

News from the Wasco Community

The Woman's Study Club had a pleasant meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hugh Walker. The club presented Mrs. E. D. McKee with a pin for her 25 years membership with the club. Musical selections were rendered by several of the Wasco Civic Singers, among them being: a solo by Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin, "The Isle of Capri," a duet by Mrs. W. Weld and Mrs. L. Hennagin, "Love in Bloom" a song by the club quartette "Oregon, My Oregon," by Henry DeMoss. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Floyd Royce of Goldendale visited here for several days.

Ideas on better gardens were given by Mr. Peck landscape lecturer of OSC Thursday when he visited the gardens of Ormand Hild and H. A. White and L. P. Haven.

Mrs. Ida Elin was a guest of several days of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hines in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Gordy after living here for a short time have moved to The Dalles.

Principal Paul McCulloch with his wife and daughter visited over the week end with her parents in Baker. Mrs. McCulloch and Doris remained for a few days.

Rheta Burres, teacher at Turner visited her home here for a few days.

Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper entertained the contract club Tuesday afternoon at the Hotel Sherman.

College students home for the spring vacation are Delmar Smith, Jeanette Sargent, Paul Kaseberg, Katherine Johnson and Kenneth Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett were dinner hosts Sunday honoring Mrs. Lawrence Funk. Birthday guests were Mr. Funk, R. O. Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Everett.

The St. Patrick's tea held at the home of Mrs. Roy Atwood Wednesday afternoon was attended by over 60 guests. They were pleasantly entertained with the following program: Vocal duet, Jean McIntyre and Sharon Hennagin; song by the kindergarten girls; solo by Mrs. Hurdin accompanied by Georgia Harper; Bit of Ireland, song and dance, Patricia Yocum and Marion Crews; vocal duet by Hazel Marie Watkins and Ruth Cookingham, accompanied by Margaret Johnson; piano duet by Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss Margaret; talk on Ireland by Miss Louise Carvel. Appropriate refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Carghill motored here from Long Beach, Cal. Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Anna Lee who returned home for the summer.

Worth Tate and wife of LaCenter, Wash. spent several days of last week at the home of the former's brother, W. E. Tate and wife.

A group of six students from Linfield college among them being Miss Marjorie Nahouse of Moro are presenting a program at the

Methodist church Sunday evening, March 31.

Miss Gloria Rickards accompanied by her pupil, Wayne Bartrum, motored to Portland where they spent the week end.

The Thursday afternoon bridge club assembled at the home of Mrs. Ross Hilderbrand with three tables of cards in play. Mrs. William Nesbit received club prize and Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder the guest prize.

Pythian sisters of The Dalles invited members from here including Knights Tuesday, March 26, when the Grand Chief visited the temple. Over 30 members attended from here and an exceptionally good time was reported.

Members of the Wasco Civic Singers received much praise when they presented skits at the tuberculosis hospital in The Dalles Thursday evening. The program will be held at the opera house April 6.

Mrs. William Sheets and Children Beryl and Billy were in Stanfield Sunday as guests of Mrs. Sheet's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ruepel. Billy is extending his visit at the home of his grandparents.

Tuesday Mrs. R. H. McKean and daughter, Mrs. Martha Hastings were in Moro on business.

Marie Andrews vacationed in Portland with relatives over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yocum were dinner hosts Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kane, the Henry Happers and daughter of Heppner, Marcus Church of Portland, J. R. Yocum, Geraldine Funk and Francis Watkins.

Dell Hull and wife had their son Gene home for several days before returning to his work in Portland.

The Bruce Millard and family of Rufus were visited by a crowd of friends who brought refreshments and spent the evening playing cards. It was Mrs. Millard's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scholl were guests of their son in law and daughter the George Knebel in The Dalles the last of the week.

Vinton Watkins and wife and children spent Sunday in The Dalles visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman.

Kenneth McCafferty and wife and sister drove to Battle Ground, Wash. to spend the week end with relatives.

Fishmouth—I understand that two towns in this section are engaging in a verbal war over which one was the birthplace of Professor Coprolite.

Frogmore—Yes. Kokomo claims it was Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo claims it was Kokomo.

CLINT HAIGHT

(Continued from page one) a legislature lies in its faults. A perfect legislature to regulate imperfect man would be a failure, for after all, it is only imperfect men who are capable of regulating imperfect men, and so let us repeat that the prime value of a

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legislature lies in its faults. It is men, humanity, democracy, America.

If you believe in democracy you will believe in the legislative branch of democracy, which functions just as well as the judicial branch of a democracy and better than the administrative or executive departments.

The house of representatives at Salem, composed of 60 members, was a cross section of the men and women who are in the last analysis—America. They come direct from the busy marts of men. They bring into legislative halls your ideas, your notions, your likes and dislikes, your prejudices, your interests, and they mix them all up with selfish interests, false reasoning, good intentions, parliamentary trickery, cunning lobbies with the commercial clubs and all of the organizations and varied interests back home, wiring, writing, phoning and sending delegations down, pleading, demanding, threatening, promising, scheming, jobbing, planning, and that is America, Democracy, legislatures. The legislature of Oregon is no better and no worse than you are—for it is you.

Out of the 60 members in the house some 45 were never in a legislature before. They did not know whether Roberts' Rules of Order was a song or something to eat. They were fresh from the people; right from the soil—Democracy. They stumbled and blundered along just like a good legislator should do, guided by the notions of the people back home, reflecting the farm, the field, the office and the shop. The house of representatives should be kept close to the people, and elected every two years, and it is our opinion that more than half of the membership should be new or raw hands each session. Don't let them stay too long or long enough to become sophisticated and so smart that they become adept at parliamentary trickery and legislative legerdemain, and with too long a service, the tendency is to lose the common touch. Keep them fresh from the soil and they will reflect Democracy, with all of its errors, evils and blundering and vain efforts to restrain the strong and protect the weak. If the legislatures are a failure it is because men are a failure and if men are a failure, then Democracy is futile, and what you need is a Dictator—a Hitler, a Mussolini, a master or an overlord.

But we love humanity; we believe in men and in him is our faith, and upon this faith we base democracy with its blundering, struggling, striving legislative bodies, whose life impulse is to restrain the strong and protect the weak. Don't take your legislative bodies too lightly for when you accept them as an evil or a joke, you are indicting your selves, and you are confessing that you are incapable of self government and that you are by nature, a slave, seeking some master, whom you would adorn with a jeweled crown the symbol of sovereignty. You are king and the legislature is your fingers and toes.

In this post mortem we shall not attempt to analyze any of the 1000 bills that passed into legislative review. But we shall show you how royalty still aspires and how the fundamentals of a democracy are in constant danger from sinister, cunning and designing influences that lie dormant, slumbering in the legend of petit princes and bejeweled grand dames ever eager to ascend the dias of a royal throne. In this session there was an attempt to place qualifications upon the voter. Make property rights a qualification. That strikes at Democracy. The jury system was attacked, free press, free speech, elections, circulating petitions, the right to organize, the use of the police, which in a degree is a part of the military branch of the government, so closely and so carefully guarded in our constitution. Don't be alarmed. These attacks were of minor consequence, but enough to emphasize the fact that you and your legislators, must guard by day, and in the vigil of night be ever super-sensitive at the slightest infringement of any of these God-given rights, that are vouchsafed to men in our bill of rights, our constitution, the framework of democracy, which is you, represented at Salem, in your legislature.

In the last few years there has been a new problem that legislators have had to face. That is group interests. And this is most manifest at Salem. It predominates the session. Group legislation, Men group themselves for their demands and seek to do collectively what they cannot do individually. A few years back the legislature would enact a law. They now enact a code, and that is wholesaling legislation—mass production of laws. In the administration of a code, there may be 500 regulations, and each of these regulations have the force and effect of a law. With the adoption of about 50 state codes and the NRA, by the house, there were approximately 600 codes approved, and if they only averaged 200 regulations each, that would amount to 120,000 laws, or regulations—wholesaled, which

leads us to the statement that this country is overorganized and no one is more appreciative of this fact than legislators who were besieged with groups throughout the session. There was the fish men, the milk men, booze men, the egg men, the plumbers, doctors, cosmeticians, barbers, lawyers, electricians, hop men, bankers, railroads, the old, the young, and say, we shall never forget the night that 400 or 500 cosmeticians, beauty doctors, stormed the capitol. How would you like to go against 500 beauty doctors, the sweet lassies, who demanded their code in a public hearing before a committee? Would you have the heart to resist them? And nearly every night there were public hearings in nearly every room of the capitol, and by the hundreds they would come, urging their demands through lawyers and organizers and men and women, humanity, stumbling, blundering, seeking, striving, urging their group that upon legislative committees: the members, tired, worn, weary, staggering through a day that would start at 8 o'clock a. m. and maybe end at midnight. All milling around and about, arguing, talking, and that is democracy; with its faults, which are its virtues, and which make America, where the sovereignty, or right to rule, was taken from the self appointed few, and with the ballot placed in the hands of a 126 million people who elect legislators to stumble and blunder along with them, and as the symbol of the sovereignty, we chose the red, white and blue, the stars and stripes, which mean that men shall rule and rule through themselves, in legislative sessions, and in the Congress of the United States assembled.

But groups are selfish. They make a strong lobby. They hit you hard. They are hard to resist and they never quit. And the folks back home lobby their legislator, they wire him, they write him, they phone him to put over this, or stop that—one group against the other group, the people, democracy, America. When the legislature meets all Oregon is a lobby. Letters pour in by the thousands, and when some large group-measure is up for passage, the telegrams will come in from the four corners of the state, and maybe just as many telegrams on one side as there is on the other. And the committee has to grind it out, and amend to suit this group, to alter in order to satisfy another group, and then after the bill runs the parliamentary gauntlet, it finally reaches the floor of the house, where it is a target for every other group and there it is amended some more, and then it is sent to the senate where it goes through the same course of public hearings, committees, and then out into the senate and amended again, and sent back to the house, and maybe amended again, and in the last act, just before the curtain goes down it reaches the governor and if he feels a little grouchy, he vetos it, and back it comes into the house and then another battle, and they pass it over his head or it goes to the graveyard and sleeps for two years, and then gets up out of its grave and comes walking into the next legislative session, backed by a bigger and better group. That is democracy, that is you; that is your legislature.

When we think of the lobby, we think of the boys who infest the legislative halls—lots of them and yet not so many, compared with the folks back home; for remember, when the Oregon legislature meets, all of Oregon is a lobby. If a member lacks the courage, lacks the intelligence, lacks the tact, lacks the ability to withstand this state-wide lobby, he has no place

in legislative halls. One must do his own thinking and be able to value and interpret the demands, the interests, the ways, the means and the methods of the lobby which meets one in the halls of the state capitol and extends out into the countryside and to the commercial clubs at home, and to the farmers, the soldiers, the rich, the poor man, beggar man and Indian chief, for each and all are a group and that group wants to whisper in the legislator's ear. And we say that the legislator does not do anything, or that it does too much, and it ought to go home, and mind its own business, but bless your heart, it has no business of its own, and the 1000 bills that pass in parade come from the people with the hundreds of groups demanding that they do pass.

But we would not change it. Let us blunder along, just like human beings, correcting today the errors of yesterday. That is, what a democracy does and it does it through its legislature. I am that coyote fellow. I am that fellow who wanted to go back to Grant county the first day of the session. Back to where I could hear the coyote howl. And now, after 60 days listening to the arguments and the demands of groups of overorganized America, I am returning to my home in Canyon City, Grant county, to hear my constituency howl.

I enjoyed serving the legislature. I enjoyed it, because I love humanity; man, democracy, America, and long may it blunder along, striving, struggling, seeking to restrain the strong and protect the weak, and over the imperfections of all may the stars and stripes be the emblem of hope for that more perfect day when men will be no more, and until then, let us, your legislators, with their constituency, all howl like the coyote whose home is on the broad fields of freedom that stretch out into the vast empire of Eastern Oregon.

STATE HOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one) predictions in these columns have been borne out accurately and there is no desire to deviate now.

The Governor already has gone quite a distance in perfecting his administration. Appointments made by him included Frank McCulloch as utility commissioner; two new members to the liquor control board; five or an entire new game commission; four new members to the state relief committee, giving him control; and he was now considering a new highway commissioner to replace Carl Washburne of Eugene who wishes to resign.

Appointments by the board of control to date have consisted of a new secretary and purchasing agent, Dan Frye of Salem, and the reappointment of three institutional heads—James Lewis, warden at the penitentiary; Dr. R. E. Lee Stiner, superintendent of the insane hospital at Salem and Dr. W. D. McNary as superintendent of the hospital at Pendleton.

The board, of which the governor is chairman and the secretary of state and state treasurer are members, still may reappoint or name new heads to eight other institutions in addition to numerous secretaries to other boards and commissions of which they are in control.

The successful recall of Howard Merriam of Lane county from the state legislature—a recall not against the person but for a principle—may foment other recall ef-

forts by Townsendsites, word received here indicated. Feeling has run high against the Governor also, Townsendsites in this instance being aided by irate grange and labor members because of veto activities. The movement would be interesting to watch since the General loves a fight.

Briefs around the Capital: The Secretary of State's office now will start on issuance of a new Blue book—Speaker John E. Cooter is in Washington, D. C. this week to represent the Port of Newport, his first visit to the national capital—Eses Snedecor, legal advisor to the Governor (during the Legislature was paid \$1800 for his services—The Legislature cost \$117,000 in round figures—Certain members of the Legislature from Multnomah county are attempting to discredit Superintendent G. C. Bellingier of the tuberculosis hospital—Indications they will fail as Bellingier has a fine record—Persons on relief rolls, particularly in Multnomah county have quit making requests, they now demand.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

On the 20th day of April, 1935, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the Court House at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

Northwest Quarter of Section 24; East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 18 E, W. M., in Sherman County, Oregon.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, to me directed in the case of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Portland, a corporation, vs. Joseph M. Yocum and Mary M. Yocum, husband and wife (Record Owners), Wasco Investment Company, a corporation, Mrs. Maud Driscoll, State Industrial Accident Commission, and Sherman County, Oregon, a Municipal Corporation.

HUGH CHRISMAN
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon
March 22nd, 1935.
April 19th, 1935.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

On the 15th day of April, 1935, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

Lots 3 and 4, 8 1/2 of NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, and E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 1; Lot 1 of Section 2; NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, N 1/2 of NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 5, South of Range 18, East of Willamette Meridian.

E 1/2 of NW 1/4, W 1/2 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 16; SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 21; NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 26; 8 1/2 of NW 1/4; N 1/2 of SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 27; SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 South East 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 and 8 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 28; N 1/2 of N 1/2 of Section 23, except about 33 acres in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of said section—SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 35; E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 35; all of Section 36, Township 4, South of Range 18, East of Willamette Meridian.

Lot 4 in Section 31, Township 4, South of Range 19, East of Willamette Meridian. Lots 3 and 4 in Section 6, Township 5, South of Range 19, East of Willamette Meridian.

Lot 1, W 1/2 of NE 1/4 and E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 1; NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 2; Township 5, South of Range 18, East of Willamette Meridian. All in Sherman County, Oregon.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman to me directed in the case of O. A. Carlson, Receiver of the First National Bank of The Dalles, Oregon, Plaintiff, vs. John Karlen, Defendant.

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