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MR. LANDON ACCEPTS THE CALL.

"I hold that it is the right of our people to have their greatest public service enterprise—their government—well administered."

IN the light of his performance as governor of Kansas, the promise of efficient administration is the most important and the most encouraging part of Mr. Landon's whole long address, accepting the Republican nomination for the presidency. Wise spending, thrifty management are not all of good government, but they are indispensable features of it.

The worst sin of the Roosevelt administration has not been the failure to cure all the economic ills of the country—what Mr. Landon calls the "fumbling with recovery"—but the endless borrowing and the reckless spending of billions without ordinary prudence to prevent debt from destroying prosperity of the future.

Mr. Landon does not give details of his economic and social policy. In general outline it embraces many features of the New Deal; in fact for a Republican it is amazingly liberal in what it suggests for industry, agriculture and general welfare.

Therefore it is to be doubted if a Landon administration would differ as greatly from the Roosevelt administration as some of our reactionary citizens might hope, or that it would speed up the processes of reorganization and reform—except as such changes may be expedited by simplification and by conscientious efforts to achieve efficiency in all details.

The Roosevelt administration will have spent nearly 39 billions by the end of its four years. It has raised most of this money by borrowing and the 35 billion dollar debt sets a new high for all time. Mr. Landon does not propose that relief through public works, farm subsidies, or the dole shall be cut off short, but he does suggest a more cautious spending policy and a courageous effort to "pay as you go" instead of indefinite postponement of the bills.

If Mr. Landon can face the issue of taxation and management boldly, if he can curb and control the headlong rush toward inflation, there will be time for the orderly working out of legislative and constitutional reforms. The worst threat to American reform is the chaos which impends.

Mr. Landon presents himself to the American public as a plain but sensible man. His limitations are apparent, but he gives an impression of sincerity. He is still obviously "in the hands of advisers and friends." It remains to be seen whether he will grow and lead them or they him.

Management so far is his outstanding pledge. It certainly is needed. Mr. Landon's clarity on this point gives promise of clarity in other things. The man is emerging.

MADCAP IS DISCIPLINED.

CONFLECTING reports attend the disciplining of Mrs. Eleanor Holm Jarrett, premiere of the art of backstroke swimming among the women of these United States. Dismissed, for the moment, from the Olympic team, she is quoted in varying moods.

At one moment she is reported to be saying that if membership on the Olympic team involves the sacrifice of all fun, then somebody else will have to do the swimming for America. At another moment, she is pictured as quite contrite and an humble petitioner for reinstatement.

One statement seems to make sense, however. She contends that a very wicked or dissipated person could not have won first place in the tryouts which preceded sailing for Germany. Though four years have rolled by since she last represented the United States and though those four years brought marriage and movie engagements and many other events not generally connected with an athletic career, she had no difficulty in retaining her supremacy against the nation's youngest and most eager women.

The policy of the Olympic committee with regard to many coaches and athletes has been the subject of controversy and there is reason to wonder if there wasn't some bungling in the case of Mrs. Jarrett.

Mrs. Jarrett is not the first to complain that athletes on the American team are not given credit for being "grown up" (and some of them aren't). There seems to be little disposition to treat the contestants as individuals but to regiment them under almost military regulations. Sport becomes hard work instead of fun.

A high spirited person who might respect an appeal to reason and example can be driven to revolt by "demon chaperons." The Jarrett case as it stands will do no good either to the young woman's reputation or to the committee's prestige or to athletics in general.

If she has not been guilty of disreputable conduct she deserves reinstatement and apology; if she has been guilty of gross misconduct she deserves dismissal without pussyfooting.

"NO WOMEN AT THE BARS"

THERE may be some extreme feminists (and we know one or two such who are personally absolutely dry) who will say that the state liquor board's contemplated regulation to prevent the serving of women at the bar of beer parlors is an obnoxious discrimination against the sex. They will say that if there is trouble in the drinking places, obviously the trouble is due to general laxity and not to the fact that women are now permitted to hold their suds with elbow on the mahogany and instead firmly planted on the brass rail which is the true insignia of any valid bar.

Probably this is so. There is reason to believe that enforcement in many places is far from what it should be and certainly the regulation against standing-drinking by women will do no good unless there is better control of the conduct of the men also. But we are inclined to feel that the proposed ruling is good as far as it goes. It is at least a first step toward better decorum in all bars. And frankly, if bars in the old sense, are to be permitted at all, we think that they should be what

they once were so proudly called "the poor man's club."

Last Sunday a very charming lady wrote a most entertaining letter explaining a certain haunting "masculine ideal" which accounts for some of the rather strange things women do, such as rising in the gray dawn to have a glimpse of a romantic movie star. May we be permitted to remark that mere men may have their haunting ideals, too. Especially as pertains to womanhood. The idea that modern woman must be "a good fellow," sharing all of man's fortunes, even his minor sins, may have its points, but woman is not at her best in this role; least of all is her influence best when she joins the gang at the bar.

Perhaps both men and women should be required to sit while they imbibe their beer. Perhaps the female sex should be excluded entirely from any place which maintains a bar. Woman's place may no longer be the home, but it certainly isn't the saloon. These sentiments may be mid-Victorian. We await the roar.

COUGHLIN GETS "A HINT?"

IT is the long established policy of the Roman Catholic church not to disturb the political freedom of its priests or laymen in their own countries, and it is fairly certain that Father Coughlin will not be subjected to any drastic disciplines for his abusive remarks concerning Franklin D. Roosevelt. But the high dignitaries of the church are making it quite plain that they do not approve of intemperate language and that the church itself is not party to any controversies in which the Detroit priest may be involved. There is at least a hint to the vehement priest in the "interest" which the Vatican has shown in his doings.

Father Coughlin's "apology" for his language at the Townsend convention indicates that he himself realizes his blunder. Whatever the morality of such a situation may be it is always "bad politics" to use epithets, as many a politician has learned to his sorrow. It is always desirable to speak with candor and to "call a spade a spade," but it is necessary to have at least the appearance of being fair. Like spanking a child, the results may not be good, if done in temper. The flat charge can be a most deadly weapon—when it is made calmly, backed by evidence which is indisputable. The same charge, thrown off emotionally, unsupported by proof, creates sympathy for the victim and reacts in the maker.

So far as the Catholic church is concerned, its only worry is the prejudice which may be stirred. Except in its sensationalism, Father Coughlin's conduct has not been a bit different from that of scores of parish priests who have participated actively in labor movements and social reforms, often in direct opposition to the known views of bishops and important laymen. The case of a gray-haired old priest in Illinois who led a "free speech parade" of miners comes to mind. The cloth was a real uniform of heroism there. Catholics, conservative and liberal alike, tell us that interference with this broad policy of tolerance is the last thing anybody in the church would desire. But even tolerance can be strained.

Forthcoming comment in the official church newspaper at Rome is expected to make the official policy very clear, news reports say. There is wisdom and dignity in the course which refuses to give the Detroitier any chance to be a political martyr.

BERKELEY HAS A MANAGER

VERY similar to Eugene is the Berkeley community in California. In Berkeley, according to The Christian Science Monitor, they are boasting a steadily improved city service and falling taxes. In the last ten years Berkeley has had an increase of 20,000 in population. Municipal tax levies have been reduced from \$1.60 to \$1.33, per capita costs from \$15.82 to \$12.44 in spite of a large increase in the number of city activities and employees. One of the most exceptional of Berkeley's new enterprises is a Recreation Camp nearly 40 miles from town on the Russian river which all may enjoy, but which is designed particularly for the benefit of children.

Berkeley has a city manager. It also has the customary city council and a mayor to supervise the manager's work and establish general policies and ordinances. It has not merely the theory of budgetary control, but actual budgeting control because there is day to day supervision of every department and activity. Berkeley has the same simple type of organization as is customary in every well run business the world over. Berkeley is one of the more than 500 American cities, big and small, which have abolished the "horse and buggy" system.

Eugene's mayor and council are struggling manfully with many difficult problems. They are doing a better job than many preceding governments in this city. But they are temporizing with the simple problems of business like organization. They could achieve real leadership by taking the initiative to write a new city charter and give Eugene management in fact as well as fancy.

MORE GHASTLY THAN WAR

MORE ghastly than anything the World War produced is the fighting between Leftists and Fascists in Spain, according to correspondents who are at the scene. No quarter is promised on either side and none is given. The rules of "civilized combat" which give civilians and wounded but scant protection even in the best regulated wars have been completely thrown aside. The Spanish conflict is a fight to the end.

It is usually that way in civil wars. The issues are much more real to the common man than in the big shows. Property is directly involved, and with the property the very right to live. The Fascists, representing the big industrialists and landed interests of Spain, and many of the smaller property owners and dependents are fighting against confiscation of everything by which they have lived. The Leftists draw from the masses who fear that Fascist rule will deprive them of every opportunity they have gained. The fighting is particularly bloody because to each man in it the issues are quite real.

The same struggle goes on in this country, but so far the tradition of reason governs here, but there is a danger sign in the phenomenal bitterness of the present political campaign. If we would avert such disaster as has overtaken Spain, tolerance must become the highest and most steadfast patriotic aim.

The critics are finding a lot of fault with what Mr. Landon didn't say in his speech of acceptance. So far, says McGurk, that's just about the acme of commendation.

FORMER BIG SHOTS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD!



IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

PATRIOTIC VIEW

EUGENE.—(To the Editor)—I am a registered republican. Do I believe in my country? Yes, and love it. Do I believe in President Roosevelt? Yes. A man who has wealth. A man though stricken with paralysis of limbs rose through firm determination to make the best of life. No man is perfect. We all make mistakes. Are the people doing all in their power to help him try to solve the great problems before the world today? He is doing his duty as he sees it. I was born in the old Revere house in Canton, Mass., after the Civil war when the boys in blue were waiting to get well, many to go home from which there is no return, malaria and fevers draining their young lives. As a child and through my girlhood I heard many of the men whose names are in the history of our country discuss the times and the future. The great political gatherings. Grant's second election. Great torch light processions. Those men, Philip Brooks, Everett Hale, Eliza Morse, Endicott, Manny, many others. And as far distant as late 60's and 70's the word was, the next war will be between capital and labor. And they added may it be bloodless in our prayer. The World war crashed in and now we have to face issues that will tax real men and women to work to try to bring peace to our U. S. A. That mother and six children on the parking is an example. Relief, paid workers seem to be able to do nothing to feed the children. Salaries paid out that might bring help. We must have system, yes, but a workable one. The Women's Relief Corps, a small organization, gave the chairman of the relief committee a sum of money for immediate help to needy until the regular business meeting to add and find out particulars. We women have been active over 50 years. Best way we found. Then individual help added as an investigation, was needed. Russell Broucher last Sunday at Baptist church from New York stated dictatorship is to be feared through the great world unrest. Those men who wrote in the constitution of the United States of America were men who gave of their best. In life, in service to God and country.

We may have to add to the constitution, laws to meet changed condition of these times. May they be wise, broadminded laws made after God's laws as far as possible for men to make. Faith will take us through these times of world unrest if anything will. Faith of our fathers may have been sleeping. We hope to see and will see if we stand shoulder to shoulder in the times ahead a new answer to the problem of modern living and let live.

ANNA BUTTERFIELD.

MR. FULLER

EUGENE.—(To the Editor)—The republicans and democrats have had their convention, selected their candidates, and erected their platforms; the planks are nearly the same; democrats want the new deal and the republicans don't, justice, a family quarrel. Both parties promise a balanced budget. It's just a promise, they knew it could not be done under present conditions. They know it will take billions to care for the millions that are forced to be idle. Can we borrow ourselves rich? By the way, we are borrowing what an inheritance will be leave the future generations? Will they thank us? Not then let us leave them something to be thankful for.

THE TOWNSEND PLAN

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us return to the "boss controlled" convention system instead of the primary. I suppose he would take from the governed all their rights to initiate a law, in as much as these dumb people from the "big sticks" and the "great open spaces" of the great state of Oregon are too ignorant to initiate a law anyway, not all having a college diploma.

I notice also that Mr. Rodman lists as a deterioration of government the referendum. Ye Gods, does Mr. Rodman want to tell us that when the legislature passes a law which is against the wishes of a great majority of the people that they should have no redress? Well, does Mr. Rodman know that without the referendum, the people of the state of Oregon would today be paying an unjust sales tax. As to the recall, I do not think that this law has ever been abused in the state of Oregon, and it certainly is a good check upon the legislature of the "people be damned variety."

Space will not permit me to take up the unicameral legislature which he opposes, but I would like to say that although I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet, yet I will predict that if Mr. Rodman will run for the legislature here in Oregon and advocate the hide bound theories which he advocated in his talk before the Eugene Active club Thursday, that he will never reach first base regardless of his experience in the suborned state of Nebraska.

F. D. PETZOLD,

Crown Stage.

BLAMES POLITIX

EUGENE.—(To the Editor)—I see on your editorial page of yesterday's issue that some one probably connected with Governor Martin's idea of an efficient relief setup has evidently got back to the old stunt of passing the buck on to the federal relief program while in truth the whole trouble lies in our state relief setup. It has been made very plain both in news releases and over the radio that the federal government is granting work relief to the extent specified by congress and that it is not only the privilege but also the duty of the various states to supplement this as the individual cases show justification. The state and county have been using government commodities to quite a large extent to feed their direct relief cases and it seems to me that the least that they could do, being that they have a system of investigation and case records covering all of these cases for years past, right at hand would be to take care of these emergency cases as they arise. The whole trouble lies at the much publicized relief policy which seems to be to take everything you can get from the federal government and give as little as possible. Thank God that the governor has nothing to do

And the DEVIL will have to go where there is never any snow.
 J. N. B. FULLER.

ON RODMAN

EUGENE.—(To the Editor)—I have noticed from time to time the left handed slaps that James A. Rodman, president of the Eugene chamber of commerce has been taking at our way of handling our state government.

After reading a report of his talk before the Eugene Active club Thursday I can remain silent no longer. As far as I am concerned I should prefer "honest horse sense" exercised in the interest of the common people rather than previous experience by a has been legislator of some eastern state.

I notice further in the report of his talk that he refers to the "man-made causes of deterioration" and here he lets the primary law, initiative and referendum, and the recall, Pray whose government is this?

And who is it that our laws are made to govern? If as Lincoln said "this is a government of the people by the people and for the people," why should not these self same people have some say in government? I suppose Mr. Rodman would have

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with work relief or we would all be out in the street. I personally reported the Milo Casteel case to E. J. Griffith's office yesterday and I think you can rest assured that we will not have another case of this kind without it happens mighty soon. Let's be fair about it. What are Gov. Martin and Elmer Goudy trying to do start an anti-Roosevelt drive? If so why don't they resign and do it up and above board like gentlemen.

HARRY H. JOHNSON.

MY FRIENDS

As I walk thru my garden of flowers And partake of their fragrance so rare I often stand still just to ponder And study their beauty so fair.

No hand like God the great giver Could paint such beauty as those The Lilac, the Dahlia, the Aster, Carnation, Sweet Peas and the Rose.

And oh, so many sweet flowers Is placed on this earth for our good Space will not permit me to name them Each one by itself if I could.

Each flower seems to bring me a message And I wonder which each one would say Could they speak it seems they would cheer me And help me along this lone way.

Then my mind seems to turn to the Friends That have tried me some comfort to lend How some have stood by me unflinching Not changing but true to the end.

Then others like my beautiful flowers See me first so perfect and true But ere long they wilt and are faded No dependence to help me on thru.

I want Friends that will always stand by me Like a rock in the billions so strong That won't fade when the wind of deception Arises to lift up the wrong.

This life is a space of deception So filled up with sorrow and care It's so needful for us to keep faithful Always look to the Father in prayer. —Dedicated to Lena Snellstrom by Mrs. A. E. Graham.

RE PARKING

EUGENE.—(To the Editor)—It is difficult for people outside of town to find adequate parking space in front of stores in Eugene long enough to place their purchases in their cars without double parking on the main streets of our city and running the chance of having a ticket for traffic violation. It does not seem that this is quite fair, as many of these people come from quite a distance to trade in our town. Could there not be some system adopted whereby the merchant could secure a courtesy card to out of town people

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

By ALVIN DURHAM

The executive committee of Lane Christian Endeavor Union met in the chapel of Central Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon. The Gallatin rally which will be held July 31 was discussed and plans formulated. A poster contest which is sponsored by the state union will close with the rally. The posters must advertise summer conference.

The Young People's Bible Study club met Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. Hendricks, the advisor of the group. Alvin Durham led the devotional study after which winners were awarded. This group meets every two weeks and is open to any young person that wishes to attend.

The Junior Christian Endeavor of the Cottage Grove Church met in Christ meeting Monday afternoon for study and work such as making scrapbooks and posters, and learning the books of the Bible. The group will have a swimming party and watermelon feed tomorrow.

The Intermediate society of this church is writing an essay on "What

Makes a Good Christian? Prizes will be awarded to the best essays.

The Christian Endeavor of Bethany Evangelical church is conducting a candlelight consecration after the church service tonight. Man Sims will have charge of church service in the absence of pastor tonight.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor of the Cottage Grove Church of Christ have a full program many varied items presented. Regular monthly executive meeting was held July 21 with plans of all officers and with plans for future work.

Darrell Eastburn was elected chairman and Vivian Wain filling the Lookout department. This group is planning to be in a body to the Gallatin rally they will present a skit.

A class for Bible study and activity meets every Thursday night at the homes of different members.

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