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Inter-County Tuition

It's been a long time since Marion county had a row with any of its neighbors. The last serious one that we recall was with Polk county, over some matters connected with financing the intercounty bridge between Salem and West Salem. If you were here when that bridge was in the blueprint stage, you are a pioneer except to the older pioneers. Far as we are concerned that makes you a pioneer—we came to town about the time it was opened to traffic.

Inter-county strife is not pleasant. We trust it isn't going to be revived but that the dispute or misunderstanding relative to high school tuition in the Stayton vicinity will be ironed out without resort to retributive action.

The Stayton school district has not in the past been aggressive in the matter of attracting students from nearby territory. This year it is running a bus to the Linn county districts of Cole, Queener, Kingston, Mt. Pleasant and Shelburn, all obviously tributary to Stayton. Thus far there is no dispute. But the bus, traveling only six miles further as we understand it, also picks up students in the Jordan and Weasel Flats districts, and to this the Mill City and Scio districts, operating high schools, appear to have raised objection. At any rate the Linn county non-high school board has declined to approve tuition for these students.

On behalf of the Stayton district it is contended that these students live nearer to Stayton and that the bus route was extended at the request of the students' parents.

As we have said, it is to be hoped that there will be no inter-city unpleasantness. To that end however, it appears to be obligatory upon the Linn county board to prove its good faith. A glance at the map will reveal that two high schools in Marion county are situated close to the Linn county boundary; Stayton and Jefferson. Yet in recent years Linn county has paid virtually no tuition in Marion county. On the contrary Linn county, with only the Mill City high school near the boundary, collected more than \$4000 in tuition from Marion county; some of it for students attending Albany high school.

It is up to the Linn county board to show that it is disposed to decide such matters on their merits and not on the basis of favoritism to its own districts.

When He Seeth the Sword Come

When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for a watchman; if when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taken not warning; if the sword come, and take away, his blood shall be upon his own head.—Ezekiel 33.

You know how unattractive a red mustache can be. Alvin C. York has a square face; his hair may be partly gray now but in 1918 it was flaming red, with mustache to match. He was no Gary Cooper and the "girl he left behind him" was no Joan Leslie. But for the rest of it, in case you are interested but not sufficiently interested to look it up, celluloid license took precious few liberties with the story.

York had been something of a youthful firebrand but he was an elder in the church when he was drafted—a church which didn't believe in fighting under any circumstances. Contrary to the movie version, he didn't ask exemption. But after arriving in camp he began to have conscientious scruples. He and his company commander quoted scripture back and forth. But it wasn't the familiar "render unto Caesar" passage that finally convinced him; it was the selection from Ezekiel quoted above.

The motion picture does not exaggerate Alvin York's prowess with a rifle. Of his feat in capturing 132 Germans virtually single-handed in a row of machine-gun nests, it sticks meticulously to the military record as developed in an official investigation. Taken altogether, the movie hardly does justice to York and it affords no hint of his constructive peacetime career.

And this, be it remembered, is one of the "propaganda films" to which a senate investigating committee took exception. If this be objectionable propaganda, so are the Declaration of Independence and the Star Spangled Banner. "Sergeant York" is a picture of America. Most Americans are conscientious objectors to war. But most every American recognizes clearly the job that is ahead of him "when he seeth the sword come."

Let X Equal

Christmas is coming. Aside from companies which want us to be their agent for Christmas cards and other companies offering to sell us illustrations for Christmas ads, about the first notice of its approach is a letter from the chamber of commerce of Orangeburg, South Carolina. This organization has launched a nationwide campaign to discourage the abbreviation of Christmas into "Xmas."

The campaign is being taken up with other commercial organizations and approval has been forthcoming from 28 states at this early date, the communication says. It adds:

There is but one reason for our observance of Christmas, and when we substitute the unknown quantity "X," we lose that reason. We need now more than ever before, to realize the true import of CHRISTMAS.

For 14 years to our knowledge and doubtless much longer, The Statesman has been quietly carrying on an identical campaign in so far as its own news and editorial columns are concerned. To our recollection attention has never before been called to this newspaper's refusal to use what our South Carolina correspondent calls a "highly improper" abbreviation. A city editor of our early acquaintance put it more forcefully. When a staff member wrote the forbidden word he shot back this memo: "Is Christ the unknown quantity?"

The word "migrant" as applied to labor has an unfortunate connotation. It sort of makes you want to scratch.

Trial of Daladier, Blum et al, for daring to oppose the nazi might—that's what it amounts to though the accusations read differently—is about to be started in a Vichy french court. It looks like poor timing; events to the east are likely to be such as to crowd the case off front pages in those countries where editors still decide such matters. Alongside the story of the impending trials in one newspaper appeared a brief item about White Russians whom the Japanese may force into military camps. These Russian expatriates took some terrific jolts from the present red regime but a spokesman said they couldn't be made to fight "against our brothers." Contrast that with Vichy.

In endorsing this newspaper's suggestion that any possible vandalism due to the coincidence of Halloween and the practice blackout be prevented by an appeal to boys' patriotism, the Oregonian gives the impression that we proposed the appeal be addressed also to parents. No so. Any boy whose parents have influence with him, is not a part of the problem.

That a burglar, after breaking into a safe in Dallas, Texas, took four dozen eggs and left the cash, is not certain evidence of inflation. But the fact that their owner put the eggs in the safe practically removes all doubt. The owner and the burglar could hardly both be crazy in exactly the same way.

Imagine the embarrassment of Ohio Wesleyan university. For publicity purposes it selected last spring a co-ed and a male student as "typical" and printed their pictures on the front cover of a booklet which was to be distributed during the summer. The co-ed "flunked out" in June and the young man transferred to another college.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 20—Someone has got to take hold of the production half of the defense program and put some more vigor into it. A respectable number of planes are going to England, but hardly any tanks (exact figures are still being kept secret). Aid to Russia, so far as has been inconsequential.

Nearly everyone around OPM headquarters concedes the job is not being done right, although the other half of the program—the accumulation of raw materials—seems to be moving forward with fair success.

Some of the OPM men think William S. Knudsen, the nominal head will yet grasp the reins and assert himself. If it does not work out that way, there is a good chance Floyd Odium, the tough financial organization genius from New York, will work up to the front where he can exert the necessary leadership, supplanting Knudsen.

It is no longer a question of authority, but of power that is not being used. Mr. Roosevelt at any rate, thinks Mr. Knudsen has the power. To an intimate adviser, he recently complained against the criticism that his reorganization of the defense setup left it headless, saying:

"Knudsen has more power in this defense program than Barney Baruch ever had."

Certainly Mr. Roosevelt lodged the "responsibility" for the production with Mr. Knudsen, and that implies power. It is true Mr. Knudsen's toes have been cramped by restrictions. For one thing, the war and navy departments still have the legal authority to do the contracting and they are beligerently defending it against any encroachment.

But if Mr. Knudsen really took the situation in hand and forced a showdown, there is no question but what his superior authority would be clearly established. Mr. Roosevelt would back him to the limit. Those who have seen and heard what is going on know that if the former General Motors chief threatened to resign, for instance, he could eliminate all his organizational obstacles.

Odium has gained the respect of the administration by the way he has started into organizing the new division of contract distribution. He, too, already has powers he could use to bluegeon the program through. His authority is practically as strong as Knudsen's. He is directed to spread contracts; use all available manufacturing facilities; convert plants where necessary. He is empowered to seize every idle tool or plant.

Under the executive order he received from Mr. Roosevelt September 4, Odium could require auto manufacturers to take munitions if he chose. He could demand that the army and navy give contracts to idle plants. He could revise the whole cumbersome schedule of contracts.

Some such evolution of the existing regime cannot be avoided if the necessary drive is to be furnished.

The most interesting clash of capital personalities has been hidden by the austere surface of the supreme court. The court now has seven justices appointed by FDR, only two holdovers from the good old days. As is usually the case where opposition is negligible, the majority begins to scrap with itself.

Rising in this new court session as a "conservative"—doubt it at your own risk—is the crusader with the liberal reputation, Justice Felix Frankfurter. Political designations being what they are nowadays, this means only that Mr. Frankfurter has dissented with some of his new deal colleagues. His independent position is establishing him as a balance of power.

The liberals who think he is not as liberal as they, include Justices Black and Douglas, aggressive crusaders in their own more leftist way. Visible evidence of their violent disagreements with Frankfurter in the closed court session has developed in dissenting opinions.

They have a new band leader, Justice Jackson coming in with them now, while Justices Murphy and Reed are playing muted trumpets. Roberts remains mildly conservative.

The mellowed Chief Justice Stone, who waves the baton over this aggregation, is working hard to prevent any broken bones or fractured skulls, but his friends are sincerely concerned over his health.

While the court obviously isn't what it used to be, it also is not yet what it is going to be.



In Good Americahese "A Wooden Kimona Awaits"

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Quarrels of a study 10-21-41 group, and mistake on Chief Joseph of the Upper Nez Perce tribe of Indians:

(Continuing from Sunday.) A good idea of the hatred felt by the Upper Nez Perces toward the Lawyer or Lower Nez Perces is well illustrated by a piece of the early history of Washington Territory. Reading from the "History of the State of Washington" by Edmond S. Meany, professor of history at the University of Washington, page 169:

"It now became necessary for the governor (Isaac I. Stevens) who was the first chief executive of the territory of Washington) to treat with the tribes on the other (eastern) side of the (Cascade) mountains. He sent runners to ascertain the place where the Indians would like to meet in council.

"The place chosen was in the beautiful valley of Walla Walla, about where the present city of that name is located. The governor was joined by General Joel Dayton (founder of the city of Dayton in Oregon), superintendent of Indian affairs for Oregon Territory.

"Arriving at The Dalles, they were given an escort of about 50 men by Major G. O. Haller (brevet major), in command there. Lieutenant Lawrence Kip accepted an invitation to go with the escort as a guest. After returning to San Francisco, he (Kip) published a graphic account of the Walla Walla council in the form of a journal.

"His entry for May 24 (1855) tells of the arrival of about 2500 of the Nez Perce tribe, all painted and gaudily decorated, true specimens of the wild warriors of the plains. Quoting Kip: "When about a mile distant they halted, and half a dozen chiefs rode forward and were introduced to Governor Stevens and General Palmer, in order of their rank.

"The governor asked the friendly chief what should be done. Lawyer replied that he would move his lodge and his family into the white chief's

camp, and let the plotters know that the company of white men was under the protection of the Nez Perces.

"Before morning the move was made, AND THE MURDEROUS PLOT WAS ENDED. It was all very quietly done. The governor took Secretary Doty and Packmaster Higgins into the secret, but none of the others learned of the danger thus averted by Lawyer until long afterwards

"Starting back toward Olympia, Governor Stevens was met by his messenger Pearson, who had doubled back on his track to bring the news that Peepoemox had dug up the recently buried war hatchet, and was now waiting to cut off the governor and his party of peace-makers.

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The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

INDIAN SUMMER

When Indian summer days are come, And haze is on the hills, And wanderlust is in the blood To go where fancy wills—I long to stroll pine-n e e d e d paths,

Which soothing music fills, Where squirrels dart, and part-ridge drum, And cheery cricket trills, For only nature's magic wand Primeval hunger stills.

—EDNA GARFIELD.

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BARRED SEVENS

By MARYSE RUTLEDGE

Chapter 33 (Continued)

Kurt dared not shoot. He fended off Breanu's attack, his supple figure incredibly agile as he shifted to and fro. He was younger than Breanu, and he could—but this was no place for murder, with the FBI and police on the hunt.

Breanu's savage hands obeyed no laws. They claved for Helm's throat; missed. Helm darted to the left.

"Are you crazy?" he said in a low bitter voice. "I didn't tip off anyone. D'you want us both caught?"

"Both?" Breanu's dark face was convulsed, "It's not going to be that way." He turned suddenly, with a violent push that sent Helm staggering back.

The powerful engines of the car still hummed. Breanu sprang behind the wheel and wrenched the big car around. He nosed it straight at Helm, whose catlike speed saved him from being run down. Then Breanu was whizzing toward George Washington bridge.

Helm had flung himself to one side of the road. He regained his balance, his eyes slitted on the blue light which at that very second went out.

Someone had squealed; a woman, of course, because women fell in love with Breanu, and then turned on him. Not Jane Rider. She wasn't the type. But Fan Rubley would sell out any man she was about to lose. Or could it be Dick Garrison, wanting to get rid of the Broadway "big shot" as a client who menaced the lawyer's reputation for honesty?

Pacing the road, Kurt planned his next move. The sensible thing to do was to clear up his affairs in Rockland county; drop the George Glivens, who had replaced

the Switzers as a front, and travel westward, taking Jane Rider with him. His one last worry was the incriminating stuff against him which Carlie had hidden. He would have to count on Switzer's search of Breanu's apartment tonight.

Helm lit a cigarette. Switzer had a stupid bestial temper. He had killed his own wife, Anna. And naturally now, he would never dare disobey orders . . . Yes, everything was working out.

Breanu's plot to send arms to certain forces of revolution in Rumanian had given Kurt Helm some definite ideas. Why bother with Europe when the ultimate sources were in this country? You could find able lawyers to defend groups accused of treason. And fair-minded citizens saw justice done. You only had to learn the patter, and wave the flag as a screen.

A car glided from the direction of the arsenal before Helm was aware of its cautious headlights. Four quiet, unsmiling men surveyed his trim, tweeded elegance. Helm's mind checked them. "Feds."

"Seen a guy drive by here?" the man at the wheel asked quite pleasantly. His eyes photographed Kurt Helm.

"He didn't drive by," Helm answered as pleasantly, waving toward the George Washington Bridge. "He saw me, and changed his mind." He added on inspiration, "Dick Garrison posted me here. I was hoping some of you fellows would come along. I guess you know as much as I do."

"What do you know?" someone asked.

Helm smiled. "If you want to catch up with a fellow in a black limousine, you'd better hurry." (To Be Continued)

Radio Programs

These schedules are supplied by the respective stations. Any variations noted by listeners are changes made by the stations without notice to this newspaper.

- KSLM—TUESDAY—1390 Kc.
 - 6:30—Sunrise Salute.
 - 7:00—News in Brief.
 - 7:05—Old Favorites.
 - 7:30—News.
 - 7:45—Campus Freshmen.
 - 8:30—News.
 - 8:45—Mid-Morning Matinee.
 - 9:00—Foster's Call.
 - 9:15—Popular Music.
 - 9:45—Melody.
 - 10:00—The World This Morning.
 - 10:15—Prescription for Happiness.
 - 10:30—Women in the News.
 - 10:45—Market Report.
 - 11:00—Melodic Moods.
 - 11:30—Williamette Amateur.
 - 11:45—Lum and Abner.
 - 12:00—Ivan Ditmars.
 - 12:15—Lum and Abner.
 - 12:30—Billieville Serenade.
 - 12:45—Williamette Valley Opinions.
 - 1:00—News.
 - 1:15—Isle of Paradise.
 - 1:30—Western Serenade.
 - 1:45—Red Cross Program.
 - 2:00—News in Brief.
 - 2:15—Musical Miniatures.
 - 2:30—John Kirby's Orchestra.
 - 2:45—Let's Dance.
 - 3:00—Concert Gems.
 - 3:15—Gene Krupa's Orchestra.
 - 3:30—News.
 - 3:45—Teatime Tunes.
 - 4:00—Popularity Row.
 - 4:15—Nonstop News.
 - 4:30—Tonight's Headlines.
 - 4:45—War Commentary.
 - 5:00—Hitting the Streets.
 - 5:15—News in Brief.
 - 5:30—Interesting Facts.
 - 5:45—News Story.
 - 6:00—Jimmy Allen.
 - 6:15—Brass Hits.
 - 6:30—World Headlines.
 - 6:45—Popular Music.
 - 7:00—Kate Smith's Show.
 - 7:15—News Tabloid.
 - 7:30—Popular Music.
 - 7:45—Barton County Defense.
 - 8:00—Oldtime Serenade.
 - 8:15—Let's Dance.
 - 8:30—News.
 - 8:45—Music to Remember.

- KGOV—NBC—TUESDAY—620 Kc.
 - 6:30—Sunrise.
 - 6:45—Early Birds.
 - 7:00—News Headlines and Highlights.
 - 7:15—Music of Vienna.
 - 7:30—News.
 - 7:45—Tom Mix Straight Shooter.
 - 8:00—The Bartons.
 - 8:15—Yuletide Favorites.
 - 8:30—Symphony.
 - 8:45—Millions for Defense.
 - 9:00—Information Please.
 - 9:15—Easy Aces.
 - 9:30—News Headlines and Highlights.
 - 9:45—Voice of Prophecy.
 - 10:00—Seattle Fights.
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Lieutenant General Eiki Tojo, War Minister in the Cabinet which fell October 16, was entrusted with the task of forming a new government in Japan the following day. Tojo, a tough soldierly type, was recommended by elder statesmen, headed by Marquis Koichi Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, who conferred for nearly three hours before coming to a decision. Emperor Hirohito summoned General Tojo as Premier Designate. He is 56, was formerly director general of military aviation, a one-time vice minister of war, and in 1919, when only four years out of military college, served as military attaché in Berlin. In Washington, DC, the developments in Tokyo were believed hurrying both countries toward an early "showdown." The US apparently remains adamant in its stand.

Today's Garden

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

H. S. S. asks what kind of soil is best for delphiniums and when it would be well to set them out.

Answer—Charles Barber, who for year's was one of the country's best known delphinium growers, used to say that a sandy loam, deeply worked and well drained was suitable. A good clay could be used, he said.

Animal fertilizers must be very well decayed before they are used. Bone meal incorporated in the soil at planting is good. Place the crowns about two inches beneath the surface and spread the roots out well. Planting may be done either in fall or early spring. The latter season is really the best.

G. G. G. asks if I were to have but one book on gardening which book would I choose.

Answer—That would depend greatly upon what particular branch of gardens I found the most interesting. If roses were my hobby, I certainly wouldn't choose Otten's "Tuberous rooted Begonias and their Culture" for my one and only book. And if rock gardens were my chief aim, I wouldn't select McFarland's "How to Grow Roses."

Bailey's "Encyclopedia Horticulture," or Louise-Brush Brown's "America's Garden Book" would be good choices for a general garden book.

Alfred Hotter's books are very good, too.