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A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY.

A FACT WE OVERLOOK.

JUDGE WILLIAM M. LEWIS of Philadelphia has announced that jobless men who steal to feed their families will receive no punishment in his court.

Philadelphia has some 250,000 unemployed, and for the past month they have received neither money nor food from the unemployment committee. A number of them, says Judge Lewis, have taken to stealing in this desperation; but when such men come before him they are promptly put on probation.

Probably there won't be anyone in the country to quarrel with the stand this judge has taken. To recognize that the man who is driven to crime in order to keep his wife and children from starving is not in the same class with the professional housebreaker or attack-up man is only common sense.

But it is a little odd, when you stop to think about it, that it has taken a business depression of unparalleled severity to make us accept this obvious fact.

In ordinary times our tendency is to make the punishment fit the crime. The man who steals property of such and such a value must stay in prison for such and such a period; the man who leads another up on the highway gets a similarly inelastic sentence; and while efforts have been made, through probation departments, the use of the indeterminate sentence and so on, to soften the rough edges of these harsh rules, we have not got so very far away from the old, traditional code.

Such men as Clarence Darrow have been trying for years to make us understand that the compelling motive back of most criminal acts is the economic one. Dig back far enough into the life of even the most hardened yegg and you are apt to find that same desperate craving for the necessities of life. Later, to be sure, the criminal may follow his calling for other reasons; but his origins, in a tremendous number of cases, stem straight from the swamp of hopeless poverty.

Until we accept that fact, we shall never make any headway in the age-old "war on crime."

OUR UGLY CITIES

A WHOLE lot of reasons have been suggested to explain the prevalence of political corruption in American cities. But Professor George J. Cox of the fine arts faculty of Columbia University advanced a new one recently when he remarked that a lot of the corruption may be due to the fact that most American cities are so ugly.

Professor Cox expressed himself as follows: "Here in this city (New York), with its utterly needless piling up of monster buildings, with its endless grids of bleak slums, its monotonous iteration of lifeless concrete, stone and steel, of sky signs and screaming advertisements, its eradication of the last vestige of spring and fall, its rooting up of trees and grass as though they were pests—all this denial of beauty destroys the essential roots of humanity."

And he asks why a man who grows up in such an atmosphere should be expected to develop a deep and intelligent interest in civic ethics.

There is a whole lot of good sense in his suggestion.

Most of our large cities are ugly, taken all in all. They may have moments of grandeur and splendor, certain aspects of loveliness and charm; but each one contains miles upon miles of dingy streets, unutterably dreary and stifling, each one contains block after block of buildings that are nothing less than eyesores, each one suffers because it was put together without the shadow of an aesthetic plan.

We have proceeded, in erecting our cities, on the theory that man can do without beauty, except incidentally; and we have made a very bad mistake. The man who grows up and spends his days among beautiful scenes is a different sort of man from the one who does not; his attitude toward life is different, his feeling for his own town is different. He is, in fact, a better citizen. He has a better life.

It is not at all far-fetched to suppose that at least a part of our notorious complacency in the presence of municipal corruption springs from the ugliness that surrounds us.

GIVE US ACTION!

A MONTH ago it was taken for granted everywhere that there was no chance of any serious negotiations about the war debts being begun in the United States until the presidential election was over. The European nations, reaching agreement on reparations, tacitly consented to hold off their appeals for new debt settlements until Nov. 8 had passed.

Events have moved rapidly, however. Senator Borah's recent speech has helped to make people realize that something must be done soon. It may be that the world cannot afford to wait until fall for definite knowledge about what is to be done with the war debts. It looks now as if formal conversations on the subject will begin soon, election or no election.

This, after all, is fair enough. The United States surely has enough public spirit to be able to tackle a problem of this kind in spite of a hot political campaign—or, at any rate, it ought to have.

THE INFANCY OF AVIATION

ONE by one the great pioneers of aviation are passing on. Alberto Santos-Dumont, dying at 59, removes from the scene another of the men who helped mankind sprout wings. Future historians will undoubtedly mention him with the Wrights and Zeppelins in the list of aviation's greatest.

But his death helps to emphasize the extreme youth of aviation, after all. He was only 59, but he built and flew his first dirigible before Zeppelin built and flew his first one. He built and flew airplanes in the days when people were still asserting that these fragile toys would never be "practical." And Orville Wright, the greatest of them all, is still alive, and is not by any means an old man!

Aviation has taken enormous strides; but it is still in its first youth. How far may it not go before it comes to maturity?

H. R. H. MICHAEL—BOY SCOUT.

CROWN PRINCE MICHAEL of Rumania, who was a sure-enough king for a while, despite his extreme youth, until his father, Carol, decided to return to the throne, is now a member of the Boy Scouts. A recent news dispatch remarks that he became a member at the suggestion of his father.

Americans who got used to photographs of the chubby-faced youngster during his brief career as king will undoubtedly agree that he ought to be happier now than he was in his kingship. A boy of Michael's years has no business being king, or even crown prince—there isn't any fun in it; but being a Boy Scout is something else again.

If his membership in the famous organization helps Michael to forget that he is hedged about with the distinctions of royalty, and enables him to get a little of that carefree outdoor play which is the heritage of children of more lowly birth, he will be very much better off.

POMERENE'S APPOINTMENT.

ALICE POMERENE, former U. S. senator from Ohio, seems to have established himself as an extremely useful citizen for Uncle Sam to call on when there is a hard job of work to be done.

President Coolidge summoned the ex-senator when the Teapot Dome mess had to be cleaned up, and with his associate, Owen J. Roberts, Mr. Pomerene did a first-rate job. Now he is called to the head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation—once more pressed into service by a president of the opposite political faith.

Ordinarily, when a political figure leaves the Senate his public career is just about ended. With Mr. Pomerene it has seemed to work the other way. He left the Senate a decade ago, but he has been very actively in public life ever since—and, evidently, will be for quite a time to come.

"Even Wall Street Fooled by New Boom," says a headline in our favorite paper. Somewhere, the boys who have been trying to fool Wall Street all these years ought to be rejoicing. But Wall Street will probably get even.

Governor Roosevelt says that calling Jimmy Walker up for hearing on corruption charges has absolutely nothing to do with the presidency campaign. The governor means he HOPES it won't have.

The Oddest thing about the school-wrecking movement is that after all the squawk about the alleged theft of their petitions nobody seems to want to own them.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

WHERE'S THE SAVINGS?

JUST how any money can be saved by wrecking the University of Oregon and moving it to Corvallis, where many new buildings will have to be erected at once to house the students, is a question which is bothering Oregon alumni who heard Alexander G. Brown, alumni secretary, explain the workings of the Zorn-Macpherson moving bill here this week.

Zorn and his mysterious sponsors, after having their petitions "stolen," finally got their bill on the November ballot, thus making it necessary for Eugene interests to spend a large amount to give citizens of the state the true picture of the conditions that will follow should the ill-fated bill pass.

Thus far Zorn has not been able to explain how it would be possible to move 3,000 students to Corvallis and put them in the already filled halls of the state college without expending several millions for new buildings. It cannot be done.

This fact, coupled with the fact that such a move would also result in millions of dollars loss of taxpayers money already spent on the Eugene school, brands the Zorn wrecking bill from the start. It is conceded little chance to pass.—A. L. S.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
 (NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Whatever were the motives that impelled the appointment of Alice Pomerene, a Democrat, as chairman of the great Reconstruction Finance Corporation, it appears that the probable political effects of that unusual move have been considerably exaggerated.

The truth is that nearly everyone has been left unimpressed, as chairman of the great Reconstruction Finance Corporation, it appears that the probable political effects of that unusual move have been considerably exaggerated.

It has only resulted in a certain amount of eyebrow-raising.

There is no more point, if as much, in saying that the president took the R. F. C. out of the political campaign by appointing Pomerene than there is in asserting that the R. F. C. is just as much in the campaign as it ever was.

Whether the Democratic leaders have been planning to make this important issue out of the corporation and its operations is very doubtful. If they do their effort will be directed at the basic idea of the corporation as a method of relieving depression and distress to the exclusion of more direct relief to small business men and other individuals.

And any attacks upon the acts of the R. F. C. would be directed at past performances and at Republican officials responsible for them—including Hoover—rather than at Mr. Pomerene or anything likely to happen under his chairmanship.

The summer and fall operations of the R. F. C. became pretty well barred off as a source of political issues when the Senate voted to investigate it through a committee headed by Senator Clegg and after the House Democrats got through an amendment to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation bill which the corporation must report its loans to Congress each month.

Those two developments killed off chances that the big federal lending agency might be used for political purposes by the administration during the campaign, and similarly ruined any chance the Democrats might have had to prove that it was so being used.

There is nothing in the Pomerene appointment to prevent the Democrats, if they so desire, from hammering at the fact that when the corporation was under Republican auspices it turned over \$80,000,000 to the Dawes bank in Chicago or to a slum at anything else the organization did under Hoover, Dawes and Eugene Meyer.

Meanwhile, nobody seems to have discovered just why Hoover picked Pomerene. It is pretty certain now that he had no objection to Al Smith and Owen J. Young, both of whom refused. There are plenty of other Democrats of more or less comparable stature and ability. Pomerene was once a senator but he has been defeated in his last couple of attempts to get back in.

Although prominent in Ohio, Pomerene's national fame lately has rested on his association with Owen J. Roberts, now supreme court justice, as one of the two special prosecutors in the naval reserve cases. Roberts did most of the work and appeared to much the better advantage.

Charles C. Miller, the banker from Utica, N. Y., who becomes president of the R. F. C., is another appointee not widely known to the country. But through the R. F. C. is the keystone of the Hoover effort to meet the depression, since Hoover's future is so importantly involved in its success and because its leadership is about as important and powerful as any job before the presidency, it is reasonable to suppose that Hoover, Meyer and Secretary of the Treasury Mills will keep a watchful eye on it.

Meanwhile, with Pomerene and Miller in their places, his name will be less that of "Wall Street" and "the big bankers."

SIDE GLANCES



SPORTS MUST BE CHOSEN

TO FIT SPECIAL ABILITY

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEN
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THE ability to run, to jump and to throw effectively is necessary to success in various forms of athletic endeavor. The purpose of athletic exercise is not primarily the development of large muscles but rather the development of form, grace, proper constructive spirit and mental attitude.

Certain sports are not at all adapted to certain types of bodies. It has been shown that girls and women cannot successfully run the 800-meter race and this has now been barred from women's competition in Olympic games.

The bodies of women are not suited to broad jumping and putting the shot or to lifting heavy weights. True, there are occasional women who might excel in these sports but in most instances they will be found to have something of the masculine type in their body build.

It is commonly believed that a small, slender boy seldom makes a good shot putter. Massive boned, big men seldom develop into good sprinters or distance runners. True, an occasional athlete of great weight will excel in sprinting but the majority of fast runners are light, little men.

Boys differ a great deal in their athletic ability and it is the function of an intelligent coach or trainer to find the sport to which a boy is best adapted since it is good for him to do the things athletically in which he excels. Much, in addition, can be accomplished by proper training.

The ability to breathe properly, to run correctly so far as concerns the distribution of weight and the carriage of the body, and to use the breathing apparatus and the heart to the best advantage are not only matters of body build but also of training.

There is a limit to the speed of contraction of any one muscle, to the duration of the contraction, and also to the action of groups of muscles. It is the experience of many athletes that the amount of power that can be exerted by the muscles is in excess of their speed of contraction or use.

However, if strength is in excess and if contraction speed is well developed records are sure to be broken.

It has, in general, been believed that a good little man can beat a poor big one, but there seems to be no question that a good big man will beat a good little one.

Height is of particular advantage in such track events as the high jump, in which the center of weight must be raised from the ground. To bring with the tall, thin athlete has a light weight to raise and only has to lift his legs up to be well over the bar.

Height should also be of advantage in putting the shot because the weight starts at a higher point and its initial velocity and angle being equal, will travel farther when thrown by a tall man than by a short one.

Long provided by the national census are already old. In our present work, we chose the year 1932 as the most strategic date for a new encyclopedia. The availability of the masses of data, gathered by the more important nations during the regular census years of 1930 and 1931, confers an advantage that no earlier publication could have, and in which later publication could only share.

In planning our task, we outlined a comparatively small encyclopedia, constructed by an unusually large staff of editors, advisors, contributors, and collaborators. Before a word was written, more than a year was spent on mere planning and re-checking of plans. The whole actual process of writing, re-writing, and final editing was then completed in less than two years. Only an unusually generous financial provision made this effective procedure possible.

YOUR CHILDREN
 By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

IT was ten o'clock at night when the doorbell rang.

Four small girls stood on the porch. One asked in a thin little treble voice for some money to buy bread.

"Well—well you are pretty late," I commented, following my daughter to the door. "Are you all of the same family?"

"No, ma'am."

"Are you all hungry?"

"That's too bad! I have a little change—let me see. I can give each of you a dime; will that help?"

It seemed that it would. They were almost as much excited as though I had said I would give each of them a dollar. But that was impossible. Six or more dimes had been sent to our house that day and each had received a "little something." One man from Altoona had gotten along with a suit of clothes, shirts, socks and a dollar, a box of new corn plaster I had just purchased for myself. A new pair of white shoes were being pinched—but never mind; the man got the plaster because his poor feet were "just killing him, he had walked so far."

By ten that night a dime apiece was the best I could do for these children. "Can I go to the bathroom?" asked one.

"Certainly." They all came in and I directed the needy upstairs. They were very happy. They did not look starved, but they were reasonably well-dressed.

One bounced up and down on the lone seat in the hall. It wasn't the action of a child downcast by either hunger or trouble.

Questions as to identity produced

MANY MEETINGS ON FOR TUESDAY

University Group To Hold Special Session

MANY meetings appear on the calendar for Tuesday with church groups especially active. The annual Missionary Breakfast of the First Christian church will be held in the morning and several divisions of the Methodist Episcopal Ladies' Aid are meeting in the afternoon. The Central Lutheran Ladies' Aid is holding a waffle supper and ice cream social in the evening.

A special meeting of Pi Lambda Theta, national women's education honorary, will be held on the university campus, at seven-thirty o'clock in the men's lounge of Gerlinger hall. All members of the society are invited to attend even though they are not enrolled in the summer session.

MONDAY CLUB
 Members of the Monday club will meet for a picnic Monday afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. Albert McMurphy. Husbands of members are special guests. The picnic will honor Mrs. McMurphy and Mrs. Nellie Moore, members, who are leaving soon for Los Angeles to spend the winter.

EUGENE CAMP
 Eugene camp, Royal Neighbors of America will meet Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. Officers are requested to be in uniform.

SOCIAL TUESDAY
 A waffle supper and ice cream social will be held at the Central Lutheran church Tuesday evening at five o'clock. Mrs. Alice Tengs is chairman for the affair.

HONORARY MEETS
 Pi Lambda Theta, national education honorary society for women, will meet Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in the men's room at Gerlinger hall. All members are invited to attend even though they are not enrolled in the university summer session.

AUXILIARY MEETING
 The regular business session of the Spanish American War Veterans' auxiliary will be held Monday evening at eight o'clock at the armory. Delegates to the state convention at Newport in July will report.

CLUBS DANCE
 A dance for members of the Assembly, Kottillon and Amusement clubs will be held Tuesday evening at the Willamette park ballroom. This is one of a series being held this summer and admission is by card only.

TO CALIFORNIA
 Miss Sue Badollet left Monday for Los Angeles to be gone for several weeks. She will return to her position as housemother at the Phi Mu sorority about September 12.

AT ASTORIA
 Miss Ben Tabke has been visiting in Astoria for several days.

TO BELKNAP
 Mrs. Ina Garrett and Miss Anna Katherine Garrett left Monday for Belknap Springs to visit for three weeks.

GOES TO SEATTLE
 Mrs. Earl Gibson is leaving today for Seattle for a week's visit.

AT MUNSEL LAKE
 Dr. and Mrs. Carl Phetteplace are visiting at Munsell lake resort.

RETURN FROM LAKE
 Mrs. and Mrs. Nelson L. Bessing returned the past weekend from a week at Munsell Lake.

VISIT AT BEACH
 Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stone spent the weekend at Hecla Beach.

Breakfast To Be Given Tuesday

The annual breakfast of the Missionary society of the First Christian church will be held Tuesday morning at nine o'clock at the church. Members of the Hi-Ti club with Mrs. M. Day, adviser, will be in charge.

For the program a play entitled "The Book Skeet" will be given. Miss Hattie Mitchell, missionary from Africa, will sing and Mrs. Dallas Rice, of the Indian White Swan mission at Yakima, will give an address.

Mrs. L. G. Norton is general chairman for the affair and the reception committee includes Mrs. Newton, Mrs. C. F. Hyde, Mrs. Raymond Wells and Mrs. Lida Yoder. Mrs. R. M. Day is in charge of refreshments.

vague answers and yet they were old enough to have told straight stories.

"You had better go right home," I advised them. "It is too late for you to be out alone like this."

A week or so later, and at a still later hour, half past eleven, my husband and I were walking home from the bus. We were about half way when I saw six little girls on the curb on a lonely street.

"One came up and whined, 'Please give me a nickel for a loaf of bread.' It was the poorest girl I could see by the street light, who had acted as spokesman before."

"Tell me who you are and I shall try to look up your parents tomorrow," I said.

She walked away. Then we heard a titter. "Ha, ha, ha!" went one. "You girls go right home," advised my husband. "You mustn't be here like this."

So many children came to our door late at night, either selling or begging. Poor forlorn little souls! Who sends them? Are they really in need? Or are they working a racket for some older person? I won't let myself believe that, but it is possible.

And why the late hours?

It is terrible. If this night begging by children exists in our city it must be the same elsewhere. It should be looked into. Alms-giving, which may happen to these small prowlers of the night.

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Calendar

Monday club picnic at home of Mrs. Albert McMurphy.
 8 p. m.—Meeting of Spanish-American War Veterans' auxiliary at armory.
 Tuesday
 Meetings of Methodist Episcopal Aid divisions as given on this page.
 9 p. m.—Missionary breakfast at First Christian church.
 5 p. m.—Waffle supper and ice cream social at Central Lutheran church.
 7:30 p. m.—Meeting of Pi Lambda Theta in men's lounge of Gerlinger building on university campus.
 9 p. m.—Dance for Assembly, Amusement and Kottillon clubs at Willamette park.

Lodge Picnic Is Large Event At Lost Creek

More than four hundred attended the picnic of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of Central Oregon and the Willamette valley which was held Sunday at Lost Creek ranch. The affair was sponsored by the encampment at Redmond and Spencer Butte lodge of Eugene.

The program opened at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning by prayer, followed by a band concert by the I. O. O. F. band of Eugene. Dedication of the grounds to the spirit of Friendship, Love and Truth, was then held with Mrs. Eliza Johnson of Princeton, christening the site Lost Creek Ranch park. Herbert E. Walker, Eugene, past grand representative, gave a short address, after which the flag was raised by Mrs. Ethel Poole, of Eugene, as the band played "Star-Spangled Banner."

The Rebekah quartet of Eugene then sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Mrs. Ora Blowers, Mrs. Mignon Carmichael, Dewey McAlpin and Charles P. Poole are members of the quartet.

Dinner was served at noon and another band concert was given.

Albert Julian, scribe of the central Oregon encampment at Redmond, who acted as chairman of the day, introduced Charles T. Poole, grand warden of the grand lodge of Oregon, who in turn introduced the principal speaker of the day, R. H. Jones, of Princeton, grand master of Oregon.

Two numbers by the Rebekah quartet were sung and other numbers given by representatives of the various lodges, as follows: Talk by Mrs. Minnet Willis for the Rebekahs; talk by General W. E. Wodsworth, of Harrisburg, for the Patriarchs Militant; and greetings from the grand secretary by Billy Moren, assistant grand secretary. The afternoon was then given over to sports including horseshoes, indoor baseball, and races.

Organization of the Intersection I. O. O. F. Picnic association was formed and Albert Julian was named president for the Odd Fellows; Mrs. Minnet Willis, Cottage Grove, president for Rebekahs; Dewey McAlpin, Eugene, vice-president for Odd Fellows; Mrs. Agnes Larson, Bend, vice-president for Rebekahs; and C. H. Starr, Eugene, secretary-treasurer.

The association voted to make the picnic an annual event, the next to be held on the third Sunday in July, 1933. John H. Norton, grand secretary, was elected and W. I. King, Eugene, chairman of the music committee.

The group voted an expression of thanks to John Milliron of Lost Creek ranch, owner of the site, who provided the picnic grounds and accommodations for the large crowd.

Mr. Morgan Married In Los Angeles

Word of the marriage of James D. Morgan, former university student, and Mrs. L. A. Steinman of Los Angeles, has been received here. The marriage was solemnized at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Los Angeles, June 12.

Mrs. Morgan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Steinman of Los Angeles and attended the University of California at Berkeley and the Otis A. School of Los Angeles.

She is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hays of Portland. Mr. Morgan attended the University of Oregon and also Redlands university. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. The couple is to live in Portland.

News Of Marriage Is Told Here

Of interest to friends in Eugene is announcement of the marriage of Miss Dessel Helfrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Helfrich of Vida, to Melvin Cooper of Portland. The marriage was solemnized in Portland May 26.

Mrs. Cooper is a graduate of the Eugene high school and attended the University of Oregon where she was with the Kappa Delta sorority. Mr. Cooper is in business in Portland.

Methodist Groups Meeting Tuesday

Four divisions of the Methodist Episcopal Ladies' Aid society are meeting Tuesday. Members of division two are to have a potluck dinner at six-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. E. Edlison and families are invited. Divisions four and five will hold a joint picnic at the summer home of Mrs. B. F. Goodpasture at Vida.

Division ten will picnic at the church.

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