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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

For A Men's Chorus.

There is a fine response to the invitation issued by a committee of the chamber of commerce to men who can sing and who are to join in organizing a male chorus and glee club.

It may not be literally true in all cases that "He who hath not music in his soul is fit for treason and stratagems and spoils," as the immortal bard of Avon said, but it certainly is true that a manifestation of interest in music is a wholesome manifestation.

In other northwest cities where men's choruses have been maintained they have proved without exception to be a valuable community asset.

Wherever there is a public gathering of any kind there is opportunity for good singing to contribute largely to its success. Among smaller civic clubs, that organization which has the best singers is the organization which has the most enthusiastic meetings.

Singing gives pleasure alike to those who hear it and to those who do it. While it entertains it also "mellows" any assemblage in which singers appear and breaks down stiffness or reserve.

The large response given to the invitation to singers to join the chamber of commerce chorus forecasts success for the effort. It is an enterprise that reflects credit upon its sponsors.

The Big-Hearted Gazette-Times

Says the Corvallis Gazette-Times: "Those opposed to it (federal child labor amendment) are as strongly against any project to 'exploit' child labor as its proponents could possibly be."

Let it be noted here that it is not merely federal regulation of child labor that is opposed. The plainly implied statement is that existing child labor laws in all states are good enough.

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In overriding the governor's veto of the bill to exempt charitable and educational bequests from the provisions of the inheritance tax law, the legislature put the reverse gear on the precepts of thrift week.

As we go to press our best guess is that Gus Moser will sit right where he is in the president's chair of the senate at Salem until the close of the session, any rumors concerning a menace of his unseating to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ban Johnson depies that he is for government control of baseball. That seems to make it unanimous.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Governor's Mistake. (Corvallis Gazette-Times) Typical of Walter, governor Pierce wired President Coolidge to the effect that the citizens of Oregon favor the Norris bill for control of Muscle Shoals by the government.

The Quiet Johnsons. (Houston Post-Dispatch) They have put a muzzle on Ban Hiram is dumb. Walter never says anything, anyway.

False Alarm From a Selfish Quarter. (Pendleton East Oregonian) The child labor amendment should be ratified if for no other reason than to show the propagandists that

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we are not misled by their arguments. The widespread claim is that the amendment will interfere with child labor on the farm. That is wholly a false alarm.

A Plain Tale From the Hills. (New York World) Document 96 sixty-eighth congress, comes to hand and tells its own story.

Thereupon a naval court of inquiry was convened, "to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of young Chinese."

Accordingly, document 96, sixty-eighth congress, sweeps on triumphantly to this conclusion:

That since this country has at various times been compensated by sums of \$25,000 and the like for Americans killed in China, and since we wish to maintain our traditional reputation for generosity, justice, etc., be it resolved, that congress is asked "to compensate the family of the dead Chinese."

Strike up "The Star Spangled Banner!" "in the sum of \$100 gold."

We have the unwritten law, but very few unbroken laws. Injured feelings seldom fully recover, and even then are easily injured again.

It is possible to get so busy you have no time on the level. Being poor wouldn't be so bad if it were for only a few days instead of for life.

It might be this country some if as many checker games were sold in 1925 as dice were sold in 1924.

Six months from now the furnace will be working fine. If prosperity doesn't come along this year we can use it for breach of promise.

Love is like any other trouble. The more you just sit around and think about it the worse it becomes.

In Lighter Vein. Saturation in Automobiles. (Louisville Times) A few years ago, when 6,000,000 automobiles were registered in America, we talked of the "point of saturation" being just around the corner.

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BIG BUSINESS GIVEN JOLT

President Curbs Real Estate Speculators in Efforts To Boost Prices Sky-High

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—President Coolidge has given Washington's "big business" interests an awful jolt.

They're dazed, surprised, hurt. Just when they were all set to cash in on the wave of "Coolidge prosperity" which they were assured the recent election insured, they find no less an influence than the president himself blocking their way.

Washington's big business is in real estate. With the limits of the capital city definitely fixed, it has a comparatively simple for the real estate ring to boost values.

Rents based on these inflated values have become so high that it is next to impossible for the average government worker, on the small salaries paid by Uncle Sam, to maintain a family in decency.

This situation was curbed, during the war, by a rent regulation law. Following the war, under pressure by district residents, Congress continued rent regulation as an "emergency" measure.

The real estate ring, however, pressed its protest in the courts and just before Coolidge's re-election had won a decision that was heralded as opening the way to unrestricted rent increases.

Rent regulation, the realtors gleefully gloried, was hereafter taboo. Prosperity unprecedented was just around the corner. The most remote areas of the District of Columbia, the word went out in realty circles, had a potential value of \$1 per square foot and should be so valued.

Then President Coolidge spoke a few calm words that considerably cooled the ardor of the real estate inflationists.

Washington, or the District of Columbia, he pointed out, was not founded as a city. It wasn't set aside as a city.

How It Affects Philadelphia. (Philadelphia North American) Statistics show that 64,873 cross-kord fans were carried past their stations on the "T" yesterday.

Studying Popular Taste. (Washington Star) "Are you going to participate in any investigations?" "I don't know," answered Senator Sargham. "Investigations don't seem to be so very popular any more. I'm wondering whether I can't in some way work in on this extraordinary interest in cross-word puzzles."

Pig-Headed or Soft-Hearted? (Washington Star) "He says he will be miserable unless I marry him," said the pensive girl. "You must decide for yourself," answered Miss Cayenne, "whether he is a devoted lover of merely one of those people who can't be happy unless they are having their own way."

Oregon Briefs. Three carloads of cattle and one of hogs were shipped Saturday from North Powder to the Portland market.

According to Superintendent Geo. W. Hug, 1063 pupils are taking the iodine iodine prevention and cure in the Salem public schools.

According to the assessor there are within the borders of Jackson county 325,000 acres of wooded timber lands. Government timber will increase the amount to 700,000 acres.

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specifically as an area of opportunity for the speculator or "investor."

The few square miles within the District of Columbia, Coolidge said, had been reserved as a seat of government for the United States.

Anything that is necessary for the government to do to enable it to function efficiently and economically within that area, the government can do, he suggested, under its police powers.

If interests other than the government set up conditions within the District which hamper the government, then those must be suppressed.

The only reason Washington has for being is as a seat of government. And any police or regulatory measures that might be necessary to protect the well-being of governmental employees, he opined, were perfectly right and proper.

As a result of which Washington's real estate barons are more than ever cool with Coolidge.

Looking into the future, political prophets foresee among the members of the Senate four or six years hence "Ma" Ferguson of Texas and Mrs. Nell Ross of Wyoming.

This prediction is based on the fact that a governorship is often stepping stone to a seat in the upper house of Congress.

No less than 24 members of the present Senate served terms as governors in their home states, Wyoming for instance, of which Mrs. Ross is now governor, is represented in both her Senate seats by ex-governors—Warren, republican, and Kendrick, democrat.

Washington's golfing contingent, which has been somewhat in the background of recent months, may catch the spotlight again after the arrival of Tsuneo Matsudaira, the new Japanese ambassador.

Matsudaira, who is somewhat inclined to corpulence, keeps his girth down by strenuous rounds of golf, and word that precedes him is that he swings a wicked stick.

Mrs. J. B. Chambers arrived home today after a visit in Independence.

The Oratorio society will meet in Frank's hall this evening at 7 o'clock.

B. F. Keeney arrived today from a trip to Albany where he has been attending the state poultry show.

Charles Bigelow, department superintendent consul, M. W. A., is in the city from Cottage Grove.

After a trip down the valley Attorney Skipworth is home today.

The governor of Utah has honored a request from Governor Pierce for the extradition of Vincent A. Sailer, wanted in Multnomah county on a charge of child stealing.

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

Special Correspondence To The Guard From Various Live Districts In Its Field

SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Jan. 23. (Special)—Mrs. A. J. Perkins went to Marshfield Tuesday night to make a visit.

Mrs. Fred Fischer of Glendale was in town Wednesday for medical treatment.

Lester Marcus of Marcola, who recently had his arm broken, was able to have the splint removed while receiving surgical attention in Springfield Wednesday.

Miss Helen Reynolds, junior in the University of Oregon school of Journalism, has taken a position as reporter for the Springfield News.

Mrs. Bertha Cleek of Montana and Mrs. Ralph Oglesby of Forest Grove are guests at the home of their sister, Mrs. E. N. Dillard, of Springfield.

T. C. Johnson, employe of the Mountain States Power company, who recently underwent an operation at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene, is feeling much better, and expects to be back at work at the plant by February 1.

A number of Springfield ladies are planning to attend the benefit bridge tea given Friday at the Odium hotel from 2 to 5 o'clock by the Daughters of the Nile.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Washburne entertained informally at their home on Tuesday evening, with the following guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. DePue, Mr. and Mrs. Mark M. Peery, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Stewart, and son Morris, and Miss Ann Hill.

Charles Rivett, of Lincoln, Nebraska, who has been here for the last few days transacting business and visiting with his daughter, Mrs. W. Percy Tyson, and family, expects to return shortly to Nebraska. He will return in April or May with Mrs. Rivett to spend the summer in Springfield and vicinity.

John S. Medley, district attorney of Lane county, is scheduled to speak today at the weekly luncheon of the Lions club in the Woodman of the World hall.

Approximately 1200 feet of water pipe, extending for four blocks to the Carbolium Wood Preserving plant on west Fifth street are soon to be installed by the Mountain States Power company, according to District Manager E. W. Olson.

The work is held up at present until it is decided whether or not the city will install a fire hydrant on the new line. The new pipe line will make it possible for several residences on the street to have city water installed.

A new section of switchboard to cost approximately \$2,425 is to be installed in the Springfield office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to accommodate 200 patrons, according to J. L. Riland, district

manager. The new board, which will have 20 city answering jacks and 10 rural answering jacks, with all circuits equipped for audible ringing, will be completed about the middle of March.

The Springfield chamber of commerce will discuss special problems of the city's development at a regular meeting in Morrison hall this evening. A large attendance is requested by President W. Fred Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dashiell are here from Dallas visiting their grandsons, W. P. Lodenhall of the Springfield garage. Mr. Dashiell came here 64 years ago, crossing the plains with an ox team. He is familiar with much pioneer history of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Woods of Springfield with Mr. and Mrs. D. Brandt of Eugene will go to Portland Sunday to attend a convention of the Skaggs United Stores which will be held there next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Woods and Mr. Brandt are in charge of the Springfield and Eugene Skaggs stores, respectively.

Mrs. S. E. Nelson, who spent the winter in Portland is visiting her brother, J. H. McHenry at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. R. Harbert. After her visit here Mrs. Nelson expects to go on to Washington, D. C., to make her home.

A new belt is being installed on the south side of the Bond-Kelly sawmill. Under the new arrangement lumber can be sent out rough and only surfaced as it is ordered, instead of being sent directly to the planer as formerly.

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Mrs. Sam R. Vetch and Mrs. M. L. Vetch went to Rogue River Saturday to spend the week-end with their husbands' uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Holderman. They will return Sunday with Sam Vetch and his wife, Mrs. S. H. Vetch.

The "Keepers of the Deed" had a chess tournament at the Gray house Thursday at the Gray house. Mrs. Lillie Mendell from Gray spent Thursday in town shopping.

Mrs. Alice Hawkins and sister, Matilda Kohl went to Eugene Tuesday to visit with Mrs. Hawkins' daughter, Mrs. Walter Hauser and family.

A. E. Allen who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. C. M. Jackson at Fort Lenton, Mont.

Harry Armstrong and family returned down from Cascade Locks and spent Wednesday with the J. Houser family.

Mrs. Robert Hanna went to Eugene Thursday to spend the day with her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Mendell, who underwent an operation at the hospital recently.

Ray Baker went to Crowell business Thursday.

Roy Shipley from the Eugene high school, will preach at the Bible church on Coast Fork, Sunday evening January 25.

Mrs. C. W. Partin went to Portland Thursday to visit with her son-in-law, Mrs. Amanda Gibson, who is with her daughter, Mrs. S. L. Parnery.

Horn, Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tuller of Cedar Creek, a 10-pound daughter.

Mrs. Emma Dwyer from Los Angeles came Thursday and is visiting the W. A. Witcher family of Deje Valley.

The Eugene Daily Guard will have the paper delivered by carrier daily. The papers will be sent by stage from Eugene and not through the mail and will be delivered by carrier about 6 o'clock in the evening.

The Tillicum club met Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Wilson on Cherry court. Five hundred were enjoyed and a two course luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson and daughter, Miss Marian, were invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. VanDenburg who were up from Eugene invited the club to meet with them next meeting at their home in Eugene. The next meeting will be February 4.

The Junior high school basketball team will meet the Eugene high school high Saturday evening at 7 p. m. at the Cottage Grove school gymnasium.

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