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POLITICS AND THE HOME

WHAT are the political aspects of the situation that has arisen with regard to placing the Northwest National Soldiers' Home?

Congressman Hawley and Senator McNary, both close friends of President Hoover, were largely instrumental in getting an appropriation for a home in the Northwest.

But then it develops that a good many members of the veterans' board are reluctant to place the home in Roseburg, despite the fact that both Hawley and McNary are firmly pledged to that town.

There is talk that unless all Oregon can agree on the particular town for the home, the board may move the whole thing up into the state of Washington.

They have voted to locate the home somewhere in Oregon, mainly because Oregon has a good climate and because it has a central location.

In the pressure of the moment, Congressman Hawley made the statement that if Eugene would only withdraw its offer of a site, the state could be united for Roseburg and that would end the whole thing.

It is not the wise thing for the state of Oregon to take the position that the board should be free to hunt out the best location in Oregon for its men?

Eugene is not asking Congressman Hawley or Senator McNary to recede one inch from their commitments to their Roseburg friends.

THE BOARD'S PROBLEM

HAVING decided at its last meeting on the allocation of major functions at the University of Oregon and Oregon State College, the board of higher education meets at Portland Monday to thrash out the still difficult problem of allocating funds for the various institutions.

Tentatively the board has required the schools to draw up two budget plans. One plan is based on a cut of \$1,181,000 divided between the University and the College on a four-ninths and five-ninths basis.

The ratio of four-ninths cut for the University (\$449,000) and five-ninths for the College (\$550,000) represents the old ratio for dividing funds outside of those used to match outside money for special work.

In the present crisis, especially, it is imperative that funds be divided scientifically in proportion to actual enrollment and actual cost of major course work.

There is really only one safe plan. Finance major courses in the various schools first. Finance service courses and "luxury courses" out of what is left.

But the board is going to have another job when this is done. It's the big job of setting education straight with the public.

Higher education has been the "goat." Get these figures on the causes of tax increases in Oregon since 1921. Elementary schools and high schools have increased the tax load 42 per cent; towns and cities, 25 per cent; roads and highways, 19.4 per cent; ports, 7.1 per cent.

The University was getting \$897,539 state money in 1921; it was getting only \$986,062 in 1930. Its increase since 1921 was ONLY SEVENTENTHS OF ONE PER CENT.

ONLY 563 VOTED

ONLY 563 people voted in Eugene's school election last Monday, a possible six per cent of the eligible voters in the school district.

Of course the apathy in school elections here and elsewhere is only a little more pronounced than the apathy in all elections.

Do we have too many elections in this country? Is the average busy citizen bored with the duty of trying to elect all kinds of officials from president to dogcatcher and with trying to decide all kinds of legislative issues from dog taxes to prohibition?

We leave it to our able correspondents to write something specific on the question. Now that the rain has stopped it looks like the fish might be biting on the McKenzie.

BETTER HOMES MOVEMENT

SOME of the biggest lumber mills in the Willamette valley are facing indefinite shutdowns after July 1, pending a pickup in the price of lumber, and that is tough news, but it may not be as tough as it looks.

But the thing which the lumber industry needs better than anything else is a genuine, nationwide better homes movement.

President Hoover in his Indianapolis speech last week turned thought in the direction of home building by calling attention to the fact that better housing is just one of the many necessities in his proposed 20-year program of national development.

What can we do to accelerate such a movement and to stimulate the use of lumber in it? Why not call for some building and rebuilding right here in the Northwest, and use lumber when we do it?

Lumber is through, mourn the pessimists. Bosh! Iron isn't through because aluminum has replaced it for cooking pots. Lumbering may be disorganized, demoralized, disintegrating. It is paying dearly for a lot of its youthful sins, but we might begin to give it a helping hand by inquiring what we've done to it in tax rates.

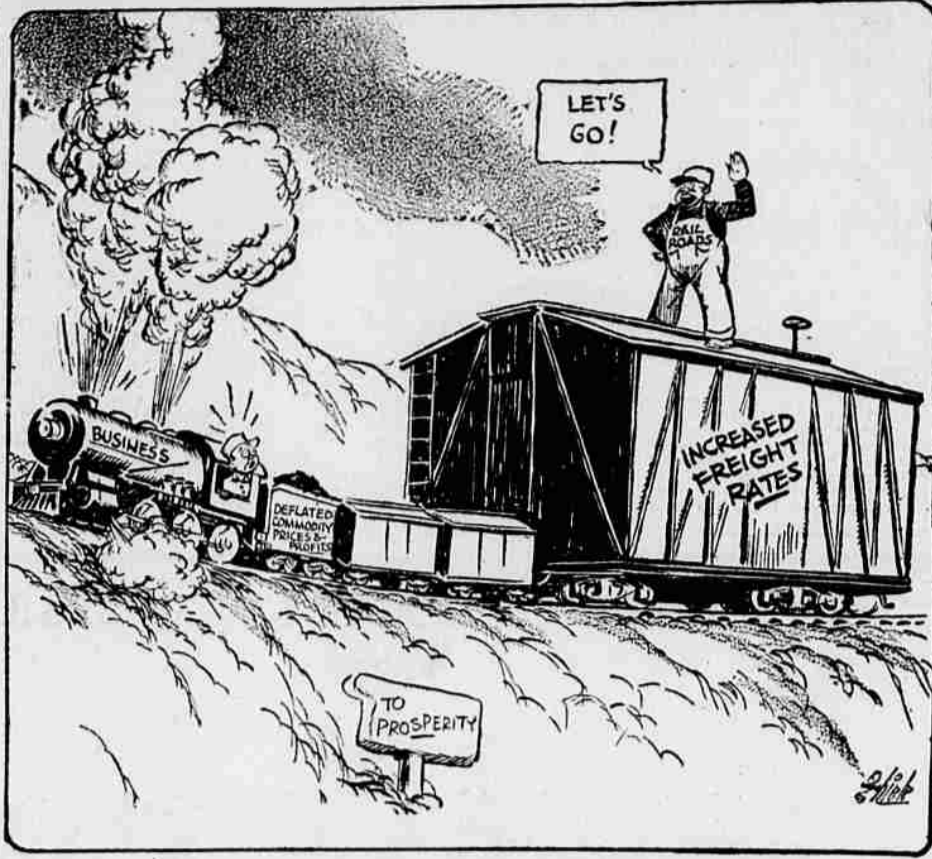
DAD'S DAY! YES!

SUNDAY, we are informed, is Dad's Day, officially, which means that if Dad has the price to advance the money he may get a new necktie or a pair of socks.

Well, even though the weather in Oregon hasn't been entirely what we would have ordered, we can look upon the reports of the annual heat wave in the Middle West and shake hands all around.

There is considerable talk of a moratorium on all war debts to help various nations out of the depression. There have been a good many individual moratoriums but the bankruptcy courts not being operated by diplomats have never learned to use the more dignified name.

Can It Make the Grade?



WHAT SOME THINKERS THINK

—Compiled by CLAY E. PALMER— Pastor of First Congregational Church

KIRBY PAGE, editor of "The World Tomorrow," edit out a question-naire to all the ministers in the leading Protestant denominations and received replies from 19,372, as follows:

66 per cent favor America entering the League of Nations immediately; 83 per cent are against military training in our public high schools, colleges and universities; 80 per cent favor a substantial reduction in armaments even if the U. S. is compelled to take the initiative and make a proportionately greater reduction than other nations; 62 per cent do not favor our government intervening in a military way to protect the lives and property of American citizens in other lands but protective efforts should be confined to pacific means; 42 per cent believe that the churches of America should now go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war; 34 per cent said they were personally prepared to state that it was their present purpose not to sanction any future war.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, America's greatest liberal preacher: "My deep conviction is that the greatest single rival Christianity has on earth today is a narrow, militaristic nationalism. . . . For if this doctrine of militaristic nationalism wins the field, the consequence is inevitable that ever and again this nation will conscript its Christians, and that nation will conscript its Christians, and the two nations will hurl their Christians at each other's throats, and those Christians will sink each other's ships, starve each other's children, slaughter each other's women, poison each other's gas, and shoot each other with persistence. Can any man suppose that there is any such thing as accommodation or compromise between the dogma of non-militaristic militarism and the spirit of Christ?"

A. Maude Royden, greatest woman preacher in Anglo-Saxon world, an English woman: "I think from what

I have seen of the work of the churches in America that they COULD stop war. I am not certain that they WOULD. I do not think they realize how difficult it is to stand firm when all the rest of the world is going mad. It is so difficult that it is almost impossible. One begins to think with Pascal that "madness is so common with mankind that not to be mad is a kind of madness." It takes a tremendous spiritual discipline to keep one untouched by the psychological condition of the great mass of the people."

Bruce Barton, author and publicist: "In all the earlier ages war was a natural and comparatively harmless outlet for the adventurous energies of youth. The Thirty Year war was carried on in Europe for a whole generation, yet not many people knew about it. . . . Washington marched and shot at the British for seven years. But he never had in the army at any one time as many young men as you will find at a World Series baseball game. . . . Another war would wipe out more people in a day than the Revolution killed in seven years. It would devastate whole nations and probably wreck civilization. It would be a moral crime."

Lloyd George, ex-premier of England: "The churches were to blame for the last war—not monarchs, rulers, militarists, but the churches. Had all the churches cried 'halt, the awful murder could not have gone on!'"

Field Marshall Haig, probably England's best known soldier: "The gospel of Christ is the world's only social hope and the sole promise of world peace."

Clay E. Palmer: "What an awful dilemma confronts the modern Christian! If his first loyalty is to Christ, then he is cut off from his own country. If his first loyalty is to the state then he is held responsible for war, which is group murder, and will destroy civilization."

ADVENTURES WITH BOOKS

—By ROY LESLIE SMITH—

By ROY LESLIE SMITH THE CRAFT OF THE CRITIC, by S. Stephenson Smith, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., N. Y., \$3.

It is the distinction of a member of the faculty of the University of Oregon to produce a work which is a refreshing oasis in the wilderness of modern books. Its modest title does not give a prophecy of its riches.

It discusses in a luminous way the technique of reviewing. An amateur reviewer is not unaware of the humor of the situation when he attempts a review of the book on reviewing by a master of the subject.

One must, however, express his gratitude for this valuable work, written in a pleasant sparkling style. Every one who loves books is or should be a literary critic. Professor Smith gives the necessary background for the criticism and enjoyment of literature. He has provided a "Bedecker for contemporary literature and the zany arts." There is also a remarkable survey and appraisal of many authors and phases of ancient as well as modern literature. Certainly one appreciates a guide in this "realm of gold" so sure, sincere and genial as the author.

An excellent example of his criticism is a chapter dealing with the new biography under the striking title, "The Art of Framing Lies." He sums up the complaint that the intimate biography of the day suffers from a decay of reticence; it shows not the man himself but the man as seen through the biographer's temperament; it indulges in too much interference; it throws into undue emphasis the unusual, the bizarre and the picturesque in a man's life. Yet it has performed two great services. It has done away with Victorian false delicacy and has destroyed the credit of the two volume lives, which no one will ever read again. The author does not plead for suppression of lapses and weaknesses in a man's life, only let them be presented in proper perspective.

One exclaims with delight at the happy trenchant phrases which greet one from almost every page, such as "shoulish splinters," "macaroni compound," "splendid envy." In a certain work "The unwary reader absorbs great learning by osmosis." "The champion middle-mind." "The divine righteousness of touch when heart-senses and mind are suddenly fused by the imaginative touch." "Accuracy is the morality of the intellect." "The swelling cadences of Deep River come from deeper springs of life than the tawdry stucco words of the Rosary."

be rewarded by something worthwhile from the author himself.

WHAT I OWE MY FATHER, Sidney Strong, editor, Henry Holt & Co., N. Y., \$1.50.

Three women and eleven men, all of them leaders in American affairs, make an accounting of their debts to their fathers. Not biological and financial debts, to be sure, but those less tangible debts growing out of association and example.

Certainly nothing is more important than the family. These fourteen characters pay their debt of gratitude to their homes and especially to their fathers. Much light is thrown not only on their fathers but on themselves.

Theodore Roosevelt, great in many ways, shone as a father. His son, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., portrays him as a great "pal" of his children. No onerous duties of the presidency were allowed to stand between him and his time and association given his children.

We can better understand Harry Emerson Fosdick, Rabbi S. S. Wise, when their fathers are portrayed. The reader of these tributes will be led to do some evaluating of his own relation to his father or, it may be, to his children. American boys will be curious to know what the boys of yesterday thought of their fathers.

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from Mr. Bryan's well known sermon on immortality: "If the divine father who gives to the rose whose withered blossoms scent the autumn air the sweet assurance of another springtime would he deny that right to the soul of man when the frost of winter comes?"

Perhaps not but for the deity to set aside his laws to satisfy certain folk regardless of the balance would mean chaos in a world that has a reputation for cosmic law and order. There are certain ecclesiastical dignitaries it is true that are presumed to have special influence and Biblical history gives us the well known case of the sun, moon, and stars being held up while a lot of innocent women and children were being slaughtered but there are a lot of people that are like the Scotchman, they "hate their doots."

At any rate our clients feel that in some manner the public mind should be set at rest, and perhaps activity diverted from that of digging prospect holes in cigarette packages to pursuits more gainful. The direction of the public mind being the function of the newspaper, buying quantities of the magazine, buying quantities of the paper, and being to correct the hallucination through your news columns, and being to an end the hysteria which has gripped the population affords an opportunity not only of performing a service to the public and to the manufacturers of the cigarettes, but of concealing a most amusing satire on American credulity. Whatever you can do to set aside the rumor will be appreciated by ourselves and our clients.

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