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The Pioneer Pageant.

THE pioneer pageant which is nearing its close as this edition of The Guard goes to press seems destined to become an annual institution and a classic in Lane county. It is fine that this is so.

We need that knowledge and that background to give us proper appreciation of the things that our pioneer forbears wrought here. We need to know about their early struggles and achievements against tremendous odds, in conquering the wilderness and the savages and in the making of this country into a desirable and fruitful place of abode for those of us who have come after.

Lane county had an important and prominent part in the early history of the Oregon country. Eugene was one of our earliest towns. The people of Oregon twice voted to locate the state capital here.

Mr. Crews and the Guaranty.

A STATE official in any capacity openly lending his presence to a stock-selling campaign meeting presents rather a remarkable figure, but when that official is a corporation commissioner, charged with regulation and restriction of stock-selling projects, the spectacle becomes still more remarkable.

Next to the presence at the meeting of the corporation commissioner and the part he played there, the most remarkable thing about it all was the manifestation of faith given by the stockholders. Of 600 said to have been present, not one availed himself of the offer of a refund as extended through the corporation commissioner.

The corporation commissioner is quoted as having reminded his hearers that such enterprises as this one are highly speculative, and that none should invest in them except those who could afford to lose what they put in.

If the corporation commissioner's prescription for a stockholder's qualifications is being followed, and if all who have invested in oil stock here can afford to take their losses even to the point of totality in case no oil is found, then there is little left for other people to criticize on that score.

The Salem Capital Journal discovers that there are too many weeks in the year. It isn't calendar weeks that the editor finds too numerous. These, on the contrary, are too few to go around.

Department of Agriculture bulletin No. 1326 is a treatise of advice to farmers on how to keep cows from eating garlic. The best method, the author of the bulletin finds, supposedly after deep research, is to keep the garlic out of reach of the cows.

It is entirely appropriate that the theater which represents the fulfillment of the ideals and the efforts in Eugene of A. H. McDonald should bear his name. So now we have the McDonald theater.

Forest Supervisor Madoff purposes that the flowers and shrubs that line the McKenzie highway shall be protected against the vandalism that destroys them root and branch. And he is right as right can be.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

For Uplift and Shake-Down (Salem Capital Journal) Next as a public nuisance to the drivers bequeathed us by the way of the support of projects that ought to have died with the war, are the various "weeks" initiated in behalf of welfare and other movements, each of which appropriates itself a seven-day period to back in the spotlight of

free publicity. The drives have as objective a shelling out and the special "weeks" are for spreading the preparatory propaganda for the touch. We have a "week" for most everything now, and a national organization in its behalf. Some philanthropic person, usually a woman, is flattered or coerced into accepting a state chairmanship and she in turn appoints local chairmen, whose chief duty is to work the local newspapers for free publication of the blab, bull and bunk turned over to them in endless quantity.

These efforts to enlist mass support through special "weeks" are not confined to proposed better homes, better babies, better this and better that, or to clean-up, paint-up, brush-up and dress-up, or to inducing greater consumption of apples, raisins, wheat, or what-not, but have been utilized by go-get'em manufacturers to boom sales, and stores are expected to step-on-the-gas to push the especially selected article during the chosen period.

How many special "weeks" nowadays that the year is not long enough to hold them and they overlap, duplicate and double-up on each other, much the same as our various boards do in their management of state affairs. Life is not only one drive after another but the year is lengthened out for the uplift and the shake-down far beyond the original 52 weeks.

The Degeneration of the Mouth Organ

When the harmonica contest was announced many of us believed that the good old days had returned. But, alas, when the first bout was held what do we find? A program of strange tunes as alien to the harmonica as hors-d'oeuvres are alien to beefsteak. "Carmen" and "Lohengrin" and "Un bel di vedremo" from "Madame Butterfly." How did such things ever get into the literature of the harmonica? If the piano has its special pieces like the Liszt Rhapsody No. 2, and the orchestra has its special pieces like the Beethoven Symphony No. 5, and the violin has its special pieces like "Hearts and Flowers," then the harmonica has its special pieces no less.

Why don't the harmonicaists stick to their last and give us the literature of the instrument instead of these grand opera pieces? Like everything else, the harmonica has a tradition, and it ought to be upheld.

Line's Busy

To be sure, there are many excellent causes, ranging from home gardening to the relief of indigent oystermen, which commend themselves to the propagandist, both lay and professional, as ideal topics for discussion for the school room. Nevertheless, as Mr. Shull ventured to observe, it cannot be denied that disruption of classes and study periods tends to defeat, or at least to hamper, that purpose to which our schools are dedicated.

It may be said, in wide-eyed reproach of such an antiquated view of educational matters, that school children are fertile soil for the sowing of sociological and humanitarian ideas and ideals; and it may even be suggested that the youngsters carry home to their benighted parents, aunts and uncles, messages which broaden the family vision and the family life. Perhaps this is true in every particular, yet the stubborn fact persists that schools have a very definite purpose which is to be properly attained to take all of their time. Teachers now have their hands full in directing the pupils away from play and outside diversion into the routine of learning.

Time is swift and inexorable. It may appear that there are plenty of days on the calendar, but though each calendar is crowded there are never quite enough. This poking of an inquisitive well-meaning finger in the schools is greatly like digging up the garden seeds to see if they yet have sprouted. Director Shull does well to advise against it.

A Growing Custom

Many of the new laws in the various states have been signed by the respective Governors and are now ready to be violated.

Oregon Briefs

R. M. Wilson, 51 years old and unmarried, died suddenly last Friday at his home near Nix in Linn county. His mother and a sister live in Portland.

Work has again been started on the Cohen mine near Gold Hill. In the 70s this mine was a large gold producer, but has been inactive for some years.

A total of 71 arrests were made by the Astoria police during the month of April, 34 of which were for drunkenness. Fines imposed in the municipal court aggregated \$523.50.

C. R. Richards, county agent, has ordered from the government a carload of potato for use of Coos county farmers in removing stumps from their lands.

The American Railway Express company announces that Sunday service will be established on the line of the Willamette Valley Southern railroad, effective next Sunday.

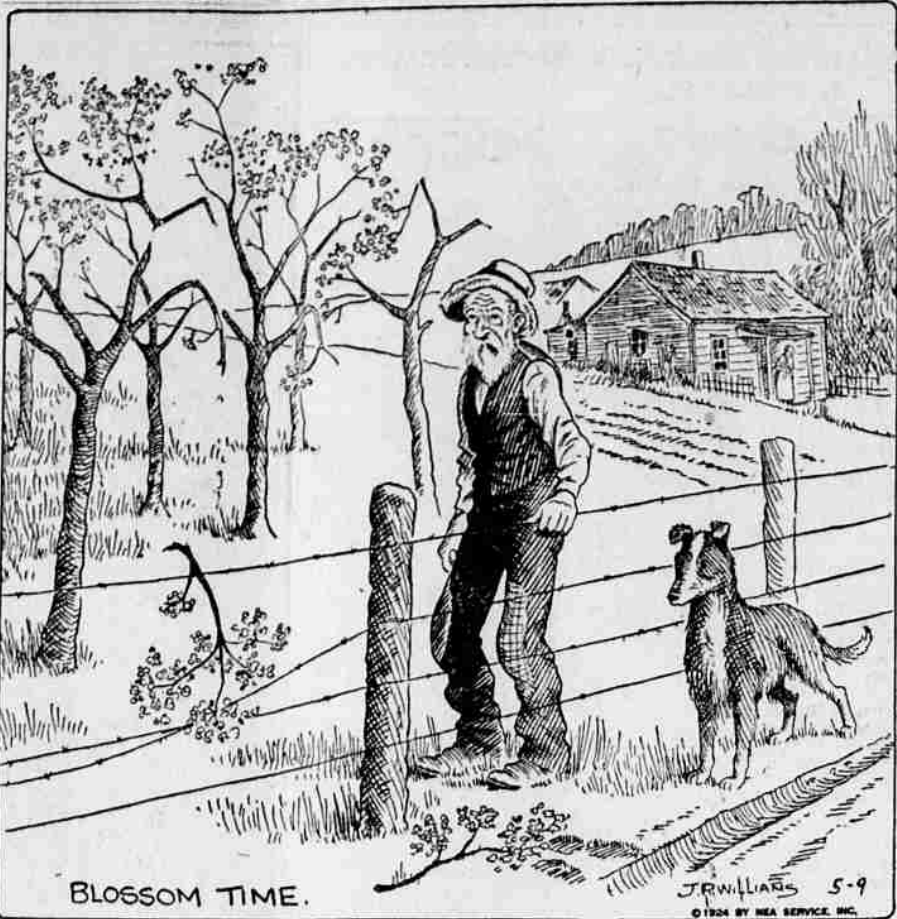
A modern fireproof theater building to cost \$50,000 is to be built at Seaside this summer by J. B. Callahan.

Army Officers to Have Instruction

New courses of military study are to be taken up by the Lane county chapter of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States. The next meeting of the organization will be held at the rooms of the Eugene chamber of commerce Monday, May 11 starting at 7:30 p. m.

After the disposal of routine business the members will listen to the lecture by Captain Frank L. Cullen, Jr., on "Tactical Organization." This is the fourth and last lesson in the course "Organization of the Army."

Blossom Time



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WHEELER CASE MAY BE BOOMERANG

It is up to Government to Make Better Showing at Washington Than in Montana, Says Stewart

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, May 9.—Unless the government makes a better showing in its case here against Senator Wheeler than the prosecution made against him in Montana, Justice

Nevertheless the attorney general went ahead. The Washington indictment was returned. Now about the best turn Attorney General Sargent can do his predecessor is to demonstrate in court that the present Supreme Justice Stone had mighty good reasons for believing Senator Wheeler had done something to be indicted for. It won't look well for Justice Stone to have thought, too, the framing was done before Stone took over the justice department, and he inherited it, with other unfinished business left over from the Daugherty regime. For the Washington indictment, however, Stone himself was responsible.

In ordinary circumstances a prosecutor who fails to make out much of a case against a man he has been instrumental in having indicted, though he may be blamed for proceeding on insufficient evidence, can at least reply that he was inspired by no improper animus, at any rate. But these circumstances are not ordinary. If the evidence at Senator Wheeler's District of Columbia trial proves no more substantial than the evidence in his trial at Great Falls, Justice Stone, who, as attorney general at the time, got the Washington indictment returned, will have considerable to explain. He may not do it, but it will be in order, all the same.

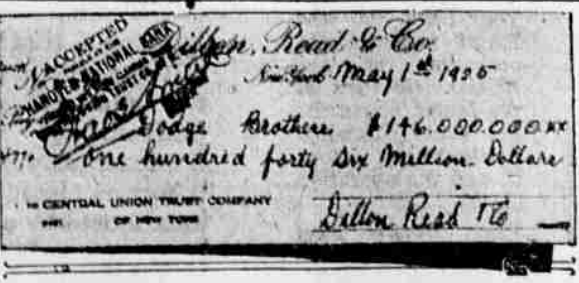
Of course the then Attorney General Stone knew about the Montana accusation when he launched his own grand jury investigation of Senator Wheeler here. He knew it was made at a time which cast some doubt on his good faith. Obviously it behooved him to move very carefully, or he might be suspected of lending himself to an attempt at persecution. In fact, there actually were complaints. They delayed senatorial confirmation of the attorney general's appointment to the supreme bench. Certain senators also

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN NEW YORK, May 9.—Spring is calling the gypsies from New York. In the lower east side the men of the tribes are making last-minute swaps of autos, in which they are as adept as they were in the old days when they thrived largely through shrewd trading of horses. The women are buying new and gaudy shawls and dresses with which to bedazzle prospective patrons of their fortune-telling booths on tour. Several thousand gypsies winter

DOING WHAT WE LIKE TO DO

An Illustrated Editorial by NEA Service



PICTURED above is the largest check ever figured in an industrial transaction. It is for \$146,000,000, representing the purchase price of the Dodge Brothers motor concern. It was carried by airplane from New York to Detroit to avoid loss of interest which amounted to \$8,117.60 a day at 2 per cent. That substantiates the theory that "it takes money to make money."

As the World Wags

By FRANK EAY EDDY MODERN BARBARISM seems to be an increasing tribute. It may appear anomalous to call folks barbarians who quite universally read and write and are capable to a degree approaching genius in business organization, who have such a variety of ways of amusing themselves and who are so extremely busy doing so many things. Yet in a discussion group which was considering the working philosophy of western civilization the other evening a brilliant scholar whose business it is to teach in the University, tersely summed up the prevailing mass of modern men, as barbarians. I imagine he would make some qualifications of his statement if he were to expand his thought into a lecture for it has the usual defects of over emphasis belonging to all statements which are reduced to the brevity of epigrams. But on taking thought, I discern where he is probably considerably more than half right.

In the first place, it is not what do so much as what we think that is of first importance. Uncivilized man, it is true, only progressed as far as he began to find new tools and make new practical discoveries. Still it was by taking thought about the using of them that he groped his way forward. Epoch by epoch man has improved his tools and added to his store of facts which make for more comfortable existence. Yet in the final analysis it is what men are because of their thinking, their philosophy of life which measures their real advance. The Greek is a far nobler historical type than the Roman although the Roman made a great success in doing things. The Roman became more or less the victim of his practical gifts. He improved the methods of warfare and first began to use money in a wide way and made some very good laws and sent governors all over the known world, who in their day did what the Briton has done in ours in spreading a great imperialism. Yet his success was in merely doing things with an admirable practicality rather than in thinking things out. He was so busy about the business of running the known world that he lost all understanding of why he was doing

Tom Sims Says

AFTER a Los Angeles stranger sobored up he found he had drunk, but nothing seems to stop drinking.

Let a Seattle girl, who speaks four languages, can be understood only by her mother.

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Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL OF ALL the steps for the restoration of the post-war world the resumption of the gold standard by Britain, and the announcement that

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ing what he was doing. So as an historical sample of humanity the Roman was little improvement over the barbaric German tribes over which he lorded it for some centuries. These very tribes in the long run learned not only to make war more efficiently and to organize society more effectively than the Romans, but thought out the way of it all in a more satisfactory way and by changing and adapting a semi-oriental Christianity to the modes of their thought arrived at a philosophy of life which gave them a sense of direction.

Now our modern man seems drifting toward a semi-barbarism in no small degree similar to that of the Roman. We are all jazzed up doing so many things in a feverish way that we appear to be growing more and more incapable thinking things out. The one nebulous shred of philosophy we seem to cling to is that if we spend our days in hectic activity we are living successfully and that somehow we are achieving something or other for ourselves and our children because we have speeded up the doing of things with our automobiles, our flying machines, our radio, and all the rest. We have the most wonderful mass of new facts brought to us by our scientific thinkers and the gift of tools which endow us with a new magical efficiency. But what of our thinking?

The theological aspects of our old philosophy is pretty much shot to pieces by the scientific thinking of the last two hundred years. But the average man finds it easier to give a pale and formal allegiance to the old dogmatism instead of attempting to think his way through to a new philosophy. He just loses himself in busy-ness with his innumerable engagements and superficial organizations. He reads only what can be read in the run, wastes his evening listening to radio programs which literally go in one ear and out the other or in grazing at the bastard art of the moving picture theater. He is too busy to think.

The difference between a man and a monkey lies in the limited capacity of our ancestral type to think contentedly. The monkey swings in a tree and throws coconuts at his fellows and chatters endlessly. He is busy, just as busy as one of our tired business men. But his busy-ness does not save him from being a monkey. Likewise our barbarian forefathers were busy in doing things but that did not advance them. They advanced as their intellectual powers grew, that is to say by their thinking. So with modern man, his only protection from a relapse into barbarism lies in his thinking ability. Western civilization needs nothing quite so much as a working philosophy.

Miss Ulric has just terminated her connection with David Belasco. To appear under his banner is the ambition of almost every player of the stage. Her career in the drama began when she was discovered dancing to a hardy gurdy in Milwaukee. Fannie Bricc has just been engaged by Belasco. She was "discovered" while selling newspapers on the streets of Brooklyn.

Probably no actress of the day has had a varied career as Fannie Bricc. Her first appearance was at an amateur night performance in a Brooklyn variety house. Because she was well received she was paid 25 cents. Later she went with a road company playing melodrama and when it failed she went into burlesque. From that she graduated to vaudeville and reviews. Her roles have been always comic, but the note of pathos has ever been evident in the background. It is this same counterbalancing of pathos and comedy which makes Chaplain's art so great.

Washington's street railroads don't pay enough. There's talk of merging them. But first they're trying to find out what's the matter now. The matter's this: They call one line—the Washington Railway and Electric Company—the WREX, and the name fits. They ought to call the Capital Traction company the same thing. For the jay town service they give their charge 8 cents a ride. It's quicker and cheaper to walk—even cheaper to own an automobile.

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