

# The Oregon Statesman

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"

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## The Honest Mexicans

In a day when international relations have become a game of blind man's bluff by someone smaller but with more front, it cannot be forgotten that the United States has its own little problem of whether to appease or not to appease in the region lying south of the Rio Grande.

On March 18, 1938, it will be remembered, the properties of American and British oil companies were "expropriated" by the Mexican government, without even a "So sorry, please" to soften the pain. Immediately Secretary of State Cordell Hull addressed a sharp protest to the Cardenas government, which apparently was sent to the dead letter office in Mexico City, since nothing ever came of it, and the American property remained in the control of the Mexicans.

This spring the oil companies decided to catch their own fish, and gave Donald Richberg the job of negotiating a direct settlement with the Mexican government. The Americans were willing to safeguard the interests of Mexican workers and the Mexican government while still protecting their own stockholders; they asked rights of management, repayment of losses suffered since the wells were taken over, and an agreement which would guarantee uninterrupted production. In May it was thought that an agreement was reached, but in July the Mexicans asked a larger cut, and the deal was again postponed. Since then a Mexican plan for a tripartite board of Mexicans, Americans, and "neutrals" to manage the wells has been knocked in the head by American interests, who would prefer to be duped more subtly. Here the matter rests, with the Mexicans shouting "intransigent," and the Americans holding out—or out.

The worst aspect of the matter is that at the moment the state department is showing a tendency to crawlfish on the request of the oil companies to ask outright that the properties be returned, together with compensation for money lost during the period of confiscation. Such an action begins to reek of a Chamberlain in the American woodpile, who would be willing, on a sort of "good neighbor" basis, to suppose, simply to write off the oil wells, and mark the loss up to "public relations expenses."

We hold no brief for the oil companies; but the expropriation of property at government whim rocks the foundation of rights of property and destroys incentive for capital investment. While Mexico has been exploited by foreign capital, it still is in need of foreign capital for its development. The power of the government to expropriate is not questioned, but it should be done only with reasonable compensation to those who have made honest investments there.

Unfortunately in a world gone berserk moral and legal principles get scant consideration.

## New Curriculum Coordinator

The Salem school board has hired a man as curriculum coordinator. The title is a mouth-filling one; and if the task measures correspondingly the appointee will be kept plenty busy.

We rather suspect this is the way the new school board has of marching downhill in retreat from its abolition in 1938 of the position of elementary school supervisor. That was in the opinion of many, a grievous injury to school efficiency. Perhaps the curriculum coordinator will function in this field, or relieve the superintendent so he can do more work in supervision of the elementary schools.

Judgment will have to be suspended over this curriculum coordinator until he is given a chance to prove himself and demonstrate the value of his work in a system the size of Salem.

## Abundant Life in Reverse

The staff of the Portland News-Telegram, nearly 150 strong, who are now dispersed to the four winds will have time to meditate on the virtues of the abundant life. The suspension of the paper is attributed in part to high operating costs plus increased taxation.

The new deal has contributed its part in these particulars. Raising of wages, shortening of hours of work, provision for unemployment and old age are highly laudable. But when these costs mount too fast the patient pack-horse is finally unable to carry the burden.

The major concern of the workingman is employment, in a steady job. What good is a high wage scale to the chap out of work? Where is the social security for the employes of the late News-Telegram, aside from unemployment compensation for a few weeks?

This difficulty in business management extends to all types of business. The lumbering industry is up against similar problems in trying to operate with the result that many lumber mill people say they are merely liquidating some values out of their stumpage before the tax gatherer gets it all.

The new deal counsellors appear never to have learned the story about killing the goose which laid the golden eggs.

## War Resources Board

The military situation is somewhat different from what it once was. An army travels on its stomach; but not far, because trenches don't move rapidly. Instead it roosts in one place on a vastly greater maw which consumes tremendous quantities of gunpowder, gases, bullets, shells, uniforms, guns and other items, none of them exactly new, but all of them requiring a technological excellence never before equaled, and a bulk which is literally staggering. For both excellence and quantity, this country must depend on private products.

To feed such a maw, should there be an emergency which would permit it to go hungry, the American government has recently established the War Resources Board to act as an emergency planning body in coordinating the purchase and supply of war materials which would be poured into it in the event of war. Like the famous War Industries Board of the last war, of which Bernard Baruch was chairman, the new board will advise with the army and navy munitions board on requirements for the armed forces, and act accordingly. Chairman is Edward R. Settinus, who is also board chairman for U. S. Steel, and under him will be working Walter S. Gifford of AT&T, John Pratt, of General Motors; Karl T. Compton, president of MIT; Harold G. Moulton, Brookings Institution economist; and Gen. R. E. Wood, Sears-Roebuck president. More are yet to be named; and among them we believe that labor should be represented.

It is good to have peace; but if there comes a time when war will be at hand, then it will be good to know that a general chaos will not result when in emergency the armed forces must lean on American industry for vital material without which no modern war would last a month.

Eugene where she had been attending the University of Oregon summer school session. She will visit at her home about a month before leaving for Talent where she has accepted a teaching position in the high school.

Mrs. Sarah Garrett and daughter, Melba, and son, Elton, of Everett, Wash., were guests the past week at the home of the former's niece, Mrs. Worth Wiley, and family, Elton was on his return trip to Boulder City, Nev., where he is an instructor in the high school.

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## Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Brush College gets its name from having been built in the brush; it has a long, interesting history:

(Continued from yesterday.) In 1916, the last half of the basement of Brush College school house was excavated by the men of the district; also they built retaining walls and cement floor, cupboards and tables, and the masonry work.

All this was financed by the Parent Teachers' association, under whose auspices the work was done. The committee in charge of the work was O. A. Baker, A. C. Ewing and U. J. Lehman.

There were 10 to 15 men every day for one week, till work was completed. The women cooked and served the meals. In June, 1919, the water system was installed. In May, 1923, the electric lights were installed.

An attempt was made (in 1923) to record the names of the former teachers of Brush College school. The result was not complete, neither was the record of the years; but these names appear:

Mr. Williams, Mr. Colwell, Letitia Kuykendy, Mary Hurley, Mr. Tharr, Bennett Reed, Joseph Sellwood, Mr. Charles Phillips, W. H. Word, Ella Witten, Mrs. Fitch, Doc Hudson (1874), Mary Lawrence, Mr. Hodges ("best speller in Oregon"), Ollie Wait, Miss Hepherson, Alonzo Skinner, Jennie Brobrant, James Clark, Mr. Benham, Sallie Cavitt, Mary Duval, Alice McClinch, George Willis, Millie Thompson, Eva Lee, George Walter, Ella Sykes, Len Prescott, Mr. Robins, Kate Farrington, Frank Emmett, W. A. Morris, Lenore Kirkwood, Mrs. Jessie Cutler-Taggart, Miss Bentley, Clara Moores, Elva Austin, Mr. Gardner, Thersie Moffitt, Jessie Smith (Burch), Joe Bell, Miss Helen Cook, (1912-19), Elizabeth Fuller (1912-14), Margaret Garrison (1914), Bell Barker (1915-16), Lucile Tucker, Miss York, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hoag, (1921-3), Adella Olson, Myrtle Roberts, Miss Wall Ralph Tucker (1923-4), Grace Henderson (1923-4).

Some of the first directors were Robert Hamilton, Jesse Harritt, Daniel Emmett, John Harritt, Henry Clark, W. A. Wann, B. W. Harritt, W. H. Fulkerson, Fred Loose, A. C. Leabo, J. R. Chapman, R. A. Harris, W. D. Gorsline, F. C. Ewing, U. J. Lehman, Dr. Coridon Blodgett, Lee Gibson, Mr. Pelker.

Some of the early clerks: Adam Hamilton, Jesse Harritt, John Harritt, J. H. Emmett, C. W. Beckett, Andrew Vercler, Ed. Loose, A. R. Ewing.

The first land claims in the Brush College district were taken and settled on in 1849, by O. C. Hosford, E. S. Hosford, R. W. Hamilton, A. S. Hamilton, Jesse Harritt, John Martin, Francis Moffitt and Lewis Parkhurst, while, in 1850, these heads of families filed on land claims: Horace Rice, Robert Godfrey, E. V. Gholson and J. C. Chitwood. The famous Wallace orchards are located in Brush College district.

The majority of the Brush College residents take at least one daily newspaper; 75 per cent of them have telephones; the community has had rural free mail delivery since April 1, 1901. It is said over 90 per cent of the people own the cars or orchards.

The most outstanding organization of that district is the Brush College Community Club, which early in 1925, was organized to take the place of the Parent Teachers' association; and more especially to take over the administration of the gift of Mrs. Caroline Harritt, widow of Byron Harritt, of six acres of land near the school house; the gift conditioned upon a number of rules for its use. The land makes a beautiful park, in which is a wonderful spring of pure water of unknown depth; no one has ever found how deep.

Some of the conditions of the gift, originally stipulated by Mrs. Harritt at a meeting of the proposed organization in November, 1923, follow:

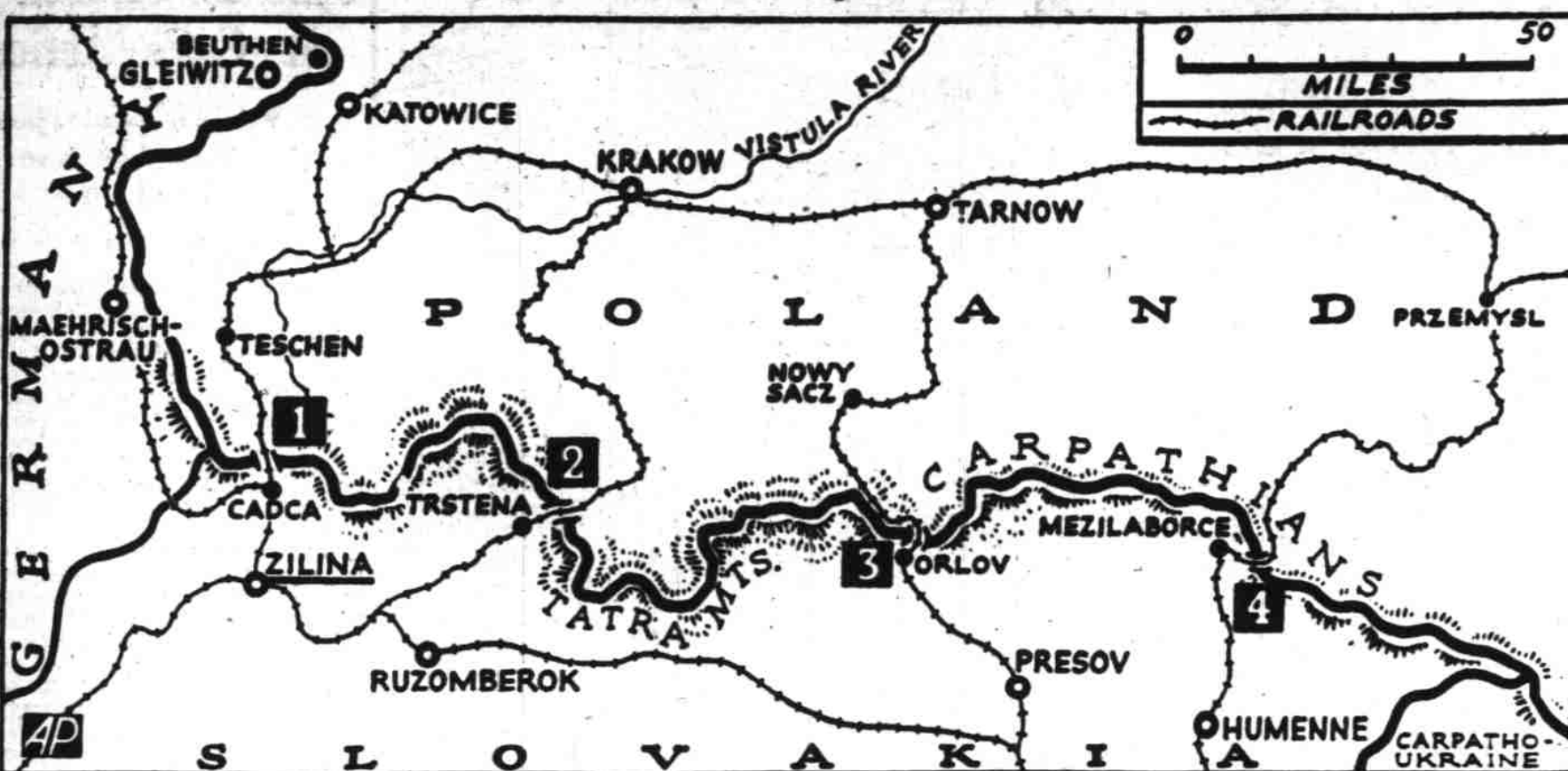
"That the grounds shall be for the entire community, not for a majority or minority, but for the whole neighborhood, as though we were one large family; love must be our standard, for in love is righteousness, peace and good will to all, for God is love.

"These grounds shall not be commercialized in any way, but will be a place of rest and fellowship with our neighbors. These gatherings shall be love feasts and shall be opened with the Lord's Prayer. Any gathering that cannot be opened with prayer is not very edifying to mankind.

"There shall not be a dance hall or a place of amusement on the grounds, nor any dancing allowed on the grounds, for it is not edifying to the people of this neighborhood, but is injurious; very hurtful to the morals of the neighborhood.

"No intoxicating beverages of any kind, nor alcoholic liquors of any kind, nor anything that is in-

## German Troops Mass as Europe's Uneasiness Grows



Map shows concentration of German troops along the Polish border in Slovakia as Europe's war cauldron neared the boiling point. Chief points of concentration are (1) Cadca, (2) Trstena, (3) Orlov, and (4) Mezilaborce. German headquarters are at Zilina, underlined. Highways generally parallel rail lines. Bulk of German troops and supplies are transported along the line leading from Machrisch-Ostrau to Cadca, thence eastward.

## Radio Programs

- 8:30-Milkman's Serenade. 7:00-Wonder Valley Boys. 7:15-Hits of yesterday. 7:30-News. 8:00-Breakfast Orchestra. 8:00-Morning Melodies. 8:15-Haven of Rest. 9:00-Pastor's Call. 9:15-Hogland Orchestra. 9:30-Swinging Strings. 9:45-Betty & Buddy. 10:00-Palmer House Orchestra. 10:15-News. 10:30-Morning Magazine. 10:45-Mary Wise, Vocalist. 11:00-Palmer House Orchestra. 11:15-Carly Gaylord. 11:30-Paul Decker Orchestra. 11:45-Women in the News. 12:00-Value Parade. 12:15-News. 12:30-Hillbilly Serenade. 12:45-You're on the Air. 1:00-Musical Salute. 1:15-Interesting Facts. 1:30-Jane Anderson. 1:45-Cheer Hostess. 2:00-Let's Play Bridge. 2:15-Johnson Family. 2:30-News. 2:45-Manhattan Mother. 3:00-Feminine Fancies. 3:15-Charities. 3:45-Paul Lewis, Jr. 4:00-Sinfonia. 4:15-First Orchestra. 5:00-Davis Orchestra. 5:15-Shafter Parker. 5:30-News. 5:45-Green Hornet. 6:00-News. 6:45-Tonight's Headlines. 7:00-Symphonic Strings. 7:15-News. 7:30-News. 7:45-News. 8:00-News. 8:15-News. 8:30-News. 8:45-News. 9:00-News. 9:15-News. 9:30-News. 9:45-News. 10:00-News. 10:15-News. 10:30-News. 10:45-News. 11:00-News. 11:15-News. 11:30-News. 11:45-News. 12:00-News.

## Call Board

- GRAND Today-Double bill, "Blondie Baker's Vacation" with Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake and "Western Caravan" with Charles Starrett and the Sons of the Pioneers. Wednesday-Double bill, the Jones family in "Quick Millions" and "Rochelle Hudson, Freida Inescour, in "A Woman is the Judge." Saturday-Jane Withers and Leo Carrillo in "The Chicken Wagon Family."
- STATE Today-"Alexandre Graham Bell" with Loretta Young and Don Ameche also "King of the Underworld" with Humphrey Bogart and Kay Francis. Added attraction, Walt Disney's "Ferdinand the Bull." Thursday-Double bill, "The Magnificent Fraud" with Akim Tamiroff and Lloyd Nolan and "Tallipin Tommy Stunt Pilot" with John Trent. Wednesday-Double bill, "Indianapolis Speedway" with Pat O'Brien and Ann Sheridan and "Elephant Boy" with Sabu and an all star cast.
- HOLLYWOOD Today-Double bill, Charles Boyer and Irene Dunn in "Love Affair" and Douglas Corrigan in "The Flying Irishman." Wednesday-Double bill, Basil Rathbone, Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi in "Son of Frankenstein" and "Fighting Throughbrads" with Ralph Byrd and Mary Carlisle. Friday-Double bill, Roy Rogers in "Rough Riders Roundup" with Mary Hart and Robert Montgomery and Rosalind Russell in "Fast and Loose."

## Bodeker Family Gathers at Lyons

LYONS-A reunion of the Bodeker family was held Sunday at the old Bodeker farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Berry. A large table was set under the walnut trees. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bodeker and son, Francis, of Mill City, Mr. and Mrs. Titus Bierley, Loreene, Wayne, Harvie and Sheron, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gamroth and daughter, Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Walter of Minville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Skaffe and Mr. Ben Skaffe of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berry and daughters, Margaret Ann and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Berry and daughter, Norma, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Berry and son, Donald of Holley. Miss Mary Wagner, Francis Wagner and Mr. Travis Burrell of Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr and daughter, Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. George Berry and sons, Ronald and Delbert, Mrs. John Kunkel and daughters, Joanna and Judith, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bodeker and daughters, Constance and Betty Jean, John Bodeker, Bill Bodeker and Levi Garrison of Lyons.

## Huffmans Have Sunday Guests

LYONS-Guests at the George Huffman home Sunday were Mrs. Nellie Wales and son, Bobble, of Albany, Mrs. Leighton of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Logen and son, Frank, and Howard Getty of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith and baby of Corvallis, Mrs. Mason Smith of Albion, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Jess Edwards of Seio and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kitzman and children of Lyons. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lewis and son, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ring, Miss Zeta Prichard, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vaughn and daughter, Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Wise of Lyons, Mrs. Helen Vaughn and Fred Vaughn of Silverton spent Sunday at Cascadia. They made the trip up the south fork and back over the Santiam pass. Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Engdahl from the Engdahl grocery store spent a couple of days at the coast the last of the week.

## Booth Leaves for Study at U of C

LEBANON - Joel Clarence Booth, jr., son of Senator J. C. Booth, left Tuesday morning by train for Berkeley, Calif., where he will enter the graduate school of the University of California to begin work toward a Ph. D. in geography. He received a master's degree at Columbia this June and came to Lebanon to visit at his father's home. He spent last week in Springfield visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Melville Jones. Monday evening he was a dinner guest of Mrs. J. N. Bellinger and son, Jack Bellinger. Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Meyer, who recently have moved to Lebanon, Joel Booth and Jack Bellinger were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Summers. Booth, Bellinger and Summers were classmates together from the first grade of school through the first year of college at the University of Oregon. Since leaving Oregon, Booth has studied at Tulane university, New Orleans, La., at George town university, Washington, D.C., and at Columbia. He served as a faculty member of a New York tutoring school.

## SALEM THURS. 31 AUGUST AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

### Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus

RESTYLED IN BEAUTY AND SPLENDOR FOR A CHANGING WORLD!  
Unprecedented Extravaganza! NEW Features, Surprises & Special Attractions!  
EARTH'S LARGEST TENT NOW 100% AIR CONDITIONED  
The Circus LEADER Now Spectacularly "TWO WORLDS TO TOMORROW"  
Gigantic Show of "Terroric New Sensations Never Before in America and HIGHEST CULMINE OF CIRCUS CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY"  
TERRIBLE JOKES leading to LAUGHS & TERROR!  
GRAND NEW HORSE FIGHT - GUARANTEED THE GREAT!  
SIX DAYS IN BARNHURST NOW MENAGERE!  
TWO DAILY 2:15 & 8:15 P.M.  
Doors Open 1:15 P.M.  
Tickets Circus Day at Quisenberry's Central Pharmacy, 410 State St., as well as at Show Grounds

## Air Conditioned - Cool

### APTON

Tonight - Friday - Saturday  
SEE THE SPORT OF DEATH!  
INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY  
AND SHERMAN PAT O'BRIEN JOHN PAYNE  
PLUS END HIT  
RUDYARD KIPPLING'S "ELEPHANT BOY"

## SALEM'S LEADING THEATRE

STARTS FRIDAY - 5 BIG DAYS  
SCREEN'S GREATEST SHOW OF SHOWS!  
Stars of stage and screen! Glorious girls! Song hits galore! Two years to make! M-G-M's Greatest Achievement!

## IN GLORIOUS TECHNICOLOR!

### WIZARD OF OZ

JUDY GARLAND  
FRANK MORGAN - BOLGER  
BERT LAHR - HALEY  
Plus  
DORIS MEREDITH  
and  
The BRACKENS  
and  
The BRACKENS

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTIONS  
Latest March of Time "Metropolis 1939"  
Walt Disney All Color Cartoon

LAST TIMES TODAY - 2 BIG HITS  
Ginger Rogers - David Niven  
Plus "The Laugh Fests" "Bachelor Mother"  
Walt Disney Donald Duck Color Cartoon

## Talk of the Town Tonight

From the lobby of the Marion hotel, Ivan Alexander will conduct a Voice of Salem broadcast at 8:30 P. M.

## Time Change

"Women in the News" Now at 11:45 A. M.

## QUICK MILLIONS

### A WOMAN IS THE JUDGE

GRAND

## STATE

### HOLLYWOOD FAMILY NIGHT

40c  
Basil Rathbone, Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi  
"Fighting Throughbrads" with Ralph Byrd and Mary Carlisle  
Two Big Features  
Roy Rogers in "Rough Riders Roundup" with Robert Montgomery and Rosalind Russell  
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### THE KID FROM TEXAS

WALTER BRIDGE & CLARENCE BEE  
MBS KSLM 1360 Kc.  
Nine Complete Newscasts Daily