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TIME FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS.

IF the state board of higher education is able to obtain the services of Fred M. Hunter as chancellor of the Oregon unified system of higher education, the peace and progress so long desired for the schools will be in sight. As chancellor of Denver University, as superintendent of the Oakland, Cal., public schools system for many years, Mr. Hunter has made an admirable record as an executive. His earned degrees from such institutions as Nebraska, Columbia, California testify to honest and progressive scholarship.

Furthermore, during his brief visit to Oregon to survey the situation, Mr. Hunter has made a splendid impression. A huge man physically, jovial, humorous, democratic, he is exceptionally fitted to "meet the people." With this pleasant personality go certain necessary qualities of candor and force. He understands the ideals of education, particularly the necessity of balanced and coordinated research in all matters which affect public welfare. He is alert to the trends in modern popular education without being a faddist. He comes with the finest recommendations from such leaders as President Kauffman of Minnesota, President Sprout of California, and the administrators of foundations. President Kauffman is reported to have said:

"Get Fred Hunter; he can straighten things out." One can believe this, watching the man in action. He has not said he will accept the call to Oregon, but he admits that he is keenly interested in the opportunity here as a challenge to achievement. He is more interested in the job to be done than in high salary. His one pointed question is whether the people of Oregon will give the schools and the great experiment the consistent support they will need over a period of years.

Mr. Hunter need have no fears on this point. The past record of the people of Oregon speaks for itself. Likewise, under proper and understanding educational leadership, Mr. Hunter can count on enthusiastic and loyal faculty and student support in the normals and in the University and at Oregon State. Everybody is anxious to have an end of the feuds and settle down to constructive work. Confidence can supply the magic touch.

No man is perfect. No man can hope to satisfy every ideal. This New Deal in higher education, so long promised and so long deferred, is, however, the most constructive step since unification itself. The board has made it perfectly clear that it intends to keep and support the chancellor plan, and that it intends to have a new chancellor as soon as possible. This already has done much to restore confidence.

We believe people throughout Oregon are hoping Mr. Hunter will see his way clear to accept.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.

IN keeping with the tradition of years, the veterans of all wars will parade in Eugene Thursday morning, Memorial Day, the venerables of the G. A. R., the younger but no longer young men who saw service in the war with Spain or in the Philippines, and those who fought the World War in the name of democracy. With them will march the men who still wear the uniform, guardsmen, reserve officers who carry on the ideals of patriotic preparedness.

This parade is a solemn rite. It is not as some of those who are emotionally roused to the cause of peace believe a flaunting demonstration of militarism. The men who march in Memorial Day parades know better than all others the terror of war, the need of peace, the tragic misunderstandings which prevent peace. They march in tribute to the men who have fallen in wars, comrades who have shared their duties and the dreams of peace.

To say that it is a civic duty to attend the parade is too much, but it is one way of sharing in a humble tribute. It does not take much from the gay activities of a holiday to stand by "when the boys pass." In spite of all the mistakes that have been made in the name of patriotism, the men who have served under the colors have made possible the strong nation which has become a power for peace.

Wisdom walks with memories in these parades. Ideals may be thwarted but they can never be taken away. We commend to respectful attention the annual Memorial Day parade as one of this country's most moving sights.

Small fire causes \$4000 damage to federal treasury. After lighting his cigar, some work-relief fund executive was probably careless where he threw the dollar bill.

It might be possible to collect our war debts via the chain letter method, except that no European nation has five friends.

When told he was the father of twins, a movie star said, "I'm just twice as happy as I thought I'd be." On that basis, Mr. Dionne's joy must have burst all bounds.

New system permits free communication between passengers and the captain of a ship. A break for ocean-going back seat drivers.

A new radio amplifier would enable a politician to throw his voice a mile. The only trouble is that he would still be able to find it.

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
 (Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)
 WASHINGTON, May 29.—The "power trust" and the Roosevelt administration are engaged in a death struggle which has become one of the bitterest, most significant legislative battles in American history. Passage of the trust-busting "public utility act of 1935" would mean eventual dissolution of the "power trust," as that term is now loosely applied to the system through which 13 large holding groups control three-fourths of the nation's private electric utility industry.

Behind the holding companies stand the Morgan, Chase National Bank, and other huge financial groups which control them, violently opposing Roosevelt's thus far unswerving effort to "break down the concentration of economic and political power now vested in the power trust."

Few have read the long, complicated bill. Anyone who does will realize why the utilities have been waging a mighty campaign of publicity and backstage effort which knows no precedent.

PLUNDERING CHARGED

Roosevelt and the various federal agencies involved take the stand that the utility holding system is a gigantic milking machine which has plundered investors and consumers—often on shattering investments—and is inherently injurious to both; that its manifold sins are revealed through scores of volumes of federal documents; that community toleration of utilities as "natural monopolies" cannot justify control by a few powerful groups over plants scattered through many states; that it has become too huge and impossible to regulate as to interfere with democratic government; and that it must be trimmed down to units of size and power which can be regulated for protection of investors and the public.

So Title 1 of the bill—as reported by the Wheeler committee to the Senate—provides that within five years holding companies—defined as companies owning, directly or indirectly, 10 per cent voting control of a gas or electric company, or otherwise as exercising controlling influence—must choose between:

1. Turning themselves into investment trusts and relinquishing control of management of operating companies.
2. Reducing holdings so each controls but a single system of operating companies, either predominantly intrastate or geographically and economically integrated.
3. Distributing securities and assets equitably among their own security holders.

The Securities Exchange Commission would supervise these operations and could extend the time limit one or two years if necessary to prevent loss.

BILL BRANDED RUINOUS

Holding company executives insist this would "destroy" the industry and cause huge losses in securities values as securities were dumped on the market.

The Senate committee replies that at least five-sixths of the public's investment in utilities is in operating companies; that dumping isn't necessary when holding companies have five years to rearrange their affairs and can distribute securities among existing securities holders; that 85 per cent of holding company stock shrinkage preceded the Roosevelt administration; that such stocks have increased since the bill was introduced; and that holding company security holders will emerge from reorganizations with better stocks than they went in with—their dividends undressed by big fees, high salaries, and bonuses to holding company officers and bankers or purchase of securities from corporate insiders at exorbitant prices.

PLAN IMMEDIATE CONTROL

Pages after pages of Title 1 are devoted to giving the SEC immediate, continuous, and effective control over holding company operations from now on.

That's to eliminate "indefinite" practices of holding companies at once and to guarantee a square deal to investors and consumers in the reorganization process instead of leaving them exposed to devices for which some holding companies are declared to have been famous.

All holding companies must register with SEC by October 1 and make complete reports of holdings, salaries, business relationships, balance sheets, bonuses and so on.

Inter-company relationships would be thoroughly regulated to prevent further alleged "milking." Service charge profits on operating companies would be wiped out by next April and dividends of subsidiaries brought under control.

TEETH IN ACT

Title II would still be a major measure even if there were no Title I. It would regulate electricity in interstate commerce, which can't be regulated by the states.

Although not providing for fixing of local rates, it gives the Federal Power Commission jurisdiction over production, transmission, and sale of energy in interstate commerce and power to determine cost of production and transmission as well as valuation for all utilities.

After putting several teeth in the present Federal Water Power Act—and renaming it the "Federal Power Act"—the bill brings the interstate utility business under FPC much as railroads were put under the Interstate Commerce Commission, giving FPC control over new security issues, consolidations, operating company transfers and sale prices for interstate power sold at wholesale.

REGULATION FAR-REACHING

FPC would be empowered, when state regulatory commissions asked for it, to compel utilities to connect up with facilities of other companies and sell or exchange energy—without FPC setting the price.

FPC is also authorized to foster voluntary co-operation of electrical facilities in regional districts and to work out an "ideal utility map" of the country and supervise development toward that ideal.

Criticism by the bill's enemies are numerous and well known. If they are half true—as to the effect on recovery, investors, banks, insurance companies, and electricity rates—the Roosevelt administration would seem to be committing political suicide.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

BY DR. MORRIS FISHEIN
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ONE of the most serious troubles from which you should guard your baby is the kind of play and other activity that can result in lead poisoning. Lead is a dangerous poison and, although it affects workers in industries most, it also is known to have counted many children among its victims.

There are many ways by which lead can get into the body of a baby. Sometimes nursing mothers use nipple shields containing lead. Occasionally they put on the breast, from which the baby nurses, a solution containing lead to aid healing.

Bakers used to color cakes and foodstuffs with lead materials, and there have been times when such materials were found in cosmetic powders. On other occasions, lead got into water and food from water pipes, and there are instances in which babies suck or bite paint off the woodwork, toys, beds, and cribs.

In Baltimore in 1932, there were 43 cases of lead poisoning because poor people were using discarded storage battery casings as fuel in cooking and in heating their homes.

The condition in which children eat dirt, plaster, or anything that happens to be around them, is so frequent that a special name has been given to it. It is called "pica."

Once established, pica is difficult to check. It represents about the same type of condition that exists in a horse when it insists on chewing stumps, trees and fence post.

Eating these foreign substances is serious for a child, particularly when they happen to contain lead, because lead is always a dangerous poison.

Doctors in Virginia recently reported the case of a girl, 3 years old, who ate paint off her play pen, toys, bed and bannister railing. Another girl, aged 4, also sucked paint off her bed and toys. As an infant the child had regularly eaten dirt.

The doctor finds out whether lead poisoning is present by making X-ray studies of the bones and by examining the blood. There are also changes in the gums, with the appearance of what is known as a lead line.

Of course, the digestion is greatly upset. There may also be convulsions or symptoms concerning the nervous system.

It has been found of late that giving calcium to such children, and administration of extracts of the parathyroid gland aid recovery. Most important of all, however, is to stop the child from eating any more lead, because continuation of the habit will intensify the symptoms to a point of greatest seriousness.

SIDE GLANCES



"Oh, I just can't keep up with the times. I'd even be stumped if you asked me who is public enemy No. 1, right now?"

ORATORICAL CONTEST HELD AT JUNCTION

JUNCTION CITY, May 29.—(Special)—One of the outstanding events of the school year, the oratorical contest, was held at the grade school auditorium, Monday evening. The boy and girl who received the highest score have their names engraved on the cup that has been in the school for 14 years. Marguerite Fain, junior, speaking on "The White House of Tomorrow," won first place for girls, and Collin Moore, senior, giving the "Unknown Speaker," first for boys.

Philip Gray, speaking on "Crime, Its Own Detector," won second for boys and Betty Domaschowsky, freshman, giving, "Almost Home," second for girls. June Fain, freshman, speaker on "The Perfect Violin" was awarded third for girls. Other contestants were: "Cheerless Roses" by Fern Barbee, senior; and "Stabat Mater" by Esther Madsen, freshman.

A group from the Baptist church spent Sunday on Hecla beach. Among those making the trip were Mrs. R. Rieder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ayers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carlson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gray and son, Mrs. A. P. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Demary and children, Francis Brabham, Philip Gray, Leonard Love, Marjorie Smith, Eva Baldwin, Donald Starr and Rev. Mr. Gregg.

The grade school teachers had a picnic supper back of the butte at Eugene and a theater party afterward. Those going were Mr. and Mrs. Westhouse, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Douglas, Miss McMillen, Miss Evelyn Smith, Miss Freda Hamel and Miss Arlene Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hansen, Miss Malbo and Warren Hansen, Miss Louise Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Jeanette Moorehead drove to Florence Sunday returning home by the way of Reedsport and Drain.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown and daughter Sandra and Miss Pearl Bonn, their house guest, spent Sunday at Agate beach.

Mrs. Hans Wogensen has come from her home at Coulee, Washington to attend the commencement exercises of the class of 1935 of which her daughter, Wilma, is a member. Mrs. Wogensen is a sister of Mrs. C. T. Christensen and will visit here before she and her daughter return to their home.

Cris Madsen Jr., arrived from Rutherford, Minnesota, Saturday for a month's visit with his father, Cris Madsen Sr., and brother Carl Madsen and family and sister, Mrs. John Beck and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pedersen and Kenneth and Mr. and Mrs. Laurits Hansen and children, who are here from Nebraska visiting friends, and relatives, spent Sunday at the coast in the vicinity of Florence.

Mrs. George Hill and week old son returned to their home at Harrisburg Sunday from the Carrie Wight Maternity home.

Forrest Lednickey, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lednickey fell from a tree in the yard on Saturday afternoon and suffered a concussion from which he was unconscious for several hours. Aside from being very lame and sore from the fall he seems to be fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Taylor and daughter Bernice left Tuesday morning by auto, for Fargo, North Dak. where they will visit relatives. They went the southern route and will visit points of interest in California and other states in their way.

In Chinese, one word may have as many as five different tones, each of which, when sounded, gives to the word an entirely different meaning.

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THURSDAY IS QUIET SOCIALLY

All Events Give Way For Annual Memorial Day

By MAHIAN LOWRY

DUE to the Memorial holiday, Thursday, very few social events are scheduled for the latter part of the week—none for Thursday. The holiday will find a large crowd of Eugene folk out of the city for the day. The next two weeks will be busy with commencement events and several weddings.

FROM SOUTH

Mrs. T. H. Ness of Roseburg is visiting here for a few days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hays.

VISITING HERE

Dr. and Mrs. George P. Winchell have as guests, Dr. Winchell's brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Winchell of Ionia, Michigan. The visitors motored west and will be here about two weeks.

IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. John Reid is in Santa Maria, California, for two weeks, visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Henry. A lady son, Frank Lee, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Henry.

GO NORTH

Mrs. George W. Monroe and her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Seth M. Kerron of McKemie Bridge, have gone on a week's trip to Washington.

SON IS BORN

Announcement has been received by Eugene friends of the birth of a son on May 25 to Mr. and Mrs. John Larwood in Roseburg. Mr. and Mrs. Larwood formerly resided in Eugene.

CIRCLE HAS LUNCHEON

The Ruth circle of the United Lutheran church held its luncheon meeting, Tuesday, at the church, one-half the membership entertaining the other half. Twenty attended. The next meeting for the circle will be the second Tuesday in June.

UNION MEETS

The Methodist Episcopal Women's Union held its almsday meeting Tuesday at the church. The Foreign Missionary society held its program in the morning. The luncheon at noon was for tourists.

TEA IS HELD

The rainbow tea of the Central Lutheran Aid society was an event of Tuesday afternoon and evening at the church. For the program, Orin Sime played solos on the pitchfork cello, Helen Lavans gave a reading, Helen Hennigan gave vocal solos, accompanied by Martha Hennigan, and Helen Lavans gave piano solos. The regular meeting of the Aid will come on the second Thursday of June.

SORORIS CLUB

The Sororis club held its meeting the past week at the home of Mrs. John Baird. Mrs. Gilbert Tyson is to entertain for the June meeting.

Assembly Dance Is Tuesday Event

Sixty couples attended the picnic dance of the Assembly club, Tuesday evening, at Willamette park. Several guests from out-of-town as well as Eugene attended. This was the final event of the season for the club.

On the committee for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Manerud, Mr. and Mrs. Belden Babb, Mr. and Mrs. James K. King, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Woodworth, Dr. and Mrs. Orville Waller, Dr. and Mrs. John P. Mackinnon.

Shower Given

Honoring Mrs. J. R. Ramsey (Marjorie Williams), who was married recently, Mrs. C. A. Bonney, Mrs. J. R. Ramsey, and Miss Juanita Bonney entertained with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Bonney, last Friday evening. Those attending were Mrs. Lottie Meek, Mrs. W. A. Week, Mrs. J. R. Meek, Mrs. Nora Starr, Mrs. Loris Starr, Mrs. Dora Hicks, Mrs. Adah Bonney, Mrs. Virginia McPherson, Mrs. Rita Harper, Miss Ida Rodakowski, Miss Ruth LeVee, Miss Mildred Burdick, the honor guest and hostesses, and additional guests invited included Miss Robin LeVee, Miss Dorothy Calloway, Miss Margaret Meek, Miss Carol Harper.

Special motor taxes to federal, state and local governments at the rate of \$2041 a minute, or more than \$2,000,000 a day, are paid by American motorists.

Miss Fitch Is Honored At Shower

Miss Elinor Fitch, bride-elect of Myron M. Griffin, was given a surprise shower at the meeting of the Quill and Quill women's group, Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. Allen.

Those attending included Miss Elinor Fitch, Mrs. George Fitch, Mrs. J. L. Hesse, Mrs. George S. Tabor, Miss Juliette Claire Gibson, Margaret Davidson, Mrs. Nancy W. Allen, son Ross, visitor here and near the group, Miss Virginia Scoville, Jean Kerr, Miss Margaret Vanhook, and Mrs. Allen.

Miss Fitch and Mr. Griffin are to be married June 15.

Pythian Party

The Pythian Sisters lodge held the last of its series of card parties Tuesday evening. The officers were in charge with Mrs. Roy F. Smith as chairman. Those winning the prizes were: Mrs. A. R. Curtis, Mrs. B. B. Strawn, and Frank Knight, bridge; Mrs. Willard Hayburn, Vernon Dexter, five hundred, and the prizes for the series, Mrs. Dora Hicks, Yoran and J. E. Sauer for bridge; Mrs. Martin, and Will Grimes, five hundred.

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