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"With or without offense to friends or foes I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

Eugene Tries it

The Capital Journal joins with the Register-Guard in congratulating the Eugene city council upon its selection of Dr. James D. Barnett as a member of that city's civil service commission...

Dr. Barnett, professor of political sciences at the University of Oregon, author of textbooks and a recognized national authority on that subject, is probably as well qualified as anyone who could be found to direct the administration of Eugene's experiment with civil service.

He may, for instance, be able to establish discipline and full obedience to centralized authority within the affected departments without vesting in departmental chiefs full responsibility for their subordinates and the power to enforce that responsibility with suspensions and dismissals.

He may be able to preserve efficiency and individual responsiveness to the public interest by cutting the red tape which usually attaches to civil service regulations, and he may succeed in preventing the destruction of enterprise and initiative, which generally are lulled to sleep by a sense of too much security in employment.

Dr. Barnett may be able to help achieve these results for the city of Eugene under its civil service program. But that has not been the experience of Salem or of most other cities which have tried it at the expense of discipline, alertness and general efficiency.

Civil service, unless properly safeguarded by the centralization of responsibility and authority, is destructive of efficiency.

City Cooperation

Visitors to Salem whose sense of beauty is offended by the sight of charred and blackened lots surrounding green lawns and tidy, laboriously kept gardens can attribute the spectacle to the city's official thrift—strange as that seems.

These eyesores, it seems, are a product of the city's fire prevention policy which calls for the cutting or burning of weeds and tall grass on vacant property as a means of reducing the hazard from carelessly tossed matches and cigarette stubs during the dry summer season.

Ordinarily the lots are cleared by cutting and raking, and controlled burning of the piled debris. A city ordinance provides that if the clearing is not done by the owner the city may do the work and assess the cost as a lien against the property.

The result is ugly black blotches, some of them a whole block in extent, marring the residential sections of the city from one end to another. There they will remain to offend the eye and destroy the beauty created by proud home owners until long after the fall rains have set in.

Truly, city officials are setting a wonderful example of cooperation in city beautification.

Time for Action

With a call for bids on the work of excavating for the new capitol already issued and the date of starting work set for early September, there is immediate need for consideration of the problem of additional park facilities for the city.

All of Willson park, the present location for band concerts and other large out-of-doors gatherings, is included in the site of the new building and a sufficient portion of it will actually be occupied to make the remainder inadequate for the use to which the park has been put in the past.

The city park board should seriously set to work studying the problem and preparing a permanent park program for progressive development as finances are available. Such a program should embody landscaping and improvement of the old auto park property—perhaps during the coming winter as a work relief project for which funds can be obtained from the federal government—but should also embrace recommendations for the acquisition of further property in different sections of the city.

If possible, some arrangement should be worked out with the private owners of that portion of the Bush property on Mission street, which will eventually revert to the city as a park, for utilization of the property in the near future.

60 CASES BEFORE BOARD OF PAROLES

The state parole board reviewed about 60 cases of penitentiary prisoners today whose applications had been received for controlled release.

Governor Martin announced convictions involved in the recent prison riot which resulted in the death of one inmate and injury to two others.

The condition of James Hamilton, shot through the lung during the riot, was reported unchanged. Prison hospital attendants reported he had an even chance for recovery.

Visiting Aunt Gervais—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Herkenrath and children, of Seattle are spending this week at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Georgia Keppinger.

MEAT CUTTERS ASK NEW WAGE SCALE

The Salem local meatcutters union presented a new wage scale proposal to markets calling for a base wage of \$30 a week for two months after which the scale for journey-men would be \$35 a week.

The union, recently organized, also announced the wages would be on the basis of 8 hours a day except Saturdays when 9 hours will constitute a day's work.

Effectiveness of the proposal will await action of the city council on an ordinance calling for the closing of all business stores at 8 o'clock in the evening.

IS IN PORTLAND Scotts Mills—Miss Mildred Rich is spending the week in Portland as a guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. S. Dixon. Mrs. Dixon attended the annual home coming of former school friend teachers and one time residents of Scotts Mills, Sunday, and Miss Rich accompanied her home.

A Dog's Life



CONFISCATION OF PIN BOARD GAMES BEGINS SATURDAY

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pleased that the machines were going out. However, the sheriff said he expected a few of the machines might continue in operation to establish a test case in the court for purpose of determining whether the attorney general's office is right or wrong in its opinion that the boards are operating illegally.

PLOT SEEN IN MURDER CASE

San Francisco, Aug. 13 (U.P.)—Police today followed a trail of waterfront politics, a mysterious woman and two men as they sought clues in the strange murder of Raoul Louis Cherbourg, 38 year old sailor, whose body, bound in heavy boat chains, was found washed up on the shore of lower San Francisco bay.

The body was identified through fingerprints which checked with those of Los Angeles authorities, who said Cherbourg once served a sentence in Los Angeles county jail.

Cherbourg, it was learned, frequently had been employed as an investigator in various legal cases, including the famous James Flood estate fight, and sometimes as a maritime detective.

The victim reportedly was affiliated with radical elements in waterfront politics. He was arrested on a criminal syndicalism charge in Los Angeles. One report said he had been involved in a gang fight in an Aberdeen, Wash., saloon, and that he told a union dispatcher upon his arrival here he was afraid "someone would get him."

The woman entered the case when authorities learned that during his imprisonment in Los Angeles she had called upon headquarters frequently asking about him. Cherbourg later denied knowing of any woman who would be interested in him.

Authorities also sought two men said to be hotel acquaintances of Cherbourg when he lived in San Francisco. The three men were last seen at the waterfront establishment about the first of last week, according to the proprietor, T. L. Selchau. The two men were sought merely for information concerning the victim, police said.

Cherbourg's body, found near the Dumbarton bridge, was trussed with ropes and weighted down with several lengths of chain.

The sheriff yesterday afternoon sent written notification to the theatres operating bank nights here that they must desist. Bank night operated as usual last night with announcement reported made at the theatres that they would continue to operate next Wednesday night which is past the deadline laid down by the sheriff and attorney general.

Report was current that an attorney representing the firm having charge of bank nights over the country is on his way here to inject some legal interference and make a test case in this state. A large number of theatres are said to be operating a similar plan in various parts of the state.

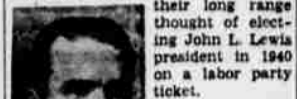
ODDITIES - LAND, SEA AND AIR

Advertisement for Brahmin cattle and Oregon mole, featuring illustrations of a cow and a mole.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 12—The Roosevelt labor ralliers at their convention here were not very shy about their long range thought of electing John L. Lewis president in 1940 on a labor party ticket.



None of the speakers said anything officially about it. The words "third party" were never mentioned. No demonstration was staged for anyone except President Roosevelt.

But if you will add up the following facts, you will get the proper sum total of what the boys hopefully have in mind: (1) their resolution establishing their groups as a permanent organization, said labor should be in a position "to adjust ourselves intelligently and effectively to any political realignment that may occur following the reelection of President Roosevelt;"

(2) Mr. Lewis, the prospective candidate, opened his own door, saying: "I do not know, after this election, what labor will do . . . but labor will undertake to do that thing politically which labor believes to be of the greatest advantage to labor;" and (3) new deal handymen Berry added they propose to furnish "the instrument through which we can effectively and intelligently play our part in the realignment, if a realignment is to come, in the political parties of this country."

In fact, some present felt these hints were much clearer than necessary in a meeting called solely for the purpose of rallying around Mr. Roosevelt.

Chances—Few political authorities here will believe there is very much chance for Lewis or a formidable labor party soon. So many "ifs" are involved in the situation that consideration of it becomes merely parlor speculation.

In the first place, Mr. Lewis must successfully organize the steel industry and take over the A. F. of L. That will be a large order, even if Mr. Roosevelt is re-elected.

After that, Lewis' chance of capturing either major party as a vehicle for his operations will have to be faced. The nominal democratic leaders in congress and the politicians would not want him (Robinson, Bankhead, O'Connor, Glass, etc.).

No possible reorganization of the republican party is now conceivable which would afford him a foothold in that camp. And if Mr. Roosevelt is defeated, where will he be?

This leaves him a competitive third party as the only reasonable prospect. If both major parties continue in the field as important political entities, all his third party candidacy could do is to hurt or help one of the two major parties. He would be in the same position as Coughlin, Lemke, et al now find themselves.

Meanwhile, however, the suggestion of possible greater political importance is water on his wheel. The hints are expected to continue.

Threat—Far more realistic was what the new deal's friend, Sidney Hillman, told the convention. In diplomatic language, he virtually announced that, after election, another fight was going to be made for NRA, the thirty-hour week or some legislative control of the work week and minimum pay.

One overlooked sentence in his speech to the Roosevelt rally reads: "The NRA has been the savior of millions of workers, and we in our industries propose to demand of government outlawing the sweatshop, guaranteeing minimum wages and maximum hours in industry." (Applause.)

Advancement—Progress is moving so fast inside the interior department that the new building is being rebuilt in some particulars before it has really settled in the ground.

First, Secretary Ickes discovered there was no radio broadcasting room in the building after it was up. Imagine a new government building without a broadcasting room! He ordered partitions knocked down, floors torn up, and rooms combined to provide suitable radio quarters.

But, even after that, other deficiencies were discovered daily. As a consequence, Mr. Ickes has been holding up his own personal end of the PWA program by constant rebuilding.

Stale—The time has now arrived in this campaign when speeches start out like this: "I am glad to be able to take part in this centennial celebration both because it brings me back to Iowa and because it permits me to join in congratulating the city of Council Bluffs. I cannot claim residence here, but I can and do claim a neighborly pride in your history and accomplishments."—Opening paragraph of address by Agriculture Secretary Wallace at the centennial celebration of the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

LEAVES HOSPITAL Gervais—Samuel E. Brown was able to be brought home from the hospital where he has been more than two months and his many friends hope to see him regain his health soon.

Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Preston left Tuesday night for Los Angeles, being called there by the sudden death of Preston's brother, John Preston. They will remain for the week.

STRANGE DEFENSE STRATEGY!



LOOK AT 'EM! LOOK AT 'EM! HITTING BELOW TH' BELT!

Astor-Thorpe Case to Reach Settlement in Order This Afternoon

Los Angeles, Aug. 13 (U.P.)—After an hour's heated conference with both parents and their attorneys, Judge Goodwin Knight announced at noon today the final peace pact in the sensational Mary Astor-Dr. Franklin Thorpe child custody battle will be announced from the bench at 3 p. m.

Judge Knight called the film actress and her divorced husband and their lawyers into his private chambers at 10:30 a. m. and for more than an hour loud voices could be heard through the door panels, indicating an angry session.

Then the judge walked from the conference, stepped to the bench and announced that "final judgment" would be given this afternoon.

Judge Goodwin J. Knight said he would impose severe conditions upon Mary Astor and Dr. Franklin Thorpe in settling joint control of the 4-year-old daughter.

His intent, he said, was to "sew up" the litigation between the film star and her former husband so that it can never be reopened.

Judge Knight stated his plans in revealing that he would take charge of Miss Astor's rheumatoid diary, in which she confessed an extra-marital love for George S. Kaufman, famous playwright.

The disposition of the diary will be known only to Dr. Thorpe, Miss Astor and the court. It was understood, however, that Judge Knight would impose it in such a way that it can do no further damage to Miss Astor and be of no further assistance to her former husband.

"My primary interest is for the child," he said. "When the agreement drawn up between the lawyers is accepted, I expect it will set up the Astor-Thorpe case so it will never be re-opened."

"Contrary to rumors, there has been no pressure exerted upon me by motion picture interests to end the case," Judge Knight said. "Any 'high pressuring' was placed upon the principals involved, not the court."

The only hint the jurist would give as to his decision was that he thought any plan where one of the other parent got the child over week-ends was unsound.

"Rest assured that I will not 'rubber stamp' any agreement made by the attorneys," he said.

Charge Withdrawn Against T. L. Lewis

Silverton—T. L. Lewis was brought into justice court Tuesday on a charge of reckless driving. The case was dismissed when the private prosecutor decided to withdraw the charge.

Guy LeRoy Stricklin paid \$750 in justice court Wednesday on a plea of guilty to operating a truck of over-height brought by G. Zumbler.

Thomas Paine, Revolutionary writer, once lived in Greenwich Village, New York.

SALARY JUMPS FOR EMPLOYEES OF CITY ASKED

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ptions. These exceptions include the city treasurer, janitors of public buildings and employees of the park department. Increases for the heads of the fire and police departments, sanitary inspector, city attorney, building inspector, engineer and city recorder are sought.

Due to the bonding of outstanding warrants, there will be no necessary next year for interest on such warrants. A request for \$5000 with which to install traffic lights and another of \$1000 for the purchase of a street cleaning truck are included in the budget.

The tentative budget includes the following items:

Table with columns: Appropriation, Estimate, 1935, 1936. Rows include City Attorney Office, Bond Interest, etc.

Appropriations outside the general running expenses of the city include \$89,302.50 for installments and interest on general obligation bonds, and \$1,002.71 for installments and interest on redemption of street intersection obligations.

PEACE WORKERS TO SPEAK AT NORMAL

Salem peace workers will speak before several classes at the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth Friday morning. Arrangements for their appearance are being made by Miss Arbutnot, normal school faculty member.

Young people who will take part are George Self, Jr., and Frank Evenson, of Salem, and Malcolm Conner, Beryl Lincoln and Adeno Joy, Emergency Peace campaign workers in Salem.

Peace talks will be given before Miss Arbutnot's geography class, joint history class of Mr. Landers and Mr. Santis, and an American history class taught by Mr. Landers. They will also have peace literature for distribution and for sale.

WITH PARENTS Gates—Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hayward and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Larson and two children spent the week with Mrs. Hayward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cox, at Nashville, Oregon.

Advertisement for Schilling pure Vanilla, featuring an illustration of a woman and a bottle.

Women have been playing an important part in the actual fighting in Spain's civil war around Madrid. Above, a group of volunteer militia women with the male sergeant they chose to head their company. Below, Communist women in training for military service at Madrid, where they volunteered to fight for the loyalist forces. (Associated Press Photos)