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I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

A Dangerous Rebuke

Dr. Frederick Hunter, chancellor of the state system of higher education, would do well to peruse carefully the governor's special message to the legislature and for future reference tear a page from the book from which the executive read his admonition against "increased or additional forms of taxation."

Protesting, in effect, the recommendations of the governor's budget department which would give the university, the college and the normal schools approximately \$650,000 more than they received during the last biennium as being insufficient for required needs, Chancellor Hunter appeared before a ways and means sub-committee yesterday to propose six possible means of raising additional money for higher education. He suggested:

Increase in the base upon which special millage taxes are levied; diversion of \$700,000 of liquor revenues from unemployment relief purposes; imposition of an additional 10 percent tax on gross sales of hard liquors and an increase of 70 cents a barrel in the tax on beer and wines; licensing of pin-ball and dart games and similar gambling devices by the state; require all persons to file income tax returns and charge them \$3 for the privilege; restore millage tax levels to the 1930 level.

To strengthen his proposals and invite the support of groups seeking special tax privileges the chancellor indulges in a few practical political suggestions, such as the division of gambling revenues between higher education and the cities and counties. He is not, however, so adroit in his scheme to divert relief monies, which he mentions might "be offset by other new revenues" that he does not specify.

At a minimum the chancellor's scheme, if all approved, would provide something like \$5,000,000 of additional revenue with which to send the state board of higher education off on a grand spending spree occasioned by the demands of rapidly mounting student enrollments in the colleges and normal schools. It has perhaps not occurred to the chancellor that these demands could be effectively controlled by raising scholarship standards to eliminate the unfit.

Likewise, it is entirely possible the chancellor does not fully appreciate the popularity of Governor Martin's warning—nor understand that the governor usually means just about what he says, regardless of what his subordinates may think.

Bolshevik Confessions

An interesting sidelight into fantastic trials of leaking Bolsheviks staged at Moscow to purge the country of alleged counter-revolutionary activity is contained in a British labor party pamphlet dealing with the first of these trials in 1931 and exposing it as a frame-up. It contains the testimony of Leon Blum, socialist prime-minister of France now, who was implicated in the "confessions" of the accused as being one of the Socialist leaders of western Europe who conspired with them for foreign intervention and sabotage in Russia. Mr. Blum states:

The terrorism of Stalin rests upon a universal system of spies and informers. The Moscow trial shows us what it has made of justice. Sometimes its place is taken by summary death sentences, sometimes—which is worse—it works behind an apparent correctness, but its verdicts, concocted beforehand, are the outcome of false witnesses and false confession. The accused of Moscow confessed the crimes charged against them, crimes which they had not committed. They formally acknowledged the truth of facts proved to be substantially false. Not only did they confess, but we have witnessed, if I may so put it, a kind of exhibitionism in confession. They have confessed volubly, ostentatiously, with a kind of relief for public confession and contrition. It is upon their statements that the verdict was based; it is upon them that the Communist press rests, and will rest its case.

Mr. Blum, discussing the methods by which the "confessions" are obtained in Soviet Russia likens them to those of the Spanish inquisition, which produced similar sensational confessions, but says the Ogas has improved over the ghastly art. They do not prove facts, which are untrue, but prove that "Stalin's terrorism is adding to moral perversion a kind of mental decay, to cruelty provoking complicated forms of madness."

Perhaps this accounts for the bizarre trials staged to perpetuate the Stalin regime in its gradual progress from communism to socialistic capitalism.

Origin of Bridges

An interesting article in the January issue of Natural History, the magazine of the American Museum of Natural History, entitled the "Bridge that Walks" by William K. Gregory, professor of vertebrate paleontology, Columbia university, traces the origin of bridge architecture to the skeleton structure of fossils, prehistoric reptiles and to animals of today and substantiates it with numerous comparative illustrations and drawings.

Nature evidently perfected the cantilever system in the giant draught horse, the legs being the towers of the bridge, the backbone is the arch supported by the towers, the thorax and abdomen contributing to live load suspended from the arch. The bridge is constructed in front with a drawbridge or joint crane, the neck, which, in turn, supports a grasping or grappling apparatus, part of the head, containing the mechanisms that adjust the various parts.

The locomotive muscles of the horse illustrate the principle of organic design stressed by Sir Arthur Keith, that motors are built into or onto the walls of the machine, used around the numerous joints of the moving bridge. And the bridges are traced back from their origin in fossils of fish and reptiles and mammals in which the self-moving, grappling bridge design were successively modified by environment and evolution until even in man we have but divergent modifications of the old grappling bridge type.

Special Cake Award

Featured PTA Hour

Scotts Mills—The parent-teacher meeting was held Thursday evening in the school gymnasium. The regular business meeting was cancelled and the time given to Mr. Garrett of the P. G. E. company, who showed three reels of moving pictures. After the pictures several minutes

were given to weighing and measuring, charging for each, with the prize, a cake, going to the following: Heaviest man, Mr. Jarrett; heaviest woman, Mrs. Wm. Fry; tallest man, Phillip Macy; tallest woman, Mrs. E. Jackson; medium person, Mrs. Gertie Olson; smallest, Mary June Dimick. Cake and coffee were also served. Proceeds of the evening were \$4.

Life at Its Lowest Ebb



The Fireside Pulpit

REV. E. S. HAMMOND

And the King said, Is the young man Absalom safe? II Sam. 18:29.

David's brilliant and beautiful son Absalom had conspired against him. When messengers arrived to report the outcome of the battle David was more concerned for the fate of Absalom than he was for his own life and his kingdom. But Absalom lay under a pile of stones in the wood where he had died.

As the king mourns his loss he must have recalled some things in

his own life. Absalom's mother was a heathen princess, married for reasons of state. David had a polygamous household, the ancient, Oriental equivalent of the divorced homes of today, with their jealous wranglings. Absalom's sister had been assaulted by her half-brother, and Absalom had avenged her murder. But David had committed adultery with the wife of a faithful officer, and had secured the death of this man to cover his crime. So David's tears and heartache are the harvest of his own sowing.

By providential appointment there are three great bulwarks to shield the growing boy, the home, the church and the school. When the home breaks down the loss is irreparable. This was the case with Absalom. Almost without exception the men who have been worth-while have come from good homes.

The church is a wonderful agency for good, but too often the church has no chance, because the home influence is hostile, or else the criminal indifference of the parents keeps the boys away from church influences. Even in our own city of churches more than half of the boys and girls are untouched by church school, or other religious teaching. With few exceptions our criminals and moral wrecks come from these unchurched youths.

The school is a mighty agency, but it cannot and does not, undertake to do the work of home and church. For training and character building we must have all three of these cooperating influences to save our future citizenship.

The work of such organizations as the Boy Scouts, the Hi Y, the Boys' branch of the Y.M.C.A., and kindred agencies is of great value as a supplement to the others named.

Recently it was stated that of the twenty-two players in Sing Sing, nine were between 17 and 20 years of age. The warden, Mr. Lawes, says, "I know after studying thousands of men, that the great majority of them could have been saved by society if such an agency as the boys' club had reached them when they were children. These clubs are the first line of defense against crime."

Our failure to save our Absaloms arises from the fact that we begin from ten to twenty years too late.

adopted with celerity was the Norris lame-luck amendment, and his reasoning on that was that it was not opposed by any strongly organized group of people.

Likewise, his information was that the state legislatures are largely composed of lawyers, likely to be diligent against constitutional changes. (Presidential friends here say the Texas senate, which went against him, is 80 percent lawyers.) Also his estimation of the integrity of legislatures apparently is not high.

He seems to lean to the view of many a lobbyist that legislatures can be "handled" more easily by lobbyists than can congress. At any rate, this explains why he is now constituting resolute against the constitutional method, and will continue to be against it.

Note: The above explanations are now being offered generally by competent presidential spokesmen in denial of the many interpretations which have been published. They might be called the semi-official side story. It is important as indicating what the president had in mind in the last campaign, and evidence that he does not particularly like the method he has chosen.

No Compromise—The talk about compromise comes from the mere fact that certain presidential callers are walking out of the White House and saying the president will accept this or that.

The truth is there can be no compromise. The issue is not the age of justices, the volume of their work or whether he shall pack the court.

Musical at Melton Studio This Sunday

Miss Olga Steeb, internationally known pianist, will be honored with a studio musicale and reception when Miss Frances Virginia Melton entertains at 324 North Capitol street, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Welcoming guests at the door will be Mrs. George Rhoten and Mrs. J. A. Jelderks. Miss Alice Jary Brown will introduce to the line. Receiving will be Miss Steeb, the guest of honor, Frank Eichenlaub, state president of the Oregon Music Teachers' association, Mrs. Eichenlaub, Mrs. David Eason, Mrs. Kate Dell Marden, Miss Martha Reynolds and Mrs. E. A. Denmore. Assisting about the rooms will be Mrs. Phil Barrett, Mrs. R. D. Elliott, Mrs. W. A. Denon, Mrs. J. H. Holt, Mrs. T. A. Roberts, Mrs. George H. Swift, Mrs. James Green and Mrs. R. D. Paris.

At the urns will be Mrs. C. P. Bishop, Miss Margaret Cooper, Mrs. Mabel S. Powers and Miss Dorothy Pearce. Mrs. Charles L. Sherman will be in charge of the dining room and assisting in serving will be the Misses Eleanor and Elaine Sherman, Lois James, Vivian Aspinwall, Bettie Lou Elliott, Margaret Siegmund, Maxine Holt, Helen Wetherell, June McGinnis and Frances Paris.

All those interested in music are invited to attend. The program will be presented by the younger pupils of the Melton studio and will be as follows:

- Chopin.....Valte
- Two pieces, Brahms.....Lullaby
- Jean Claire Swift, Helen Ruth Marx
- Chopin.....The Maiden's Wish, Tasso
- Rosemary Gaiser
- Leitnick.....Oryza Dance
- By students from Oregon State Normal School, Monmouth, Ore.
- Rubinstein.....Blacato Etude
- Warren T. Elliott
- Bethoven.....Sonata op. 31-1 Prestissimo
- By Advanced students from the Melton Piano Studio
- List.....Concertino
- Chopin.....Etude
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- During the afternoon Miss Blanche Cohen, mezzo soprano, teacher of voice at Oregon State Normal, Monmouth, Ore., will sing two groups of songs.
- 1. "The Rose Tree".....Hach
- 2. "State You Seen But a Whistle Fly".....Grew
- 3. "Vanna's Song".....Van Stutman
- 1. Unrecorded.....Schubert
- 2. "My Love is Like the Red, Red Rose".....MacDermid
- 3. "Will-o'-the-Wisp".....Sutro
- 4. "The Nutcracker".....Tchaikowsky
- 5. "The Nutcracker".....Tchaikowsky
- 6. "The Nutcracker".....Tchaikowsky
- 7. "The Nutcracker".....Tchaikowsky
- 8. "The Nutcracker".....Tchaikowsky
- 9. "The Nutcracker".....Tchaikowsky
- 10. "The Nutcracker".....Tchaikowsky

D.A.R. Nominates Girl for Trip

Lebanon—Thursday morning the pupils of the Lebanon high school voted on the name of the girl who is to represent the local D.A.R. chapter in the state contest for the Good Citizenship pilgrimage to Washington, D. C. Previously the faculty had chosen Pauline Pengra, Grace Chilcote and Anita Backberg as the three senior girls possessing those qualities necessary in a D. A. R. candidate.

The pupils voted on one of these girls but the winner's name was not announced until Thursday afternoon at a meeting of the Girls' league. This was held in the gymnasium and members of the Boys' league were guests. Miss Betty Thompson and six girls from O. S. C. demonstrated class work in creative dancing. Mr. Arthur Pengra, principal, introduced a local D.A.R. member, Mrs. L. T. Ward, and she announced that Anita Backberg had been elected as winner and presented her with a D.A.R. good citizenship medal.

Social Sewing Club Guest Turpin Home

Mill City—Mrs. R. D. Turpin was hostess to the members of the Social Sewing club at her home Thursday afternoon. At the tea hour, Mrs. Turpin served refreshments.

A special guest for the afternoon was Mrs. Lewis Ellsworth. Club members present included Mrs. W. J. Robinson, Mrs. Mary E. Hendrickson, Mrs. Sig Jensen, Mrs. C. E. Rogers, Mrs. H. L. Plymale, Mrs. C. Rogers, Mrs. H. T. Baltimore, Mrs. Otto Geertzen, Mrs. O. H. Newman, Mrs. Clara Ellsworth and the hostess, Mrs. R. D. Turpin.

GETS DEATH WORD

Jefferson—S. H. Goin received word this week from his wife at Pendleton that her mother, Mrs. Hamilton Wray, of that city, passed away Sunday evening. Mrs. Goin has been with her mother for some time. Mrs. Wray was a former Jefferson resident, having lived here for many years. Burial was at Pendleton.

with six new justices or only three. The one simple indisputable question is whether the president shall control the supreme court. Either he gets the control or he does not.

Deficiency—The main inner defect in the president's fight is that he has no liberty league or Al Smith to poke at. Administration propagandists are trying to revive the old whipping posts which were so effective in the campaign, but are not getting very far. They cannot get around the fact that leadership of the opposition is coming from such stalwart liberals as Senators Hiram Johnson and Borah, and that both the Liberty league and Al are buried in the sand at Palm Beach or thereabouts.

Another weakness likely to prove highly important is the lack of debating strength on the president's side in the senate. When Borah and Johnson speak, they get national attention, but when Senators Minon and Schuylenbach shout, their voices rarely penetrate the outer walls of the senate chamber.

GUEST ARTIST



BERNARD BARRON

brilliant young cellist, who will appear with the Salem Philharmonic orchestra in concert Monday night at the Leslie auditorium.

Symphony to Feature Brilliant Cellist in Concert

Bernard Barron to Appear as Featured Player with Salem Philharmonic

Bernard Barron, cello soloist with the Salem Philharmonic Symphony orchestra next Monday evening, February 15, is a young artist of note and Salem music circles are eagerly anticipating his appearance as guest artist. Mr. Barron in addition to being a fine cellist has the ambition to become a conductor. He has directed the Reed college orchestra for the past three years and spent last summer at the Juillard school in New York, studying conducting, and also coached with Paul Bazejare and Robert Mass.

Jacques Gersakovich will again conduct the symphony and the program arranged by him includes three numbers for strings, one by Grieg repeated from the first concert by special request. The program has been announced as follows:

- Overture.....Karl Maria von Weber
- "The Last Spring" (Orchestration by Gersakovich).....Edward Grieg
- "Dance of the Sylphs".....Hector Berlioz
- "Variations Symphoniques".....Boellmann
- "Concerto for cello and orchestra".....The "Deluge" (Incidental solo by Lillian Scott).....Camille Saint-Saens
- "The Nutcracker".....Tchaikowsky
- Marche.....Arabian Dance
- Russian Dance
- Waltz of the Flowers.

Marion County Assembly Meets

Silverton—Mrs. Mae Waters of Salem, state vice-president of the American Legion auxiliary, was a special guest of the Marion county assembly Friday evening, when the group met as guests of the Silverton unit in the armory club rooms. Mrs. Waters discussed the membership of the state stating that 4,653 members were reported to date and urged the units to make an effort complete the state quota by March 15, the birthday date of the Legion.

Mrs. Waters approved of the friendship move being taken up by a number of the units. Among other distinguished guests were Emma Pearce of Salem, state vice chairman of legislation, who discussed bills before congress and the legislature; Eva Humphries of Stayton, who served as chaplain; Helen McLeod, of Salem, who gave her report in rhyme as chairman of the state community service; and Beryl Porter, state vice publicity chairman.

Officers of the assembly present were Rose Butsch of Mt. Angel, president; Myrtle Smith of Salem, vice-president; Nellie Titus of Silverton, secretary-treasurer; Eva Humphries of Stayton, chaplain; and Elma Wilson of Salem, sergeant-at-arms.

Much welfare work and excellent cooperation in the work of Americanization were reported from each unit represented. Introduced specially were Mrs. Rebecca Barber who celebrated her birthday anniversary Friday; Mrs. Elia Deiner of Newberg, past district president; and Mrs. Jessie Siefert of Newberg, president of the Newberg unit.

Rev. Kirby Speaks

Dallas—Rev. Louis Kirby of Portland, a former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, and at the present time conducting a series of evangelistic services at the M. E. church, was the speaker at the noon luncheon of the Kiwanis club Friday. Mrs. Bruce Spaulding accompanied by Joseph Hartley, sang a group of songs during the meeting.

ROAD IS CLOSED

Dever—On account of a washout caused by the deep snow and recent rains, the road is closed for repairs between the Asche and Schulz farms.

Silverton Has Hospital Benefit Friday

Silverton—An interesting event of Friday was the baking contest sponsored by the Silverton Woman's club for the benefit of the new Silverton hospital. Silverton women entered delectable dishes at the Starr Hardware company, where they were judged by Mrs. O. L. Withers of Mt. Angel, Miss Rowena Eyre, of the Salem Capital Journal and Miss Marie Bowen of Silverton.

Awards were as follows:
Angel cake: 1st, Mrs. Fred Baker; 2nd, Mrs. J. E. Strickland.
Sponge: 1st, Mrs. Ben Gifford; 2nd, Mrs. O. W. Olson.
Lemon: 1st, Mrs. Ruth Cushman; 2nd, Mrs. Minnie Bonner.
Loaf: 1st, Mrs. William Green; 2nd, Mrs. Ed. Bell.
Pie: One crust, 1st, Mrs. Burns Brown; 2nd, Mrs. O. W. Olson.
Pie: Two crust, 1st, Mrs. O. W. Olson; 2nd, Nellie Cawender.
Bread: Yeast, 1st, Mrs. Minnie Bonner; 2nd, Mrs. Martin Wawrick.
Cakes: 1st, Mrs. Greta McDuff; 2nd, Mrs. Martin Wawrick.
Baked: 1st, Mrs. George Jaroschke.
Grand sweepstakes: Mrs. Ernest Starr on rolls.

A program followed at the Palace Theatre with Miss Lulu R. Walton giving a splendid cooking demonstration. Mrs. George Hubbs was chairman of the food benefit and other members of the committee included Mrs. A. P. Solie, Mrs. John Ballantyne, Mrs. Dale Lamar, Mrs. Jonas Byberg, Mrs. Matt Lentsch, Mrs. Charles Hoyt, Mrs. A. Wiesner and Mrs. P. Glenn McDonald.

Talbot Club

Feted Thursday

Talbot—The Talbot Woman's club was entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. J. Freeman. Mrs. John Zehner, president of the club, presided at the meeting. Amusing incidents were given in response to roll call. Mrs. Wideman's name was voted on and she was admitted as a new member. The year books were discussed and arrangements were made to have them printed. Plans were made for an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. G. M. Belknap, March 25. A covered dish luncheon will be served.

During the social hour Mrs. Loyal Johnson furnished a special contest prize. Mrs. E. J. Freeman was prize winner. Little Dean Davidson recited several nursery rhymes. Refreshments were served at the tea hour by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. D. E. Blinson and Miss Ilene Blinson.

Members present included Mrs. Claude Johnson, Mrs. Addie Davidson, Mrs. N. E. Nave, Mrs. Ole Jorgensen, Mrs. Loyal Johnson, Mrs. Geo. Potts, Sr., Mrs. Deimer Davidson, Mrs. D. E. Blinson, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. John Zehner, Mrs. Wideman and the hostess, Mrs. E. J. Freeman. Miss Ilene Blinson was a guest for the afternoon.

Lebanon Club

Is Honored

Lebanon—Mrs. Ed. Bohle was hostess to the members of the Junior Matrons club Thursday. A no-hostess luncheon was served at a table beautifully decorated with red carnations and red candles, carrying out the Valentine idea. Twelve members were present and after a short business meeting, contract bridge was played.

At the business meeting plans were made for an evening party with the husbands as guests. This party will be on the evening of Feb. 26 at the Bohle home. The first prize in bridge went to Mrs. E. L. Clark and the traveling prize for game in hearts went to Mrs. John Summers, Jr.

Wisteria Club

Gives Dance

A gay event of much interest was the Valentine dancing party held by the Wisteria club last night at the Castilian hall. The hall was early trimmed in red hearts and other Valentine motifs, a novelty dance was a feature of the evening.

Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pike, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wyatt, Carl Wittenberger, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bradley, Mr. Loyd, Miss Stauts, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Gardner, Arline Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Post, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Zuelter, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Quisted.

The membership includes: Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mace, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Carolyn Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs. James Tread, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fink, Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Rens Host, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Bekler, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cawender, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brunk, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kistner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ross, Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Mary Elroy, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Judson, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Carter, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rooster, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bracke, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ingram, Al-bany, Mr. and Mrs. Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoppe.

Miss Rada Hostess

Mill City—Miss Carolyn Rada entertained a group of friends with a party at her home following the basketball game between Mill City High and Stayton high school. The affair was in honor of the birthday anniversary of Velma Downing. Cards were played during the evening, after which the hostess served refreshments. Guests were the hostess, Velma Downing, Maxine Downing, Beanie McAdley, Helen Bodaker, Elizabeth Andrew, Donna Swan, Alice Marie Swan and the hostess, Carolyn Rada.

Visits Capital



MISS OLGA STEEB
pianist of note, who will be in the capital this week-end as the guest of Miss Frances Virginia Melton, who will entertain in her honor Sunday afternoon.