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## Editorial Correspondence

Overland Limited, En Route Omaha, June 6.—The visitor in San Francisco hopes that the bridges will not completely displace the ferries; for the ferries seem part of the San Francisco scene. And surely they offer the finest view of the city, whether one is approaching it for the first time and see its towers climb its hills, or whether he is leaving it, as we did last night and saw the red afterglow of the sunset fill the gap that is the Golden Gate. On the bridges one must travel fast, and the railing cuts off the view except that straight ahead.

The ferries still serve the trains at Oakland and on the north shore, and their cut rates (50c a car and five passengers, round trip) draw many motorists. The managers hope of the publicly owned bay bridge to suppress this competition by acquiring the ferries or forcing them to raise their rates. Attempted by private owners, such a move toward monopoly would be roundly denounced.

California is just swinging into its primary election campaign. Senator McAdoo will face two opponents and will profit by the divided opposition. While the president is expected to visit the state and give him a boost in July, such a gesture is hardly needed, though McAdoo's personal strength is not rated very high.

Gov. Merriam will have a battle for renomination and tough opposition in November if he wins the primaries.

The influx of drought refugees and others from the southern tier of states, plus the multitude subsisting in California on relief and WPA have resulted in a heavy democratic majority in registration in this state. Merriam won over Upton Sinclair and his EPIC idea four years ago, but it took tremendous effort.

San Franciscans know that their city is built over or near a great rock fault, slippage along which caused the destructive earthquake and ensuing fire in 1906. Yet they have built a greater city out of the ruins, trusting either to modern steel construction or to the theory that the quake will not happen here again.

The "fault line" which now worries the city is the line between labor and capital. Here the stress and strain are great. There is constant fear that some fresh slippage will occur and paralyze the city's commercial and industrial life as it has frequently the last four years.

Headed chiefly by employers, a committee of 43 has been working to encourage peace in industry. Friday night a big public meeting was held. Employers and CIO representatives (headed by Harry Bridges) attended. The AFL council spurned the meeting. There were speeches, some sharp jabs back and forth; but on the whole an orderly session. Whether the committee's work will produce more than talk is uncertain. It does reflect however an inclination by employers to prevent a crash on the labor "fault line."

Despite its great wealth California's economic equilibrium is by no means stable. There are vast armies of transient workers, of foreign language groups, of unemployed who have pressed in from other states. The contrast between abundance and destitute are striking in the extreme. In few other states is the need for wise leadership in government, in business, in industry and in labor affairs more apparent.

Saturday night we visited for the first time the Coit tower which stands on old Telegraph hill, just north of the business district. The night was clear and the panorama of the city was matchless. The gaudy lights of the now well Americanized Chinatown flared on the west, with the lighted cubicles of the tall apartment houses on the hills beyond.

On the other side stretched the Embarcadero or waterfront, dark save for the glowing lamp posts and the occasional headlights of cruising motor cars. Across the bay the myriad lights of the east bay cities spread out like the pattern of a vast quilt. The bridges, marked out by their lights, hung from shore to shore like a topaz rope studded with red rubies. Below on the bay the lighted ferry boats moved like flower baskets drifting on the dark waters.

Now the train is speeding through Nevada, following a broad trough between bare ridges. Towns are widely separated. Rarely does one see a farmhouse or a green hay field. This is part of the great America desert.

Quite a contrast in an overnight run from the crowded cities that cling to the shores of San Francisco bay.

C. A. S.

## About Parking Meters

Manufacturers of parking meters offer to install them on Salem's downtown streets and take their pay out of the revenues. The same offer is being made in a number of other cities; some have accepted it, others have refused and some are still considering the offer. The Klamath Falls city council voted to accept, without letting the public know in advance, and encountered such a storm of protest that its action had to be rescinded.

Salem is just fairly recovering from what might be called a "parking crisis." A year ago thirty-minute parking was decreed for certain downtown blocks; later it was modified to 45-minute parking. This latter arrangement seems to be working out fairly well; the hours when parking space are seriously scarce are before and after the hours in which the time limit is in effect. It is fairly safe to say that if the angle of parking stalls had not been narrowed, reducing the number of such stalls, there would be plenty of parking space at most hours of the day.

While the time limit was 30 minutes, many out-of-town shoppers in Salem became incensed; they erroneously reached the conclusion that Salem didn't want their business. With this experience still freshly in mind, most of the business people who have expressed any opinion are opposed to instituting a new experiment, or extremely doubtful about it.

Parking meters seem to be popular in Portland, but the situation there is different. Before they were installed, it was often necessary for motorists to park half a mile or more from the place they were going. In Salem the distance is never more than three or four blocks. The mere fact that the parking meters have controlled the Portland situation where time limits did not, indicates that more people are avoiding driving into the districts where the meters are in use. Salem wants shoppers to drive in and park near the stores; that's why it has regulations designated to make room for them.

The editor of the Idaho Statesman, Boise, has consulted the libraries and learned that the first lawnmower of which there is record was invented 115 years ago, and the first lawnmower similar to the present common design, about 64 years ago. But as late as 1890, the majority of lawns were still being cut with scythes. These facts may provide some comfort for Salem householders who get all "het up" as they push lawn mowers around their lawns these warm days.

"My campaign has been a symbol of resentment against a well planned attempt by a group outside the state to dictate to Iowa democrats whom they should send to Washington," said Guy Gillette after the returns showed him a winner for renomination. "This plan would have subverted the constitutional right of a people to be represented in congress by those of their own choosing." There he goes, upholding the constitution again. But the people of Iowa seem to have done it for him.

# The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

Opening Day at the Art Center

Opening the Art Center: For weeks we have converged to this issue. Meetings, leaders, committees, solicitations, dinners. Unseen hands have taken the slack of invisible lines, and held it. For every foot gained there was no recession. And yet a universal assent, if ever there was one. Those in high quarters have been surprised at the spontaneity of the movement. They have marvelled at its pervasion of all ages and groups.

And now we come to the first floor of the old High School building. And here is the Art Center with the doors in, coming and going in. There is the Director, there! Charles Val Clear—and a fine figure of a leader, at that. Artistic and man, the man goes straight to his goal. A quick and flashing smile—and friendly. But do not encroach on that score. The eyes are near, detached and executive. Where? . . . Those? They are the staff; the directors, the assistants, seven of them. Strong in their own right, chosen for fitness, each man worth mention. . . . And is that Mrs. Ebsen—our Mrs. Ebsen? Surely. Jolly and grave, she breathes art as the swallow flies.

But they keep coming in. Nothing the copper floors, the warm walls, the quiet diffused light, they spread to the workshops and galleries, to the long halls and inviting office. Visitors from out of town mingle with friend and acquaintance, the man who works in one way, the fellow who works in another, youth looks on age with different eyes. They laugh, they talk, they throw off restraint. It is opening day, and this is a great plain, and the lighting pot is warm.

But here are the shelves with the pictures hung on the line. One, two, three—forty in the large gallery. "Mother, did you see the kitten and the girl in the library?" says the Young Thing. "They were all done in brown." And the mothers should, they are worth it. "The pictures are what I like," points the Gray Mechanic; "the one one wheeling bricks at the dock, the oil tanks, the factories, all smoking. They never painted those when I was a boy." And he was right, they were. "That mountain," says the Young Man, "does things to me. I want to climb it. I want to be on the top of it." He will, and this will help him. . . . But the Old Painter looks at the yellow rays in the moonlight scene, and then at the vase of sinners and smiles. While the Woman looks at the portrait of Sara Teasdale. "Poor Sara!" is all she says.

It is four o'clock now, and the room fills up. Mrs. Margery Hofman Smith, Assistant State Director of this project passes, and we pause before a keen attentive searcher of truth. "In Portland," says Mrs. Smith, "we work hard, we toil for a single exhibit. But here with no effort, you get one every three weeks. It is fortunate once!"

We jostle a few, but drift on to the office. Behold the notables! Mr. E. J. Griffith, State Administrator of WPA, who lent his countenance and presence to this opening, has just left. But there is Joseph A. Danysh of San Francisco, Regional Adviser for the Western states, a personage as he stands. Mr. Danysh is here for a few hours on his way to establish a similar project in Idaho. "I expect this project to be permanent," he says, "not only that, I expect an extension area to follow its formation, closely, which will unite it with a large portion of the valley." . . . There too Mrs. Vernon A. Douglas. It is a proud day, Madam President, and we are not forgetting your part.

It is a proud day, but it is five p.m. and the people are leaving. But why do they stop? Why do they linger in the outer halls; they have seen them once before. But why not stop? Why not look twice at the children's prints, at power and skill, at creation at work? Why not look twice at arguments, reasons, sermons for projects like this one?

As the folder says, this is the cure for "a drab and tired adult world."

W. C. DIBBLE.

## Ten Years Ago

June 9, 1928.  
Dr. David Bennett Hill will go to Belfountain tomorrow to attend the annual picnic of the South Willamette dental society.

Dr. William DeKleine, head of Marion county child health demonstration yesterday officially appointed by Marion county court to occupy the position of county health officer during absence of Dr. Vernon Douglas.

Mrs. James E. Kirk of Chama, Indian school, will sail from Seattle this week for Juneau, Alaska, to spend the summer.

## Twenty Years Ago

June 9, 1918.  
Open Willamette university commencement week with Bishop Matthews S. Hughes preaching the baccalaureate sermon. Forty-two students will receive degrees.

E. A. Rhoten returned yesterday from a few days business trip to Newport and reports Newport very lively for this time of year.

George Vick of the Valley Motor Co. is one of a party made up mainly of Portland citizens on a fishing tour on upper McKenzie river.

# Hands Across the Seaway?



## Radio Programs

KSLM—THURSDAY—1370 Kc.

- 7:30—News.
- 7:45—Time O Day.
- 8:00—Merrymakers.
- 8:30—Hills and Encores.
- 8:45—News.
- 9:00—Pastor's Call.
- 9:15—Friendly Circle.
- 9:45—Hollywood Charm Counselor.
- 10:00—Women in the News.
- 10:15—Popular Melody.
- 10:30—Morning Magazine.
- 10:45—This Woman's World.
- 11:00—News.
- 11:15—Organizations.
- 11:30—Hollywood Spinners.
- 11:45—Patrol Small.
- 12:15—News.
- 12:30—Hillbilly Serenades.
- 12:45—Agricultural Daily.
- 1:00—Country Editor.
- 1:15—Marvin Durand.
- 1:30—Popular Melody.
- 1:45—Johnson Family.
- 2:00—Varieties.
- 2:15—Spoken Word.
- 2:45—This Crazy World.
- 3:00—Feminine Fancies.
- 3:30—Varieties.
- 3:45—Old Heidelberg Orchestra.
- 4:00—Alfred Wallenstein's Orchestra.
- 4:15—Musical Program.
- 4:45—Berkeley.
- 5:00—Homer's Odyssey.
- 5:15—News.
- 5:30—Hovis Wing.
- 5:45—Dinner Hour Melodies.
- 6:00—Social Security Program.
- 6:30—Sports Bulletin.
- 6:45—Tonight's Headlines.
- 7:00—Choice and Welterton.
- 7:15—Waittime.
- 7:30—The Green Hornet.
- 8:00—Patrol Lewis, Jr.
- 8:15—News.
- 8:30—Blue Plate Special.
- 8:45—Hills of Yesterday.
- 9:00—Newspaper of the Air.
- 9:15—Melodic Interlude.
- 9:30—Incent Fire's Orchestra.
- 9:45—Don't You Believe It.
- 10:00—Leonard Keller's Orchestra.
- 10:30—Kumukahi's Orchestra.
- 10:45—Paul Keeloh's Hawaiians.
- 11:00—Everett Hoagland's Orchestra.

KOAO—THURSDAY—650 Kc.

- 9:05—The Homemakers' Hour.
- 9:30—"The Out."
- 9:30—Tennis Tel.
- 10:15—Story Hour for Adults.
- 11:00—The Sultan.
- 12:00—News.
- 12:15—Farm Hour.
- 12:15—Oregon Building Congress.
- 12:15—Market and crop reports.
- 12:45—Farm Fishes.
- 1:15—Variety.
- 1:30—4th Club Summer School.
- 2:15—Your Health.
- 2:45—Monitor Views the News.
- 3:00—Symphony in G Major.
- 4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls.
- 5:45—Dinner Concert.
- 6:15—News.
- 6:30—Farm Hour.
- 6:30—Agriculture Viewed by Editors.
- 7:00—Market and Crop Reports.
- 7:00—4th Club Summer School.
- 7:45—To a Better World.
- 8:00—Music of the Masters.

## Twin Fawns Left On Doorstep on Hotel at Beach

NEOTSU, June 7—(Special)—When a baby is left on a doorstep it's news, and when twin babies are thus abandoned it becomes decidedly unusual news. But when the twin fawns are deposited at the front door, it's really sensational news.

Jim McKenzie, proprietor of the Devils Lake hotel here, was greatly surprised when he opened his door Friday morning a n' discovered two sacks each containing a ten-day old fawn.

The tiny spotted ruminants were apparently placed at the hotel during the night either by an out-of-season hunter who had killed the mother, or by a notorist who had run her down.

The twins have been named Frank and Min and officially appointed mascots of the Devils Lake regatta to be held June 18 and 19. Mr. McKenzie is general chairman of the committee in charge of staging the water sports show.

## Sidewalk Project Started in Dallas

A \$31,193 street and sidewalk construction project got under way in Dallas Monday. WPA officials here announced. The program will include grading, graveling and oiling of streets and laying of sidewalks and curbing.

The project is set up to run for 10 months at cost of \$16,775 to the WPA and \$14,418 to the city.

Work started yesterday on a gymnasium-moving project at the Perrydale school. The building will be relocated behind the main school building and stage and kitchen facilities added to make it suitable for use as an auditorium and community hall. Grounds improvements will raise total cost of the project to \$6192, of which the district will bear \$2587.

Next Monday has been set as date for opening of a project calling for an addition to the Aumsville city hall to make room for fire fighting equipment to be obtained later.

## B'nai B'rith Head To Address Meet

Jewish leaders throughout the west are manifesting unusual interest because for the first time in the district's 75 years of history a convention of the district grange lodge No. 4 of the B'nai B'rith will be addressed by the president of supreme lodge of the order.

Henry Monsky, newly elected president of the supreme lodge of the B'nai B'rith will attend and speak at the diamond jubilee convention of district No. 4. B'nai B'rith and of the B'nai B'rith women's auxiliary to be held at Portland, June 25 26.

## Realtor Builds Home

DAYTON—A one-and-half story five-room house is in the course of construction on his lots adjoining the Andrew Nicol home in Dayton by John Arms, pioneer realtor who has received requests for more houses for rent than he can supply.

## Five Killed When Bus Crashes Truck in Texas



Five persons were killed and several others seriously injured when a chartered bus carrying a dance band to an engagement at Oklahoma City crashed head on into a cattle truck near Stephenville, Tex. The accident occurred as the truck swung around to pass another car and swerved into the path of the oncoming bus. Both truck and bus driver were killed, as were two singers with the orchestra, and an unidentified hitchhiker burned to death in the truck wreckage.

# Interpreting the News

By MARK SULLIVAN

NEW YORK, N. Y. June 8.—AAA buys footstuffs and other farm crops—millions of dollars worth. It buys them through the surplus commodities corporation. Secretary Wallace announced last week that he is going to buy more, much more. These operations of AAA are little known to the public. From time to time, AAA gives out announcements of them.

On March 5 last, AAA announced that it was going to buy eggs. In the announcement AAA seemed to feel it was necessary to tell why they were going to buy eggs. They set out their reason. I print part of it here. If the reader finds this language of AAA to be unhelpful, he can skip it. A little farther down I shall try to translate AAA's language into words the average man can follow.

"Producers and hery men . . . reported the recent decline in egg prices as one cause of the liquidation of recent laying flocks. The price decline they also reported, has caused cancellation in baby chick orders, and has reduced intentions to buy baby chicks in the immediate future. Should such a situation continue, the price of eggs would decrease in production would result late in 1938 and early in 1939, with accompanying high prices to consumers."

Let us translate that. Let us carefully enumerate what AAA is saying:

1. Because egg prices are low, raisers of chickens are reducing their flocks. Eggs are going to be scarce next fall.

2. Because egg prices are low, raisers of chickens are reducing their flocks. Eggs are going to be scarce next fall. The next fall, prices to consumers will be high.

3. Therefore AAA buys eggs. That is what AAA says. They reason for buying eggs, you see, is perfectly plain. AAA is acting in the interest of the consumer. AAA is buying present eggs in order to cause future eggs to be cheaper to the consumer. Believe it or not, that's what AAA says. And I suppose AAA will stick to its story.

Now why does AAA go through all that does AAA go through if it is sheer perversion of thinking? Is it propaganda adroitness—Mr. Wallace has in his department some of the cleverest propagandists in the country. Anyhow, the true reason for buying eggs is stated elsewhere in the AAA announcement. What they really bought eggs for was—

1. Quote the announcement: "To assist in stabilizing and strengthening the market."

2. That language, in plain words means, to raise the price of eggs.

You will observe that AAA

accomplished an unheard of feat. It pleases—or think it pleases—both the producer of eggs and the consumer of them. The producer is pleased by being told that AAA is buying eggs in order to make them higher in price. The consumer is pleased at being told that AAA is buying eggs in order to make them lower in price sometime in the future.

Those AAA propagandists are good. That two-sided explanation may seem plausible as to eggs. But when AAA came to buy apples, it wouldn't work. They could hardly say they were buying apples in order to increase the quantity of apple seeds in order to increase the number of apples in order to increase the quality of apples, in order to make apples cheaper to the consumer ten years or so from now.

About apples AAA was frank. They bought apples, they said, on May 27th, to stabilize the apple market and improve returns to producers. "Improve returns to producers" means make prices higher.

That is the purpose of practically all AAA's purchases. But AAA doesn't like to say it is trying to raise the price of its invents ingenious phrases that mean the same thing but are not so plainly understood by the consumer. When they bought early Irish potatoes, their announcement (on May 11) varied the language. AAA bought potatoes to "assist the industry in avoiding congestion in regular trade channels." But it all means the same thing—make prices higher than they would otherwise be.

Most of the potatoes and other foodstuffs which AAA buys are turned over to relief agencies. Some bought by AAA recently did not reach the poor. The incident is told by the Omaha World-Herald. I quote and condense:

"Nearly five thousand dollars worth of surplus commodity (federal government) potatoes intended for Douglas county's indigent poor were being dumped to the hogs today. But the hogs wouldn't eat them. They rotted in storage here, and the odor was too much even for the porkers."

"The potatoes had been stored in a storage cave, covered with earth . . . rain got in. Neighbors noticed steam coming from the cave. The potatoes were fermenting and the temperature of the coxing mass was 53 degrees. The stench could be smelled a block away."

In divers fields just now, there is dispute about relative efficiency of government in business and private enterprise. Apparently by AAA efficiency is not always perfect.

## Mason Residence Is Scene of Party

Five Mill City Youths Are Attending 4H School at Corvallis

MILL CITY—Mrs. W. W. Mason entertained with a "500" party at her home Saturday night. High scores were won by Mrs. Cecil Lane, Mrs. W. J. Robinson and consolation by Mrs. Richard Saucier and R. L. Faust.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. R. Saucier, Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Faust, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lake, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shuey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schroeder, Miss Georgie Schane, Miss Ethel Hickey, Mrs. Bross and Miss D. Hendrickson.

Mrs. Gieven Gates was called to Salem to be with her sister, Miss Charlotte Martin, who is ill in the Deaconess hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porter expect to sail from Seattle this week for a trip to Alaska. J. P. Smith and Frank Taylor accompanied Elsie Taylor, Ruth Higdon, Florence Shepherd, Jack Lee and Lowell Pleaswood to Corvallis Monday, where the young people enrolled in the 4H summer school.

Arthur Mason, Principal of the Elmira school, is spending his vacation here with his parents.

Teachers Depart. The Mill City teachers have gone to their homes. Miss Kathryn Smullins will leave soon for Chicago where she will take a course in voice culture. Miss Louise Fletcher and Miss Marian

## Allen Will Attend Summer School at the University of Washington

Allen will attend summer school at the University of Washington. Frank Smith will attend school. Miss Edith Mason expects to spend her vacation on the farm. Mrs. Jessie Pendleton, Everett Doberty, Miss Pauline Morris and Mrs. Mable Weedham will all attend summer school at Ellensburg. Miss Sparr, Miss Alice Smith, Mrs. Gwendolyn Gates and Mrs. Madeline Pendleton, expect to remain here.

Miss Ethel Hickey left Monday for the beach to spend several days.

## Mildred McNeal Married in South

NORTH SANTIAM—Mr. and Mrs. George McNeal announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred E. McNeal to Roscoe M. Porter. The ceremony took place at Crescent City, Calif., June 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter accompanied the young couple to California. Mr. and Mrs. Porter will live near Marion.

William New was cut on the face when a wire broke and struck him just below the eye. The wire penetrated the cheek into the mouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Krane (Pearl Miller) of Los Angeles are guests at the George Miller home.

## Chemeketas to Visit new Lodge

Chemeketas and friends will have an overnight trip to their new lodge Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12.

The lodge is situated on White Water creek, seven-tenths of a mile from the North Santiam highway.

The road is in excellent condition with the exception of the 12-mile stretch between N. Santiam and Detroit. The driving distance is 70 miles from Salem. Further information may be obtained from the desk at the Senator hotel, where persons may register before 6 p.m. Friday.

## Cloverdale WCTU Will Have 25th Anniversary Celebration on Friday

CLOVERDALE—The 25th anniversary of the Pleasantview or Cloverdale WCTU will be celebrated at the Cloverdale school house Friday afternoon, June 10.

The Salem and Turner unions have been invited to attend; also all former members and friends.

## Barker and Cray Named Labor Council Delegates

C. W. Cray, president and H. E. Barker, executive secretary, have been elected to represent the Salem Trades and Labor council at the state federation of labor convention opening at Tillamook next Monday. It was announced yesterday. Each local union also is entitled to send at least two delegates.