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HELP! HELP!!

Mr. Byrnes has returned from Moscow and after a few days in our delightful land, departed for London. Mr. Byrnes is our secretary of state, and our minister abroad. He comes from South Carolina where the natives used to work mules in their cotton patches.

When Mr. Byrnes was in the United States senate he had a reputation of being something of a politician, a shrewd trader. When he went to Chicago and obtained a third or fourth nomination for Mr. Roosevelt he was considered one of the finest and most successful cloak room diplomats in the business.

But while American politics is not exactly bush league stuff, there seems to be little chance of a good man from our league stepping into the international circuit and doing anything but striking out. These Russians have too many curves.

Traders of those little bushy-haired ponies are too good for the boy who learned the mule trading game in his youth down in South Carolina.

Perhaps it wouldn't hurt so much if Mr. Byrnes knew when he got stuck with a bad horse. But he comes home bragging. But the folks at home can see that he's traded off the family coach horse for one that's wind-broken, ring-boned, string-halted, glass-eyed, rat-tailed, and poorly fed.

There's no sense in loading after these Muzhiks all the time. If Mr. Byrnes can't speak up like an American should to Mr. Stalin and Mr. Molotov, let's send some one who can. This bringing home a spavined horse every trip is bound to run down the quality of our stock pretty soon.

So far we have given up the Baltics, Poland, the Balkans, all nations we had promised a full democratic life after the war. We are getting out of Iran and Russia is getting in. While we are not duty bound to do much for Turkey it is slightly distasteful to see that nation's bones picked over so closely by the bearded gentleman from across the Black sea. We took Japan all by ourselves except for slight aid from Britain and now Mr. Stalin wants to be an advisor in that territory.

We can't stand many more of these trips by Mr. Byrnes. The Russians have already won more from what we so glibly call our diplomats than they won from the German army. And it has taken a short time, too.

TALKING FOR THE RECORD

For a man who has spent so many years in the senate Mr. Truman is devoid of public understanding and especially lacking in knowledge of how to get along with the boys on the hill. It's a good thing television wasn't being used the other night when he talked for watching the president cut his own throat would have been a gruesome sight.

Congress probably has no intention of passing much of the legislation the president asked; it might be better if the president remained silent and let the bills die for it looks to be rather poorly designed at best. Now that he's gone over the head of congress he has no basis on which to appeal to them directly.

Senator Taft didn't do a bad job of personalized throat cutting himself a night or two later. It is possible to cast considerable doubt on the statement that Truman has gone completely to the left. For a machine politician, a small, mid-die-American county judge and a farmer by trade to go very far to the left is not possible. It is more likely that he is trying to do the old Roman standing stunt and ride

two horses at once. And then Wayne Morse, who had n't had a senate to talk to for a whole fortnight, broke out with a speech and so here was a name-calling spree for everyone.

As far as can be seen from here in the middle of a wheat field none of it did a bit of good. There was no adequate explanation of a bill, or even an explanation of any one's opinion of any of the bills. Whether John or Joe or Jacques thinks Bill or Bert or Bob is a communist or a reactionary is entirely worthless these days unless accompanied with a definition of the term.

If a man comes up with an idea that looks like it might settle some of the problems of the world, the world can well afford to listen whether the man is a communist socialist, southern democrat, or other type of reactionary.

It is not likely that the republican party is going to choose either Mr. Taft or Mr. Morse to set its policies, although both may have a share in that job.

In fact the whole deal is cock-eyed. Democrats we know are just as much against the ideas of the CIO-PAC as are the republicans, but they may howl less about it under the circumstances. Our political divisions are historical and not realistic. We need new ones.

Henry Kaiser has made another of his successful raids on some one's labor supply, and he appears to have done it with a minimum of cost to himself.

This is the kind of weather in which people remark that winters are getting milder. Chances are that before long we will have some of the kind of weather that makes people remark that winters are getting colder.

So far all of our science has been dedicated to making life easier and men lazier. We have not reached the acme of development in this effort. Perhaps some effort might be made toward teaching man to civilize his spirit instead of saving his spine.

In this international loaning business it is devoutly hoped that we will always be in position of saviour instead of saved. If we had to borrow from Europe to maintain our trade balance it would no doubt be economically, politically, diplomatically and socially impossible, and greeted with a whimsical smile.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Jan. 11, 1947. At the meeting of the county court the tax levy was made as follows: state and county fund 64 mills, county school 24 mills, road fund 1 mill. Moro had a 10 mill tax for city and 12 for school, Grass Valley a 12 mill for city and 8 for school and Wasco 15 for city and 12 for school. Valuations were somewhat lower.

The big well in the city's water system filled with muck when the hills gave up their moisture last week.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Robert Urquhart and Mrs. H. S. McDaniel entertained at whist at the latter's home.

From the Observer, Jan. 12, 1947. The losers in the rabbit hunt entertained the winners Friday afternoon and evening. Officers of the state game commission were here to talk and show pictures.

Clifford Woods had a runaway last week while going home from school. The reach of the buggy broke and the horse ran away to be stopped by J. C. Hockman. Little damage.

By 1917 the state tax was 2.88 mills, the school fund was 1 mill, county 4.12, roads 3.4 for a total of nearly 12 mills.

Sherman county settlers have defeated Samuel Herrick in his effort to obtain 20 percent of the claims approved for lost homesteads.

From the Observer, Jan. 14, 1927. Fire destroyed the elevator shortly after six o'clock Tuesday night despite heroic efforts of volunteer fire fighters.

Two rural farm homes were scenes of social affairs last Friday night when Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnum and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell entertained at 500.

The Columbia Gorge stage ticket office has been moved to the Ross confectionery from the Moro Hotel.

D. W. Nish says that since the sparrow hunt began the birds are flying high when they return to town at nights.

Washington Column

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profit, after all costs had been charged against it, of \$29,530,917. Increase in air mail pound-miles in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, is given by civil aeronautics board as 45 percent.

President Truman has stated that approximately \$41,000,000,000 has been spent for lend-lease, while congress has appropriated \$66,000,000,000 for this purpose. Representative Dworshak of Idaho has introduced a resolution for an investigation to determine what became of the rest of the money. Lend-lease was supposed to have ended last October, but the Idaho congressman insists that its operations are continuing unabated. It is now four months since hostilities ended and he believes it is time for an accounting.

Indicating the purpose of the farm bloc to insist upon legislation of special interest to agriculture, Senator Capper of Kansas presented to the senate the entire national convention of the grange which sets forth item by item the proposals favored or opposed by that organization. Since Senator Capper is the acknowledged spokesman for the grange, this platform is expected to be the basis for further farm legislation proposals.

People these days are figuring up their incomes and preparing to pay for a lot of government, they didn't order, didn't use and don't want.

Need for a county organization to promote the county's interests is becoming known and a meeting will probably be called within a week. There is lots to do and more hands to do it.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County, as Executor of the estate of Julius Medler, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned at Wasco, Oregon, with vouchers properly verified as by law required, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

GINA MEDLER, Executrix of the Estate of Julius Medler, Deceased.

GAVIN & GAVIN, The Dalles, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. Date of first publication: Jan. 11, 1946. 10-14

T. Lester Johnson
LAWYER
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Kent Girl Weds Seattle Man In The Dalles

Betty Lang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lang, and Charles Brown, from Seattle, Wash., were married in The Dalles Friday afternoon, January 4. They plan to live in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson and George Wilson returned Monday from Tacoma, Washington after spending a few days visiting Mrs. Nora Walters, who has been seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Helyer from The Dalles were visitors at the D. W. Helyer ranch from Sunday until Tuesday.

Saturday night the I.O.O.F. had their annual oyster feed at which time they also had installation of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tatum were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helyer Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Holdaway

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from The Dalles are now visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helyer.

Mrs. John Decker left Monday for Portland where she will receive medical attention.

Pfc. Jack Lyons left Thursday for Camp Campbell, Kentucky, after spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lyons.

Furka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. LeRoy Wright, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

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OLD JUDGE: "You're about the tenth one who has told me that, Harry. How do you account for it?"
HARRY: "The by-product recovered from grains used by distillers is very high in vitamin and protein content. It's the best feed supplement we can get to balance the rations we feed our dairy cows, livestock and poultry. Mixed with original grain, these dis-

tillers' dried grains have a much greater feeding value than the original grain has."
OLD JUDGE: "Have any trouble getting all you need?"
HARRY: "Yes, at times, even though the distillers produced 1,200,000,000 pounds of it for the year endin' last June. I hope they'll be in a position to produce a lot more next year."
OLD JUDGE: "I guess nobody can tell you grain is wasted in distilling."
HARRY: "Not me, Judge... I know."

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