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For A Musical Festival.

A very fine plan indeed has been conceived by those chiefly interested in the promotion of the Eugene Oratorio society. It contemplates nothing less than the developing of an organization whose ultimate aim shall be the holding here of an annual statewide musical festival. Pending the time when this shall be brought about, the society intends to foster and encourage mass and group singing and to give an occasional oratorio such as the "Creation" performance for which preparation is now being made.

There is a musical culture in Eugene higher and more general than average for cities of its size. It centers naturally at the University of Oregon, but is by no means confined there. Eugene people generally like music and many of them study it. Such organizations as the Oratorio society and the newly organized men's chorus of the chamber of commerce stimulate musical interest and encourage the study of music. Thus they fulfill a useful function additional to that of the pleasure and entertainment which they give with their productions or concerts.

It is altogether appropriate that there should be plans for annual music festivals ultimately to be held here, at the seat of the state's most representative musical center, the school of music in the University of Oregon. In the course of a few years we shall, in all probability, have a municipal auditorium of capacity sufficient to accommodate large gatherings of the kind proposed.

The Eugene Oratorio society intends to begin its operations with a Eugene membership. Similar organizations will be formed a little later in near-by towns. Gradually the circle will be widened, to include as many towns and cities of the state as may become interested. The work of all of them is to be standardized and made uniform, so that ultimately, when they are brought together here for a musical festival, they will be enabled to team together and sing together. It is a big conception and one worthy of the participation of all who can sing and the support of all who desire to encourage singing.

More Normals or a Larger Normal?

There unquestionably is a shortage of competent available school teachers in Oregon. Will an increase of normal school facilities supply the lack? The answer lies at Monmouth. Are the facilities of the normal school there over-taxed? Are as many students taking the teachers' training course as can be accommodated? If so the normal school facilities of Oregon should be increased. If not, they should not be increased until present facilities are utilized to capacity. A shortage of teachers might not imply a shortage of normal school facilities.

If there be need for increase in normal school facilities by the test of the foregoing questions, how can that need best be supplied? Increase of the facilities of the normal school at Monmouth, to say, double their present capacity of accommodation for students would entail a cost far less than an equal increase of facilities by establishment of other normals in other towns. Increase of facilities at Monmouth would call for comparatively modest increase of faculty and plant. Establishment of new normals would call for duplications of these at great cost. What are the advantages of additional normals as against an enlarged normal? Anything besides the gratifying of local ambition? An Ashland newspaper says that if there were a normal at Ashland it would save Southern Oregon students the necessity of paying railroad fare to Monmouth. That seems hardly adequate. What other reasons are there? And what reasons for placing a normal in Eastern Oregon, further than local ambition in Pendleton and La Grande? Local ambition is entirely worthy, but this question is one that ought to be met on the ground of the general good and that of public economy.

Oregon wants its children well taught and its people will be found for the most part willing to furnish adequate facilities for training teachers well. But so far about all that has appeared in the present discussion at Salem is evidence of what in congress is called a scramble for "pork." What are Oregon's true needs as to normal school facilities?

A knowledge of the history of any locality is necessary to proper appreciation and understanding of their home place by those who live in it. The movement inaugurated in the schools of Lane county for an essay writing contest among pupils on the subject of Lane county history will do much toward stimulating study of that subject, and it will be more valuable to the students than could the results of double the effort if applied to a subject more abstract and farther removed.

"Never look a gift horse in the mouth" is a familiar admonition, but the Portland municipal art commission seems not to regard it seriously. At least as much is indicated in its action disapproving of the Lincoln statue which Dr. Henry Waldo Coe sought to give the city. The reason assigned is that the statue design does not depict Lincoln faithfully. Quien sabe?

Optimistic thought for today: The legislature has gone along thus far with no particular harm done.

Did you see the eclipse? Neither did we; too far west.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Hijacking With HI (New York World)
 "About—this—time," read the marginal notes in the political almanac for January, 1925, "storms—from—California."
 Safe prediction! Senator Hiram Johnson of the sun-kist state has introduced a resolution calling upon the State Department to give the Senate the text of the agreement signed by Ambassadors Herick and Kellogg and Observer Logan, for the United States, covering the collection of German reparations payments under the Dawes plan. His purpose is not kindly. The United States is in fact, and

despite the isolationists, getting back into proper position in world affairs. Whether we re-enter the family of nations by the back door, the side door or the front door, whether we do it in slippers or in the dark of the moon or in broad day, the important fact is that it is getting done.
 That way lies duty. There points interest. There beckons destiny. There humanity beseeches. Incidentally, that is now good Republicanism. Increased activity in foreign affairs is Harding doctrine. It is Coolidge doctrine. The Dawes for whom the American plan, as it is now, was named is our Republican Vice-President and Senator Johnson's presiding officer.

March 11 Johnson cares about that! When the tariff is to be fixed on lemons he is so good a republican that butter would not melt in his mouth. When his state is to be carried in a general election for the G. O. P. he goes fishing and lets the boys do the work, thus preserving his regularity, without which he would be on the sidelines. But when the victors bring home the spoils he hijacks the truck. That is only his little way and in itself does not greatly matter. The question is how many illustrious statesmen of the senate will follow the cue and virtually attack the President and his policy. Who will go hijacking with HI?

Crime and Other News (Christian Science Monitor)
 It was somewhat picturesque phrasing which Herbert Bayard Swope of the New York World used before the American Society of Newspaper Editors assembled in Washington when he defined the scope of journalism as "Life reflected in ink." When, however, he added to this word picture the conclusion that, therefore, it "must partake of the ugliness as well as the beauty" there is decided question as to whether the sentiment expressed represents the full truth. The definition was brought out during the discussion as to whether or not crime news should be published, one speaker declaring that "expression can never be so bad, for the individual or group, as suppression." But the reporter of news to present the constructive phases of the world's activities, and not merely to pander to the questionable emotions of mankind, is not suppression. It simply implies wisdom actuated by high ideals. The question that really should be considered is, Has anyone ever been improved morally, or in any other way, by reading the details of crime news, so gloriously presented in the great majority of the newspapers of the world?

Subject to the Supreme Law (The Oregonian)
 Cooperative associations, especially those which have lately entered the field, would do well to note these observations of State Market Agent Spence in a recent bulletin:
 The case of failure of many marketing organizations in the past has been that they have been based too much on contracts to tie up production and too little on what to do with the tied-up products. Farm production cannot be curtailed like the production of a furniture factory. The farm is not a factory, where the output can be controlled at will.

California thought it had solved the marketing problems of raisins and prunes when a monopoly was formed in control of these products. The minute that higher prices prevailed, then production increased; a big unsold surplus piled up and the result was the carry-over broke the market and prices came below cost of production. Raisins were fed to stock. Control of the product is not enough; it must be accompanied by control of machinery for distribution or by a working arrangement with wholesale distributors in consuming markets. But improved prices, which are the goal of cooperation, stimulate new production, which no cooperative can prevent. Control of the cooperative expands distribution to dispose of this increased product, it will break the market and much of the crop will be fed to the hogs, as were the surplus raisins. If a cooperative should imagine that it controlled the entire production of its commodity and should attempt to secure monopoly prices, new production would swamp it, and disaster would ensue.

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Oregon Briefs

The Newport chamber of commerce has elected Bert E. Allen president and C. C. Presley secretary.
 Astoria's fire department during 1924 responded to 240 alarms and the total damage by fires amounted to \$94,183.34.
 Two teams of the La Grande post of the American legion are staging a contest to obtain new members and the venture is proving a success.
 Homer Parrett of Newberg has been appointed treasurer of Yamhill county to succeed C. E. Dukenfield who resigned because of ill health.
 Levi Dobbins, Civil war veteran and prominent member of 8th high post, G. A. R. of Newberg, died in that city, aged 85 years.

A report on prohibition cases in Tillamook county for the past year shows \$16,750 collected in fines and 910 days' jail sentences imposed.

Cranberry shipments from Clatsop county during the 1924 fall season totaled 15,141 bushel boxes, according to a report made at a meeting of the Cranberry association in Astoria.

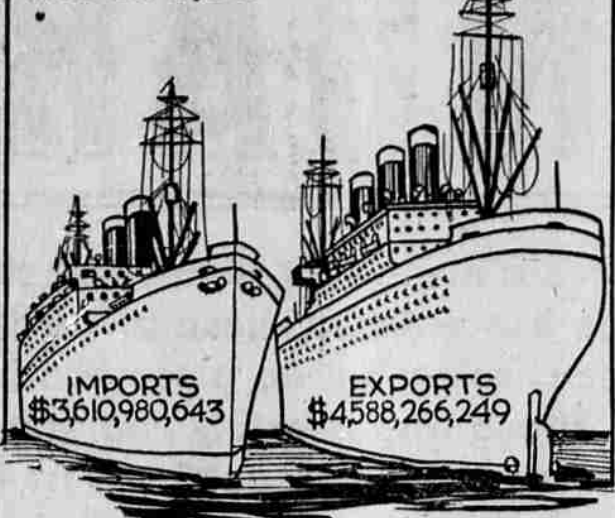
Hillaboro, with a cost for each pupil of \$90.65, was the lowest of the larger schools in Washington county last year, Tualatin with \$164.17, was the highest.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup, thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.—Psalm 16:5, 6.
Bible Question. (Look Up the Answer)
 Is humbleness necessary to gain the Lord's favor?—Jas. 4:10.
 The United States is in fact, and

WHY UNCLE SAM IS RICH

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF U.S. IN 1924



JUDGE-JUSTICES ARE FEW

Only Four of the Present Tribunal Have Come From Courts Below

BY HARRY B. HUNT
 NEA Service Writer
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Judicial experience, contrary to general opinion, is not a pre-requisite to service on the Supreme Court of the United States.
 A majority of the judges now serving on the supreme court, in fact, never sat behind the bar until they donned the robes of associate justices on the nation's highest tribunal. This practice of picking men without former judicial experience has increased in recent years.
 Whereas 10 years ago all but one of the members of the court had seen previous service on subordinate benches, today only four of the nine wear their appointments by way of promotion.
 Of the last seven appointments to the court, five were of men who had never before qualified for the title of "judge."
 This increasing tendency to pick for the highest court legal luminaries who have made their records off the bench is emphasized by the appointment of Harlan F. Stone to fill the seat vacated by former Justice McKenna.
 Stone's appointment turns the majority on the court to the side of the lay lawyers, making the fifth member who jumped from pleader to associate justice, as against four members who worked their way up through lower courts.
 Others in this group, who first donned judicial robes as members of the highest court, are McReynolds, Brandeis, Sutherland and Butler.
 The four who served time on lower courts and reached the supreme court by way of judicial promotion are Chief Justice Taft and Associate Justices Holmes, Van Devanter and Sanford.
 Whatever else may be the result of Stone's appointment, one thing is known. The bolshevik knew what to do with him.

Eugene 25 Years Ago.

(From The Guard Jan. 26, 1900)
 The team of S. Johnson who lives on the McKenzie, ran away this afternoon from the hitching post back of the county jail. Johnson in trying to stop them was dragged along the street in mud knee-deep.
 H. A. Dumar is in the city from Saginaw on a business trip.
 Quite a frost this morning with the thermometer at 39 above at 6 o'clock this morning.
 E. J. Frazier returned today from a trip to Independence.
 Cecil Dority has gone to Portland for a trip of a day or so.
 The A. V. Peters store is now vacant, the first time since it was erected. In a few days workmen will be tearing it down to make room for the handsome bank building, to be erected as a home for the Eugene Loan and Savings bank.
 A number of W. Gifford Nash's students will be presented in a recital in Villard hall tomorrow evening.
 J. E. Andrews arrived home today after a trip to points north.

TODAY

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and send their children to religious day schools if they choose, at their own expense.
 To attack the public school is not to render service to the private schools that emphasize religious teaching. Such attacks are not popular and may encourage equally unjust attacks on religious schools and religious teachings.
 The world grows gentler, even that one-sixth of the world's area labeled "Russia" on the map. The bolsheviks have driven Trotsky from power into disgrace. He loses his position as head of the army and is advised to go to the south of Russia and meditate on his foolishness, but he saves his head.
 In the French revolution, they would have told him what they thought at the foot of the guillotine and would have cut his head off a few minutes later.
 What a chance Trotsky had when Lenin died, leaving the army under his control! A Napoleon Bonaparte, or even a Napoleon III, would have known what to do. Trotsky didn't

Dr. Butler, learned head of Columbia college, tells the British empire chamber of commerce various interesting things. He says Mussolini, who saved Italy, is another Oliver Cromwell. He says that "the time is ripe for an era of reason." It is possible, says he, to hope for an end of war, because the only disputes that arise now are those based on a conflict of interests.
 It is hard to see any important change there. Haven't wars always been based on a conflict of interests? Two gentlemen at least wanted Helen of Troy. That was a conflict of interests and they fought about it.
 We fight more about dollars now and less about glory.
 Formerly we thought a little more about glory and less about dollars. But what difference does that make, except that the dollar, pound sterling, franc and mark war is much more bloody than the old war for glory used to be.
 Mussolini, whose power of will takes you back to the days of Benvenuto Cellini, is also entirely modern. He will build in Rome the highest skyscraper in the world, as tall as any two American skyscrapers put one on top of the other, and he is planning a national institute to fight cancer, that destroys 25,000 victims in Italy every year.

Scratching the Record. (New York American)
 "Your daughter talks a great deal, doesn't she?"
 "Yes, I think she must have been vaccinated with a phonograph needle."
Pressing Thought. (Boston Transcript)
 "You should think of the future."
 "I can't. It's my girl's birthday and I have to think of the present."
Quite So. (Illinois Wesleyan Argus)
 Chemistry Professor—"What can you tell me about nitrate?"
 Student—"Well—er—they're a lot cheaper than dry rates."
Culinary Note. (The Humorist)
 "If they are carefully dust, it is

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

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

SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Jan. 26.—(Special)—A minor operation was performed for the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Becker on Saturday morning.
 Mrs. Lydia Westrope of Eugene was a dinner guest and spent the day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Glue Lyons, of Springfield on Friday.
 Mrs. W. L. Dunlap who has been quite ill, took a turn for the better Saturday morning and was able to sit up.
 Mrs. Lynn Lansbery purchased two lots on the corner of 8th and G streets from the city of Springfield Friday. She may build on them this summer, according to present plans.
 Frank Burkholder of Eugene made a business trip to Springfield Saturday. He has just returned from Coos county where he has been taking the census.
 Echo Hallow Lumber company near Gosien shipped a carload of lumber to Iowa this week.
 B. O. Smith has shipped a carload of potatoes to California.
 The meeting of the "500" club, which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. Zella Cantrell in Emerald heights on Friday evening was postponed because of the serious illness of Mrs. Elza G. Sutton.
 William G. Hughes, president of the First National bank of Springfield, will return about the first of February from a business trip to Washington.

COTTAGE GROVE

COTTAGE GROVE, Jan. 26.—(Special)—S. L. Mackin was delegating to the meeting in Portland of the different gentlemen from the different cities. He returned Sunday night.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Finley from Klamath Falls who have been visiting in Portland returned Saturday night and spent the night with old time friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Wilson. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Finley attended school taught by Mr. Willis in Klamath county, 49 years ago.
 W. L. Hatch and family motored to Roseburg Sunday and visited with Mrs. Hatch's mother, Mrs. Belle Schindler. Mrs. Hatch and daughter Dorothy will visit all this week in Roseburg.
 J. S. McKay moved his granddaughter, Mrs. Jack Lemon, from Springfield Saturday to the Wiese saw mill camp south on Cedar creek.
 L. C. Michener went to Washougal, Wash. Saturday to visit his wife who is with her mother, her mother being ill.
 Born, Saturday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Laffoon an eight-pound daughter. Mrs. Laffoon was Miss Velma Hart of Cottage Grove.
 Miss Mabel Coons is quite ill, and was taken to her home in Drain Sunday.
 Rex Wheeler and George Dandewood from O. A. C. spent the weekend at home with their people. They returned to Corvallis Sunday evening.
 E. E. Eads and family motored up from Medford Friday and spent the weekend with Mrs. Eads father, W. J. Boyd and sisters, Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Hill.
 A large crowd greeted the alumni show Friday night. Everyone enjoyed the show and was loud in praise of little Emil Sutherland, son of Oscar Sutherland of the postoffice force. Emil is but six years old and in the first grade in school.
 Mrs. Roy Love with daughter Amy

set. He was injured while at work when his elbow was crushed between two pieces of lumber.
 R. J. Pirrie has been receiving treatment for a badly bruised arm which was injured while he was at work in Eugene.
 Ed Anderson of Creswell passed through Springfield on a business trip to Marcola Friday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hukride will return to California to make their home. They have been living in Springfield on West D street.
 Mrs. Herbert Clarke and Mrs. J. C. McMurray entertained the Kensington club at the home of Mrs. Clarke, 520 E. street on Friday afternoon. Needlework was done in the course of the afternoon, and refreshments were served. Guests were Mesdames O. B. Keasey, E. E. May, Lawrence L. May, J. T. Moore, Harry W. Whitney, Samuel C. Wright and Paul Basford.

Miss Elizabeth Mulkey from Eugene, who has been with her sister Mrs. John Tosters the past few weeks, will meet Wednesday afternoon in the church parlors, Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Wilhelm are the leaders.
 Mrs. Vinnie E. Stewart, who got Saturday morning, was born in Highball, South Dakota, October 10, 1868. Her maiden name was Vinnie Stock. She was married to Max Stewart in a short life. She leaves in Oregon a husband and father, Albert Stock, five children, Albert and Ernest in high school, and Evelyn and Marie. Max is 12 and Maxine a baby of two. Stewart died at the home of his uncle, Joseph Stocks, of Cottage Grove. The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. from the Mills chapel, A. H. Sparrow officiating. Interment in the Sears cemetery.
 The congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church will be held the second Wednesday night in February or February 11.

MR. HAPPY PARTY
 INVITATION TO A CHICKEN DINNER
 MY APPETITE AND FOOTSTEPS QUICKEN EVERY TIME I THINK OF CHICKEN!

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