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GETTING READY FOR BUSINESS

MANAGEMENT in home affairs and long-range planning of Oregon through cooperation with the federal government will be keynoted in the Martin administration which taken office at Salem next Monday. Forehanded leadership seems to have averted the controversies which were in prospect last fall when the people of Oregon elected a Democratic governor and Democratic House and a Republican Senate. In the preliminary discussions, there has been a sensible inclination to forget party lines and get together on a program measured to the means of the state.

Gen. Martin has let it be known that he is opposed to wasting time on new schemes to raise additional revenues, holding that the people of this state are already taxing themselves enough. For the first time in history the serious problem of property tax reduction is being approached by the logical process of planned reductions in public debt. There will be an effort to equalize expenditures between divisions of state government and to establish a more rigid control of all public expense.

Gen. Martin has done much to win the confidence of the legislature and the chief elected officials by making it plain that though he will not hesitate to lead he has no desire to dictate. The plan to transfer management of the state institutions from the board of control to the governor (which was recommended by a committee appointed by Gov. Meier following his troubles with his associates) has not found favor with Martin who proposes to work with State Treasurer Holman and with Mr. Snell, the new secretary of state.

Likewise the incoming governor has quelled the suspicions of legislators by making it plain that his planning commission, the so-called "Bratton Trust" will be kept strictly in its place, having only power to suggest programs on which the legislature may act as it sees fit.

For those projects in which Lane county is particularly interested such as the restoration of the \$507,000 which was diverted from higher education two years ago, the continuation of road programs, the launching of flood control, improvement of schools, and an effective study of transportation and utility rates, the prospects are better than they have been for many years. If there is little sensational in the coming session, it will be a healthy sign. What Oregon needs is less Big Talk and More Work.

NO COMIC OPERA IN WAR.

WARS in Latin America are popularly supposed to be comic opera affairs. The memoirs of soldiers of fortune, and innumerable romantic-adventure novels, have sold us on the idea that such campaigns are usually very picturesque, enlivened by the presence of one gold-braided general for every three barefoot privates, but not very bloody.

Recent summaries of the fighting between Bolivia and Paraguay in the Gran Chaco region show that in this case, at least, the popular idea is all wrong. Latest figures show that fully 40,000 soldiers have been killed in that war; 25,000 Bolivians and 15,000 Paraguayans. When casualties are recorded on that scale for the populations of the two countries are not large—it is no comic opera war that is being fought.

It is the real thing; as grim, tragic and bloody, on a small scale, as any wars that have ever been fought anywhere.

China's deficit being only \$16,600,000 how can it become a member of the great family of nations where deficits are in billions and debts are in arrears?

Thirty nations ratified the Argentine anti-war pact, to the boom of cannon in the Gran Chaco and the heat of machines in the munition factories.

The Washington monument sways as much as two inches in a high wind. And that's when Congress isn't in session, also.

The new president of Mexico is closing up its gambling joints, so the movie stars will have to patronize home industry at last.

Now we're being threatened with radio-controlled aerial bombs, as though the singers and comedians weren't enough.

Each state is entitled to two U. S. senators, but for the life of us we can't recall who the other senator is for Louisiana.

Report of increased dividends this year is a big relief to all, except those who are on relief.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

(The Astorian Budget)

"EVERYBODY is out of step but Johnny." Such, in effect, were the words of Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, instructor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, in a recent Portland address.

Dr. Meiklejohn specifically charged that the world at large is out of step with the colleges and that the colleges are teaching principles and ideals which the students themselves know are not applied in the world of business and social life in which they are destined to take their places.

Dr. Meiklejohn might well look at the matter from the angle that, on the basis of his own assertions, the colleges and universities are out of step with the practical world and that the practical solution would be for the colleges to adjust their own program to bring to the students a more truthful picture of actual conditions, designed to fit them for those they must be prepared to encounter, with the lesson, of course, of suggestions for improvement.

Meiklejohn's assertions are a frank confession that college and university instruction is based on academic and social theories too far in advance of civilization's actual progress. The value of the college course to the students would be increased and they would be better fitted to cope with actual conditions if an adjustment was made. A group of impractical idealists

can accomplish little. The ideals can be taught with the understanding that they are goals to be attained rather than existent conditions. With an equipment which can be a guarantee of some success in the midst of things as they are, the average college student is much better fitted to aid in the battle for betterment.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

Register-Guard, Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Enemies of economic security measures are relying on a single hope—talking them to death.

Roosevelt's idea is to throw his important legislative proposals to Congress consecutively, giving Capitol Hill time to clean up each one before it gets the next. This process saves stalling, sidetracking, and mutilation—when it works.

Most of the administration crowd hopes unemployment insurance can be rushed through rapidly in that way. But conservatives are secretly working to head that issue into a maze of committee hearings and complicated alternative proposals.

They take their cue from the business men's meeting at White Sulphur Springs, which recommended a "national system"—and a lot of time to consider it.

DELAY IS LOBBYIST DISH

Eventual delay would please the lobbyists. The Wagner-Lewis unemployment insurance scheme, which Roosevelt and his economic security committee has adopted in principle, lets any state set up its own job insurance system and consequently requires action by states.

Two-thirds of state legislatures are meeting about now and friends of the Wagner-Lewis idea would like to jam the measure through this month, so those bodies can act now.

If passage is put off, they argue, the system virtually will be delayed two years.

The anti-security lobbyists would not stand a chance, however, if a considerable group of liberals wasn't asking for more advanced type of "national" unemployment insurance system which would be more closely supervised from Washington and would be uniform in all states.

EVERYONE HAS A SCHEME

Many alternatives to the Wagner-Lewis scheme are proposed by many different liberals—even Dr. Tugman has his own scheme. The objective is to a "national" scheme now are, chiefly, that the hard, complicated job of working one out in detail would take much too long; that states should be allowed to lead the way with experiments, whereas it would be dangerous to adopt an untried national scheme which might flop; and that the Wagner-Lewis measure, providing a payroll tax on employers to be remitted when they contribute as much under a state system, is best planned to withstand a test of constitutionality. And you have one strong group of New Dealers begging another group of New Dealers not to play into the hands of the clever "Old Dealers."

THE "PLOT" THAT PLOTTED

While Joe Burns of Tennessee is getting acquainted with the speaker's gavel, details are leaking out which begin to indicate just how he got his mitts on the thing.

It's now clearer than ever that the administration was all lined up and ready to toss the amiable, elderly Joe to the crowd and turn over the speakership to the up-and-coming Mr. Sam Rayburn of Texas. Farley, Joe Guffey, Boss Ed Fiske of New York, Jack Garner, Raymond Moley, a White House secretary, and several other practical agents who operate successfully behind scenes were in on it.

The idea was to get large Democratic House delegations from big states—New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, and so on—held uncommitted to any candidate and then to bust through for Rayburn with as many new members as could be persuaded they should vote for the "administration man."

The curtain came hurtling down before the characters in the plot even moved onto the stage. Congressman John McCormack of Massachusetts, under this plan, was to be floor leader.

If you think Roosevelt was unaware of all that, you'll find the White House backing you up 100 per cent in that viewpoint. But somebody is likely to think you're a bit quaint-minded.

THE BOSS TELLS 'EM
 A certain powerful political boss, closely allied with Byrnes, began to talk in vigorous terms to a high official personage who was in a position to call it all off.

It was simple and direct about it. Certainly, the administration could steam-roller Joe Byrnes if it went through with the plan. But Joe and his friends would then make such a hornet's nest out of Congress that the administration would be suffering from a chronic attack of acute regret from Jan. 3 on.

The spokesman drew a disquieting but accurate picture of what would happen as the administration sought to drive its program through.

After that session—here revealed for the first time—signals were changed. Garner stepped from Roosevelt's office to emphasize the president's neutrality, and Rayburn withdrew after Guffey, quick on the trigger with inside information, had steered the Pennsylvania House Democrats to the Byrnes camp and received lots of political credit for making a new speaker.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBACH

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

TO get an idea of the extent to which common sense health regulations were practiced in American homes, a questionnaire was sent to 13,000 public school children by a committee working with the White House Conference on Child Health.

The questionnaire asked particularly about sleeping arrangements, the time of going to bed, eating habits, baths taken, and tooth brushing. Few children have rooms to themselves. Children of German parentage had rooms alone in 30 per cent of cases; negro children in only 19 per cent. Among children of Italian parentage, 20 per cent had individual rooms and 8 per cent slept double.

The average time of going to bed varies from 9:15 for rural boys to 10:15 for boys who became delinquent. The average time of going to bed for adolescents was 9:15 for country girls and 10 o'clock for city girls. One child reported his time of going to bed as 5 o'clock a. m.

Very few children admitted doing without baths during the preceding week, but it was quite interesting that a rural negro group was the only one that reported taking a bath with a bathless week. The children of Italian descent had the highest percentage without baths—namely, 5 per cent.

As an indication of the extent to which the tooth brushing campaign has spread, daily brushing of the teeth was reported by most of the children. The lowest records were found among children of Italian and Mexican descent.

From 33 to 71 per cent of children in the other groups reported daily brushing of teeth. Here, also, it is interesting to discover that the rural white group fell lower than any of the other groups, except the Italian and Mexican.

To test the extent to which these observations were an index of health, tables were constructed in which the children were grouped according to number of baths, number of times the teeth were brushed, eating habits, and sleeping arrangements. No relationship was established. Children who are not sick at all, children who were sick in bed for a week or more, and children who were sick for just a few days have generally the same habits regarding bathing, brushing of teeth, and eating between meals.

However, there seems to be no question that ill health when it did occur in these children, had a definite effect on their lives and on their personalities. Ill health seems to be as much an emotional and social handicap as a physical one.

It is necessary for parents to give attention not only to the physical condition of the child, but also to his emotional reactions.

SIDE GLANCES



"I kept kicking your ankle, but you just wouldn't understand that I wanted you to lead your highest spade."

Sorority Groups

SEVERAL of the sorority alumnae groups held their monthly meetings Monday evening.

Gamma Phi Beta alumnae met with Mrs. Edward R. Walker and Mrs. William G. East at the home of the former. Miss Bernice Ingalls has invited the group to meet with her on the first Monday of February.

Chi Omega alumnae met with Mrs. Lynn S. McCready for dessert. Miss Mary Ellen Foley being assistant hostess. On the first Monday of February, Mrs. Sam Lehman, Mrs. Maude Morse, and Mrs. Gordon Goodpasture will be hostesses to the group for dessert with Mrs. Lehman.

Phi Mu alumnae met with Mrs. Leonard Maxwell. The group made plans to meet with the active chapter on Sunday, January 20, for tea and to hear convention reports. For the next regular meeting of the alumnae, the first Monday of February, Mrs. Albert R. Tiffany and Mrs. Alton F. Baker will entertain at the home of the former for dessert and bridge. On February 20 the alumnae are to hold a special meeting at a potluck supper and benefit affair at the home of Mrs. Chester Jamison, the committee in charge being Mrs. Jamison, Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Pearl Murphy, Miss Maxine McDonald, Mrs. Robert M. Fischer, Jr., Miss Bertha DeVany.

Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae met at the home of Mrs. James K. King, Monday evening. Mrs. Edith Fleming, assistant. Seventeen attended the meeting.

Delta Delta Delta Alliance members met at the home of Mrs. F. C. Carlson for their regular monthly supper. Those attending included Mrs. E. W. Ellis, Mrs. Carlton E. Spencer, Mrs. James H. Gilbert, Mrs. Roderick E. Regg, Mrs. Charles Adams, Miss Daisy Plant, Mrs. Helen Addison Everett, Mrs. Walter Schoofsky, Miss Eleanor Schroeder, Mrs. Raymond Walsh, Mrs. A. J. Ellison, Mrs. Edward Winter of Portland, Mrs. Carlson, Miss Moxelle Hall, Miss Theresa Kelly, Miss Hair and Miss Kelly being assistant hostesses. Mrs. J. E. Snyder, chaperon at the sorority, was a special guest. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ellis.

Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae met with Mrs. Lawrence W. Manerod for dessert Monday evening. The group is to meet at the active chapter the coming Friday evening.

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Edited by LAURA L. BALDIT, A.M.

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City P. T. A.

The city central council of the Parent Teacher association held its monthly meeting Monday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. George Christensen. Mrs. Fred E. Hughes, president, in charge. Plans were talked to secure more SERA funds for hot lunches in the city school. The next meeting will be held the first Monday in February.

Vida News Notes

VIDA, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Mrs. Clauson returned Monday from Washington where she was a guest of her daughter for the Christmas holidays. She was accompanied from Eugene by her son John Witt and B. C. Carter.

Glen Woods' brother is here from Iowa for a visit.

B. C. Carter and son Albert Carter were dinner guests on Saturday of Mrs. and Mrs. Merritt.

Dale Richardson was at Vida Saturday night attending the dance from Deerhorn.

Cloverdale News

CLOVERDALE, Jan. 8.—(Special)—The Women's Sewing club will meet Thursday, Jan. 10, for an all-day session with Mrs. L. E. Parks, hostess.

The Tri-Community club will meet Friday evening as usual. The women are asked to bring cookies and fruit salad. The program is in charge of Mrs. Cone, Mrs. Kincaid and Miss Petty.

MRS. VAN LOAN IS SCOUT HEAD

Council Re-Names Commissioner At Annual Meet

By MARIAN LOWRY

AT the annual meeting of the Girl Scouts council, Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Wendell L. Van Loan was re-elected to the position of commissioner to serve again the coming year.

Other officers named include: Mrs. C. A. Huntington, first deputy commissioner; Mrs. Wellington T. Switzer, second deputy commissioner; Mrs. P. J. Hanna, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Jackson, secretary. The nominating committee making the report for the new officers included Mrs. Warren D. Smith, Mrs. Joseph Jackson, and Dean Karl W. Oshank.

During the meeting, Tuesday afternoon, annual reports were being given and new council members were being named.

FACULTY CLUB TEA

Among the major gatherings for Wednesday afternoon will be the January tea of the University of Oregon Women's Faculty club in Gerlinger hall from three until five-thirty o'clock. Mrs. N. B. Jane is chairman for this month.

At three-thirty o'clock, Mrs. Ottilie Turnbull Seybolt is to read a current Broadway play. Tea will be served at four-fifteen o'clock.

A. A. U. EVENT

The January meeting for the Eugene branch of the American Association of University Women will be an event of Wednesday evening, members planning for an informal reception in Gerlinger hall at eight o'clock. Past presidents of the organization will be honor guests for the meeting. Mrs. F. M. Hathaway is general chairman. Serving will be Mrs. K. M. Murdoch, Miss Mabel A. Wood, Miss Helen Bell, Mrs. Stanley Summers, Mrs. George Bishop, Miss Willa Loomis, Mrs. Kenneth W. Moore.

P. E. O. GROUPS

Two chapters of the P. E. O. Sisterhood met Wednesday afternoon. AY is to meet for one o'clock dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Julio Silva.

Chapter AM is to meet for its regular gathering at the home of Mrs. G. L. Hurley.

ART GROUP

The Oriental Art study group meets at one-thirty o'clock Wednesday in the Chinese room of the Murray Warner museum. Miss Helen F. Staples to have the paper for the meeting.

MOTHERS TO MEET

Sigma Kappa mothers are to meet Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. O. O. Hunsaker, 1180 Eleventh avenue west.

CHURCH GROUPS

The women's guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church will hold its annual meeting, Wednesday. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon.

In the evening will be held the monthly potluck parish supper and annual meeting of the Episcopal church, also at the parish house.

The women's council of the First Christian church will hold its regular all-day meeting, Wednesday, at the church, a potluck luncheon to be served at noon.

C. D. A. MEETING

The Catholic Daughters of America are to meet Wednesday evening for their regular business session.

TO INSTALL

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are to meet Wednesday evening. There will be a potluck supper at five-thirty o'clock, followed by installation.

The supper is to be for all members and their husbands. For the installation, Estella Weed of Portland is to be installing officer.

AUXILIARY EVENT

The Eagles auxiliary is to hold a short business meeting Wednesday evening at the Eagles hall. Following the meeting, which is to be at seven-thirty o'clock, there will be a card party.

P. T. A. MEETING

Wednesday afternoon brings the monthly meeting for the Edison Parent Teacher association at three o'clock at the school building. For the program, J. E. Carrell of the campus speech department is to give a talk.

IOWA CLUB

The Iowa Women's club is to meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dora Eastwood. All former women residents of Iowa are invited to attend.

Calendar

Tuesday

8 p. m.—Alpha Delta Pi alumnae and mothers meeting at chapter house.

7:30 p. m.—Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae meeting at home of Miss Margie Buck.

7:30 p. m.—Alpha Gamma Delta mothers meeting at chapter house.

7:30 p. m.—Victory circle of Baptist church, meeting at the home of Mrs. W. C. Underwood.

7:30 p. m.—Eugene camp, R. N. A. meeting, Moose hall.

7:30 p. m.—Alpha Xi Delta alumnae meeting at home of Mrs. Lester Beck.

8 p. m.—Division eight of M. E. Ad meeting at home of Mrs. Frank L. Chambers.

Wednesday

All-day meeting of women's guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church at parish house.

All-day meeting of women's council of First Christian church at church.

All-day meeting of division seven of M. E. Aid, home of Mrs. C. B. Patrick.

12:30 p. m.—Monthly potluck luncheon and meeting of Texas club, Skinner Butte park cottage.

1 p. m.—Chapter AY of P. E. O. Sisterhood meeting at home of Mrs. Julio Silva.

1 p. m.—Chapter AM of P. E. O. Sisterhood meeting at home of Mrs. R. C. Romig.

2 p. m.—Iowa club meeting at home of Mrs. Dora Eastwood.

2:30 p. m.—Sigma Kappa mothers meeting at home of Mrs. T. G. Kaarhus.

2:30 p. m.—Lincoln P. T. A. meeting at school.

3 p. m.—Edison P. T. A. meeting at schoolhouse.

3:30 p. m.—Faculty club tea, Gerlinger hall; program at 3:30 p. m. tea at 4:15 p. m.

5:30 p. m.—Union Daughters covered dish supper, followed by installation, armory.

6:30 p. m.—Episcopal church monthly potluck supper, parish house.

7:30 p. m.—Eagles auxiliary meeting, followed by party.

8 p. m.—Informal reception of A. A. U. W., Gerlinger hall.

8 p. m.—C. D. A. meeting, St. Joseph's hall.

men residents of Iowa are invited to attend.

W. C. T. U. EVENT

The Central group of the W. C. T. U. is to meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Christensen.

MOTHERS PLAN MEETING

Alpha Xi Delta mothers are to meet Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. O. O. Hunsaker, 1180 Eleventh avenue west.

ALUMNAE TO MEET

Alpha Xi Delta alumnae are to meet Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. Lester Beck.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. Wilford Henry of Santa Maria, California, arrived Monday for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reid.

CLUB HAS MEETING

The B. N. S. club held its meeting and supper the past Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Prince Glaze. New officers were elected. Mrs. Vida Adams being elected president, Mrs. Clara Kert, vice-president, Mrs. William Buchholz, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John Zimmer, press correspondent.

For the next meeting, February 1, Mrs. Loris Starr is to entertain at her home, 577 Seventeenth avenue east.

HOME SCIENCE CLUB

Home Science club met at the home of Mrs. George B. Schaefer, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Lynn S. McCready had the program on "Coming of the Pioneer." For the next meeting, to come two weeks from Monday, Mrs. Harry H. Hobbs is to be the hostess, Miss Mabel A. Wood of the campus household arts department to give a demonstration on foods.

MEETING IN EVENING

Division eight of the Methodist Episcopal Aid society is to have an evening meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Frank L. Chambers, the event to be at eight o'clock. Mrs. Louis E. Bean is assistant hostess.

WEDDING DATE SET

Announcement was made Sunday

Miller-Humphreys Marriage Is Announced

Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Humphreys of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Miller, to Charles Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Miller.