

PROFESSOR ADVOCATES SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

Art, Politics, Ethics Have Advanced Little

DANGER IN EMOTIONALISM

Believes Real Human Progress Can Come About Only When Conduct Is Considered

The scientific study of poverty, sex, law, politics and ethics from the point of view of their human value divorced from emotionalism was urged by Dr. Ernest R. Bates, professor of ethics at the University of Oregon, in his address before the assembly in Kila at Friday. This was the last of three lectures by Dr. Bates.

In a comparison of our times with the Roman times of the tenth century, Dr. Bates found many similarities. The Romans were interested in the improvement of their country, in building good roads, and in architectural construction of a practical type. In contrast to the characteristics of our times, the Romans were not interested in the decay of the characteristics of sexual immorality, and the distinction between the rich and the poor, even in its lead- ing men, close resemblance to our own conditions and leaders can be seen.

"Ten years ago," said Dr. Bates, "it was impossible to talk about sex. Now there is an intense interest in it and too much literature written about it. The imperfect organization of our knowledge of the subject causes the agitation. It is the sign and the effect of a transitional state in which we have not come to a definite conclusion."

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Poor Are Organized
Dr. Bates in speaking of poverty stated that in Roman times the poor were not organized and their condition was practically hopeless, while today in America the poor are organized and relief is wisely and ably administered.

What we have that the Romans lacked, the speaker continued, is scientific knowledge. Science has made steady progress in the last four centuries. Art, politics and ethics have made little progress. Philosophers keep going around these subjects because they have not yet obtained a method of work. Work must be analyzed into parts and the value lies in analyzing real things, not in analyzing the theoretical dimensions of heaven or the social rank of angels. Roger Bacon was one of the first to use observation and analyze real things. With him began the use of scientific instruments which today have developed to so subtle a minute-ness that men who are not scientific can have no knowledge of their use. The triumphs of science have developed inversely in relation to their human value. The control of matter and nature through medicine, chemistry and physics has rapidly become practical in application, but ethics, politics and law are still grounded on custom and tradition and have not as yet been placed on a scientific basis, said the speaker.

Criminology Is Discussed
The speaker quoted John Dewey to the effect that criminal procedure will begin to be scientific when clinical records of cases are kept. At present we have criminals roughly classified and placed in the wards of that hospital for the "morally sick," and when they are beyond cure we kill them.

"Science," continued Dr. Bates, "is free from personal emotion; results can be acquired without personal interference. A scientist is interested in obtaining the truth."

He further discussed how other vital affairs are still perceived by means of the emotions and not by science and how philosophy proceeded in its first distrust of impracticable ideas. For this philosophers deserve credit.

World Is Dynamic
"If a man would think less about his immortal soul and more about his conduct; if he would observe the way human beings really act, what they want and how they behave, we would have real conscious human progress," the speaker pointed out. "The world," he said, "is not static, it is dynamic." Education has changed, he continued, and the leisurely freedom of college life of the past has given way to more efficient measures. We are bound, no matter what we do, to be better off than our parents. It is for the teachers to remain faithful to the light of intelligence and not allow themselves to run off into emotion. There were never greater opportunities or greater dangers than now. To seriously ascertain the knowledge of the past, to know well the subject to be taught, to keep abreast in new ideas and in developing in his students the ability to create new knowledge, not from a sense of duty but from a delight in the mental play of new ideas, is the only way a teacher can justify his existence and help to preserve the nation.

HAIRING AND OTHERS THRESH OVER STRAW

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statement said, refusing to take out engines regarded as dangerous. Senator Cummings said that other than from the strikers of the local brotherhood agents, he was not in-

formed as to the real conditions of railroad rolling stock. He did not view favorably the request for repeal of the labor provisions of the transportation act, on which, he said, there was a division of opinion among railroad employees, the union's leadership favoring the old legislation and conciliation commission and other rail unions favoring the present law's plan.

"Helpful," says Senator Cummings. As to the general strike situation, Senator Cummings said tonight he was "hopeful, but not ever sanguine."

THREE ISSUES RAU TO PEACE
Jewell, Head of Shipmen Now on Strike, Enumerates Obstacles

CHICAGO, July 22.—The principal issues now prevent a possible settlement of the railway shipmen's strike, B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, said in a statement tonight. These issues, he said, are found in the refusal of the rail executives to (1) discontinue contracting work; (2) to establish a national board of adjustment; (3) to continue seniority rights of employees who suspended work. The responsibility for increasing losses to the railroads to the communities they serve and to the wage earners upon the railroads and elsewhere through continuance of the present suspension of work, the state went on, "rests now plainly upon the association of railway executives and particularly upon that small but dominating group representing the New York banking interests."

Pointing out that the railroad labor board and decided against the practice of contracting railroad work in certain cases, Mr. Jewell asserted that the Erie railroad, the New York Central and its subsidiaries, including the Indian Harbor Belt Line, the Michigan Central and the Big Four and the Western of Maryland road have all contracted out ship work.

Makes Plea for Seniority Rights
"The proposition to deprive men of seniority rights because of suspension of working," the statement said, "is utterly indefensible if the facts are understood. The purpose of destroying seniority rights is a vicious attack on the right of men to refuse to work under non-acceptable conditions. Depriving men of seniority," he said, "would be a sweeping injustice, unparalleled in modern history."

"If the railway executives insist upon this suspension of work which they forced upon the employees as an excuse for depriving them of the fruits of life-long continuous service," the statement said, "they will only give further evidence of the absolute necessity for the organized employees to fight to the last ditch the conspiracy against their fundamental rights and against the general welfare of the men who live by labor."

EDITOR WHITE HAILED FOR FLOUTING COURT

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But it was not without a stress of heart and soul that he has called out the troops. He knows that might mean bloodshed and to a man of his fine sensibilities the prospect is a heavy burden. In administering the law as he sees it he has been brave and patriotic. I do not agree with him in the action, which it seems to suppress the fundamental right of free speech. My protest was energetic and seems to be the only self-respecting thing for a man to do who feels as I feel."

All Said
A shop keeper had in his employ a man so lazy as to be utterly worthless.

One day, his patience exhausted, he dismissed him.

"Will you give me a character," asked the lazy one.

The employer sat down to write a non-committal letter. His effort resulted as follows:

"The bearer of this letter has worked for me one week and I am satisfied."—London Telegraph.

Marrying Wealth

The parents of two Chicago girls were nearly distracted when the girls disappeared, but they have been found in Omaha married to two automobile thieves. Which just proves again that it is foolish to worry.—The American Lumberman (Chicago).

Oh, Yes

"I drove a hundred miles—speeded the whole distance—yet all the way I didn't skid a bit."

"What were you driving?"

"A yacht."—Nashville Tennessean.

Sir Richard Squires Is Youngest Premier

Sir Richard Squires, K. C. M. G., prime minister of Newfoundland, has sailed for London for a conference with Premier Lloyd George.

Richard is only 34 years of age and the youngest prime minister of any of the British dominions.

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DEVELOP COAL PROPERTY

COMPANY WITH HEADQUARTERS HERE ACTIVE IN COQUILLE

Project Situated on Outskirts of River and Consists of 240 Acres of Land

With the recent completion of development work by the Coquille Valley Coal company, another coal mine in which several Eugene men are interested has been added to Oregon's list of industries. The company has a coal property underlying 240 acres of land situated on the Coquille river on the outskirts of Riverton. The deposit is estimated to total in excess of 2,000,000 tons. It is said to be a semi-bituminous coal of high grade.

The strategic location of the property gives its output immediate access to deep-sea shipping, the company's bunkers and docks being located on the Coquille river at a point from which vessels carrying up to 1500 tons of coal can be cleared and sent over the bar at Bandon, and Manager W. T. Alpine.

"The development of the company's property has progressed during the past eighteen months and at this time the mine has been connected up with its water transportation facilities through substantial and permanent improvements, all of the necessary trams from the mouth of the mine already having been constructed, completed and ready for use. "Oregon has a considerable and constantly growing need for good coal and the San Francisco market for coal has always been and continues to be a most attractive one to serve, as very profitable sale can be made against competition from Utah, Wyoming and other coals transported long distances by rail or coals brought by vessel to the Western coast of the United States from Australia and China.

"Due to the favorable location of its veins of coal, the mine itself is free from one of the greatest problems of mine development, that of water seepage. The mouth of the mine is situated about 150 feet above the water level of the Coquille river, and the vein of coal thus opened runs back into the mountain and upwards."

The officers of the company are: President Martin J. Anderson, Cottage Grove; vice president, J. Beebe, Eugene; secretary, Earl Moses, Eugene; treasurer, George W. Taylor, Eugene; manager, W. T. Alpine, Riverton. These and L. J. Belott of Riverton and Julius Wilde of Junction City, comprise the board of directors. The main offices of the company are at Eugene.

ROAD DETOURS ANNOYING

SEVERAL IN SOUTHERN OREGON ON ACCOUNT OF PAVING WORK

One 20 Miles Long North of Roseburg and Others Are Further South

Detours around paving operations in Southern Oregon are quite bad in places, said Lester G. Hullin, of Eugene, who has just returned from a trip as far south as Ashland. "The detours are a first detour is found north of Roseburg, starting at Wilbur and it follows an old road 12 miles long, ending at the Roseburg city limits. The detour around this section of pavement coming north is routed another way for 20 miles to avoid congestion on a narrow stretch on the Wilbur road but the stage drivers and others take the short detour coming north, taking chances on meeting other cars on the narrow places. Neither one of these detours is very pleasant to travel over, said Mr. Hullin.

There is another detour between Myrtle Creek and Canyonville by way of Riddle but this is not bad and still another one around paving operations on Smith hill.

Mr. Hullin said that traffic from Grants Pass to the Josephine caves over the new government highway is heavy and the road which has never been graveled, is very dusty.

The weather was very hot in the Southern Oregon cities, said Mr. Hullin, the temperature reaching over 100 about every day.

WASHINGTON IS SUFFERING

FOREST FIRES MENACE AND CROPS BURNING UP

SEATTLE, Wash., July 22.—Washington is facing not only a serious forest fire menace but destruction of millions of dollars' worth of crops. There has now been fifty-nine days of drought. The last rainfall of any importance in the state was almost two months ago. The fall was recorded as less than half an inch.

With one possible exception, Western Washington has never been so dry as it has ever been since the weather bureau was established here thirty-two years ago. That was in 1910, the year of the greatest forest fires the Pacific Northwest ever saw.

But in 1910 the dry season did not start until June, while this year it began in May. Consequently the damage to crops of all kinds has been greater this year.

The last real rain fell here May 21, when the precipitation was .42 inch. Crops of all kinds have been hard hit. In Western Washington, the berry and truck crops are cut to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In Eastern Washington the grain crops are damaged millions. The latest report to the Northwest Grain Growers' association places the Washington crop at 37,000,000 bushels, as compared with 54,000,000 bushels last year. Wheat is selling at around \$1 a bushel at country points. Oregon is also cut in grain, the estimate being 20,000,000, as compared with 24,000,000 bushels last year.

The crop loss is only a portion of the damage, inasmuch as Western Washington forest fires must be taken into consideration.

FRANCE TO ACCEPT TERMS

WIRTH ALSO ACCEDS TO REPARATIONS CONDITIONS

(By the Associated Press)

PARIS, July 22.—France has formally accepted the demands of the allied committee on guarantees which were presented to Berlin last Tuesday. In a letter to the reparations commission received today, Chancellor Wirth stated that Germany, after profound deliberation had decided to accept the conditions for the duration of the moratorium which the German



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government assumed would soon be granted.

The German chancellor in his letter says it must be understood that the conditions laid down by the committee and any additional conditions which may be imposed in connection with a moratorium must not in any way challenge the sovereignty of the German state nor interfere with the normal functioning of the government.

Dr. Wirth also insists that the fortunes of individuals and their business organizations must remain secret.

No Bonhead, He
Rastus—Feller, why for you all dabbin' wid dis here oyster-ropathy?

Sambo—Cause sh done head in a book dis oyster-ropathy treat ob de manipulation of de bones, and de onliest partially ab's got is humorin' de gallopin' donkeys to pass in review.—Science and Invention.

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