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SATURDAY, MAY 30.

Mr. Price Resigns.

REASONS given by Richard W. Price for his resignation from the state game commission make one think of the Japanese crusader who commits harikari in public as a protest against the things that he considers to be evil but which he finds himself impotent to correct.

Just as the Japanese suicide's act serves to call attention somewhat forcibly to his cause, so Mr. Price, in his letter of resignation, turns the spotlight upon some alleged conditions that are, to say the least, rather remarkable.

State Game Warden A. E. Burghdoff is accused by the retiring commissioner of being engaged in the business of hatching and raising trout on his own account and of using his office to get supplies for his private business free of cost. In a statement published concurrently with news of Mr. Price's resignation, Captain Burghdoff contents himself with saying that it is not true he has been neglecting his official duties for his private business.

George L. Cleaver, discharged state prohibition commissioner, is still on the state payroll, according to another disclosure coming out of the Price resignation. Cleaver is charged with having tried to get the aid of members of the game commission to "frame" Warden Burghdoff on a liquor law violation charge.

Everyone knows the result. Millage taxes like other taxes have greatly exceeded what the individual taxpayer believed he must pay and the legislature in addition has faced demands for heavy appropriations. This being the case, and taxes being perhaps the most objectionable subject with the population, it was but natural that means be sought to cut the cost. It is unnecessary to go into the original purpose of each institution, for they are well understood. The one was to supply what the other lacked, but it was never intended that one should duplicate the other. It appears to be the trend toward this duplication which has caused the trouble.

A Negro Singer.

THE story of Roland Hayes is told by one of the current magazines. Hayes is a full blooded negro, born in Tennessee 38 years ago. He is one of the foremost tenor singers in the world, and has sung with great success in recital not only in leading American cities but also in England, France, Germany, Austria and other European countries.

Hayes' art is said to have accomplished one thing that has never happened before. In southern cities, Chattanooga, Nashville and Louisville, white and colored people have sat side by side to hear Hayes sing. His voice possesses a peculiar quality, a haunting timbre, wholly indescribable, which he thinks is a heritage from his African ancestors, with their voodoo magic and elemental passions.

The black man in America, says Hayes, has for generations been studying his Caucasian masters, imitating them, embracing their culture and religions, until he understands them. But the white man has made no effort to study negro psychology, thinking it not worth while—that the negro had nothing to offer. The black man remains therefore an enigma to the dominant race. That Hayes is able wherever he goes to attract audiences that pack auditoriums proves that an occasional negro has gifts that even the superior white man can acknowledge. It proves also that the giver of talent or art or genius—whatever it may—does not draw the color line.

Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara celebrates tomorrow the twentieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. His record of service in Eugene and in Portland before he came to Eugene is one of broad usefulness. His parish and the pastor are alike to be felicitated upon tomorrow's occasion.

Those Oakridge business men who intend to get out and put in a day of work on the road from Eugene, in order to make it passable for the Fourth of July crowds, have the right spirit. They are deserving of the cooperation that the county court intends to give them.

Predictions that this is to be an automobile tourists' year are seeing the beginning of fulfillment already. Twice as many cars registered at the Eugene municipal automobile camp in May this year as in May last year.

More than a million in building permits in five months is the Eugene record so far this year. And wait. More is to come.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

University and College

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subject has been generally discussed during recent years, not perhaps by alumni and undergraduates, but by those who make both colleges possible—those who pay the taxes that support them. First of all it must be said that the people of the state take pride in both institutions, for they rank with the best, and if there has been criticism it has been that they are out of proportion to the population of the state and its taxable resources; it is a common saying that either would

The Oasis Is in Sight



BUG DISEASES ARE PROMOTED

Department of Agriculture Strives to Spread Contagion Among Insect Pests

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, May 30.—With the public health service straining every nerve to stamp disease out, the Agriculture Department is racking its brains to start new ones—diseases of bugs. A new one, very deadly, highly contagious bug disease is the best way of dealing with the pests.

Spraying, gassing and all mechanical methods of exterminating them are satisfactory enough as comprehensive as a good epidemic. Besides, they're expensive, hard work and involve continually keeping at it. A disease, once started, here automatically spreads, too. It effects, instead of wearing off, grow worse—for the bugs.

The difficulty is to find the right kind of disease for all the different varieties of bugs. Of course the department's hostility toward them is based on their appetite for farm products. They eat millions of dollars' worth annually. The urban public may not realize this but farmers do. What's more the bug birth rate is increasing alarmingly—much faster than the death rate, despite all science can do. The Agriculture Department lays this largely to the destruction of birds. It's been checked now, but it went on almost uninterfered with until quite recently. The department estimates there are only about half as many birds today as 40 years ago. Birds eat bugs as fast as bugs eat crops, but only half enough of them can't get away with a sufficient quantity. The balance has been disturbed. "Not all the government aid in the world," as one department expert put it, "can help agriculture as much as twice as many birds could."

Anti-tobacco crusaders in and around Washington have launched a drive for \$1,000,000 to push their campaign. The time may not be ripe, most of them agree, for absolute prohibition of the weed by law, but they do favor legislation against cigarettes and against smoking in such public places as elevators, restaurants, theaters, hotels and railroad stations. Ultimately, when the country is educated up to it, they hope for an enactment suppressing tobacco altogether. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, available for his long term as chief chemist for the Agriculture department, is perhaps the best known of the movement's supporters.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN NEW YORK, May 30.—Each week hundreds of youths still in their teens come into New York as members of steamship crews, bus boys, bell boys, waiters and deck hands. Many of them are from their homes for the first time. Some of them are lonely runaways.

Were it not for S. M. Beard, "the ship man," these boys would have little fun in their stopovers here. Beard sees that each liner is met as a guide, that interpreters are furnished for youths who do not speak English and that protection is given against sharks who would prey on their ignorance of customs here. Many a boy has gone back to England to introduce baseball in his home town after Beard has introduced him to the game here. Beard also arranges parties at movies and a group of women cooperate by giving afternoon teas. This latter treat is highly appreciated by the English lads.

Beard, "the ship man," does all of this because he "thinks" boys are often lonely and are often thin-skinned victims. "The best part of it is that these boys go all over the world singing the praises of the United States," says Beard. Dog fights have been resumed in New York. A basement under a Long Island city billiard hall is the scene of such goings-on two and three times a week. Agents of the S. P. C. A. know about the fights, but so far have been unable to raid the place where evidence is available. The fights are patronized largely by ham-and-egg prizefighters, race-track followers and other pug-nutted, but scattered here and there you will see actors from the Great Neck colony and a few from the society set. Patrons of the fight sling through the post-humous doors in small groups. They pass into a rear hall where a guard scrutinizes them and then down a dark stairs to the basement. The seats are very dimly lit, but the pit in which the dogs fight is flooded with light from an overhead lamp. The fighting pit is covered with red carpet. It doesn't show blood spots.

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job. You know that your motorman is physically sound, steady, sober, attentive, honest and respectable. Otherwise, he would not have the job.

But the highways are full of private motorists who have not these qualifications. Some of them can not see or hear signals; many are stupid, nervous, flighty or irresponsible; some of them are insane, or liable to drop dead with apoplexy or heart disease; many of them drink, some of them take drugs, and a lot of them do not care.

In Lighter Vein

An Awkward Landing.

(London Tit-Bits) Freddie is a boy of five years and he has a little brother who is just beginning to walk. The other day he said to his mother: "Did baby come from heaven?" "Yes, my boy," replied his mother. "Well, then," said the young hopeful, "he must have landed on his feet; that's what makes him so bow-legged."

Funny Pictures.

(Lorbarber, Berlin) "I have a fine job. I draw pictures and my wife makes jokes for them." "My position is worse, I make pictures and my wife makes jokes about them!"

Easy to Find.

(Columbia Jester) First Farmer—How do you find your new hired man, Eary? Second Farmer—I look in the shade of the tree nearest his work.

Her License.

(Pitt Panther) Park Officer—Do you have a license? Parked Driver—Of course not. We're not going to get married till June, are we, dear?

Pshaw! Read This.

(Denver Parakeet) "Every time I have an argument with my girl I enter it in a small diary." "Ah—I see. You keep a little scrapbook."

True Altruism.

(Liberty, Ohio, Press) A man should do a kindly deed every day, and yesterday while we were waiting our turn in the dentist's chair another man came in with a jaw swollen twice as much as ours and we let him have our place while we quietly withdrew until a more convenient time.

Faith in Names.

(Lyons, Kansas, News) A Lyons man named his 7th tractor William and Charles Bryan, figuring that at least one of them would be running at any time.

The Great American Impulse

(Washington Star) "Do you ever think of retiring from politics?" "Why should I?" rejoined Senator Sorghum. "I have no wish to be unique, and there isn't a man, woman or child in the United States of America who is not either openly or secretly aspiring to some kind of an office."

Eating Hopefully

(Humorist, London) At Madrid, a man found in an over-stuffed parrot valued at 100 pounds. He is said to be eating his way hopefully towards a necktie.

A Close Resemblance

(Boston Transcript) MRS. O'BRIEN (to caller)—Faith, Nora, ye risible yore mother that took Old John yez wur her daughter if Old never seen aither av yez.

25 Years Ago

J. W. HOWARD started yesterday with a drive of 300 calves for his ranges in Crook county.

The candidates at Junction City today have a big picnic in being given.

Gray and Son have sold their grocery store on Ninth street to Steiner and Wright and the new firm took possession today.

A daughter was born May 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Leon D. Green on 19th street.

Balloting on the Goddess of Liberty contest will begin tomorrow. Voting places will be established at each drug store in the city as formerly.

Dick Smith and L. I. Goodrich went to Salem today to attend a committee meeting.

Mrs. H. C. A. Miller arrived home today after a trip to Portland.

The brick work on the Titus block is finished and the roof is now to be put on.

Tom Sims Says—

THEY arrested a famous swindler in Chicago, but he hasn't sold the judge any oil stock yet.

Every new junior finds places the old one missed and misses places the old one found.

A man will go a long way to save his face. A woman will go a long way to powder her nose.

When you see some men looking worried it is because they can't think of something to worry about.

Wedding rings are different from circus rings, in wedding rings the performance is continuous.

Coolidge smokes dime cigars. If he shook hands with 1000 people daily we could do better.

A wise husband makes up his wife's mind before making up his own.

Panama straw shoes are to be worn this summer at the fashionable resorts in England.

As the World Wags

By FRANK FAY EDDY MODERN civilization is an utter failure according to D. W. Fisher, writing in the Atlantic Monthly. He voices the mood of the present time when you are shooting barbed shafts of venom or wit from their blowpipes at the confused sprawling heterogeneity of our time. Few however, have voiced such an utter condemnation in such biting phrases as has Mr. Fisher in his article on "Seven Centuries of Civilization."

"The world has, as we say, come down in the world," says Mr. Fisher. "It has been used to better things. In ancient times a spiritual life centered in art and philosophy made the world; and in medieval times a spiritual life which centered in religion and morality made the world. But no spiritual life of any description appears to be making the world at present." These are the opening words of the article and then follows an exposition of the manner in which certain idealisms controlled the ancient and medieval world which is true enough. Then he comes down to our present time and finds all such motives lacking.

Here follow a few characteristic quotations from Mr. Fisher's article. "Since that day (meaning the close of the medieval period) the great accident has happened to the world. It is a sad statement, but scarcely less than the truth, to say that the man of the present day has abandoned the medieval belief in God. But that is only the beginning of what has happened. The man of the present day has also abandoned the Greek belief in reason. And following that the man of the present day has quite naturally abandoned the belief in man himself."

"The central point in, that man has ceased to be human. This, according to an idea which originated with Aristotle, should mean that he has ceased to be a national animal. "But the modern man has not only ceased to be rational; viewed in a certain light, he has ceased to be an animal. He has not only become a non-rational animal; what is perhaps worse is the fact that he has in certain ways become non-rational machine. He has become a part of the machinery of modern industrialism."

This bedevilment of modern man, according to the author, comes from too much science in his head and too much materialistic industrialism in his environment which leaves him with a kind of liberty with no goal of action. "Thus man devotes himself to matter and ceases to dominate life and civilization," is the conclusion of the author. "The trouble with men of Mr. Fisher's ilk is not that they do not see accurately enough the maladies which do afflict us and the destructive effects of the great motive forces in our civilization but that they are too overwhelmed by the confusion of the present to have breadth of view. They are too much lost in the woods, full of lumps and hobgoblins, to be able to gain any perspective. The notion that our modern life is not teeming with real spirituality, probably of a better quality and certainly far more diffused, than was the life of ancient Greece or medieval Europe is a mistake. The trouble with our critical intellectuals who see nothing good in modern life is that they do not find idealism crystallized about definite principles and even more, perhaps, that it has not been tabulated and catalogued and put in books. It is still a thing of flesh and blood; it

Lives Unselfishly Offered

The few humble words that we can offer in praise of those who so selfishly gave the very greatest of all gifts, and gave for a mere principle in which they had faith, are an honor in comparison with their magnanimity that we hesitate to write them. Yet this humble praise, if it but slightly benefits 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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