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MARSHALL AS SECRETARY

There seems to be general approval of the appointment of General George Marshall as secretary of state. At least the senate consented with a speed that indicated that it was either in complete agreement or determined to follow the president in foreign affairs and maintain a non-partisan front before other nations.

Marshall is undoubtedly a very good general, probably the best this nation produced during the war. He was not an active leader but the managing head. Churchill is said to have disliked him, but that is neither argument for him or against.

With the theory of appointing generals or other high military officials to civilian office there can be serious charges made. As every ex-soldier knows an army officer is trained in a school that makes him different from civilians. He is used to taking orders and following them and giving orders and having them obeyed. These are not the ways of diplomacy.

We Americans have always been prone to advance a man in some activity because of his prominence in another. We elect band leaders and singers to high political posts and make civilian officers out of our generals. Oddly, some of them have been successful, indicating that possibly the characteristics that make a man successful in one endeavor qualify him for prominence elsewhere.

That is not always the case. With the exception of George Washington our generals have made poor presidents although there are those who would uphold Andrew Jackson as being great, nevertheless was a better swash-buckler than administrator.

Marshall at 66 may not be able to stand the strain of getting along with foreign diplomats any better than Byrnes.

Much has been said about the attitude of Russia over the appointment, which indicates a weakness in our nation. If he expounds an American point of view, and does it fairly, clearly and tactfully we should be satisfied whether Russia likes it or not. Surely we have not fallen so low as to desire to please Russia at the expense of American ideals or policies.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The legislature started its biennial session this week amidst protestations that it would be a long and arduous one. Many problems have been stated for it to solve. That is always the case.

Many legislative problems are like personal ones in that they are not so serious when analyzed. Had the legislature met last year there would have been somewhat different problems for it to solve, and these have been pretty well settled in the past year.

There are some things which we always have with us: there is taxes, perennially a burden; there is welfare and relief, since Biblical times a constant problem; there is labor, that is complicating recovery.

It is seldom that a legislature does anything of great moment that differs from the wishes of the public. Few laws passed by the legislature are initiated against. Long discussion of important bills gives the public and the press time to consider them and express opinions of them. And legislators can learn the public's wishes and be guided thereby. New taxes often find opposition but this is understandable for legislators know the need for more money and the people consider their pocketbooks first. All of which is but natural.

There is general acceptance of the need for higher pay for state employees, for better housing for state wards, for more public buildings but when it comes to voting a tax for these purposes it is often defeated.

Legislators are much given to argument which is really what they are for after all. It is better to have a question thrashed out before it is made a law than afterward. It is tiresome, but a part of our kind of government.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The governor reviewed much of the state's accomplishments in the previous four years and, naturally, took credit for some of them. Properly in some cases as a governor is entitled to credit for progress of a state.

Disagreement came largely regarding the financial provisions. The budget is balanced, as they often are, with a broadaxe, by main strength and awkwardness.

No one expects, for instance, that there will be an income of \$26,000,000 from liquor revenues with which to pay the big budget of the welfare commission. Last time this group got \$12,000,000 and used a little more. Had the prospective revenue been kept at a more reasonable figure the budget would not have balanced. There seems little chance that the excise revenue will be put in the general fund. Property tax representatives are already protesting and to a considerable degree tax payers are in control of Oregon. This is especially true in the senate. In the house the leadership is more concerned about other kinds of taxpayers, which, thankfully, is not the case as far as the upper house is concerned. Taxpayers generally will find comfort in the senate.

HOME WEEK

Remotely of friends, many old and tried ones, is one of the more pleasurable things of the beginning of the session. Together with that is visiting about ones not present, some gone to not be met again.

What does one ask of the welfare of friends? Health? Surely for physical well being is of primary importance. Conditions of spiritual well being? One wants to know if they are happy. Money? Rather secondary to most. Even in so-called material America, there are many things of more importance than money.

Obituaries seldom mention financial success. In death it seems a bit (puerile). Accomplishments for the benefit of the community, town, state; friends made through social or business organizations are customary. Of these things are lives made.

In Other Days

From the Observer, January 17, 1906.

Coyotes have killed 20 pigs for F. A. Sayrs, out of 60 head on the Rain Makers Delight Farm. This is a heavy loss.

Jas. Stewart has been reappointed stock inspector of Sherman County, a voluntary act of the court, upon a previous 1st record of the appointee.

Wm. Henrichs has again been appointed Road Master for Sherman county. Having served the county satisfactorily in this capacity once, there are many to welcome him to the place.

The recent sale of a box of Oregon apples in Los Angeles, at \$8, has brought up the question of record prices for apples. The price named has been mentioned as the highest paid since 1852.

From the Grass Valley Journal, January 18, 1918.

C. R. Belshee of Moro shipped two car loads of hops to the Portland market Sunday.

A bill has been introduced in Congress that will require all young men that have arrived at the age of 21 since June, 1917, to register.

Harry Key has rented for the season five hundred acres of land from Mr. Powell who lives west of Moro. Mr. Key will use this land in planting beans.

Farmers held a meeting in Grass Valley Monday and elected a building committee who will place advertisements for bids on the construction of an elevator to be built at this point, the elevator to be of 200,000 bushels capacity, but it has not been decided at the present time whether to build of lumber or concrete.

From the Observer, January 20, 1918.

The ice and snow that had covered the wheat fields of Sherman county since the holiday week school vacation was broken last Thursday by a Chinook wind that caused a high flood condition to exist in all parts of Sherman county as well as in all districts of eastern Oregon.

At Moro the flood waters covered the entire flat between Main street and the hillside opposite the depot, covering this section of the town with a varying depth of water that averaged about three feet.

The railroad had about 300 feet of track washed out at a point just below DeMoss and at other points the track in Hay canyon was undermined about half its width.

C. A. Smith of Portland and Cal Ford more recently of Portland also, were arrested at Grass Valley last Thursday night by deputy sheriff Tom Garrett of that place and brought to Moro on a charge of having intoxicating liquor in their possession.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Continued from Page One closed shop, which has been introduced by Senator Ball of Minnesota. The senator, before the session opened, announced that he would seek to put the closed shop out of business, but his bill goes further than that. He proposes to abolish maintaining sustained membership in a union. This is the check-off system, under which the employer deducts the union dues from the individual member's pay envelope, and if the dues are not paid the member is expelled. Unions are contending that the Ball bill is restrictive, reactionary and crippling to unions. Senator Ball holds that the closed shop and compelling an individual to become a union member before he can get a job in an infringement on his rights as a free American.

Wasco Has Many Social Gatherings

The contract club met at the home of Mrs. George Harris Tuesday afternoon. A dessert-luncheon was served followed by three tables of cards. High score for the club was won by Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand and a guest prize was won by Mrs. John McDermid.

Miss Olive Robinson was a Portland visitor leaving Tuesday and returning Friday.

Major Wayne Hull who has just returned from Japan is a house guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crews. Mr. and Mrs. Philip O'Meara and Patrick O'Meara motored to Portland Sunday.

Mrs. Everett McQuillen of Portland arrived Friday to be the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McQuillen.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Ratcliff and daughter returned from Vancouver, Wn. Monday after spending the holidays.

Mrs. Vernon VanGilder returned from Portland Thursday after several days visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen VanGilder.

The town basketball team motored to Kent Monday evening and won by a score of 42-47 and played Centerville, Wn. Wednesday night winning by a score of 47-51 in a five minute overtime game.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rich of Portland were week-end guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Sadie Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur VanGilder and son, Arlyn are spending a few weeks at Tillamook and Longview, Wn.

Mrs. G. A. Sargent was a Portland visitor last week.

Saturday visitors in The Dalles were Mrs. Irene Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper, Leland Anderson, Mrs. P. W. Lane, Mrs. A. M. Huckin and Clair Ball.

The Sam Gordon Club met at the home of Mrs. Zell Thursday afternoon. A dessert-luncheon was served followed by two tables of contract. High score was made by Mrs. H. A. White.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McKee were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson. Charles Fraizer of Portland was a business visitor in Wasco Monday.

Mrs. B. Estrella Halley came up from Portland Tuesday and is returning Thursday.

The Standard Bearer Group of the Methodist church met at the parsonage Tuesday evening, January 7, for their regular monthly meeting. A 6:30 Fellowship dinner

CHURCHES

Moro Community Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Church Services 11:00 a. m. Sermon Theme: "A Dynamic Reformer." On Wednesday evening, Jan. 2nd the Moro Community Church will have a family night pot-luck supper at 6:30 p. m. Come and enjoy the evening with your family. The choir will also practice on Wednesday evening at 8:30 p. m.

Wasco Methodist Church Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Classes for all ages. Morning Worship at 11 a. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Preaching service at Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. F. L. Cannell, Pastor

Christian Science Society Subject of Christian Science Lesson Sermon 11:00 A. M. "Ancient and Modern Necromancy Alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism—Denounced"

WASCO CHURCH OF CHRIST 10 a. m. Church Bible School W. D. Watkins, Supt. Lords' Day, January 19. Divine—Morning Worship. The Communion. Morning message "Jesus and His Credentials." F. Charles Stephens, Minister

WAKE UP AMERICA! Are National Armaments a Threat to Peace? Moderated by FRED O. CLARK Chairman American Economic Foundation

As Debated by Norman Thomas Chairman of the Executive Committee, Post War World Council, Noted Author and Lecturer. Nathaniel F. Silsbee Colonel, A. C. Rank, Contributor on Military Aviation to Encyclopedia Britannica, Technical Editor "Skyways"

MR. THOMAS OPENS: Nothing can save us from new world war in the next generation, a war fought with atomic weapons, poisons and bacteria for the destruction of civilization, if not of mankind, provided that we continue the present competitive national armament race. Without national disarmament there can be no effective international organization, no genuine international police force, and no true confidence and trust between nations. Rivalry in armaments is both a symbol of mutual hate and a provocation to it. National disarmament means of necessity: (1) the adoption of the Baruch proposals for an International Atomic Development Authority; (2) the reduction of all arms on land, sea and in the air to a level necessary to preserve internal order except as a national force—as, for instance, in the Gilbertson Plan; (3) the universal abolition of peacetime military conscription; (4) the demilitarization of narrow waterways essential for world commerce and island bases in the hands of great powers. This is not the final price of assured and lasting peace. It is the price for beginning the march to peace. It will solve many questions out of hand and relieve tension on others. It will clear the air for settlement of difficulties on a non-military plane.

COLONEL SILSBBE CHALLENGES: Destroying the weapons capable of waging war is not the first step on the road to permanent peace. It may well be the first step to national suicide. It is not the mere existence of arms that will bring about the holocaust Mr. Thomas predicts. It is the mind and will of man. Disarmament is a goal to aim at, but it can be safely accomplished only after the amicable settling of difficulties has become standard international procedure. Premature disarmament is an invitation to irresponsible aggressors to take what they wish with no fear of retribution. We must think, strive, and sacrifice for peace, but remain strong.

MR. THOMAS REPLIES: Colonel Silsbee argues for a suicidal acceptance of atomic and bacterial war against which there can be no national defense. He misses my point, which is American leadership in universal disarmament, with international safeguards such as the World Court and a properly organized Security Council can provide. Civil peace does not depend upon the absence of difficulties or the amicable settlement of all of them but on the agreement of unarmed citizens to face their difficulties under courts and police. Analogous agreement of nations is the only hope of entering the road that leads to lasting peace.

was served, followed by their business meeting and lesson. They spent the evening in packing a box for their adopted girl in France.

and daughters, Anne, Jane, of Corvallis spent the week-end at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent.

Energy will do anything that can be done in this world, and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities will make a man without it. —Goethe

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When're our country calls, friends, sons, and sires should yield their treasure up, nor own a sense beyond the public safety.—Brooke.

Neither human applause nor human censure is to be taken as the test of truth; but either should set us upon testing ourselves.—Whately.

A law is valuable not because it is law, but because there is right in it. —Henry Ward Beecher

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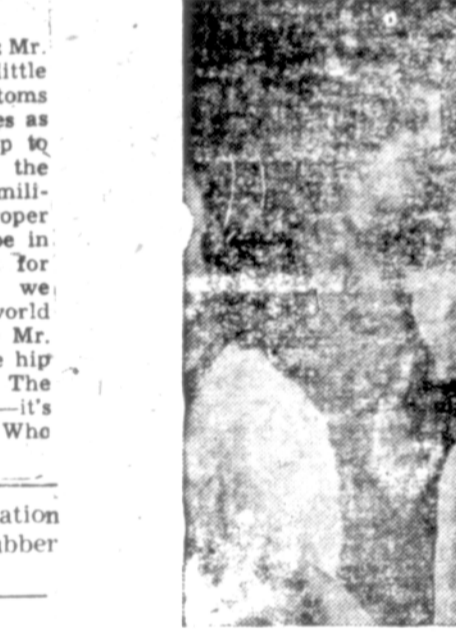
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Donald O. McDermid and Malcolm John McDermid have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of Donald McDermid, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to the said administrators at their home in Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon, or at the office of Brown & Van Vector in the Pioneer Building, The Dalles, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: January 3rd, 1917.

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Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient members and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Ernest Houston N. G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

Lureka 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. E. E. Barzee, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

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