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A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY.

"HORNING INTO AN ARGUMENT."

UNDER the title, "Horning Into An Argument," we ventured the other day to comment on the opposition of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Association to the proposed "severance tax" bill. At the time, we remarked that horning into a lumbermen's controversy was as bad as trying to say something during a family squabble. That was one of the most prophetic utterances of the decade.

Nevertheless we have no regrets. We hoped to draw out the viewpoint of the embattled lumber towns and we got it. We did not say we were for the particular bill or against it. We did remark that a consistent helpful public policy with regard to the very sick lumber industry is difficult because of the obstreperous condition of the patients. That remark also stands confirmed.

In theory, a severance tax replacing ad valorem taxes should help the industry by preventing some of the evils which come through forced cutting and dumping of the product at a loss to meet taxes and carrying charges. In practice, we are told, the present bill is the creature of certain very large lumber companies which have huge holdings and of certain speculators whose large holdings have become very uncomfortable. If that is so, the bill deserves extreme scrutiny.

We are told that the plan would relieve the big operator whose cut is small in proportion to his holdings but put heavy penalties on the smaller operator whose cut is huge in proportion to his acreage, and we are told that except under boom conditions the tax on cutting could not possibly give the state and the counties anything like the return they are now getting (or trying to get). If those facts are sustained the present bill will have to be amended drastically or abandoned.

In Lane county, at the present time, the small operator is a big payroll factor. If the big fellows drive the little fellows (in this case) not to the woods but out of them, will it mean more or less in terms of employment? Will big mills shut down entirely if relieved of "tax cutting"? All these questions deserve careful sifting.

In the meantime, the statement that lack of unity within the industry plays hob with constructive public policy holds good. It's good stuff for those cheerful souls who want to nationalize all "resources."

Maybe it's too much to hope that the industry with the Paul Bunyan tradition will ever give up fighting. Maybe the hoped-for boom in home-building will postpone the tough job of trying to co-ordinate, or maybe it will accomplish that end by providing the fighting lumber men with a common enemy in the "substitute" industries.

Now there will be more arguments after which there will be more later.

CITY FATHERS LUKEWARM.

MEMBERS of the Eugene city council are not much interested in changing the city charter to provide for manager plan operation here. They have the power to take the lead in this progressive change but they are not interested. They are quite content with things as they are.

This is not surprising. They are fairly well used to things as they are. City Recorder R. S. Bryson has volunteered to assume some of the responsibilities of management. Payrolls and services have been slashed and for the moment tax leagues and clamorous citizens are silent. Why bother with unfamiliar setups which might make some things more difficult?

The vast contentment of the Eugene city council is NOT shared by the Eugene public. With more than 60 cents out of every tax dollar going to pay debt charges and the small end of the dollar to actual service not a thing is being done about it. The same sort of lazy satisfaction with a sloppy, out-of-date, inefficient and irresponsible method at city hall which characterized the debt-building period is still with us when we ought to be tackling the difficult problems of debt reduction.

The implication that Mr. Bryson is today a city manager in all but title and salary simply doesn't stand up. Mr. Bryson has absolutely no authority over any office except his own. The police chief, the fire chief, the city treasurer, the city engineer and all the rest of the crew could twiddle their thumbs at the imaginary setup if they cared to. In appointments and preferences council committees still rule. Look the last appointment sheet over.

The time has come to get rid of a 1908-model operation. The members of the present council are respected and able citizens and if they were to take the lead, it would do much to confirm their reputation for real. If they do not choose to be interested in a change which the experience of 400 cities has proved to be practical, citizens will have to take the initiative. It is time to put an end to 1908 thinking at city hall.

CONCERTS FOR HARD TIMES.

DESPITE the hard times which make it advisable to abandon the customary concerts by famous artists and musical organizations, Eugene is going to have a big program this winter and spring. The Associated Students at the University announce a series of twelve major performances in which the Symphony Orchestra, the Polyphonic Choir, the University Band and the Eugene Gleemen will be featured. Eugene has violinists, pianists, and vocalists of note who will appear as soloists with the organizations.

It will be one of the biggest musical seasons Eugene has ever enjoyed. The concerts (except for a nominal charge at the Gleemen affair) will be free to the students and to the people of the city. The programs will be rich in the presentations of the world's greatest composers. Those who love good music will not miss anything except the big names of the personalities who usually come here.

For a city of its size, Eugene is unusually rich in musical material. If these concerts are supported as they should be it will be a season of discovery. In the actual artistic development of the community, this series of home-made concerts for hard times may accomplish more than the most elaborate programs by celebrities. The real test

of a city's rank as a musical center is not whether it has enough rich people to endow an opera but whether it has enough musicians and artists to make music a part of the life in the community.

We are almost to be congratulated on our opportunity this year. This is one branch of activity, by the way, in which we are well prepared to break away from the benevolent support of football. We should care!

DEFLATING SOME CREDITORS.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S call on congress to liberalize the bankruptcy laws and give more authority to major creditors is a step toward creditor deflation which many believe to be last and logical step before rehabilitation but it is a question whether it will deflate all creditors or only some creditors.

Minority creditors have often been a stumbling block in the reorganization of sick businesses, but there is much to be said on their side. In some of the big railroad mergers of recent years, minority stockholders and bondholders have often been treated ruthlessly by those who had gained control.

In the huge Van Sweringen operations, it was the minority interests in Chesapeake and Ohio who fought and blocked wholesale exchange of their holdings for new Nickel Plate securities on terms in which they were given no say.

Timely receivership, honestly administered, can often do much to conserve assets of a tottering concern, but a bigger problem than quick receivership is honest receivership. In too many states, receivership has degenerated into patronage for friends of the powers-that-be and easy-going courts.

Observing the Iowa situation at a distance, McGurk remarks that there will be a crown of genius for the guy who can devise a plan of farm relief which will get the farmer out of debt instead of into it.

A committee of senators has reduced the alcoholic content in the proposed beer bill from 3.2 to 3.05 in the hope of making it genuinely non-intoxicating. At last we know that it's that last .15 per cent that makes that funny feeling. Or is it the senators?

The Michigan swimming coach at the Olympics accuses the Japs of doping those champion swimmers. Their real trouble probably was the Michigan coach didn't have the dope on the Jap swimmers.

Business is not worse, anyhow says our expert. If it is not worse it ought to be better. The senate ought to fix the cheerful content fraction.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

MISS DANIELSON REPRIMANDED.
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W. V. MCGEE.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

THE STATE OF NAZILIA

(Salem Statesman)

SOME thousands of our readers, we are sure, follow daily the daring deeds of Popeye on the comic page, and his characters of Thimble Theatre. Others will do well to get the sequence of the strip with its generous offering of comedy as relief to the serious affairs of life.

A week ago King Blozo of Nazilia gave each of the citizens of his state a chunk of gold the size of a door-knob, whereupon the people all stopped work and moved to the city. It was worry, worry, worry for the king till the resourceful Popeye took traps with them and got all the money away from them, forcing them to go to work.

Then the ambitious General Bunzo, seeking to gain favor for himself and disfavor for the king, promised the natives on working day a week and six days of rest, and received their hearty applause. Loudly he announced:

"I will not tax you to live in Nazilia. I will pay you to live here."

But Bunzo and Nazilia have nothing on Oregon and its legislature. We do not need to move away from Oregon to get the blessing of Nazilia. Did not our own legislature vote down taxes and vote itself wages and double mileage?

Long live Bunzo! Long live Nazilia! Long live the Oregon legislature!

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHER

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

TETANUS usually begins about seven days after the wound which permits the germs to get into the tissues, although it may come on somewhat later or, rarely, earlier. The first signs are a sense of drawing pain in a wound with the twitching of muscles nearby; also the usual signs of infection such as irritability, headache, chilliness and fever. Then comes the stiffness of the muscles of the jaw and neck, which gives the disease its name.

It becomes more and more difficult to open the mouth and finally the jaws may be clamped shut and the neck rigid. Attempts to open the mouth intensify the spasm.

Eventually, of course, other muscles and nerves are involved so that there are serious spasms and convulsions. In fact, there may be from three to 40 spasms in an hour. The whole body may be involved, including even the muscles of the bowels and of the bladder. Of course, when the heart and the breathing muscles are involved the condition is fatal.

Even under the best of treatment patients with lockjaw may die because of the potency of this poison. Much depends on the time at which the antitoxin is given and on the amount. Of greatest importance is the proper treatment of people who have been wounded, at the earliest possible moment. It should be taken for granted that a wound acquired in localities where the soil is likely to be contaminated, such as wounds acquired in fields, meadows and farmyards, or such as gunshot and powder wounds, are infected.

A physician who treats such a case will probably open the wound widely, removing any clothing, soil or other contamination that may be present, and then treat the wound with proper antiseptics.

It is also important at this time to inject under the skin the specific antitoxin against tetanus, and perhaps to give another injection one week later.

If the disease develops in spite of preventive treatment the patient should be placed in a quiet room, preferably in a hospital, and spared all noises or vibrations because they may serve to stimulate spasms.

To feed the patient it is sometimes necessary to pass a narrow tube through the nose and down into the stomach. Someone must be constantly with the patient to prevent injury from convulsions and to guard against sudden death from paralysis of the breathing.

In no condition is the constant and immediate attention of a competent physician and good nursing so important. This frequently makes the difference between life and death. The antitoxin which opposes the poison must be given early in the disease, and in large doses.

Under the best of treatment it is possible to save the lives of from one-half to two-thirds of the persons who are infected.

SIDE GLANCES



Don't hang over me like that—I'll order something I don't want.

YOUR CHILDREN'S PROBLEMS

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

"I THINK," said Miss Williams, Ned's teacher, "that the boy isn't well. He hasn't a very good color and seems tired. Have you had him to a doctor, Mrs. Miller?"

Mrs. Miller bridled instantly. "His health is my greatest care, Miss Williams. I came to see about his lessons. I attend to his health myself," Miss Williams apologized.

"I am sure you do. I just thought, seeing him every day as I do, that he may have lost interest in school because he doesn't feel just right."

Mrs. Miller, unsmoothed, went on her way. But comfort was not waiting around the corner where she directed her steps. Mrs. Oliver was to take a cake for the sale and Mrs. Miller wanted it changed to not bread.

"Where's Ned?" asked Ted Oliver, his skates over his arm as he answered the bell.

"He's out skating. Hello, Mary." "He ought to go skating. It's grand to be out in the lake."

"He has such weak ankles I didn't get him skates. Hello, Mary." "The nut bread off her mind, Mrs. Miller came back to her favorite subject. Nobody understood her Ned."

"I've been reading about children," Mary Oliver said thoughtfully. "Ned's different from Ted. Ned is the dreamer type. Likes stories about other people rather than do it himself. Ted is too much the other way—'extra-vert' the books call it. Doesn't care a snap about books, headstrong, full of life. Selfish really and not too particular about other people's feelings."

Mrs. Miller caught only the implication about her own boy. Why is everybody against my poor Neddie. I wonder. I think I have made a pretty good job of him. Only he doesn't like school. Miss Williams hints that I don't look after him properly. Laura tells me he ought to be out more. And here you tell me he's a mope."

"Don't get depressed," smiled her hostess. "I get it, too. But it doesn't worry me. In fact, I'm open to suggestion. I didn't like it when mother insisted Ted's eyes were weak. I shuddered at glasses. But finally I took him down and did he need them? The boy was almost blind. He's so much better now."

Mrs. Miller was silent for a moment. Then she pulled up her collar with a jerk. "You're right, everyone of you!" she said crisply. "And I've been a goose. Neddie has adenoids and I know it. That's what his teacher meant. And he does need to get out more. He does need to get out more. I'm going to have him operated on. Then I'm going to get him skates and a sled. I knew it all the time. I've just been wanting people to pat me on the back and say he was all right."

"That's sensible," Mrs. Oliver approved. "I think you're going to feel a lot happier now. We're all the same way about our children."

HINTS ON HOUSEHOLD ARTS

TOO often, during the winter months, we confine our serving of fruit to the breakfast menu. However, a few experiments will show the housewife that fresh fruit will be as welcome for luncheon or dinner as for breakfast.

California grapes, well washed and chilled, make a delightful dessert. The large bunches are divided into single portions for serving.

Halves of grapefruit thoroughly chilled and served with a marshmallow cherry and some of the syrup in each half are an excellent dessert to finish a heavy winter dinner.

The combination of grapefruit in salads is almost legion. A plain grapefruit and lettuce salad is always suitable for a dinner salad and will be particularly welcome to those who are dieting to reduce. Grapefruit and avocado pear salad is most delicious. Grapefruit and Chinese cabbage is another inviting combination.

All fruit cocktails gain zest if grapefruit is added to the mixture. Or grapefruit alone is an acceptable appetizer.

Cranberries also make delicious cocktails. The juice is available bottled on the market or you can make it yourself.

Theater Group

Very Little Theater group members met Sunday evening at their studio for a stunt and costume party. Each member took part in the program, and "productions," ranging from a puppet show to the song, "Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage," were given, with bits of tragedy here and there for variation. Refreshments were served at a take-off on "Ten Nights in a Barroom." About forty were out for the meeting. The board of governors of the group is to meet the coming Saturday. The next regular meeting will come on the first Sunday of February.

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TUESDAY SOCIETY IS VARIED

Kotillion, Dial Clubs Plan Events

By MARIAN LOWRY

TUESDAY is a varied day for social and club interests.

Kotillion club is to have its dance Tuesday evening in the Craftsman club house, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Grindell, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Welch, and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Prince are the committee of hosts.

Dial club is to have its monthly dinner and program at the Methodist Episcopal church at six-thirty o'clock. The Unitarian Women's Alliance is to have its regular silver tea and program Tuesday afternoon at the church. Prof. N. B. Zane is to talk on "Dilemma of American Art." All members and friends are invited to attend the meeting.

BOOK GROUP

The afternoon book study group of the A. A. U. W. is to meet Tuesday at the home of Mrs. John B. Bell, Jr.

MADRESITAS CLUB

Madresitas club is to meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. C. Krennel.

SORORITY GROUPS

Among sorority groups meeting on Tuesday afternoon is the Alpha Delta Pi Mothers' club at the chapter house.

The Phi Mu Mothers' club is also meeting at the chapter house for election of officers at two-thirty o'clock.

The Alpha Delta Pi alumnae are meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. V. C. May.

Alpha Omicron Pi alumnae are to meet Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Edward Siegmund.

The alumnae of Phi Mu are meeting for a potluck supper at six-thirty o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Leonard Maxwell.

Alpha Chi Omega alumnae are meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Oden Monjay.

CHAMBER AUXILIARY

The semi-monthly meeting of the ladies' auxiliary to the chamber of commerce is to be held Monday evening at the chamber rooms with Mrs. E. Terpening as chairman of the hostess committee, assisted by Mrs. H. R. Knight and Mrs. H. S. Bartow.

CLUB MEETING

The Evening Shakespeare club is to meet Monday at the home of Miss Mabel Potts.

CLUB LUNCHEON

Amelia club is to meet Tuesday for luncheon at one o'clock at the home of Mrs. Harmon Anderson.

GUILD MEETING

The senior guild, older girls' missionary society in the First Baptist church, is to meet Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the home of Miss Daye Marshall. Miss Marvel Read is president, Miss Arlene Sossey will have charge of the program.

MEETING TUESDAY

Mrs. F. H. Porter will entertain for the regular meeting of the Women's League of the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock.

TO HOLD MEETING

Group five of the Missionary society of the First Christian church will meet Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jesse Wells, 250 Lawrence street.

WOMEN OF MOOSE

Women of the Moose will meet on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the Moose hall for the semi-monthly meeting.

DEGREE OF HONOR

Installation of officers will be held at the meeting of the Degree of Honor lodge Monday evening at the Eagles hall at eight o'clock. Mrs. Lois Geiser, regional director, and Mrs. Eva Traver, state president, will be present for the occasion. Refreshments will

Calendar

Monday

7:30 p. m.—Chamber of commerce auxiliary meeting at the chamber rooms.

7:30 p. m.—Evening Shakespeare club meeting at the home of Miss Mabel Potts.

8 p. m.—Degree of Honor meeting at Eagles hall.

Tuesday

2:30 p. m.—Alpha Delta Pi mothers' club meeting at the sorority chapter house.

2:30 p. m.—Phi Mu mothers' club meeting at sorority chapter house.

2:30 p. m.—Congregational League meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank H. Porter.

2:30 p. m.—Fairmount Presbyterian missionary meeting at the home of Mrs. T. H. Garrett.

2:30 p. m.—Unitarian Alliance silver tea and program at the church.

3:45 p. m.—Afternoon book group meeting at the home of Mrs. John B. Bell, Jr.

6:30 p. m.—Phi Mu alumnae covered dish supper at home of Mrs. Leonard Maxwell.

6:30 p. m.—Dial club meeting at the Methodist Episcopal church.

6:30 p. m.—Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters supper and installation at K. of P. hall.

7:30 p. m.—Women's Benefit association meeting, chamber of commerce.

8 p. m.—Alpha Delta Pi alumnae meeting at the home of Mrs. V. C. May.

8 p. m.—Alpha Omicron Pi alumnae meeting at the home of Mrs. Edward Siegmund.

8 p. m.—Women of Moose meeting at the Moose hall.

8:30 p. m.—Kotillion club dance, Craftsman clubhouse.

8 p. m.—Alpha Chi Omega alumnae meeting at the home of Mrs. Oden Monjay.

follow the lodge session and the committee in charge is Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dork, Mrs. Adeline Newman.

Mrs. May T. Moon, initiation is also planned for the evening. Officers and members of the drill team are asked to be present at seven o'clock.

JOINT INSTALLATION

Joint installation of Pythian Sisters and the Knights of Pythias lodges will be held Tuesday evening at the Knights of Pythian temple. A covered dish supper will precede the ceremonies at six-thirty o'clock and Mrs. A. F. Bremer is chairman of the committee in charge. The installation is public and members of the Cottage Grove lodge have been extended an invitation to attend.

W. B. A. EVENT

The Women's Benefit association will meet Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the chamber of commerce and installation of officers will be held.

MEETING TUESDAY

The Fairmount Presbyterian Missionary society will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. H. Garrett for a missionary tea and program. Mrs. G. E. Thielwell is to speak and vocal music is planned. All women of the Fairmount district are invited to attend.

Hosts Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Arnes entertained a group at bridge Saturday evening, guests including Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Welch, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bell, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilderman.

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Mrs. Edmunson Speaker At Meeting

Fire Eugene women representing the local Business and Professional Women's club at the district conference of the State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs at Monmouth, Sunday.

Mrs. Ella T. Edmunson, chairman of the local club's legislative committee, spoke at the conference. "Betterment of Women's Work Week," about one were at the meeting.

Plans were made at the conference for the state convention to be held at Coquille in May. Each of the clubs is to compete in a musical test to be held as a feature of the convention.

Those going to the Monmouth meeting from here were Mrs. Edmunson, Mrs. Julia Kordell, Bertha Comings, Mrs. D. C. Baker, Mrs. Mildred Nelson.

University Events Of Week Listed

The university faculty and staff have had a quiet week socially. On Thursday afternoon the Associated Women Students' association will have a meeting at which time Frances McChung, a daughter of Lipman, Wolfe and company, Portland, will be here to address the group as part of the vocational program association sponsors.

Friday and Saturday will be given over to the annual sessions of the Oregon Press conference. Friday will bring the dinner to be given in the sponsorship of the Eugene chapter of commerce for the visiting press.

Honoring the visiting women at conference, members of Theta Phi Phi, women's national honor society, will sponsor a no-hostess luncheon at the Silver Latch restaurant day noon.

Friday and Saturday evenings will be the basketball games between the University of Oregon and the University of Washington at McArthur court.

Anniversary Observed

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rayburn entertained a few friends Sunday, celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Keating, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kienzie, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. D. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wray, Mr. and Mrs. O. Keever, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. B. man, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Juhl, Mr. and Mrs. August Juhl.

Mrs. Keever gave several selections. Mr. Hartman was present at the Rayburns' wedding at Falls, Idaho, 1908.

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