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Publicity at the University.

THIS newspaper believes that all business which the board of regents of the University of Oregon transacts at its sessions is public business and that the public is legally and morally entitled to full information concerning it. It believes the board of regents has no justification for excluding newspaper reporters from its sessions.

Following the May meeting of the board of regents, and subsequent tardy disclosures concerning some faculty changes therein decreed but covered up, The Guard charged that information had been withheld from the public by the university. It charged that the custom had been generally followed of excluding newspaper reporters from the board's meetings, and of giving out only such information concerning its proceedings as the university administration saw fit to give out. It charged that responsibility for this policy rested with the board of regents.

The charges were denied. Senator Fred Fisk, of Eugene, as a member of the board, in a communication to The Guard, said:

The regents neither at this meeting nor at any meeting have considered a censorship over the news that is given out concerning their proceedings or authorized giving the press misleading "sanitized" statements regarding those proceedings. At this meeting, the board met, transacted their business with no thought of publicity or non-publicity, did their duty as they saw it, adjourned and went home. At no time during the session was the board in executive session, consequently anyone so desiring could have been present.

But at the June meeting, held last Monday, the first subject discussed was whether or not reporters should be allowed in the room. One member contended that no reporter should be allowed in any meeting of the board, and declared that the newspapers of Oregon were satisfied with such formal statements given them following the meetings as had customarily been given. Several regents, including Governor Pierce, advocated open meetings. The reporters stayed temporarily. The board proceeded with a few matters of routine, and then came down to the business of faculty relations and staff changes. Regent C. E. Woodson moved that the board go into executive session. There was no dissenting voice. The reporters were asked to withdraw and were told that as soon as the executive session was ended they would be readmitted. They were not readmitted, and the newspapers obtained their information as to the business transacted in a statement from the administration secretary, as always.

The Guard is quite well content to let the public judge as to whether its charges that the proceedings of the board of regents are not open to the public, made following the May meeting, have been borne out by the course of events at the June meeting. For itself it thinks those charges are completely borne out. There are closed sessions and there is a censorship.

Mexico is a backward country because its people are backward. They have not had the initiative necessary to push the development of their vast natural resources. Americans, who have that initiative and are not backward, have seen great opportunities in Mexico and have seized them. The result is that many of Mexico's great industries are in American hands. Among the more intelligent Mexicans this situation is, not unnaturally, viewed with some apprehension. They wonder, doubtless, how much further American requirement of industrial control in their country is to go. This is the real basis for the ill feeling which has so long been manifest between the two countries. There is mutual distrust. The remedy is not easy to make out, nor is there prospect of improvement in the situation.

In their efforts to secure location of the Southern Pacific carshops and terminal, in accordance with plans launched a number of years ago, the people of Springfield are well within their rights. In their efforts to obtain the shops and terminal for this city, the people of Eugene are on equally sound ground of right. It is, or should be, purely and solely a question of competition between the two cities for a highly desired prize. There is no occasion for ill feeling in the matter, or for charges of ulterior motives or bad faith on either side. We of Eugene and Springfield have to live neighbors to each other. We ought to keep on neighborly terms. Each side to the present competition ought to concede to the other fairness of thought and of motive. The effort is not in the hands of unworthy men on either side.

The running of so popular a feature as "The Flapper Wife" in a newspaper entails a pretty heavy weight of responsibility on the carrier boys. Most any feminine reader is convinced in her own mind that any carrier boy who misses her house even once these days ought to undergo something pretty grave in the line of punishment.

According to the Astoria Budget the state fish commission is about to dismiss Hugh Mitchell, supervisor of hatcheries. Quite likely. Such a move would be in furtherance of the plainly apparent determination to rid the commission and all its works of anybody who knows anything about fish.

The latest recruit to the staff of the defense in the Scopes case is Thomas A. Edison. If this thing keeps up the roster of the defense will soon look like an edition of "Who's Who in America."

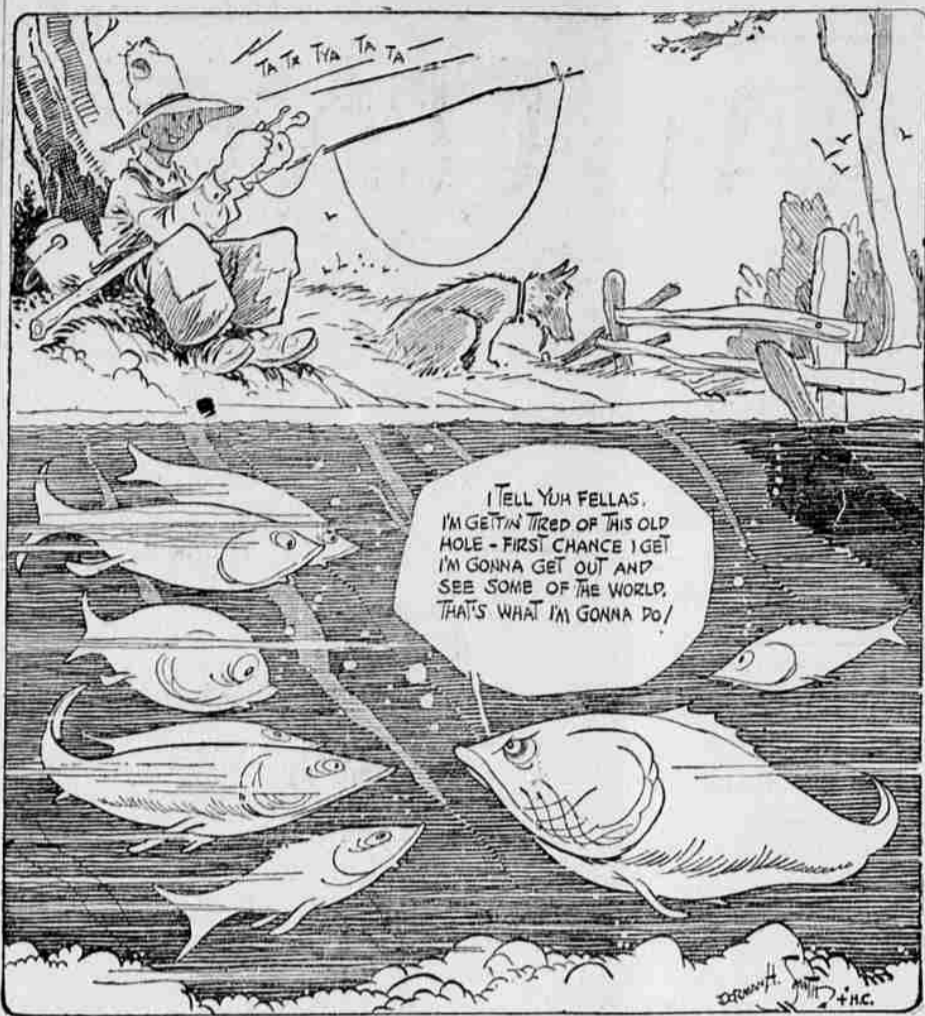
Postoffice box rentals in Eugene are to be advanced. Oh well, we would take on metropolitan growth and airs.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Eugene's Bad Eugenes. (Oregon Voter) A step backward was taken by the school board of Eugene in ruling that hereafter married women will not be employed as teachers. Dooming the American schoolman to celibacy is

depriving the future of the fruit of her potential maternity, a serious loss to the race. The inherited qualities of mind and character which enable her to succeed in her vocation are of the choicest strain and should be

The Urge of the Wanderlust



perpetuated rather than extinguished. By discouraging matrimony among an exceptional type of women we are guilty of a crime against posterity. This is especially true when it is remembered that the birth rate among feeble-minded and incompetent people is high and the birth rate among the most competent people is declining.

Take any representative list of a thousand people who have attained distinction in the United States and you will find that more of them were born of preacher and teacher parents than of parents engaged in any other profession or occupation. The career of a minister or of a teacher requires far more self-sacrifice than a career of profit-making in industry or business, and those who have elected to devote their lives to the preaching and teaching profession have moral qualities far above the average. These moral qualities, as well as the intelligence involved, imply a heredity of unusual worth. The minister's son and the professor's son have a better average chance for success in industry, business, finance or any other reputable line of worldly endeavor than the sons of anyone else. This better average chance is due to their average high heredity.

The middle ages lost some of their best and gentlest blood because of the celibacy imposed upon monks, the only teachers in that turbulent era. Today we impose celibacy upon no one large class of people except schoolmasters, but the future would be better off if we would choose an inferior type for what amounts to sterilization. School boards represent the finest aspiration of the American civic community—the unselfish aspiration to educate all the children in the community, regardless of race, color or parentage. The school board should be the first to encourage matrimony and maternity on the part of a class of women who are exceptionally qualified to become mothers of an exceptional posterity.

There are many difficulties involved in the situation, but the way to meet those difficulties is not the crude method of eliminating everything in sight but of claiming a great deal which nobody has ever seen, and still more beyond. That is what bothers MacMillan, and he wishes the best expert advice that can be had. Suppose he is the actual discoverer of an unknown continent—will it be Canada, or his to plant the American flag on? Will he be trespassing, or is it anybody's country, if it exists, for being the first to find it?

The state department has not decided yet. It is not an easy problem where there are no clear precedents to go on. Anyhow, MacMillan is not going to be caught off his guard. He asks the government to search and insure title to any unknown continent he may sight in the direction of the pole.

If a baby is born in August it is more likely to live than if it is born in any other month, government records show.

BOSSSES AWAY; REAL WORK DONE

Washington Officials Generally Flee Hot Weather, Leaving Labor To Various Underlings

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, June 17.—Nobody home, that's what the hot weather rule in Washington—the almost invariable rule, so far as persons of the slightest importance are concerned—the slightest importance official or socially.

There probably isn't another city in the world which empties itself so completely during the summer. For one thing, it's mighty hot. For another, it's the fashion. Not but what government business goes on as usual, but it's transacted by assistants.

They understand it better, on an average, than the department heads. Many of them have spent lifetimes in the jobs they handle. Their bosses are just serving comparatively short political terms.

As for actual accomplishment, there's doubtless is more of it right now than with all the impressive chiefs on hand to butt into matters they're unfamiliar with. But if, for some reason or other, you do want to see one of these exalted individuals, his office in Washington's the last place where you're likely to find him at present.

Try Bar Harbor, Newport, Atlantic City, back home, almost any place except here. You simply will be wasting time both going with the capital.

According to the papers, about 23 leading universities and colleges sought to "honor" President Coolidge on their respective commencement days by conferring academic degrees on him.

If they were so anxious to "honor" him, why didn't they go ahead and do their conferring? But it's to be noted that, in almost every instance, the degree was contingent on the president's appearance in person to receive it.

Why? Were the universities afraid they might "honor" the wrong president?

dent unless they had the only genius simply will have to do something, duly identified, mugged and dumfounded?

Not a bit of it. What they had in mind wasn't so much "honoring" anybody as advertising, and not advertising President Coolidge, either. The universities wanted the president just as each wants a crack football team—to make a splash for itself with.

The president is half a dozen times a "L.L.D." anyway. Evidently he didn't consider it necessary to have it rubbed in by an additional score of universities, for he accepted none of the latest batch of invitations to be "honored."

When Secretary of Commerce Hoover called recently for a reorganization, reclassification and simplification, together with quite an extensive extermination, of the government's almost innumerable bureaus, boards and commissions, "employing several hundred thousand people, directly under the president, directly under congress, or thrown hodgepodge into 10 different executive departments"—when Secretary Hoover did this, he outlined a job to make the hardest politician shudder.

The present system just "grows" bit by bit, until the war, during which and ever since which, it has "grown" like a 1,000,000-horsepower, much room, its complications are inexpressible.

Compared with taking it apart, scrapping a lot of it and putting it together scientifically, destroying the whole government and creating a new one would be easy.

Besides, every stage of the work would be fought tooth and nail by officials, fearful of losing their jobs or a bit of influence.

However, Hoover so fully made out his case—duplication, inefficiency,

waste, utter uselessness—that something about it, probably at its next session.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN NEW YORK, June 17.—Most New Yorkers are just rushing mad. They rush when there is nothing to rush for. This is especially so of the commuters. They may have 15 minutes in which to catch their trains at the Grand Central or the Pennsylvania, but they run through the Battery. When a ferry lands at the Battery people, who have taken the ride to cool off, rush up the gangplanks and to the subways as though they were going to a fire although they have the rest of the evening to reach their homes. The result is that they lose all benefit of their cooling boat ride. Each morning and evening there is a stampede at the ferries to and from the Jersey depots. There is no particular reason for this rushing. It just seems to be in the blood.

One indoor sport that flourishes in all sorts of weather is dancing. A new public dance hall seems to open here every week and several of the larger ones broadcast half an hour of their music over the radio once or twice a week to give prospective patrons a sample of their orchestras' worth. Several chains of dance halls are being projected, with various orchestras rotating over a nation-wide circuit. The backers of this plan believe that people would rather pay 50 cents or a dollar to entertain themselves than several dollars to be entertained in a theater.

These are hard days for vaudeville booking agents. The heat keeps people from the theater and house managers are generally in a fault-finding mood. This results in the cancellation of bookings for many acts, especially the higher-priced ones. One of the most successful booking agents is a woman, much of her success being due to the fact that she is a woman. I am told that when she fails to book an act in a vaudeville house she will sit in the manager's office and cry until he books the act to get rid of her.

Signs: One on the rear of a passing auto—"If you're close enough to read this sign, you're too close." On a Broadway corner, where the thermometer reads 100 in the shade—"Do you know that it is now summer time in Miami, Fla.?"

On a house on Long Island—"Pets and children boarded during the summer."

Much of this talk of the high cost of living is unfounded. I know a photographic printer who won \$500 in a baseball pool and celebrated by buying a new outfit of clothes. He purchased a suit of clothes with two pairs of trousers, a straw hat, a pair of shoes and a necktie at a total cost of \$17.75. Asked how he did it, he answered, "It all depends on how you shop. Most poor people pay for their price by going to stores where rich people go."

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL WHY make any point of the "honest differences of opinion" on this Tennessee evolution muddle? Of course there are such differences. But what of it? It is not the "honesty" of an opinion, but its intelligence that makes it valuable.

If some highly virtuous person who never saw your house chooses to suppose that it has nine rooms, while the swearing, tobacco-chewing carpet-layer who measured all the rooms knows that it has only seven, what have the good habits of the one or the foul mouth of the other to do with the value of their opinions?

One knows and the other doesn't. And the opinion of one man who knows is worth more than that of a million who do not. If those who know the facts are agreed, he who would have his disagreement considered should first qualify with like knowledge.

Certainly, those who do not know what evolution is, now have the conclusions regarding it severe reached—who, like Mr. Bryan, do not even know what "hypothesis" means, and think it is the same thing as "guess," or who think that "theory" is the opposite of "fact" and "truth"—are not equipped to have their "opinions," however "honest," weighed against the practically unanimous view of experienced observers.

In Lighter Vein

How He Knew (Philadelphia Bulletin) "He's been sittin' there all day, doin' nothin' but wastin' time." "How do you know?" "Because I've been sittin' here watchin' him."

A Real Need (Dayton News) What was really needed is less miles per hour rather than more miles per gallon.

Surprised (Motor Magazine) The motorist was quite certain he had not been exceeding the speed limit, so he was astonished when the village cop held up his hand and brought him to a standstill. "Say," protested the driver, "I wasn't doing more than ten miles an hour—I swear it." "Oh, that's all right!" replied the officer; "but I'd be obliged if you'd lend me a drop of gasoline. I'm going to a wedding tomorrow and I want to clean my gloves."

You Might With Some (Science and Invention) Cos.—The radio will never take the place of newspapers. Denser.—Why? Cos.—You can't start a fire with a radio set.

The Liberators (Keith Pressing in Chicago News) Among our liberty slaves, Saboteur this sight to me. The graves of little magazines That died to make verse free.

The New Royalty (Lunch) A resident of Stoke Newington, advertising for a domestic servant, announces that there is no washing, no cooking, no window, no knives, no books, no young children, own bed-

room and sitting room with wireless. He will have to do better than that.

Know the Cigar (Lunch) A new fire alarm rings when operated by the smoke of a cigar. We don't know this fire alarm intimately, but we think we know the cigar.

Australia Welcomes Our Fleet (Smith's Weekly, Sydney) It is stated that the American sailors' orders are not to go into the hotels. We hope they won't be carried out.

When the American sailor asks for a drink it will be no use giving him a soft answer.

American gunners will sink a few schooners in Sydney. American slogan for the fleet visit: "Never say die."

Cure for Conceit (Philadelphia Record) Blobba—That fellow Siggleston is a most self-sufficient ass. I wonder if there is anything that would take the conceit out of him? Slobbs—Going to his own wedding might.

He Took a Chance (Philadelphia Bulletin) The late Gurney Moore, the well-known artist, disliked illustrations that did not accurately follow the text they were supposed to illustrate.

"I was talking to a famous illustrator the other day," Mr. Moore said in Germantown, "and I asked him this question: 'Penn, what is the most interesting story you ever illustrated?' 'Dunno,' said Penn. 'Never read any of 'em.'"

25 Years Ago

From The Guard of June 17, 1900. THE following are the Eugene delegates to the Woodmen of the World district convention which convenes in Meadford, Wednesday: M. S. Barker, C. M. Kissenger, W. C. Yoran, Frank Gilstrap, C. S. Hunt, L. O. Beckwith, C. S. Farrow, W. M. Green.

Mrs. F. M. Wilkins returned home today from Moscow, Idaho, where she had gone to visit Prof. and Mrs. H. T. Condon.

Policeman Croner and family are home from Frisco's.

The framework of the new Eugene sawmill at the west end of the butte is nearly up.

Mrs. H. N. Cockerline went to Albany for a visit this afternoon.

Mrs. M. L. Watts went to Portland yesterday afternoon to be gone for a few days visiting.

The prevailing rains are hard on the crop of cherries.

Al Kaykendall has rented the Holden bicycle and will at once open up for business.

Tom Sims Says—

SOMETIMES a man gets so mad he quits being a hypocrite for a few brief minutes.

Marry a maniacist if you get any fun out of playing hands.

There are sermons in stones, and a large stone in a ring gives a girl the right to preach.

The college boys are back home again for their vacations. Three months is a long time to stay sober.

One thing you have which very few of your friends can get is a phone number.

You can't trust some people out of your sight. You can't trust others until they are out of your sight.

Who remembers when the age of discretion was the parentage? These June college graduates had better admit it to their bosses before it is discovered.

The burning question of the day now is the sun. The world's a stage. Dodge the exits as long as you can.

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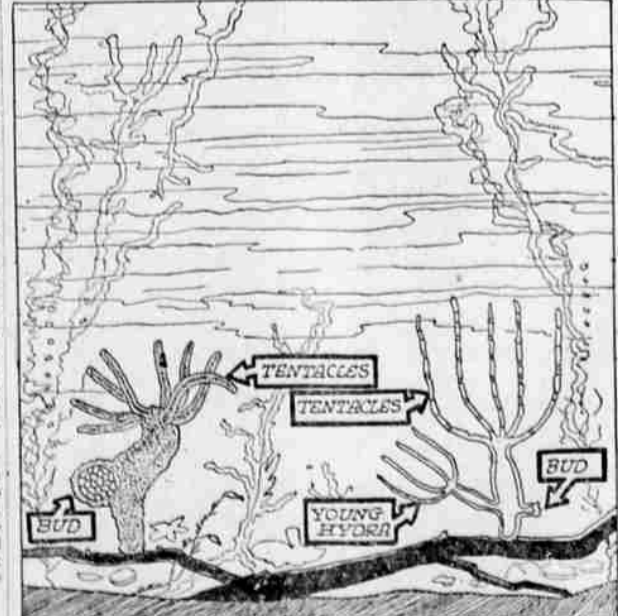
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EVOLUTION A PRIMITIVE BODY

By Percy W. Cobb, B. S., M. D.



MORE centuries passed. The sea bottoms became thick with the simple animals of Pre-Cambrian times, eighty or more million years ago. The search for food, existence itself, became a struggle in which the fittest seemed to survive. To exist, to survive through this struggle, the animals began to develop more efficient methods for obtaining food, to build up organs for offense and defense, to organize means for protection. The animals began to put definite cells aside to perform definite duties, all to combine in the one purpose of survival and self-preservation. The simplest form of such progress is demonstrated in the Hydra, a bright green, plant-like animal about half an inch long, with its organs and cells set aside for definite duties. Clinging by its base to a green plant stem, almost indistinguishable from it, the Hydra stretches out a group of waving tentacles. They grasp its prey and inject the victim into its mouth. Its young bud from its stem and grow like their parent, dropping off at maturity to seek a new location.

A THOUGHT

I say to every man that is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think.—Romans 12:3.
It is the admirer of himself, and not the admirer of virtue, who thinks himself superior to others.—Plutarch.