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Editorial Correspondence

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—The graduation is over—another epoch marked in the lives of several young ladies. The highest compliment we could imagine was paid this school when several of the girl graduates actually cried when the final parting with their classmates and teachers came. Few schools are good enough to cry about. This one apparently is.

It was, of course, a very pretty scene, similar ones being enacted all over the country during this month of June. Pretty girls in white, grown-ups and children seated on the lawn, the school "president," in this case an unusually attractive and charming person,—the speaker of the day a clean-cut, forceful young professor from the University of California, giving a very interesting and sensible address,—refreshingly free from the sentimentality of the early '90s.

He called attention to the wonderful age before these young women, how the world has advanced more in the past fifty years than in the previous fifty centuries,—particularly the place of women in society and business. He hoped these young girls would take more interest in public affairs, in government, for, as he well said, this country has made the greatest imaginable success in business and the greatest imaginable failure in politics. Certainly there never has been a time when intelligent and unselfish voters were more needed—when independent and fearless political action was more in demand. If these girls—and other graduates all over the country—can supply some of this, it will be all to the good.

The Proud Pappas made a big burst at this final performance, realizing it was their last appearance,—like boys after losing all the race running their legs off on the last lap. They were all there, dressed up like freshly harnessed circus horses, and not one dropped out until the final curtain. There was a buffet lunch on a country estate nearby, platters of meat and cold salad sandwiches, ice cream, and, best of all, the smoking ban was raised. Every Proud Papa did his duty, congratulated all the other Pappas on their daughters, and was perfectly sure that not one of them could compare with his own. So life goes on, generation follows generation, the sun no sooner sets for one than it rises for another. R. W. R.

Fifteen Years Ago This Week

(From the files of The Mail Tribune)

Monday. Washington—William Jennings Bryan resigns as secretary of state, due to clash with President Wilson over note to Germany. Irrigation meeting at Oak Grove school postponed, on account heavy rain in year.

Tuesday. Proposed Pacific highway route from Central Point to Seven Oaks, with seven right angles and two railroad crossings abandoned for a straight line. Washington—Germany's note claims right to sink American ships carrying contraband. The Greater Medford club has adopted the practice of distributing flowers on Southern Pacific trains to leave a good impression with travelers.

Wednesday. The heavy bank of clouds to the westward failed to bring the rain the farmers need. R. E. Antle, cashier of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank and daughters Hazel and Mildred, leave for a fortnight's visit at the San Francisco fair.

Thursday. Valley promised sugar factory if sugar beets can be raised successfully here. Guy W. Connor and family leave for two weeks at San Francisco fair. The police announce that violations of the traffic ordinances by autoists who ignore the Main avenue crossing watchmen, by driving their machines in front of approaching freight passenger trains will be prosecuted. The last week autoists in a hurry have sped past the flagman. One machine was loaded with women and children, and was so dangerous that even a brakeman standing on the top of a moving car emitted a cry of alarm. The watchman will take the numbers of all courting an accident.

Friday. Oliver Davidson reports to police that his blooded bulldog was stolen by a tourist. D. M. Lowe wins medal for best farm exhibit at San Francisco fair. Four wanderers sleeping under the water tank were ordered by the police to pitch hay or leave town. They did the latter. Attorney B. R. McCabe and David R. Wood are the latest local folks to acquire Ford.

Saturday. Butte Falls residents file petition for better road. Three auto accidents were reported so far this week, none being on the same day. Emerson Merrick has returned from the University of Oregon for the summer. H. Chandler Bean leaves for Tacoma, Wash., to play golf in the Northwest tourney.

There will be another land contest, but steps have been taken to curb the kids who run wild during the rendition of the pieces.

Press Comment. THE TREATY SHOULD BE RATIFIED. There is considerable sense in President Hoover's demand that the senate act on the naval treaty as soon as possible, even at the expense of an extra session. If the treaty is not ratified or rejected before fall, it is sure to become an issue in the November elections, and in that case the country will be resound with anti-treaty cries from Great Britain and Japan, voiced by office-seekers who will think less of international comity than of getting votes.

The hearings before two senate committees have shown a wide difference of opinion among the navy's experts, some of whom oppose the treaty, while others favor it. The opponents of the treaty may be right about their preference for 8-inch gun cruisers, but they seem to overlook two very important facts. One is that unless some limitation is put on the building of cruisers, destroyers, submarines and aircraft carriers, competitive building between the United States, Great Britain and Japan is almost sure to happen, each country watching what the others do and regulating building plans accordingly.

The other consideration is that the United States, with no limitation on cruiser building, does not possess today the 8-inch gun cruisers which the big navy contingent wants, and is stopped from getting them chiefly because public sentiment is opposed to competitive building. In other words, if the treaty is ratified there is a possibility that the people will allow congress to appropriate money to build the navy up to the treaty limits, while if it is rejected, the people are likely to build construction down for years. The announcement of large naval plans will set both Great Britain and Japan to more extensive building. The wisest course seems to be to

ratify the treaty as soon as convenient, for what it gives in the way of limitation of armaments, and then get busy in preliminary arrangements for the next step, which must be taken before 1936. (Detroit News).

THE ANALOGY

"Wildcat" Bob Duncan, who, like George W. Joseph, is a believer in free speech for the purpose of character assassination, and has for months been making radio speeches attacking chain stores, banks, newspapers and prominent citizens of Portland, has been arrested on a federal charge of using obscene and indecent language over the radio. This is said to be the first prosecution of the kind attempted since the passage of the radio act. The radio station has lost its license on the same grounds.

It will be noted with satisfaction that Duncan is not prosecuted for slander, libel and character assassination, but for his uncouth, vulgar and obscene language. It is apparently perfectly legal and proper to use the radio to malign honest people, providing it is couched in polite language.

As the Astoria Budget remarks: There is no parallel between the discarding of Joseph and the suppression of Duncan, we may be told, but the two cases are not altogether without their analogy. Joseph in his written and broadcast tirades against two members of the supreme court did not, it is quite true, emit the vocal sewage which characterized the Duncan attacks upon prominent Portlanders, but there was probably more of downright bitterness, viciousness and savagery in them. Duncan's language was that of an uncouth, roughneck, bar-room fighter, Joseph's that of the polished, calculating killer. But there was evidenced in each of them the venal purpose to destroy.

And if Joseph received 50,000 votes for governor in Oregon in "vindication" of his slanders, Duncan received over 11,000 votes for Congress in Portland in vindication

of his obscenity. All of which proves how susceptible people are to demagoguery. (Salem Capital-Journal).

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Before and After

(Salem Capital-Journal)

The right-about-face flop of the Portland Oregonian in behalf of its disbarred candidate for governor is shown below in parallel columns. One gives the Oregonian's opinion before taking the primary pill and the other a month later, after swallowing it. Comment on the Oregonian's sincerity or consistency is needless. It speaks for itself.

BEFORE Oregonian, March 29, 1930

But what of election, if the remotely improbable should happen? The voice of the minority does not vindicate. Meanwhile the supreme court may have confirmed the findings of the independent, incorruptible and competent referees that Mr. Joseph falsely, maliciously and publicly accused two members of the supreme court of corruption and deserves permanent disbarment. But whether confirmed in its full import or modified, there stands the record. It is the findings of three circuit judges, high in the esteem of their own communities, completely respecting for their fairness and learning by the bar of the state, divided in their political obligations, and fearless in their judgments. It is a stigma against a member of the bar that cannot be wiped out by election to any office and if followed by election would simply and only attach a part of that stigma to the state itself and place it in disrepute before the nation. We cannot believe that any thoughtful citizen would be other than shocked to have it known throughout this country that Oregon had elected as governor a man who had been found by fair and honest associates in his profession and after formal hearing to be unfit to be a member of the bar.

No, there is no vindication possible for Mr. Joseph in this election. As we pointed out heretofore in these columns his path to restoration in public esteem lay well marked before him. That path was one of modest demeanor and a moderate show of penitence. He has chosen a different one, and in no conceivable circumstance can it lead to real vindication, for real vindication is the faith, the respect and the friendship of that great element of the public whose faith and respect and friendship are worth having.

AFTER Oregonian, May 29, 1930

There has been no substantial evidence offered as to the impression made upon the public mind by the Joseph accusations against the court or its individual members.

Neither the Bar Association nor any group of representative lawyers, nor any individual lawyer of high standing, concerned over impairment of the processes of justice and the honor of the court and bar, took cognizance of the Joseph accusations.

The initial steps to "purge" the bar of this member were taken by a fellow lawyer who the court finds, coincidentally, is himself unfit to be a member of the bar.

There is no purpose herein to say that Mr. Joseph should not have been disciplined. His accusations were intemperate and, we fully believe, unjust.

But while disbarment for professional misconduct in matters of speech and writing may not in the legal sense be "punished," it is nevertheless a dishonor, greater perhaps in the eyes of laymen than in the eyes of lawyers, but recognized as such by all.

It is a stigma which no one would willingly see placed upon the governor of the state, whether one believed that it was justly or unjustly placed upon him. Mr. Joseph is headed toward the governorship. Political forecasts are always matters of opinion, and errors are frequently made by political prophets. But we have a feeling that he is going to be the next governor of Oregon. We should like to see him step into office with no smirch upon his career.

The court has itself offered a means for expunging the record. It is that Mr. Joseph retract that which he has said which impugns the honor and integrity of the court—that he retract his accusations, not his criticisms. If that shall be done his reinstatement to the bar is promised.

Mr. Ford and the Farm Board

(New York World)

Henry Ford has shown a complete lack of sympathy with the advice which the Federal Farm Board and other agencies are giving the farmer in the matter of reducing the size of his crops. He urges the very opposite course and says that the short cut to agricultural prosperity is intensive cultivation and quantity production from the soil. He pooh-poohs the idea of a surplus and says that a surplus is always the starting point of new uses. He cites corn as an example. We used to think of corn only as food, but after we began to produce more than could be eaten we found new ways of utilizing it and now use more corn in the industrial arts than we ever did for food.

All this is interesting, but not exactly convincing. It is true that new uses have been found for many agricultural products, but the problem of a surplus still remains. And this problem is by no means confined to agriculture. The coal, oil, copper, and textile industries have all been wrestling with it. At times Mr. Ford himself has had to face the same sort of situation; and did he then follow the prescription which he now offers to the farmer? He most assuredly did not. He has shown that he knows quite well how to curtail output when demand is slack, and he does so in as thorough a fashion when business is dull as he expands when business is good.

It may be all right to preach that "everything produced from the soil can be used for some purpose," but while the farmer is waiting for these new uses to be discovered he must pay his bills. And he can't do that if he raises more than can be sold for what it costs to produce it. The Farm Board has some sane and unobjectionable advice as Mr. Ford now offers free gratis and for nothing.

sex's homecoming week in July. Edgar C. Thompson of Philadelphia is sponsoring the movement in the United States.

LONDON, June 6.—Little Princess Elizabeth, granddaughter of King George, has been given an old hobby horse that has amused royal children for several generations. It was at the home of Princess Mary until the young Lord Lascelles, her son, outgrew it.

PARIS, June 6.—Latest registration figures of the University of Paris place the total number of students at 68,980, an increase of 2,800 over the preceding scholastic year. Large outlays must be made for more lecture halls and study rooms and laboratories.

Smudge Smoke

Several mothers spent Friday afternoon and evening leaping for joy as school is out, until Sept.

G. Hunt has gone to Diamond Lake for a rest, which he sure needs. Farmers are very busy, either on the farm, or downtown causing the administration.

Atty. Gus Newbury informed the writer Thurs. that a man gave him a \$19 hat and a \$2.50 necktie, and he still wants the dollar we owe him. But he will have to take, yank, and extract the same, from the hide or outer covering of the said debtor.

Most of the girls are in their summer get-ups, organdie in the pastel shades being very popular, it is said.

The 4th of July comes on Friday this yr., so there will not be a closing of the barbershops till the following Thurs. in order to celebrate freedom by cutting a fib.

ASV. Carpenter has returned from Africa, England, and Europe, wearing the brown suit he departed in.

Hugh Hamlin wielded the gavel at the traffic meets, as David Rosenberg absented himself. Mr. Hamlin is what a US senator would call an "independent chairman," and is relentless in getting through as a section crew boss.

The Charlie Strang scales are lying like a gentleman again, for the benefit of the plump.

A stranger was in town Wed. and started to build a 28-story scraper, but whittled it down to 10 stories before nightfall.

The Jim Grieve boy was in town Tues. and returned to Prospect to confront a shivver.

The boy graduates of 1930 are loose in the world, and toiling at the plow, the forge, the counter, the gas sile, and the old ad.

Bill Hater is up in Portland, exclaiming his trigger finger.

Nature lovers are picking poison ivy, with characteristic results.

It turned off warm in mid-week, and prospects are bright citizens will have occasion to look at the thermometers, which is not spoiled right, as the writer is too warm to correct. A few miles are running around without their coats, for comfort, and to give an impression of industry.

Some woe and calamity has been forecasted, but veterans of 399 crises in the Rogue River fish issue, are not laying awake nights.

F. Bybee, the J'ville serf, reports he has cut his alfalfa. As a matter of fact, his hired man did, but get no credit for it.

Many will picnic today, as it is the only way to get ashes and ants in their vittles.

A glorious moon has been prevailing, and the usual number of youths will stay out in its beams too long and keep the county clerk busy next November.

CLAIMS LONGEST BUSINESS FLIGHT

The longest business trip by airplane on record is claimed by Joseph H. McDuffee, vice-president and general manager of the Prest-O-Lite Storage Battery Corporation, who returned to Indianapolis, May 7, after traveling 9,500 miles in five weeks.

Mr. McDuffee, in the Prest-O-Lite plane, a J-6 Ryan, piloted by Dick Knox, visited all major cities on the Pacific coast and went as far north as Bellingham, Wash.

A strong west to east wind, which was an offset to the ship to average 138 miles an hour from the Grand Canyon to Indianapolis, an unusual speed record, as the normal speed of the ship is only approximately one hundred miles an hour.

Mr. McDuffee said that he and Knox dodged several of the storm centers in Texas, but were able to see them at a distance of five to fifteen miles, flying at an altitude of 4,000 feet. The return trip from Amarillo, Texas, to Indianapolis, 940 miles, was made in 7 hours.

When the party visited Medford, Oregon, they attended the opening of Pennington's Battery Service and Garage new station, and spent an afternoon with Mr. Pennington fishing for trout in the Rogue River.