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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

ALWAYS BE SURE, BUT NOT COCKSURE!

The fallibility of man recently was demonstrated in a much discussed case in Ashland which resulted in everybody concerned suffering but the fallible one.

Because he was willing to "positively identify" a man and erroneously swear that the object of his recognition was at a certain place at a designated time, an innocent victim of circumstances was penalized and slandered. His employers received unjust criticism and police got inked into a corner with two signed confessions for one crime. Folks have blamed the police, the innocent victim of the mess, the employers and everybody except the one person who was at the bottom of the entire misunderstanding—the key witness who thought he couldn't be wrong.

That person, who has never been named publicly, has embarrassed a business firm, the police and a too-conscientious employe. His meddling righteousness should make him ashamed of himself and serve as a warning to others to make certain before talking willingly against another man.

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PITY THE POOR CLIMATE-WORSHIPPERS!

Nearly everything has its compensations, even living in such a homespun state as Oregon.

Truth of that statement was never brought out more clearly to those listening to the Rose bowl game in Pasadena, Calif., Monday afternoon then when the announcer slipped and mentioned that it had started to rain. Shortly afterward the same announcer used up half of a quarter explaining that "Well, yes, it did start to rain, but after all it was just a drop or two—absolutely nothing more."

What a hurried calling he must have received from apoplectic native sons!

Yes, here in Oregon we may have disadvantages, but one of them is not committing sacrilege if we admit precipitation. As a matter of fact, we webfeet can even declare, truthfully, that it rains like the very devil and experience neither qualms of conscience nor fear that the downpour will wash out half the countryside.

It must be tough to live in a place that's all wet and not be able to say so.

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THEY DON'T LIKE OUR FREE SPEECH!

According to German press reports, diplomatic relations between that country and the United States will continue to be strained until Secretary of the Interior Ickes is reprimanded for a public statement he made in criticism of nazi racial persecutions.

Although in the fatherland a request that high public officials be gagged is quite routine, such a demand here in the land of free speech is both an insult and a vivid demonstration of what's the matter with dictatorships.

Not only is the German press throttled and controlled, but the nazi high command also would insist that our own secretary of the interior be likewise controlled to suit the vanities of Hitler and his associates.

American citizens, consequently, were proud when Acting Secretary of State Sumner Wells not only refused to scold Ickes, but told German diplomatic representatives that the cabinet member's words expressed the general opinion of the nation.

It will be a happy day for the German people when Hitler has as much difficulty in controlling public utterances in his own country.

Why Was News Late?

Reports were coming into Ohio that a great battle was being waged at Gettysburg in the summer of 1863. Although there was some telegraphic service, this information came to newspapers mostly by mail. The Ohio State Journal in Columbus was becoming impatient for late developments, and its editor let off steam

with this editorial complaint: "The irregularity of the eastern mails is becoming execrable. Have the postmasters run off? Or have they enlisted? The latter is scarcely supposable." — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Elderly spinsters of Newark, N. J., are said to have joined with the police in the hunt for the "kissing bandit." — Weston (Ore.) Leader.

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LIFE'S BYWAYS!

MODERNIZE — OR NOT! YOUR UNCLE JAKE STAYS THERE —
AND YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF HIM — YOUNG LADY!



About People You Know!

- Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gibson of Klamath Falls visited here with friends this week.
- Bob Towne, former SONS student, stopped over in Ashland briefly Monday evening while enroute to attend San Mateo Junior college.
- Genevieve Patterson left recently for her school in Nampa, Ida., following a holiday visit here with her mother, Mrs. T. S. Wiley and her brother, Dwight Patterson.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Metz recently returned to their school in Glendale following a visit here with relatives and friends.
- Dr. Marcus Woods was among those who attended the East-West game in San Francisco New Years day.
- Culver Anderson, who has been visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elda Anderson, returned to Oregon State college Monday where he is a student.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kerr and family are visiting friends and relatives in Los Angeles for a few days.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gale Ridenhour of Yamsey, Ore., visited here this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Conner.
- Dr. E. G. Everett, physician and surgeon, office 22 Swedenburg building, phone 18-J, residence phone 18-L, (42tf)
- Dorothy Gilchrist, who has been visiting here with Lucille Cleveland, left for her home in Klamath Falls last week-end.
- Ivan Keeney left Sunday for OSC, where he is a student, following a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Keeney.
- Paul Icenhower, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Icenhower during the holidays, left for the University of Washington this week.
- Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Andrews spent New Years with friends in Eureka, Calif.
- Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Dalkenberg returned recently to their home in Lakeview following a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. DeArmond and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dalkenberg.
- Al Simpson and LeRoy Clarke left late Monday for Eugene, where they will attend U of O.
- Mrs. Leonard Patterson returned Tuesday from a holiday visit in Portland with relatives and friends.
- Mrs. Charles White and daughters Agnes and Lois visited Monday with friends in Table Rock.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Detrick visited with friends in Klamath Falls Sunday.
- Margaret Broili returned to her U of O classes in Eugene Sunday following a visit here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Broili.
- Clarence Woods returned to Portland Sunday following a visit here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Woods.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Herbert and Russell Herbert spent the New Years week-end in Copco visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hoxie.
- Genevieve McGee returned to Klamath Falls Monday.
- Alice Ruger who has been visiting here for several weeks, left for her home in Portland Tuesday.
- James McNair returned to Oregon State college Monday.
- Marcella Scribner returned Monday from Portland where she spent the New Year week-end with friends.
- William R. Oeser of Redwood City, Calif., arrived here Tuesday for the funeral of his father, Dr. W. Oeser.
- LaVern Roberson left Monday for her school in Kerby, following a visit here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roberson.
- Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Whitmore and daughter Joan returned recently from Portland where they visited with friends and relatives.
- Barbara Kay left Monday for Oregon State college following a visit here.
- Mr. and Mrs. Karl Rose left Wednesday for an extended trip through the southern states.

WHO'LL BE THE NEXT??



To bring joy to this two-fisted newspaper's sanctum by paying his or her subscription without waiting for a notice?

SOUTHERN OREGON MINER

His Worst Job

"How glorious it is to be engaged in a purely intellectual occupation," murmured a girl, gazing rapturously into the eyes of the editor. "Your own mental faculties for tools, and the whole universe for a workshop. Now tell me," she added, "what do you find the most difficult thing connected with your noble profession?"

"Paying the staff," rejoined the editor. — Montreal Star.

Not for Sale

The editor and owner of this newspaper invested originally some twenty odd thousand dollars in the business and pays annually some fifteen thousand dollars for the privilege of directing the policy of this newspaper. Still we occasionally run upon an individual who buys three or four dollars worth of advertising space and decides that this investment should give him the privilege of directing the policy of the Star. A newspaper with a four-dollar policy would not be worth anything either to its owner or to the community which it serves. A newspaper must adhere to a policy broad enough to render service that is fair, just and impartial to all, and that has due respect to the legal and ethical limitations which are imposed upon an editor and publisher. We sell advertising space in order to enable our patrons to reach their customers through the county's best advertising medium. But at no time nor under any circumstances does the purchase of advertising space give the purchaser any right to direct the policy of this newspaper. That is a privilege reserved exclusively to the editor. — Andalusia (Ala.) Star.

LETTERS to the Editor

GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

To the Editor:
Thanking you for printing the article explaining the difference between the meaning of reform and revolution a few weeks ago, I am following it with another one, namely, Government and Administration.

In governments having parliamentary form they have the same meaning. When a change occurs in said countries where there is a definite change of parties through election, a new cabinet is formed. The government changes—revolution occurs. In England a liberal change toward the conservative, a labor government may displace the former parties. Sometimes when neither party is elected, a coalition takes the place of all others. This is confusing and unfortunate, but in such a case the electors and aristocracy are to blame.

Government with written constitutions with a republican form as the USA has had for 100 or more years, which changed to a demo-republican form following

the initiate and referendum that changed the said government. However, due to change made by the courts and subsequent imperceptible changes due to the distribution of wealth we now have, dislike it or not, the USA is a demo-plutocratic government or a democracy of wealth briefly known as aristocracy i. e., rule of the have-nots by the haves. The courts having ruled in such a manner as to change imperceptibly that which the founders of our government desired to create.

It was in 1819 that Chief Justice Marshall reversed the decision of the state court in the famous Dartmouth college case. The change has been gradual, but violent. Nevertheless, people think they rule when they do not.

The editor or his readers may not like to read the above any better than the writer, but that does not change the truth—which is ever the utmost.

More anon.

D. M. BROWER.

Holiday week is a bit expensive but the chances are now that you tide it over. — Weston Leader.

1939 IS HERE!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH IT?

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