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SPEAKING OF REPRESENTATION.

HOW to make representative government truly representative and keep it so despite constantly changing conditions has long been one of the most fascinating problems of democracy. In this country we run to experiments with forms and machinery. In England they cling to traditional forms and procedures but do what is sensible anyhow. Thus the "clerk" becomes a city manager without the title and the Lord Mayor only a dress parade figure. When we go in for reform we want it visible.

Thus we tinker endlessly with all sorts of do-jiggers and devices. We have ballot reforms and redistricting schemes and all sorts of checks and balances in authority. In this state the effort to keep government under citizen control takes shape mainly through the initiative, the referendum and the direct primary. Often we are only dimly conscious of aims but the rule seems to be to try anything once anyway.

What is happening is a gradual adjustment of governmental methods to the conditions which have necessitated reorganization of nearly every other activity. Inevitably, with modern railroads, highways, telephones, news services, there is a trend toward administrative centralizations but the question is how to get the benefits of more efficient organization without losing the home control (which in many cases has become purely imaginary).

In pioneer days, all business was transacted in town meeting. Everybody had his say. The voter was able to know all candidates for public office personally. Blindly we struggle to recapture that citizen control today. We have only a very unsatisfactory substitute in the initiative, the referendum and the primary because the field of individual decision is too large.

Not long ago a very competent student of government at the University came in to get an opinion on county reorganization and centralization generally. Our answer was that reform, perhaps unconsciously, is moving steadily two ways.

There is an irresistible trend toward centralization. But the need for direct local representation is still present and it takes many forms. A meeting of the Lane County Chamber of Commerce is an interesting example. No community is too small to find voice in its forum. Though it has no official status it is a vehicle of opinion by which public policy is formed. The same can be said of the hundreds of community clubs, granges, unions, associations through which John Citizen has his say.

If there must be bigger units for efficient administration, there must be smaller units for effective expression of the opinion which determines policy. In the changes which lie ahead, the precinct may become a more important unit than the county.

CENTURY OF PROGRESS.

THE innumerable labor troubles of the day make dismal reading. Now and then, however, it is instructive to compare them with the labor troubles of a century ago. The following story, printed in the London Times of May 2, 1834, makes interesting reading.

"So great is the prevalence of the spirit promulgated lately by the unions as to wages that all classes appear to be actuated by a spirit of opposition to their employers. Even the washerwomen have not escaped the system.

"No fewer than 70 of this useful class of females struck at Kensington for higher wages. It appears that 2 shillings, 6 pence per diem and two half-pints of beer has been the regular scale of wages, but a revolt was agreed upon and the price to be demanded fixed at 3 shillings per diem and the usual beer allowance.

"After a considerable time had been occupied in parleying, the washerwomen gained their point, and after taking copious libations of gin returned the following day to their tubs as usual."

"That little story presents a striking picture of the labor movement a century ago. The improvement since then is too obvious to need comment.

POINT OF VIEW.

THE Italian newspaper Il Popolo d'Italia, which is owned by Mussolini himself, foresees the decline and fall of the United States. Why? Because the birth rate is falling.

This, says the paper, shows a "paralysis of energy" and will result before long in national decadence.

"Within several generations," it adds, "the births and deaths will be equal, and then the crumbling of America's skyscrapers will begin."

Before getting too gloomy about this, it is well to remember that Mussolini is constantly telling the Italians about the beauties of a high birth rate; and when one recalls that Italy is already overpopulated, and that further population pressure can only add to the disastrous tensions of European politics, one suspects that America's falling birth rate will prove less dangerous than Italy's rising one.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

FRANK J. MILLER
 (Albany Democrat-Herald)

TODAY funeral services were held for Frank J. Miller, for a half century one of Albany's outstanding citizens and for much of that time one of the prominent men of Oregon. The large gathering of men and women who attended was evidence of the esteem and veneration in which he has been held by the people of this community.

As a business man, state senator, member of the state public service commission on two separate occasions, trustee of Albany college, member of the one-time board of regents of the Oregon normal school, and as a high officer in Masonry, Mr. Miller had a noteworthy career, contributed to Oregon's development and enjoyed more honors than fall to the lot of most men.

In the realms of business, education and public affairs he was an able leader and in the development of the Albany community he was always zealous. In his active years, before the infirmities of age set in, there was never a meeting held for Albany's advancement

ment that he did not attend and no movement in which he did not play a prominent role. The business life of Albany and to the educational activities to which he devoted his time and thought were many. Mr. Miller's outstanding service, we think, was given while he was a member of the state public service commission. His first work on that body extended over a course of eight years. In his later years he was appointed for another term, but after serving for a while with success, resigned on account of failing health.

Perhaps Mr. Miller found more satisfaction for himself, however, in his career as a bridge builder. In early life he adopted that work for his career and he constructed many of the early bridges in this part of the state. He never tired of referring to his part in this important work and he displayed always a degree of pride in his achievements in this field of labor.

Like many men who have won a large share of success and honors, Mr. Miller was born into humble surroundings. He made his way for himself; and he enjoyed the satisfaction of knowing that he earned his success by his own efforts.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)
 WASHINGTON, June 18.—A bunch of actual workers stepped right out of the hot steel mills to come here and "talk to the boss," meaning President Roosevelt.

The results were both dramatic and amusing—and the implications serious.

New Dealers are used to settling labor disputes under NRA with old-line A. F. of L. officials, who collect \$10,000 a year or more each, know how to be patient, compromising, and polite, and haven't worked in mill, mine, or factory for decades.

But the chiefs of the steel union local lodges, authorized by the union rank and file to represent them in Washington, and contemptuous of their A. F. of L. superiors, were such a different breed that no one knew how to handle them.

They were skilled and semi-skilled workers with enough gifts of leadership to carry them to the top of the labor movement in the steel cities since NRA first gave impetus to labor organization.

Sincere, rugged, mostly in their thirties, only a few of them veterans of the 1919 strike, some of them sons or nephews of veterans of the bloody Homestead strike of '03. So plain-spoken that even blustering General Johnson wasn't a match for them. They seemed less scared than he.

Johnson only made them mad. Especially when he hinted they were communists, since they hate communists more, and know less about them than he does.

They had no theories except that they didn't want to mess around with "straw boys" like Johnson. They must see the "boss" and have him bring in the steel bosses on the collective bargaining issue could be settled over a table.

Johnson at first sought to ignore them and deal only with 77-year-old President Matt Tighe of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. He soon saw his mistake and Tighe retired, to wonder: "How can I, the tall, get rid of the dog?"

Ed McGrady, NRA assistant administrator for labor, called at their hotel. They wouldn't see him, so McGrady sent up his card to identify himself. They tore up the card.

Secretary Perkins telephoned and they finally consented to "go see the museum."

It was a warm session. The steel boys wouldn't say anything except to insist that she arrange for them to "see the boss."

"You can fix it up, lady," they reiterated.

Meanwhile, the visitors issued daily statements so red-hot—especially in scorn of Johnson—that local papers were full of them. Their favorite private comment was "To hell with Johnson!"

Roosevelt left town unexpectedly early for the week-end and avoided a showdown as to seeing them. There wasn't time for them to do but fling a few hard words at F. D. and go home to prepare for a big union convention and the threatened strike. Johnson, Bill Green, and many others hope their like doesn't appear again.

(If there's a strike, the workers probably will lose. The steel industry apparently would welcome a strike now. Incidentally, Miss Perkins and Chairman Wagner of the National Labor Board both secretly oppose the Johnson peace offer, which would tie company unions around the necks of employees.)

ICKES' BUTTONS DO MATCH
 It isn't true that the New Dealers aren't good dressers.

Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes received a letter from a New York tailor who says he is sorry to see that the buttons on Ickes' vest don't match, that he has always admired the secretary and hates to see him going around that way, and if Ickes cares to send the rest he will provide a perfectly matched set of buttons—free.

The explanation seems to be that a photograph of Ickes appeared in which the camera caught the gleam of only the top vest button.

TOO PROUD TO ASK RELIEF
 Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins wishes there'd be less talk about "chinchelers" on relief. He says: "Newspapers play up cases where families are imposing on the government, but say nothing when we go out of our way to turn up families too proud to seek aid, though they haven't eaten for a week. The latter exceed the former by a wide margin."

KIDNAPING FEARED
 Congresswoman Isabella Greenway of Arizona is so worried about kidnapers that department of justice agents have been assigned to watch over her 9-year-old son Jack.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBURN
 (Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygieia, the Health Magazine)

WHEN you stop to consider the fact that a child born today may expect to live 60 years, instead of the 35 years a new-born child could expect in 1833, you might realize how much has been accomplished by medical science in the last century.

In fact, more progress has been made in the last 50 years than has been recorded over the previous 50 centuries.

Yet there remain many diseases to strike into the hearts of men the fear of pain, disease, and death. It is but 16 years since influenza swept the world and desolated many communities. It is only a year since epidemic encephalitis struck terror to the people of a great city. Diseases like amebic dysentery, once limited to the tropics, are now seen in the temperate zone.

The advances of civilization bring with them new disease hazards, from poisons and accidents. Cancer, the most dread disease, has come to be considered the natural end of life for the aged—its cause and specific methods of treatment not yet determined.

The prediction that many of these diseases will be eliminated is more than justified by the speed of modern research.

Physics, chemistry, engineering, and other sciences are as much responsible for some of the tremendous achievements of medicine as are laboratory investigators and physicians at the bedside.

The microscope and the X-ray have vastly extended the power of vision. Electrical apparatus has made it possible to test accurately the functions of the heart and the nervous system.

The purpose of medicine is to make healthier and more efficient human beings. The average boys and girls entering universities today are two inches taller and weigh seven to ten pounds more than did their parents and grandparents who entered these same universities in previous generations.

With the vitamins and with the newer knowledge of nutrition, even better bodies will be available in a few generations. Moreover, it is reasonable to predict that the knowledge now available for controlling the birth of the unfit and the degenerate, eliminating hereditary strains that lead inevitably to weak bodies and to disease, will be widely applied in the future.

Diseases like pernicious anemia and diabetes, formerly considered invariably fatal, are now under control. By our knowledge of the glands, we may regulate the size of the human being, the shape of his body, the speed of his living, and many of his functions.

Yet only a beginning has been made in the available knowledge.

SIDE GLANCES



"Here, this is Judge Watson. I want you to watch how he makes gravy."

Cottage Grove News Notes

COTTAGE GROVE, June 18.—(Special)—Friday evening at regular meeting of the Spanish war veterans and auxiliary, W. V. Reed of Portland, department commander of the camp and Mrs. Reed, department president of the auxiliary paid the local organization an official visit. Their daughter, Miss Myrtle Reed, national musician and corresponding secretary of the auxiliary was also present. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Starmer of Roseburg, Mrs. Effie Wright and Mrs. Prince also of the Roseburg auxiliary. Among visitors from Eugene were Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Faust, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Judd Stauffer, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wentworth, Mrs. F. A. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmeiering. The evening is a social gathering and refreshments were served. Visiting women were presented with flowers.

Miss Nina Wunder, secretary of Stewart grange in Baker county, and Miss Dorothy Perkins, master of Winville grange in Baker county, visited Saturday at the home of Mrs. Mollie Curran on 14th street. Mrs. Curran is the daughter of Mrs. Lulu, from their return from attending a state grange meeting at Roseburg. Miss Stewart is a great niece of Mrs. Perkins and was elected to the office of Lady Assistant Steward of the state grange for the ensuing year.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church held a picnic rally Friday evening at Camp-Rest-in-White on Row river. Swimming and games were featured and talks were given relative to league activities. About 45 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dugan are visiting relatives in Portland. A white Knight sedan owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Morelock was stolen Saturday night of last week while parked at the carnival shows on North Ninth and was found by officers at Eugene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith is visiting friends at Roseburg. Mrs. John Shaeffer has returned home from a visit at Medford. Mrs. A. W. Schofield entertained Friday evening with three tables of bridge. Mrs. Bonita Skilling received the traveling prize.

Mr. and Mrs. William Garoutte of Culp Creek returned home Sunday evening after spending a few days in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings of Eugene were guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. George McQueen. Mrs. McQueen returned home with them to spend Friday night at their home in Eugene, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Umphrey, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Short of Spokane enjoyed a picnic party Wednesday evening at the Horn grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall moved into their new home on Ash avenue the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Chambers spent the week-end in Portland.

The Needlecraft club held a picnic party Wednesday evening at the steel bridge on Row river for members and families.

The Balladeers gave a concert at Creswell Thursday night in the high school gymnasium that was well attended.

Emmett Sarff of Tacoma, Wash., is visiting his father Clem Sarff and family.

Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Shaw left Monday morning for Tacoma, Wash., for a two week's vacation trip. While there they will attend the wedding of a niece, June 21.

Mrs. Dolly McLendon accompanied Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Shaw to Salem, Monday where she plans to visit during the vacation trip of the Shaws.

Miss Gail Tennis went to Cheralis Monday to visit her grandparents.

Mrs. Jones, mother of Mrs. Clem Sarff is here on a visit from Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knight visited Sunday at Lindale on the Siuslaw.

The O. L. H. club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. D. H. Hemenway for a 1300 bridge desert.

A handsome new roof has recently been put on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Morelock by contractor, Vinal Candall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Short left Friday for their home at Spokane, Wash., after a ten days' visit here.

EARLY WEEK'S EVENTS VARIED

Kotillion, Other Clubs Plan Parties

By MARIAN LOWRY

AMONG events of interest for the early week will be the June dance of Kotillion club Tuesday evening, the party to start with a picnic supper at seven o'clock at Midway park followed by dancing at nine o'clock.

Monday evening brings the picnic supper for which members of the Kiwanis club and their wives will be entertained at the Oakway Golf course at seven o'clock.

TEA TUESDAY
 Among the larger events for Tuesday afternoon will be the tea for which Miss Alice Capps and Miss Lilian Tingle are to entertain at the home of the former, honoring Miss Mabel Potts, who has just returned from the winter in Portland, and Dr. Margaret Tingle, who graduated this month from the university medical school.

CLUB PLANS DINNER
 The Little Club Around the Corner is to meet at the Osburn hotel Monday evening, losers in the recent card series to entertain for the winners at a dinner.

SORORITY GROUPS
 Phi Mu alumnae are to meet on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Leonard Maxwell.

Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae meet Tuesday with Miss Isabel Weinrick.

CHURCH SOCIETIES
 The Mary circle of the United Lutheran church is to meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. E. Heikonen.

The Young Matrons' Home Missionary circle of the First Methodist church is to meet Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Grant Crakes.

RECIAT TUESDAY
 Tuesday evening brings the piano recital of Jane Alice Pengra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Pengra, the program to be given in Gerlinger hall at the university at eight o'clock. The public is invited. Miss Pengra is a student of Mrs. John Stehn.

PYTHIAN SISTERS
 The Pythian Sisters lodge is to meet Tuesday evening for its monthly potluck supper, the lodge meeting to follow. The supper will be at six-thirty o'clock.

MISSIONARY GROUP
 The recently organized missionary group in the First Baptist church is to meet Tuesday evening at the apartment of Miss Imo Ruyle at eight o'clock. At this time the group will be further perfected in its organization and officers elected.

TO INSTALL
 Women of the Moose will install their new officers at a meeting to be held Tuesday evening, the installation

daughter Ruth, Catherine Miller, Esther Roberts, George Gwyther, Robert and Earl Smith, Eleanor Kuni, Marjorie Warner, Robert Sly, Frank Clark, Harold Gwyther, Vivian Ogram, and George Ross.

The regular business and social meeting of the Conquerors class of the Methodist Sunday school was held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanders. A potluck supper was served in the grove, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders supplying creamed chicken on hot biscuits and coffee with the trimmings. Mrs. Zella Smith of Los Angeles was a guest. Plans were talked over for a winter roast at the next meeting in August with Mrs. H. A. Howe, Mrs. E. F. Roberts and Mrs. C. J. Kent as hostesses.

The first annual meeting of Creswell union high school will be held at the Creswell school house Monday afternoon, June 25, at 2 o'clock. Reports of the directors of the six districts will be given and five directors will be elected. The candidates include Riley Petty, district 102; A. C. Taylor, district 42; John Wulfschlegel, district 178; E. E. Allen, district 63; E. F. Roberts, district 2; Roy Sanders and A. F. Weber, district 40. The polls will be open until 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Zella Smith left Saturday afternoon to visit friends at Salem and

CALENDAR

Monday
 6 p. m.—Phi Beta Phi alumnae potluck supper at home of Mrs. L. V. Skinner.
 8:30 p. m.—Dinner for Little Club Around the Corner, Osburn hotel.

7 p. m.—Picnic supper for Eugene Kiwanis club, Oakway golf course.

8 p. m.—Meeting of Young Married Women's Home Missionary society of M. E. church, at the home of Mrs. Grant Crakes.

Tuesday
 2 p. m.—Mary Circle of United Lutheran aid society meeting at home of Mrs. G. E. Heikonen.

2:30 p. m.—Meeting of Fairmount Presbyterian Missionary society at the home of Mrs. John Wintstead.

8:30 p. m.—Covered dish supper and meeting for Pythian Sisters, Knights of Pythias hall.

7 p. m.—Picnic supper for Kotillion club, followed by dancing at 9 p. m., Midway.

8 p. m.—Meeting of new missionary group of First Baptist church at home of Miss Imo Ruyle.

to be open to all members of the Moose lodge and Women of the Moose.

SOCIETY MEETING
 The Missionary society of the Fairmount Presbyterian church is to meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Wintstead.

PLAN SUPPER
 Phi Beta Phi alumnae are to meet Monday evening at the home of Mrs. L. V. Skinner for a potluck supper with Mrs. Arthur Warren and Miss Beatrice Milligan assistant hostesses.

Visitors Honored At Card Party
 Mrs. Drew Perkins and Mrs. Sidney A. King entertained at the home of the former, Friday evening, at a bridge party to honor Mrs. Marian Conklin Thornton of Portland and Mrs. Ruth Stevens of Seattle.

Guests for three tables were invited.

Portland after spending the time since Thursday at the home of her brother-in-law, C. I. Kent and family. Several calls were also made at the homes of old friends of the community.

Franklin Vilas went to Eugene on Saturday to work in the Sawtooth store.

The Rees family have moved from the Swale district to the Truxler place south and east of town.

F. K. Nordhoff's high school class of the Presbyterian Sunday school held a winter roast and evening of fun Wednesday at the river on the Crawford place. The company numbered twenty.

Mrs. J. T. Kerr entertained 25 young folks Friday afternoon in honor of her son Vernon's eighth birthday anniversary. Ice cream, cake and candy were served following a round of games.

F. K. Nordhoff and Mrs. Grace Kirkham, teachers in the local union high will take up summer school work at the University of Oregon, Tuesday.

Mrs. W. O. Spencer and Mrs. Verna Adams returned the last of the week from Portland where they attended the grand chapter meeting of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Spencer is worthy grand of the local chapter.

E. E. Dersham left Saturday afternoon for Portland to attend the week-end dog races. He was accompanied by W. E. Nason, local sportsman, who checks up on the races and issues score cards.

The Home Economics club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. J. R. Miller. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon. All members are to bring contributions for the fish pond. A social time will follow the business. All interested are cordially invited.

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Amaranth Picnic Sunday Event For 60

Some sixty attended the picnic given for the Order of Amaranth Sunday, at Riverside park. The group enjoyed the event, so that another one is planned for the near future. The picnic dinner was served at noon. Two ball games were played during the day. R. E. Griswold and Mrs. P. McKinney were in charge for the picnic.

Several from Eugene will be going to Seattle this week to take in the meeting of the supreme council of the order, this being the first time in many years that the national meeting has been held on the west coast. Among those going from here are Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Davis, Mrs. William Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Seibert, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hewitt. The local court has its next meeting next Monday evening with Mrs. Mary Rice and Miss Sarah Roter in charge.

Garden Party For Two Given

A garden party was given for Miss Mabel A. Wood and Miss Mary Elizabeth Starr the past week at the home of Miss Mabelle Hair by the women of the university extension division. Both Miss Wood and Miss Starr are on the university household arts department and will be away for the summer.

Those attending the party were the two honor guests, and Miss Mary E. Kent, Miss Mabelle Hair, Mrs. Shirley F. Wright, Mrs. Elsie Isotoff, Mrs. Irene Grant, Mrs. Mary B. Berg, Mrs. Helen Kilpatrick, Miss Vesta Orrick.

Miss Reilly To Wed Here Tuesday

Miss Marie Reilly and Ed Hill, both of San Francisco, will be married Tuesday morning at a ceremony to be held in St. Mary's Catholic church, Rev. Stanley J. Reilly, brother of the bride, to officiate.

Father Reilly, who was stationed in Eugene for a time, with the 3-C headquarters here, is now with the 3-C district office in Lewiston, Idaho, as Catholic chaplain. He came to Eugene for the wedding of his sister, planning to return after the ceremony to Lewiston.

Wedding Announcements—Valley View

Wedding Gifts—Aladdin Shop

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