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W. C. BRYANT

This quotation, tacked above the door to his office, the door that litigants entered, expresses the legal philosophy of W. C. Bryant.

"Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. Point out to them how the nominal winner is often the real loser—in fees, expenses and waste of time. As a peace maker, the lawyer has a superior opportunity."

Abraham Lincoln

This philosophy, while it sometimes resulted in delays to persons anxious to institute legal proceedings against a neighbor, made friends of many litigants when hastier action would have made eternal enemies.

It was the philosophy of a kindly man, whose liking for his fellowman was expressed in many ways.

As Mr. Bryant followed the best traditions of the law, he also held to the better principles of education. He was throughout his life, a worker for schools both elementary and advanced and he encouraged many young people to gain an education. Our successful county school system is due to no small part to his activity.

It is, however, as a man that we will remember him as a kindly man who could always be depended upon to assist any worthy endeavor in the county or to hold out the strong hand of friendship to one in need of just that friendly gesture.

ABOUT COOPERATION.

The comments on the cessation of stabilization of the wheat price some months ago show again the diversity of opinion among farmers and their advisers on this question. While some see a chance for a good price for wheat now that the government is out of the picture, others are asking the Farm Board to grant some form of stabilization for a time to assist marketing.

The officials who have the decision to make in this matter need some sympathy along with other sentiments sent their way. The farmer doesn't know what he wants, and it seems hopeless for the government to attempt to try any more plans for farm relief until some large body of farmers agree on what they want.

It is very likely that farm relief, if it is helped by the government at all will be assisted in a minor capacity by that agent and the farmer will build his own cooperative organization from the ground up. Such a plan would follow the general procedure of the formation of the labor unions and would be a long job.

Nearly all of the plans that have been advanced for the use or sale of the surplus have cooperation as a basis. The Dayton plan would bind wheat farmers to not grow any more wheat and to keep 25 per cent of it on the farm for stock feed. The plan proposed by the manager of the Pendleton Grain Growers would allow farmers to haul their grain to the warehouses and would have them take a receipt for three-fourths of it to be sold at present. A receipt would be given for the other fourth but it could only be sold to stabilization corporation for export.

Both of these plans revive the quarrel between the Farm Board and the farmers. The Board insists that the only workable basis for the American wheat grower will be the domestic basis and that we cannot dump our surplus wheat on the other countries without being injured by them in return. The farmer protests that he is a free-born American and he can grow any thing he wants in any quantity and it is up to the government in general and the Farm Board in particular to sell it for him at a profitable price.

It is quite likely that this quarrel will never be settled for a general revival of business will solve the problem by creating additional markets for wheat and grain in the United States and will at the same time give an export market for what is not consumed here.

While we often complain of overproduction, underconsumption is a more appropriate word to fit circumstances as they are. It is hardly correct to say that we are producing too much of the staff of life when people are starving in several states and when families in nearly every city of size are on short rations. The farmer will get past this depression. He will produce a little less wheat and a little more of other products that carry a profit and will raise it all at a lessened cost for a few years in order to make ends meet.

The question that will require all of the nation's intelligence to answer is: What is to happen to a country with an economic system that permits people to starve while others have surplus food that cannot be sold? The farm problem, the unemployment situation, the stock market crash are all manifestations of this economic weakness that must be isolated, examined and an antidote prepared against before we achieve the stability we desire.

Perhaps a more cooperative economic plan than we have would work. It may be that if cooperation is successful for laborers and farmer it would also be useful in the general business world. Maybe the individualistic profit plan we have been taught to respect has outlived its usefulness.

Recent developments in Salem may cause the taxpayers to think that it is very unsafe for any office holder in the state to have a mind of his own except Governor Meier himself. Just when did American citizens begin to advance the theory that the king can do no wrong?

Grass Valley

Helene Homewood came up from The Dalles Saturday to spend a day with her mother and relatives who are visiting here. She returned Sunday.

John Chambers, who has been working for J. J. Conroy for some time left Thursday for his home in the east.

Mrs. Erma Olds and Mrs. Lydia Olds were in The Dalles Monday and Tuesday.

A representative from the state fire marshall's office was here Monday checking on the water system and inspecting fire hydrants.

A party of golfers from here tried out the Moro links last Sunday afternoon, Corliss Andrews, Earl Olds, George Wilcox, Miss Martha Hodgkins and Mrs. Henry Tetz were in the group.

Nearly everyone big enough to carry a pole has been down to the river or to some favorite stream during the first week of the fishing season.

Henry Tetz and Vern McGowan were unable to get to the fishing stream the first day of the season, but made up for it by spending the first week end of the season hooking them at Kasela.

Lt. John Homewood spoke to the students of the school Wednesday afternoon using as his subject some of the things that are usually asked about the army by civilians.

C. W. Fields was in Yakima a few days this week end on a short business trip.

Alva Stone, the Federal trapper stationed in this county, was in Pendleton for a few days the past week testifying in a trial before the circuit court in that city.

Karl Eaton was in town Monday to have a piece of steel removed from his eye. He was injured while sharpening plow shares at his ranch.

Arther Smith, Jack Gervais, Roy Hull and Alvin Balzer were down to the river west of town Sunday and some of them brought home nice catches. John Wilt, Ray Blake, Glen Perry and Lyle Olds were at Shearer's where they succeeded in getting some fish.

The Womans Club meeting having been postponed last Tuesday will not be until the next regular meeting May, 5th. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Giles French in Moro, the civic committee in charge.

Grass Valley High School

BARBARA WALPOLK, Editor.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Poley entertained the Senior Class at a dinner Friday evening April, 17. The tables were attractively decorated in candles and Oregon grape. After a delicious dinner Rachel Poley gave a pianologue and Martha Hodgkins and Dorothy Tetz sang a couple songs, one of which was a farewell to the Seniors written by Martha and Dorothy and sung to the tune of "School Day Sweethearts." The Seniors were then taken to the auditorium where they were honored at a dance given by the Junior, Sophomore and Freshmen classes. The hall was decorated in wild spirea which added greatly to the gayety of the affair. Refreshments consisting of punch and wafers were served later in the evening.

At a Student Body meeting Monday Zela Ruggles was chosen May Queen and Olga Koepe, Marietta Perry, Eva Perry and Pauline Newcomb as attendants.

The individual pictures of the high school students which were taken last week have arrived.

To commemorate George Washington's 200th birthday anniversary the different classes will plant trees around the school grounds.

Declined Burial Honor

At Florence Nightingale's death the Dean of Westminster offered a burial place for her remains in the abbey, but her relatives declined the offer and she was buried beside her father and mother in the churchyard of East Wellow near her old home in Hampshire, England.

Kent School Notes

Miss Martha Wilson left for Portland Monday morning where she will stay for about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hartley and Miss Enda Lyons of Jefferson, Oregon, visited with friends and relatives over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tave Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wilson and family, and Mrs. Sidney Wisnor and children of Rufus, Oregon, and Mrs. Rita Harpe were guests at the Jim Wilson home last Sunday.

The Merry Maid's Club met at the home of Alta Norton last Tuesday evening for a business meeting and for play practice. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

The regular meeting of the Kent Grange was held Wednesday evening.

The Merry Maid's Club are giving a play, "Miss Fearless and Co.," in the high school auditorium, May 9. The cast of characters includes: Margaret Henley—Pauline Davis; Bettie Cameron—Alta Norton; Barbara Livingston—Hester Lyons; Katie O'Conner—Pearl Layton; Sarah Jane Lovejoy—Pollie Mae Wilson; Marion Reynolds—Margaret Dunlap; Lizzie—Lorena Young Euphemia—Clarice Wilson. Alia and Alibi.

Mr. A. A. Dunlap and sons Kendrick and Charles motored to Portland, Tuesday. Mrs. Dunlap and Mrs. Knighten returning home with them.

Mr. Luther Davis and children, Evelyn and Luther, Jr. were visitors in The Dalles last Saturday.

CARD OF THANKS

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EDITORIAL
We just had a wire from our New York correspondent reporting a most unusual accident. It seems that this prize-fighting giant, Primo C. Canera, was driving down Broadway and threw out his arm to signal a left turn and two Austins ran up his sleeve. As we go to press the Austins had not been located. E. E. Gervais, editor.

T-A-L
S. B. Holmes has just received one of Tum-A-Lum's paint jobs on his roof, of which he is very proud.

T-A-L
FASHION NOTE
Style experts say that sleeveless, backless, and neckless dresses will make their appearance this summer. (Note: Mosquitos are looking forward with pleasure to this prospective enlargement of their summer playgrounds.)

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