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

What's the Racket?

There comes to the editor's desk a printed pamphlet, accompanied by a multigraphed "news" release, announcing the organization in Portland of "The Players Club," described as an association "of pari-mutuel players and greyhound breeders . . . campaigning for changes in the present rules and regulations which govern dog racing in Oregon." The objectives of the club are set forth over the anonymous signature of "The President," as follows:

To raise the standards of race meets conducted in the state of Oregon . . . remove beyond the question of doubt, all opportunities and temptation for dishonesty and partiality in their conduct . . . all to the benefit of the general public.

To attain these objectives, the "club" is undertaking to force the installation of "pari-mutuel totalizers, visible timing device and lure operation" and other patented appliances of the dog racing game that are controlled by close monopolies. That may partially explain the reasons for the anonymous nature of the organization. The program of promoting preferential consideration for Oregon-bred dogs gives a further clue to the objects of secrecy.

It would be interesting to see a bona fide list of the actual patrons of the dog races who are paid up members of the club, or a verified statement of the source of the money to finance its activities.

The most constructive thing that can be done for "the benefit of the general public," state supervision through the racing commission having failed miserably, is to abolish the races and thereby "remove beyond the question of doubt, all opportunities and temptation for dishonesty and partiality in their conduct." There is no hope of curbing one racket by promoting another.

Inexcusable Obstruction

While expressions by a majority of the members of the city council, in statements given to the Capital Journal, indicate that Mayor Chadwick's proposal for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the matter of suggested revision of the charter to provide a new system of government will be approved at Monday night's meeting, one or two of the aldermen have voiced objection to even going so far as consider the need and advisability of any revision.

Such an attitude is both narrow and indefensible when viewed in the light of the public interest.

The committee is not being created to railroad into existence here any preconceived idea of any particular form of government. It is suggested as a means of providing orderly machinery for the serious study of the long indicated need and widespread popular demand for some reform in the governmental set-up. It will be the business of the committee to give careful and impartial study to defects in the present system and to investigate remedies applied by other cities to their correction.

If there are good reasons for retaining the present form, as compared with a change to one or another of the many variations of the council-manager or commission systems, champions of the existing set-up will have ample opportunity to be heard in its defense. The fact that proposed adoption of the city manager plan was once rejected by the voters years ago should not preclude further consideration of any change for all time.

By their opposition to the mayor's suggestion the defenders of the cumbersome councilmanic form confess that they are reluctant to subject its apparent defects to careful analytical study and judgment by the people at the polls.

The Hidden Menace

Leon G. Turrou, former star investigator of the FBI, who is lecturing on the coast on "An Ace G-Man's Experiences," in breaking a Nazi spy ring last year, states that Germany is already in possession of the most important military secrets of the United States, many which have been resold to Japan, and probably since the Hitler-Stalin pact, have been shared with Russia.

American industries, asserts Turrou, are honeycombed with spies, especially the aircraft plants, in many of which aliens occupy key positions, and in which skilled workers are largely German. He foresees a wave of sabotage as soon as the production of war supplies for allies gets under full swing, with German agents now concentrating in discovering what ships materials are being shipped on, so they may be sunk by U-boats.

All main military objectives in the country have been mapped by German agents, just as they were in Poland long before the invasion started, and this knowledge was the cause of Poland's downfall. The FBI is woefully undermanned and instead of 800 agents, there should be 3000. In addition, all aliens should be registered and kept tab on as protection against sabotage.

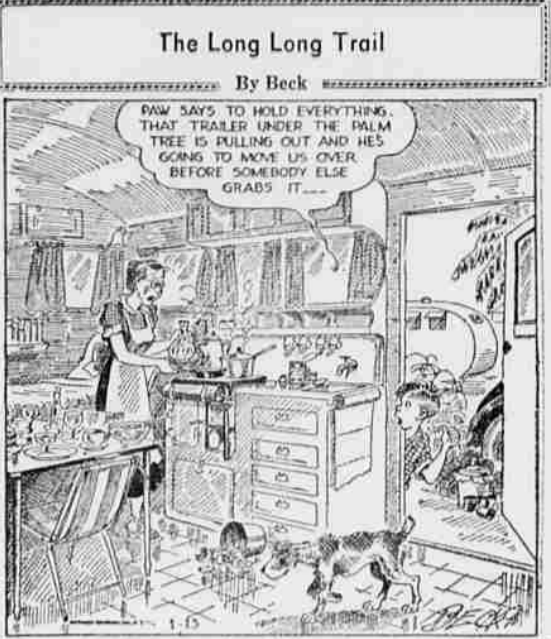
It is time this country woke up and faced the facts, before mob hysteria develops the vigilante spirit. The situation can best be handled quietly and effectively to safeguard civil liberties as well as the nation.

More "Good Neighbor" Stuff

President Lazaro Cardenas has given another exhibition of Mexico's conception and appreciation of the "good neighbor" policy. He has announced Mexico's refusal to recognize the Monroe doctrine and declared that Mexico would solve its oil problem, involving the \$4 billion worth of expropriated foreign properties, in its own way.

Cardenas declares the Monroe doctrine never was recognized nor could be recognized by Mexico and other Spanish-American countries, and was only an expression of an unilateral policy which the United States adopted for the double purpose of excluding European countries from this hemisphere and defending its own interest. He says the adoption of the protocol against intervention in each other's affairs at the Buenos Aires Pan-American conference of 1936 rendered the Monroe doctrine obsolete—it "has ceased to exist in its previous form."

Nevertheless, it was the Monroe doctrine which kept



The Fireside Pulpit

By REV. E. S. HAMMOND

For he had healed many, Mk. 3:10.

We have come into a scientific age. A few generations ago events we now consider purely natural were regarded as caused by direct intervention of the Almighty. It is, therefore, to be expected that events recorded in the Bible which our fathers looked upon as miraculous should now be deemed by many as having natural causes. So many good people draw the line at biblical miracles, and deny their divine causation.

It seems to the writer of the Fireside Pulpit that most of the arguing about miracles is beside the point. The great question to be settled is not whether it is true that Jesus healed the leper, and raised Lazarus from the dead, but the real question is, "Who was Jesus and what was He?" If, as the gospels represent, he was son of God as well as son of man, the recorded miracles were as natural to him as the ordinary avocations of our lives are natural to us.

It is unquestioned that in our gospels we have the narrative of an absolutely unique person, an unique character, and unique teachings. Amongst all the leaders of men he stands supreme. The late Fisher of Yale Theological seminary quotes a writer as saying, "If there were a set of men who could picture to us such a person as Jesus Christ, when no such person had ever lived, we will worship them."

Here four men, writing independently, who have given us jointly a description of the only perfect character the world ever saw. As P. H. said, "I find no fault in him." And that is the testimony of the ages.

Should any reader wish to see what kind of Christ men would picture when they drew on their imaginations for their facts they should read the so-called "Apocryphal Gospels." There we have the most grotesque teachings, and absurd miracles.

In this distracted, war-torn world men are saying, "Our only hope is in the teachings of Jesus." If he were a mere man, why should his teachings still be ahead of us two thousand years after his death?

Not long since the Gideons met in our city. Here was a group of successful, hard-headed business men. But who that heard them can forget their testimonials to what this Galilean peasant had done for them? For the influence of Jesus is in the world today, and faith in Him still works those moral miracles we see about us, more wonderful than any physical miracle he wrought in "the days of His flesh."

I do not accept the deity of our Lord, because I read in the Bible of his miracles; but I accept the miracles, because I am overwhelmingly convinced of his deity. In my heart I echo the words of the doubting disciple: "My Lord and my God!"

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Directors of the state fair have fixed September 2 to 8 as fair dates for this year. We also heard an unconfirmed rumor to the effect that the directors held a secret star chamber session in connection with this deal in which they got their heads together and decided to make the fair this year bigger and better than any that has gone before.

We chased Leo Spitzbart around town all day for the purpose of worming the truth out of him in regard to this but didn't catch up with him so we couldn't apply the worm medicine. But with an important secret like this to guard we don't blame him for dodging newspaper men. Anyway, it will leak out sooner or later, no matter how closely it is guarded.

The Importance of Printer's Ink
(Aurora Observer)
When we were ready to print the Observer Thursday evening we discovered that the ink we had ordered the first of the week had not arrived, and it's practically impossible to print a newspaper without ink. The ink arrived OK Friday morning, and you will get your paper a day late.

The public is still awaiting a report from the state board of control as to how much money they saved on their big sugar deal when the war started in comparison with present prices. But the board should have plenty of time before reporting on this as it's a tough one.

We're glad to note that Dixie Dean decided to have an impacted tooth removed because we can make him an honorary member of our PT & BA at the next regular convocation of the boys with the plowboys. We need somebody in the club who can popoff about his clackers, most of the members being a little reticent about same. In fact our club probably has the lowest percentage of publicity hounds among its membership of any club on record.

In reporting a basketball game our loathed contemporary the Statesman this a. m. says, "Coach Harold Hank tossed all 11 of his suited club onto the floor." Doggone if we know how the boys' par-

Kelly Says:

Steel Industry Looking to Oregon

Holman's Alien Bill Nearing Floor

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Jan. 13—Believe it or not, because of the discount in exchange (depreciated currency), the American lumber industry is helpless to meet competition from British Columbia in the markets of the United States. The Canadians can undersell American operators in the American market. When it is considered that 60 per cent of the income of Oregon comes from trees and almost as high a percentage in Washington state, the importance of the depreciated currency of Canada to the Pacific northwest is apparent.

Such is the statement of 91 lumbermen of Oregon and Washington signed to a petition to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, begging him to modify the trade agreement between the United States and Canada. There is not a lumberman of standing in the two states who is not joining in this petition, with the exception of the Ponderosa pine belt. From Klamath Falls, Medford, Coos Bay, Astoria, Longview, Grays Harbor, to Bellingham, the lumbermen are united in seeking a change in the treaty. These 91 lumbermen are the employers of many thousands of workers (highest minimum scale in the country under the wage-hour act), and if they find foreign competition impossible to meet, it means increased unemployment in the northwest.

S.U.V. Installation Held on Tuesday
An outstanding event for members of the Joshua Smith camp, Sons of Union Veterans and their auxiliary, was installation, which took place on Tuesday night.

Department Commander W. E. Madison of Grants Pass and E. B. Perrine installed the following: Commander, L. P. Bennett; senior vice-commander, L. R. Waterman; junior vice-commander, Eugene Prescott; treasurer, A. M. Lunsch; secretary, Glen Adams; camp council, Earl C. Bushnell; Charles Ray and U. G. Boyer; chaplain, G. R. Stover; patriotic instructor, U. G. Boyer; guard, Walter Biggerstaff.

Department President Mrs. Bertha Ray was the installing officer for the auxiliary. Her assisting officers were: Ida Traglio, Edna Brown, guides, Mrs. Hattie Cameron, Mrs. Della Bushnell, color guards; Mrs. Mary B. Lickel, chaplain, and Miss Margaret Fossenden, musician.

They installed: president, Mrs. Avis Perrine; vice-president, Mrs. Mettie Schram; trustees, Mrs. Rose B. Reilly and Mrs. Tiny Biggerstaff; treasurer, Mrs. Alice Adams; secretary, Mrs. Mary B. Lickel; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Lena Robins; chaplain, Mrs. Laura Tandy; guides, Mrs. Edna Waterman and Mrs. Susie Botz; color guards, Mrs. Anne Hunsaker, Mrs. Rose Garrett; inside guard, Mrs. Blanch Stuart and outside guard, Miss Helen B. Jennings; press correspondent, Mrs. Hattie Cameron, and musician, Miss Margaret Fossenden.

McNary Cites Reason
The 91 lumbermen argue that if the state department could reopen the trade pact with Canada to protect the American fox industry by limiting the importation of silver and black fox pelts "because of special emergency conditions," there is even greater reason to modify the treaty to save the lumber industry of the Pacific northwest.

Some time ago Senator Charles L. McNary cited depreciated currency as a reason for revising the Canadian trade treaty, and this called forth from Secretary Hull a blast which was practically a denunciation of the Oregon senator. Now the men who are responsible for the bread and butter of possibly 80 per cent or more of every one engaged in the lumber industry in the two states are supplying the secretary with facts and figures.

Copies of the brief of the lumbermen are being furnished Chairman Doughton of the ways and means committee, which committee is starting hearings on the trade treaty policy of the administration.

Steel Scout in Oregon
Bethlehem Steel is reported as having a scout in the Columbia river area. Representatives of the company are said to have optioned iron-ore land in Columbia county, Oregon, and have an eye on a site (in Oregon) for a plant, providing satisfactory terms can be made for Bonneville power and available sources of supplies needed in manufacturing steel. This steel company has tested and approved of "wood coke" (superior to coal coke for stainless steel), which can be made from the unlimited timber resources of the northwest.

Four federal agencies are uniting to urge the steel company to establish a branch. Chief booster is the chief executive; others, war department, bureau of mines, department of commerce, Bonneville administration. Decision by steel company in few months.

Only two democratic congressmen from the Pacific northwest who paid \$100 to attend the Jackson day dinner were Martin F. Smith and Charles Leavy, both of Washington state. Other new dealers found the price too stiff (and they had not been helped very generously by the national committee when they ran for office).

Alien Issue to Front
In committee and ready to be reported out is a bill authored by Senator Holman, Oregon, which excludes all immigration for five years. This is one of four measures dealing with the alien problem. Of these, one to deport aliens who confess to subversive activities, passed this week. Others are the exclusion of aliens, registration of aliens and a resolution by Holman to investigate the immigration service to determine whether additional legislation is required to deal with aliens to enable deportation of undesirable.



Wedded 60 Years—Mr. and Mrs. William Davis Edwards, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary January 7 at their home in Middle Grove. Their granddaughter, Ruth Muriel Sarchet, was married at the home of her grandparents that day to James Brown of Camas. (Troyer Portrait.)

William Davis Edwardses Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Felicitations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Davis Edwards of Middle Grove last Sunday when they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple was married January 7, 1880, at Liberty, Kentucky, with the Rev. James McPherson officiating. Mrs. Edwards was Miss Mary Elizabeth Birney before her marriage. She was born in Casey county, Kentucky, May 27, 1861. Her husband was born at Liberty, Kentucky, March 14, 1858.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards came to Oregon October 21, 1906. They have made their home near Salem since that time and have a wide circle of friends. Their children include Mrs. Alice McDonald of Camas, Wash.; Mrs. Nora Stewart of Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. Vada Yeager of Columbus, Ohio, and Ben F. Edwards of Salem.

An event of particular interest which took place at the anniversary celebration Sunday was the marriage of the couple's granddaughter, Ruth Muriel Sarchet, and James Brown of Camas, Wash. Rev. Guy L. Drill officiated and Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were the attendants.

Many Gather Here for Methodist Youth Session

Willamette University Campus—Willamette students find the social calendar well-filled with events entertaining the guests on the campus who are attending the annual Methodist Youth conference for which the university is acting as host this year. The theme of the conference, which is being attended by about 300 young people from State college, Pacific university and from towns throughout the state is, "Forward Together."

Guests arrived on the campus yesterday afternoon and registered at the First Methodist church and last night the group attended the banquet at the Marion hotel, at which Governor Charles A. Sprague was an honored guest. Dr. James Brent Kenma of University Temple in Seattle was the speaker for the evening and chose as his topic, "Driving Fast—Where To?"

Following the banquet the group adjourned to the Willamette gym for a fun evening with the games planned by Dr. Jesse Bunch, Dr. Fred B. Messing, Ed Cunningham, Wilston Wirt, Paul Ackerman and Edward Terry.

Tom Pendle of Chicago and executive secretary of the National Council of Methodist Youth was the speaker at the business session in chapel this morning and Prof. R. Franklin Thompson will address the group at their afternoon session.

Devotional services will be held tonight in the chapel beginning at 7:45, after which Karl Dawns, a negro pastor from Pasadena, will address the conference. The evening will be brought to a close with the presentation of a drama by the Wesley Foundation of Corvallis under the direction of Miss Sybil Tucker.

The closing address to the group will be delivered by President Bruce R. Baxter Sunday afternoon at the session, which will follow the attendance at church and dinner.

Committees for the conference are: Program, Miss Bertha Penas, state director of religious education for the Methodist church; worship, Miss Catherine Lyon, Portland; commissions, Tom Klink, Forest Grove; publicity, Bob Hale, Portland; local arrangements, Dick French, Salem; housing, Roy Dean C. Poindexter, Salem; entertainment, Miss Gwen Griffith and Miss Margaret Upjohn, Salem; registration, Miss Lella Ann Pogue, Don Douris and Miss Carol Clark, Salem; table decorations, Miss Marian Herriek, Salem; art, Miss Zillah Frogley, Salem; pianist, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Portland; organist, Prof. T. S. Roberts, Salem; song leader, John Devereaux, hsd usher, Ed Yost, Salem.

Frank Crawford, Jr. Is Honored Guest
Zena—Sixteen guests were invited to assist Frank Crawford, Jr., celebrate his birthday anniversary at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Crawford, Monday night. Laurastinus, heather and violets were used about the rooms and on the table where the buffet supper was served. The group enjoyed court whist and motion pictures which the host showed.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. John Van Osdol, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Beckett, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steelhammer, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Osterman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, Elsie Ross, Lucille Roth, Lyle Krug and Rae Ohmart.

Clear Lake—The Ladies' Improvement club held its regular all day meeting Thursday in the dining room of the church. They also had their regular basket weaving class under the direction of Miss Moorhead.

Those attending were Mrs. Everett Whelan, Mrs. Floyd Harold, Mrs. Fred Hammaek, Mrs. Calvin Mason and small daughter, Mrs. J. O'Brien, Miss Moorhead, Mrs. Busick, Miss Hazel Clement, Mrs. E. Dutoit, Mrs. Theo. Stokk.

Pianist to Appear in Program

The Crescendo club of Salem high school will present David Campbell, internationally known pianist, in concert Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Mr. Campbell has appeared in concert in the capital before and his Tuesday program is being warmly anticipated. The program has been announced as follows:

Sonata in A Major Mozart
Andante grazioso
Minuetto
Alexander's All Stars
Sonata, Opus 10, No. 3 Beethoven
Allegro
Adagio

Just-for-Fun club will be entertained at a 1 o'clock luncheon Tuesday, January 16, at the home of Mrs. J. Ed Reay, 185 North 24th street. Hostesses with Mrs. Reay will be Mrs. Golda Kyle and Mrs. M. Birzeker.

Salem Writers' club will be entertained Tuesday evening by Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Lawrence of Corvallis at the home of Mrs. Blanche E. Jones.

Macleay—The Macleay Home Economics club will hold its first meeting of the year at the Grange hall Tuesday afternoon. The meeting will be a no-host meeting.

Plans for a card party to be held in the Woman's club on January 24 were made by the Catholic Daughters of America at their last business meeting January 10th.

Clear Lake—Visiting at the home of Mrs. M. F. Hammaek, Sr. this week were Mrs. Hammaek's sister, Mrs. Ann Hubbard of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hubbard, also of Seattle, visited here. After a short visit with other relatives in Salem and Vancouver they will return to Seattle.

Clear Lake—Mrs. Oral Garner has been spending the last few days visiting her parents in Salem.

Guy L. Drills are Hosts to Class

Business and Professional Young People's Bible class of the First Christian church was honored at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Guy L. Drill Thursday evening. Supper was served at a late hour.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. David Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Penner, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gritton, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hill, Miss Catherine Snapp, Miss Elizabeth Jacoby, Miss Pearl Groves, Miss Helen Rose Lee, Miss Mary Ladd, Mrs. Nellie Harrison, Marion Mahany, and the hosts, Rev. and Mrs. Guy Drill.

Mrs. George Chapman Hostess on Thursday

Mrs. George E. Chapman entertained her study club at a smartly arranged dessert luncheon Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Rex Peffer served as leader.

Mrs. Chapman was named program supervisor for the evening year with Mrs. C. E. Dalton and Mrs. Peffer named as her assistants.

Present were Mrs. Bruce Giamballi, a special guest, Mrs. Walter Eberhard, Mrs. Ray McCaughey, Mrs. Alda Clark, Mrs. Lorain King, Mrs. Rex Peffer, Mrs. Millard Pekar, Mrs. C. E. Dalton and Mrs. Chapman, the hostess.

Macleay Club at M. A. Wells Home

Macleay—Members of the Macleay AM club met at the home of Mrs. M. A. Wells for their January meeting with Mrs. Wells, Mrs. H. E. Martin, Sr. and Mrs. Harry E. Martin, Jr. acting as hostesses.

The program which followed the business session consisted of group singing, a group of piano solos by Mrs. N. Anderson, and games and contests. Winners in the contests were Mrs. I. H. White, Mrs. Fred Eckenroten and Mrs. J. F. C. Tekenberg.

Officers elected for the coming year were president, Mrs. George Lamberson; vice-president, Mrs. W. Welch; secretary, Mrs. M. M. Mazzeo and treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Humphreys. Those appointed on the auxiliary committee for the year were Mrs. A. H. Frustman, Mrs. N. Anderson and Mrs. I. H. White.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Ted Jones and daughter of Portland, Mrs. Fred Eckenroten, Mrs. (Concluded on Page 9)

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