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Religion in School

IN ADVOCATING before the state senate his measure to require reading from the Bible in the public schools, Senator Garland said:

I say with shame that the agency of all agencies which should keep the youth of our country in the right path has failed. I refer to the fireside. The women are too busy on jury duty or at pink teas or bridge clubs, and the fathers are not at home. The youths are following in the footsteps of their elders.

Here is a very direct implication that the state should take over the duties that parents are said to be neglecting in regard to religious instruction of children. It carries a paternalistic assumption and one that is wrong. The very foundation of our governmental system rests upon a contrary assumption, which is that religion is not the business of the state. It is the proper function of the state to educate its children. It is the proper function of the home and the church to look after their spiritual development.

This newspaper does not believe, as Senator Garland apparently does, that the rising generation is going to the demitition bow-wows. It does not believe that this generation is worse than the last one or the one before that. It sees all about it here in Eugene evidences that a majority of people, including children, attend or are interested in some church or Sunday school.

Religion cannot be hammered into the juvenile mind like long division or grammar. It is a thing for group teaching rather than mass teaching. Its effectiveness depends upon receptivity of a sort that does not find its environment in a public school room. The very effort to instill it there would arouse in the minds of many pupils antagonism and opposition, thus defeating the purpose of the proposed innovation.

The Garland bill has passed the senate. It ought to fail in the house.

Not, Why? Why Not?

THE Salem Capital Journal announces with a finality that could not possibly be justified by anything less than complete knowledge of what is in the minds of all the voters of Oregon, that if it is submitted to a popular referendum the federal child labor amendment will be "overwhelmingly defeated" in this state. Then it asks: "Why waste the time and money of a referendum, just to save politicians from going on record?"

Of course the Capital Journal should know there is no proposal for a waste of time and money in the matter. What is proposed is that the amendment be submitted to the voters for an advisory referendum at the next regular election. The plan would cost nothing either in time or money. The question properly should be, Why not a referendum? Nobody in Oregon knows what the majority of voters desire in the matter. No member of the legislature knows what a majority of his constituents desire. The way to find out is to refer the question.

It is significant that opposition to a referendum of the question comes from newspapers and others who are opposed to the amendment. The Capital Journal, the Albany Herald and the Corvallis Gazette-Times all have opposed the measure and all now oppose the referendum. If these newspapers and other opponents are as certain as they profess they are that the people will vote the amendment down, what is the objection to submitting it to them? As a matter of fact they do not know and nobody knows what the popular verdict would be.

Nationally the child labor amendment is defeated, but nevertheless it would be right to let the voters of Oregon place themselves on record on the question of its ratification.

There is this difference between the Port of Portland bill, passed over the governor's veto, and other bills whose purpose is to take appointive power out of the governor's hands: The Port of Portland is a local organization whose affairs are of concern only to people of its own district and their will unquestionably was registered in the appointments which the bill made. The other commissions which it is proposed to take away from the governor belong to the people of all the state. Appointive power for them should be left just where it is, in the hands of the governor. If Mr. Pierce's opponents persist and succeed in their plans, the pit which they are digging for him will certainly one day rebound to the loud crash of some future governor of their own who will fall into it.

From here it looks like the people around Cave City would do well to concentrate their efforts on trying to get Collins out of his predicament, rather than spend time in re-reminders concerning how he happened to get in.

There is talk at Salem of creating a commission to study the question of consolidation of state departments. Ha, ha and a raucous haw!

Eugene hits a stiff pace with its building permits for the first month of the year. This city is marching on.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Don't Overdo It

(Medford Mail-Tribune)
There is danger that the legislature will overdo the business of depriving Governor Pierce of his appointive powers. There is a decided difference between criticizing the appointments of a certain governor, and removing the appointive power from all governors. There will probably be little criticism of the legislature's action regarding the Port of Portland, for that involves a local, rather than a state problem. But when it comes to state affairs, like the Fish and Game commission and the penitentiary, the legislature had better slip into low.

The governor of Oregon should be responsible for the administration of state affairs. Depriving a governor of the appointive power because his appointments are poor, would be like scrapping an automobile because of a poor mechanic. Far better sense to change the mechanic than to scrap the machine. Governor Pierce will be Oregon's chief executive for two more years. Give him a chance to carry out his program. Let him be held personally responsible for that program. If he continues a course, which the legislature regards as detrimental to the best interests of the state, the people have their remedy at the ballot box. But don't pass laws which would make all governors of this state mere

figure heads, simply because one governor may have made rather a mess of things during the first half of his administration.

The County Agent

(Salem Statesman)
Lane county, after being without the services of a county agent for some time, has decided that she needs the help of such a man in keeping her agricultural development active.

And the writer believes Marion county is in the same class— And this county ought to have an agricultural agent—

And that the right kind of an agricultural agent would be worth many times his reasonable salary, if he were the right kind of an agent—if he were qualified, industrious and enthusiastic and with the right qualities of leadership and the proper ability to impart his knowledge.

Marion county is the greatest county in the Pacific Northwest in an agricultural way. But she is capable of being more outstandingly so, and in this regard she needs the sort of leadership that would be supplied by the right kind of a county agent. Lane county has done well to re-establish her agricultural agent, and Marion county would do well to follow suit.

Back to Fundamentals

(Salem Capital Journal)
Senator Eddy's bill requiring that certain studies be taught in the high schools of the state, as well as certain optional studies, is a meritorious measure that should pass the house as well as it did the senate, for it will go far to instill a knowledge of fundamentals that is now lacking in most high school students.

Under the present law the course of study for high schools contains two years of required work, instead of four, with the result that the students scatter their energies in various elective courses in educational frills and foibles not in any way useful or fundamental, for they have not the mature judgment to select wisely.

Studies provided under the bill as obligatory include:

United States history; the history and leading principles of American literature; the English language, including grammar, composition, rhetoric, spelling and punctuation; penmanship; book-keeping; practical operations in arithmetic. In addition to said required work, optional studies may be provided in approved subjects. But no student shall be permitted to elect optional studies to the extent of preventing thorough training in such required studies.

Opposition to the measure can be expected from the teachers and parents organizations, under whose leadership the present demoralization of student life has been fostered, for the existing system makes more jobs for more teachers, higher salaries, more equipment, and more expenditures, but it should be welcomed by the taxpayer.

The high school graduate of 30 years ago bore the students ran the schools, was much better grounded in fundamentals essential in future life, and in citizenship, better trained and better disciplined, than the graduate of today and the latter system is to blame. It is high time for reform.

In Lighter Vein

Can't Be Bribed. (Berlin Der Brummer)
Mother—I gave you twopenny to be a good boy and you are misbehaving!
Now—Yes, mother! I can't be bribed!

Lucky Methusalem. (London Humorist)
Governor—Methusalem was 900 years old.
Young Son—What happened to all his birthdays and Christmas presents?

Not This Trade. (London Passing Show)
Patient—I'm rather hard up, doctor. Would you be willing to take out your bill in trade?
Doctor—Yes, it might be arranged. What is your business?
Patient—I'm a cornet player.

A Perfect Rest. (Stockholm Kamper)
Doctor—Your husband needs a perfect rest. I prescribe a sleeping powder.
Patient's wife—When shall I give it to him?
Doctor—Not to him. Take it yourself.

Mouths and Bread. (London Passing Show)
Clergyman—My boy, learn to be contented. Mouths are never sent without the bread to feed them.
Practical boy—Aw, but the mouths are sent to our house and the bread to yours.

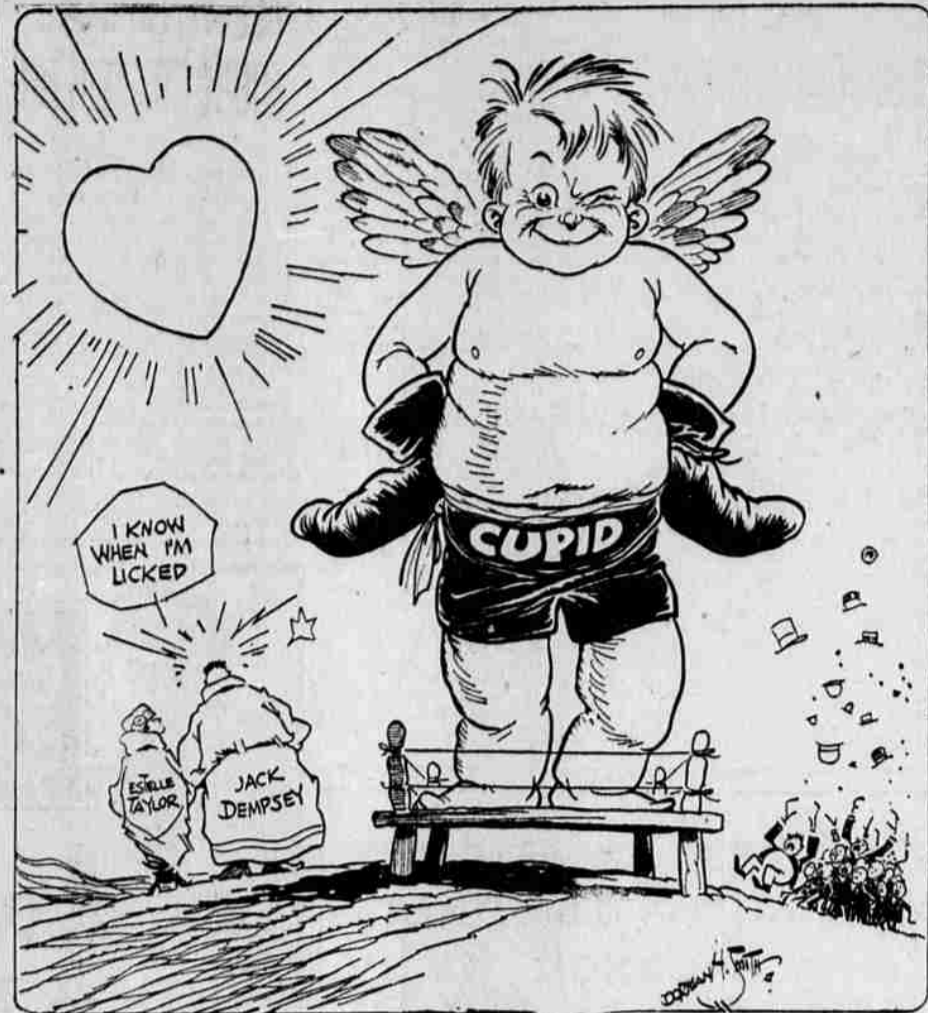
Accommodating. (London Gaiety)
Bank robber—Quick! Hand out the money.
Terrorized Clerk—C-c-certainly, sir. How would you like it?

Tom Sims Says—
THE shark is not as big a fish as the man who thinks he is a shark.
One nice thing you can say for winter is getting cold doesn't witt your collar.
People who don't look before they leap land in a predicament.

While lightning strikes only once in the same place, it is possible to be thunderstruck often.
A quarter looks like a dollar to us, but it seems to look like a nickel to the tax collector.
Be careful about what you try to do; you might succeed.
An ounce of sense will disguise a pound of ignorance.

Who remembers way back yonder when being poor was not considered an excuse for not marrying?
Many of the neighbors would be poor if they didn't own so much.
Probably the most enthusiastic antique hunters are the booze buyers.

All Hail the New World's Champion



LADY GUESTS FLOUT SENATOR EDGE

Even a President Can Sometimes be Guilty of Error in Judgment, As This Little Story Shows

By HARRY B. HUNT
(NEA Service Writer)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Even a president can pull a "boner." Which is exactly what President Coolidge accomplished during the call at the White House a few days ago of 300 officers and privates in the "Coolidge Army of New Jersey."

This Coolidge army is an exclusively feminine outfit. Perhaps because of this, it didn't seem strange to Calvin that arrangements for the call were not made through regular political channels.

Instead of having the meeting framed through the senator or congressman, "General" J. Mabel Brown and Mrs. Louis Thompson made the arrangements themselves direct with the White House.

Finding the delegation of New Jersey on his program, it seemed to Coolidge that the occasion would be made more noteworthy if the Republican senator from that state was included in the party.

So a phone call from the White House asked Senator Edge to run up and join the president in shaking hands with his constituents.

Had the president been at all peevish, he could not but have noticed the constraint with which the ladies of the "army" greeted their senator.

However, he seemed to sense nothing wrong. And when the handshaking was over, the president, putting an arm affectionately across Edge's shoulders, told his visitors that he wished they'd pledge themselves to see that New Jersey soon

sent down another republican senator "like Senator Edge."

Had the president kept himself up-to-date on the internal politics of New Jersey, he would have known at once that the "army" had intentionally maneuvered so it would owe Edge nothing in connection with its call on the president.

He would have known that this "Coolidge army" in the last campaign fought just as hard to defeat Edge for re-election as it did to re-elect Coolidge.

Coolidge's economy program is the one big barrier that prevents members of the house from achieving a measure of privacy approaching that already enjoyed by members of the senate.

In providing office accommodations for members of congress, Uncle Sam built two handsome white marble buildings of approximately equal size. But whereas the senate office building must house only 96 senators, the house building must provide quarters for no less than 435 members.

The result is that while each senator has a commodious suite of from three to four or five rooms, members of the house, except for chairmen of important committees, have only one.

A proposal to construct additional quarters within the present building finds unanimous favor among members.

But brought face to face with the administration demand for a cut in government expenses of some 200,000,000 next year, it seems certain that the next congress, at least, will have to struggle along with "no more privacy than an elephant in a zoo."

Mr. Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL
SENATOR DUPONT expresses the opinion that low pay is one reason why capable men increasingly hesitate to go to congress.

Men to whom, 10 years ago, the Dupont industries would have paid the equivalent of a Congressional salary, now get four or five times that sum.

The difference is too high a price for a doubtful political honor.

Pay is only part of the story. Fame is the rest. Even with the salary adequate, no one able to make money out-

side will ever profit financially by going to congress. The real reward is reputation. In every other national legislative assembly on earth, membership is the door to renown and opportunity.

Here it is often a sentence to obscurity and futility. Who knows or cares who are the members of the present House of Representatives? The names of their predecessors of 40 years ago are better known.

That the evil is curable is demonstrated by the fact that other nations have cured it. It might be profitable to inquire how.

Your Income Tax

This is the seventh of a series of articles explaining the income tax to the layman. It has been prepared in view of recent changes in the income tax law.

By R. A. CONKEY

Tax Consultant

THE new law contains a provision which was not contained in any of the previous laws, which effects a 25 per cent reduction in the tax of an individual on "earned net income," as hereinafter defined.

The term "earned net income" means wages, salaries, fees and other compensation received for personal services actually rendered, but does not include any amount received from a corporation which represents a distribution of earnings or profits rather than a reasonable compensation for personal services rendered.

Where an individual derives income from a trade or business in which both personal services and capital are material factors in the production of the income, a reasonable allowance as compensation for personal services, but not in excess of 20 per cent of his share of the profits, shall be considered as earned income.

The term "earned net income" means the amount of earned income in excess of the deductions from income which are properly chargeable against earned income. In no case may the earned net income exceed \$10,000 and the entire net income up to \$5000 in every case, is treated as earned income.

In addition to other credits against tax, the tax of an individual may be credited with 25 per cent of the amount of tax which would be pay-

able if his "earned net income" constituted his entire net income, but such credit may not exceed 25 per cent of his normal tax.

A member of a partnership may include in the earned income his proportionate share of the earned income of the partnership, as determined by the regulations.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN
NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The nine o'clock subway rush..... You have a superiority complex, perhaps, when you enter the hole in the ground. It is soon smothered, stamped out, ground under heel. This mulling mob reduces all its elements to its own level.

The Great Unwashed..... Dirty Kike..... Greasy Greek..... Garlicky Wop..... Foul Nigger..... Smelly Slav..... Fat German..... Pushed about..... Stepped on..... Jaunted in on all sides..... Rubbed against by unclean clothes..... Newspaper knocked from hand..... Can't stoop to pick it up..... Look at that gay diving at the

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:7.

Bible Question

(Look up the answer)
What is said of a foolish son?—Prov. 19:13.

Field of Church Is Pointed Out

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I don't care who's pushing you, you quit pushing me, you get me???

A girl swoons. Let her out! She tries to catch the sleeve of a man pushing his way into the car. He brushes her aside and she falls, striking her head on the concrete platform.

See that man snarling, sputtering in impotent rage????? What a nice picture he is!!!!!! Looks like an ugly will beast..... Just see how far man can degenerate!!!!!! Yet he thinks he's civilized..... Looks like a "hundred per cent American"..... Yes, he is, with a name like Dean or something like that.....

The lights blink incessantly..... Gives a fellow a headache..... A cattle car would be better riding..... We're all cattle, anyway..... A cow would have more sense than to get into a car like this.....

Step lively!!!!!! Come on, get out!!!!!! Let 'em get out first!!!!!! Get back there where you belong!!!!!!

The sluggish stream moves down the platform. Heels are stepped on. Packages are knocked from hands. You cannot stand still and wait for the crowd to pass. You must be a part of it. It is stronger than you. It moves involuntarily. You must go with it until the mass is disgorged by this great underground serpent.

More along. Step along this way, fenced in by iron bars. Just like the Chicago stockyards. Cattle, dumb, driven cattle, lashed and beaten.

Never mind, some day they'll put a gory giant at the top of the runways with a man in his hand and he'll crack your skull for you and the picture will be finished.

We'll never know the difference a hundred years from now. Why worry?

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of Feb. 11, 1900)
The alumni association held a meeting this afternoon in the courthouse.

Max A. Plumb, amalgamator of the Lucky Boy Mining company, and Geo. Fisher came down from that lively camp yesterday evening and report the mine is doing a large amount of work and that prospectors continue to invade the camp all winter long.

Eldred Todd went to Halsey this afternoon.

S. M. Yoray is home after a trip to Cottage Grove.

A rousing democratic club with 47 under voters was organized at Saguinaw Thursday evening. Mr. Cassin was elected president. The club meets the first and third Fridays of each month.

The meeting which began at Coburg last week still continues with increasing interest, and the pastor, Rev. James A. Maxwell, is being much encouraged. Wednesday night there were conversions, Thursday six, and last night four, and the town in general is being greatly moved.

William Skidmore is a visitor in the city from Comstock.

S. H. Friendly today purchased 3000 bushels of wheat from several farmers at 88 cents per bushel, and then he paid more than the market for export justified.

Joe Stone is putting out a new 7-acre hay yard on Bear Creek, a few miles from Creswell, despite the discouraging reports.

Oregon Briefs

Roy Durdum and Fred Jackson are under arrest at Baker, charged with the larceny of 48 coyote pelts valued at \$300.

Smashing a pane of glass in the front door, a burglar entered the Schuman Electric shop at Bend and stole \$80 from the till.

The highways between Willowa and Joseph and between North Powder

and Quartz in Baker county, have been closed to heavy traffic by the state highway department.

Marshfield provided 44 of the 140 liquor convictions in Coos county during 1924 and its residents were fined \$20,910, or almost half of \$46,100, the total fines for the county.

H. N. Gamble, accused of first degree murder of Williamworth at Union last November, has entered a plea of not guilty at La Grande and will be tried February 16.

J. G. Day, prominent Douglas county pioneer and father of I. N. Day, well known Portland attorney, celebrated his 88th birthday last week at his home in Roseburg.

W. E. Hassler, owner of the Curry County Reporter at Gold Beach, has taken over the Port Orford Tribune. The Port Orford paper will be merged with the Reporter, leaving only one Curry county newspaper.

Whole Meal Bread Is Diet of English

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The English are becoming a nation of whole meal bread eaters. Since the pronouncement, a little more than a year ago, by the eminent surgeon, Sir William Arbuthnot Lane, that white bread is probably one of the causes of cancer, bakers of England have noticed a decrease in the sale of white bread and an increase in the consumption of meal products.

This change in the national appetite has become so widespread that the bakers' association has issued posters and pamphlets showing the benefits of whole meal diet and urging its wider use.

The price of whole meal bread has not increased this winter. Specific figures of one of the largest bakeries in London, show the sale of whole meal loaves during December to be almost three times that of the previous December.

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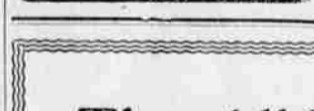
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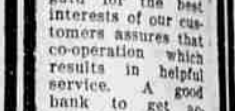
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