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Sensible Reorganization

Despite assertions in some quarters that reorganization of the administrative staff of the board of control was inspired by political motives, there is much to be said for the new arrangement which segregates supervision and coordination of the business and farming operations carried on by state institutions from the multitude of other administrative functions performed by the board through its secretary.

Time was when the members of the board, the governor, secretary of state and treasurer, were able to give their personal attention to and keep directly in touch with the various institutions and their activities. But that was before the legislature multiplied the duties of each of these individual officials several times, and before they succumbed to the temptation to become official orators for conventions, fairs, rodeos, sewing circles, luncheon clubs and similar affairs and organizations seeking headline attractions with which to decorate their programs.

In those days a single executive secretary and one or two stenographers were sufficient to carry on the routine business of the board. But that was before state institutions were catering to the needs of 7000 inmates, farming 4300 acres of land, employing hundreds of persons on a biennial payroll of \$1,500,000 and purchasing \$650,000 worth of foodstuffs alone every two years.

That, also, was before the purchasing of supplies and materials for all state departments, commissions, colleges and offices amounting to three million dollars during an average year—exclusive of foodstuffs and building materials—was concentrated in the hands of the board and carried on under the supervision of its secretary.

The simple and varied accounting systems of the institutions have long since been outgrown and there is need for uniform practices. There is still greater need for coordination of farming operations to secure balanced and efficient production, and there is occasion for closer contact between the institutions and the budget office, which supervises and controls expenditures. There is a full-time job ahead for the new "secretary of institutions" and plenty to occupy the time of the board's general secretary and purchasing agent.

Thomas Jefferson

This is the 177th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson and the occasion is being celebrated by the democratic party which hails him as its founder but has repudiated nearly every principle that Jefferson advocated.

The great Virginian was an advocate of individual and state rights, opposed bureaucracy and regimentation and the third term, and believed that the less government, the better. But the democrats also celebrate Andrew Jackson's birthday, who considered his crowning achievement a balanced budget and the payment of the national debt, so in this sense they are consistent, despite the fact the present administration has little in common with the party founders.

On a simple shaft above Thomas Jefferson's grave at Monticello is engraved the epitaph which Jefferson himself composed:

"Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of American Independence, the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and the Father of the University of Virginia."

These were the things Jefferson wanted to be remembered for, the accomplishments he thought most worth while. There is no mention of the high political offices he had held, the secretaryship of state, the vice-presidency, and the presidency; of his successful diplomacy as minister to France, his founding of the democratic party, his doubling the area of the United States by the Louisiana purchase, or of the acquisition of the northwest by the dispatch of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Jefferson desired to be remembered for his great contribution to human liberty; the freedom of the American colonies from a corrupt British ministry; the freedom of every man to hold and proclaim his religious beliefs as conscience dictated; and the freedom of an educational institution from theocratic and political control.

We owe largely to Jefferson the religious freedom we enjoy. His conviction was that religious liberty was one of the "unalienable" rights bestowed by the Creator. "He that gave us life, gave us liberty," was his simple creed. He wrote "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

The Chemical Age

This may be the "machine age" and the "electrical age" but in reality it is becoming more and more the "chemical age" which supplies the materials that keep the machines turning and the dynamo whirling and which is causing as profound a revolution as that brought about by the steam engine, and automatic machinery.

Despite the distraction of the war, three news reports this week testify the progress of chemistry:

The announcement by the American Chemical society of a new American gasoline named Tripton, which gives 30 percent more power than the best military fuels and will not only cut the cost of motoring but enable engines of half the size to develop greater power.

The acquisition by the Standard Oil Development Co. of German patents to make synthetic rubber in America, which, though more expensive, resist the decomposing action of gasoline, acid and light, shed water effectively and outwear metal.

The acquisition by an English company of the rights to manufacture the new Du Pont synthetic silk in Great Britain, a product declared as superior to real silk in every way as the synthetic rubber is to nature's rubber and which will go far to destroy the market for Japanese silk.

New industries have been created by the chemist, and are still being originated, which are rapidly easing us into a new age and rendering obsolete our old processes. There are some 1500 plastics from which everything is made from fountain pens to imitation jewelry and building substitutes. Stores are filled with reproductions in plastic that bring inexpensive yet artistic luxuries to the masses and create new markets for raw materials, accompanied by at least a temporary maladjustment of established industries. In the long run these products create as many new jobs as they supplant, perhaps more. It is the law of progress.

Popular People

By Beck



The Fireside Pulpit

By REV. E. S. HAMMOND

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Amos 8:11.

I occasionally write a letter to an author, whose writings I have enjoyed, and I have received some very delightful and appreciative letters in reply. The last such letter I received was from Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill, the well-known novelist, many of whose books are in our own public library. In my letter I told her that so far as I knew she was the only popular novelist whose stories were confessedly religious. In order to be frank I added that I did not entirely agree with all of her theology, but I did sympathize with her loyalty to Jesus Christ, and her pointing to Him as the way of life and salvation.

In her reply she told me of an interesting and significant incident in connection with her writing. She began her literary work with pure, wholesome, but not religious stories. Her publishers told her they would publish anything she wrote if she would leave out religion. (They were sure a religious story would not sell—nobody wanted it.) But finally she felt that she must put religion into her writings. So she wrote "The Man of the Desert" (It is in our library) and sent it to a publisher who deals in that type of book. It was published, and her old publishers wrote her to know why she had

Sips for Supper

By Don Unjohn

A call has gone out from Centennial headquarters and museum for larger antiquities, although grateful for those already received. It's too bad they started to tear down the Murphy clock—it would have filled the bill nicely.

With the Salem Chamber of Commerce and Salem Realty Board both backing down on their invitations to Dick Neuberger for an address to him for the next meeting of the FT & BA and guarantee not to weaken—if and when the members ever get together. If the boys keep up this inviting and repenting the people of this town are going to get so anxious to hear Dick

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

Sounds Fishy

Buckingham, Va.—James river catfish, with a reputation for truculence and bigness, have quit making news by spitting in fishermen's eyes. They've gone to chasing rabbits.

That is the explanation given by Sportsman John Wood for the discovery of a half-grown rabbit in the stomach of a six and a half pound catfish he pulled out of the river.

The Old College Try

Schenectady, N. Y.—Members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Union College, rallying to the aid of a "brother" who lacked a date for the junior prom, clipped in for a 35-cent classified ad in a newspaper to get him one.

Within an hour after the paper appeared on the street, 25 girls applied.

Sufficient Grounds

Seattle—Wesley sought a divorce. He testified he felt asleep at work because his wife kept him awake nights nagging and indulging two former husbands.

Dead Heat

Marion, Ill.—Williamson county democrats cast 5,528 ballots for nothing at the primaries.

Ora Collard and John Bowman tied for the democratic nomination for county commissioner with 2,764 votes each. They will cast lots to decide the winner.

Kelly Says:

Paper Mills Feel War in Scandinavia

Northwest Pulp Report Suppressed

NLRB Examiner Attacks Law Authorities

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C.—Pulp and paper mills of Oregon and Washington (they have a considerable payroll), will feel the effect of Herr Hitler's troops in the Scandinavian peninsula. The supply of paper and pulp which has been imported from the newly invaded territory has been in direct competition with the production of the northwest. Before the field kitchens had served the first slum to the goose-steppers, the price of stocks of the principal paper manufacturing concerns in the United States were skyrocketing on the board of the stock exchange.

In a way, the Nazi conquest is an answer to the prayers of the employees of the pulp plants. The union of these Ore-Wash. workers has been asking for months that a quota be placed on the import of pulp from the Scandinavian countries. Business began to pick up when the war started last year and a number of plants which had long been closed down felt the situation justified the resumption of operations. This resulted in jobs.

Germans Stop Boats

A few freighters with cargo of pulp for northwestern mills were held up by the Germans (and British) and Oregon operators protested to the state department about this interruption of their supply. Germany agreed to permit the ships to proceed, providing guarantees were given that the cargo would not wind up in British Columbia.

The occupation of Scandinavia and the British blockade is the first "break" the pulp mills have had in years. Acts of war accomplished what the pulp workers have been unable to obtain by an act of congress.

Confidentially, there is a government report showing Oregon and Washington having enough material to supply the United States with paper indefinitely, but the document, for an unexplained reason, has been suppressed.

Seven Years No Relief

After seven years of the new deal, a group of congressmen has started to find a solution for unemployment which, they say, is the No. 1 problem after 23 billions of dollars have been spent for relief. It is a sort of double-barreled quest, headed in the house by Jerry Voorhis, of California, and Burton Wheeler, of Montana, in the senate.

In the house group (85 members), are Homer Angell, Oregon; Charles H. Leavy, Knute Hill, John M. Coffee and Martin F. Smith, Washington.

Senator Wheeler has suddenly discovered that unemployment is right where it was in 1932 when he was campaigning for Franklin D. Roosevelt, who promised to end it. The group of serious thinkers want to know why nothing has been done to get at the fundamentals and cure unemployment other than to open the treasury and hand out money. Most of the congressmen are new dealers in this line, not preventing them from criticizing the administration for its failure to devise a constructive program rather than continue hand-outs.

Random Ideas Offered

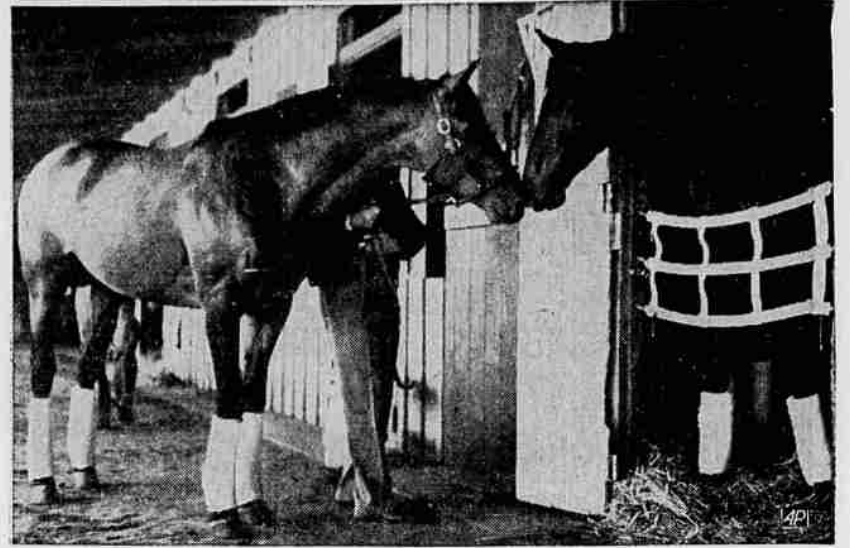
Searching around for light, these congressmen hold meetings at night after a long day of law-making. Some of them give their ideas as they stand in the well of the house before the loud-speaker. Ideas: Put a few million back on the farm, giving them four acres on the edge of a city where they can raise food and work part time in town. Reduce taxes, stop strangling industry, release the man with money to invest he will be permitted a fair return. Remind F.D.R. that he said, October 19, 1932, "If taxes are excessive they result in idle factories, tax-sold farms, and hence, in hordes of the many hungry tramping the streets and seeking jobs in vain."

Members of the self-appointed probe say they are receiving no suggestions from the administration, nor do they expect any, as nothing has evolved from that source since March 4, 1933. It is not believed the probe will have their solution or recommendations completed before adjournment.

Movies Watch Capital

Washington scene—If Mrs. Roosevelt becomes dean of Bryn Mawr, as is rumored, she will succeed Helen Herron Taft Manning, daughter of President Taft and sister of Senator Robert Taft, who wants to succeed Mr. Roosevelt in the White House. Movie producers have discovered the national capital as background for stories. "Senate Page Boys" is to be the next, probably with Mickey Rooney as star. When congress adjourns all of the senate pages will be taken to Hollywood to participate. Pages receive \$5 a day, must wear black knickers and go to school. When Hitler moved into Scandinavia all of the representatives of Sweden, Norway and Denmark were playing hooky from Washington. All they knew about the lightning was what they read in the papers.

Mrs. Charles L. McNary introduced an innovation at an afternoon tea, which rated much space in the local papers. She showed technicolor movies of Oregon scenes, taken by a professional. Among those who are attracted to John Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, is a trial examiner of NLRB, who also wrote there should be a bourgeois revolution.



It's Your Turn Now, Fella—Moved from the scene of his last and greatest triumph of the racetrack, his victory in the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap, Seabiscuit, greatest money winner in turf history, is shown (left) as he stopped to rub noses with his stablemate, Kayak II. Kayak is now considered the active star of the C. S. Howard racing string. Kayak is in training for the summer racing season at the Hollywood park racetrack at Inglewood, Calif. — Associated Press Photo.

Lawrence Says He's Vindicated

Harrisburg, Pa., April 13 (AP)—Democratic State Chairman David L. Lawrence, cleared a second time of charges resulting from Pennsylvania's 1938 democratic primary, acclaimed the verdict today "complete vindication" for himself and associates in the administration of former Governor George H. Earle.

After a 17 day trial the chairman and seven other party leaders, including Ralph M. Bashore, secretary of the state committee, were acquitted by an all republican jury yesterday of charges that they conspired to force state employees to make political contributions.

The trial was the fourth growing out of a special grand jury's investigation of democratic accusations against each other two years ago, many of which were hurled by former Attorney General Charles J. Margiotti in his unsuccessful fight for the democratic nomination for governor.

"For a second time," Lawrence said, "a judge and jury have definitely given an answer to the calumny and lies spread against the Earle administration by the Margiottis and Guffeys. This complete vindication makes me very happy."

Lawrence and U. S. Senator Joseph F. Guffey backed rival tickets in the 1938 campaign and now Lawrence is opposing Guffey's fight for renomination at the April 23 primary.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer

To The Editor:—I was greatly pleased with your editorial about Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling. There is an interesting incident in connection with the work of that lady with which the public in general is not familiar.

Some time since, Bishop Oxnham of the Methodist church was to preach in Omaha. The good bishop had displeased the lady's ultra-Americanism just as so many other good and great American leaders have displeased her. So she went to the door of the church where the service was to be held, and distributed a leaflet to the congregation, attacking Bishop Oxnham. The Omaha police arrested her for this discourteous and unladylike action. But when it came to the trial, along with her own attorney, there appeared a lawyer representing the American Civil Liberties Union to defend her right to hand out those leaflets. In consideration of the fact that for years she has abused and vilified that organization as a dangerous "red" affair, their appearance in her defense was interesting to say the least.

E. S. Hammond.

To the Editor: To the war veterans in Salem: In last Saturday's Journal was an article by Chairman Dies, calling on the American people to tell him what they wanted him to do regarding the stand certain communists had taken as to answering questions put to them by the investigators.

Now I ask you, and you, and you, in all seriousness, if the youth of our land are to be allowed to him and that state legislatures are "grand lodges of tin hat fraternal orders." He designates state police as "American Cossacks."



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Registration Rush Starts at Courthouse

Registration began to take on the shape of a rush at the county clerk's office today and is expected to swing along in full stride until the books finally close at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening. The clerk's office will give extra service starting today, keeping open all the afternoon today, closing time being generally at 1 p. m. on Saturdays, will run through to 8 o'clock this evening and also stay open until the same hour Monday and Tuesday evenings.

No one may vote at the primaries May 17 unless registered. It also is necessary for a person already registered to re-register if he has: Changed his address since last election; has a newly established six-months residence in Oregon; is a newly naturalized citizen; has become 21 years since last election day; or, if a woman, has changed her name by marriage since voting in 1938, or in any case, if the voter failed to vote in 1938.

Sale of Schmalz Warehouse Reported

Sale of the large Schmalz warehouse at Mt. Angel to the Mt. Angel Farmers' union warehouse cooperative, is reported here. Consideration is not revealed but when the warehouse was built in 1922 the cost was in excess of \$40,000. It was the largest transaction in Mt. Angel in recent years.

The new warehouse, regarded as one of the best-equipped in the Willamette valley, will be taken over by the new owners May 15 and will be used for handling seeds and grain along with the growing Austrian field pea crop.

In recent years the warehouse was owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Schmalz, of Mt. Angel, and operated by Mark Hunzate.

With this announcement comes word from Frank Hettler, manager, that the Mt. Angel Cooperative creamery reports a 20-percent gain in butter production, occasioned chiefly by an early season and increased patrons. In March 264,000 pounds of butter were made as compared with 219,000 pounds for the same month in 1939.

Jackson Family Moves Detroit—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson, who have lived here for three and a half years, moved Saturday to Marion Forks, where Jackson is working for the Baxter Pole company of Oregon City. Their daughter, Margaret, will continue her high school work here, making the trip on the school bus.

Solo—Mrs. Maggie Meritt, mother of Mrs. Cora Miller of Solo, is with her daughter, Mrs. Lester Arnold at Corvallis during the absence of Arnold, who is east on business.

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