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PROTEST FROM JUDGE BARNARD.

FROM Judge Barnard comes a vigorous protest against our reference to county government as "The most backward branch of American government." Judge Barnard cites various figures to show that Lane county's administration compares favorably with the administration of most of Lane county's cities—Lane county levying only 11.7 mills for strictly county purposes while Eugene levies 19.5 for city operations, etc.

We welcome Judge Barnard's protest because it will promote discussion and that is what we want. The more people in Lane county discuss their city and county problems, the sooner they will see the logic of getting rid of old and worn-out methods and putting both city and county administration under the manager plan or its equivalent.

It ought to be explained, however, that it was NOT our intention to cast any slur on Judge Barnard and his associates at the courthouse in making that general statement about the backwardness of county government. Under an antiquated system they have indeed done very well. But—

We do not retract anything from the general charge that county government is American government's dark continent. The only reason it shows up relatively well in Lane county is because Lane county's city governments are nothing to brag about. Nearly all of them are cursed with bungling procedure and a load of accumulated debts.

Furthermore, it might be pointed out that the particular comparisons selected by Judge Barnard are quite inaccurate because comparing the two types of operation in toto is something like comparing an apple and a banana. Except in a certain general relationship they aren't the same.

For instance, the city of Eugene in a relatively small area has almost as many miles of paved streets as the county has roads. The city has bills for street lighting; the county has none. The county has bills for poor relief; the city's direct relief costs are slight. A city has sewers and sanitary service to provide on a scale beyond anything attempted in the country.

To make a comparison of efficiency in our county and city governments it would be necessary to reduce certain similar operations to unit costs, and that is almost impossible. We would agree with Judge Barnard that the county has made a much better showing in keeping down debts, and so far it has avoided warrant debt, but—

Why not have one manager for the county's business instead of a dozen? (And the same goes for each city). Why not have some one person in county or city government who is responsible for the orderly planning and efficient carrying out of every detail of public business. In handling public business why not copy the simple, direct and democratic methods which private business has proved will produce THE BEST RESULTS?

HITLERISM STARTS TO SLIP.

A DOLF HITLER seems to have passed the crest of the hill and to have started the trek along the downward slope. His party's vote in the recent German election represents a sharp falling away in popular support, which is even more significant than the numerical totals might indicate.

What it proves pretty clearly is that Hitler's program is no longer appealing to the people of Germany as a sure-fire cure-all. The Von Papen government, for one thing, has stolen a good deal of his thunder; for another thing, the man's essential shallowness seems to be demonstrating itself a little more clearly every month.

Meanwhile, the Von Papen government is still a minority government—and the Communist vote is larger than ever before. Germany is not yet out of the woods, and her statesmen will need to exercise all of the intelligence and foresight they are capable of in the coming winter.

PROBLEM OF THE COACHES.

APPARENTLY the football coaching frenzy have yet to learn that there is a depression. Mr. Paul Schissler, who holds an \$8000 a year contract at Oregon State is stiff-necked about taking a cut proportionate to that taken by regular professors and teachers in the Oregon system. At Washington, the great Jimmy Phelan, having had his first good season in three, has become extremely coy about the renewal of his contract there.

It is not for us to make light of the troubles of other schools with their football coaching. We had some very well publicized difficulties with McEwan and Doc Spears. We may, however, congratulate ourselves that the University is at last on a fairly rational coaching basis with a coach who so far has not developed the symptoms of delusions of grandeur.

Coaching salaries, it is true, do not come out of scholastic budgets as a rule. Student organizations run athletics as a business and pay all employees out of receipts of games. In coaching, as in every other line of business, it is necessary to pay the market price for talent and the market price happens to be high, but—

Unless all signs fall, even football is due for some rapid deflation in the next few years. Depression alone does not account for the falling off of attendance and receipts of college games this year. In many sections of the country the football fever is subsiding. Professional football is offering more and more formidable competition. Wise coaches will seek to anchor somewhere.

It is just as necessary to reduce the cost of student fees for the support of athletics and similar activities as it is to reduce the cost of tuition. Among students themselves there is an increasingly healthy reaction against paying more for a football coach than for the most outstanding dean or professor. The "professorial system" originally agitated by Dr. Hall may still be a long way off but it is coming.

Rumor has it that Mr. Schissler wants to make a break with Oregon State. If he does, he certainly ought to get it, though some of the experts here say they would like to see him remain in Corvallis for years. It will be noticed, however, that Mr. Schissler's protest against a salary cut includes no mention of his mid-season threat to resign

without salary demands in case of losing the Oregon game, which he did.

Collegiate football can be renovated without hurting the game. There is no essential sin in subsidizing good players provided they are also genuine students. There is every good reason for elevating coaching to a high professional basis, but it is time to deflate some of the puffed-up egos on the sidelines. After all they do not build great schools although they can be very helpful. Great schools arise when the emphasis is placed on getting the best of teachers.

When President Heydler of the National League asked that his salary be reduced, club owners promptly granted the request. The play was scored as a sacrifice hit.

If Junior is skeptical of Santa's delivering all the Christmas gifts, don't let him talk to the mailman. He seems to be burdened with doubts about it, too.

A "penny saved is a penny earned"—except, thank goodness, when income tax time rolls around.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

TOO RICH TO LOSE
(Oregon City Enterprise)
IT IS more than likely that an enabling act will be submitted to the coming legislature permitting county governments to organize on a manager basis, somewhat similar to the Oregon City plan.

Robert Sawyer, of Bend, editor of the Bend Bulletin, is an enthusiast for the county-manager system. Bend, like Oregon City, has had a very satisfactory experience under the city-manager plan and the Bulletin publisher is very anxious to have the same system applied to Deschutes county.

"Why not abolish county government entirely," suggests a citizen of Eugene, according to the Register-Guard. Let the state police take over the work of the county sheriff; let the state tax commission that of the assessors; let the roads be managed by the state highway commission; the schools by the department of education. Courts are already a state branch.

While it is generally admitted we find the pie of government cut into pieces unnecessarily small in view of modern transportation and communication, it is too much to expect that a single piece will be surrendered so long as there is a plum in it. And for that matter, we had better stick to the present layout than turn the pie over entirely to state officials. However, we agree with the Register-Guard when it says: "County government ought to be simplified."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS
EUGENE, Ore. (To the Editor)—Being that Christmas is approaching will you be so kind as to print a couple suggestions which I think would help to increase the Christmas spirit?

We are certainly indebted to the merchants for decorating so beautifully the stores and the streets with illuminated Christmas trees, etc. It helps to create Christmas cheer. We have come from the land of the Midwinter Sun, Norway, miss something which we were used to over there, namely that of "ringing in Christmas." At 8 p. m. Christmas Eve they would ring all the church bells and blow all the factory whistles to announce the arrival of Christmas. This custom was known as "ringing in Yule." All kinds of work stopped at that hour. The air was full of Christmas spirit. Everybody retired to their respective homes to spend a quiet evening with the family. How would it be to introduce this custom in Eugene? This is suggestion number one.

In order to carry this out so as to be effective it would be necessary to make another suggestion, namely that of closing the stores at 6 o'clock Christmas evening as on other days. This would make it possible for all business people, the proprietor, clerks and office workers to go home at that hour and spend Christmas Eve quietly with their families. After ringing in Christmas, a sacred devotional spirit would fill the hearts and homes of everybody.

You may ask: Can the merchants afford to do that and will the public have a chance to do their shopping? If it was announced that the stores would not be open after 6 o'clock Christmas Eve they would all come a day or two earlier. With an eight-hour day there is plenty of opportunity to satisfy one's needs. The closing of all business places not later than six o'clock Christmas Eve is suggestion number two. To those who think they are so busy that they cannot do their shopping without having the stores open till 9 o'clock Christmas Eve we would suggest that they give those who have no job a chance to do part of their work.

These suggestions were made and adopted in a Minnesota city some twenty years ago and are still continued. No material losses were noticed, and everybody enjoyed the time gained for festivities and sacred meditation. Why not try it?

R. BOGSTAD.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine

FROM two to four days after a person has been in contact with someone who has had scarlet fever he will have a chill and complain of severe sore throat. If the person affected is a child he is likely to be nauseated and vomit.

Promptly the pulse becomes rapid as the fever goes up. The fever may rise as high as 102 to 104 degrees. There is severe headache.

Then bright red spots about the size of a pin point appear, usually first on the neck and chest, and then rapidly spreading over the rest of the body. The face is flushed because of the fever but the eruption is seldom severe on the face.

After two or three days the rash or eruption begins to fade, and in about a week the skin appears to be normal in color. Then ten days to two weeks after the disease first appears the skin begins to peel. Great patches of skin may come off the hands and feet, but over the rest of the body the skin comes off in small scales.

Occasionally the teeth, the hair and the fingernails also are affected by the destructive process. An interesting symptom of scarlet fever is the appearance and because of the whiteness of the surface of the tongue well as to show tiny pits, the tongue of scarlet fever is called a strawberry tongue.

Scarlet fever in many instances is a fairly mild disease. When, however, it is complicated by certain forms of invasion of the kidneys, the ears, the glands or the joints, it may be a most serious and destructive disease.

Until recently there was no certain method of confirming the diagnosis of scarlet fever; no certain method of determining whether or not a person who had not had the disease was likely to be infected on exposure to the disease of a person who has not been previously had the disease, would produce a severe reaction, whereas in those who were protected against the disease it would not produce a reaction.

They found, furthermore, that the injection of a small amount of this toxin or poison in a human being, after it had been made harmless, would cause the person to develop resistance against scarlet fever. Also a horse may be injected with this poison or toxin. The horse will then develop in its blood an antitoxin which is valuable in overcoming scarlet fever.

SIDE GLANCES



"I'll keep you another day, or two, but my books don't show you've increased business any."

HINTS ON HOUSEHOLD ARTS

By SISTER MARY

A CHRISTMAS cake, like a Christmas present, should be a joyous surprise and a Santa Claus which serves as a centerpiece for the Christmas dinner and dessert as well is quite irresistible. A little ingenuity on the part of the home-maker will produce a most realistic and jolly Saint Nicholas for a small outlay of money.

First draw a diagram of the figure, making it about 12 inches from the top of the cap to the bottom of the boots and eight inches from one cuff to the other. Draw dotted lines to show you where to make red mittens, white hand and cuffs on coat and a white beard and chocolate boots.

Then use the diagram as a pattern for a cardboard base for the cake. The two sheets of cake are baked in dripping pans and cut out with a sharp knife according to the pattern. Any fine grained cake can be used. Do not make a very rich cake, because a firm foundation is needed for the frosting.

After the cakes are cool, cut out with a sharp knife and attach to the cardboard base. Then frost all over with the different colors to indicate Santa's boots, cap coat and trousers.

Use melted chocolate for the boots and founting lined colored red for his coat and trousers. A white seven-minute icing makes the fur trimming around his coat and sleeves, cap, tops of boots, and beard.

YOUR CHILDREN'S PROBLEMS

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

ONE time years ago I was talking over the telephone to my sister on Christmas morning. And one of her little sons insisted on telling me what Santa Claus had brought him.

"Didn't I know all about it, though? Hadn't I helped search all over the city to find the greatest train and track ever made? Hadn't all of us had a circus one evening with a stationary engine that ran miniature saw mills and pile-drivers and half a dozen other gadgets too cute for words? Hadn't I out-shot all the others at target practice with a sort of bullet-dodge and shuttlecock game? I knew all about the great sled a yard and a half long and that would hold all three of the boys at once, if someone pulled it. They were too little to coast alone.

Over the telephone came a squeaky little voice inarticulate with excitement. "Hello, there, dear! What did Santa Claus bring you?"

"He brought me a dying pig," was the answer I got.

"A what?" I wondered if I was talking to the right little boy. "A dying pig!" he said again. "Well, wasn't that nice! What else?" I asked weakly.

"Oh, lots of things. But you blow the pig up and it falls over." "My sister took the receiver then. "What's all this about a pig?" I wanted to know.

"It is a little balloon we put in his stocking. He seized on it and won't look at anything else. His father is completely sunk. He won't look at his train and we've worked the stationary engine to death trying to get him interested."

All that day he played with the pig and some blocks. The grownups had a fine time with the other presents but his parents were worried. They had brought a moron into the world, a boy who would never be interested in the worthwhile things of life.

Poor little tyke! All that had happened was that they had bought the children's Christmas presents for themselves. What did a child of five know about electric switches and tracks? A train galavanting over exuberant fields and through disjunct tunnels meant nothing. What did he know about sawmills and pile drivers at that age, or stationary engines that ran them?

He assiduously applied himself to his younger brother's play things and even froze to a rattle of the baby's. We laugh over that Christmas to this day. That boy, now a man, is no moron. He is a very up and coming young business man now.

His toys were too old for him. He couldn't work them himself because he not only didn't know what they were all about, but he lacked co-ordination in his little fingers. But he could blow up a rubber pig with his lungs, and watch it lie down and fall over, and he was happy.

There were toys for everyone. Today we have for children of four or

CLUB PARTIES ARE THURSDAY

Business Women To Initiate At Social

By MARIAN LOWRY

THURSDAY has a number of club events marked on the calendar. The larger gathering will be the monthly social of the Business and Professional Women's club at the chamber of commerce rooms at seven-thirty o'clock. Miss Bertha Comings and Miss Hilda Swenson are in charge. There will be initiation and the emblem service for the meeting. This is the annual Christmas party for the club, each member to bring something for the exchange of gifts and a toy or articles of food or clothing to be turned over to the needy.

Santa Clara Women's club is to have its covered dish luncheon and Christmas party Thursday at twelve-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. G. Vogt.

PLAN FOR SOCIAL

Willamette Court, Order of Amaranth, is to have its monthly social Thursday evening, the event being advanced from next Monday. The party will be at the Masonic temple at eight o'clock.

HOSTESS FOR CLUB

Mrs. Bea Will is to entertain for the Kill Kare club on Thursday.

SEWING DAY THURSDAY

The weekly all-day sewing program for the Welfare League to assist the needy will be Thursday at the League's headquarters in the basement of the Tiffany building. All kinds of old clothing and bedding are given out, members of the League assisting in fitting and remodeling them.

Special feature for the day Thursday will be the distribution of toys, the League members asking the mothers they contact to come in and choose the toys they want for their children at Christmas. The League members, assisted by many outside the group, have been working during the past month on repairing and fixing up the old toys.

Coburg News

CORBURG, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The high school honor roll for the second six weeks includes the following names: Helen Christensen, Lois Zinser, Velma Chandler, Rudolph King, Marion Cox, Lillian Stolcis, Henrietta Holcomb and Leonard King.

The following high school students received better than average grades: Jean Cochran, Hallie Harrington, Vera Heacock, Raymond Briggs, Don Cox, Leone Longroy and Francis Cox.

The total enrollment for the senior class is 19 and the average daily attendance is 18. The junior class has an enrollment of 12 with a daily attendance of 11.7. The sophomore class has 18 enrolled and a daily attendance of 17.5. The freshman class has an enrollment of 13 students and a daily attendance of 12.

The first and second grades have an enrollment of 20 and an average daily attendance of 19.3. The third and fourth grades have 14 on their roll and an average daily attendance of 13. The fifth and sixth grades have 17 enrolled and an average daily attendance of 32.2.

In the seventh and eighth grades there is an enrollment of 33 and an average daily attendance of 32.2.

The high school play, "Laugh Clown," will be presented in the high school auditorium, Friday evening, Dec. 23, under the direction of Mrs. Stuart Hurd, instructor in dramatics in the Coburg school.

Lillian Stolcis plays the part of Mrs. Hurley who is not used to being wealthy and cannot manage well. The part of Patricia Hurley, Mrs. Hurley's youngest daughter, is taken by Helen Christensen.

Marion Cox is Evelyn Hurley, Pat's small sister and is inclined to be snobbish at times.

Other characters of importance in the play are: Arthur Hurley, Pat's brother and a regular fellow, Don Stoneberg; Danny Poling, a nice young fellow who mixed up with Jack, Kenneth Westrope; Butler, Charlie Swanson; Gallagher Starling, Pat's girl friend; Leone Longroy; Dale Torrance; Arthur's fiancée, Helen Riea; The Maid, Georgia Simpkins; Dr. Pratt, a rather stylish doctor who seems to prefer the society of girls to the practice of medicine; Norman McNabb; The Gardner, Don Cox; The Detective, Raymond Briggs; Aunt Sue, Eleanor Meneham; Uncle Jake, James Allum.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Herman are dressing 2500 turkeys for the California market. There were 22 pickers employed Monday to help with the work.

The Hermans had 4000 turkeys in their flock before they began preparing them for the market.

DECORATIVE PLANT

The lovely sweet potato vine assumes special importance this year with many smart women using it as a house plant. The vine, grown in decorative porcelain pots or hanging vases, makes a pretty house ornament. It really has a beautiful and unusual leaf which shows to advantage when used in this manner.

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Above is Miss Roberta Moody who is one of the university women working on plans for the annual Christmas ball to be given Friday evening at the Ozburn Hotel by Tonquada club, organization for Eugene women students on the campus.

Dial Club Party Held Tuesday Evening

Dial club members met at the Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday evening for its monthly supper and program and annual Christmas party. Mrs. George A. Simon, Mrs. L. J. Temple, and Mrs. Nancy Kild were the committee of hostesses. About twenty were present, including three guests, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Ben Fisher, and Miss Kathryn Orme. Mrs. Fisher sang, accompanied by Miss Orme, and Miss Orme played piano numbers. The group sang some Christmas songs.

Rev. Clay E. Palmer of the Congregational church addressed the group on "Patriotism." Following the program the club members had their exchange of Christmas gifts.

The next meeting of the club will come on the third Tuesday of January.

Pythian Sisters Entertain

Eighty attended the potluck supper and Christmas party given by the Pythian Sisters Tuesday evening at the Knights of Pythias temple. The supper was served at six-thirty o'clock and immediately afterward "Santa Claus" presented gifts to the children from a lighted Christmas tree. O. H. Jones acted as Santa Claus. The committee in charge of the supper was Mrs. J. E. Lindley, Mrs. O. H. Jones, Mrs. A. A. Reid, Mrs. E. L. Poindester, Mrs. Hentzer and Mrs. Loomis.

The following program was given after the supper: Songs and recitations by children of members; symbol dance by Miss Helen Smith, with Mrs. Peters accompanied. Gifts for the adults were distributed, also candy, apples and popcorn.

At the ladies session following the program, Mrs. Mable Bennett of Lebanon, grand chief of Oregon, paid her official visit. Miss Helen Smith was elected grand.

Miss Bailey To Wed Sunday Afternoon

Miss Beth Bailey and Earl E. Richards of Portland are to be married Sunday afternoon at a ceremony to be held at one o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Stevens, Ben. Milton S. Weber of the Central Presbyterian church officiating. About twenty-five will attend the wedding.

Miss Grace Schultz will attend the bride and Willard Appendroph of Portland will be best man. Following the ceremony there will be a dinner.

Miss Bailey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bailey of Cottage Grove. Mr. Richards is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards of Portland. The couple is to reside in Portland.

Unitarian Group

Twenty attended the meeting of the Unitarian Alliance Tuesday at the Community Liberal church. Miss Grace Robertson and Miss Cora Ten Eyck were hostesses. The group had a quilt and did other welfare work. Members brought donations of toys to be turned over to a needy family. On Friday evening of this week the women of the Alliance will be in charge of the annual Christmas party to be given for the children of the church. The party will be at six-thirty o'clock at the church, a Christmas tree and treat to be held. Mrs. J. A. Hoffman and Mrs. E. F. Jenkins are in charge. On January 3, the Alliance is to meet at the home of Mrs. W. F. Osburn.

Calendar

Wednesday 7:30 p. m.—Rebekah Lodge meeting, I. O. O. F. hall. 8 p. m.—Christmas party for Eugene camp, Royal Neighbors of America, Moose hall. Thursday 9:5 o'clock—All-day sewing project of Welfare League for needy at Welfare League headquarters, Tiffany building. 12:30 p. m.—Santa Clara Women's club potluck luncheon at home of Mrs. E. G. Vogt. 7:30 p. m.—Business and Professional Women's club party and initiation, chamber of commerce. 7:30 p. m.—Neighbors of Woodcraft meeting, Labor hall.

Class Party

Members of the Marie Fletcher class of the First Baptist church are having their supper and Christmas party Wednesday evening at the church. The supper will be at six-thirty o'clock, followed by the Christmas program.

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