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Headache With Silver Lining

It's amazing what people will buy and swallow in order to attain that certain dizzy feeling, when they could get the same effect merely by attempting to rationalize this nation's silver policy.

Back in 1934 a congress which had ceased to do its own thinking passed a silver purchase act which authorized the treasury to buy all the silver that was offered, from any source, until the nation's silver supply should amount to one-third of its metal monetary stock. Since the gold supply, for various reasons, has been increasing enormously, silver purchase has never caught up with this ratio.

Now a senate committee has started an investigation of the operation of the silver purchase act. Secretary Morgenthau defended the act, at the first day's hearing, on the ground that purchases of silver from abroad have stimulated the buying power of a half dozen nations. He mentioned China, Mexico, Canada, Peru, Chile and the Philippines.

As to whether the United States is still buying silver from Mexico in view of that nation's expropriation of agricultural and oil lands of American citizens, Morgenthau was not able to give a definite answer. No purchases are being made direct from Mexico, but there is no way to detect Mexican silver offered through some other country.

As a matter of fact this silver policy forced China and Mexico off the silver standard because the price offered made silver bullion worth more than their silver coin. Morgenthau is right, in a way; but what is the value to this nation of exporting goods with one hand and paying for them with the other by buying silver at a price above the world market?

The silver policy was born of the inflationary idea, for it developed out of an international conference aimed originally at restoring the gold standard but dropped suddenly because it had a depressing effect upon realistic stock markets. And it still involves an inflationary peril, for the treasury has power to issue silver certificates up to \$1.29 per ounce of silver it holds, but has done so only up to 43 cents. Senator Thomas of Oklahoma advocates the full utilization of this power.

On the investigating committee is Senator Pittman of Nevada, now apparently dubious about the foreign purchase of silver; but it was largely his influence as head of the powerful silver bloc that brought it into being. Of what use is all this silver, bought for far more than it will bring in the world market? Westerners still use the silver dollar, but the silver in it is worth only 47 cents; it is token money the same as paper, and much more awkward to handle.

It is certainly time that the government reviewed its silver policy and called a halt on foreign purchases at an unwarranted, pegged price. Removal of the subsidy to the silver mines involved in domestic purchase is probably too much to expect.

Politics Is a Rough Game

Woodrow Wilson came back from the peace conferences in Europe, fired with enthusiasm for the machine that was going to prevent wars in future—the League of Nations. His political opponents in congress gave him the works.

Herbert Hoover fought as best he could against a world depression that was none of his making. His political opponents gave him the works.

Right now Franklin D. Roosevelt is moving into the last quarter of his tenure in the White House, and his political opponents, both in the opposition party and in his own party, are giving him the works.

Roosevelt's appointments which require senate confirmation, his relief program, his foreign policy, all are targets for these opponents. We are inclined to feel sorry for the president—forgetting that he led the forces which gave his predecessor the works. Politics is a rough game, FDR has elected to play it and he must take the bumps and bruises along with the rest. But is politics, played that way, a good thing for the country?

Some of the policies which are being kicked around under this savage attack may be sound policies. The Statesman analyzed in considerable detail some time ago, the president's foreign policy, his reasons for growling and encouraging his satellites to growl at the dictators. His purpose was to impress the dictators with this country's sympathy for the European democracies in the hope of discouraging them from rash adventures. That may have been dangerous procedure, but the president considered the European situation desperate and thought extreme measures justified. Whether he was right or not, the tempest stirred up at home over the sale of planes to France, and over the "secret" meeting with a senate committee, has robbed his gesture of effectiveness.

If the president was wrong in this instance, he will be right in others; and then, while his opponents continue to give him the works, the country will suffer. Furthermore his opponents may overplay their hand and arouse popular sympathy for the president, thus defeating their own ends. Roosevelt is moving toward the close of his administration; the possibility of a third term has all but vanished—barring just such a reaction of personal sympathy. For the good of the country as well as for the good of their own aims, the president's opponents should moderate their attacks and in vital matters, forget politics entirely. But they won't. They'll give him the works.

Legislative Efficiency

There is before the legislature a proposal to adopt in Oregon the California "split session" plan under which the state lawmaking body takes a recess after introducing bills and before taking them up for consideration. Now comes the Oregonian as an advocate of the Kansas plan, which calls for a permanent "legislative council" to map needed legislation between sessions, with a staff of employed experts to assist.

The discussion emphasizes the inefficiency of Oregon's present system, under which 90 divergent minds are suddenly brought into physical proximity on the second Monday of January every other year and faced with the vague task of agreeing upon and enacting within a theoretical 40 days, all of the new laws that the state needs.

History repeats itself from session to session. There is slow, aimless wandering for the first half of the session, fairly well directed procedure for a week or so and then a final bedlam.

Some reform is necessary. The California plan is reported to be unsatisfactory in practice. The Kansas plan merits investigation. There have been other proposals for getting some of the assembly's work whipped into shape before the session opens. The legislature should seriously consider this problem while it is "hot." Between sessions, the difficulty is forgotten until it has to be gone through all over again.

The Emerald University of Oregon daily paper, assigned a reporter to find out if any of the girls on the campus would "kiss on the first date." Ninety per cent wouldn't and he couldn't get dates with the other 10 per cent. An assignment we'd like would be research into what happens on the second, third, and so on up to the tenth date. With expense account.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Aunt Martha's going away leaves a vacant space; life of a great good Oregon pioneer woman!

The Aunt Martha of this columnist, the best Aunt Martha he ever knew, went away on Saturday last, her great spirit making its flight to the fields of asphalt beyond the stars. She was Mrs. T. G. Hendricks, Eugene, who had lived in that upper Willamette valley metropolis and its vicinity over 87 years, a full and useful life when grown from a wilderness a fine city and a well balanced supporting territory, of which growth she was a helpful part.

Her deceased husband's father was a cousin of the father of this writer; that is how she became his 50,000th people as apparently tenuous thread, but in fact gripped as with bands of steel. When he was a struggling student "baching" his way, her bounteous board was ever a welcome one to him. She never failed to have words of encouragement and sympathy.

Her father was Elias Stewart. She was born Martha A. Stewart, in Polk county, Mo., December 20, 1848. The Stewart family, father and mother and six children, started across the plains from Knoxville, Mo., where they had moved from Missouri, in the spring of 1852, with two covered wagons and four yoke of oxen to each wagon.

That was the "great" immigration, the 50,000 people going through to Utah, California, Oregon (about half to Oregon), and 6000 or more were buried in unmarked graves along the way; on the Old Oregon Trail, the mother of the family was one of 6000 or more, succumbing to the plains disease called "cholera." Death came to her on the North Platte about 40 miles west of Fort Laramie; her coffin made from wagon boards, her dirge request that her body be buried deep carried out.

"Pap" Stewart, as he was familiarly known in his last years, acquired land, by trade, soon after his arrival in Oregon, which became a part of the townsite of Eugene. So Aunt Martha lived nearly all of her more than 90 years in Eugene.

Her husband, Thomas G. Hendricks, who died December 12, 1919, was also a member of a pioneer family of Lane county. His mother was Elizabeth Bristow, whose father Elijah Bristow erected the first dwelling for whites in Lane county, arriving there in 1846, having come across the plains to Fort Sutter, Cal., in 1845. J. M. Hendricks and wife, parents of T. G., came in the 1848 immigration, and settled next to the Bristows, at Pleasant Hill. They erected the first school house in Lane county; district number one. They erected the first church in Lane county, there. The Hendricks and Bristow firm erected in 1866 at Eugene the first brick building in Lane county.

Elijah Bristow was the first man from his locality (in Virginia) to volunteer for the war of 1812. Being a crack marksman, and General Andrew Jackson taking note of it, he had special services, including counting, in that conflict. Also, he fought in the Black Hawk war.

T. G. Hendricks was one of Eugene's first merchants; on her first city council; one of the first mayors; was eight years Lane county's superintendent of schools; started her water system; was the leading member of the soliciting committee which secured the location of the University of Oregon at Eugene; a member of the first building committee; for 24 years a regent of the institution, and in that period chairman of the executive committee.

In 1883 he, with S. B. Fakin, founded the bank of Hendricks & Eakin, which they made the First National bank in 1886. Its control is still in the Hendricks clan. He donated the Hendricks estate to the city, and so forward looking, enterprising since the town's first days has lacked the hearty support of that family.

Aunt Martha had two homes, the pioneer one on a prominent site in Eugene, a summer home called "Pond" on the McKenzie river 23 miles above Eugene. During late years she has preferred the country home, and lived her last days and died there.

The state of Oregon (highway commission) needed a new right of way to straighten its highway over the McKenzie pass. It would all but take away the best part of her Pondage property; nearly ruin it. Others demanded large damages from the state in such cases. Aunt Martha asked nothing. It was for the general good, so she was for it, without money and without price.

The same circumstances came to pass as to the street that ran by her city home property. She gave the demanded space, and would take no money from the city.

She was a pioneer with the spirit of the Oregon pioneers, a race that has not been excelled in all the long history of humanity.

If there is a special place beyond the pearly gates for the choice spirits that have gone from this world to the realms

Ducks' Congress Should Give Them a Medal



SAVING 165 LIVES. Ducks Unlimited of which Louis Lear (left) is Washington head, transplanted 165 starving wild ducks from Alberta, Canada, to a Seattle lake. Above is inspection.

of bliss, Aunt Martha's questing and pioneering spirit would certainly have preference in that reserved section.

But—but what! But that would not be heaven for her. Aunt Martha would not want for herself a better place along the streets of gold than were enjoyed by the least of her sisters or brothers released from the cares and burdens of this world. Martha means lady. The Aunt Martha of this columnist whose gentle spirit is in the realms of bliss was in spirit and in truth a lady.

10 Years Ago

February 9, 1929
Professor Arthur L. Peck of Landscape Architecture department of Oregon State college, will address Women's club today on "Gardening."

E. S. Collins of board of trustees of Willamette university will give 15 cents for every dollar in the university endowment campaign until \$250,000 has been raised.

A fighting tearing Willamette university basketball team scored a 55 to 24 victory over Whitman and all but clinched the Northwest conference title.

20 Years Ago

February 9, 1919
Monday morning will view the opening of the convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants association and Mayor C. E. Albin will deliver the address.

Rev. Robert S. Gill, former rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, has been chosen new dean of St. Stephen's pro-cathedral in Portland.

Call Board

GRAND
Today—"Mr. Moto's" Last Warning" with Peter Lorre and Ricardo Cortez.
Saturday—Jackie Cooper in "Gangster's Boy."

ELSINORE
Today—"Torchy Blane in Chinatown" with Glenda Farrell and Barton MacLane and "Tough Kid" with Frankie Darro.
Saturday—Double bill, "Wings of the Navy" with George Brent and Olivia DeHavilland and "Lincoln in the Whitehouse" and "Ferdinand the Bull."

CAPITOL
Today—Double bill, "Nancy Drew Reporter" with Bonita Granville and "Wings of the Skies" with Kent Taylor and Rochelle Hudson.
Saturday—Double bill, "Dark Rapture," Denis-Roosevelt Belgian Congo expedition, and "Broadway Muskeeters" with Margaret Lindsay and Ann Sheridan.

STATE
Today—Edward G. Robinson in "The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse" and Jane Withers in "Always in Trouble."

HOLLYWOOD
Today—Double bill, Charles Starrett in "Colorado Trail" and "The Devil's Party" with Victor McLaglen and Paul Kelly.
Friday—Double bill, Bob Steele in "Colorado Kid" and "The Chaser" with Dennis O'Keefe and Ann Morris.

Radio Programs

- KEM—THURSDAY—1370 Kc.
 - 7:30—News.
 - 7:45—Time O' Day.
 - 8:00—Morning Meditations.
 - 8:15—Haven of Rest.
 - 8:45—News.
 - 9:00—Pastor's Call.
 - 9:15—Home Town.
 - 9:30—Hits and Scores.
 - 9:45—Friendly Circle.
 - 10:15—News.
 - 10:30—Morning Magazine.
 - 10:45—Betty Jane Rhodes and Chico's Orchestra.
 - 11:00—Organatics.
 - 11:15—Man I Wouldn't Give Up.
 - 11:30—Willamette University Chapel.
 - 11:45—Hollywood Whispers.
 - 12:00—Value Parade.
 - 12:30—News.
 - 12:45—Hilthy Serenade.
 - 1:00—Good Health and Training.
 - 1:00—Interesting Facts.
 - 1:15—Midstream.
 - 1:30—Two Keyboards.
 - 1:45—Book-A-Week.
 - 2:00—Musical Interludes.
 - 2:15—Spice of Life.
 - 2:30—Weber's Concert Revue.
 - 2:45—Hans Monson's Orchestra.
 - 3:00—Feminine Fancies.
 - 3:15—Sands of Time.
 - 3:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 - 3:45—Let's Play Bridge.
 - 4:00—4:30 Clipper.
 - 4:15—Musical Melodias.
 - 4:30—Johany Murray.
 - 4:45—Johany Lawrence Club.
 - 5:00—Name It Game.
 - 5:15—Adv. Gen. Shafter Parker.
 - 5:30—Legislative Roundup—Statesman.
 - 6:45—Tonight's Headlines.
 - 7:00—Phantom Pilot.
 - 7:15—Waltz Time.
 - 7:30—Green Hornet.
 - 8:00—News.
 - 8:15—Don't You Believe It.
 - 8:30—Hobby Show.
 - 8:45—Newspaper of the Air.
 - 9:00—Van Alexander's Orchestra.
 - 9:30—American Legion Auxiliary Program.
 - 10:00—Oregon Federation of Music.
 - 10:15—Phil Harris' Orchestra.
 - 10:30—Shirley Kniss' Orchestra.
 - 10:45—Portland Contest.
 - 11:00—Shop Fields' Orchestra.
 - 11:15—Jack McLean's Orchestra.
- KXX—THURSDAY—1180 Kc.
 - 6:30—Musical Clock.
 - 7:00—Family Aloy Hour.
 - 7:30—Financial Service.
 - 7:45—Sweethearts.
 - 7:55—Market Quotations.
 - 8:00—Dr. Brock.
 - 8:30—Paul Page.
 - 8:45—Christian Science.
 - 9:00—Southernaires.
 - 9:15—George Griffin.
 - 9:30—Papa and Home.
 - 10:15—Agriculture Today.
 - 10:30—News.
 - 10:45—Home Institute.
 - 11:00—School Symphony.
 - 11:45—Radio Review.
 - 11:50—Light Opera.
 - 12:00—Dept. Agriculture.
 - 12:15—Orchestra.
 - 12:30—Hints to Housewives.
 - 12:45—Market Reports.
 - 12:50—Quiet Hour.
 - 1:30—Club Matinee.
 - 2:00—Orchestra.
 - 2:15—Financial and Grain.
 - 2:30—Land's Trio.
 - 2:45—Caribbean Quira.
 - 3:00—Opera Guild.
 - 3:15—Patricia Gilmore.
 - 3:25—News.
 - 3:30—Orchestra.
 - 3:45—Sweet and Low.
 - 4:00—Orchestra.
 - 4:15—Musical Contrasts.
 - 4:30—Organ.
 - 4:45—Kivira Box.
 - 5:00—Interesting Neighbors.
 - 5:30—Piano Surprises.
 - 5:45—Cleo D'Autrey.
 - 6:00—Aviation News.
 - 6:10—Philharmonic Concert.
 - 6:30—Town Meeting.
 - 7:30—Minstrel Show.
 - 8:00—News.
 - 8:15—L. H. Gregory.
 - 8:30—Name It Game.
 - 9:00—Friendly Neighbors.
 - 9:30—Ice Hockey.
 - 10:00—Aviation News.
 - 11:00—News.
 - 11:15—Charles Runyan.
- KOAC—THURSDAY—550 Kc.
 - 7:30—Hour for Adults.
 - 10:55—Today's News.
 - 11:00—Portland 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—News.
 - 2:00—Home Garden Hour.
 - 2:45—Home Interests Conference.
 - 3:00—Name It Game.
 - 4:00—Symphonic Half Hour.
 - 4:30—Elementary Education.
 - 5:00—On the Campus.
 - 5:30—Legion Auxiliary.
 - 6:45—Vespers.
 - 7:00—News.
 - 7:30—Don Oita.
 - 7:45—Market Reviews.
 - 8:00—R. G. Johnson.
 - 7:15—Student Grand.
 - 7:30—Student Grand.
 - 8:00—School of Music.
 - 8:15—Oregon: Past and Present.
 - 8:45—Foresters in Action.
 - 9:00—OAC asked Table.
 - 9:30—Lumber Industry.
 - 9:45—Song Recital.

Sage of Salem Speculates . . .

By D. H. TALMADGE

Got to keep in practice, As we go along. It doesn't really matter If findings turn out wrong. Sho' gets mighty lonesome, Figgerin' as we do. Tiresome, workin' sixty years, To prove what ain't true, true.

Looks to a stranger comin' into this section that there must be a heap of leaky roofs in it, but shucks! there ain't.

My two eyes which for year and more have been bup mitting cheerfully to avert strain put upon them are showing a disposition to revolt. And, naturally, I feel some what concerned. I am hoping that they will not fat me utterly, although I reckon they have devo-

ted more time to the exercise of living than any other part of me. They are easily upwards of 80 years—80 years of service under all sorts of conditions, and I am not complaining. But I am sorry that they could not have kept on with their cheerful labors until my 80th birthday, which of course I may celebrate and may not. But I am in no sense uttering these words in a spirit of complaint.

Since the eyes have shown a disposition towards refractoriness, I have been cultivating the radio more zealously than before. And never do I turn on the dial for the news and whatsoever may come along that I do not feel the old, old wonder—what did we do before the coming of the radio? Well, I would not know exactly

Two Divorce Suits Filed in Dallas

DALLAS—A suit for divorce was filed here Monday in the circuit court by Audrey D. Behn against Charles G. Behn. They were married at Vancouver, Wn., December 19, 1934. The plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment. There are no children or property rights involved.

A suit for divorce was filed here also recently by Phyllis Bonney against Kelsey Bonney. They were married at Salem on August 18, 1935. The plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment. There are no children involved in the suit. The plaintiff asks that her maiden name, Phyllis Gunnsley, be restored.

Phone Service Is Victim of Storm

LIBERTY—The ground was white with snow here Tuesday morning and snow was falling and it looked as though it were going to remain a while this time. Sunday night's wind and rain storm did damage to phone lines here, wires became tangled and crossed. The 137E line was unable to get switchboard service from Salem Monday and Tuesday, nor could all the line patrons get contact by their phones.

Oak Ridge PTA's Slate Fun Night

OAK RIDGE—The Oak Ridge PTA met at the schoolhouse with a good attendance. At the business hour plans were made for a "fun night" and night meeting for March. Since organizing the PTA in October, with the generous help of the school board, the building has had two coats of paint on the inside, swings have been put up and material is ready for teeter-totters for the playground.

Pension Meet Tonight

CLEAR LAKE—The newly organized Townsend club, will have its second meeting at Brooks Thursday night, February 9, at 8 o'clock. Officers are to be elected so all members already signed up and all who wish to become members are urged to be present.

HOLLYWOOD
FAMILY NIGHT
LAST TIMES TONIGHT
"The Devil's Party" with Victor McLaglen, Paul Kelly, Beatrice Roberts
Charles Starrett in "Colorado Trail"

CHASER
TWO FEATURES
"DARK RAPTURE" with ARMAND BENS
"BROADWAY MUSKETEERS" with BARBARA LINDSAY, ANN SHERIDAN, BOB WILSON, JOHN LEE, JIMMY CAMPBELL

WARRIOR
CAN AMERICA DEFEND HERSELF IN THE AIR?
"FERDINAND THE BULL"
Walt Disney's Production of
"TORCHY BLANE with Glenda Farrell and Frankie Darro in 'Tough Kid'"

PETER LORRE
"THE MOTOS LAST WARNING"