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EDITORIALS

"MARSE HENRY" SPEAKS AGAIN

Back in 1917, Henry Watterson, famous editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, wrote an editorial for the Christmas edition of his newspaper. One part of it attracted so much attention and resulted in such a demand for the paper containing the editorial that 5,000 reprints were made but even this supply was soon exhausted. The paragraphs which came from Watterson's pen to win such instant fame were the following:

Democracy is but a side issue. The paramount issue, underlying the issue of Democracy, is the Religion of Christ, and Him Crucified; the bedrock of civilization; the source and resources of all that is worth having in the world that is, that gives promise in the world to come; not as an abstraction; not as a huddle of sects and factions; but as a mighty force and principle of being. The Word of God, delivered by the Gentle Nazarene upon the hillside of Judea, has survived every assault. It is now arrayed upon land and sea to meet the deadliest of all assaults—Satan turned loose for one last, final struggle.

The Kaiser boldly threw down the gauge of battle—infidel Germany against the believing world—"Kultur" against Christianity—the Gospel of Hate against the Gospel of Love. Thus he sat Satan personified—"Myself and God"—merely his way of proclaiming it—for his "God" is Beelzebub, the Angel of Destruction, his creed the Devil's own, his aim and end a Hell on Earth. Never did Crusader lift battleaxe in holier war against the Saracen than is waged by our Soldiers of the Cross against the German. The issues are indeed identical.

If the world is to be saved from destruction—physical no less than spiritual destruction—it will be saved alone by the Christian Religion, that eliminated, leaves the earth to eternal war. Let every American soldier swear this day—this Christmas morn—that he will link him and his with the Christchild—the Light of Love—that suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried, that descended into Hell, that the third day arose from the dead and ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty!

Thus, across the years, "Marse Henry" speaks again to the America which he loved so greatly and which he served so well. He speaks in words that have a special significance since the events of Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, a significance which his fellow-Americans cannot fail to understand.

HUMAN INCONSISTENCIES

The Oregon Coast country is among the most sparsely settled areas of the United States. Delinquent taxes have always been a problem in this section.

In spite of that, the people of some Coast counties have been induced to adopt a socialized power program, and are preparing to eliminate from their tax rolls one of their few large taxpayers—a local power company—which for years has been giving this section low cost electric service.

All the pressure of the great Federal power socialization bureaucracy has been used to bring this about. The private citizens who pioneered electricity in the Coast area, are to be kicked out and the Federal monopoly is to go in. This is just another step in the power socialization program that was inaugurated with the TVA.

The situation is really beyond understanding. Every storekeeper, every newspaper, every bank, every farmer would object to the same tactics being applied to his own business. And yet they vote for a move to drive their neighbor out of business.

We are giving our lives to destroy dictation from abroad, while we accept at home a domestic form of bureaucratic enroachment on, and destruction of individual initiative and opportunity which accomplishes ends equally as devastating to the freedom of the individual and the savings of investors, as do the policies of the dictators abroad.

To anyone who sincerely believes in the American form of government, this growth of bureaucratic domination of the individual, is indeed disheartening—the fact that people accept it calmly and apparently without analyzing the implications involved, is a tragedy.

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Story of African Rubber Plantation

(This letter was written by Mrs. J. J. Swain from Liberia, Africa to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott of this city. Mrs. Swain was the former Miss Mildred Berger.)

(Continued from Last Week)

I had a dinner party scheduled two days after the sacking of George and had no cook. I got Mr. Vipond, head of the labor bureau at Central Office, to look out for one for me and he said he'd have one in time for the dinner or loan me his. Cooks are plentiful but not always good ones. The day arrived and no cook so I put on the old apron and went to work. At 6:00 P.M. (dinner was at 8:30) I drove V's sedan with his black chauffeur, Black clerk and another boy in the back seat. This was my new cook, Adam, arriving in the nick of time. While I had things under way I was glad to see Adam. Adam is rated as one of the best cooks on the plantation and worked for Tandy's during their last contract. In the short time that Adam worked here he became our devoted slave and everything was, "Yes, my Missey. No, my Missey" is about all I ever got out of him. He made excellent desserts and since Joe is crazy about them, Joe would make remarks about them or see Adam downstairs some time and ask him what kind he made today. Adam would just start giggling and run for the kitchen. He giggled like a young girl and sure got a kick out of making things for Boss.

Naturally I hired Adam on the spot when V sent him to me and later I asked if he was waiting for Missey Gandy. He said that he was. I have previously told you of the Tandy rush trip home and back, consequently with Gladys Tandy arriving on the Kekar Tandy started putting his house in order yesterday and took Adam. I had told Tandy when he arrived that I had his boy and when he moved he could have him when I told Adam he said, "No, my Missey, I will stay here. You do me good too much." I told him he must keep his promise to the other Missey or she would be vex with me and if he wouldn't go then I would have to sack him. Well, this morning he went drooping out of the yard after coming in and saying a very sad farewell. Oh, me.

Today we have another cook and I hope our cook palavers are ended. I do hate to test each boy's ability as to cooking when I'm not here to watch how they do things for a few days but this boy is highly recommended also so here's hoping. His name is Wesah (pronounced Wesaw). He worked five years for a lady here on the plantation who is the fussiest person here. I believe when it comes to cleanliness and good food so he ought to prove O.K. Joe says he has a face like a mud fence and I think that just about describes him, very large face and unusually large mouth, with white glistening teeth. He smiles a great deal and these teeth certainly flash. When we hired him I asked him how much Cane Juice he drank and how late he stayed out at night and he flashed this big smile and told us his life's story about cane juice and late hours. You'd die laughing if you dared to laugh at them when they tell you things. We gave him out views on cane juice on the Premises and late hours, the sad story of our ex-cook—and finally agreed he would cook proper for one shilling (20c) per day.—So now we have a cook! Hurrah!

Incidentally I think one reason the boys like to work here is that there is no Missey around during the day to humbug them as they say and they can take their time in doing their work and no one to rush them, but I don't care so long as the work is done.

(To Be Continued)

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Funeral Held for Ben F. Peart Monday

Benjamin F. Peart was buried from the Conger Funeral Parlor Monday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the presence of many sorrowing relatives and friends.

Mr. Peart was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, Dec. 27, 1858, and was married to Loucinda Radsdale May 8, 1878. He came to Jackson county in 1884, settling at Tolo, and later moved to Central Point where he spent the remainder of his life.

He is survived by five of nine children, Mrs. E. Carl Bennett and Mrs. Milo Lamb, both of Medford; George Peart of Central Point, Homer Peart of Petaluma, Calif., and Luke Peart of Sacramento, Calif., also by two brothers and a sister in California and by 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Mr. Peart was killed Tuesday evening December 23 on the Pacific highway near Beall Lane when he was struck by an automobile driven by Guy Simmons of 324 North Front street, Medford. Mr. Simmons was cleared of all blame. While Mr. Peart's mind had not been clear at all times during the last year and he insisted on staying in his own home, he always had a cheery smile for his friends. His passing has left a place among his friends, which will be hard to fill.

Women Voters Plan New Methods of Work

A called meeting of the General Council of the National League of Women Voters to plan methods of extending League knowledge and experience with government to a wider public in war time will be held in Indianapolis January 7 and 8.

Announcement of the special session was made today by Miss Marguerite M. Wells, president, following a meeting of the League's executive committee in Washington last week. The committee recommended "less accumulation of knowledge for League members, themselves, and more sharing with the public" both within and without the scope of the League's adopted program.

The League Council consists of the National board of directors, the president and one additional representative from each affiliated state League. The National board will hold sessions January 6 and 9.

In explanation of the new methods of League work to be considered by the Council, the executive committee issued the following statement:

"A new direction, a new tempo are asked of the League of Women Voters by a country at war. This means new methods of work. The comfortable safety of being sure of the wisdom of every small detail before expressing an opinion, even our own education by exhaustive, careful study groups—these we must temporarily sacrifice. The League, to pull its oar today, must stop hoarding its experience and knowledge within

its membership. It must share this experience and knowledge with the general public; it must reach not five but five hundred times as many as in the past. Study groups and perfectionism cannot do this."

Among the techniques for sharing League experience with government, outlined by the officers, were simple interpretations of issues for the benefit of the general public, and expressions of official League opinion on measures upon which League knowledge permits judgment.

Drivers Urged Not To Drive at Night

Because of the wide variation in blackout periods and regulations throughout Oregon, travel after dark by private passenger cars is discouraged, according to the Oregon State Motor Association which points out that only emergency vehicles are permitted on highways during blackouts.

At present the blackout is effective only west of the Cascade Mountains and does not hamper travel East of the range, the Motor Association reports, continuing:

"Basically, the blackout time for Western Oregon is from either 12:30 a.m. or 1:30 a.m. to approximately 7:30 a.m. or 7:45 a.m. nightly. However, local conditions, regulations and needs change these hours so that they may begin as early as 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. in some localities and continue as late as 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. These latter times practically prohibit any non-emergency travel at night.

"Only emergency vehicles are allowed on streets or highways during blackout and, therefore, private cars are required to pull to the side and remain, with lights turned out, until daylight. Those who try to drive at night may be confronted by this condition which involves a possible long, cold wait at the roadside.

"Proper planning of a trip is possible so that night operations can be eliminated and this should be the rule for every motorist as long as present emergencies exist," the report concludes.

The Motor Association emphasizes the fact that even though private cars may have headlight coverings which coincide with those permitted

on emergency vehicles, they still are not granted use of the highways. The regulation is that non-emergency cars must not move, under any condition, during blackouts. None of these restrictions, of course, affect travel in daylight at present except in case of sudden emergency.

Ten Years Ago This Week

Monroe Coleman spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stevens.

Mrs. E. C. Fabers entertains twelve at Christmas party.

Mrs. Rose Hodson is working in the B. P. Theiss store this week.

Gleason home, beautiful with yule lights.

Christmas party at Faber's store huge success.

Alumni lost to high school team. Alumni team composed of Theron Brown, Harry Elden, Roland and Carl Hoyer, Charles Taylor, Marlen Castor and Howard Dietrick. High school team—Delbert Ayers, Alfred and Orville Castor, Wilbur Elcher and Donald Patterson. Subs, Everett Grissom, Clifford and Roland Cascad, Fred Virtue and Wayne Coker each had a chance to play.

1000 Kids Guests of Geo. Hunt Theatres

Whooping and hollering joyously throughout the two-hour program, approximately 1,000 kiddies of Medford and vicinity gave vocal proof of the complete success of the annual free Christmas matinee sponsored by the Mail Tribune and Georg A. Hunt Theatres at the Craterian theatre Thursday morning.

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Mrs. Ruby Walker arrived Friday from a sixteen day visit in Arizona. She drove a number of friends back. She reports lots of snow on the mountains and a bad trip all the way. Mrs. Walker lives on the Midway road.

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