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NOW HOW ABOUT ASHLAND'S TURN?

The government is being accused of planning to spend . . . and spend . . . and spend. And perhaps so but spending is all right if done in the right places-which always seem to be where the critics want it.

For instance, Ashland has long been in need of a postoffice building but for some not quite clear reason a federal building here has never been forthcoming. Last time an organized wail arose from this community for the p-o dept. to DO SOMETHING the response came in the form of a few new boards in floor of the post office lobby.

Meanwhile the post office department is opening bids for a \$230,000 addition to the large Medford federal building which could be nothing more than extravagant new deal waste. But if a new post office were erected here, that would be something else again-a badly needed expenditure that should have been made years ago.

It largely depends on where the money is being spent.

GOOD GOING, GOVERNOR SPRAGUE!

Following a brief flurry of statewide excitement, Governor Charles A. Sprague reappointed State Police Head Charles P. Pray for another four-year term. Sighs of relief and satisfaction are general.

Although few people in this end of the state know Pray, all of them are acquainted with his police. And the Loyalists on this side fit out the state police have by proxy put their chief's best privateers to combat the Amerifoot forward.

The state police, in eight years, have earned their spurs and the support and friendship of Oregonians. Their efficiency at law enforcement and their effective teaching of law observance have become accepted facts.

Although The Miner is not acquainted with Pray either directly or by hearsay, we join with thousands of other Oregonians in judging the man by the organization he directs and add our cheer to the general acclaim which greeted his reappointment.

PUTTING THE MOST FOOT FORWARD!

Dame Fashion is an inconsistent, fickle old gal, and inanely prejudiced toward the ladies. Time was, when this writer was a young squirt—and that wasn't so long ago-shoes still were considered as armor for the feet. But nowadays? Humph!

Milady trips down the street with bare heels and polished nails protruding from what the clerk said was a pair of the "very latest." And yesterday? Who doesn't remember the copper-toed, heavy scufflers shops stay in Europe" and "The these same mothers used to knot onto Junior's appendages! Complete exposure or none at all was the rule.

Color schemes, too, have changed. When the boys and girls showed their nails they weren't the fuschia or rose-tinted creations of this day. Just good old back-to-earth exposure, until Ma scolded 'em into the bathroom.

LETTERS to the Editor

MRS. ROOSEVELT A BARNHILL

Many persons interested in genealogy never investigate the subcestor on the shady side of their family tree. Finding that a cousin, William Watts, was America's most skillful counterfeiter rather discouraged me in this pleasant pastime. Willie, however, is on the maternal side of our family.

Leonard Barnhill, Montana telegrapher, for years has been cheerfully chopping away at our

ancestral trunk, letting chips and bad nuts fall where they may. After tracing the history of some 3000 Barnhills, he has found but a single crooked one of that name

"The Clue of the Golden Horse," in the March True Detective Stories, tells how one John Barnhill led a band of bank robbers in Illinois 10 years ago.

The discovery of this bold, bad Barnhill is somewhat offset by learning that one of Margaret ject for fear of unearthing an an- Barnhill's great-granddaughters is none other than Eleanor Roosevelt, the President's wife. Maggie was born 140 years ago and later married Cornelius Van Schaak Roosevelt. They were the grandparents of Theodore Roosevelt. My criticism of White House occupants has softened considerably. We Barnhills gotta stick together.

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OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

SOME THINGS about the colonial history of the United States that I never learned in school:

Except in Virginia the American revolution was a movement of the middle and lower classes, few of the upper crust colonists cared for a break with England and the active militant patriots did not comprise one-third of the populations of the colonies.

Admiral Howe of the British navy would not consent to having can privateers. "Will you never have done with oppressing these poor people?" he said.

His brother, General Howe, alowed Washington's army to evacuate New York City escaping with stores, artillery and wounded. General Putnam wrote, "Howe is either our friend or no general.'

Several times Washington's ragged army could have been wiped out with a little extra effort by the British. All Washington could do was to keep a hungry unpaid nucleus of an army together which capitalized on the English mistakes and finally won out. George Washington envisioned

an agricultural United States At his death Mt. Vernon comprised 8000 acres employing 200 slaves among them carpenters, blacksmiths, millers and distillers. The estate extended 10 miles along the Potomac and a schooner carried the products of the distillery and flour mill to market.

Jefferson, also thought that America's future laid in agriculture but as a democracy of landmobs of great cities contribute to pure government just so much as do sores on the human body" were a couple of his opinions of boost-

Alexander Hamilton fought for a strong central government administered by the lawyers, bankers and merchants. He funded the federal debt principle and interest to which was added the state debts and persuaded the national government to assume them. By the time this was accomplished the supposed worthless continental issues had passed from the hands of the original owners to the speculators. There is considerable evidence that Hamilton tipped off a few insiders.

John Adams was disappointed in not becoming the first president, he had started working for independence 12 years before Washington took it up and nominated as Washington commander-inchief of the army. At the time he was the most learned man in public life until his own son surpassed him. In four generations the Adfamily furnished two of ams America's chief statesmen, her greatest diplomat and the leading

historian. Adams and Hamilton soon quarreled and Jefferson and Hamilton could not get together either. Jefferson resigned from Washington's cabinet when he thought Washington favored Hamilton in their

disputes. Jefferson's Louisiana purchase probably was illegal. He had sent envoys to France to offer \$2,000,-000 for the city of New Orleans to prevent any possibility of having the port closed to American boats. Napoleon countered with an offer of \$15,000,000 for the whole territory and Jefferson accepted and argued about constitutionality af-

Upon retiring to Monticello Jefferson's lavish hospitality and mode of living rapidly impoverished him and at one time the mansion was on the point of being sold for debts.

As ex-presidents, John Adams and Jefferson drew closer together. Adams' last words were. "The country will be all right. Thomas Jefferson still survives," but Jef-

What Other Editors Are Saying!

SHOE ON OTHER FOOT Secretary of State Cordell Hull

has suddenly made use of the vital principle of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis' political policy. That is the way we view his

abrupt notice of termination of the 28-year-old treaty of commerce and navigation with Japan. To our way of thinking, that is our official notification to the world that there is a London-Paris-Washington axis.

It is as striking an announcement as was the assumption of the defense of the Pacific ocean by President Rooseveit and his order that sent the bulk of the United States navy hurrying back through the Panama canal from the war games around Cuba.

The Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis, habit has been, when aggression by one of the axis partners has aroused such opposition it appears open conflict might result, to have one of the other partners break out with aggression in one of the world's other trouble spots, and so divide attention and harry the opposition.

Something similar has happened today with Japan, but the shoe is on the other foot this time. Japan has concentrated her ag-

gression in China upon the English. Americans she has handled more delicately. Her purpose was first to handcuff or eject the Britence: then turn similar unwelcome attentions upon the other foreign influences.

She showed special concern over keeping American goodwill, possibly because the American navy is the one guarding the Orient for France, England and America together, while the French and Brit- tain. ish guarded Europe and the Mediterranean.

Today, when it appeared Japan might be making headway against the British in spite of Britain's threats to abrogate the 1911 treaty against Japan, Hull stepped in and took over the white man's burden.

He abrogated the 1911 treaty for America, a step not yet taken by Britain.

Thus what Britain only threatens, Hull has already performed for America against Japan. All and bribed in China by Japan has been aimed the wrong way. The campaign is caught unprepared. Now it is America asking, through Hull's act, for the burden.

The Japanese resentment is pointed and understandable. Japan has always considered America a sucker for the Oriental type of double-dealing. Japan thought she herself might play the sucker role in international diplomacy

The Japanese don't like the taste of it at all.

It is Japan's sale of gold, silver, silk and cotton cloth in America that has largely financed her China conflict. Hull's act sets the stage for this financing to cease. Grants Pass Courier.

SCOUT EXONERATED

Through an error an Eagle Scout was recently charged with deliberately scattering straws and

ferson had preceded him in death a few hours before on the same July 4, 1826.

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Freshmen-To-Be Given Hints On Choosing Course

By E. B. LEMON

Registrar at Oregon State College Within a few more weeks more than 300,000 recent high school graduates will be college freshmen throughout the United States. What to choose as training for later life work is a serious matter for nearly all of these. Many have definite ideas as to the field of work they desire to pursue, others are not so certain, while large numbers have made no definite decision. "What course shall I take, is consequently the most common question asked college advisers.

First of all it can be said that the final selection of any particular professional field is not too important at the start. The essential thing is that college training be undertaken with enthusiasm, with a determination to make the most of opportunities, and with the realization that adequate training in certain basic fields is necessary for success in any profession or vocation. Fortunately, the Oregon state institutions of higher learning are so organized that such basic training is available to any student during the first two years.

This does not mean that the selection should necessarily be deferred until the end of the second year. On the contrary, if a student is reasonably sure he wants to take engineering, for example, there may be real advantage in enrolling in a professional school where the curriculum is somewhat modified in that direction.

On the other hand, the young man who has not reached such a conclusion is by no means unfortunate. He will find much good company among his college associates who, too, are trying to solve the same question. They will be heipful to each other.

It has been my experience that many students find themselves, so to speak, through acquaintance and exchange of ideas with fellow classmen. Information obtained in this way, when checked and expanded by helpful faculty advisers, frequently leads to sound conclus-

Many students would like to be told exactly what they should take by submitting to a vocational or aptitude test. These tests have their place but are not the final answer. They do help to reveal what a student is not fitted for and thus aid in reaching a decision by a process of elimination.

A freshman's first objective may well be to find a field in which he is interested and in which he will be happy. Having discovered such a field, he should not be sidetracked by temporary unemployment or economic conditions. In the first place, unsatisfactory conditions may change. If they do not, there will at least be a constant turnover of employes, and in due time this will make room for the ambitious, well trained graduate.

ish from their spheres of influ- other debris over the floor under the stools of a local soda fountain. Boy Scouts resented the insinuation and several of them came to this office to deny the charge. The true story seems to be that it was not an Eagle Scout, but a younger member of the troop responsible for cluttering up the soda foun-

The offender, if that is not too strong a word, came to this office personally to take all biame for the incident and to deny that an Eagle Scout was involved in any way. Although we do not condone and enforce economic boycotts his thoughtless act, there are few of us who do not make mistakes.

We admire his prompt accept-ance of all blame and immediate defense of the good name of the Boy Scouts. Of far more importance than the trivial and thoughtless act is the character and courage displayed by him. This charthe anti-British agitation ordered acter and willingness to assume responsibility was inculcated by the Boy Scout program. We be-Scouting will gain even more prestige in the eyes of residents of this community.

The youth in question is a credit to his organization.-Lake County

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE Justice Douglas on his visit to Yakima this week expressed his

thanks to the city of Yakima for having given him such a good start in his education. A friend informs us that no thanks were due but that Justice Douglas as a boy obtained his own education through determination and natural aptitude. Whom did our friend think was paying the bill for the facilities provided in the Yakima schools? It is true that many other boys with the same opportunities as Justice Douglas did not forge ahead as far or as fast, yet that should not be a reflection upon the opportunities at their command .-Zillah (Wash.) Mirror.

First Baptist Church Charles E. Dunham, Pastor

Church school meets at 9:45 a. m., C. N. Gillmore, superintend-

Morning worship at 11 o'clock In the absence of the pastor who is attending the Bible conference at Cascadia, Rev. J. Z. Walker will preach the sermon. The Walker male quartet will sing.

This church will join in the evening union services at the Nazaene church both for the young eople's meeting at 7 o'clock and he evening service at 8 o'clock, at which time James A. Vaus jr. will e the speaker.

Prayer and conference meeting, :30 p. m. Wednesday.

JEAN JEANETTE MILLER

Graveside services for Jean Jeanette Miller, nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller of Talent, who died July 28, were held at 2:30 p. m. July 30 with the Rev. E. E. Wordsworth Interment officiating. Stearns cemetery.

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