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ARMY SCANDAL

In the judging of the crime of infidelity discovered at West Point there may be many factors. One is the over emphasis we Americans put on athletics and worse still, the winning of all athletic contests. Too seldom the methods used are not considered. Another is the fact that young men being trained at government expense for a position where honor is a necessity would forsake their pledge of honor.

It might have looked to these 90 young men as if the demand for success on the gridiron was more important than their word which was given upon their entrance to the academy and had to be given before the government was bound to provide the education. It may be remembered that four years of college is no small matter financially speaking. If one promises to not cheat as a requirement for that course it is not honorable that he do cheat—football or no football.

Elimination of football would be one way of helping the matter although it may not be necessary. The reputation of the academy for honesty is of more importance than its reputation for touchdowns. There are plenty of schools to fill the Sunday papers with unvital statistics without West Point for that matter.

The plea has been made that the government ought not endanger the reputations and the futures of the young men by dismissal, but should give them a chance to resign which permits an honorable discharge. It does seem that an attempt to make the 90 honorable is going to be strictly legalistic. The reputation of the army is worth more than the reputation of 90 possible officers.

THEY CALL IT ORIENTATION

Education is hard to define and probably few persons would agree on any one definition. Certainly unless one has become a forgetful professor, he should know what is going on in the world and be alert to conditions about him to aspire to be called educated. Some schools have a course called orientation which means teaching the child or student something about his place in nature, the world, society and politics.

For instance, every person claiming educational proficiency should know which direction is east; the population of his town, county, state and nation; the chief officers of his nation, state, county and city; the maiden names of his grandmothers; the prevailing winds and why; the products of his county, how much and what kind; the tillable acreage; to valuation; the tax millage; the number of miles to the county seat, to the state capitol, the largest city; the price of beefsteak and boiling meat; the food value of lettuce (if any); the rainfall; the time of first settlement of his county and something of its history; breeds of cattle and horses; how to add; how to open and close a conversation.

Of course, there are some things that need knowing beside facts and these come under the heading of wisdom; so much different that one may be wise without being educated and, as everyone knows, one can be educated without being wise at all.

BASEBALL

Now congress is investigating base ball. Just how the nation's sport became the business of congress is more than a mere citizen can understand, but there it is right in the headlines; all about what Senator Whoosis and Representative Blunk think about it.

Actually if baseball can't settle its own problems it can't exist. Reserve clause or no, it isn't government business. First thing we know baseball will be getting a subsidy from the government and get under control and then there'll be no baseball. The moguls had better get out of that spot while they can.

PEOPLE'S RULER'S PARTY

A more complete story of the wedding of Svetlana, daughter of uncle Joe Stalin, was carried in English papers than in American. It must have been an affair worth writing about and had a

society reporter been able to withstand the potency of pink Crimean champagne, sweet Armenian brandy and the ever present vodka, he might have written a book about it.

Svetlana, now 27, had been married before and reportedly has children. The bridegroom is a colonel and the son of a rich man, who seems able to keep his riches despite the (theoretical) leveling effect often ascribed to communism.

The party cost some \$300,000 say the reports and it lasted from June 24 until July 3. Her gown and jewels cost as much it is said. Although late we wish the young lady a very happy marriage and more ardently we wish the Russian people an opportunity to find out about such shenanigans and compare it with their lot.

WHEAT CROP

There is by now pretty general agreement that this county has produced a whale of a wheat crop. Other counties have done the same so that the mid-Columbia basin will contribute millions of bushels of food to the world.

One might discourse on the income the farmers will make from the crop and compute it in dollars per person, per family and per acre, yet that isn't the most important thing in the long run. Incomes have a habit of being expended nearly as fast as they are received.

We think it of more importance that this county, farmed for 70 years with almost the same type of tillage and crop should still continue to produce abundant crops. The wet years have had much to do with increased yields since 1940 but the farmers, themselves, have had a part in it.

New machinery new wheats, new methods have been tried and tested until old land is made to yield better than when new. The natural erosion of soil about which the scientists talk has not been sufficient to halt the progress of good crops in this county. Experimenters and farmers and plant breeders are still ahead of soil erosion and the natural wear and tear on land from constant cropping.

If the Sherman county wheat farmer stopped to talk about it he could prove that economically he has quite a record for efficiency. He doesn't do much of that. He does keep up with new ideas and new discoveries about wheat farming including the somewhat speculative rain-making. The rewards are generous, but no greater than those in other industries for similar attention to business.

THE SMELL OF FALL

Certain citizens who arise early have already proclaimed that the earth smelled like that season of the year a morning or two this week and it doesn't surprise us. It so happens that the earth often smells of fall when their is dew on the wheat stubble; this time there was no dew. It just had fall in the air and the nostrils.

City readers, we are sure, will feel that there is some rural foolishness about this professional ability to detect the season by the nose. Yet it is very common. Fall has a definite smell and even a city man can tell when spring is approaching. Every sense can detect that coming change. Even a cow can tell when the chinook is coming, and who couldn't tell summer by the feel of the air.

Country people do have a lot of knowledge about nature in one way or another, the winds, the sun and the rain make them feel a part of the general system that is comprised of the earth, the trees, the grass, the animals and all that goes to make up the place where we live.

ONE WAY

There is a bit of amusement in a story from Paris which tells the sad story (presumably true) that a senator from the Ivory Coast was eaten by his constituents when he returned home to do a little fence mending. Civilization, it is hoped, would prevent such an occurrence in the United States although sometimes senators have been spoken of in terms that indicate cooking which might come prior to eating. But such an effective way to get rid of one who has become distasteful to the public, while not civilized, perhaps, certainly makes use of it while removing it from the scene.

To merely defat a senator leaves him hanging around for years and he might run again and he always needs watching and besides he does the populace no good. Eating him solves all three. Clever these Africans.

Eureka Lodge No. 131 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Donald Martin, W.M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary



HOLDUP, SUSPECT MUGS . . . Scowls of the policemen frisking him in a New York City police station contrast sharply with the sneer show put on by Daniel D'Alessandro, 26, who is being held in connection with attempting to hold up the Chemical Bank. The cop on the right holds the toy water gun with which D'Alessandro allegedly tried the brazen stickup. The suspect was captured by the police as he covered under a five-and-dime counter after a chase.

Talk about the tail wagging the dog. Note that a majority of the signatures to referendum petitions on the truck and cigarette bills came from Multnomah county whose mouthpieces preach that democracy would be violated if out state residents were made necessary to putting things on the ballot.

Thought for today

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Rufus News

Mrs. George Fox
Last week was not so hot and it felt pretty good after the warmer weather we had the week before.

On the whole, this year has been good weather for the harvest. The yields are good and its just been a good year in general. Quite a few fields of grain are cut and some of the farmers are finished, with more finishing up every day.

Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Roberts are in San Francisco visiting their daughter during their vacation. They left Rufus a week ago Monday and expect to be gone several weeks. Russell Belshe of Moro came to Rufus to preach Sunday, but on account of W. E. Rice being missing, services were dismissed. There was Sunday school last Sunday. Rev. Walters of The Dalles is to conduct services in Rufus at the church of the Nazarene next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson are living in the Fay Brackett house up on the farm during harvest.

Mrs. Leonard Jordan went to The Dalles Thursday afternoon to attend the wedding of a nephew.

Mrs. Billy McDonald is a house guest of her son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald.

Mrs. Mary Wilson of The Dalles spent the weekend with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson.

Curt Tom and his son Allen Tom have finished with their wheat harvest near Rufus and have moved their outfits to land near Heppner that they own and is ready for harvesting.

Donal Brislain, the new principal of Rufus school was in Rufus one day last week to see about living quarters for one of his teachers.

Mrs. Melvon Brady of Portland has been in Rufus for the past week getting her household

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