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Don't Blame the Juveniles

Two contemporary news stories definitely point up the fact that all this stir about juvenile delinquency is hardly more than a smoke-screen to hide the source of the fire.

One of the stories says there were four divorces to every five marriages in Marion county last year. The other quotes Circuit Judge Page as saying he now is handling 50 divorce cases a month, instead of one-sixth that number five years ago, and that the divorce situation "is the worst in county history."

Granted that some of the divorces are those of so-called juveniles themselves, most of them involve men and women of an age at which some semblance of maturity, and therefore responsibility, should have been reached. But not much responsibility is shown by a man who has eight children but swears he has none just to be rid of his wife. And such a case is not as isolated as might be wished.

Mrs. Floyd Fox, in her report to the farm program conference in Salem last week, makes a pertinent recommendation—"education for marriage"—in reporting for her committee. The present marital status of this and other areas seems to show a definite need of more preparation for the "I do," than merely the purchase of a ring or trousseau.

There was a great furor about juvenile delinquency during and after World War I, just as in the more recent world hostilities, and the bonds of wedlock seemed to be almost as loose as they are now. But so far as we can recall about all that was done about it was to blame the resultant juvenile delinquency on the juveniles themselves and bemoan the antics of the younger generation.

It is no secret that by far the greater part of delinquency grows out of broken homes, as every welfare worker or law enforcement agency in the land can attest. And it always reaches greater proportions in years of war or boom times when marriages are quick and easy, and divorces are regarded with no more seriousness than changing jobs.

Marriage education would be well worth trying in some form, and so would the prosecution of parents whose children are allowed to traverse the route of temptation and crime solely through neglect.

Mallon on Morse

Paul Mallon's Washington column is used both by The Statesman and the Oregonian. His first column for this week discussed the national political situation, with reference to republican possibilities for president in 1948. The Oregonian omitted the last paragraph of his column which is of special interest here in Oregon,—of such interest that we reprint it here:

The not-very-dark horse is Taft. The Ohio senator is certainly the outstanding spokesman in the party today. The attack upon him by the Oregon senator Wayne Morse (elected with CIO support) bogged down. There is no senate republican group associated with Morse, although three or four other republican senators might vote with him now and then. A CIO movement in the republican party does not seem to be in the cards.

We offer no explanation for the Oregonian's clipping, which is within its editorial province. But Mallon puts his finger on the spot in his last sentence when he says: "A CIO movement in the republican party does not seem to be in the cards." Oregon republicans who like to count themselves as fairly liberal and who may have no particular fondness for Senator Taft are still unwilling to adopt the CIO-PAC program which has already been absorbed by the Roosevelt-Truman administration.

The Lake Keeps Its Secret

Crater Lake apparently is trying to keep the secret of its burping at whatever cost. A federal geologist named Cater (did he cater to Crater?) spent a lonely week watching a recording instrument only to find that its cable, attached to a raft in the lake, had been broken by a snowslide.

Come spring, though, other geologists doubtless will be drawn to southern Oregon's one-time volcano in an effort to ascertain whether the atlases are right in terming it "extinct." The strange clouds which belched from the water's surface several weeks ago can't keep science mystified forever.

If Crater Lake were near Los Angeles, the more suspicious might whisper that high-paid promoters were dropping smoke bombs from the air in order to drum up a few million more curious tourists. But as it is, we'll just have to accept the word of less mercenary witnesses that Mother Earth seems to have a mildly recurring case of indigestion. Who wouldn't have if they swallowed the atomizer to cure a sore throat?

Students at a San Francisco high school picketed the school in protest against its principal. They hoisted a big banner which read: "We want a Principle, not a Dictator." What they need, besides a benevolent dictator is a spelling teacher.

Over the weekend it was Dads' day at the U of O. The alert Emerald had an editorial: "Welcome, Dad! Glad to see you!" And sotto voce, presumably, this: "Did you bring your checkbook?"

Change in Bus Operation

Salem's growing pains are visible in the change of method of operating the local bus lines, which eliminates a common meeting time in the center of the business district. For years the buses converged at State and Commercial at regular intervals. Passengers could make an interchange of buses without much delay. But this practice "froze" a lengthy stretch of parking space. Most of the block on the east side of Commercial between State and Court was reserved for buses, and even so one bus often had to doublepark.

To break up this congestion the owner, Oregon Motor Stages, tried to obtain a downtown terminal where the interchange could take place on its own ground; but no real estate was available at a practical location. The only other alternative was to stagger schedules so that smaller parking space on the streets would be required. This does away with a common junction and simultaneous interchange of passengers. This means some delay in making the transfer, but it does keep the buses rolling instead of piling up on downtown streets and blocking traffic.

The change to continuous running without waiting for connecting buses seemed inevitable. In larger cities streetcars and buses run on their own schedules, and keep moving. Transferring passengers have to wait for their connections. Salem finally had to come to the practice. It does inconvenience transfer passengers, and forces patrons of the bus to learn new schedules. It is largely a matter of becoming accustomed to the change. It seems a definite improvement over the method recently in use.

UAL Crash in Wyoming

United Airlines had a sad accident Thursday when one of its mainline planes crashed into a mountain top in Wyoming, bringing death to crew and passengers. This breaks a record of nearly four years without a serious accident. Whether the accident was due to failure of pilot or of plane may never be known. We may be sure, however, that airline officials and civil aeronautics inspectors will make every effort to determine the cause. It is through this probing to locate the reason for a wreck that manufacturers and operators of planes are able to improve their work to avert similar accidents in the future.

It will never be possible to eliminate failures, either human or mechanical; but the fact that United Airlines has flown its planes for over three and one-half years without fatality proves great success in accident prevention. The work must and will go on.

Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The curtain is going up on the last act of the tragedy of the White Russian, who was the world's No. 1 exile until Adolf Hitler handed the grim distinction to the European Jew.

(The White Russian is not to be confused with citizens of Byelorussia, or White Russia, a part of the Soviet Union.)

(The refugee Russian is "white" because he is not "red," or because he or his father opposed the Soviet revolution of 1917 and went into exile when it succeeded.)

In western countries, the White Russian has largely been absorbed, becoming French, British, German, American—but in east Asia he usually has remained Russian, and for the most part "white," that is, czarist.

China Eastern Place to Reach

These refugees found China the easiest country to reach. Scores of thousands found haven there, mostly in the treaty ports, where Chinese could not control immigration because foreigners had special rights.

Once there, the White Russian was stuck. He had few rights to speak of, because he had no citizenship. Occasionally he became a Chinese citizen, but more often he nursed a stubborn, hopeless faith that the Romanoff throne would be restored. In this faith he lived precariously in the alien, ambiguous soil of the treaty ports.

In 1941 when Hitler attacked Russia a younger generation of White Russians had grown up in places like Shanghai. These youngsters, taught by their parents to hate the Soviets, suddenly discovered that they were Russians first and everything afterward. They paraded and sang Soviet songs which they must have learned over the radio. Night after night, they stole up to the German consulate and painted the hammer and sickle on its gateway.

Thousands Compete for Jobs

In the meantime, thousands of Jews and other European refugees from Hitler's reich had arrived to compete in China for the limited jobs Europeans could find. They proved even less inclined to be assimilated by the Chinese. Now the Chinese talk of expelling these Jews and may also decide to expel the White Russians. The treaty port era is ended, the Chinese are masters of their own land, and a turning point is approaching for all these refugees.

Shanghai alone has 20,000 each of Jews and White Russians.

Thus, the White Russians in Shanghai today are excited over unconfirmed reports that the Soviet union may offer them citizenship.

Whether this would mean they could, or would, go back to Russia remains to be seen. But it would mean, for these Russians, an end to the nebulous purgatory in which the "stateless nation" lives.

Paul Mallon is on Vacation



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Another Beating Would Finish Him

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

THOSE OTHER PEOPLE, by Mary King O'Donnell (Houghton Mifflin, \$2.50).

From four o'clock one morning to one the next Leah Webster and Joe Onion hunt for each other up and down New Orleans' old streets, a playground for tourists but a warren of real, living people interesting in their own right.

You read this book much as if you were standing on one of the picturesque corners and turning your head now to watch one passerby, now another, young and old, black and white. You see poor, lost Mrs. Peralta, fat little Georgie Webster, the sociological-minded Tuttle from the north, Mr. Graber stealthily marking a swastika on a sidewalk or a bench, Placide Giraud who pays the price for another man's fun, Merlin Webster ranting against Roosevelt, the eavesdropping Mrs. Tarantino, Ronnie lifting watermelons out of the sun, boys shooting dice in the cathedral's cool shadows.

Though the story opens and closes with Mrs. Peralta, Leah carries the burden, the very pleasant burden, of the plot. Her sister Maudie, married to a WPA writer, is absorbed in love, or love-making. Her brother Merlin is in real estate. She's in a fog, but comes out of it one night, some hours before Mrs. O'Donnell introduces her to us, to pick up a sailor in a bar.

Middle aged and, in a normal state, not too good looking, Leah has some bright flame kindled in her by Joe. Something happens to her in the night she spends with him, though it is definitely not what her worried brother suspects, nor what Joe's friend Neeley reasonably enough believes; as Leah tells Neeley apologetically, it's not her fault that she's a virgin.

Though Mrs. O'Donnell skips nimbly from character to character, she does not confuse her readers. She has a light, entertaining touch and every now and then rewards you with a delightfully vivid figure of speech. Though she doesn't moralize, she takes the world for what it is, even to its dark and unsightly spots; but her world is never so cluttered but what a lover and his lass can find their way happily together.

This is the February Literary

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1848; the Western Star, published first in 1850 at Milwaukie by Lot Whitcomb, and moved to Portland the next year adopting the name of Oregon Weekly Times; the Oregonian, founded by T. J. Dryer in Portland in 1850; the Oregon Statesman, by Asahel Bush in Oregon City in 1851; and the Whig paper Oregon Argus, launched in Oregon City in 1855 by W. L. Adams. Of all these papers only The Oregonian and The Statesman survive. The last named followed the territorial capital to Salem, to Corvallis and back to Salem in 1855. The Spectator lasted nine years, suspending publication in 1855.

Journalism of that day was what the soldiers of this day call "rugged." Editorial writing was featured, with sharp exchanges between editors with conflicting opinions. Invective became a fine art in the literary style of the period, and personalities were commonly indulged in. Subscribers revelled in the editorial abuse of opponents and felt cheated if it were lacking. The Spectator's failure, perhaps, was due to the deficiency of its editors in the controversial type of journalism which flourished here as it did elsewhere over the nation during that period.

While the Spectator and many another newspaper started in pioneer times failed to survive, Oregon newspapers include many now venerable with age. Besides the two mentioned there are, as listed by George Turnbull, acting dean of the university school of journalism, 62 other newspapers which have passed the half-century mark. Among them are: Corvallis Gazette-Times whose Gazette was established in 1862; Albany Democrat-Herald, whose States-Rights Democrat was first published in 1865; Oregon City Enterprise, 1866; Eugene Register-Guard whose Guard was founded in 1867; Catholic Sentinel, Portland, 1870; Roseburg

Guide selection, and an excellent one.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I admit it'll break up the picket line, Sedwich—but after all, they're our employees—and the mutants might be terrific!"

Public Records

PROBATE COURT

George Burgett, estate: Return of sale of real property by William Neimeyer, administrator.
W. S. Needham, estate: March 11, date set for hearing on final account of Frank E. Needham, administrator.
Nancy J. Needham, estate: March 11 date set for hearing on final account of Frank E. Needham, administrator.
Robert N. Shiffe, estate: Order approves final account of Arthur L. Shiffe, administrator, and closes estate.
John Hostetler, estate: Order approves final account.

Matilda Kobow, estate: Final account of C. A. Kobow, administrator, approved.
Philip James Washburn, estate: Order authorizes Fidelia S. Washburn, administratrix, to sell certain personal property. Estate appraised at \$6055.

Lawrence Scott, estate: Gertrude L. Scott appointed administratrix and Harry Holt, Waldo Marsters and A. W. Smithers appointed appraisers.
CIRCUIT COURT
Ella Mae Watson vs. Robert Bruce Watson: Decree of divorce to plaintiff and maiden name of Ella Mae Douglas restored.
Pauline L. Knox vs. Thomas E. Knox: Decree of divorce awards plaintiff custody of one minor child and \$40 per month support money.

James F. Snook vs. Elizabeth F. Snook: Decree of divorce to plaintiff.
Leona D. Straw vs. Fred A.

Straw: Decree of divorce changes plaintiff's name to Leona D. Camenzind.
Sadie Brown vs. Joe Brown: Decree of divorce restores plaintiff's maiden name of Sadie Kennedy.

Dorothy Belle Whitsett vs. Alfred Wesley Whitsett: Decree of divorce to plaintiff.
Velma Iva Hamilton vs. Floyd Raymond Hamilton: Decree of divorce awards plaintiff custody of four minor children, and \$20 per month support money for each child.

Alma Margaret Thrasher vs. William Clyde Thrasher: Decree of divorce awards plaintiff custody of two children and \$35 per month support money for each child.
Annie L. Welsh vs. Frank F. Welsh: Decree of divorce to plaintiff.
Percy E. Rake vs. Margaret K. Rake: Decree of divorce to plaintiff.

Beattie Lytle vs. Leo Lytle: Order allows plaintiff \$12.50 per week of support money and consideration of costs and fees continued until February 18.
Roma Peterson vs. Carlton Peterson: Order allows plaintiff costs and fees.
Tom Wymore and Ada Wymore vs. John H. Helm and Vernice F. Helm: Demurrer of defendant overruled and defendant given ten days to answer.

Ralph J. Doty vs. Dorothy Doty: Defendant's default filed and default judgment made to place on default divorce docket.
L. M. Todd vs. John Meyers: Case dismissed upon stipulation of parties.
D. Faye Edie vs. Ben M. Edie: Default against defendant filed.

Toastmasters At Conference In Portland

Headed by the president, Walter S. Lampkin, five members of Salem Toastmasters and their wives attended the organizations regional conference in Portland Saturday. A speech clinic was held at the afternoon meeting when Lampkin was one of several speakers. A banquet at the Congress hotel closed the meeting Saturday night.

Grace Bottler, president of Salem Toastmistress, was one of a party of seven from the local group attending the conference as guests of Toastmasters.

Other Toastmasters members attending were Mrs. L. O. Arens, past president; Mrs. Raymond Walsh, Mrs. Vernice Boehm, Mrs. Marie Ling, Mrs. Clarence Lund and Marguerite Gleeson.

The Toastmasters and their wives in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crose, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogle. Clarence Lund also was a member of the group.

Snow Blocks One Stretch Of Coast Road

The Oregon Coast highway one-half mile north of Manzanita, is blocked by a slide, with prospects that the road will not be cleared for several days. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reported Monday. Traffic is being detoured through Necanicum and Wolf Creek highway.

Another slide has blocked the Columbia River highway near the east city limits of Astoria with a detour through the Tongue Point naval base. There also is one-way traffic at mile post 67, on the Columbia River highway.

Other road conditions Monday: Government Camp—Snowing lightly. Packed snow and ice throughout the district.

Santiam Junction—Four inches new snow over the weekend. Packed snow throughout district. Sanding operations under way. Chains advised.

Siskiyou Summit—Packed snow and ice. Chains required. Ice conditions from Talent to Siskiyou summit.

Leaders Off in Stock Trading

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Profiting off the lengthy swing to 15-year peaks stalled the stock market today and, with scattered exceptions, leading issues backed down fractions to around 4 points.

Proceedings totalled 1,660,000 shares compared with 1,560,000 Friday.

Accounts were trimmed on the idea that the market may have at least partially discounted a certain amount of inflation and business prosperity.

The Associated Press 60-stock average was off 5 of a point at 79.9, widest dip since Jan. 21. Of 977 issues registering, 508 were down, 280 up and 189 unchanged.

DIVIDEND DECLARED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—(Special)—The board of directors of Tide Water Associated Oil company declared a quarterly dividend of 20 cents a share on the issued and outstanding common stock, payable March 1, 1946 to stockholders of record at close of business February 11, 1946.

Stevens
Diamonds
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The birthstone for February is the amethyst. This one set in massive gold mounting is one he will be proud to wear!

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