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JUDICIAL TICKET PROBLEMS

WHEN the so-called non-partisan judiciary bill was put through the 1931 legislature, there was behind the movement the ambition of the gentleman who sponsored it to get a seat on the bench instead of in the legislature. In itself the idea of a non-partisan ticket for judgeships is good. There is no reason for bringing parties into judicial contests. However certain flaws in the plan now appear.

For instance, in this judicial district comprising Lane, Lincoln, Benton, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, Skipworth, Brand and Wimberly have been declared the winners in the primaries. Wimberly, of Roseburg, tops Eddy, his fellow townsman by only 197 votes, to be sure. But in the minds of the voters the judicial choices seem to be decided.

Not so in the language of the law, if a preliminary study of it by the attorney general at Salem is indicative. All four men may be compelled to run again in the fall. Certain it is that the top three will have to put their names on the ballots to meet any possible "independent" competition. The thing is a farce.

If the non-partisan judicial ticket is to mean anything there is no reason for any contest in the primaries which are essentially party elections. It is expensive to the public and to the candidates to compel them to run again. The legislature should amend the law to provide for just one election on judicial candidates.

Furthermore, it would be a good idea to provide in the second judicial district for "position races" as in Multnomah county and supreme court at present. Each candidate would have to name the opponent against whom he would run. The Coos Bay Times pointed this out the other day. In the last race there was only one real contest. Skipworth and Brand, with long years of service behind them were very well known and their election was assured almost from the beginning. The fight was between Wimberly and Eddy on issues best known to people in Douglas county and Roseburg. People in other counties knew little about the men except what Douglas county friends could tell them.

An odd feature of the contest, pointed out by The Coos Bay Times was the effort of many Douglas county voters to elect both of their local men, a factor in the closeness of the race. Under the law as it stands such a thing could happen, although it is hardly likely. There might be much dissatisfaction if it did happen.

A revision of judicial elections is at least worth some study. Certainly the law should be changed to provide for just one genuine non-partisan election.

OBJECTIONS TO ZONING

STRENUOUS as are the objections of many property owners in Eugene to the proposed zoning ordinance, these objections are not irrevocable or insurmountable. So far it is the property owner with holdings in or adjoining the downtown business district who is most vocal. The homesteader remains to be heard from. He will have a good deal to say.

The suggestion of C. L. Kelly that the boundaries of the proposed business district be extended deserves serious consideration, and it will receive such consideration from the city council and the planning commission. Likewise it is a good suggestion that neighborhoods be consulted in laying down regulations on neighborhood service businesses.

There should be no hasty or arbitrary action in zoning Eugene, but zoning and planning must come. If Eugene is to avoid the blunders which have proved so costly to taxpayers and individuals in most American cities. Planning is not an obstacle to development but a program for it. By curbing ruthless and reckless speculative enterprise and jerry-building it opens the way for sound development to go ahead.

Alex McGurk says that he can't figure out how a man who won't walk ten blocks in town can trek thirty miles to get a fish without a groan. There ought to be bigger and better sanitary boards.

"Scotland Yard Not After Dillinger" says a headline in our favorite paper. That's too bad!

A judge down in Salem is conducting a school for jurors, probably on the principle that it's never too late to mend.

NRA is going to abandon "fair competition and price fixing" in service industry codes. Another way of saying you can't legislate morals even in business codes.

Former Senator Hefflin of Alabama has failed in his attempt to return to Congress. One at a time! We have Huey Long now.

Business ethics are popular mainly with the guy who wins.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

THE MOTHERS OF MEN

WHEN a hawk sails over a chicken yard every mother of a little chicken cries out at the top of her voice to warn her young of the danger and to frighten the intruder away.
 When a woman threatens to destroy the youth of the world as it does today, some mothers of men will fight the danger, but others look idly on and piously hope there will be no war.
 No mother of little chickens would ever be so criminally negligent of the safety of her young in a time of danger. With voice, beak and feet, all foolishly inefficient weapons, she fights, but because her clamor shifts other mothers, together they drive off the hawk and save the young.
 She is never too busy, as often are the mothers of men. She never pleads ignorance of what to do; she knows what to do, and the mothers of men can find

out what to do. She is never silent in the presence of danger because she is too timid to lift her voice; never silent for fear heaven wants the hawk to have her little chickens; never does she modestly retire behind the excuse that she does not wish to be conspicuous. She wants to be conspicuous, so she may save her young from death.

A group of mothers and potential mothers in Portland are attempting to enlist 1000 others in a definite program of war prevention. They are inspired by the grave danger of war and by the possibility of preventing it by intelligent action. Busy as are these women about the ordinary affairs of life, they prefer to add to their duties now, lest the feverish activity of war consume them later.

"We may not be able to prevent war, but if war comes in spite of our efforts we want to be able to say to our sons that we gave to our limit in time, money and influence to prevent it."

But if the mothers of the world will fight for their young as intelligently and fearlessly as the mothers of little chickens, and fight now, when there is still time to prevent war, they will do much to prevent it. The heroes of another day were those who died in battle; the heroes of today are those who would protect civilization from the insanity of war.

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)
 WASHINGTON, May 29.—Under pressure from a rank and file which seems to have soured on the recovery program, for a time at least, conservative labor leaders are secretly planning to show more fight.

You may expect them, through the Labor Advisory Board of NRA, to battle vigorously for labor representation on code authorities and for shorter working hours under codes which will put more people at work.

An effort to put the cotton garment industry on a 35-hour week instead of the present 40-hour basis is likely to be one of the first showdowns.

Labor firebrands within NRA will reflect the present wave of labor disturbance over the country which threatens to increase during summer and fall.

Widespread dissatisfaction with NRA has grown rapidly, even among the less militant union officials, and it's all heading up toward General Johnson.

One of the more prominent and successful national union chiefs has just received the report of a man he sent around the country to survey the situation. The report can be summarized as follows:

Everywhere there's profound disappointment over NRA administration as it affects labor. NRA is mentioned with a bitter sneer.

Workers are not damning Roosevelt, though he receives less applause from movie audiences in which they predominate. Labor's ire is directed at Johnson, who is blamed for the three chief sources of dissatisfaction:

1. "Weaseling" on the president's promise in March of wage increases and shorter hours.
2. The automobile strike settlement, of which many manufacturers have taken advantage to form company unions. Some manufacturers seek reopening of National Labor Board cases to permit company union representation in collective bargaining, saying the auto settlement changed everything.
3. Lack of labor representation in code administration and domination of regional labor boards and their agents by chambers of commerce and other employer groups.

(Of course labor would never consent to giving up NRA.)

CABIN BOY TO SKIPPER

Mel Soper, once a cabin boy on the presidential yacht Mayflower, is going to be the ship's skipper. He is a golf professional, but served on the ship from Theodore Roosevelt's administration through to Harding's time.

Now he is going to leave the vessel and anchor her in the Potomac as an exclusive floating night club. The Mayflower was decommissioned in 1929, burned and sank two years later, and has since been raised and repaired. Her owners can't find a buyer.

RELIEF FOR CHILD LABOR

For years this government has been receiving official reports of deplorable child labor conditions in the sugar beet fields. At last, according to confidential assurances from Secretary Wallace, something is going to be done about it.

Contracts are made with whole families, including children from six years up, which in many cases have been receiving from \$100 to \$200 for about a half year's work and then have promptly gone on relief.

The Costigan sugar act, despite successful efforts by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan to weaken the labor section, enables the secretary of agriculture to "limit or regulate" child labor and fix minimum wages.

Guarantee of pre-war parity and benefit payments for beet growers will permit payment of higher contract rates and Wallace is sure to see to it that more adults and fewer young children are employed in the industry.

The significance is that this will be the first time government has regulated agricultural child labor. But the farmer's customary protest that he wants the right to use his own children on the farm probably won't be heard.

The best fields have had commercialized, dawn-to-dark imported labor, with few native American children.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

BY DR. MORRIS FISHER

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

YOU do more than bake bread with yeast nowadays. In fact, yeast has been touted as a panacea for human illness that you might want to know actually what this substance really has in it and what it accomplishes.

As long ago as 1500 B. C., yeast was recommended by the Egyptians for constipation. However, the real qualities of yeast are still being studied in the light of our new knowledge of chemistry and nutrition.

For instance, what we know about vitamins is only a matter of some 15 or 20 years. Today, we know that yeast is made up of several vitamins which are of particular value in preventing pellagra and beriberi, a disease associated with inflammation of the nerves.

It has always seemed doubtful, however, that most Americans needed extra yeast in their diets, because the average American diet contains enough fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, and meats to provide an adequate amount of vitamin B.

Unfortunately, such studies have not been made of the diet of people living in industrial and mining communities to make certain that they actually do receive all the foods they need.

Some physicians in a large city in Michigan found that the diets of workers were mostly beans, coffee, bread, Irish potatoes, pork, grocery store cakes, and enough canned milk and sugar to flavor the coffee.

That kind of diet obviously is deficient in the vitamins to be found in yeast.

The investigators decided to test the effects of feeding yeast on the children of these workers, and also to feed extra yeast to some who had complained of loss of appetite or difficulties in digestion.

It was found that 84 children between the ages of 2 months and 14 years gained an average of a quarter pound a week over a 12-week period, as contrasted with 78 children who did not take yeast and who gained an average of one-eighth pound a week over the same period.

Most of those who had been troubled with lack of appetite found their digestion improved when they took small amounts of yeast daily. Apparently no one was harmed in any way by addition of yeast to the diet.

Investigations of this type help to establish the values of yeast that have long been recognized in medicine. Do not take this, however, as proving that yeast is in any sense of the word a panacea for all types of illnesses.

The great difficulty with the American attitude toward any substance of this kind is the all or nothing policy. We fail to recognize the limit of uses of a certain substance, but endeavor instead to establish the belief that if it is good for one thing, it is good for everything.

SIDE GLANCES



"He's a darn good horse. That's the trouble, he's too good for his job."

News of Nimrod

NIMROD, May 29.—(Special)—Miss Bertha Hines, who was operated on for appendicitis at Pacific hospital, recently, is reported as improving rapidly.

Mrs. Emery Eggers of Alpine, and Mrs. Thaxton of Santa Clara, who have been caring for their mother, Mrs. B. H. Bowen who has been quite ill, returned to their homes last Thursday. Mrs. Bowen is very much better and continues to gain in health.

Mrs. Sam Hiltstrom was a guest the past week of Mrs. McCollum of Vida. Those from this section of the McKenzie who were in Eugene last week were Mrs. Parkhurst and son Asa, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cooper, Mrs. Ruth Helfrich, Mrs. Frank Brockschink and daughter Lauren, Mr. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McCormac.

Mrs. Orel O'Brien was hostess to the members of the Ha-Ho club at her home on Wednesday afternoon. Luncheon was served at 1:30 at tables on the shady lawn and the rest of the afternoon was spent in visiting games. Mrs. Prince Helfrich, winning first prize for the most cleverly designed animal made with needle and thread on white cloth. Mrs. Green won first, for the longest list of fruits made from seven letters. Singing concluded the afternoon's entertainment.

The ladies accepted the invitation of the Vida club to meet with them at the home of Mrs. Goodpasture on May 20. On account of this meeting at Vida the club will not meet again until June 20, at the home of Mrs. Donahue for an all day meeting. Those present were Mrs. Belknap, Mrs. Brockschink, Lauren Brockschink, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Donahue, Mrs. Drury, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Ruth Helfrich, Mrs. Maud Helfrich, Mrs. Prince Helfrich, Mrs. Jamison, Mrs. McMullen, Mrs. McCormac, Mrs. Scherwing and the hostess.

Wild blackberries seem to be plentiful this year along the river and every day sees many people with pails and pans picking berries.

Mrs. Elsie Reynolds and children of Eugene are here for an extended visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bowen.

Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. McMullen and Mrs. O'Brien were in this vicinity recently posting notices of the school election to be held at Blue River on June 18. One trustee and a clerk are to be elected.

C. G. Brook of Westport, Dr. Thos. E. Seddon of California and Mr. Redding of Portland, were registered at Half-Way camp over the week-end. They report fishing as very good.

News of Marcola

MARCOLA, May 29.—(Special)—There will be a potluck supper at the L. O. O. F. hall for the Old Fellows and Rebekahs Saturday evening, June 2.

The different classes of the high school went on their picnics Thursday. The seniors and freshmen went to Belknap Springs. The sophomores to Swimmers' Delight. The juniors to Triangle lake.

Mrs. Wilma Addington and daughter Patty Lou who have been visiting for several days in Eugene at the J. B. Snyder home returned to Marcola Thursday. Mrs. Snyder came with her and visited at the Walter Scott home.

Frank Crenshaw spent Thursday at his ranch at Donna.

Walter Mays has been working this week at the mill at Hyland.

Mrs. Oneta Behnke of Eugene visited.

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Davenport-Martin Ceremony Is June 21

By MARIAN LOWRY

DATE for the wedding of Miss Ruth Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin, and Theodore Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Davenport, has been announced for Thursday, June 21. The ceremony will be held at eight o'clock in the evening in the Methodist Episcopal church in Wendling. Both Miss Martin and Mr. Davenport are former students of the University of Oregon where the bride-elect is a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Miss Mary Gould Parsons has gone to Portland for a few days visit with friends.

HERE FOR WEEK-END

Miss Louise Webber, graduate of the university, was here for the week-end from Portland to visit friends.

GOING SOUTH

Miss Mary Galey leaves Wednesday for Palo Alto where she will be for the summer at Stanford university.

MRS. OSBURN WRITES

Mrs. W. F. Osburn, who is abroad for several months, writes that she has just left Spain for France and Switzerland.

TO GRADUATE

Misses Mary and Margaret Billing of Eugene are among those graduating this June from the Southern Oregon Normal and Junior college at Ashland.

The exercises of graduation week at the school begin with the baccalaureate service on June 3, Rev. S. W. Hall of the Ashland Methodist Episcopal church to give the sermon.

The graduation exercises will be held Tuesday morning, June 5, C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, to give the address. The annual will hold their annual meeting and luncheon at noon that day at the Lihis Springs hotel to honor the graduating class. From two until four o'clock in the afternoon, the normal school building will be open for inspection for all visitors.

P. E. O. Event

Chapter H of the P. E. O. Sisterhood held its meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. A. E. Roberts, Mrs. Sherman W. Moody assisting. There were twenty-two members present. Mrs. A. E. Young of Burton, Wash., was a non-resident member present. The next regular evening meeting of the group will come June 11 at the home of Mrs. Henry A. Korf with Mrs. Lida McGowan as assistant hostess. Convention reports will be given then.

Amaranth Meeting

Willamette court. Order of the Amaranth, held its meeting Monday evening. Initiation ceremonies were held for Veri Lucille Hoover. Memorial services were held for Mrs. Blewitt, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Frances Hesterline, Mrs. E. L. Zimmerman, J. S. Freeland, and J. S. Abercrombie. Marjorie Price, Gene Martin, met for tennis games in Eugene with the Crow school Saturday.

Mrs. Earl Home From A. A. U. W. Meeting

Mrs. Virgil D. Earl, state president of the Oregon division of the American Association of University Women, has returned from the regional conference of the group at Pullman, Wash., and reports a very successful meeting.

There were one hundred and fifty-two delegates at the meeting, fifty of them from Oregon. The conference took in the Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho divisions. Mrs. Earl reported for the Oregon division, showing eight hundred and forty-eight members, a slight increase over last year's membership. A report was given also on the annual exhibition sponsored by the Oregon branch.

Auxiliary Meets

The Auxiliary American War Veterans auxiliary held its social meeting Monday evening at the armory, fifty attending. Mrs. Colin McKenzie was in charge and Mrs. Harry Baile had charge of the program. The business meeting of the group will come in two weeks.

Spinsters Club

Spinsters club held its meeting Monday evening at the home of Miss Martha Goodrich. The group talked over plans for its playground project. Miss Florence Alden of the university women's physical education department discussing the project with the group. Two weeks from Tuesday the group is to meet with Miss Dagmar Haugen. At that time there will be nominations for a new president.

P. T. A. Group

The City Parent Teacher association council held its last meeting of the year Monday in the office of H. R. Gould, city school superintendent, old and new officers attending. Following the meeting the group went to the home of Mrs. Fred E. Hughes, president, for tea. Seventeen were present. Mrs. E. A. Lundy was a special guest. The council will continue its regular meetings in the fall.

VAN DUZER REGRETS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—H. B. Van Duzer today informed Governor Meier that he would be unable to accept the position of chairman of the state relief committee to which Meier appointed him last week, because of the press of private business. Ester Snedecor, another appointee, also refused to serve on the committee. J. M. Chambers of Salem was the third member.

PROTECT LUMBER TARIFF

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—Democratic leaders announced in the senate today they would propose an amendment to the administration tariff bill to prevent disturbance of the excise taxes in the 1932 revenue act on lumber, coal, copper, and oil in any reciprocity agreements negotiated by the president.

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