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COTTAGE GROVE SAYS "NO"

BY a vote of 3 to 1, the people of Cottage Grove have refused to authorize their city council to enter into a new ten-year contract with the Mountain States Power Co. Now the problem is what to do next. The problem calls for reason and fair dealing if Cottage Grove is to avoid the sort of bitter and unprofitable "scrap" which often results from franchise disputes.

People in Cottage Grove want lower rates. That's the heart of the dispute. Some of them feel the way should be left open to take advantage of the Oregon "power district" law. There is the feeling that by "shopping around" they may be able to buy power more cheaply, perhaps from Bonneville or some other source of supply, than from Mountain States.

But these plans are rather vague, as yet. The Cottage Grove problem requires careful study. Building plants or transporting power long distances is often much more expensive than it looks. To get minimum rates anywhere requires low cost production and a big and well distributed volume of demand. After all the real issue is not whether power shall be bought from Mountain States or some other source but what is the best plan for the present and for the future and whether the rates under any plan are fair to consumers in every class.

The state utility commissioner has been very helpful in some of the Oregon cities in working out practical and reasonable solutions for just such problems. At Lakeview, for instance the local company was persuaded that it might be good business to encourage volume by making concessions and revisions in rates. The Cottage Grove problem is not to be solved by emotionalism but by careful study of facts.

Undoubtedly, the vote in Cottage Grove reflects some of the feeling engendered by "hush-hush" tactics on the election. This newspaper has encountered criticism in certain quarters for printing the news of the election and giving it first page prominence. We should be guilty of absolute bad faith with our readers if we suppressed or submerged news of such public interest.

That's that! Till now we have printed only impartial news making no comment. We speak now out of friendly interest in one of Lane county's most important communities. We counsel reason, tolerance, intelligence in working out a very difficult and very technical problem in which the growth and prosperity of Cottage Grove may be at stake. Forget feelings, search for facts. It is not a question of crushing Mountain States or of Mountain States crushing its opponents but of finding for Cottage Grove the one plan out of many that is best.

OLD POSTOFFICE TO GO?

IF the information obtained in Washington by Senator McNary's office is correct, the "old postoffice" in Eugene is to be demolished to make way for the new one which is to be built. It would be unwise for people in Eugene to interfere with the plans of the postoffice department because undoubtedly they have experts who have examined the situation and know what is most economical and best. It is in propriety, however, to remark that many of us will see the passing of the "old postoffice" with considerable regret. It is one of the most attractive public buildings in Eugene, and we can only hope that the new building will be as pleasing in line and design and effects.

Eugene may be very glad of the decision to build the new postoffice on the present site even though to many that seems to be out of the "line of march" of the business district. It will help to keep that southward march within reasonable limits and thereby save the community much taxable loss. The distance from any part of town is not great. The saving in land cost is obvious. Furthermore, the new postoffice could very easily be made the first project in a future grouping of public buildings in relation to Skinner Butte, the railway and bus depots, those parts of the town which so many visitors see first. It would be possible for Eugene, as the years go on, to acquire land for a mall or park about which these public and semi-public buildings could be grouped. Perhaps the postoffice architects will have some such thought in mind as they design the new building.

Eugene is looking forward. More than that it is moving forward. Some of these "dreams" may be possible sooner than we think.

We never realized how scarce crime was becoming in this country until we read of the rumor that the federal secret service men were investigating the G-men.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

THAT PRISON BREAK
(Medford Mail Tribune)

BECAUSE of a second decision upholding the right of the executive of this state to pass upon paroles granting freedom to convicts; hundreds of prisoners in the penitentiary Friday night staged a riot, which resulted in the death of one of the mob, and the serious wounding of another.

At the last reports last night, while the riot had been put down and all prisoners were locked in their cells, the disturbance within the walls was still going on.

Why do the convicts object so violently to the enforcement of the state law, which requires the scrutiny and careful checking up, of a prisoner's character and record, before he is granted freedom?

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Well, the leaders of the mob were desperate and dangerous characters. The killed convict was a murderer in for life, the wounded man, had killed his companion in a drunken brawl. It is a fair assumption that the convicts engaged in that break for the wall, were of the type that if released again, would again take up a life of crime.

Naturally they don't wish to stay within prison walls any longer than is necessary. Also naturally, they DO want to regain their liberty at the earliest possible time.

This was possible under the system of automatic paroles, on the basis of good behavior allowances, without any thorough inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the case, or the essential character of the individual concerned.

Everyone knows the flagrant abuses such a system has allowed,—the number of paroled prisoners, who after a short breathing spell, have returned to crime, and often at the cost of more human lives, expense to the state and injury to society, have been returned within prison walls again.

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Regrettable as is the loss of life, the destruction of property and the blow to prison discipline and morale, the tragic affair, will have its compensations, if it awakens the people of the state to the serious conditions within the state penitentiary, and concentrates public attention again upon the whole problem of the system of parole.

The convicts may not like it. But the people of this state should see to it,—that the tightening down of parole regulations, the careful examination of the character and record of every applicant for parole—as the law now provides—be retained, and vigorously carried on.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Certain localized pains, vague or pronounced in accordance with the patient's individual constitution, are beginning to afflict some of the liberals who decided to support Governor Landon for election.

The pangs, of course, are almost pleasant sensations in comparison with some of the agony which has caused certain 1932 conservative supporters of Roosevelt to go leaping over the imaginary fence which divides the political parties.

But they are very obvious to such newspaper correspondents as are accustomed to receive the unburdenings of souls inhabiting persons of diverse political hues.

Naturally enough, there is appearing in the Landon camp a division between liberals and conservatives which is more or less comparable to the constant battle which has gone on between conservatives and liberals in the New Deal.

The left-wingers of the Roosevelt army are relatively wild and woolly radicals when you compare them with the left-wingers among Landon's cohorts and the reactionaries behind Landon are more numerous and more reactionary than those supporting Roosevelt. But there are fringes which almost overlap in their social-economic belief.

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Liberals Grumble

The grumblings come from those who tend to deplore the conservatism of the governor's acceptance speech, the conservative tendencies of his advisers, the marked extent to which Landon has reversed himself from previous endorsements of liberal New Deal measures or policies, and the rather general reaction of labor leaders against the governor's remarks on labor.

It is quite reasonable to doubt whether this development will have any influence whatever on the outcome of the campaign. The liberal vote as such is rather a nebulous factor and, even so, presumably only a small portion of it is sufficiently footloose at this stage to be swung by political philosophy as unfolded in the campaign.

Perhaps it is even hazardous to say that if the big campaign issue were to be drawn between "Roosevelt and reaction" the voters would be sure to choose Roosevelt. They may very well be ripe for "reaction."

Some hard-boiled politicians even think that if the Republican candidate were to declare firmly against the principle of labor union organization—which is unthinkable—he would attract enough middle-class and farmer votes thereby to make it politically worthwhile.

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See Hand of Landon's Uncle

Nevertheless, the rumor is beginning to get around that certain portions of the Landon acceptance speech were deleted and other portions inserted by Landon's uncle, William Mossman, public relations man and lobbyist for the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., a thorough-going conservative.

This may not be proved, but it will be charged. It is reported that the Landon brain trust at Topeka wasn't nearly as pleased with the speech as delivered as it was with the speech as first prepared.

Visits of Wall Street bank representatives, Chairman John Hamilton's attack on John L. Lewis, and the Liberty League characteristics of Col. Knox's speech also annoy the Landon liberals. They recall that Landon was once promising that "racketeers like Insull, Morgan, and Van Sweringen" should be driven from industry and finance by public scorn and the government's strong arm.

They doubt whether it does Landon any good to be repudiating previous kind words about Roosevelt and the New Deal.

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New Dealers Perk Up

New Dealers, meanwhile, seem to think that Landon and Hamilton are doing themselves much more harm than good—especially with remarks that have antagonized organized labor and Landon's subsequent explanations.

It is easy to see the Democrats' confidence pick up. But if the next polls show an increase of Landon sentiment, they will be thrown into funk and panic.

The Landon liberals will doubtless learn to put up with a lot, just as the Roosevelt liberals have.

The latter are forced to sleep with the fact that the New Deal, with all its pretensions of sweetness and light, is depending vitally for November success on such notorious political machines as those of Tammany in New York, Guffey in Pennsylvania, Pendergast in Missouri, Hague in New Jersey, Curley in Massachusetts, Huey Long's heirs in Louisiana, and so on.

And the list of business men supporting the Roosevelt regime for selfish reasons is no small one, even though they didn't manage to tone down his acceptance speech.

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AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine

SOME people seem to think that a person who is a genius usually is a "little bit off," if not insane.

The famous Italian criminologist, Lombroso, compiled a list of noted men who were in some way abnormal. His list includes the novelist Edgar Allen Poe, the composers Schumann and Gounod, the poets Southey and Cowper, and the philosophers Nietzsche and Rousseau.

In previous articles, I have pointed out that the person who stutters also may hesitate in his thinking ability and intellect. Yet even to this there are exceptions.

The psychologist, Pillsbury, has listed the following great men who were known to have suffered from speech defects: Demosthenes, Aesop, Aristotle, Virgil, Erasmus, Charles Lamb, Darwin, and Charles V.

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In the old days it was customary to list left-handed people as being distinctly queer and abnormal. Yet, as I have already pointed out, left-handedness may be distinctly normal for the person concerned. In fact, right-handedness to him may seem an abnormality, and he may have trouble if too much emphasis is placed on what he considers normality.

There are records of geniuses, of course, who were distinctly abnormal as to intellect. The philosopher Schopenhauer had pathologic fears and delusions of grandeur, and so did the Russian novelist Gogol.

The great French master of the short story, Guy de Maupassant, became insane. So did the physician Semmelweis, who is credited with having been the first to establish definitely the nature of infection in childbirth, pointing the way toward saving the lives of many women who might have died in this process.

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It is known that the mentality of the human being passes through various phases, in some of which he produces works of greater originality than in others.

Thus, the great Goethe passed through periods of excitement at regular intervals of seven years, and during each of these intervals wrote poetry or dramatic works of extraordinary genius. Incidentally, a new love affair in each of these periods was credited by the author for his inspiration.

It must not be thought, from what I have just said, that queerness is, in any sense of the word, a sure sign of extraordinary ability. Nowadays it requires a physician of special training to determine intellectual capacity and mental ability.

It should be realized, however, that the child with special gifts should have every possible opportunity to develop them, because, as the poet Horace said, "Training increases inborn worth."

SIDE GLANCES

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At Walterville

WALTERVILLE, Aug. 6.—(Special)—The local Townsend club is meeting Aug. 13 for its regular meeting and a business session will be held with W. E. Parrish speaker for the evening. Cake, sandwiches and coffee will be served for refreshments after the business meeting and speaking. The public is invited to attend this meeting and hear the report from Mr. Parrish who attended the convention at Cleveland, O.

A. T. Easton is installing an electric pump which will replace his windmill.

Mrs. O. L. Clement is visiting this week with her daughter, Mrs. Ben Basl and family at Stayton, Ore. Mr. and Mrs. Clement and family came Sunday and Mrs. Clement and Carolyn remained for a visit.

FAR VISITORS

LONE PINE, Aug. 6.—(Special)—Rev. and Mrs. I. H. Riensche and daughters Dorothea Lou and Mary Ann, of Johnson, Neb., were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hostick. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Riensche and sons Jack and Wilmer of Elmira were additional dinner guests on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Riensche and family left Monday for Yellowstone Park and other places of interest on their return trip home.

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Pro America Group Asked to Meeting

Announcement has come to the Eugene chapter of the Pro America organization inviting all members to the mass meeting to be held in Portland next Tuesday evening in the civic auditorium there with Mrs. John Hillman, national vice-president, among the speakers. Mrs. Hillman is in Portland with the party headed by John Hamilton, national republican chairman.

All state chairmen in Pro America are meeting with Mrs. Hillman earlier in the day at the Multnomah hotel.

The local Pro America group held a board meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Osburn hotel. By the first of the week the organization plans to get its membership drive underway, headed by Mrs. Mary Near as chairman, announces Mrs. Hugh E. Rosson, Pro America chairman here.

The local organization reports the Pro America groups sponsoring the recent picnic at the home of Senator and Mrs. Charles L. McNary were successful financially in their part in the gathering.

Plan For Picnic

A picnic gathering for the coming Sunday will be that for General Lawton camp, No. 10, U. S. W. V. and auxiliary, the event to be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Peerce on Beacon Drive, six miles north of the city. The committee in charge includes Mrs. R. E. Peerce, Mrs. Judd Stauffer, Mrs. T. C. Hall, and Mrs. Horace Blood. Members are asked to take their own silver and their song books.

Rebekahs Meet

The Eugene Rebekah lodge held its regular meeting Wednesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. For the meeting to come in two weeks, those whose names begin with A, B, and C will have charge of entertainment, the chairman to be announced later.

To Meet Saturday

The New League is meeting this Saturday, Mrs. M. Mitchell and Mrs. Ella Devereaux to be hostesses at the home of the former, 659 Pearl street, for an one o'clock luncheon.

SERVICES HELD

NOTI, Aug. 6.—(Special)—Rev. J. B. Moomaw conducted services Sunday at the Church of Christ. For his morning topic he chose "The King's Highway," and in the evening he spoke on "The Unchanging Christ in a Changing World." During Bible study hour, the adult class was organized, retaining the same name, "The Loyal Workers" and Rev. Mr. Moomaw was chosen to teach this class. Mary Wilson was elected president and Ora Bourgies will act as secretary-treasurer. Committees will be appointed next Sunday.

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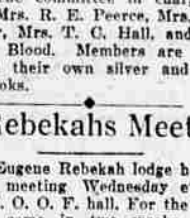
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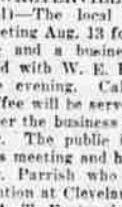
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B. P. W. CLUB PLANNING EVENT

Corvallis Group To Be Asked To Picnic

By MARIAN LOWRY

AT the luncheon meeting for the executive group of the Business and Professional Women's club, Wednesday noon in McCrady cafe, plans were made for several future events.

An invitation is being extended by the local club to the Corvallis club for a joint picnic here August 27. That will be the monthly social night for the Eugene club. The regular luncheon for the Eugene group comes next Thursday noon at McCrady cafe with Dr. Jiro Harada, noted Japanese art authority, as the speaker. Mrs. Mabel Henry is chairman for this luncheon. It is to be guest day.

Miss Irene Ritchie has been named chairman of the club emblem committee, succeeding Mrs. Roy Brown (Ethel Armitage) who left recently for the mid-west to live. Mrs. Greta Buckingham has been named hospitality committee chairman, succeeding Mrs. Harriet Underwood, who has resigned in order to give her time to the state convention committee of which she is chairman.

Mrs. Ella Day has been welcomed back into the club membership.

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HERE FOR FEW DAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Gage Jr. have returned from a trip east and will be here several days before going north for a vacation and visit.

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VISITING HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jost of Mt. Holly, New Jersey, are visiting here as guests of Mr. Jost's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jost. They will be here until the first of September.

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FROM SEATTLE

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Spreckels (Dorothy Belle Endicott) came the past week from Seattle for an extended visit with Mrs. Spreckels' parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Endicott.

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LEAVES FOR HOME

Mrs. Andrew Olsen has left for her home in Los Angeles after a visit in Eugene. She has been a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Faust.

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HOME FROM VISIT

Mrs. LaVerne Hawn has returned from a few days visit in southern Oregon with relatives.

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LUNCHEON FRIDAY

An event for Friday will be the no hostess luncheon to be given by active members and alumnae of Mu Phi Epsilon, women's national music honorary, honoring a number of members visiting here for the summer. The luncheon is to be at the Eugene hotel.

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SUPPER FRIDAY

The cafeteria supper planned by division three of the Methodist Episcopal Aid society will be held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred E. Chambers, serving to start at five-thirty o'clock. The public is invited.

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JOINT AFFAIR FRIDAY

The Loyal Band and Loyal Workers classes of the First Christian church are holding a joint picnic, Friday, at one o'clock, in Skinner Butte park.

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LODGE TO MEET

The members of Gitchell camp, Royal Neighbors of America, are to meet for their regular session Friday evening in the Eagles hall.

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PICNIC SUNDAY

Among picnics for Sunday will be that of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is to be held in Skinner Butte park.

Those without transportation are asked to call either 551-W or 907-J.

Women of Moose To Initiate Soon

The Women of Moose held their meeting Tuesday evening. Reports were given on the recent state convention held in Klamath Falls. The next regular meeting will come August 18 when a class of candidates will be initiated.

The group is planning also to attend the picnic to be given Sunday at Swimmers' Delight for all Moose members and their families.

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Calendar

Friday

1 p. m.—Luncheon for active and alumnae members of Mu Phi Epsilon, Eugene hotel.

1 p. m.—Joint picnic for Loyal Workers and Loyal Band classes of First Christian church, Skinner Butte park.

5:30 p. m.—Cafeteria supper for division three of M. E. Aid society, open to public, home of Mrs. Fred E. Chambers.

8 p. m.—Meeting of Gitchell camp, R. N. A., Eagles hall.

Women at Country Club Start Trophy Event

Play in the McMorran and Burne trophy tournament Wednesday at the weekly day at the Country club women playing. Luncheon at noon following the program in the morning.

The women will conclude the ney next Wednesday, play in the morning with the noon.

Picnic Event Thursday Eve

Informal picnic parties most of the social news these

Among groups planning Thursday evening at Swimmers' light are the following: Mr. and Guy Wright, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Norwald Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bailey, Mrs. Harry Wright, Mr. and Thelmer Nelson.

Drill Team Meeting

The Girls' drill team of the W. will hold its monthly meeting Friday evening at the W. hall club rooms at o'clock. Miss Lila Yoder will

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