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SQUARE UP ALL ACCOUNTS

SOMEWHAT dizzy and slightly annoyed is the Eugene water board to receive the city council's claim for \$153,000 which represents principal and accumulated interest on advances of some \$63,000 which the city made nearly 30 years ago to help establish the municipal utilities. As members of the water board see things, the water board has done the city many substantial favors. It has always insisted on charging the city for service, true, but it has given the city the advantage of extremely low rates, particularly during the recent years of difficulty. Furthermore there is the question whether the claim of the city government can be paid now without increases in water rates which might cause much protest from customers.

There may be a moral issue as to whether the council which made those advances ever intended the money to be paid back, for some say the advances were intended as a gift, on which the return was to be improved service and better utility rates for everybody. The water board as we now know it had not been created at the time; its books do not carry the transaction, as do those of the city and the reports of the state auditors. This moral issue we believe to be a mere quibble.

If it is established that the city did make the advances claimed, the city is now entitled to payment with full interest, whatever the temporary hardships on water board management or customers. We do not like the idea that the city government should hold a mortgage or an equity in the utilities. It is contrary to the sound principles of absolutely separate management and accounting between the two divisions to permit such a condition to continue. If there are "offsets" against those claims, they can be established by agreement at the conference table. The agreed sum should be paid, whatever it is, and this cause of controversy removed forever.

Just as we have fought all proposals to give the city government "free service" on the principle that the city should be treated the same as any other customer, so we contend now that the city should be paid in full on all just claims, precisely as the water board pays every other creditor. Both enterprises are owned lock, stock and barrel by the people of Eugene, but one is tax supported and the other self-supporting from revenues and complete separation is vital.

Many people would feel more sympathetic to the city's claims, if the mayor and council were to issue a very definite statement as to what they will do with the \$153,000, when and if they get it. Presumably it would be used to speed up debt retirement. That would be the surest and safest way to reduce taxes and clear the way for more effective city operations.

"JAH, SIE IST ZU KOMISCH"

If the press reports from Germany are entirely accurate, the merry Eleanor Holm Jarrett, late of the American Olympic swimming team, has coined a "bon mot" to rank with the classic attributed to that wife of a New York mayor who observed to the queen of Belgium:

"You said a mouthful, Queen!"

The deposed princess of American backstrokers has been hobnobbing with the deposed crown prince of Germany, according to the reports. No longer youthful but still alert and gallant where beauty is concerned the noble Frederick Wilhelm escorted our Eleanor through a palace the other day, and these two ex-royalties got along famously together.

"Why, Prince, you're so human", the charming Eleanor is quoted as gurgling. "You're just like we other folks! I don't care now about losing my place on the swimming team."

Yes, Prince, you're just like "we other folks". And you may be sure that La Jarrett knows her men. Her grammar may be a bit barbarous, but that's a mere nothing to one who has a superb line (or lines).

"Why, Prince, you don't mean to tell me you've never been to America, never seen Hollywood. You must come some time."

According to the reporters (who apparently are not quite ready to accord the glorious Eleanor the anonymity of their kind though she is now billed as a scribble), the prince was delighted with the blythe lady.

"Ach!" he is reported to have exclaimed on her departure. "Die Junge Frau ist zu komisch!"

That would seem to be the polite German equivalent for:

"Well! Ain't she quaint?"

Oh, Prince is that kind?

Lindbergh is about to exhibit his "glass heart" in Copenhagen; thus far, however, no arrangements have been made to exhibit Joe Louis' silica chin.

If unreasonable people had their way, the weatherman would be sitting on a brimstone griddle, with his horned host repeating: "Tomorrow: fair and warmer."

The United States soon is to acquire a 1500 square mile plot of territory in Colorado. It's not too early for Farley and Hamilton to claim it.

Farmers are learning that, before they can begin saving for a rainy day, they must have the rainy day.

Anent the rumor that Louis received a hypodermic in his arm before his recent fight, most people thought his plight resulted from Schmeling ether.

If news gets out that a drouth makes lawn mowing chore unnecessary and water scarce for the Saturday night bath, small boys will be for it.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

CASCARA GROVES?

COOS county, which is experiencing a considerable revival in the peeling and sale of cascara bark,

will be interested in the proposal of the Capital Journal at Salem that cascara trees be grown commercially in groves, as holly is grown commercially in the northwest and as rubber is produced in plantations in Mexico and South America. Suggests the Journal:

"With the price of cascara bark back to normal harvesting of the bark has been resumed on a considerable scale in the western counties of Oregon and Washington, after several years of comparative inactivity. At prevailing prices, peelers can make from \$2.50 to \$10 a day according to their experience and the quality of bark."

"The bark is peeled from the trees and then dried. Farmers who peel bark on their own land are careful not to girdle the tree, so the bark will grow again, but by far the greater number of peelers operating on public domain or privately owned forests, in their greed strip the tree so that it dies. This has been going on for many years, and the once beautiful Rhamnus Purshiana, a very handsome small tree, faces extermination."

"Cascara bark, or Cascara Segrada, or Chittam bark is collected in spring or early summer, when it is easily peeled from the wood, and when dried, curls into quills. The fluid extract is prepared from the dried bark and is used in medicine as an aperient and tonic, acting chiefly on the muscular coats of the intestine."

"As the tree is of quite rapid growth, one wonders why cascara groves are not set out, cultivated, and the bark scientifically stripped so as to provide regular harvests, and yield a steady income to farmers, just as rubber plantations have been planted. Time was when the rubber supply came from the wild trees in tropical forests and the native gatherers invariably bled the tree to death, which resulted in commercial planting which now supplies world markets."

"We have groves of English holly in the northwest to furnish the country with Christmas decorations and they have proved profitable. Why not groves of cascara to supplement the farm income?"

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent
 WASHINGTON, July 29.—The position of young Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia is as peculiar as it is surprising.

Nominated and elected as a liberal boy wonder while still under the required senatorial age of 35, Holt found the whole capital friendly when he came here.

By his own assiduous efforts he has secured himself with the national administration, the Democratic machine which dominates West Virginia, the union mine workers who helped elect him, and other elements, until he is perhaps the most isolated man in the senate.

He has 4½ more years to serve.

It started in a patronage row with Senator Mat Neely and some of the latter's political associates. Holt stumped the state against Neely for the May primaries and Holt's man was badly licked.

Then Holt lost practically his last friend here—at least in his own party—by filibustering the second Guffey coal bill to death at the end of the session.

A job of his filibuster speech, recently printed in an appendix to the Congressional Record and full of fables from Aesop, gives little indication of what caused Holt to keep from competing for the "most unpopular man" prize.

But there's some point to a fable interpolated by Senator Bennett Clark of Missouri, who told of "the famous tenderfoot who went out to hunt bears, and upon whose tombstone it was written:

"He whistled for the grizzly and the grizzly came!"

LONDON NOT "NATIVE SON"

Don't let anybody rib you or win any bets with cracks about the "Kansas-born candidate" for the presidency or the "native son of Kansas" who is running against Roosevelt.

The only such presidential "aspirant" is Earl Browder, nominated by the Communist party, who was born in Wichita. Governor Landon was born in Pennsylvania and lived for some years in Ohio.

ANOTHER MIXED-UP ISSUE

It is easy to get mixed up on one campaign issue when you hear certain "WPA workers" or "CCC workers" have or have not been required to furnish political endorsements to get their jobs.

If a politician means that WPA is hiring work-relief hands on a political basis, that's one thing. If he means that administrative employees, from supervisors and foremen up, are being required to show political backing, that's another.

There is something more nauseating about the idea that substance wages used as substitutes for food to avert starvation are conditioned on politics.

Republican Manager John Hamilton has answered Democratic Manager Jim Farley's question:

"Has anybody who is listening to this speech ever heard of a man or woman being asked whether he or she is a Democrat or a Republican before getting the food or an emergency job?"

SOME POLITICS IN RELIEF

It's a fair guess, though, he may have figured listeners would think he covered more ground.

But Hamilton comes back with evidence that an applicant for a job as a non-technical foreman in a CCC camp was asked by Wyoming's Governor Miller to fill out an application blank requiring him to give his political record.

Evidence that work-reliefers and CCC enrollees have been required to leap political hurdles hasn't yet appeared—although it may, local politicians being what they so often are.

In many states, however, WPA administrative staffs and CCC non-technical foremen are employed largely on a political basis. That's been true in CCC since the late Speaker Byrne and an unofficial patronage committee of congressmen wrote to the White House and put up a big bill for more pie.

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AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEN

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EVERYBODY should know by now that children are not born equal, either mentally or physically. Most of them are the sum of their ancestors. Many a parent himself is not as smart as he would like his child to be.

The first duty of a parent is to find out the limit of the child's intellectual capacity, and not to endeavor to drive the child beyond that capacity. The child who cannot think well, remember well, or learn normally should have the advantage of what science can offer to make the most out of the capacity that it has.

Once it is discovered that a child is mentally slow and that it cannot keep up with other children, the parents must decide what they are to do about its education. But first they must determine by suitable examination that the physical condition of the child is as good as it can possibly be made.

Out of 400 delinquent children studied in a mental hygiene clinic, it was found that a considerable percentage suffered from easily corrected physical defects. One-third had bad teeth and large adenoids and tonsils.

Many of the children had parents who were handicapped by physical illness—the father being unable to work and the mother being compelled to earn the family living. Many of them had parents who were themselves distinctly neurotic.

There is, of course, some relationship between disease and intelligence. There are many conditions which do not lessen intelligence, but seem instead to sharpen the mind. Thus, it has been shown that children who are especially alert to various food substances are likely to be more alert than are other children.

Out of 1077 children examined in Glasgow, those suffering from the chronic rheumatism or kidney disorders were found to be just as intelligent as their brothers and sisters.

On the other hand, those suffering from real disorders of the glands, and with either an excess or deficiency of internal secretions, were found occasionally to depart from normal intelligence levels.

Attempts have been made to correlate height and intelligence. It has been claimed that children of higher intelligence are slightly taller than others. This claim was made in Great Britain, where people in general are taller than people of some other races.

Nobody yet has found that tall Japanese are any smarter than the short ones.

SIDE GLANCES



It's been three months since you were knocked out, and your dad and I feel that you should either start your come-back, or go get a job."

Two Church Clubs Hold Meetings Tuesday

The Women's Union of the First Methodist Episcopal church held its monthly all-day gathering at the church Tuesday. At the foreign missionary meeting in the morning, Mrs. E. C. Latham had the devotion and Mrs. C. E. Taylor gave the book review her chapter being, "Daughters of Drudgery."

Fifty women were present for the covered dish luncheon at noon. On the committee for the luncheon were Mrs. A. E. Edholm, Mrs. Frank Gordinier, Mrs. J. B. Hewitt, Mrs. Victor Bailey, and on the coffee committee were Mrs. C. J. Smith, Mrs. E. C. Latham and Mrs. L. E. Clark.

The regular business meeting of the Union was held during the afternoon. Miss Ruth Baker gave devotion. Two violin solos were played by Miss Lorna King, accompanied by Mrs. Buford Roach, and Miss Mary Booth played cello numbers, accompanied by Mrs. John Conway.

Mrs. M. Buck of Salem, the national organizer and lecturer for the W. C. T. U., talked on the recent national convention of the W. C. T. U. at Tulsa, Oklahoma, which she attended.

Mrs. Frank L. Chambers told of her visit to the Jason Lee Memorial in Salem.

Reports were given by the committees and divisions.

For the August monthly meeting, another covered dish luncheon is to be held at noon.

Presbyterian Women

The Women's Missionary society of Central Presbyterian church met on Tuesday afternoon at the church chapel with Mrs. M. M. Hollis and Mrs. C. B. Dalton as hostesses.

On the program for the afternoon, Miss Rosabel Stewart, who has been in China as a missionary, was the speaker. Twenty-seven women were present. Mrs. Buck of Salem, told of her recent trip to the national W. C. T. U. convention at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. M. M. Hollis had the devotionals.

Dorena Items

DORENA, July 29.—(Special)—The Townsend club held its regular meeting Thursday evening at the ladies' clubhouse. After the business meeting they enjoyed a watermelon feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fleck drove to Philomath Sunday where they attended the Oglesby reunion.

Mrs. Ruth England and children, Mrs. Ada Jennings and family attended a family reunion at Skinner Butte park Sunday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sparks of Missoula, Mont., who are spending their vacation on the coast in Oregon and California.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pluegar of Marshfield visited their father and brother and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Roy Nichols and son of near Veneta and Everett Fisher of near Eugene were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper and children returned Sunday evening from a trip to eastern Oregon and visited Melvin McKibben and family at La Grande.

Miss Helen Thrasher returned home Saturday evening from Divide where she visited her sister, Mrs. Mable McKenolds and family.

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MISS NELSON TO WED THURSDAY

Garden Ceremony Is Planned In Evening

By MARGARET REID

AMONG large weddings being held this summer is that of Miss Thelma Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Nelson of Eugene, and Robert E. Holmquist, of Eugene, son of Prof. and Mrs. H. E. Holmquist of Clatsop, Washington, which will be solemnized Thursday evening at eight-thirty o'clock in the garden of the Nelson home, Dr. Victor P. Morris officiating.

Attendants for the bride will be Mrs. J. O. Lindstrom, Miss Elmadhor Havemann, Miss Ina Kerley, Miss Rachel Van Osdel, Miss Katrina Parsons, Miss Ruth Orrick.

William Wilmot is to be best man for Mr. Holmquist. A reception in the garden will follow the ceremony.

SPECIAL MEETING

Alumnae of Zeta Tau Alpha are having a special meeting Thursday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ralph B. Hector.

COBURG ITEMS

COBURG, July 28.—(Special)—Coburg people who attended the Seavey-Blachly family reunion, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Seavey on Hop Island, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wassom, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stoneberg, and family and Miss Minnie Scott.

Mrs. Frances Spies of Vancouver, Wash., visited with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kiger, here, Friday.

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Calendar

Wednesday
 6 p. m.—Catholic Daughters of America picnic at Skinner Butte park.
 7 p. m.—Mothers and Wives club of Phi Sigma Kappa meeting with Mrs. G. S. Beardsley, 673 Tenth avenue west.

Thursday
 7:30 p. m.—Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae meeting with Mrs. Ralph B. Hector.

Annual Picnic Of Amartntn Lodge Is Planned

The annual picnic of Willamette Court, Order of the Amaranth, will be held Sunday, August 2, at Swimmers' Delight, on the west side of the river. This is to be an all-day affair with a basket dinner to be served about one o'clock.

The Court will furnish coffee, sugar and cream.
 On the committee arranging for this picnic are Mrs. Elmer Stone, Jess Godlove and W. G. Klusmann.

PARTY ON BIRTHDAY

WALTERVILLE, July 29.—(Special)—A birthday party was given Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Campbell in honor of Mr. Campbell's birthday. About 30 enjoyed the evening of games and visiting; at a late hour refreshments were served. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Drury, George Drury, Mr. and Mrs. John Kickbusch, John Kickbusch and Evelyn Kickbusch, Mrs. Gina Momb, Sam Fossum, Gail Easton, Mrs. A. T. Easton, Jesse Schwing, Mr. and Mrs.

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