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NOTES FOR NEXT PAGEANT.

NOW that the "Oregon Trail" pageant is over, it is apropos to set down a few notes, if Eugene's reputation for making each spectacle a little better than the preceding one is to be kept up.

One of the most difficult problems is the handling of mounted units. Lane county has a surprising number of excellent riders and an amazing amount of good riding stock, but it is almost impossible, at the present time, to bring the riders and horses together till the last moment.

An organization of Pageant Riders for the purpose of developing a pageant stable is worth some thought. One hundred men and women, interested in horses and in riding, combining their recreation with well-planned pageant preparation, could be the nucleus in building up a truly spectacular display of animals and horsemanship.

Cal Young and a number of other Lane county farmers are making a hobby of breeding oxen and other cattle for pageant work. Here again there is an opportunity for a planned program, one feature of which should be to initiate as many as possible of the younger people into this work.

Once more we renew the suggestion for an active campaign to erect a Pioneer Museum for the collection and preservation of invaluable relics. For the purposes of the Pioneer Parade alone, there could be a number of interesting research projects. For instance, one relic missing from our Pioneer parades is the old-time horse-drawn fire truck. Rumor has it that one of these vehicles is stored away in some loft in Eugene. If so, let's dig it out. Nothing could be more picturesque than to revive this old "thriller." It might even work into some new episode for the pageant.

W. F. G. Thacher has given the community a great dramatic epic. If we are to achieve its full possibilities and make good on our boast that we have something which is destined to be world famous, the Pageant Association cannot be allowed to lie dormant between shows. Nearly every fault which can justly be pointed out in any of the presentations can be traced to the fact that we merely gabble about past achievements during the intervals and then suddenly go into production on the rush.

A continuity of interest in every department of pageant work—the dancing, the music, the stage setting, the livestock, the showmanship needs to be built up. Minor shows could be developed for the off years by the various departments. The pageant to be sure of long-life must be built into the routine of Lane county life. The old-timers who are supplying the "know how" for these shows will not always be with us.

DIPLOMACY TO—UH, DIPLOMACY.

GOVERNOR MEIER'S appointment of Edward E. Brodie, of Oregon City, to the post which Eugene's George McMorran held on the state liquor board is a very good one. The Oregon City editor is an experienced diplomat. Many years ago he was United States minister to Siam; recently he returned from duty as minister to Finland. He will find the new job also requires the diplomatic touch. Nevertheless, as we know Mr. Brodie, he is not a man to accept a post of responsibility for the mere purpose of accepting dictation from the governor or anybody else. He has a pleasant personality for consultation but he is also capable of being quite "set." He can be expected to back his own judgment.

It is to be hoped the shifts in the liquor administration setup will end with this change. To date the experiment with the Knox plan has been conducted with dignity and with reasonable profit to the state. A firmer control of beer licenses is needed; a more effective co-operation between state and local authorities will produce this result.

Some changes in the present law may be needed when the next legislature convenes, but it will require some careful planning to head off the many schemes which various special interests have to wreck the system of state control by the device of amendments or substitutes. Whatever may be the faults of the Knox plan, Oregon is at least getting better results than some of the states which have reverted to the saloon system.

The Oregon plan deserves an extended trial. The Brodie appointment is of the type which will encourage confidence. The governor is to be congratulated on his choice.

PERPETUAL MOTION, PROSPERITY

INTERESTING as a phenomenon of the times is the seeming popularity of the so-called Townsend plan for revolving pensions of the "aged." All persons over 60 would be retired from active industry; they would draw \$200 a month from the government which they would be required to spend at once; sales taxes would provide the funds; the young would have jobs; the old would have a big plenty; everybody would be happy. In Hood River county alone, 2,500 persons are supposed to have petitioned for the program.

Not in a long time has the country seen a crazier scheme, but the pamphleteers who have promoted the scheme have capitalized shrewdly on a situation which is undoubtedly a drag on industry and prosperity. Millions of old people cling desperately to jobs because, with few exceptions there is no safe provision for their retirement. Millions of young people who should be getting their chance in industry are jobless at the time when being jobless leads to demoralization.

When the 3-C camps were established they were spoken of as a "labor reserve." They have accomplished much good, but as a "labor reserve" they draw from the wrong end of the age bracket. Thousands of men in the 3-C camps are trained workers who ought to be placed as soon as possible in their proper trades or professions. This may be one reason why the Roosevelt administration recently has turned to consideration of industrial

pensions as one way of relieving congestion in industry.

There can be little question as to the ultimate desirability and practicability of a universal industrial retirement system; the government may have to contribute to the financing in the beginning. But, no insurance scheme can be sound unless it is worked out on an "actuarial" basis, which includes an accurate determination of the number of persons to be supported, the average length of time such support must be expected, the fair determination of the amount of support according to condition and location, the number of persons who may rightfully be expected to contribute to such insurance—and it is only reasonable to require that every worker in due time shall contribute a percentage toward benefits in which he is to share.

There is no reason why the industrial worker who has given 40 honest years of service should not be retired with honor just as a soldier is retired; those who are injured or incapacitated through no fault of their own at an earlier age are likewise deserving consideration. Such a plan could be made to dovetail with the program for home building and suburban gardening and "labor reserves", but the problem requires a carefully planned approach. Meantime some facts on the promotion set-up of the so-called Townsend plan might be worth investigation.

AFTER THE MOB HYSTERIA

COURT reactions to the "red raids" which followed the general strike in San Francisco have been very interesting. On the heels of "vigilante" mobsters who wrecked alleged communistic hangouts came squads of police who jailed nearly 200 persons picked up in the vicinity.

In the court of Judge George J. Steiger, 27 men were dismissed; 25 were held for further investigation; five were held for jury trial; seven got 60 days in jail; three were turned over to federal authorities as subjects for deportation.

In the court of Judge Sylvian Lazarus, 58 were dismissed; 13 were held for investigation; six were held for jury trial—and Judge Lazarus contributed some pointed comments on the methods employed by both police and "vigilante" mobsters. Said he:

"I am disgusted to think that people in this town should have acted like a pack of wolves. I don't know who is responsible, but it should be traced to its source. Boys never arrested before were thrown in jail for a week. Ageing men were submitted to violence and humiliation. If the son of some leading financier had happened to be caught on that Howard street lot there probably would have been a stir that would have turned the town upside down."

The small number of persons against whom charges could be made to "stick" is the significant thing in the San Francisco situation, even more than Judge Lazarus' words. Prosecution of actual rioters or trouble makers is one thing. Indiscriminate violence to those who are merely poor and unfortunate is a first step toward lynch law. The country isn't ready for it.

On the fringes of communism are thousands of distracted people who have suffered the slow tortures of unemployment, but few of them have more than the faintest idea what communism is about. True, they are ready to listen to anybody who can promise relief, whether he be communist or the latest political quack. Give them jobs and you couldn't get a corporal's guard of them for "the war of class."

Throwing them into jails by wholesale, leaving them unprotected against insane mobs is, however, a splendid way to turn many of them into real communists. Mob violence does not improve the palatability of charity bread which already has a bad taste.

WISE COUNSEL IN PORTLAND

AS peace approaches in the Pacific Coast waterfront strike, C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter offers some sound advice to shippers and others who have suffered heavily from the tieup. He says bitterness must be forgotten and an intelligent effort made to prevent such a disastrous feud from taking place again. Says Chapman:

"This strike was a jolt that shook us out of our complacent repose in accustomed security. It gave us a taste of that feeling of insecurity which for years has confounded workers who have had little or no employment, has embittered investors who have lost all their savings, has alarmed the middle-aged lest they grow old in penury, and has puzzled youth by what appears to be deprivation of opportunity."

He advocates:

On the part of all citizens, especially labor, a greater loyalty to government, "the best institution we have."

On the part of employers a sincere effort to get rid of injustice wherever it may occur, eliminating "grifts and rackets of all kinds" (hiring hall abuses).

On the part of the press, a more courageous effort to expose wrongs wherever they occur; he denounces the tendency to blame "communists" for all troubles when the blame may properly lie with employers or organized labor.

Chapman's statement should do some good in a situation which is still full of perils. Recent reports indicate that the governor is thinking of moving the national guard into Portland to speed up the opening of the harbor. Getting a new spirit of duty into the Portland police force and a new spirit of tolerance into employers and labor leaders would be wiser.

It is not a moment to provoke new war fever.

One of the real heroes of the pageant season in Eugene is our old friend Jack Maglady who came in from his Culp creek hangout to organize the Progress Parade. This is one of the toughest and least appreciated jobs in the whole business. And does Jack deliver? Is it amiss to nominate Maglady for the honor role of useful citizens?

News reports from Salem says that employees on the state payroll have for their biggest worry trying to guess right on the coming state election. Apparently the old maxim that virtue is its own reward has not reached Salem.

Ajax McGurk who claims to be the amateur champion in "settin'" for this county says that now the pageant is over he proposes to try for a new record, the event to be staged in the family bathtub.

Grandma still has one of Dad's blonde curls, but Ma says she'll be hanged if she'll try to preserve any of Dad's whalers.

The Man on the Flying Trapeze



WHAT SOME THINKERS THINK

—Compiled by CLAY E. PALMER—
Pastor of First Congregational Church

RT. HON. J. RAMSAY McDONALD: "Spurgeon (the great English preacher, centenary of whose birth is being celebrated this year) was the greatest individual influence for good in his generation. He had and kept the mind of the common people. A mind sensitive to beauty, justice, romance, love and forgiveness. The mind that is imaginative; thinks practically and dramatically. The mind that is very tender and lyrical and loves nature."

Jane Addams, first woman of America, recent winner of Nobel peace prize: "There is a new patriotism being evolved in all parts of the world. It is quite as devoted as the old type. But it believes that certain humanitarian ends can only be achieved between all nations and all races. This new patriotism is peace."

William H. Short, director of Motion Picture Research Council: "There is a set of adjectives that fit what home, church and school are trying to teach children. Among these are 'honest,' 'courageous,' 'faithful,' 'loyal,' 'competent,' 'patient,' 'wise,' and 'kind.' There is another set which represents the spirit of the movies. They include 'bold,' 'daring,' 'rich,' 'flaming,' 'exciting,' 'thrilling,' 'stupendous.' The first set of adjectives describes roughly the life of the spirit; the second set, the life of things."

Willard L. Hardin, editor of "World Affairs Interpreter": "The real danger from the public press in the United States is not that the press is likely to be misused, but that in many cases it has been and is being subsidized for the benefit of special privilege."

Edward Griggs, of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences: "We are more or less in the patent medicine period of politics in America. If anything is the matter with us, instead of straightening up our lives"

and trying to live more temperately and wisely, we go to the corner drug store, buy one of the widely advertised patent medicines, feed it to ourselves and to our families, and wonder why we don't get well."

G. M. Stratton, psychologist: "Religion is a man's whole bearing towards what seems to him the Best or the Greatest."

G. E. G. Catlin, author of "The Science and Method of Politics": "Religion is that sense of something greater than ourselves with which we may identify ourselves."

William E. Hocking, philosopher Harvard University: "Religion is a passion for righteousness and the spread of righteousness felt as a cosmic demand."

Walter Lippman, author and editorial writer: "God is the supreme symbol in which man expresses his destiny, and if that symbol is confused, his life is confused."

Henri Bergson, French philosopher: "Our whole civilization is sex-excited."

Karl Barth, Europe's best known theologian of today: "The age which has no great anguish on its heart will have no great music on its lips."

W. P. Montague, philosopher, Columbia University: "Atheism leads not to badness, but only to an incurable sadness and loneliness."

"Dr. Harry Overstreet, philosopher and psychologist: "There is in nature an ELAN, a quickening vitality, an urge toward more widely functioning wholes, a trend towards truth, beauty and goodness, which have within them the lasting power that lies in coherence and in this everlasting, creative life that moves towards wholeness we find the reality of God."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

TO HARBISON

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor):—Mr. Harbison goes to great length in the Register-Guard of July 21 in trying to justify his argument opposing public ownership of public utilities, even going so far as to bring up the late lamented "sales tax," intensive cultivation of Texas, and birth control. But in conclusion let me say that he has not proven my contention wrong on the following points:

1. That human rights should precede property rights, and the welfare of men, women, and children should come before the almighty dollar.

2. That the ownership of our utilities should be vested in the people who use them.

3. That power created at Bonneville at Government expense should be distributed by the Federal Government or by the State of Oregon, and not farmed out to private utilities who would rob us in the distribution of the same, as at Menlo Shools for example. The electricity was being sold to the Alabama Power company at 4 mills a kilowatt and they retained the power at 8 cents a kilowatt.

4. That public ownership of water, power and light at Eugene is successful, well managed and out of politics.

5. That it is right to exempt the Eugene Municipal Plant from taxation.

6. That the private utilities bear no tax; they simply collect the tax from the user in rates and pay it over to the tax collector.

7. That we should take more interest in Government instead of less.

8. That we were right in rejecting the sales tax because 75 percent of all retail sales are made to people with an income of less than \$2,000 per year. Consequently 75 percent of the tax would be paid by this class. Also it disregards ability to pay.

I did not know that the Railroads built our highways. I was under the impression that a good share of this comes from gas tax and license fees. Did you ever buy a truck license broker since the new truck and bus bill went into effect, which was pushed

ed through by railroad interests? If so, you will understand who builds our roads.

I wish to thank the Editor for his kindness in publishing these letters, also those interested in public ownership who wrote me, telephoned me and talked personally with me in regard to this subject. As public ownership of our utilities is a live question in which more and more of our people are becoming interested.

This will be my last communication on this subject at this time.

F. D. PETZOLD, Eugene, Crow Stage.

SAGE OF EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor):—"Other folks smoke an' drink an' cut up an' have a good time, but I don't seem to have any social recognition at all," complained Mrs. Lill Lutes today.

"To a friend's house the road is never long."

Food should be the first concern of man. Nature has made that obligatory. You know if you do not eat you will die and if you overeat you will eventually wish you had died. If we eat properly we will have achieved great victory, and mental and physical ills will have vanished with the millennium hanging on our turnstile.

An optimist is one who can "come back" after being "in an out" "down an out" and "thrown out." Of course a man out at first base ain't gettin' nowhere.

Unless the lumber industry is revived in Oregon we cannot expect any great advancement in its prosperity and further upbuilding. If labor and lumber can be obtained at a figure commensurate with interest and taxes we should see the greatest growth in years. The government is offering low, attractive and long time loans for repairs, remodeling and building under the new housing act and it should be taken advantage of at once. Oregon of all the states in the union would be particularly advanced by the heavily increased lumber business

from its great forest of building material.

Though, of contentment and a quiet mind is richer than the worries of exalted mankind.

We hope the supplications of Aimee Semple McPherson Hutton in Iowa will help in making it wet in that distastefully parched state. Even if it should not avail it's about the most meritorious thing she has done since she slipped out of the thorny desert down in Arizona after being kidnapped.

If Solomon married 500 times, why? Those wives could not have all had pretty faces, nor all had stunning gowns, nor could they all have tried panicles for him during the early morning hours. He was probably gambling on happiness and caught a royal flush.

In the republican leaders love feast and their election of state chief at Portland, Mr. Prinsau says "I'm satisfied we'll put it across." Maybe so, that party has put a lot of stuff across and it should be nothing new for them.

This same party expresses itself in condemning the democrats for having abdicated and turned the law-making power over to the president and favors congressmen who have been successful in weathering the storms until the last big one which is still storming. Evidently this party believes in trading which a congressman has to do to get anywhere, and by the time an all around trade has been made we are just about traded out.

If you are a married man did you ever go out and spend the afternoon under your car repairing a nut? Or do you often have late "business meetings" with your bachelor friends who bring you back at three o'clock in the morning? How nice of them when the wife has been up most of the night with colicky kids and whooping cough. When you get married your wife lost her name and all you gave up was staying home evenings.

Complaint is being made by many citizens of Eugene that restrictions are not adequate in some of the beer halls and that hoodlums are getting by with improper conduct on the streets that should not be. They are wondering if it's the fault of the police or if the police are hindered by their superiors.

A friend of mine was told by a friend of his that a man under 40 was a fool to drink but a man over 40 was a fool if he didn't.

A pretty complexion is a dandy decoy, but we've got to have a way about us to live happy ever afterwards.

HENRY W. STEWART.

THE GARDENER

A rosebush grew, o'er a trellis tall, In utter abandon, careless and free, Its branches waved at the soft wind's call, Spreading itself like a green bay tree.

It trailed along o'er my window sill, Tapped on my window pane, It spread o'er the ground, at its own sweet will, And laughed at the warm spring rain.

With its pruning knife my gardener came, He cut it here and there, Till all that was left of its boasted fame Were a few stalks, stripped and bare.

Into my life there came one day, The gardener—He pruned with care, But deep from my heart he took that day.

All, that to me, made life so fair, I turned to the bush on the trellis tall, Its branches no longer were bare, Again it waved to the soft wind's call, Spreading new life o'er the trellis bare.

Into my heart I looked and found The gardener in love had sown Beneath the hurt, in fallow ground A faith and hope I had never known.

ELIZABETH McCULLOCH.

Washington, D. C., socialites are often models for dress establishments. French air rules recently were made more strict because of accidental fear on the part of the air ministry.

AS A STRANGER SEES IT

"Into the land of the Golden West, There a long trail that led!"
EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor):—The natural scenery of this little city is picturesque and beautiful. The distant lines of dark deep forests, the green foothills, the sparkling lakes and the wealth of wild flowers, delight the eye of the stranger.

The bright eyes, energy and health of the majority of the people seem to proclaim this a land of health and mental activity.

The fruits and berries growing in such abundance are an unending wonder to one living in the middle west, and the fish stories I hear (which yet remain to be proven) place this country as the land of the fisherman's delight.

Owing to many unfavorable conditions such as crop failures, long cold winters, blocked roads and hot dry summers, discouraged men and women of the Eastern and Middle States began the long journeys across the plains. Is it any wonder, with the advantages this state offers, that they took the Oregon Trail?

And it seems this country was fortunate in the number of men and women of real character and ability, who helped to place Eugene on the map and make possible this three day celebration.

Being a daughter of a pioneer of Minnesota and brought up on stories of the hardships of early settlers such as Indian outbreaks, blizzards, grasshopper invasions, etc., I am glad to be in Eugene at this time and very much interested in the celebration.

Looking at the display of old time articles in the windows, one cannot help but make an imaginary story about them, not knowing the true facts connected with each one.

The great pride displayed by the young men and some not so young with bearded faces, proves that it is not the weaker sex alone, who delight in facial adornment.

Seeing an old pair of shoes on display brought to mind these lines by an old time poet:

"Now gather round the kitchen fire, And pile the chunks on higher and higher, Get out the old fiddle and partners choose, And shake her down in your cowhide shoes."

So in a few days Eugene will "Lift the veil, and bid the past appear."

GERTRUDE KESTER SCHANKE,
Mason City, Iowa.

ON JOHNSON

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor):—Is Johnson's tour an advertising feat, or a "swinging around the circle," or a real effort to get the country out of the distress of the strike or "war?" We shall see perhaps, but many would like to know.

He was a "press muzzle" or anything they wanted, in short, and so what can be expected of him naturally except what is demagogic and contrary to the public interest, at present, or "in the long run."

J. SORSBY,
Junction City, Ore.

ON COMMUNISTS

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor):—I hear where about 20 young men raided the communist headquarters the other day and snatched some tickets to a Russian movie. The public really shouldn't be too harsh in judging them, because they probably wanted to see it very badly and couldn't dig up the dough. It seems that they priced the tickets very high, since they are said to have taken them over to Sheriff Swartz and asked him to lock 'em up till the night of the show. "BILL" KINGSLEY.

SUBMISSION

(In memory of Mrs. E. W. Zumwalt and her beloved ones)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;

Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;

Leave to thy God to order and provide—

In every change the faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend, Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake

To guide the future, as he has the past;

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake,

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds will not

His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,

And all is darkened in the vale of tears,

Then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,

Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.

Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay, From his own fulness, all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on

When we shall be for ever with the Lord—

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored,

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise

On earth, believing, to th' Lord on high;

Acknowledge him in all thy works and ways,

So shall he view thee with a well-pleased eye.

Be still, my soul: the sun of life divine

Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.

ON PENSIONS

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor):—In my article condemning the "Townsend old age revolving pension" which will not revolve, I find that some people have the impression that I am against any kind of an old age

pension which, of course, is not true. For I have been an advocate of old age pension for 20 years, and think the amount should be enough to give them a pleasant comfortable stay during their old days, and that it should be paid by the federal government, not the money taken from the pockets of the people, for they are the ones collecting the profits from the people, and the only ones who pay. If the old people want a pension from those who took it away from them, and not impose all the burden upon their own children, the children of their neighbors, are but innocent victims of the vicious system which has made them destitute.

What sense is there in trying to put into effect a so-called pension fund which cannot revolve, for it can a dollar, revolve when the time it turns over, half of it is moved by profit takers?

At the present time over four of the population is living on the tax rolls in the form of salaries and other millions receive pensions which permit them to live as absolute parasites, and besides this have millions of interest paying bonds and now they would add to the population would be living from the tax roll, and the other half would have to find the money to pay the taxes, and in addition to this 15 million unemployed and more to follow before this movement is ended if we keep going in the same direction.

"The Townsend advocate" says that the country is on the verge of a "spending spree" with them as the spenders, (how wonderful for them), but this is a planless plan where the receivers (those past 60 years of age) want more than the give and take, for it would take two and a half million more to pay one man \$100 per month, even if it were received, or it would take 25 percent of 8