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BACK TO FREEDOM

General applause should greet the action of the United States Supreme Court which nullifies laws in Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio and 18 other states where the teaching of any language other than English in the schools, public and private, was forbidden.

The court holds that the study of a foreign language constitutes a liberty within the meaning of the Constitutional guarantees of non-interference of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. "Without doubt," says the decision, these guarantees mean "not merely freedom from bodily restraint, but also the right to engage in any one of the common occupations of life, to acquire useful knowledge

and, generally, to enjoy those privileges long recognized at common law as essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men." The specific case was that of a teacher of German, and it developed that these laws, which were war-time legislation, were aimed chiefly at that tongue.

The desirability of teaching English in the schools, of course, scarcely needs discussion, for the acquirement of the common tongue of the Nation is the first step toward assimilation of our constantly replenished foreign population. But to decree that English alone shall be taught is sheerest nonsense, without warrant either in American traditions or the habits of reason.

Those responsible for these repressive laws, which are now happily abolished, have fallen into the all too common fallacy of thinking that ideas and great literatures have each one of them a National boundary—the one which marks the limits of that Nation where the thinker may have happened to live. And neither ideas nor literature have, of course, any such limits at all. No great literature in any language has ever paid any attention to the restraints imposed upon Nations by political geography, for to all such arbitrary and State-imposed deadlines fundamental human ideas are hostile. Their frontier is solely the frontier of minds everywhere, and to acquire the language in which such ideas may happen originally to be expressed is to broaden one's sense of human unity and understanding.

By overturning legal barriers founded upon the misconception of that fact the Supreme Court has rendered one of its rare services to culture in America.—The Lawyer and Banker.

MORGAN

Mrs. Echo Palmateer and Teddy were visiting Mrs. Hal Ely Saturday. Edith Ely and Mary Holaday were visitors at the Noah Pettyjohn home Saturday.

Hal Ely and Robert Harbison attended the football game at Lexington Saturday.

A. F. and W. F. Palmateer were home visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harbison were in Lone Saturday.

Beulah and Geneva Pettyjohn called at the John Gray home one day last week.

Thelma and Mildred Morgan spent Sunday with Edith and Margaret Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harbison called at Holaday's Sunday evening.

John Gray and family have moved to the Osborn place near Fourmile.

Fred Pettyjohn's family are now living on the John Gray place.

Pat Modlock has moved into the Edward home.

Kev. Head held services here Sunday.

S. Edwards made a trip to Hood River last week, and found the family well.

Those neither absent nor tardy last week were: Edith and Margaret Ely, Wayne Witzel, Katie, Claude and Elise Morgan, Mary and Oro Holaday, Geraldine Funk, Lela, Lemis and Leona Gray, Howard Hardisty, Beulah, Geneva and Paul Pettyjohn.

EARLY DAY MISSOURI RELIC

Mrs. W. W. Smead has recently received a copy of the Marshall (Mo.) Democrat-News in which is published a letter written by her great grandfather, David Jones, while he was a member of the Missouri territorial legislature in 1818. Mr. Jones was a native of Richmond, Va., having been born there in 1761. He enlisted in the federal army at the age of 17 and took part in the Revolutionary war being present at the Yorktown surrender. The original letter is in the state's archives at Columbia, Mo., but the letter as published is said to be an exact copy over to the spelling of "Massary." The letter follows:

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7, 1818 "Sir— I embrace this opportunity of

writing to inform you that I am well, and I hope this may find you and yours well also.

We have done little in the House but try contested elections. There is a bill before the House extending the right of preemption and draft a memorial to Congress also a bill for forming a state government, which bill I enclose in this letter to you. I wish you after you have perused it to send it over to our side of the river. There is also a bill to knock down bank bills and bills from banks under five dollars except the bank of Missouri. I am not prepared to say whether we will have a long session or not. There are many things crowding on before us and very few finished as yet.

I conclude by informing you that we gained our seat without the loss of a single vote in the House.

David Jones.

Pettyjohn-Hart Nuptial

Miss Delphia Pettyjohn became the bride of Mr. Dilbert Ray Hart in this city last Saturday afternoon, the ceremony being performed in S. E. Notson's office at the court house by Judge Cornett. The bride is a stepdaughter of Mr. Henry Clark of this city and the groom is a well known young man of the Butter creek section.

A VALUABLE BULLETIN

Bulletin No. 1173, just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, entitled "Experiments in Wheat Production on the Dry Lands of the Western United States," is one of the most valuable documents for dry land wheat farmers that has come to this office.

The bulletin gives first hand information regarding practical experiments in wheat farming as observed at the agricultural experiment stations at Moro, Oregon, Lind, Washington and Nepht, Utah during a period of from 7 to 18 years covering experiments in early and late sowing, cultivation of summer fallow, weeding and many other matters of importance to every wheat grower.

In a letter to the Hon. H. H. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro station, says that the edition of the bulletin is limited and there will not be any general distribution but copies will be sent free of charge as long as they last to any farmer in Oregon. If application is made to the Moro Experiment Station, Moro, Oregon.

CECIL

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Minor and children from The End of the Trail ranch near Lone, were calling on Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe on Sunday.

George Irvine, foreman of the grading crew on the highway, accompanied by his wife and daughter, were doing the sights of Heppner on Sunday.

Leon Logan and Mrs. Hazel Logan and daughter, Miss Ester, were visiting in Cecil over Sunday.

Walter Pepe made a hurried trip to Lone on Sunday.

Miss Minnie Reils, teacher of Fourmile school, spent the week-end with friends in Arlington.

Cecil depot was a busy place Sunday, both cattle and hogs being shipped out for the Portland markets. On Monday several carloads of sheep were shipped out from Cecil for Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs and sons of "The Last Camp" left on the local for Portland Sunday, where they intend to visit for a few days.

Mrs. Jack Hynd of Butterby Flats was a visitor with Mrs. H. J. Streeter in Cecil, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson of Heppner made a short stay in Cecil on Thursday before leaving to visit in Portland for a while.

Mrs. V. H. Tyler of Rhea siding spent Friday afternoon visiting with Mrs. George Henriksen at Strawberry ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Farnsworth and children, and Mrs. Jenks left Rhea siding to spend Friday visiting friends in Heppner.

T. W. May of Lone Star ranch has finished harvesting. He also finished hauling his wheat to Cecil warehouse. L. D. May of The Dalles, who was helping through the busy season returned to The Dalles during the week.

Mrs. Edna Hynd and Chandler of Cecil, and Mrs. E. H. Harbison of Morgan were visiting in Cecil vicinity after casting their votes regarding the income tax.

Edwip A. Fanshler of Fourmile and Earl Morgan of "Broadacres" are working against time, hauling their wheat into Cecil warehouse. Wheat is coming in so fast that it has been necessary to employ several extra men for a few days to pile the wheat in the warehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd and daughter, Miss Annie of Butterby Flats, were visiting in Heppner Friday and Saturday. Master Jackie, student of Heppner high school, returned to Cecil on Saturday to live down on the farm for a few hours before his studies begin again on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. Hart and daughter of "Poplar Grove" were visitors in Lone on Friday.

Mrs. I. N. Morrison and Mrs. E. H. Crandall of "Rockcliffe" were calling in Arlington on Wednesday.

The special election regarding the income tax passed off quietly at Cecil on November 6. A little excitement occurred when Al Troedson, "the poet laureate" of Morgan, after having a huge meal at noon and also an enormous lunch at night and was still shouting for more apple pie and cheese, was presented with one of Spratt's dog biscuits and an axe, "Wild" Palmateer of "Windyhook" felt so ill after trying to keep pace with his friends Al that his friends were thinking of calling in a doctor, when someone presented "Wild" with a raw onion which seemed to restore the sick man and last seen of "Wild" was when he was shaking the dust of Cecil from his feet and singing, "Yes, We Have No Onions Today."

FARMER MUST CONTROL PRODUCTION AND MARKETS

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that he has to buy. It is said that these conditions will "adjust themselves" after a time. They will, when the farmers themselves adjust them, when they follow organized labor and master their own problems.

Official statistics for 1922 show that consumers paid 22 1-2 billion dollars for farm products, exclusive of cotton, tobacco and live stock. Of this total the middle interests received 14 1-2 billions for getting it to the consumers and the farmers received 7 1-2 billions. Such a condition will break any industry.

Farmers must organize and handle their business as the coal, oil, sugar, shoe and clothing combinations handle theirs. They must control the production, handle the distribution, sell collectively, own their marketing system, fix their prices. Co-operate with consumers' and retail organizations, this will not be a difficult undertaking, but there must first be organization—compact, strong combinations.

The state market agent reports that the best car of potatoes inspected since the passage of the new potato grading and inspection law, was shipped in from Redmond, October 29. It was a car of Notted Gems under grade No. 1.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

University of Oregon, Eugene, Nov. 5.—Out of 2238 students registered at the University of Oregon this year 1735 have expressed a religious preference, which is represented by 26 different creeds and denominations.

Of those expressing a religious preference, 435 are Presbyterians, 285 Methodists, 187 Christians, 168 Episcopalians, 135 Catholics, 90 Christian Scientists, 87 Baptists, 86 Congregationalists, 50 Lutherans, 18 Unitarians, 12 Jewish, 7 Evangelical, 5 United Brethren, 4 Friends, 4 Latter Day Saints, 2 Universalists, 2 Ethical Culturists, and one each of the following: Greek Orthodox, Church of God, Church of Truth, New Thought, Silvest, Minneapolis, Theosophist and one Solarite.

Only one man declared that he was an atheist while another declared that he was an individualist. The statistics were compiled by a joint effort of the campus Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Caldonia Sperry, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, and the said Court has fixed Monday, January 7th, 1924, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time and the County Court room in the Court House at Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, as the place of hearing objection to said fi-

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