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Is Repudiation Lawful?

THE legal department of the state government of Oregon is said to have given the opinion that the removal from office of Hugh Mitchell, superintendent of state fish hatcheries, was entirely lawful, because the state fish commission with its present personnel cannot be held responsible for the acts of the state fish commission with its prior personnel.

Notwithstanding the distinguished source of that ruling, one finds it hard to believe it sound. If a change in the personnel of the fish commission nullifies the acts of the retiring commissioners, why would not a similar ruling apply to let us say—the state highway commission?

If one state commission can break its contracts on such flimsy ground as this, all state commissions ought to be able to do so. And if a contract made by a state commission is good only as long as the commissioners who made the contract shall remain in office, then a contract made for the state by higher state officials is good only as long as they hold office.

One could wish that Hugh Mitchell would contest his removal and sue to enforce his contract, in order to test this question as to whether a state board may repudiate its definite obligations. Mr. Mitchell appears to be rather glad to get out of an office which has been made a political football by the Governor Pierce crowd, and to go to one of the two or three better jobs that await his choice.

An astuteness worthy of an Edgar Allen Poe or a Conan Doyle has just been demonstrated by the police of our neighbor city of Salem. A highly respectable resident of the state of Washington, traveling by automobile with his son, was arrested on suspicion. Suspicion of what is not made clear by the press reports, but no matter. There was suspicion. Taken to the station, the suspect was sweated and his baggage was searched.

The always veracious Associated Press tells us that on Thursday, the day when we of Oregon were sweltering under a 100-degree temperature, President Coolidge, at Swampscott, took two long walks in a steady rain. The weather man seems to have opened his Oregon faucet on Massachusetts and turned the Massachusetts projector on Oregon, by mistake.

The large attendance at last evening's band concert in the county park block indicated that the general public enjoys and appreciates band music. It would seem worth while to complete the fund for continuing these concerts through the summer.

There ought to be distinct improvement in the affairs of Greece, now that Michalakopoulos has been deposed from the premiership by Pangalos. The latter name sounds so much more reasonable than the other.

Optimistic thought for today: There will be no city water shortage here this summer.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

(Salem Statesman) THE MacLaren appeal was on in the supreme court yesterday. The basis of the appeal is that the crime against young girls who had accepted a ride in an auto with MacLaren et al, was committed in Multnomah instead of in Clackamas county where he and his male companions were convicted.

The American Rubber Situation Is Growing Serious



diary where they were sentenced many "moons" ago.

Short Advances

(Chicago Post) The short skirt and short hair seem to have come to stay. Now if we can get the short ball and a shorter legislative session we will feel that there is such a thing as progress.

Fining the Tourist

(Corvallis Gazette-Times) The Salem Statesman complains that tourists are boycotting Salem because they have passed word along that the Salem speed cop runs them in for speeding and they get a heavy fine. We do not know about that, but we do know that any fine above five dollars for speeding is out of all proportion to the offense.

Not That Kind of Hero

(Cleveland Times-Commercial) However, it requires a stretch of the imagination to conceive of John Paul Jones, Oliver Hazard Perry or George Dewey chasing a cargo of beer.

A Fable

(Baltimore Sun) Once there was a man who went through his desk and knew why he had saved all the papers he found there.

The Junction City Method

(Junction City Times) Small towns like Eugene and Springfield scrap over getting a railroad to build shops in their towns, but when Junction City goes into the railroad business she builds one and has headquarters right at home.

Kelso Needs Them All

(Medford Mail-Tribune) Kelso, Wash., whose Herrin, Ill, tendencies is sticking the municipality on the front pages, has a "Public Welfare League," a "Law and Order Committee," and a "Public Defense Board," and the Kelso public needs them all.

In Lighter Vein

Variability

(Washington Star) "What do you understand by Senatorial courtesy?" "The significance of the term seems to vary," answered Senator Sorghum. "When I hear it mentioned now I take it as a signal that there is some kind of a disturbance in the air."

Sensible

(Louisville Courier-Journal) "Most sensible tea I ever attended." "How now?" "The hostess went to a restaurant and rented a supply of these broad-armed chairs."

At the Fountain

(Louisville Courier-Journal) "What will it be?" asked the soda clerk. "What have you?" "Oh, everything. What do you prefer—calories, vitamins or iron?"

Cannot Be Done

(Cincinnati Enquirer) Blinks—I give it up. Jinks—Now what? Blinks—I've been trying so to live that I would not break a single one of our 20,000 laws.

Discouragement

(Boston Transcript) The neighbor of a man noted for his extreme thrift saw him on a week day dressed in his Sunday clothes. "What's up, Jim?" he called out. "Why the glad rags?" "Haven't you heard the news?" "News! What news?" "Triplets!"

Oh, so that accounts for

"Oh, so that accounts for—" began the neighbor, when the frugal one interrupted him. "Yes, that accounts for my wearing these clothes. It is the use of trying to be economical!"

Dad Explains

(Cincinnati Enquirer) "Pa," said Clarence, "what do they mean by inviting trouble?" "Asking the wife's mother to come and spend a couple of weeks," growled his dad.

LAW WAS PROPOSED TO CHANGE PI

Professor Finds Tennessee Legislator Once Tried to Legislate New Principle into Mathematics

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, June 27.—This is a hard one. Unless the reader is deeply learned, as I'm not, he never will be able to grasp its fine points. But the broad general principle is clear.

Ever hear of pi? Not pi or printer's pi. Pi—18th letter in the Greek alphabet. Higher mathematics, as you know if you're up on such stuff pi is used to denote the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

It starts with 3 and ends with an infinity—literally so—of decimals. The dictionary runs it up to 3.14159265 and then stops, out of breath. To scientists the impossibility of arriving, in this life, at the final decimal is an infernal nuisance. It prevents the solving of certain riddles, like squaring the circle, which it's every mathematician's burning ambition to find the answer to.

Well, speaking of freak laws, Prof. Fisher, the political economist, has dug up the fact that a Tennessee legislator once tried to help science out of this difficulty—by statute. He introduced a bill to make pi stand for 3.14.

Compared with anti-evolutionary enactments, what do you know about that? Practically nobody is perfectly bilingual. This is very noticeable about Washington with its large assortment of foreign diplomats—highly educated, especially in the languages, and some of them even longer practiced in English than in their native tongues.

More than anything it's difficult to write naturally in two languages. To illustrate: Connected with one of the Latin American legislations here is a secretary whose conversational English is as fluent and accurate as any American's but he writes it a trifle stiltedly. One day it occurred

to me to ask one of his legation mates what his chap's Spanish was like. "Oh," said the latter, "it's as good as you can expect from anybody who knows English so well." That's it. Either one language has a slight edge on the other or neither is quite right.

The Latin, particularly the Spaniard, has the strange delusion that his language is very rich and English very poor. "We have a word for everything," as one Spanish speaking diplomat there explained to me. "But in English you have to use combinations of them to make yourself clear." The mere fact that the English dictionary contains at least 30 per cent more words than any Latin tongue's isn't recognized as counting for a thing—except, if you do prove your case too overwhelmingly, you're very apt to lose the Latin friend you've proved to.

Pronunciation will work wonders with a word. The O-fair-rail—pronounced with the r's strongly rolled and the accent on the last syllable—family frequently has a visiting member in Washington from Spain. On the hotel register he signs it O'Farrell. One of the Latin American attaches I know, a great movie fan, has a lot to say about Norma Tall-mah-kay—accent on the second syllable—but it wasn't until he showed it to me in print that I realized he meant Norma Tallmaide. Once I saw "coklets" on the wine list in a Barcelona hotel and when I ordered a Martini seco, or dry I found I'd guessed right.

As the World Wags By FRANK FAY EDDY PLAY is an art Americans learn very slowly. It is noticeable about this time of the year when tourists increase in the land. Often enough parties are seen who are making a serious business of getting from one place to another, making comparisons with the home town and gleaning facts about the country, but bless you anything but care-free or joyous.

RELAXATION is the secret of recreation. Concentration is the secret of accomplishing work smoothly and without waste of time. It seems to me that many people waste a lot of good time working. They certainly do if they work all of the time for such laded ones are never at their best because the bow of their energies is bent taut all of the time.

TO PLAY well and joyously one must become somewhat like a child and get a kick out of whatever comes along. To be too definite; to plan a holiday and arrange a schedule to be fulfilled, is the worst way in the world. The only way is to let every day open on an adventurous prospect, to be governed by moods and circumstances.

SEASHORE DAYS, when a fellow lights a pipe and goes wandering up the beach to see what the tide has left stranded there this last time of flood, to sit on a log and sort of meander and drink in the freshness of the salty air and feel throbbing through one the surge of tremendous power which moves through the ocean and dimly sense that it is essentially the primal strength of infinity which bears our little lives onward through a nebulous universe. That is genuine recreation.

TO CRACK OUT a good golf shot, to hit the ball on the nose and see it sail away as you gradually relax from the pose of the follow through; that too is good. Sport with Americans inevitably becomes a carefully studied art, but sport differs from the competition of business life, in that the rules are taken upon honor and all is open and above board. Nothing promotes friendships like playing games together. There are fortunate individuals who early develop a coordination of muscles which makes them excel in games. Happy are they if they do not make games their business in life, for they have a means of relaxation which robs life of much of its dull care.

AMERICANS are trying to play more and more as an increasing number of people have leisure and mid-summer is taken as a vacation period. But it is really a little distressing to note how very badly most Americans go about the matter of playing. It sometimes seems that to achieve success in life according to American standards, says the spontaneity, sashes the energies out of men and women, until they can only work and work and no matter what they turn toward they make a job of it. Such people are rushing about the country, a day here and a day there, living up to a schedule, missing all the happy surprises and never finding that mood which greets a new day with a challenge to show me something unexpected.

LAZY FOLKS ought to be the happiest but really are not for they loaf too much and have no background against which to throw a spell of loafing. To mix your drinks may be a bad policy in some things, but in life it is a pretty good piece of advice. Word hard and play not hard but easily and naturally and mix the two up together. That seems to be the way to get the most possible out of this business of living.

25 Years Ago

THE goddess of liberty contest is over. The final counts showed that Miss Agnes Harris won first place, and Miss Irene Applegate second. The former will represent the goddess of liberty and the second, the queen of the celebration.

Professor and Mrs. John Straub entertained Wednesday evening at their home, about 50 invitations being extended.

S. H. Friendly offered 55 cents per bushel last evening for 2000 bushels of wheat, but the fee was refused.

The steel railroad bridge across the McKenzie river will be completed before noon tomorrow. This is a fine structure.

Mrs. Rose M. Hollenbeck is presenting a class of students in recitation Friday night at the First Christian church.

The University of Oregon has mailed a wagon load of catalogues to nearly every place in the northwest. As the demand for catalogues is large, it is thought that the attendance will be larger than ever next year.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hall arrived home today after a trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Osburn arrived home today after attending the Osburn family reunion at Corvallis.

Mrs. J. L. Page went to Salem today to spend a week.

Rowell's Comment By CHESTER H. ROWELL A LEAGUE OF NATIONS committee has proposed, the British railways and others have approved, and nobody in principle opposes, a scheme for a thirteen-month year, each month to have exactly four weeks, with an extra New Year day, not belonging to any week, at the beginning of each year, and an extra "leap day" in the middle of leap years.

The new month, "Sol," would come between June and July. Such a calendar would be immensely simpler and more convenient than any now in use, and would hurt nobody, unless it is a few who fear that they might have to pay thirteen months' wages or rent, at present rates.

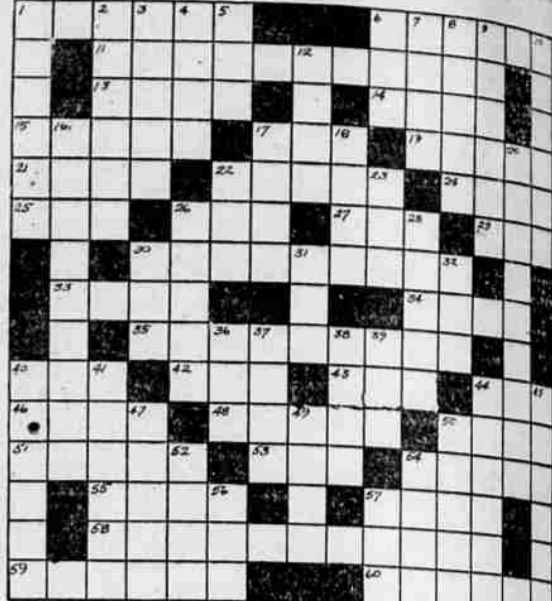
The main object will be inertia. The old changes in the calendar were made by emperors and popes, who could issue orders. Any new changes will have to be made by the popular consent of a democratic world, composed of people who mostly think with their memories.

A THOUGHT Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.—Matthew 5:9

Al! When shall all men's good be each man's rule, and universal peace be like a shaft of light across the land?—Tennyson.

Today's Cross-Word Puzzle

This puzzle shouldn't keep you too long from your Saturday afternoon holiday, but it will make you stop long enough to look up a word or two in the unabridged.



- HORIZONTAL 1. Current. 2. A clearing. 3. Fixed. 4. To halt. 5. Man of valor. 6. Implement for sweeping. 7. Tapered wooden pin. 8. Hamlets. 9. Sweet secretion left by plant. 10. To put new turf on ground. 11. Existed. 12. To recede. 13. Black viscous fluid. 14. Game. 15. Accomplished. 16. In the same way. 17. Diving bird. 18. Granted facts. 19. Artifice. 20. Twice. 21. Sward. 22. Hamlets. 23. To prevent entry. 24. To waver. 25. Decays. 26. Animal of cat family with a de-iced black and white fur. 27. Largest plant. 28. Growing out. 29. To make lace. 30. Breakwaters. 31. To grow weary. 32. Story. 33. Covered with blood. 34. Females having same parents (sing.). 35. Tenant under a lease. 36. BARN. 37. To suck in again. 38. To bar by estoppel. 39. Particle. 40. Geographical drawing. 41. Tree with tough wood. 42. To cast off (as hair). 43. Goat antelope. 44. Loved. 45. Three. 46. Dreg. 47. Revolution. 48. Fairy. 49. Cyma (arch.). 50. Pirate ship. 51. Engine of war. 52. Drone bee. 53. Colors. 54. More aged. 55. Cry for help at sea. 56. Quantity. 57. Sweet potato. 58. Large mythical bird. 59. Entrance. 60. To advocate. 61. Natural passage between banks. 62. Bursts. 63. Mentions. 64. Raines. 65. Hard coating of seeds. 66. To economize. 67. Pieces of baked clay. 68. Gaelic. 69. Panel of glass. 70. Organ of hearing. 71. Plant (seaside).

Answer to Yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

CLARET LASSON WALTERS FILTERS OODOR YIELD AREA MID MAY HIE BE PET ITION AN ARAN UN LOW AN TASK BELIE WRE TIL RYE CAR SCAN EVENT ROO TOY ROE SOB WOD MAIN E MAT NE VMEW DOR TEA EWER BOSOM SLAG SATIRES GUSTION DATED DOSEB

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN NEW YORK, June 27.—The Playboys of the town have revived the old-fashioned limerick as a gentle pastime to bridge over the hiatus in the cross-word puzzle craze. So ardent have they become in pursuit of the elusive rhyme that they have organized the Limerick Society of America and hold regular meetings to discuss their hobby.

The other night they held a contest for members in the composition of a limerick, the first line of which was given as "There was a young fellow named Bryan." Berton Braley won with this effort: "There was a young fellow named Bryan, Whose voice was forevermore cryin'; Do you think that my shape Was derived from an ape?"

Well, I think Charlie Darwin was lyn'. Immediately thereafter there arose a debate between Sigmund Spaeth and F. Gregory Hartwick, formerly one of the nation's foremost cross-word-

ers. The matter in dispute was whether the final "g" might be dropped in words to rhyme with "Bryan," "Bon," etc., and whether New Yorkers might be employed to make "beriar" rhyme with "furrier." The debate continued long, long after the meeting adjourned.

Just as the amount of fuel used given you an idea of the power of the engine, the amount of promoter consumed by the populace of New York indicates the great size of the past of butter. New York uses half a million pounds of butter a day. Most that one-fifth of all the butter made in the United States is shipped here, some part of it being re-shipped, of course, but the supply is drawn from 30 states, Canada, Holland, Australia, South America and the Scandinavian countries.

Ren Bernie is an orchestra conductor who made quite a reputation for himself through broadcasting jazz and through a local radio station. Now is to receive \$2500 a week for features in a Broadway movie theater.

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EVOLUTION CHANGING TO A BIRD

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



WHILE reptiles ruled the world, bird life first started. This was about eight to ten million years ago. They were reptiles, too, reptiles that had to take to the trees for safety from the terrible, monstrous dinosaurs of that time. At first they climbed the trunks and clung to the branches with their claws.

Later they floated down from the tall tops to the ground, as in the course of time, they developed feathers from their scales and wings from their limbs which enabled them to sail through the air. The earliest known bird is the archropteryx, which scientists dug up in Bavaria. It still had the teeth of the reptile, the long lizard-like tail, claws on three fingers of its forelimbs, or wings, as feathers and wings and the disengrafted forelimbs and tail showed. Yet it still had some of the chief reptilian characteristics, proof of its descent from the reptile.