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Death Comes to Pius XI

Pius XI, "pope of peace" dead after 17 vigorous years of leadership of Roman Catholics throughout the world, will be remembered in history primarily as the negotiator of the Lateran pacts which restored temporal powers to the papacy in Italy and thus ended a rupture with that country extending from 1870. Under the terms of the treaty with Mussolini, the Vatican city of 110 acres was recognized as pontifical territory in absolute dominion while in return the pontiff acknowledged the remaining territory of Italy, its constitution, the house of Savoy as its ruling family and Rome as its capital.

Pope Pius did much to bridge the gap between ecclesiastical conservatism and the modernism of science. He introduced radio broadcasting into the Vatican and was pleased that this enabled him to speak to many nations over a short-wave transmitter. He permitted amplifiers to be placed in St. Peter's so throngs gathered could hear his significant speeches. He authorized the taking of motion pictures of himself and his attendants at ceremonial rites. He encouraged baseball and other games within the confines of the Vatican.

Pius was a scholar of great distinction long before he was elected to the papacy. As prefect of the Ambrosiana library at Milan he engaged in passionate research in history, literature and philosophy, studies which flowed in historical writings of importance to the church. Later he was invited to be prefect of the great Vatican library and it was not until the post-war period that he became active outside of Italy in work for the church. The pope had great talent as a scientist; as a boy named Achille Ratti some of his preceptors recommended that he take a mathematical course at the University of Turin. His broad background of education made him tolerant of scientific developments which he found not in conflict with the principles of Catholicism.

Pius XI was a vigorous spokesman for public morals. In frequent encyclicals he attacked divorce, companion marriage and birth control. He urged economic reforms destined to provide security for workers, championed the right of a worker to a living wage and encouraged a more equitable distribution of wealth. Believing post-war dress and fashionable conduct vulgar, the pope struck out at women's modes of dress and the scenes exhibited in movies. So forceful was the attack that Hollywood took notice and revised its releases to conform with standards set down by the American Legion of Decency.

The pope's great trials were in political relationships with the changing governments of the post-war period. For three years he conducted negotiations with Mexico where the church had been severely attacked by the Calles government. The Russian situation was a continuous thorn in the side of the papacy and made the church's official head an undying opponent of communism. Thus the sympathy of the church was extended to the Spanish revolutionists and there can be no question that General Franco's pending victory was greatly aided by the Vatican's support. Pope Pius XI witnessed the rise of fascism in Germany with alarm, took occasion repeatedly to declare Hitler had repudiated his treaty with the Vatican and struck out at the revival of "paganism," which the Nazi party has encouraged.

The removal of bans on photographs of the pope and a cordial association with the press, did much to win Pius XI friends throughout the world. So did his sturdiness in fighting severe illness which in 1936 seemed certain to end his life. Until the very last, he persevered for the church he led and it was characteristic of his passing that the palace guards were not aware that the end was near until the head of the papal state had gone on.

Who will succeed Pius XI rests with that autonomous body, the College of Cardinals. It will wait until the American members can cross the sea to Rome—an amendment effected by Pius XI—before the traditional balloting for the pope's successor will be begun. Then in carefully guarded seclusion, the vote will go on—and black smoke arising from the chapel chimney will indicate that no agreement has been reached and the ballots are being burned. Finally the waiting throne will be told the choice of the cardinal's and the Catholic church will again have a Head. Meanwhile the rites attendant on the passing of the late overlord of the entire church will be solemn and elaborate. The death of a pope, his burial and the choice of his successor are events of surpassing importance to the worldwide empire of religion which is Roman Catholicism.

Roseburg Girds for War

Peaceful Roseburg, tucked along the Umpqua and surrounded by Douglas county foothills, will be "blacked out" for five minutes tonight as an experiment of the Reserve Officers' association. The idea is to see how quickly and efficiently an entire community can prepare itself against air raiders by extinguishing every house light, every bit of street illumination and the lights on all cars. The city fire siren will give the alarm, the local broadcasting station will take it up and the power company will cooperate in giving a warning by "winking" its power lines. Then Roseburg citizens will be told by the visiting officers how gas masks are used and they will be shown a sample shelter which residents flee to in case of airplane attacks.

The entire show should add zest to an otherwise routine Saturday night in the Douglas county seat. But what is the practical purpose? Why must citizens of Roseburg be subjected to the fear of an air raid when one is improbable anywhere in the United States and certainly in the quiet Umpqua river valley?

We know the alarms extreme militarists in the United States are sounding; air attacks from Japan via Hawaii are considered just around the corner. Or as McFadden's sensational Liberty magazine has it: Germany's zeppelins can be expected to fly to the United States in the "next world war" and discharge a coterie of bombing planes to wreak havoc on the east coast.

These are fantastic day dreams. It does not follow because London and Paris are in danger of air raiders that the United States, protected by thousands of miles of ocean on either side of its major frontiers, is in the most remote imaginable danger of attack. No bombers have yet been perfected that have half enough cruising span to cross the ocean, drop their freight and return to safety.

The reservists will take issue with such a statement and the congress will be told—and probably will believe—that the United States must speed up its preparations for war. As a result the total military, naval and airplane outlay of the United States will have risen from \$450,000,000 in 1934 to \$1,300,000,000 by 1940. One effective means to whip up public fear and obtain widespread sentiment for rearmament are blackouts such as Roseburg will experience tonight. The world is rushing to arms; every European nation is fearful of air attack; ergo, reason militarists, the United States is in the same situation and must follow the leader. The flaw in logic is that the United States is not the British Isles and for all the preparations to save Roseburg, the residents are much more liable to have their lights shut off from inability to pay the power company due to high taxes for armament, than

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Marking back to days 2-11-39 of "Oregon style" applied to pioneer newspaper editors: Delazon Smith was U. S. senator:

Under the heading, "Pot Shots at the Legislative Parade," the Salem Capital Journal's writer contributing that matter said in last Monday's issue of that newspaper:

"Sixty years ago D. S. Smith, former deputy sheriff of Linn county, was a page at the Oregon legislature. The sessions were held in the fall of the year at that time, and this one was in 1878. The following year young Smith, then 21 years old, was named deputy sheriff, an office he held for more than 20 years. His father was Delazon Smith, first speaker of the house and later a United States senator. Smith was the guest of Representative Harry R. Wiley, of Linn county, and accorded the courtesy of the house."

That "pot shot" interested Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan, for him it was a defeat for the office of page which Mr. Smith held. Judge McMahan, commenting on the matter, said:

"Vannie" (meaning D. S. Smith) was deputy sheriff of Linn county for several years and sheriff of that county from 1878 to 1887. Gen. Mart V. Brown's regiment from eastern Oregon, marching over the old military road, and was selected as one of Col. ("Bud") Thompson's scouts all through the Bannock-Piute war of 1877-8. It pioneers a question among the eloquent, Delazon, Smith or Baker. 'Vannie' was the democratic candidate and I the republican candidate for page in 1878. I was nominated by Col. C. A. Reed and Capt. L. S. Scott. D. P. Thompson was the republican candidate for nomination—but the democrats were in the majority, and 'Vannie' was elected. 'Vannie' has been my battle-lift in Linn county for about 14 years, and we are 'hiyu clothe tillcum' and have been for over 60 years. They never made a more lovable man than 'Vannie,' nor one braver."

Where did the "pot shot" man get the idea that Delazon Smith was "first speaker of the house" later a United States attorney? First, which of what house? He was one of the first two United States senators from Oregon, the other being General Joseph Lane, and Lane drew the long straw and got the full term, while to Smith fell the short term—just a few days, from Feb. 1 to March 3, 1853. But he was United States senator, not U. S. attorney. Smith was editor of the States Rights Democrat, Albany, when the famous "Oregon style" of journalism was in vogue; that is, when a snake was called a snake, and an impolite name was handed about by political enemies.

Hon. A. Bush, founder of The Statesman and its editor till the first of March, 1863, was one of the originators of the "Oregon style" and he never gave Delazon Smith his baptismal name—he always called him Delazon Smith. But Smith called Bush back worse ones, if he could think of them, and his thinker was active.

Delazon Smith was a member of the lower house of the Oregon legislature (territorial) for 1854. S. which met Monday, Dec. 6, 1854, in two rooms of the then unfinished territorial capitol building where the present capitol stands. The other member from Linn was Hugh Brown. That was the sixth regular session of the Oregon legislature—not counting the unicameral provisional government legislative body. That (the sixth) legislature voted to relocate the capital at Corvallis.

Smith was also a member of the seventh legislature, which met at Corvallis the first Monday in December, 1855, but did little business. It was to relocate the capitol back to Salem (on the 18th), and on the 18th it met in the then practically finished \$75,000 territorial capitol. On the early morning of Sunday, Dec. 30, 1855, that building was burned to the ground; an incendiary fire, growing out of the capitol fight. The legislature, both houses, immediately reconvened in the Receptor building, next door south of the present Statesman building. Two other members from Linn county were with Smith in that session, Hugh Brown and B. P. Grant.

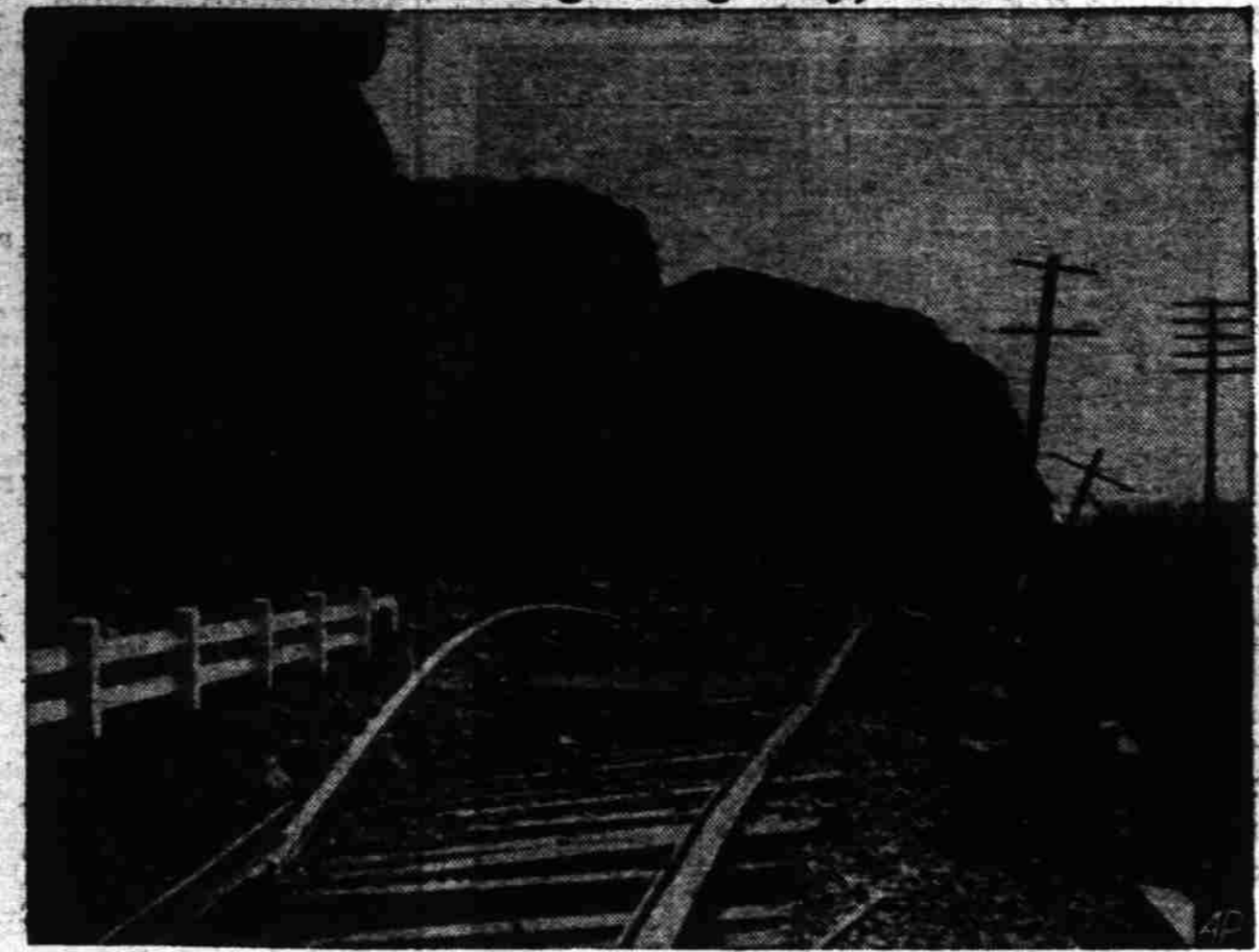
Delazon Smith was also a member from Linn county of the eighth territorial legislature, held both houses in the Receptor building. Hugh Brown and Wm. Roy were his members. That was the 1857-7 session.

Judge McMahan paid Delazon Smith a high compliment when he said "it was always a question among the pioneers as to which was the more eloquent, Delazon Smith or Baker." He meant Col. E. D. Baker, reputed to be America's greatest orator in his day. Sessions of the Oregon legislature (regular sessions) began biennially the second Monday in September, up to 1855.

No Oregon old timer needs to

they are to have them shut off as a defense against Japanese flying 6000 miles from home to drop bombs on the American enemy.

Slide Buries Oregon Highway, Railroad



Hundreds of tons of dirt and rock buried the highway and the Union Pacific railroad tracks near Onesto tunnel, 3 1/2 miles east of Portland, Ore., blocking eastbound traffic over the Columbia highway. A witness said the rails writhed "like serpents" when the huge boulders crashed down. Officials said three days would be needed to restore traffic.—AP Telegram.

Radio Programs

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Sage of Salem Speculates . . .

By D. H. TALMADGE

ACCOUNTING FOR IT The Japan ocean current Has moved some miles this way. And that's the reason for the fog, Wise men of science say. We're fog at night and in the morn, But the sun shines bright at noon, Mighty tryin', sure's you're born. Hope it will tire out soon.

The more poetry I write the more firmly am I convinced that I am not much of a poet. And it is quite a relief.

I hear it said of a certain poet that he is suffering from a "divine impulse." Of course, he is I reckon a "divine impulse" is liable to bust out into real poetry some day. Any way, where's the harm in tryin'?

Seth Bundy, over in the hills, took a short cut one day and landed in a bear trap. He called for help attracted the attention of a bear, but the bear, observing the trap to be already occupied, decided not to make the venture. Some amusement may be derived from this incident by conjecturing what the bear thought of the proposition.

Snow 12 feet deep on Mount Hood highway. Member that 40-foot stretch, from four inches to a foot deep on the old Iowa side walk? What a trifle it seems 20 weeks later!

MUCH TRAVELING AHEAD There are indications apparent that a great number of people will travel across the country between the west and the east the coming season. A world's fair at San Francisco will be the western terminus, and the eastern attraction will be the fair on Long Island, just across the east river from Manhattan. The transportation companies are planning a round trip to cover both fairs at a rate within reach of moderate circumstances.

Something of this sort may be done. The number of advance orders will probably determine the matter. What the unsettled state of affairs in Europe the plan may be worked out successfully. The general idea is that Americans are certain to tour somewhere the coming summer, and there are indications that, with Europe in a state of peace, a great number of people are likely to see America.

Of course, most of the tourists will derive from the trip only a very general idea of the country. There will still be some folks who will cling to the idea that the trip planned and taken by transportation companies will be of interest as a topic of later conversation. We shall see how it works out. The total of people who can refer to "when I was in . . ."

CLIMATE The equipment of underwear which was used in the eastern Washington in the year 1935 one shattered garment still remains. We were in the Washington country for only a year, then went back to Iowa, information having reached us that the old paper preceded me. We were there until 1919. Then we sold the old paper and came to this valley. We knew nothing about the valley, except that the climate was "salubrious." On the strength of this statement I bought more underwear. Of the old stuff I wore one undershirt for perhaps six months. Then a piece of piece I gave the rest of the lot away. Whether any of those to whom I gave it made use of it I do not know. I know only that we went back to cotton. There have been a few days during our 30 years stay here that we have suffered from cold. Snow has deepened on all sides as tonight, but there is no snow here. Nor are there any biting winds. Snow may come. It usually does make one visit during the winter. I have a theory that the condition which has produced the above is a continuous flow of air from the east, reason for our immunity from snow. Whatever the cause for this may be I do not know. A theory exists that the Japan current has swum in nearer the shore. One of the things one may have or not have during this winter we have had a few very slight showings of snow, and the winds of the most

Miss Sovern Hurt When Bus Upsets

MONMOUTH—The school bus from Riekraal, carrying ONS students there for practice teaching, was overturned at Monmouth Tuesday afternoon injuring Miss Pearl Sovern, Portland. Several other bus occupants were bruised and shaken, but Miss Sovern suffered severed tendons in her left wrist. She was given surgical treatment at a local hospital and is now recovering in the school infirmary here.

Heavily falling snow and ice on the pavement were believed responsible for skidding. Dick Grobret, regular bus driver, was at the wheel. Another bus was secured from Monmouth to complete the trip.

Norcross to Speak Sunday Morning

JEFFERSON—Guest speaker at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, will be D. E. Norcross, field secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War. He will also talk to the school children Monday.

C. O. Davis is building a 120-foot brooder house on his farm two miles southeast of Jefferson. He had finished the framework of the building, and during the high wind of last Sunday the frame work was blown down, thus having to do the work over again.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Ontario, Canada, visited friends here. They have disposed of parts of their Canadian acreage for property near Clackamas, and plan to move there in the spring.

Dancers Take Name

INDEPENDENCE—The new dancing club formed by 30 couples from Independence and Monmouth, at its social affair Thursday night was named the I-M Dancing club. The group will gather every second Thursday at the Independence Woman's club building. Prof. Dewey of Monmouth is president and Clarence Charbonneau of Independence, secretary-treasurer.

Maurice Hynes on Eastern Trip

NORTH HOWELL — Maurice Hynes, prominent turkey grower of North Howell, left Thursday by train for Detroit, where he will purchase a new car and drive home through the southern states. He also expects to visit the San Francisco fair.

Mrs. R. C. Ramen was called to Portland early this week to assist in caring for her mother, Mrs. Anderson, who is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. W. M. Oddie, Mrs. Thomas Bump and Mrs. C. E. Waltham attended the home interests conference in Corvallis this week.

'The Kid' Reaches Wife's Bedside



Jackie Coogan, "The Kid" of silent pictures, flew from Texas, where he was appearing in a theatrical engagement, to Glendale, Calif., to be at the bedside of his wife, Betty Coogan, who was stricken with appendicitis while at work on a film. He is shown at the hospital during permission from Nurse Marie Wagner to visit his wife, who was reported "doing nicely."—AP Telegram.

Praise for Steiwer

The New York Herald-Tribune, assigning more than a column to news of the death of Senator Frederick Steiwer, comments editorially that the senator's passing is a loss to the party and the removal of a "vigorous and forceful leader." Its comment is extensive considering the fact that a man from a small state like Oregon usually attracts only casual comment in a metropolitan newspaper where every inch of space is fought for. Summarizing the senator's life, the New York Herald concludes:

"The Republican party can ill spare such men as Oregon's former Senator. But the country as a whole, at the same time that it deplores his death, is grateful for the courage and vision that he displayed in his political career. It is an epitaph of which a Senator may be proud to have it said of him, that when others wavered and hung back, fearing political punishment, he stood his ground openly and bravely against the President, convinced that in so doing he was right."

Laugh if you like, but the groundhog was right.

YOUR BOY
MAY WIN
\$1000.00
and a Trip to New York!

MBS is conducting a contest to find the typical American boy. If your boy is 7 to 17 send his picture (a snapshot will do) to station KSLM. Write his name and address and your name on the back. He may win the trip to New York and the thousand dollar prize.

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