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Avoid Taking as Well as **Giving Offense**

Minority groups have suffered so long it is easy to understand how they are sensitive to discrimination. Sometimes they appear supersensitive, magnifying untoward incidents or taking offense where none was intended.

A few weeks ago an instance of this occurred in a Portland high school. A chorus was singing the very familiar song in which the line appears: "Whoever said a nigger won't steal . . .' At that moment a group of negroes got up and walked out. They took umbrage at the use of the word "nigger", regarding it as a term of derision.

That is true, but the word goes with the rest of the song. How silly it would be to say "Whoever said a negro won't steal . . ." But then offense might be taken that a negro was linked with the crime of stealing. So the only apparent solution would be not to sing the song. And that solution is silly too, for it is part of our folksong literature, too good to be discarded.

Another incident is reported from Berlin where angry Polish Jews rioted before a movie theatre that was showing an English film "Oliver Twist" in which the character Fagin, who teaches boys to steal was depicted as a Jew. Undoubtedly the Polish Jews are very sensitive for they have suffered so much their hearts must be lacerated. But a single characterization should not be interpreted as a degradation of a whole group. After all the vast majority of criminal roles are carried by non-Jews, without complaint from Gentiles that they are held up to scorn. How many times have the Irish and the Scotch and the English been made the butt of American Humor?

Charles Dickens drew a Jew as Fagin in his novel; and he may have reflected prejudice of the time when he did so; but if the story is to be reproduced with fidelity the movie-maker cannot alter the Dickens characterization. What needs to be understood is that such a depiction carries no slur against a group.

This is Brotherhood week, with pleas made for tolerance. This means we should avoid unfair discrimination and avoid offering offense to mit these two measures whose import is conother groups. It means also that in the give and

One puts up a bar on a state property tax; the other adds a fresh burden for property to bear if income tax receipts are inadequate.

A different drive is behind each measure. Owners of property who see costs of government mounting and see the prospect of safeguards chiseled away (through diversion of corporate excise tax to general spending) are fearful lest the mounting burden of state government and school support fall on them. They want no repetition of delinguencies and foreclosures such as prevailed in the 1930's and so seek this barrier for their protection.

The school lobby which is one of the most active, most high-pressured and most demanding of any operating at the state house, drives for the increase in the basic state school support man-and that is how Francis fund. Headed by the Oregon Education association it has enlisted the school board association. Their combined efforts obtained a shift to give 1931. a favorable instead of an unfavorable commit- Back to Mt. Angel

tee report; and the shower of letters and telegrams on house members is designed to get favorable action in the house.

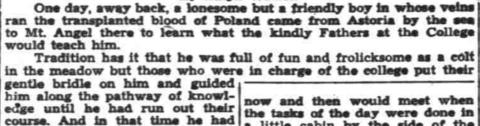
The Statesman looks on both these measures with disfavor. It is opposed to putting more town folk whom he had known, negatives in the state constitution on the subject of taxation. The constitution bristles with them now: 6 per cent limitation, no emergency clause on tax bills, no diversion of motor vehicle really begins. revenues .- "No, No, No"; you can't do this, you

can't do that. Small wonder we're in a tax jam much of the time.

As for the increase of \$45 per census child, that is a big jump. The measure carries no assurance that the increase in state aid would reduce local property taxes; and so pressing are the demands for salary and other increases that local budgets might go up by as much as the anticipated increase in state aid.

A safer plan would be to submit a measure granting a specific sum by way of increase in state school support, to be taken out of income tax surplus, over the biennium.

In any event the legislature ought not to subtradictory.



a little cabin by the side of the become beloved of the Fathers, of road where they would cook his fellow stuthemselves such a feast as they dents and of all alone could do, while they talked the folk in and of crops, and cows, and cheese around the town and other homey things. who came to

7ith Watson at the Legislature

Homecoming Feast at Mt. Angel

Now Annual Treat for Solons

By Ralph Watso

Now what they cooked was food know him. Then that the Jovian chefs on High at last he left the Olympus never knew. It was not quietude of Mt. godlike nectar. It was food; an Angel's cloisters offering to make King and Courfor a distant and tier above the salt and all the a larger school peasants grouped below drool in which taught happy anticipation, then eat, and

him the fundaeat and eat. It has no Olympian mentals of the label but does it call for more? In Ralph Watson law. Finally, fincommon language it is frankshed there he came again back to furters and sauerkraut. But wait! the home town nestling beside the Not what you get when you go to Columbia where its mighty waters the market. It has meat in it, and first welcome the ships which spices and the kraut comes golden come weary from their long jourand steaming from the kettle. It is something, once taken must be

And there in the practice of his taken again, and again-and again chosen profession he still was kind if fortune is kind. and fair and frank, and the coun-First Feast in 1931 sel he gave those who sought him

was just and honest and his advice was sound. He prospered and his fellow townsmen trusted him so again in 1933. And in 1935 he sent they chose him to be their spokes-Franciscovich came to Salem 18 years ago to be the senator from Clatsop county in the session of

And when he came again so close to the college sitting on the hill the new senator remembered

those who had guided his steps as a youth, and he remembered the for he was not one to forget a favor or a friend. So he went back to Mt. Angel for a night and a re- larger still. union and here is where this story

ney across the sea.

Out at Mt. Angel there used to

absent friend

Public Records

MUNICIPAL COURT

Bertil Ljung, Spokane, Wash., charged with selling magazines with no permit, posted \$50 bail.

CIRCUIT COURT Edith Huddleson vs. Loren Hud-

dleson: Decree of divorce restores all departments. plaintiff's maiden name of Edith **Changes** Suggested Stiltner Keith Brown Lumber Yard vs.

as suggested by the treasurer, to Joe L.Shaw : Order confirms sale of real property interests. Fred Meier estate: Order admits existing along with a general

fund deficit, include: will to probate, confirms appointment of Agnes Meier Beal as executrix, and dismisses petition conprovides a broader base than a testing will. property levy. He asserted that

R. L. Elstrom Co. vs. Herbert large property owners have al-ways been able to beat proposals Hodkin and others: Defendants Ed and Leona Culbertson file amended answer admitting and denying.

Hilma E. Dickie vs. Burdette Young: Order overrules defendants' motion to make more definite and certain.

Bible Expert Clara Sommer vs. Herman A **Talks Tonight** Sommer: Suit for divorce charging desertion seeks custody of two minor children. Married June 26. 1926, at Aberdeen, S. D. Dr. John Trever of Chicago, an

Elizabeth and Clayton E. Steinke vs. Arthur Schoenberg: Order dismisses suit with prejudice as settled.

Woodburn Fruit Growers' Cooperative Association vs. United Growers, Inc.: Suit seeks to collect \$43,200 allegedly due from sale of berries to defendant in 1947.

And so, Frank went to feast in PROBATE COURT the cabin in 1931, and he went

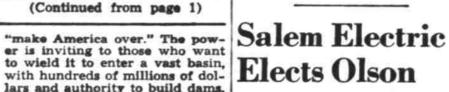
Clayson Ross Hammond estate: Order authorizes distribution of out word that he was bringing personal property. three friends. And when the four

reached the cabin they found **Telephone Call** waiting, not what their mouths had been watering for, but turkey, and dressing with all the sauces **Helps** Police and the fixings. The three visitors took what was offered, as polite visitors should. But Franciscovich? He howled his disappointment until his hosts cooked up a

batch to keep him quiet. In 1937 the feast had outgrown the cabin and was moved up town into a larger hall. In 1941 it was

In 1943 Frank did not join the feast, the unkind hand of Death suddenly had touched him and called him away, and those who did attend stood in silent tribute with tears in their hearts for their

So, last night, a still growing cavalcade went out to Mt. Angel where the townfolk held welcoming hands out to them to come in. strangers without the gates, again to feast on that which Mt. Angel alone knows how to produce and having feasted to depart-strangers no longer but neighbors and friends.



Pearson States New Tax Only **Alternative to Use of Surpluses**

> New taxes are the only alternative to Oregon's use of personal income tax and corporate excise tax receipts for general fund expenses, State Treasurer Walter Pearson told Salem Exchange club members at the Wednesday luncheon.

> Pearson said he favors putting all receipts into the state's general fund, with the distribution to be determined by the legislature for

be assessed, as none has for nine Revisions of the state tax set-up years.

2. Enabling the tax commission overcome the income tax surplus to increase collections -- "If we ever start collecting taxes from all who owe them, we'll really have a surplus." He noted that no tax property, since the income tax real effort at collection was made until 1940 and that the department's 70 employes compare with the U.S. internal revenue department's 1,500 in the state.

Revision of Tax Rate to transfer income tax receipts to

3. Revision of the income tax the general fund because they rate, which he said is the highest were afraid a property levy might in the United States becaus only

Oregon allows deduction of federal tax payments. This practice, Pearson noted, makes the rate about 6 per cent, when it is ac-tually only about 3 per cent on total income, resulting in poor publicity for Oregon.

The treasurer declared himself in opposition to a sales tax, because "it eliminates too many items" from coverage.

Club committee chairmen anciation. Dr. Trever is one of the nounced by President Peery Burprincipal speakers at this week's en are Kenneth Potts, public affairs; Wayne Hadley, publicity; Alfred Loucks, finance; Dr. Pat Campbell, inter-club relations; Willard H. Petre, auditing; Ed

book of Isaiah, written about 100 As Fine as Skilled Hands He will confer with Salem ministers at 4:30 this afternoon in the

Bad Check Artist Given 18 Months

1. Repeal of the state power to

authority on the Bible, will speak

at 7:30 tonight in First Christian

church at a public meeting spon-

sored by Salem Ministerial asso-

Karl C. Coonrad was sentenced to 18 months in Oregon state prison Wednesday morning by Marion County Circuit Judge George Salem on a charge of passing bad Duncan on a charge of passing a

who located Davis, said he also is plaint the check was passed at the Keizer super market.

Deputy District Attorney Sam Harbison told the court that 12 passed checks, Parker said he did other counties want "to question" not believe Davis was in the navy. Coonrad concerning bad checks

15-one for \$10 at the Midget Market and the other for \$8.89 at Howard Corset shop.

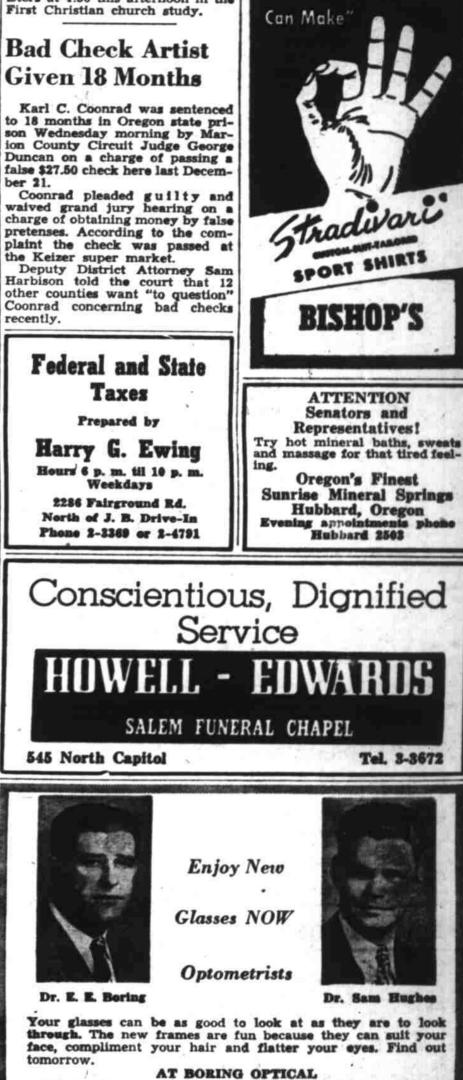
A clerk at the market jotted down the telephone number of a call Davis made at the market. Parker traced the number, found me was located here

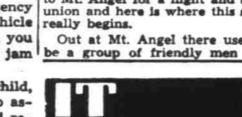
learned from the residents there

Judge, Engineers

Threat on Santiam

Oregon Council of Churches convention in Portland. "The Bible Comes Alive" will be the subject of Trever, who is di-rector of English Bible for the In- Frank, membership; Irvin Bryan, ternational Council of Religious education; William Loop, attend-Education. He is the discoverer of ance. the oldest known manuscript of the





be a group of friendly men who

"make America over." The pow-

vis at Willamina.

He was being questioned Wednes-

warrant. Salem Detective Wayne Parker, wanted in Coos Bay and in Washington. Although Davis used a U.S. navy identification card when he

Davis is charged with passing recently. two bad checks here on February

Arrest Suspect Efforts of a meat market clerk and a Salem city police officer enabled Yamhill county authorities Wednesday to arrest Jack C. Da-

The young man is wanted in checks. Bail has been set at \$1,000. false \$27.50 check here last Decem-

day by McMinnville authorities who were holding him without a

take of life persons should be a bit lenient and not look for slights where none is intended.

Heading in Two Directions

The house committee on taxation has approved a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment to forbid the levy of taxes on property for state purposes, save as may be necessary to service general obligation indebtedness.

The house committee on education voted fisally six to five to give a favorable report on the bill which also would go to the people, calling for an increase from \$50 to \$95 per census shild in the basic state school support fund. This imposes a state property tax which would be extinguished to the extent that income tax revenues were available for the purpose.

These measures head in different directions.

By Joseph Alsop BERLIN, Feb. 23 - Berliners

nowadays talk about the airlift

as people elsewhere talk about

the weather. On

a fine morning

they will say, not "what a

beautiful day,"

but, "there will

be many planes

today." Yet this

perpetual con-

roar of the big C-54s overhead

is actually the

only abnormal

note in the life

into effect.

been tested.

ga republic of the Soviet union.

uneventful stalemate.

Nylons on the gals in Jacksonville, Fla. started running en masse a few days ago. A DuPont

technical engineer says they have had that trouble before and it is due to acid-laden soot particles which lodge on the stockings. That may explain, but what the wearers want is hosiery not susceptible to wholesale runs. How can they tell when soot will be flying?

We have been asked if the pressmen's strike in Portland would affect Salem publications, The answer is "no". Salem papers renewed their contracts, granting wage increases, to the three unions they deal with, typographers, stereotypers and pressmen, effective through 1949.

lay out irrigation projects, locate industries. It is thrilling, even glamorous to channel water and electric energy and thus stimulate and control in considerable degree the development of a region. But holding and exercise of such political and economic power is sequences of error are tremen-

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for closer coordination among The master plans are made. Congress is busy implementing them now. The time element has worked against the promoters of a CVA. On them rests a burden of proof that a CVA is needed now

Dr. O. A. Olson was elected of the whereabouts of Davis and president of Salem Electric," lo- informed Yamhill officers. cal electric power cooperative, at an organization meeting of the board of directors this week. Other officers for this year are Max Gehlhar, vice president, and

To Inspect Flood Glen Hogg, secretary. The board also authorized sign-ing a union contract with all Salem Electric office and outside

Marion County Judge Grant Murphy and army engineers will today inspect lands threatened with flooding from the North San-Firm's Ex-Vice President tiam river near North Santiam station. **Guilty of Embezzlement**

The area lies in a bend of the river where at the beginning of former vice president of a cor-poration here was sentenced to four years imprisonment today af-the century, a flood washed away a railroad bridge and several coun-ty road bridges. Residents on about PORTLAND, Feb. 23 -(AP)- A 1,000 acres of land there reported ter pleading guilty to embezzletheir fears of another flood to army engineers recently. Robert W. Fredericks, former

County Commissioners Roy Rice poration, was charged with taking and Ed Rogers and County Road

about \$5,800 of the firm's funds. Foreman Frank Woelke plan to He was arrested last month in attend a two-day conference on ning today.

not without its hazard. The condous, the temptations to arbitrary action and abuse are great. workers. There has been a prime need federal agencies; but that period of working in separate grooves is pretty largely a thing of the past.

with its shift of authority on ment. Berlin is 'Last Chink in Iron Curtain' work already well under way. Let us see what the CVA bill vice president of the Accela corcontains, count the teeth in the face of this gift horse and not urge congress to create a CVA before we know what such a Petersburg, Va., after a nation- road building in Corvallis begincreature will be. wide search.

than local significance, for the simple reason that the Kremlin's program for Germany has been

knocked into a cocked hat by their failure to capture Berlin. As every one acknowledges, the German problem is central Europe. And any analysis of the German problem must begin with the fact that the Kremlin program for Germany has already been frustrated.

Joseph Alsop The Soviet policy makers have of the city. The world still thinks of the Berlin vaguely hoped they could use the Berlin blockade as blacksituation as dangerous and critimail to disrupt the reconstruccal. In fact, it has become an tion of Western Germany and to their hands on the Ruhr. get There is not the slightest dan-

But their practical, immediate aim was that disclosed in a reger, moreover, that the stalemate will be broken, either by Rusmarkable speech by Karl Maron, sian aggression or by the failure of the airlift to do its job. This one of their chief political stooges in Germany,

spring, as the weather improves, "So long as the forces of reac-tion can maintain their estabairlift input will increase to about 8,000 tons a day. General Lucius lished positions in Berlin," said D. Clay already has plans to in-Maron, "they will be able to carcrease the airliff this summer to ry out successfully their acts of a year-round average of 10,000 tons a day. And if the Russians fail to lift their blockade this sabotage. Thus the reconstruction of the western zone will be hampered from the outset." spring, Clay's plans will be put

What Maron meant is perfectly clear despite the double talk. So long as Berlin remains a huge With 10,000 tons a day, the western sectors of Berlin can live a perfectly normal life. Even chink in the iron curtain, it will now, with much lower tonnages, the people of west Berlin are eating a little better and finding continue to be impossible to organize the Soviet zone of Germany as a full - fledged Kremlin consumer goods a little more av-ailiable than before the blockade. satellite, and to incorporate this new satellite in the Kremlin's As for their spirit, it has already new east European empire. The failure of the Berlin blockade has prevented the establishment of an east German state on these

The Berliners showed their spirit when 86 per ecnt of them defied the soveits by going to the polls and choosing as their may-All the preparations for such state began to be made long or, with a huge majority, the vetbefore the blockade itself was deeran anti-communist socialist, clared. An embryonic east Ger-Ernst Reuter. Reuter was an old man government was organized bolshevik, and can tell you of the in the form of the People's Conearly days after the Russian revolution, when his friend Lenin

A new east German police force named him president of the Volwas recruited, with from thirty to forty thousand of its hundred His disillusionment with comthousand members formed into munism has left him deeply para-military units commanded eynical about everything except by former Wehrmacht generals the value of free tom. Yet there -- the obvious nucleus of a new

can be few more stout-hearted leaders than this big, wise, sad old man. He is the symbol of the Berliners' will to resist. These facts have vastly more

Germany. The other Soviet satellites began to be pressed to for-get their hatred of Germans and accept east Germany, as an equal partner state.

To be sufe, the sovietization of east Germany is already out-wardly complete, There are all the familiar phenomena of oneparty government and omnipresent secret police. The whole region pays tribute to Moscow, and the most important industries are actually Soviet-owned. In uranium mines of Erzegethe

birge, the east zone even has its own gigantic, hideous slave labor camps. None the less. the real job cannot be done in the present cir-

cumstances. Really efficient total ruthlessness is impossible, so ong as Berlin remains a chink in the curtain. Thus the failure of the blockage has actually driv-

zone rations by returning some pillaged wheat to Germany. And worst of all, so long as Berlin remains a free refuge, a dependable German secret police and German army, on the model used in the other satellites, are also impossibilities. The unreliability of the new east zone police is

In the circumstances, it is not surprising that Soviet policy in Germany has recently shown every mark of confusion and dissension, even including a bitter row between Marshall Sokolovsky's political advisers, Am-bassador Semeonov, and his liaison with the Russian communist

will be formally proclaimed when the western powers set up their west German government. But as long as Berlin remains free, the proclamation will be meaningless. In fact, it is more important that the wisest Americans here think the establishment of a west German government will be the signal for the Soviets to cut their losses and to terminate the Berlin blockade. (Copyright, 1949, New York Herald ribune, Inc.)

Woodburn Co-op **Asks Payment** From Salem Firm

Woodburn Fruit Growers' Coop-erative association is seeking \$43,-220 allegedly due from United Growers, Inc., of Salem on sale of berries in 1947. The Woodburn cooperative

charged in a Marion county circuit court complaint Wednesday it delivered strawberries, loganberries, youngberries, boysenberries and evergreen blackberries to the Salem cannery.

It is further alleged in the complaint that the defendant paid a portion of the market price, according to an agreement between the parties. The complaint alleges that the remainder of the price, \$43,220 has not been paid and is still due the cooperative.

Economics club, and Mrs. William Etner, vice chairman, sit down The pilot whale or blackfish to figure up how club came out on the 4-H leaders banquet it yields from its head a fine oil used in watchmaking.

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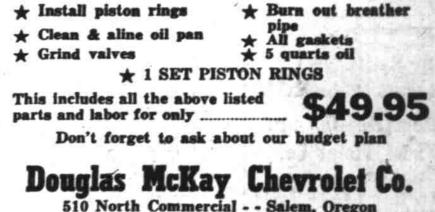
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already notorious.

party, Colonel Tulpanov. Probably an east German state KEIZER, Feb. 23-Mrs. W. O. Pound, (left) chairman of Keizer Home

German army. The Kremlin's political mouthpieces began to play down the theme of Germany unity and to play up the need for an "independent" sovietized east **4-H Club Leaders Receive 5-Year Pins**

served last Thursday night.