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Faith In Mumbo Jumbo

Confidence, or faith, is one of Man's greatest spiritual assets. It gives him strength and sustains him in time of doubt. But how often might it be misplaced?

In the matter of government, when given the chance to express a choice, people the world over seem to reach for some mystic quality of leadership. And nowhere is that more evidenced than in local government—be it city, county or state affairs so concerned.

How many times has the statement been made, "What we really need to set our affairs right is an engineer?"

Without in any way attempting to outrage an appreciation of the mathematical genius of an engineer in such a position, the blind, spontaneous reliance in engineering to solve the multitude of community problems is sometimes bewildering.

One group of citizens, enamored of engineering means as an answer to all the complex problems of government, founded and propounded an organization of Technocracy. For a time, the Technocrats seemed about ready to grasp the helm of state to steer a sure course. While this latter anticipation failed to materialize, there are even yet followers of the faith who still hope to reach the "promised land" some day.

Judging opinions expressed in so many places today, one need not only be slavishly devoted to Technocracy to unload a burden of confidence on the abilities of an engineer for solution of problems, even to the extent of absurdity.

Take roads, for instance.

The disrupted byways of the state, cities and communities are not so conditioned because of engineering negligence. Road and street improvement is restricted in the first place by the amount of money appropriated for the job. Engineering omissions, too, are not generally at fault when the elements of weather conspire to wreck such thoroughfares.

And through it all, uneasily serve the officials of city, county or state aware of bitter charges unofficially bandied about and further recognizing many unpublishable sides to the mountainous problems facing them.

It is a general quality of human beings to be quick on the criticism and slow on the appreciation. City and county officials, particularly, are often berated and maligned in spite of their devotion to the tasks before them. Their reward for such service, it sometimes seems, is disgruntled proposals for change by citizens who sit on the sidelines like seagulls, squawking their heads off.

The human mind, running into situations it doesn't like, instinctively reaches for a mystic means of improvement. Sometimes it longs for a "man on a white horse". Sometimes it reaches, open-armed, for a rabble-rouser. And sometimes it pines for a leader of mathematical exactness.

The rewards in public service are sometimes doubtful, by the inclination of people to put their faith in mumbo jumbo.

Vodvil Meets Television

Television, according to reliable sources, should be an actual fact for Oregon, before the end of Spring. The impact of this newly come and rapidly developing industry will have many a related reaction.

Being new, video is faced with great obstacles but its popularity on the East Coast and in Los Angeles, at least, is significant indication of a like reception here.

What it will do to the accepted routine of sound broadcast is interesting to surmise. The highly specialized program commercials, for instance, where every possible effort is made to impress an advertising message, has enjoyed a tolerant reception. Words and phrases are monotonously repeated, with three or four inflections, to catch the ear. Though it is insidiously stupid, at times, the commercial is actually heard by millions. And vendors of the products so boosted point to high national sales to prove that the commercial is actually heeded, as well.

Now comes the visual presentation. Will national advertisers have performers on the television screen going through the same diodes, or reasonably the same, to promote the program sponsoring. It seems quite plausible that in such a presentation, the sight of an idiotic commercial being put together would sicken a listener to utter revulsion.

Yet, however, the problem of using radio and television for the sale of goods and services is resolved, the largely dormant field of vodvil entertainment may look forward to ever increasing revival.

For the development of dwindled ranks of vaudevillians, the entertainment industry will look even more closely to now untrampled fields. Night clubs and burlesque houses may furnish the beginning bulk. But also of significance are programs of talent shows, as for instance, is the continuing project of the Aloha chamber of commerce.

Here is an opportunity for talent to "strut its stuff". Not only is there an immediate show of March 11 for which varied performers are diligently preparing. A big outdoor summer festival is being planned by the group either in late June or early July, according to Arthur A. Carlson, director, to benefit the volunteer fire department.

The doors are wide open for any kind of entertainment to take part. Plan is to organize the talent into travelling units for shows to be put on in surrounding communities.

Talent might well take note of the many opportunities that are available in Tualatin Valley. Thus may be gained valuable experience—background. . . . as vodvil meets television!



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John Quincy Adams Young Left Mark at Cedar Mill

SHINGLE FACTORY GAVE NAME TO COMMUNITY
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By Hervey S. Robinson

John Quincy Adams Young was 19 years old when he came with his father's family to Oregon in 1848. The family moved from Oregon City to the Tualatin Plains in 1848 and in the fall of 1849 settled on a place in the neighborhood of Hillsboro where his father and mother spent the rest of their lives.

Shortly after moving to Washington County they heard that volunteers in the Cayuse War had recovered some of the cattle stolen by the Indians about the time of the Whitman massacre and left them with a man in Yamhill County. They went over and found two of the cows and one ox which they had lost in the Cayuse country. This gave them a new start in cattle.

"We got along about as Oregonians did in those days," said John Q. A. Young some years later. "We lived on wheat, boiled and dried and boiled again, when we failed to get it ground at the nearest mill, at Oregon City."

Father Elam Young died in 1856 and in the same year John Q. A. married Elizabeth Constable, one of the many orphans of the Oregon trail. Her father had died of cholera while on the way to Oregon leaving five motherless children to be cared for and brought to Oregon by a nephew who was in the same party.

In 1862 John moved to Cedar Mill and built a log cabin near the falls. He says: "I purchased 280 acres of land and ran a saw-mill for a few years, later selling it to W. R. Everson."

Young's mill specialized in sawing cedar shingles and lumber, hence the name Cedar Mill. It supplied the shingles for many an early day home in Portland. Some of the best homes in the city were roofed with shingles turned out by John Quincy Adams Young.

After selling his mill, Mr. Young built another house near the same site and kept store and post office in it for seven years. He says, "I named the post office at Cedar Mill and West Union and I was the means of procuring a mail route from Portland to Glencoe (North Plains). An entire village now stands on my original 280 acres."

John Quincy Adams Young was a staunch Christian. He founded and supported the Methodist Episcopal Church in Cedar Mill and

worked untiringly for the up-building of the church and community.

In 1905 a revival was held in the Cedar Mill Methodist church and there were many conversions. The old pioneer was delighted. The members of his church had been mostly old people and he had feared that with their passing there would be no church left. Now it would be all right.

The next Sunday he asked to be relieved as teacher of the Bible class saying: "I believe my work is finished." On the following Wednesday, he spent the entire day attending Grange, in which he took an active part. That night he attended prayer meeting in the little church. After the benediction he chatted happily with friends as he left the building.

An hour later John Quincy Adams Young was dead. Death came peacefully while he was still in apparent good health and enjoying keen facilities. He was in his 77th year. Three generations of Youngs still live at Cedar Mill.

Note—Most of the information for this article was furnished by Mrs. Frank Young to Roy L. Davidson for an article in this paper, published August 8, 1941.

(Continued next week)

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS CHRONICLED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES
IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

SLOT MACHINE PINCH

Not only the gamblers and others of illegal taint feel the pinch by the state-wide slot machine crackdown. The city of St. Helens and Columbia county have their blues to sing, too.

According to the SENTINEL, MIST, the city stands to lose significant revenues from the current ban of one-armed bandits. In fact, the current budget includes \$18,500 in annual taxes which it expected to derive from the slot devices.

Columbia county, like most of the state, has turned official attention toward the enforcement of the state law banning gambling devices which pay off in merchandise or money. Taverns and other places, which operated the illegal trade under the diffused light of toleration, and taxation, quickly moved out their equipment as soon as "the word" filtered down from the sheriff's office that the heat was on.

Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee, coming freshly into office, started the statewide bonfire in Portland. As a result, according to the newspaper's account, Portland is "virtually free of vice and gambling."

With all due respect to law, order and freedom from the vices which beset ungoverned man, however, the St. Helens city council finds a monumental problem facing it, as they discussed matters in their meeting of February 17.

With the order for a gambling-free county become an enforced reality, the city now has to look elsewhere for revenue to replace this loss. Else they must "cut expenditures to the bone," when drawing up the next budget.

Who was it warned you "can't have your cake and eat it, too?"

CASE OF CIRCUMSTANCE

Philosophically, circumstance may be regarded as either a handmaiden of Destiny or a team-mate of Luck. People in Oswego, and one resident in particular, had recent opportunity to reflect upon a pointed case of circumstance.

The REVIEW records that a huge rock had clung for years to the side of a cliff over the highway. It froze, thawed, froze and thawed again, without much visible effect. Then without warning, the boulder broke loose and

Co. Concert Assn. Campaigns to Up List of Members

From March 7 to March 12, the Washington County Concert association will start a concerted campaign to increase membership for the next series of artist-appearances as well as to appeal for renewals of present members.

Scope of the concert series will depend in large measure on the response of the public participation. All performances are open only to those with memberships. The more support given by music lovers, the more artists will be sent out on tour.

During the campaign week, renewals or new memberships will be accepted at the Portland General Electric company office, in Hillsboro, headquarters from which the official memberships are issued. A staff of workers will be on duty at headquarters from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day of the week.

Livestock Group Advocates Sales Tax for Oregon

Opposition to daylight saving time and support of a consumer sales tax to offset and reduce property taxes were among a number of proposals passed upon by the Western Oregon Livestock association at its annual meeting in Gearhart late in January. The resolution regarding a sales

tax specified that the income was to be used for schools, old age pensions and administrative costs of the act. Other action taken dealt with disease and weed control, better market information

and pasture improvement. Charles Evans, Independence, was reelected president; Afton Zundel, Astoria, was chosen vice president; and H. A. Lindgren, O. S. C., renamed secretary-treasurer.



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