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This Week
WASHINGTON
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AUTOCASTER WASHINGTON BUREAU

Bryan Untied walked right past the austere guardians of the White House when he went there to tell President Hoover, man to man, just what happened during that tragic Colorado blizzard. On the same day the full pomp and panoply of this government was staged for the benefit of the first autocratic King and Queen ever to cross the portals of the President's official home.

Objectors to the formality of the White House occupants, voiced against every man, from Washington to Hoover, will get little aid from young Bryan's trip, but all they want from the visit of their Majesties of Siam. But it took the Colorado boy to call attention to the real human side of Hoover. Like all those who are continually besieged by guests, he had to set the length of Bryan's visit—just for overnight. But he found so much enjoyment in the talk of the lad that he asked him to stay over several days longer. Apparently, young Bryan is cast in the same mold as Lindbergh, just a simple, unaffected American youth. And Mr. Hoover found someone he could chum with without having to guard his speech.

Bryan not only could talk interestingly but proved a musician on that favorite of all westerners, a mouth organ. His playing captivated the Hoover grandchildren. When she read of it in the papers, Representative Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of the "Commoner," sent the youngster a fine, gold-plated harmonica with her compliments. Bryan may be a total loss as a voter for eight more years, but he is worth a lot to the President by his implied judgment that the Chief is good company for a boy.

No other city in the country has such a vast army of scandal-mongers as the nation's capital. Innumerable writers have depicted various presidents prowling around at night with no good intent, or else wearing a "stuffed shirt" and receiving guests in the most impressive manner. Neither picture is true. The head of the nation is just like any other business man who has to see an enormous number of people on many propositions. His visitors have to be carefully winnowed down to the smallest number so the president can give proper attention to each of them. As a commentary returning travelers from Russia tell us they can't even approach Stalin, head of the Soviet Republics, without paying the way for three weeks. And he intended to be only just one Communist among millions.

Cotton is the first of all products to drop in price when a depression starts, declares Carl Williams, member of the Federal Farm board. It skidded down four months before the stock market reached its lowest point in 1929. Usually it recovers first, like in 1921 when it went up in price six months before the rest of the list. Since December there has been a slight improvement, but nothing sensational, like ten years ago.

Consumption of cotton goes up and down with general industrial production in other lines, says Williams. Five things caused its fall this time; the drop in business activity; second, reduced earnings of labor in both city and country; third, smaller income from agriculture caused by the drought and low prices of all raw materials, especially rubber, coffee and tin; and fifth, the fall in the price of silver.

The low price level for cotton has been passed and from now on a steady return to prosperity is indicated, asserts Williams. The real salvation of the cotton farmer this year, however, he asserts, depends more on the farmer's ability to raise his own food for his family and feed for his animals than on any high prices for cotton.

The Patent Office has recently granted a patent on an invention designed to give a third dimension to moving pictures. It helps the il-

TROUT EGGS TAKEN AT DIAMOND LAKE

More than ten and a half million rainbow trout eggs were taken by the game commission employees at Diamond lake this season, according to the report made by Matt L. Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries. The eggs are of fine quality, he reports, assuring a fine return in young fish. The snow is practically gone, except from the higher points, providing easy transportation from the egg taking station.

The eggs will be kept at the lake hatchery until they are eyed, when they will be shipped to other hatcheries throughout the state.

The Diamond lake station is the largest egg taking station in the world, and the trout eggs are distributed throughout the state by the game commission. The hatchery is maintained the year around.

LOCAL QUARTET APPEARS AT SAMS VALLEY GRANGE MEET

The Sams Valley grange held open house Saturday evening at their grange hall, at which they served a sumptuous dinner to some 250 guests. Following the dinner the Grange had a short program of readings and singing which furnished entertainment for many. One of the features of the program was the rendition of several selections by the boys quartet from the Gold Hill High school. They were given an enthusiastic encore.

BIG STICKY DEFEATED BY GOLD HILL NINE

In their first home game the local baseball team defeated the Big Sticky team Sunday on the local diamond by a score of 15 to 1. There were few thrills in the game due to the one-sided score. About the most congenial bunch of baseball players ever seen in action here, was the visitors. No decisions were contested and no crabbing featured the game. The local boys will meet the Central Point team on the local field next Sunday and an even larger crowd of spectators is expected to attend.

SAMS VALLEY ROAD GIVEN COAT OF OIL

There has been an oiling crew busy the past week oiling the road from the Sams Valley school to a point near the John Cook place. The improvement is surely appreciated by the people of this vicinity and the residents of the valley.

SAMS VALLEY WILL GRADUATE NINE PUPILS THIS YEAR

The Sams Valley school this year will graduate nine pupils. This is the largest graduation class ever to complete the courses of training in Sams Valley. The graduation exercises will be held Friday evening at the school house with V. V. Caldwell delivering the address to the graduates. Frances Milkowski will deliver the valedictory and Guella Grantham the Salutatory. Dick Strauss, chairman of the board of directors will present the diplomas.

THE NUGGET PRINTED

The Nugget, yearly publication of the Gold Hill High school, made its appearance at the school Monday morning. This booklet consisted of forty-eight pages this year and gave a good record of the school events. It was a product of the News job department.

lusion by making the figures on the screen appear to be rounded, as in actual life, the patentee asserts.

Thomas Jefferson founded the first of the many special government libraries in 1789, according to data recently unearthed in Washington. It is the library of the State Department. Among his first expenditures was a subscription to fifteen newspapers at an average cost of \$4 a year. Until 1894 the Declaration of independence was the library's most prized exhibit, until it was removed to prevent its deterioration. Lately it has been installed in a specially contrived glass enclosed box in the Library of Congress which permits it to be viewed without causing it to suffer from deterioration.

Graduates Have Busy Week Commencement Friday Night



Lyle Childers, Lucille Hittle, Linsley Dorman, Jean Chisholm, Melvin Sargent

This week is graduation week for the members of the Senior class of the Gold Hill High school and a busy week it has been too.

Last Sunday evening, among a profusion of beautiful flowers the graduates listened to a delightful baccalaureate program at the Methodist church. The church building was packed to capacity for the occasion. The theme of the sermon was "Pioneering in life." The program was as follows: Prelude—Mrs. Minnie Guy Invocation—Rev. Porter "Bells of the Sea"—H. S. Boys Chorus Scripture Reading—Mr. Meisinger Sermon—Rev. Porter, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Medford "Listen to the Lambs"—Mixed chorus Benediction—Rev. Porter

On Thursday evening the Junior Senior banquet was held at the Blue Flower Lodge at Phoenix, at which time the graduates were the guests of the Juniors, at a delicious banquet.

Friday evening will be graduation night and the exercises will be held in the high school gymnasium and the auditorium will be appropriately decorated for the occasion. The program will be as follows:

Processional—Mrs. Minnie Guy Glee club—"Now is the month of Maying"—Girls chorus Salutatory—"Our Heritage"—Linsley Dorman Orchestra—Gold Hill school Valedictory—"The Woman of Tomorrow"—Lucille Hittle Boys Quartet—"Sailor Song"—High school Address—"A Successful Life"—Rev. Baird Presentation of Balfour Key—Mr. Meisinger Presentation of Diplomas—Lester Boling, School Director Boys Quartet—"Southern Memories"—High School Recessional—Mrs. Minnie Guy

Wednesday evening was given over to the Senior play, "The Ghost Chaser," which was patronized by a large and appreciative audience, there being some 250 persons in attendance.

This type of play and size of crowd would have been impossible in the old school building auditorium.

So many unexpected, weird things happened that the audience was continually in suspense attempting to guess the outcome. The play required not only an exactness of dialogue but perfect timing and technique in acting to make it success-

ful. There were many hooded figures, disappearing doors, moving chairs and swinging pictures in evidence.

The stage decorations were very artistic and the black box, trap door, wall panel and shaded lamps added atmosphere to the settings.

Linsley Dorman had the crowd in an uproar as a hick detective. Ruth Green, the crook mair, carried her role well to the end. Lucille Hittle added much life to the scenes but failed to get far with her flirtations, much to the joy of the audience.

Wa lace Iverson was able to keep his identity a secret to the end. Melvin Sargent, as the brother of Lucille Hittle, Lyle Childers as the crook butler and Jean Chisholm, the owner of the haunted house, carried their parts well.

Many visitors were present from Sams Valley, Medford, Rogue River, Willow Springs and Tolo.

Mr. Meisinger gave a negro impersonation between acts entitled "The Rare Question" by Paul Lawrence Dunbar. It met the appreciation of the audience and received a big applause.

Mrs. Meisinger, the play coach, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of Carnations and Snapdragons by the cast.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE TO GRADUATE 511 STUDENTS

The sixty-second commencement day at Oregon State college, June 1, will be the commencement day for some 511 members of the class of 1931, and will also be reunion day for a number of classes of earlier days.

President W. J. Kerr, who will present the diplomas, will be presiding at his twenty-fourth commencement at the Corvallis institution. His first commencement there was in 1908, when only 83 degrees were conferred.

Dr. W. O. Thompson, president emeritus of Ohio State university will be the commencement day speaker, and Dr. Herbert S. Johnson of Boston is to give the Baccalaureate address Sunday morning.

Saturday, May 31, has been designated Alumni day, when 10 classes will hold reunions. Appropriate Memorial day ceremonies will be held just before noon in connection with the college R. O. T. C.

Ladino clover is evidently growing in popularity. Six years ago it was practically unknown here but the Oregon acreage is now over 6000.

All Roads Will Lead to Grants Pass Saturday

Saturday, May 23, Grants Pass will be the Mecca of hordes of people from California, Oregon and Washington and many other states including dignitaries from Canada and Mexico to attend the bridge dedication ceremonies, to be held there. Sponsoring the bridge fete are the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, the Josephine county court, the Oregon Highway commission, the Redwood Empire association and the Oregon Cavemen Inc.

Invitations, inscribed on the bleached jawbones of sheep were broadcast throughout the Pacific Coast by the Oregon Cavemen. Each of these was a "summons and a passport," entitling the holder to witness the weird Caveman ritual to take place in the ceremonial chamber of the Oregon caves as a feature of the bridge dedication.

Friday evening, May 22, there will be a dinner followed by All Pacific Coast Advertising and Tourist conference and another conference by this body Saturday morning at 10 a. m. and a meeting of the Southern Oregon group of the Oregon State Editorial association. Other activities and programs will complete the day.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAY PLANT SHADE TREES

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening, considerable routine work was taken up after which Mayor Ferguson discussed the matter of city beautification. He recommended that people living along the highway keep their grass and weeds down and their property beautified. The matter of planting trees along the highway and also along Fourth avenue was taken up and a committee appointed to investigate the feasibility and also to suggest a plan for doing this work. In view of the fact that many larger communities thru garden clubs and other civic organizations are doing just such work the endeavor of Gold Hill will not be amiss. Tony Ross was appointed by President Walker to bring to the next meeting a subject for discussion. It has been adopted by the Gold Hill Chamber as a regular function to have one of the members discuss some topic of general interest to the community.

POULTRY IMPORTS, STOCKS REDUCED

A 37 per cent decrease in the imports of poultry products during the past year and much smaller stocks of poultry on hand in the United States are favorable signs for the poultry industry reported by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at O. S. C., in his farm market news service issued today.

Import of poultry, mostly dressed turkeys from Argentina, fell off sharply in 1930, says the report. The total of poultry and poultry products imported was approximately 2,700,000 pounds, or 37 per cent less than in 1929. Furthermore, the cold storage holdings of turkeys in this country are now only about half as large as last year and the five-year average in May.

Stocks of other poultry are also much smaller than a year ago and well below average, Breithaupt says. Holdings of case and frozen eggs combined are slightly less than a year ago, but above average. Egg production in April was quite a bit short of April 1930 but consumption also apparently ran behind. Farm flocks of old hens are now somewhat smaller than at this time in 1930, while the reported output of chicks from commercial hatcheries may be 35 per cent less than last year. Just how many chicks have been hatched on farms is not known.

California Oregon Power Co. plan completion of \$ 1,000,000 prospective hydro-electric project on Rogue river.

Butler Busy State Police Organization

In a gay mood—pleased, he indicated, because he had no troubles, Major-General Smedley Butler of the marines, settled down in earnest Tuesday to lend his best efforts toward organizing a state constabulary for Oregon.

He left Portland for Salem shortly after making a brief talk before the Portland Breakfast club. The rest of the day was to be devoted to perusal of the supply of maps with which he had surrounded himself, and to interviews with those close to the present law enforcement agencies of the state.

General Butler was invited by Governor Meier to assist in the organization of the state constabulary authorized by the recent legislature.

General Butler lost no time in getting down to fundamentals. As soon as he had stepped from the train he suggested, "Well let's get to work."

He was eager to complete this task as soon as possible that he might be free to leave for Chicago Saturday. The first step, then, was to hurl overboard the elaborate state itinerary that had been mapped out for him, and to substitute one that will require most of his time being spent in Salem.

Butler outlined some of his ideas regarding an ideal police system, and declared such an organization must be kept free of politics or "other corrupt influence."

Referring to the charges made by independence Hall of Oregon, which filed a referendum petition against the police bill, that such a constabulary would be a "reversion to the Cossackism of old Russia," he declared the same charge had been made in Pennsylvania by men and women who now endorse the state police heartily.

He urged thorough training for the consolidated force. "Well trained men are poised and command public respect, he said, "Without which no police force can function properly."

BEEF, DAIRY AND SHEEP FIGURES ISSUED

Favorable signs for the beef industry but containing maladjustments in supply and demand factors in the dairy and sheep industries are seen in figures on the livestock situation released today by the extension service at Oregon State college.

Consumption of dairy products has been good this spring, but the estimated production of milk increased more than use of the products, according to the report. Pasture conditions over the country average poorer than usual and hold-over stocks of hay, except in some western states, are the lowest in May since 1919. The new hay crop on the whole is the least promising for many years, except 1928.

The supply of beef in storage is light compared to last year and to the average, the college report points out. Holdings of pork products, except lard, have increased until there is now more on hand than last year and the average at this time of the year. Stocks of lamb are light, but the supply available for market is expected to be ample.

Wool markets are showing some firmness because of better demand and a slight reduction in the clip in southern hemisphere countries where 70 per cent of the world supply originates.

STRONG FOR FOREIGN CHEESE

It may be a surprise to many of bossy's friends to learn that here in Uncle Sam's domain dotted with dairies, we bought from Italy and consumed 30,000,000 pounds of hard cheese and almost 2,000,000 pounds of soft cheese last year, 1930.

Bids to be called soon for construction of \$75,000 addition to State tuberculosis hospital group near Salem.