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THE REGENTS AND THE PRESS

Some of the press of the state and particularly the Oregonian have made much to do out of the action of the regents of the University of Oregon in dismissing two or three instructors and consolidating several departments. We wonder if this interest is a genuine fear that the university will be crippled or a little chastizing of the regents for withholding the news of their action, or was it inspired by the friends of the released instructors.

Whatever it was the editorial and semi-editorial matter purported to be news matter were grossly unfair to the regents. They were wholly within their rights in dismissing any instructors and administering the affairs of the university as they see fit. That's what we have them for and they should not be subject to attack every time a minor change is made so long as it is evident, as it is now, they have the interest of the university at heart.

The regents strive to run the university within its budget and the people expect them to keep strictly within it. Some of the instructors at the University of Oregon, and other universities as well, do not earn the salaries they draw while others are underpaid. The action of the regents was intended to reduce the operating expense of the university and make a fairer distribution of salaries. Why must all this "junk" be written, draped around a few facts and crammed down the people's necks as pure unadulterated news.

Rev. Marna S. Paulson talking to his New Jersey congregation about the salaries of ministers, says all young clergymen should be compelled to serve at least a year as police captains or prohibition enforcement agents before they start depending on the plate.

We learned, in a scientific article the other day, that grease spots on clothes keep moths alive, that if we starve the moth our clothes will be safe—so—when you see a nice little moth in your new summer suit, remove the food supply, and let it die gently in a natural manner.

Now Germany is sending to us a new substitute for alcohol, said to be non-poisonous and with a wonderful wick. This kind of German invasion will be welcomed by the soaks.

A Philadelphia cigar manufacturer tells us the girls are wearing one piece bathing suits in Palestine. "I was shocked," he said, "but was advised I did not need to look." Evidently they're stepping out in Palestine.

Business men who wish to carry over their stock until the next season do not need to advertise them.

We don't seem to be any closer to a paved entrance to our town than we were this time last year.

Prosperity is on the way. That's why so many people are waiting for her to come along and give them a free ride.

It was a pretty fair cleanup the city has just gone through. Now how about a little paint up.

These warm spring rains are worth a million several thousand right here in Lane county.

TIME FOR JUDGES TO LEARN THEIR PLACE

The autocratic procedure of Judge Rosalsky, who in one of the highest courts of the state of New York recently rebuked two juries for bringing in verdicts of acquittal has properly aroused resentment at the hands of the press. It should inspire indignation in the breast of every man and woman in the country. The very determined and obvious efforts of many of our judges to establish themselves as the superiors of their fellow citizens and to assume the position of dictators provides cause for real alarm in this country.

Jurors are sworn to a duty, quite as sacred as that of the judge. Judges alone do not comprise our courts of law. Judges are no more important in our legal procedure than are juries. In fact they are not their equal in importance.

The American constitution has surrounded American citizens with certain rights and safeguards, the most important of which is trial by jury. If we wish this right to be stripped from us by petty dictators, if we want to permit our juries to be bullyragged and dominated and allow ourselves to be driven into trials by judges, it will be time for us to allow this when we bring the change in an orderly constitutional way.

Our juries are supposed to hear the evidence in cases and then to render their honest opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused. If, when they have done so, they are to be scored from the bench, such action by a judge provides a public affront deserving the severest reprimand.

We wonder how Judge Rosalsky would like it if at the termination of a trial the Jurors would arise and tell him in plain language that they did not like the way in which he conducted the case, and thought his rulings a discredit to the bench. The jury would have quite as much justification in offering such criticism of the judge as the judge has in criticizing the jury. Our seeming tendency to judicial dictatorship must be brought to an end.

Girls, this "clinging vine" stuff is dangerous to practice with the driver of an automobile.

In history, as in nature, nothing happens in a day.

Luck always seems to favor the man who doesn't count on it.

Editorial Comment

ARBITRATION NOT COMPULSORY

The Supreme Court of the United States in declaring the Kansas compulsory arbitration law to be unconstitutional, took the broad ground that it is unlawful for a government to compel its citizens to adjust their differences as to wages, hours and working conditions by the fiat of any state, and that such attempt is an infringement upon the personal liberty of the individuals concerned. The decision is not an attack upon the principle of arbitration which is about the best system thus far discovered for the settlement of disputes of all kinds, from those between two persons to those among nations, but is a declaration of the rights of persons to determine their own intimate affairs without the use of compulsion by outside interests.—Muncie Evening Press.

Apparently Germany is not thoroughly democratized. No investigation of campaign funds has been reported.—Pittsburg Gazette and Times.

A New York woman who has just returned from Soviet Russia says it took her over three years to get out and she considers the time well spent.—New York Commercial.

Politicians aren't actually read out of party they are merely kicked out from under the plum tree.—Detroit News.

A man with an automobile was refused admission to the poor house in Kansas unless he should give up his automobile. Such a policy, complained an Arkansas paper is equivalent to refusing a man admission to a hospital because he is sick.—Charleston News and Courier.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

EUGENISTS MEAN WELL, BUT—EARTH—BIG ALMA MATER WHY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS BUT CAN YOU ENFORCE IT?

The eugenists in the birth control convention plan for a better race by "artificial selection," which would mean picking the right husband for the right wife.

You can do that with cows, horses, etc. But with them you only breed a body. Among human beings you produce that very mysterious thing called a soul, and that's different.

You might marry a John L. Sullivan to Hypatia, or a Michael Angelo Moses to the Venus of Milo, and be bitterly disappointed in results.

On the other hand, a tall, fierce country girl, Nancy Hanks, probably unable to read or write, marries a local ne'er do well, and the result is Abraham Lincoln. The Lord seems to reserve for himself certain problems.

Harvard will spend \$12,000,000 to improve the study of agriculture. That's sensible.

English-speaking nations study Latin and Greek. The Romans studied Greek. The Greek philosophers studied the Egyptian language and hieroglyphics. Millions are spent teaching many kinds of knowledge little used after the student leaves school.

Religious organizations, convinced that public schools should include religious training in the daily routine, demand that the Ten Commandments be read to the children at least once a week.

Wouldn't "The Sermon on the Mount" be better reading for children than the Ten Commandments? In a general way every child of ten knows the Ten Commandments, or as many as a child should understand.

Two or three of the Commandments are fortunately not necessary to the child up to fifteen.

Why not leave religion to religious teachers, and public school education to public school teachers, and keep the two separate, which has been the American plan thus far?

A man, just dead, was at one time a clergyman in the Protestant Episcopal Church. Later he belonged to the Greek Orthodox Church, and when he died he was one of the Gray Friars in a Roman Catholic monastery.

You admire such earnest seeking after truth and wonder what this man of three religions learned about religion when he passed over to the other world.

Did he find that only one religion is officially recognized above, or is one better than the others, or does it all depend on how you act toward your fellow man, the Creator of the Universe not being so much interested in what you think about Him? Definite answers would be interesting.

President Coolidge says the States should help the national Government to enforce the dry law. So they should, out of respect for Constitution and law.

But while the necessary seventy-five per cent of the States ratified the Constitutional Amendment, nearly one hundred per cent violate it, and their juries sympathize with the violators.

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