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A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY

BEARS WATCHING

THE city of Eugene's power project should not be delayed by the present inability of the water board to sell at par or better some \$338,000 of the bonds issued for completing the undertaking. The situation is due to the present craze of the investing public for speculative stocks. After the public has taken its customary punishment for gambling it will come back crying for nice safe five per cent municipals. In the meantime the water board has Liberty bonds and other resources with which to carry on the work without heavy expense or interruption.

But the situation will bear watching. The city's extremely successful power operation is not popular with private utility interests. Over the entire country there has been a disposition on the part of the power lobby to take advantage of every chance mishap of public management for the building up of destructive propaganda. We should not be disturbed if there is an unfavorable interpretation of the bond situation. There's nothing wrong with the municipal operation which in addition to offering one of the lowest power rates in the country has been able to advance more than a million out of its own earnings toward this expansion program. The whole expansion project can be so financed if necessary.

HOLDING THE SOUTH

THE new administration is doing its best to make itself solid with the erstwhile "Solid South." It is appointing men from the South to quite important positions—men of considerable prominence in the business and social life of the South. This is not the old-time handing out of a few interior jobs to colored henchmen controlling big blocks of Republican convention votes. This is a carefully planned program to take over the white vote of the South, to keep it from going back solidly into the Democratic column.

When Al Smith was nominated for the presidency we remarked that the Democrats were gambling heavily on his ability to win, that should Al Smith fail to hold the South for Democracy and lose the election, the Democratic party might find itself facing the problem of permanent reorganization. It begins to look as though this has happened. The South for many years had great numbers of people whose economic requirements and natural leanings would have made them Republicans, except for the binding force of Democratic tradition.

The last election gave these Southerners the opportunity to go Republican without loss of local prestige. Southerners have voted Republican and the skies have not fallen. They will keep on voting Republican. Democratic tradition will not die at once in the South, especially on account of the negro problem. But the Solid South which is laid on the foundation theory of white Democrats and black Republicans is terribly shaken. What the southern negro will do is a bit hard to see. He will probably complain that his Republicanism like other good things has been taken over by the white folks.

For the country as a whole and for both political parties the change may prove to be the best thing that has happened in years. Political divisions which follow geographical lines are unnatural when no longer supported by social and economic conditions. Upon both parties, but upon the Democratic party especially, will rest the duty, and the opportunity, to rebuild on a clear out program of principles.

The situation is one that works both ways. Conservative Southerners have been released to follow the party which is best suited to their actual beliefs and practices. But by the same token the Democratic party may find itself free from the compromises and concession which have prevented it from serving, except by fits and starts, as the vehicle of truly liberal political doctrine in this country.

NEW SCHEDULES.

THE news that the northern transcontinental lines are going to cut the running time of their fast trains between Portland and Chicago to sixty-three hours is very gratifying to the people of the Northwest. The advantages are more moral than material. But the Northwest is entitled to a quality of service as good as that to California.

California has turned the moral advantage of faster train schedules to material advantage through advertising. California has used the fame of noted limited trains to help build the prestige of California. California has been able to put subtle emphasis on the faster California schedules.

We have trains to the Northwest which are second to none. The Oriental Limited, the Olympian, the Portlander, are mentioned whenever fine trains are discussed and with as much respect at the Twentieth Century or the Golden State or the Broadway—except as to schedules. The crawling pace across the big plains has left somehow the impression that business in this direction could not be pressing enough to matter.

The railroads say the faster schedules cost them money. Probably they do. It will come back to them. The railroads cannot lose on any reasonable expense that adds to the prestige and speeds the development of their own territory.

MR. AND MRS. MOORE.

UPON the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding the people of Lane county congratulate Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore. As county school superintendent for many years, Mr. Moore has earned the respect of the community. Mrs. Moore shares in this good will because she has helped in building it.

It was interesting to note that their wedding way back in 1879 coincided with a famous royal wedding which was then much in the papers. The home town paper then made note of it. The home town paper now might make certain interesting comparisons. The likening of the modest ceremony in Mount Joy, Pa., to the regal festivities at Windsor Castle may have been extreme. But after fifty years the tallies of happiness and usefulness are probably in favor of the humbler couple.

Anyhow, we join the community in congratulations. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Moore health and happiness.

AS OTHERS SEE THINGS

The High Cost of Penmanship (Christian Science Monitor)

The disconcerting assertion that the bad handwriting of shop assistants is responsible for the annual loss, by the retail trade in England, of thousands of pounds, which was recently made by a manager of one of the largest stores in London in an address to schoolboys, deserves, in spite of its well-intentioned exaggeration, serious attention. The problem of legibility certain schoolmasters even believe, can only be solved by providing a new type of written letter, approximating in shape to the printed one, which would be less amenable to the interlarding chaos of loops and flourishes.

In Turkey, indeed, where the ornate Arabic has only a short while ago been compulsorily abolished in favor of the simpler Western script, the tendency to over-emphasize the florid side of the Roman letter, as mentioned in the present, not altogether due to the

seal for the Ghad's latest reform, has caused dismay to many a teacher, who is frequently reported to be at a loss to decipher the efforts of his most promising pupils. It is doubtful, however, whether, had the Turks adopted the so-called "print-script" their conscientiousness in tracing, and even improving on, the involutions of a letter so fundamentally foreign to the Orient would have made their writing very much more legible.

Deploable and even wasteful as illegibility may become if practiced to excess it would be uncharitable to condemn it outright; for there is a charm in a hieroglyphic which few can resist. Indeed, of all the cunning devices invented by man to outwit their fellows, none has excited keener curiosity than a secret script or code. From Dickens to O. Henry, and even earlier, as Friday's footprint testifies, the gaudy incident, the cryptic telegram, and the obscurities of detective lore have played their part in enhancing the reader's suspense and in exciting his desire for solving the apparently unsolvable. Yet, although such subtleties are obviously only in the power of superior intelligence, it has always been possible for anyone to indulge in a similar kind of sport by introducing a strain of originality in his handwriting. It seems hardly creditable that any new script, by superior fool-proof its legibility, will obliterate what has been designated as "character" in handwriting. It may be possible to train shop assistants to abandon its more slovenly manifestations, but, as the London manager's experience shows, character will out.

TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF

The French Pact
ONE hundred and fifty-one years ago today, the Marquis de Noailles, French ambassador in London, announced to the British government that his country recognized the independence of the struggling American colonies, and that it had formed a treaty of friendship and commerce with them. The treaty had actually been signed several months before. Immediately after the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga had proved that American cause was not altogether hopeless.

War-weary America received the news of French aid with great enthusiasm. It was received with other emotions in Europe. Lord Stormont, British ambassador to France, left Paris immediately, without informing the French government of his intention. And Spain, whose old American colonial possessions gave her a finger in the American pie, likewise resented the treaty.

Within a month France and England were at war and Spain was kept friendly to France only by a secret treaty, which promised that France would recognize United States dominion only as far west as the Mississippi river.

Jesse Bond, the university orator, was accorded second place in the state oratorical contest at Corvallis last night. Clark R. Belknap of Willamette university, being first.

The University will probably have a basketball team next year. With a new gymnasium, the enthusiasts are already figuring what they will develop into.

A marriage license was granted today to David A. McDowell and Miss Lillian M. Kennedy, both of Springfield.

Electric lights have been placed at the alley intersections in the business part of the city, much to the convenience of the night police force.

SIDE GLANCES



"On your way, kid, you're blockin' up the bridge."

Daily Health Service WORD "HEALTH" HITCHED TO MODERN DEVICES

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
(Editor Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygiene the Health Magazine)

AMONG the most popular of recent devices to which the term "health" has been assigned is the vibrating motor.

Essentially this is a machine driven by one-sixth horsepower motor which causes a belt to vibrate. When the belt is placed around a human being at any point the motion of the belt is imparted to the tissue.

This brings about manipulation, passive motion, mechanical massage, or any other term that one cares to assign to the activity of the tissue induced by this method. Such devices actually do move muscles and thereby bring about some reduction in weight through making extra demand on the fuel taken into the body.

Word to Conjure With
However it is not quite fair to call such an apparatus a "health" motor any more than it is to call an exercising apparatus a health apparatus. In these days the word "health" has become one to conjure with in selling any food substance or any device that may be

concerned with exercise or rest. When a certain amount of food is taken into the body a portion of it is used to fill the energy requirements. Some of it constitutes waste material and disappears. The excess is stored as fat.

Some people are unable to get outdoors to walk long distances or to indulge in any form of physical activity whatever. The use of some of these vibrating devices puts an extra demand on the muscles which helps to take care of the excess fuel and thus prevents the deposit of fat.

Power for Good and Harm
Practically every apparatus, drug, or preparation used in scientific medicine is a two-edged sword; if it has power for good, it is likely also to have power for harm. The health motors have one chief use, namely, to exercise the muscles that the person, because of his occupation, environment or for other reasons, cannot undertake to exercise actively.

These machines are not a cure for disease. They will not eliminate fat from one portion of the body and put it on another. They may be dangerous to people with irritable bowels, with varicose veins or other disturbances.

one job as the other.
A year or two ago Dr. Sacasa was being more or less kicked around, finally being forced into exile after our state and navy departments had disarmed his liberal army. Dr. Sacasa four years ago was Nicaragua's vice-president. The president abdicated under pressure and fled.

Dr. Sacasa fled, too, preferring life to death, but he set up shop on the Atlantic coast as constitution president and organized an army. The army was successful until President Coolidge sent Henry M. Simson down to tell it to quit, whereupon Dr. Sacasa left the country again.

Dr. Sacasa will step right into one of the nicest little legations in Washington, a handsome new building at the top of Fifteenth street, opposite Meridian Hill park, just vacated by the Egyptian minister. It is one of a string of embassies

and legations in the immediate vicinity, including the French, Dutch, Italian and Mexican.
That's one success story. Another is that of General Jose Moncada, who gave Dr. Sacasa his fine new job. General Moncada, of course, is the new Nicaraguan president. He was the chief of Sacasa's army and so distinguished himself in the face of the conservative troops and the "neutral zones" and other obstacles set up by American marines that he became the national hero.

Moncada licked the conservatives on the Atlantic coast and made a terrific march through jungles and swamps into the interior toward Managua, the capital. It was a great military feat and success appeared in his grasp when Stimson appeared on the scene and told him the most disarm or be disarmed by the marines.

At the time this seemed very tough on the poor Nicaraguan liberals and certainly it must have seemed so to them. In the face of all other kinds of opposition from Washington they had put up a brave fight against odds only to be robbed of the fruits of victory by a military force it would have been suicide to oppose.

As it turned out, dear old Uncle Sam himself put things right by insisting upon "free and fair elections." Nicaraguan voters kicked out the old conservative crowd and elected Moncada, who certainly did the graceful thing by appointing his former boss to Washington.

The pleasant things that have happened to Moncada and Sacasa have happened to lesser Nicaraguan liberals who last year were either in exile or in a state of complete quiescence.

During the days the revolution was active, for instance, the very young Senator Evaristo Carazo Morales was up here, parked in a tiny hotel room, pushing out pro-liberal propaganda on his typewriter, short of funds and altogether short of sympathy from our government. He appeared to be fighting a losing fight also; it seemed as if he might become an old man before he could dare return to his own country.

But now he is secretary of the legation and pending Sacasa's arrival has been charged d'affaires and minister ad interim, dealing with the same state department at which he was hurling publicity broadcasts so recently.

Meanwhile everything seems to be going with reasonable serenity in Nicaragua. The Quadra faction of the conservative party is working with the liberals and General Emiliano Chamorro, the big coup d'état man, has retired to his estate with apparently few hopes of regaining power.

The new congress has just approved the bill which will make the national guard, with about 2000 men, the only armed force in the republic. The guard will be trained and supervised by American officers until further notice.

Moncada is arranging for public works commissions in each of the departments, or provinces, of Nicaragua, which will raise taxes especially for schools and highways. He plans to develop the Atlantic coast of his country, and believes it may prove economical to run a railroad from coast to coast.

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TOM SIMS' BARBS

THE American Home Economics Association is working out an efficient arrangement of kitchen facilities. Has father been complaining?

Whether you follow the teachings of Newton or Einstein, when the stock market breaks a lot of people come down to earth.

That schoolgirl complexion is all right in its place, but it can cause an awful lot of trouble on father's coat.

A man suing for divorce charges that his wife kissed him only when she wanted money. What an affectionate woman!

Well, now that his years in the senate are ended, maybe General Dawes can go back to Chicago and find some peace.

A Kansas boy won a gold medal in an oboe-playing contest. But he

may grow up to be a useful citizen in spite of that.
A notary public in Omaha admitted a woman to jail for refusing to talk. What's wrong with that story?

Maybe the reason why many stores have installed lunch counters is that the prescription business was falling off.

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