orchestra. 2:45-News of the West. 3:00-Education in the News. 3:15-Maunie Spitalny Orchestra. 3:30-Koyal Crown News. 3:45-Grand Places. 4:00-News of Oregon. 4:30-The Four of Us. 4:45-Craig Matthews, Toner. 5:00-Action News. 5:10-Sophisticated Strings. 5:30-Edna Stewart's Music. 5:45-News of Oregon. 6:00-Bonus Arts Trio. 6:15 to 6-Silent to KOE. 6:30-News of the West. 8:15-Hotel Park Central Orchestra. 8:30-Cheer Paris Orchestra. 8:45-News. 9:00-Sir Francis Drake Hotel Orch. 9:15-The Night Watchman. 9:30-Koyal Crown News. 10:00-Boxing Matches. 10:30-Stetson Varieties. 10:45-Biltmore Hotel Orchestra. 11:00-News. 11:15-Charles Dunyan, Organist. 11:30-Cheer Club Orchestra. To 12-Weather and Police Reports. KOAC-FRIDAY-650 Kc. 9:00-Today's Programs. 9:05-Today's Homemakers' Hour. 9:15-Story Hour for Adults. 9:30-Book of the Air. 10:00-Music of the Masters. 12:00-News. 12:15-Weather Hour. 1:15-Variety. 2:00-Visiting the Horner Museum-Mrs. Mary Bowman Hall, assistant curator. 2:45-The American Scene. 3:00-Your Health. 3:45-The Monitor Views the News. 4:00-The Symphonic Half Hour. 4:15-Stories for Boys and Girls. 5:00-On the Campus. 5:45-Vespera, College Student Group. 6:30-Farm Hour. 7:30-University of Oregon. 8:15-9:00-The Business Hour.

Sage of Salem Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE

April is not far away, at this writing but a day, Soon the sun will warmly glow, Salem folk will fishing go, Sunny corner gab will flow in a flood the first we know— (Surely coming, not a doubt!)

Everybody has his trials. I have suffered more or less from a slight inferiority complex for years. Ever since, in fact 1850, in which year of grace I suffered from a mild but vividly colored attack of measles.

General Pershing says another world war would wipe out civilization completely, and whatever may mean by the statement, perhaps it would. But on the other hand an old gentleman who lives near enough to Mount Jefferson to hear it whisper, although of course the wind must be in a certain direction or the whispering cannot be heard, says: "Wipe out civilization? I don't believe it."

Its Dependable Point Weather may be good or bad. One or 't'her past all doubt; Mobby not so good all ways, Always good to talk about.

Some remarks on the streets Monday as to the folly of seeking pleasure dangerously as those folk sought it at Mount Hood Sunday. Nobody said anything about the young woman at Hollywood who dislocated some of her vertebrae or something while playing ping-pong.

Hits Merit Plan For Postmasters

WASHINGTON, March 31-(AP) — A "complete breakdown of the merit system" in the appointment of postmasters in 23 western communities, including Freewater and North Bend, Ore., was charged by Rep. Barton (R-N.Y.), who has strongly opposed further extension of executive power over the civil service commission.

The Truth - Stark Naked Stripped of frills, divested of theory, isn't this the fact? THE GREATEST CREATOR OF EMPLOYMENT is WORK! Every time a stoppage has hit one of our Columbia Empire industries, three things have happened! Down go pay rolls; out go our workers; and in comes worry, suspicion and misery! When any of our industries, large or small, lacks buying support, it must shut down. BUT when we give it our BUYING SUPPORT, it thrives and creates more OPPORTUNITY for WORK and thus more OPPORTUNITY for BUYING. Through our purchases, we signal "STOP" or "GO" for our own OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK! THE COLUMBIA EMPIRE Ask: IS IT PRODUCED IN THE COLUMBIA EMPIRE?

Ten Years Ago

April 1, 1928 Bishop Eben S. Johnson of Capetown, Africa, arrived in Salem last night to visit with his son, Rev. S. D. Johnson, pastor Leslie Memorial church.

Twenty Years Ago

April 1, 1918 Miss Angeline McCulloch, optometrist, will move her office to the Salem Bank of Commerce where she will be associated with the offices of Drs. Findley and Steeves.

Story Prize Won By Eugene Writer

EUGENE, March 31-(AP)—W. F. G. Thacher, English professor and director of the Edison Marshall short story contest of Oregon university, announced award of first prize to George Stephenson, a junior of Eugene, for his story, "Boy in the Wind."

Shanks Will Get Star Mail Route

SCIO—It is stated that J. Shanks, farmer southeast of Scio, was the successful bidder on the Albany-Scio star mail route. The change is to take place July 1. "Doc" Hornback of Albany is incumbent contractor.