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THURSDAY, MAY 28.

Collegians and a Bishop.

RIGHT REV. WALTER TAYLOR SUMNER, Episcopal bishop of Oregon, does not agree with those who think that tendencies of modern thought among college students constitute a menace to the moral and religious well being of humanity. He believes that college young people generally are morally and ethically sound.

"A moral challenge to the student body of a school such as the University of Oregon," said the bishop in effect, speaking informally at a parish house dinner last evening, "will evoke invariably a certain answer on the side of right." It was the bishop's view that a certain answer of this kind on the part of any body of young people indicates with equal certainty religious consciousness in them.

The bishop's opinion is that the church holds within its own hands the way to prevention of departure by college students from established lines of religious thought. That way lies in the maintenance of active religious effort among them. He recognized quite frankly that students who pursue the study of philosophy and science and hear them expounded by skilled teachers who have themselves long followed unconventional lines of religious thought, are quite likely therefrom to find their own thinking influenced away from its customary lines. But the bishop told the parents he was addressing that there is a preventive for this within their own hands. This preventive, he said, lies in consistent religious training in the home through the period of childhood and youth. His idea is that departure from faith and ideals thoroughly grounded at this early period is unlikely in the later college years. The hint that he thus gives to parents is wholesome—as wholesome as is his absolute faith in the rising college generation.

Maintaining Nature's Balance.

WHEN man disturbs the balance of nature he evokes consequences that cannot always be foreseen. Increase of human population results in the partial extermination of wild creatures which prey on smaller pests, such as gophers, digger squirrels and noxious insects. With their natural enemies extirpated the vermin increase enormously in the course of years and it becomes necessary to conduct organized campaigns against them. Hence the distribution by county and federal authorities of poisoned grain to be used against the ground squirrels.

Many of the creatures that are pursued and slain as pests are really human benefactors. Men should reflect before destroying foxes, wildcats, harmless snakes and owls. It is probable in fact that hawks are more beneficial than harmful. Chickens may be protected against hawks by guinea fowl. The number of rodents such as digger squirrels that a hawk will capture and devour in the course of a season is incalculable.

Some sections of the Eastern press are engaging in a discussion intended to discover the most perfect "dimerick," a form of rhyme of distinctive meter and sometimes ribald tone that lends itself to easy composition. Most of them agree that the following, composed a generation ago by an unknown author, has never been excelled:

Said a highly eminent preacher
To a hen, "You're a beautiful creature";
And the hen just for that
Laid an egg in his hat.
And thus did the Henry Ward Beecher.

George H. Williams, appointed United States senator from Missouri to fill a vacancy, is not the first man of that name to go to the senate. Oregon once sent George H. Williams, of Portland, to represent it in the upper branch of congress; the same George H. Williams who served also as attorney general in the cabinet of President Grant, and, years later, as mayor of Portland.

When the old battleship Oregon was in the Columbia and Willamette rivers a few years ago she was the despair of river pilots because of her tendency to "crab" herself sidewise out of the channel when under way. This time they are taking no chances. The Oregon will be towed.

A state hospital bulletin says the percentage of alcoholics among the patients is increasing. Why blame poor King Alcohol? The stuff that sends them there nowadays is much worse than that.

Another automobile camp above McKenzie bridge will be fine. Here's hoping that Supervisor Macduff finds a way to police it thoroughly against the tin can thrower and the live tree cutter.

At Medford a man accused of having beaten his wife so severely that she died is charged with manslaughter. What would constitute the basis for a murder charge in Jackson county?

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Is Amundsen Lost?

(Medford Mail-Tribune)
The best reason for believing the Amundsen party is safe is the character of Explorer Amundsen. Not only is Amundsen a man of mature years, and long experience, but he is a man with a well-demonstrated faculty of taking infinite pains. In this air flight to the North Pole he left nothing to chance and made it known before the hop-off, that ample time would be taken to establish beyond scientific doubt whatever claims he might make upon his return. Well aware of all the dangers confronting such an expedition it seems doubtful that disaster could have overtaken both planes in such a comparatively short time. The rules established were that if

one plane should meet with accident, the second plane should not attempt rescue, but should continue the flight. Sacrificing communication by radio to the greater necessity of carrying a maximum fuel supply, there is scarcely any cause for undue alarm because after four days, neither plane has reported. Of course, both planes may have crashed, the expedition may never be heard of again, but the time has not arrived to jump to this conclusion, nor will it arrive for many days to come.
Making of Laws.
(Covallis Gazette-Times)
That Americans are the most lawless of all peoples, despite pessimistic reports to the contrary, was again demonstrated this winter when 33 state legislatures met and passed 10,

800 new laws. What other country can equal this record?
A total of 28,844 bills were introduced. The encouraging feature is that fewer bills were introduced and fewer new laws enacted than in the previous biennium. But at the present rate of progress it will be a long time until the passing of new laws is suspended and legislatures devote their time to repealing of the hundreds of thousands of freak, silly, useless and unenforceable statutes now on the books.
What this country needs is not law enforcement, but law repealment.

Mussolini On the Italian Debt.

(New York World)
Premier Mussolini in replying to American feelers on the debt question makes no rash promises. He declares only that Italy will pay "to the last cent permitted by its present and future economic position," and he adds that in measuring its ability creditor nations must remember that Italy's wealth is much inferior to France's. His speech deserves the attention of all Americans who think that he can drive through a debt settlement without adjustment or concession.
As Mussolini's speech suggests, the position of Italy is in many respects more difficult than that of France. Her debt to other nations in 1923 totaled about \$4,750,000,000. Of this, \$2,568,000,000 was owed to Great Britain and \$2,015,000,000 to the United States. In other words, she owed almost five times as much as France, without possessing anything like France's resources. It is true that a program of economies has placed Italy's internal finances on a sounder basis; but her national wealth and foreign trade are much slighter than France's; she will receive one-tenth of the German reparation payments, while France by the Spa agreement was given more than half; and she has the problem of supporting a fast-multiplying population on an inadequate area. The stoppage of immigration to America has intensified this problem and cut off a large Italian source of revenue in the form of money sent back home.
Italy cannot pay to the last red cent as the last red cent is described in congress. Sooner or later the administration will have to prepare public opinion for an inevitable reduction in this country's debts in Europe.

Indeed It Should.

(Roseburg News-Review)
One very important feature of the recent strawberry carnival, or rather should have been, was a bountiful display of our choice strawberries. This was lacking. The strawberry growers of this county seem not to "know their berries" when the opportunity presents to make a favorable impression on the visitor. Why this state of affairs in the strawberry belt of the state? It should be just to the contrary.

The Tale of the Cows and the Dogs.

(Medford Mail-Tribune)
The Portland Journal last Friday printed the sad story of a Santiam farmer who sold six cows for \$75, and two hound dogs for the same sum, and there is not a dry eye in this grand, glorious, and gumptionless state.

In Lighter Vein

His Only Worry.
(Princeton Tiger)
"Your wife just eloped with the ice man."
"Too bad! No more ice!"

Pleasure Anyway.

(Irish Weekly Times)
The American business had just come back from their first trip to Europe. At dinner her neighbor inquired: "Did you see many picturesque old ruins during your trip?"
"Yes," she said, "and six of them proposed to me."

That's The Reason.

(Vikinga, Ohio)
Teacher—Why do you always add up wrongly?
Scholar—I don't know!
Teacher—Does anyone help you?
Scholar—Yes, my father!
Teacher—What is he?
Scholar—A waiter!

Advance Notice.

(Palo Alto, Paris)
Attention—Attention—Attention to mention the theft of my papers.
Reporter—When did it take place?
Attention—Next Monday.

Pardonable Curiosity.

(Springfield Republican)
Public curiosity naturally arises as to whether the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company, which has admitted General Dawes to membership, has any old rules that need drastic revision.

Cutting Loose.

(New Haven Register)
"Who is that very slangy chap you were just talking to?"
"He's a teacher of English enjoying a day off."

Tom Sims Says—

COOLIDGE couldn't go to the circus. Now what little boy wants to grow up and be president?

In Coweta, Okla., a minister who has married almost 2000 couples is still at large.

Workmen at Rutgers University found a golf ball 100 years old, but the golfer had gone.

Canadian immigration may be restricted. This is bad. How will they get the empty bottles back?

Glad we are not a rich man's son. Driving you fast is dangerous.

The latest thing in women's spring dresses is women.

We know a man who would be broke if he didn't owe so much.

Isn't it about time to send your wife away for your vacation?

You can't grasp an opportunity if you have debts on your hands.

Some people are so absent-minded they forget and tell the truth.

The only thing worse than a grouch is a cheerful idiot.

Some people remind us of schools, which only repeat what you say.

Straw Hat Season



WHEELER'S FRIENDS RALLY ROUND

\$5000 Fund Raised to Defend Senator in Conspiracy Case at Washington

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer)
WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Wheeler defense committee has raised \$5000 to fight the Washington conspiracy case against Senator Burton K. Wheeler. Contributions are from all parts of the country, some under \$1. The big contributors thus far are ex-Congressman and Mrs. William Kent, California—\$250. The committee wants \$25,000.

Wheeler isn't rich. His Montana case cost him a good deal. To illustrate, when the prosecution announced the New York lawyer, Hayes, as a witness, Wheeler realized that he needed rebuttal testimony.

He relied for it on three New Yorkers whom he had to find in a hurry. He couldn't trust the very justice department which sought his conviction to look for them, so he had to hire private detectives.

Before the trial reached Great Falls, Hayes had told an ex-Congressman that they were turned back. But that bill alone exceeded \$1000.

The Washington case will be still more expensive. Most of the Montana witnesses were right there. They'll have to be brought to Washington. Perhaps Wheeler could manage it by straining his last resource, but his friends feel it will be hard if he has to sacrifice house and home to vindicate himself, especially if the Washington charges prove as flimsy as those in Montana were.

Of his conviction they express no fear, said one of them. "I'll be surprised if there isn't at least one juror to insure a disagreement. There wasn't in Montana, but Washington's different."

Wheeler's lucky in his friends. But for them the justice department would break him financially, if not otherwise.

The state department looks with tentative satisfaction upon Leon Trotsky's return to power in Russia. The department realizes it may be disappointed but just now it thinks the outlook encouraging. As the world knows, even Lenin admitted unadmitted communism had failed and sanctioned a partial restoration of capitalism. Trotsky favored its complete restoration. A good communist until he tried it, he'd had enough. After Lenin died he came out openly for whole hog capitalism.

You have to give Trotsky credit for sense and nerve to change his mind but it cost him his job as war minister. It would have cost him his life but the radicals were afraid. He still had too many supporters. So they exiled him. Now he's back. One possible explanation is that he's recanted his heresy. A likelier one is that the radicals got into such a jam they had to have him. In that case he probably will run things to suit himself—capitalistically. He may even be practical business man enough to acknowledge Russia's foreign debts. That's all Washington can ask. Indeed, it would make him popular here, and doubtless his government would be recognized.

Trotsky welcomed as a conservative!

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN
NEW YORK, May 28.—A chain of bootleg cafes furnishes new straw hats to its patrons. This happy prospect comes in rather convenient for convivial gentlemen who suffer from the hot-creaking impulses of other convivial gentlemen.

Saw Young Griffo, the old-time featherweight boxer, the other day. Of all fighters he probably was the greatest barroom hero. Once in a saloon he stood at the bar and defied any man to hit him on the head. He dodged by watching the man's reflection in a mirror. His favorite stunt was to stand on a handkerchief and offer \$20 to any man who could knock him off. He was so agile that he could shift his body and dodge a blow without moving his feet. Now he is so poorly that even walking seems a hard task for him.

Chinese have taken over the old Thalia theater on the Bowery as their own. Almost every nationality of the Caucasian race has been represented in the management of the theater in the past. No great material success has been achieved despite the personal triumphs for some of the actors. The Chinese colony is now so large that it probably can support a theater of its own.

He was dressed in the best of clothes, but he held forth a dime to the waiter in a "cheer coffee pot" and said, "This is all I got for breakfast. Give me a hamburger sandwich, a frankfurter sandwich and a cup of coffee." The waiter served a frankfurter sandwich and told him that was all he could get for a dime. "Oh, no, it isn't," the customer answered. "Just give me a glass of water. That's free any place."

One of the morning papers had an exclusive picture of an accident yesterday. A staff photographer was on his way to work when he came upon

The accident. He had no camera with him, but he stepped into a drug store, bought a camera for \$5 and gave his paper a beat on the opposition.

A vaudeville team is complaining to E. F. Albee about the condition of sheet music when returned by orchestras in various theaters reported that members of the orchestra used the sheets to record telephone numbers and personal messages. Also they complained that copies of one number they use five or six minutes are inscribed by the musicians with such phrases as "play until unconscious" and "repeat 116 times if able."

A clerk in a gift shop tells me that more toilette wheels are being sold than ever before. He accounts for this by the increase of New Yorkers who visit the spas in Europe and, during the coast winter, in Florida. There being no professional gambling houses in town, the sports swells engage a professional gamekeeper to run the roulette wheel at gambling parties in their homes.

The only remedy is for us to get even busier than Satan, finding good things to do with leisure, in place of his mischief. The same machinery which provided the leisure can also provide the things—libraries, parks, social centers, athletic fields and dancing halls, radio, movie and theatrical programs—but the taste, knowledge and disposition to use these things can not be made by machinery nor bought for money.

These must begin with the schools, and continue through every organ of adult education and leadership. The schools would be omitting half their task if they prepared pupils only for the working part of life. One of their

most useful functions is to teach the "useless."

And, with everything inviting, from beach to churches, people must learn to prefer wholesome pleasures, or it will make little difference how efficiently our machines do our work.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of May 28, 1900)
WEDNESDAY is Memorial day and all business houses will be closed. Several services have been arranged for the day.

Tryphena Tiffany has been appointed postmaster at Creswell.

Hon. L. Bilyeu will address the citizens of Siuslaw precinct at Lorane on Saturday evening.

The University of Oregon athletic management will run an excursion out to state field day at Salem.

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Military Show at College Reproved

SALEM, Ore., May 28.—Since arrangements for the military tournament at Oregon Agricultural college on Decoration day have gone as far as they have, Governor Pierce said today that he would not interfere with the tournament, but that in the future he would request that the tournament be not held on that day. The governor today received a protest from the Grand Army of the Republic and last night the Salem post of Sons of Veterans adopted a resolution of protest, terming the tournament a desecration of the day.

"I deeply regret," said the governor, "that the tournament was dated for Decoration day and hereafter shall request that the O. A. C. military tournament be held at some other time."

Bandits Hold City At bay in Robbery

KENTLAND, Ind., May 28.—(AP)—Between eight and twelve robbers early today besieged the town of Brook, near here, blew open the vault of the State Bank and escaped with \$2500. Kentland is the home of George Ade, humorist. Telephone and telegraph wires leading out of the town were cut and the men proceeded in a leisurely manner to dynamite their way to the money. Frightened citizens were held at bay and were eye witnesses to the robbery. Members of the band patrolled the various corners in the town, stopping at the point of weapons all citizens who ventured from the shops to investigate the five dynamite explosions that shook the place.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER B. ROWELL
LEARNING to play is the chief problem of the Age on Machinery. Work was once thought the all-sufficient remedy for the mischief which Satan proverbially finds for idle hands to do. But no more! Work no longer occupies all the time of even the busiest hands.

We have abolished child labor, and abbreviated adult labor, until some degree of leisure is the common lot of all of us. The "idle hands" consist of everybody's hands, for an important part of every day. And Satan, notoriously, is finding plenty of mischief for them to do.

Jury Indicts two In oil Probe Case

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—Albert R. Fall, Edward L. Doheny and Harry F. Sinclair, whose indictments as a result of the oil scandal recently were returned by a district of Columbia grand jury.

As in the previous case the indictments charged conspiracy in connection with the Teapot Dome and Elk Hills oil leases. Edward L. Doheny, Jr., who previously had been indicted also, was not reindicted.

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The few humble words that we can offer in praise of those who so selflessly gave the very greatest of all gifts, and gave for a mere principle in which they had faith, are so meager in comparison with their magnanimity that we hesitate to write them. Yet this humble praise, if it but slightly brightens those who felt the loss, is offered with wholehearted earnestness.
Let the place in eternity of those who died for the cause of their country be higher than ours, for they died that we might prosper happy.
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