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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"

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Press Likes Inaugural Address

The Oregon press, metropolitan and upstate, gives almost uniform praise to the inaugural address of the incoming administration. The comments, however, are not based on loyalty to the new governor because of professional relationship but indicate shrewd appraisal of the Sprague proposals for legislative action.

The Eugene Register-Guard observes: "He knows 'what it's all about'; he will consult, but he will not be easily misled. He is reasonable but determined. His speech augurs exceptional efficiency."

The Bend Bulletin, characterizing the message as that of a "man of convictions, reasonable, temperate, with an orderly mind," is impressed by the proposals on power use by the state:

"No greater field for Governor Sprague's talents exists than in the development of a sensible and reasonable attitude toward Bonneville and its acceptance for industrial use by the power fanatics who now want only the destruction of the operating companies."

From the Albany Democrat-Herald comes especial approval of the proposals for putting together school districts, as has been recommended by Superintendent Rex Putnam. Writes the editor of the Democrat-Herald:

"If Governor Sprague's program as he outlined it in his inaugural address before the state legislature is carried out his administration will be signalized by no little simplification of state government, reaching down as well into subdivisions of state government. Notable are his recommendations for consolidation of school districts, wherever practical, and for provision of machinery whereby such consolidations may be effected wisely."

The non-partisan and well-balanced Democrat-Herald at Baker sees the message as "typical of the man; thoughtful, temperate, courteous, covering the general problems of all democratic societies in the complex, modern world and problems specific to the state of Oregon."

The Dalles Chronicle, which was a staunch Martin supporter, observes:

"Governor Sprague gives every indication of continuing the high type of executive ability shown by Martin, although Sprague's regime probably will feature diplomacy rather than fireworks. Sprague is of the intellectual type, utterly sincere in everything he does, and he is taking the job of governor with the determination to justify the compliment paid him by Oregon voters."

The Herald at Klamath Falls believes the message to the legislature "careful and fair," the Roseburg News-Review comments that the "common sense in the inaugural address was no surprise."

The new administration is too wise in newspaper practice to expect or to want total approbation and a dearth of criticism from the press. As the term of Governor Sprague unfolds he will receive his share of editorial thrusts but the critical editorials will not be tossed into the waste basket, unread by some executive assistant, because the governor cannot take them. The fair and penetrating analysis of the press, which is going to be particularly interested in the present administration, will be a great asset to the governor—and to the state.

Salary Overhaul Urgent Need

The Oregon legislature will be remiss in its work if it fails to adopt a measure which will straighten out and make equitable the variant scales of pay for the officials of the 36 counties of the state. The present basis of pay is a patchwork quilt of inequity carrying over from numerous previous sessions where county salaries were set piecemeal by pressure from individual county groups. The result is startling discrepancies in payment to county officials, amount of work and responsibility considered.

Clatsop county, with 21,000 population, pays its county judge \$3000 annually while Marion county with 60,000 population and a corresponding increase in work for the judge, pays only \$1800. Sherman county pays only \$450 annually for the job. Harney county with 5920 population has a \$2400 annual salary for its county clerk, the same as paid by Lane county with nine times that population.

Every list of county officers and their salaries is subject to the same discrepancies and unfairness. The legislature should revise the rates of pay on a ratable scale which would include consideration of population of the county, assessed value and total budget and some study of the amount of work done by the respective officials. This session and subsequent ones should not be bothered with the sectional bills which repeatedly are introduced to jockey a particular official or group of officials in one or more counties into a better-paid job.

While the salary straightening is on, equalization of several official state salaries would be in order. The state school superintendent, duties and work considered, is underpaid as is the state labor commissioner. There should be legislative reexamination of the rates of pay for major state jobs and readjustment of the salaries to a more equitable basis.

Continuing Dies Committee

Months ago when the national house of representatives had before it a resolution to investigate "un-American activities," the opposition of Congressman Maury Maverick of Texas to the Dies committee's creation was quoted at considerable length in this column. Now the committee has done the work for which it was created and there will be a request for a new appropriation to permit it to continue. Numerous well-meaning organizations are supporting this request.

The Dies committee's proceedings have made excellent newspaper copy but the nation at large, is not satisfied with its results. There have been seemingly startling revelations, but their effect has been adulterated by doubts as to the committee's good faith, good sense and impartiality. Some of the "facts" which witnesses sought to prove have sounded ridiculous.

Some of Maverick's dire predictions have come true. There has been a heightening of conflict between ultra-liberal forces and the zealots of reaction. In so far as the committee's work has moulded public opinion, its tendency has been to split public thinking into two widely-separated groups and weaken the advocates of a middle course.

If the probe of "un-American activities" is to be continued it is our conviction that it must be placed in more judicious hands, with the assurance that fascist propaganda and plotting will receive as much attention as the same activities on the part of communists and their "fellow travelers." If a revised committee shows a tendency to do this, its findings will carry more weight with the intelligent portion of the public.

Membership on the board of higher education is not a partisan job. Whether or not the senate should confirm the appointment of Edgar W. Smith to that board should be determined solely on the basis of Mr. Smith's qualifications as a man who can give valuable counsel in formulating the policies of higher education in Oregon. There has been loose talk at the capitol about the injustice of allowing this "plum" to go to a last-minute choice of the outgoing governor. The only compensation of a board member is \$10 for the days served—usually one a month—and the responsibility is heavy. The board needs members who are qualified by education and interest to guide the state's higher educational program; whether they are democrats or republicans is of no consequence.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Many things sought to 1-12-39 be known about Indians of Oregon, their past and present and probable future:

Many welcome things come to this desk from strangers as well as friends. One is newly arrived which announces that a certain mutual friend has referred to the Bits man as "the appropriate person to receive it, with the request which it bears. The person who writes, whose name and address shall be withheld, announces that he or she is writing a thesis, and says:

"The purpose of my paper is to trace the history of each Indian tribe from the time white men settled in Oregon to the present time. I would like the number of Indians, their habits, treaties made with them by the whites, the present numbers of full blood Indians, conditions under which they live at present, provisions made for them by the federal government, their approximate wealth, health, diseases, education, and future place they will hold in the American government."

That is quite an order, as the reader will no doubt agree. A study such as is implied in the request which it bears, of each Indian tribe from the time white men settled in Oregon to the present time; . . . the number of Indians, their habits, treaties made with them by the whites, would involve weeks, months of research; whereas this writer has not even minutes to spare from urgent work in hand. And then the conclusions might be faulty and incomplete.

As to "the present number of full blood Indians" in Oregon, no one can say for certain. The writer herein was census supervisor of an Oregon district in both 1910 and 1920. In the last one, enumerators were instructed (from Washington) to list as Indians all persons with a predominance of Indian blood. Another order from Washington was to list any person as an Indian who was called Indian. So no doubt a few whites were listed as Indians. The census for 1930 showed Oregon's Indian population as 4776. But the reports of the superintendents of Indians to the Oregon Blue Book, 1937-8 add up slightly more; that is, 4823, if the writer has figured correctly. The Blue Book cited shows:

The superintendent of the Salem U. S. Indian school (now Paul T. Jackson) has charge of those Indians: Sitka, with an Indian population of 471; Grand Ronde, 362; fourth section allottees west of the Cascade mountains in Oregon, 322.

Then the Klamath agency, 1412 Indians; Umatilla agency (same as 1930 census shows), 1143; the Burns Indian colony, "about" 152; Warm Springs reservation (approximately) 800; the Indians of the Columbia river on both the Oregon and Washington sides, now assigned to the Umatilla reservation, "estimated" 300. Counting 150 for Oregon makes a total of 822, or 46 more than were listed by the census enumerators of 1930. So, as said above, no one can give the exact number, for 1939, or any other year.

"Conditions under which Oregon Indians live at present" are as varied as those of white or other races. The Klamath reservation has about 1,225,000 acres of land. Tribal property of those Indians has an estimated value of \$20,000,000. They are rich. Among the Indians of the other States they rank second in individual wealth.

The Umatilla Indians are rich, too; have 167,917.73 acres in their "diminished" reserve. Of the wheat land, approximately one-half has passed to white ownership. So are the Warm Springs Indians rich, with 500,000 acres of land, their pine timber valued at seven to 12 million dollars. They are made up of the Wasco, Warm Springs (Tenino), Plute, Klickitat and Pit river tribes.

"Provisions made for them by the federal government?" Their children may attend the Chemawa school and learn trades, and, the more ambitious ones, prepare for careers of usefulness. The Warm Springs reservation has a government primary school, and a 20-bed hospital, and mission schools are available at some of the reservations. Quite generally, in Oregon, Indian children are welcomed in the public schools, the same as those of other races.

"Health, diseases, education, and future place they will hold in the American government?" Well, in 1838, a survey was made at the request of Hubert Work, secretary of the Interior; made by a commission composed

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Radio Programs

- KELM—THURSDAY—1270 Kz.**
- 7:30—News.
 - 7:45—Morning O' Day.
 - 8:00—Morning Meditations.
 - 8:15—Eight o'Clock Clipper.
 - 8:30—Haven of Rest.
 - 8:45—News.
 - 9:00—Radio Call.
 - 9:15—Friendly Circle.
 - 9:45—Richardson Ensemble.
 - 10:00—Hawaii Paradise.
 - 10:15—News.
 - 10:30—Morning Magazine.
 - 10:45—Eighth o'Clock Club.
 - 11:00—Organalities.
 - 11:30—Willamette University Chapel.
 - 11:45—Hollywood Whispers.
 - 12:00—Value Parade.
 - 12:15—News.
 - 12:30—Hillsilly Serenade.
 - 12:45—Shirley Howard, blues.
 - 1:00—Interesting Facts.
 - 1:15—Hollywood Whispers.
 - 1:30—Two Keyboards.
 - 1:45—Book a Week.
 - 2:00—News.
 - 2:15—Johnson Family.
 - 2:30—Weber's Concert Orchestra.
 - 2:45—Lester's Ensemble.
 - 3:00—Feminine Fancies.
 - 3:30—Radio Campus.
 - 4:15—Radio Maria.
 - 4:30—Sands of Time.
 - 4:45—News.
 - 5:15—Adventures Gen. Shafter Park.
 - 5:30—Johnny Lawrence Club.
 - 5:45—News.
 - 6:30—Legislative Roundup—Statesman of the Air.
 - 6:45—Morning Headlines.
 - 7:00—Waltz Time.
 - 7:30—Green Hornet.
 - 8:00—News.
 - 8:15—Don't You Believe It.
 - 8:30—Handicrafts Hobbits.
 - 8:45—Jimmy Gray's Orchestra.
 - 9:00—Newspaper of the Air.
 - 9:15—Glen Gray's Orchestra.
 - 9:30—Dinner Hour Melodias.
 - 9:45—Shirley Ennis' Orchestra.
 - 10:00—Phil Harris' Orchestra.
 - 10:15—Jack Field's Orchestra.
 - 11:15—Shep McLean's Orchestra.
- KEX—THURSDAY—1180 Kz.**
- 6:30—Musical Clock.
 - 7:00—Family Altar Hour.
 - 7:15—The For Two.
 - 7:45—Lam Web.
 - 7:55—Market Quotations.
 - 8:00—News.
 - 8:30—Paul Page.
 - 8:45—Christian Science.
 - 9:00—The Ladies Story.
 - 9:15—George Griffin.
 - 9:30—Farm and Home.
 - 9:45—Ice Hockey.
 - 10:30—News.
 - 10:45—Home Institute.
 - 11:00—Society.
 - 11:45—Radio Review.
 - 11:50—Light Opera.
 - 12:15—The Agricultural.
 - 12:30—Grand Slam Revue.
 - 12:45—Hints to Housewives.
 - 1:00—News.
 - 1:45—Market Reports.
 - 2:00—Quiet Hour.
 - 2:15—Glen Gray and Grain.
 - 2:30—Dinner Hour.
 - 2:45—Caribbean Melodias.
 - 3:00—Patricia Gilmore.
 - 3:15—News.
 - 3:30—Archie Quartet.
 - 3:45—Sight of Today.
 - 4:00—Orchestra.
 - 4:15—Musical Contrasts.
 - 4:30—Orchestra.
 - 5:00—Interesting Neighbors.
 - 5:30—Hano Surprises.
 - 6:00—Circus of the Air.
 - 6:30—Orchestra.
 - 6:45—News.
 - 7:00—Orchestra.
 - 7:15—H. Gregory.
 - 7:30—Name It Game.
 - 7:45—Friendly Neighbors.
 - 8:00—Dinner Hour.
 - 8:15—Romance and Rhythm.
 - 8:30—News.
 - 8:45—Orchestra.
 - 9:15—Arnold Grime's Daughter.
- KOAG—THURSDAY—550 Kz.**
- 9:00—Today's Programs.
 - 9:05—Homesmaker's Hour.
 - 9:10—Neighbor Reynolds.
 - 10:15—Story Hour for Adults.
 - 10:30—Today's News.
 - 11:00—Sheridan Contest.
 - 11:30—Music of the Masters.
 - 12:00—News.
 - 12:15—Agricultural News.
 - 12:30—Market Crop Reports.
 - 12:45—Farm Flashes.
 - 1:15—Variety.
 - 2:00—Home Garden Hour.
 - 2:45—Guard Your Health.
 - 3:15—Circles of the World.
 - 3:45—Monitor Views the News.
 - 4:00—Symphonic Half Hour.
 - 4:30—Elementary Education.
 - 5:00—On the Campus.
 - 5:45—Vespers.
 - 6:15—News.
 - 6:30—Agriculture Viewed by Editors.
 - 6:45—W. Oliver.
 - 7:00—J. W. Miller.
 - 7:15—Student Grange.
 - 8:00—School of Music.
 - 8:15—Oregon—Past, Present.
 - 8:45—Foresters in Action.
- KOZ—THURSDAY—940 Kz.**
- 6:30—Market Reports.
 - 6:35—KOIN Clock.
 - 6:45—News.
 - 7:00—KOIN Cowhand.
 - 8:30—This and That.
 - 9:15—Her Honor, Nancy James.
 - 9:30—Star of Helica Treat.
 - 9:45—Our Gal Sunday.
 - 10:00—The Gelobers.
 - 10:15—Real Life Stories.
 - 10:30—Fashion Chat.
 - 11:00—Big Sister.
 - 11:15—Real Life Stories.
 - 11:30—School of the Air.
 - 12:00—News.
 - 12:15—Singing Sam.
 - 12:30—Scattered Baits.
 - 12:45—Fletcher Wiley.
 - 1:00—Pretty Kitty Kelly.
 - 1:15—Myrt and Marge.
 - 1:30—Hilltop House.
 - 1:45—Speed, Inc.
 - 2:00—Halo Again.
 - 2:15—Let's Pretend.
 - 2:30—Spend, Inc.
 - 3:00—Newspaper of the Air.
 - 4:00—Backgrounding the News.
 - 4:15—The For Two.
 - 5:00—Fire o'Clock Flash.
 - 5:15—Hoving Wing.
 - 5:30—Joe Tennant.
 - 6:00—Major Bowes.
 - 7:00—Tune Up Time.
 - 7:15—The Ladies Story.
 - 8:30—Kate Smith, Franchot Tone.
 - 9:30—Leon F. Drews.
 - 9:45—Preview, President's Birthday Ball.
 - 10:00—Five Star Fina.
 - 10:15—Nightcap Karol.
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- 7:00—Story of the Month.
 - 7:15—Trail Blazers.
 - 7:30—Ted White.
 - 8:15—Dr. Lawrence Cross.
 - 8:30—The White.
 - 9:00—Dan Harding's Wife.
 - 9:15—The O'Kellie.
 - 9:30—Tena and Tim.
 - 9:45—Spinning Wheel Singers.
 - 10:15—Eccerts and Betty.
 - 10:30—Dangerous Roads.
 - 10:45—Dr. Kate.
 - 11:00—Betty and Bob.
 - 11:15—Arnold Grime's Daughter.

10 Years Ago

January 12, 1929

Information concerning the Salem General hospital will be featured at Monday meeting of the chamber of commerce and Dr. W. B. Morse will be the speaker.

For the first time in history of the Salem High School Clarion, student newspaper published by the local staff, it has been declared the best high school paper in Oregon.

Oregon State college's basketball team came back strong in the second half and downed Williamette university 46-22 to take the third game of the series.

20 Years Ago

January 12, 1919

The old Salem hotel at State and High streets will be used as a convalescent ward for influenza cases and Drs. W. B. Morse, W. H. Byrd and H. J. Clements are on committee to provide care of patients.

W. F. and F. W. Stouloff, brothers, and Curtis Cross will retire from retail meat business and will erect a \$100,000 packing plant on Portland Road, two blocks north of state fairgrounds.

Sergeant Horace M. Bibby has returned to Salem after more than a year's absence from his ranch at Brooks, having enlisted in 1917, joining coast artillery corps.

VARNEY'S ISINORE SALEM'S LEADING THEATRE

Starts Today — 2 Hits
Like Another "Men in White"!

Secrets of a great hospital... romance of men in white!
Women in sables! Drama like a siren's scream!

Young DR. KILDARE

LEW AYRES
BARRYMORE

— HIT NO. 2 —

— HIT NO. 2 —
"Last Warning" with Preston Foster
Frank Jenks

— HIT NO. 2 —
Daring! Shocking! But True!
"The Refugee" in "March of Time"
German Nazis Kill and Loot!

Sage of Salem Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE

There are many reasons for many things. And some are good and some very bad. Some, in fact, much worse than none at all. Better those we never did have. Reason and judgment may strain our ears. And what one says to excuse our faults. May, as I say, be good or be bad. Either throws light or brightness halts. I reckon the better way to do, if we'd avoid trouble on our way. Is to swallow the reasons we'd give. This may not help—but again it may.

Editors and Political Office

There are probably few communities of considerable size and influence where, at one time or another, newspaper publishers or editors have not been suggested as candidates for high political office. I do not know what the exact record may show, but a cursory glance at political history in the United States gives one a definite impression that the suggestion has not met with a favorable reception. I recall personally the campaign in which Horace Greeley of the New York Tribune stood as a candidate for the presidency against General Grant. He was overwhelmingly defeated. And I have known a few instances since those hectic days when other newspaper editors have been defeated at the polls. There have been many newspaper candidates, but few have been chosen.

In later years the prejudice—or it was as much that as anything else—has worn away. True, the suggestion that Mr. Hearst be nominated for president aroused a thunder of protest in all parts of the country, but a number of the states have elected newspapermen as governors, and I believe these have invariably been good governors. Kansas elected a newspaperman to the governor's chair. Now Oregon has given its chief executive office over to a newspaper editor and publisher, by a tremendous vote. And the voters of Oregon could not have made a better choice.

I hear of the owner of a big car, stuck on a coast byway, who was pulled out by a man with an old-model Ford. The Lord loveth a cheerful fillyver.

The hurry that gets us nowhere is the bane of modern civilization.

The Oldsters

There's an old, old tale of long ago. An old, old tale, yet withal the same. For not so far does our vision go. The trail's been pleasant down which we came. So we tell tales of the long ago. And we chuckle some at thoughts that come. And despite the pains felt here and there. And at the stars perk a wayward thumb.

There is a small boy in Salem, as in countless other places. I presume, who has to be favorite uncle, now on the east coast. The boy received a letter, amongst other things, from this uncle at Christmas time. The boy thought the letter was "dandy" but when his mother said that he must write a nice long reply to the letter, what do you think he said? Yes, that is what he said all right. "Aw, heck, I knew there was a catch to it!"

Tom Gunk has been given a white collar job. Says he likes it fine, but he has to be careful when he looks at his fingers. Can't get over feeling he's dropped the nails somewhere. Clean.

I have noticed during the Christmas season recently past a greater tendency on the part of

children to give than to receive. Slowly the truth is coming to the young minds that there is more pleasure in giving than in getting. And it is a good sign.

One thing that was markedly manifest in the talk on inauguration day—high praise for the new capitol. This is prophecy fulfilled.

I am looking forward to seeing Mrs. Olive Carter's story when it appears in print. Mrs. Carter is perhaps the most untiring, as well as one of the most deserving members of the local literary colony.

DAR Delegates to State Meet Chosen

WOODBURN—The monthly meeting of Belle Pass chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. F. Butterfield on the Pacific highway.

Delegates chosen to attend the state conference in March were Mrs. H. F. Butterfield, Mrs. Overton and Miss Carrie Waterbury; alternates, Mrs. Drexel White, Mrs. W. J. Wilson and Mrs. Karl Engleman.

The local chapter will sponsor three candidates for the annual pilgrimage to Washington, Miss Nelda Trullinger of Woodburn high school, Miss Carol Moomaw of Hubbard high school and Miss Marilyn Jean Schults of Canby high school.

Mutual Telephone Election Is Held

SCOTTS MILLS—The annual meeting of the Marquam Mutual Telephone company was held at Marquam Saturday, J. McCracken was reelected director and John Pias, secretary.

Saturday night line 39 held a meeting and voted money for new poles. Ted Loren was reelected president, Leo Eckhart reelected treasurer, and Hugh Magee, secretary.

WHAT'S IN THE AIR?

Number 11977 wants to know about a pardon. He worries over not hearing the GREEN HORNET 7:30 to 8 P. M. Tuesday and Thursday

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT 8:15 to 8:30 P. M. Tuesday and Thursday

He can't get enough of NEWSPAPER OF THE AIR 9 to 9:15 P. M. Every Night

KSLN - NBS 1370 KC.

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HOLLYWOOD FAMILY NIGHT 40c

LAST TIMES TONIGHT
Danielle Darrieux "Danger on the Air"
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. with Donald Woods and Nan Grey
"The Rags of Paris"

Two Big Features 15
Hopalong Cassidy "10th Ave. Kid" with Bruce Cabot and Beverly Roberts
"In Old Mexico"

DEVILS ISLAND

— HIT NO. 2 —
With Boris Karloff — Hit No. 2 — "Law West of Tombstone" WITH HARRY CAREY

CAPITOL

Tonight - Fri. - Sat. 2 SMASH FEATURES

DEVILS ISLAND

With Boris Karloff — Hit No. 2 — "Law West of Tombstone" WITH HARRY CAREY

Wallace BEERY

VIVA VILLA

with LEO CARRILLO
FAY WRAY-STUART ERWIN
JOSEPH SCHILDKNRAUT
GEORGE E. STONE
DONALD COOK

15c Viva Villa - 2:15 7:00 - 10:00
Girl Said No - 2:10 - 9:00

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