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CHEERS OR JEERS FOR JULIUS

Governor Meier, with the Mussolini powers, conferred upon him by the legislature will no doubt emerge from the governor's chair four years hence either a hero or a failure. Having the direct responsibility of the one-man boards and commissions his will be the glory or the blame for whatever the results—success or failure.

Former governors could coast along with the mediocre because of the divided responsibility but the legislature has passed the hot end of state administration and even semi-judicial powers to the governor. Cheers or jeers from the crowd will depend upon whether he knocks out a home run or a fumble. Governor Meier is now the whole team and he can not blame the rest of the players for fumbles.

Julius has got all he asked for and some state officials say a little bit more.

THE PRICE OF BREAD

There are signs in the air of a new effort to make political capital out of the price of bread. Politicians are beginning to bid for votes from the wheat-growing sections of the country by pointing out that the price of bread has not gone down proportionately to the price which the farmer gets for his wheat, and that therefore somebody "higher up,"—either the millers or the bakers—is getting to much profit.

We don't profess to know all about the milling and baking business, but we do know that the cost of raw material is a very small proportion of the cost to the ultimate consumer, of any manufactured commodity. We don't expect the price of automobiles to go down every time the price of steels falls off, because we know there are lots of things besides steels that go into the manufacture, distribution and sales of automobiles.

It takes about 4 1/2 bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour. Out of a barrel of flour, selling now for around \$5 a barrel, the commercial bakers make 300 one-pound loaves of bread. They put some other things besides flour into bread, and they have a manufacturing cost as well as a cost of selling and distributing. It seems reasonable to believe that they are right when they say that a loaf of bread, delivered to the retailer, cost the bakery about 6 cents. Whatever the customer pays above that is the retailer's charge for handling and delivery and his profit.

Maybe there's something for politicians to get excited about in this bread situation. But it looks to us as if the farmer, as usual, was going to get the short end of any serious attempt to reduce the price of bread to the city folks, who are, after all, the ones who do most of the bread buying. In so far as the price the farmer gets for his wheat is a part of the cost of a loaf of bread, any general reduction in the retail price of bread will be used, somewhere along the line, as another excuse to keep the price of wheat down.

Reports from all over the country indicate that veterans applying for the adjusted service loan, just passed by congress over the president's veto, need the money. Despite some of the opposition's opinions that it would take six months to make the first loan, the first applicant had his money the first day after the bill's passage. They are now receiving loans at the rate of \$10,000 a day.

Governor Meier, elected on an economy program, has asked for and received \$70,000 for the conduct of his office as against the \$45,000 allotted to former governors. Whether this 70 per cent increase is economy or not remains to be seen.

A dispatch from Salem is that the capitol dome which has been "all lit" up during the session of the legislature will now be dark according to custom. Some of the legislators, who have been "lit up" for the last two months will also be dark after they get home.

There is nothing alarming about this as the veterans have held for six years these "promise to pay notes" of the United States. The farm boara has loaned many millions to the farmers this last year when it owed them nothing. We can see no different effect on the country.

Stocks in Wall street went down but we do not believe the average American will weep about that. It is a very debatable subject in the average man's mind whether Wall street contributes most to the general welfare of the country or to the few rich by manipulation which tends to make them richer.



Way of Life
by BRUCE BARTON

"SEE HOW WRONG YOU'VE BEEN"

In England I talked with some celebrated economists, who were very gloomy. They said the fundamental trouble with the world goes deeper than war debts or unemployment. It is the shortage of gold.

Gold is the measure of all values. When the gold dollars are few each dollar buys more wheat and copper and cotton and labor. So the price of all these commodities goes down, ruining the producers in the process. If the shortage becomes much more acute, so these wise men argued, it will overturn all wage scale and debt settlements, and result in economic chaos.

As I know nothing about economics (and, between ourselves, I often wonder whether the economists know very much), this scared me.

The next day I was talking with Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, who was in London as one of the delegates to the Naval Conference. I told him what I had heard.

Instead of replying directly, he took down from the mantle-piece a copy of the autobiography of Lord Curzon, and turned to a passage which read something like this: "When I was a young man I proposed to keep a diary, but wise old uncle advised against it. Instead of recording what had happened, he said, I could employ my time more profitably by writing down on a piece of paper what I felt sure was going to happen. Then, he said, 'Put those notes away, and a year or five years later get them out and read them over, and see how wrong you have been. This will teach you to be cautious.'"

What shrewd advice that is! All of us could profit by it. I know that if I had written down my own private forecast at the beginning of each year and filed it away it would have saved me from making a number of costly mistakes. Also, the record would make rather encouraging reading. It would show that a considerable amount of unanticipated good luck has come into my life. And that many of the bad things which I predicted for myself and the country have never actually happened.

NEW SALEMAN COMES TO LOCAL LIGHT COMPANY

H. H. Miller, Marshfield, Exchanges Positions with A. L. Wade.

H. H. Miller of Marshfield arrived in Springfield Saturday to assume the duties as salesman for the local office of the Mountain States Power company. Mr. Miller takes the place of A. L. Wade who was transferred to the Marshfield district effective the first of this month.

Mr. Miller is married and has two children, a boy and a girl. They have established their residence at Fourth and C streets.

MABEL RESIDENTS SEEK NEW ROAD FROM COUNTY

Petitions for a new county road approximately one and one-third miles long are being circulated in the Mabel district this week by Albert Piquet and Richard Hillman, both of whom were at the court house Saturday discussing the desired road with officials of the county court and county engineers.

The petitions ask for a new road starting about a mile below Mabel and running off in a northeasterly direction. The road would serve six families.

Inadequate roads now serve this territory, and the petitioners ask that the county take over the entire route and grade and gravel it.

LEGISLATURE CHANGES NOTED BY W. F. WALKER

Governor Meier must either make good on his platform now or else shoulder all of the responsibility for its failure says W. F. Walker, local mortician and justice of the peace who returned Friday from Salem where he had spent several days transacting business.

The state legislature has assumed an entirely different attitude towards the administration forces it had when the group first convened, and after many weeks, outstanding only for their meagre accomplishments, the law makers in the last days of their session began to accede to the every wish of the governor, passing all administration bills and going so far as to invite the governor to make requests.

One of the most unusual incidents noticed at the state house this year, says Mr. Walker, is the absence of any criticism of the governor.

BROTHERHOOD PLANING HOMECOMING MEETING

Plans are already being made by the Men's Brotherhood of the Methodist church for their homecoming meeting to be held in the church parlors on Monday evening, March 16. Outstanding among the visitors at the meeting will be the Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Yarns, former residents of this city while the pastor served the local congregation during the years 1920-1924. They are now making their home at Salem while Rev. Yarns is serving as district superintendent of the Cascade district of the church, which includes all of that part of Oregon lying south of Cottage Grove from Idaho to the Pacific ocean.

Quartets composed of both male and female singers will furnish music for the evening's program which will start with a dinner served by the Ladies Aid at 6:30.

MRS. ROUSE ENTERTAINS PRISCILLA CLUB FRIDAY

Members of the Priscilla club were entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Rouse. The afternoon was spent with games and refreshments. Guests present were Miss Edna Platt, Mrs. Pratt Holmerson and daughter, Fay, and Mrs. Anna Charrett. Prizes for the games were won by Mrs. J. M. Larson and Mrs. John Seavey.

Members of the club present were Mrs. John Parker, Mrs. Norman Howard, Mrs. John Seavey, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass, Mrs. John Tomseth, Mrs. J. M. Larson, Mrs. William Stearmer, Mrs. William Curtis, and the hostess.

The next meeting of the club will be held Friday, March 13, at the home of Mrs. Riley Snodgrass.

COUGAR KILLS SHEEP ON FARM NEAR SPRINGFIELD

A check for \$21 was returned to the Lane County Dog control fund during the past week by August Vitus, R. F. D. 2, when he discovered that a cougar and not marauding dogs was responsible for the many sheep losses which he has sustained recently. Mr. Vitus presented a claim to the county dog board last month when he found a large number of his sheep killed. Last week he found more dead sheep and upon investigation found that a cougar had visited his farm and was responsible for the damages.

Claims allowed Monday by the board were Earl Driskill, route 2, Eugene, \$27 for 12 sheep; P. N. Bonnett, Eugene, \$16 for 4 sheep; and John Calaway, route 3, Eugene, \$2 for one sheep. One claim was denied because it was made too long after the loss had been sustained.

HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE LAUGHTERESQUE EVENT

The curtain at the Springfield high school auditorium will rise on a week from Friday night on one of the best Laughteresque programs ever presented at the local school in years according to parties at the school who have charge of the program and who know what it will consist of.

Laughteresque is the term used to designate a fun program sponsored annually at the school by the members of each of the classes. The program usually lasts about two hours. Each class in the school prepared an original stunt which requires at least 15 minutes to present and these are judged by a committee, the winning class receiving five extra points and the third prize is one point in the competition.

Special entertainment is also provided between the class presentations. The nature of the stunts are not revealed to the public until they are presented.

HIGH SCHOOL OPERETTA HAS DUAL LEAD ROLES

First stage practice for "Sailor Maids," musical operetta to be presented at the high school auditorium by the combined glee clubs of the school on Friday evening, April 3, were held Monday according to Ernest McKinney, instructor in music who is directing the production.

Practice work on the operetta has been carried on for several weeks at the school. The chorus is getting along fine and most of the remaining time will be spent on the individual parts says McKinney.

Two sets of leading characters have been selected and both will practice the parts. Paul Freese and Virginia Christie form one lead team, and Alton Robeson and Blanche Bates the other. The other leads are to be taken by Paul Robley, Dorman Chase, LaMar Bratlain, and Eva Louk. There are more than 36 students in the combined chorus.

Return from Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Verne Daniels returned Sunday from Portland where they had spent the week-end.

Visits Brother—Miss Esther McPherson spent the week-end at Dallas visiting with her brother, Virgil, who is assistant principal of the Dallas junior high school.

Go to Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Dumont Myers have gone to Portland to spend a few days visiting.

LOCAL PLAYERS DEFEAT WENDLING PIN BUSTERS

Springfield ten-pin players defeated the Wendling team in all three of the games played on the local alleys here Friday evening. Endicott carried off honors for the highest individual score, making 220 in the second game. Bryan held the high total of 540 for the three games.

The players on each team and their individual and total scores were:

Springfield—				
Cornell	176	148	124	448
Bryan	196	166	181	543
Neet	141	213	173	527
S'ivers	166	176	177	519
Endcott	128	220	158	506
Totals	805	919	813	2537
Wendling—				
Book	114	174	136	424
Smith	114	174	136	424
Myer	139	163	115	417
Warfall	145	125	114	384
Custer	140	122	202	464
Totals	678	745	671	2094

MANY DOG OWNERS FAIL TO GET COUNTY LICENSE

Approximately 1500 Lane county dogs are still without the necessary county dog license tags which are required by state law and their owners will now have to pay for the license tags together with a penalty of \$2.00 according to R. J. Morris, county dog officer. Saturday was the last day on which to purchase the license tags with the penalty fee, and more than 2100 license had been issued at the county clerk's office at the close of business that day. Three people were kept busy Saturday issuing more than 800 tags.

There were 3800 license tags issued last year and the dog control officer will soon begin checking up on those who have not purchased new tags.

COUNTY CREWS WORKING ON MANY ROADS NOW

County road crews are busy now blading and dragging many of the most used county roads. The recent rains have softened the surface of the roads sufficient so that they can be bladed down eliminating many of the chuck holes which develop during the winter months.

The county road crews expect to gravel the road between Lowell and the Lowell bridge within the next week.



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LARGE GROUP ATTENDS CHURCH NIGHT PROGRAM

A group of 90 people attended the monthly church night program at the Christian church here Friday evening. An interesting program of short talks and musical numbers was given and this was followed by refreshments served by the ladies class of the Sunday school.

The program for the evening was as follows: Solo, Pearl Helterbrand; read, Roscoe Cole; clarinet solo, Harvey Wooley; reading, Mabel Riddle; talk, "Young People's Place in the Program of the Church," Veltie Pruitt, pastor of the congregation; vocal solo, Mrs. Lola Thompson; talk, "How Young People are Helping in the Church," Hubert Sias; and a closing song and prayer by the audience.

JAIL TERMS GIVEN FOR STEALING OF GASOLINE

Gaylord Morse and Denton Sheeks were sentenced to serve four and three months respectively in the Lane county jail Monday. The sentence was pronounced by Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth after the two had changed their minds and plead guilty to the charges of theft of gasoline and motor oil. Morse was a ward of the juvenile court at the time of the offense and was given the heavier sentence because it was his second offense.

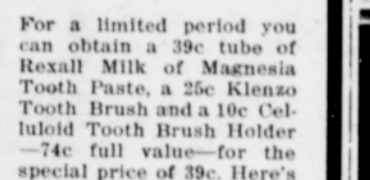
PROPERTY ASSESSORS START WORK MONDAY

Deputy Lane county tax assessors started their work for this year Monday morning in all parts of the county. The assessing of all the land and property in the county will take more than two weeks before it can be completed. Only slight variations are expected in the valuations of personal property and farm valuation this year from those of the past year.

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