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Editorial Correspondence

PASADENA, Calif., May 5.—The overwhelming defeat of the Sharkey bill in California provides a good text for a lecture on democracy.

From all we can learn this measure which was passed by the state legislature and submitted to a referendum by the people, should form the standpoint of the welfare of the people of this state, have passed. It provided for the conservation of oil, the protection instead of the demoralization of the California oil industry, and would therefore not only have benefited the industry, but the people of the state.

The oil bootleggers of the state however, bitterly opposed the measure because it would have destroyed their profitable graft. So they conducted a bitter campaign against it, and were so successful in their billboard and radio propaganda, in making it appear a "steal" on the part of the hated Oil Trust, that the very people whom it would have benefited snowed it under.

WHEN we first arrived and saw the effective bill boards, showing a shark about to devour a hen-pecked individual entitled the "common people" with a caption "down with oil trust" we predicted the defeat of the bill.

Two days before election a man in this hotel asked our opinion of the measure. We said we knew little about it, but had an idea it represented a necessary step to preserve the oil industry of California.

His reply was "Yeah and let the big oil companies charge all the traffic will bear, and make the poor consumer pay the freight!"

"But are you sure that would be the effect of the bill?" we replied. "Of course he was sure. If it wasn't that why were all the big oil companies spending millions of dollars to put the measure over?"

Not being able to answer that we called in a Pasadena business man of our acquaintance who had made a careful study of the proposal, and

in ten minutes talk he showed this was NOT true, that while the measure would benefit the large oil companies, it would only give benefits to which any legitimate business is entitled, a chance to operate at a fair profit. That unless this measure—or a similar measure—WERE PASSED one of California's major industries would be forced to the wall, and the entire state would suffer—lose far more in actual dollars and cents than could possibly be gained, by the opportunity of buying gasoline at less than production cost.

The proposition was made so clear, that the opponent of the measure switched over completely, not only voted for the bill, but persuaded his wife to do the same thing. Nevertheless as before stated the Sharkey bill was buried under a perfect avalanche of "No's."

Why? Simply because a majority of the people didn't do what this individual finally did—they didn't investigate the matter for themselves. They simply swallowed the demagogic catchword "harpoon the shark, down with the oil trust," yielded blindly to their prejudice against Big Business, voted for the oil bootleggers, and against the interests not only of the large oil companies, but the interests of their state and of THEMSELVES.

There is a practical demonstration of why our high brow political economists continue to maintain democracy is still on trial, that its ability to successfully survive, has not been finally demonstrated. Until a MAJORITY of the people of this country acquire the habit of doing what this man did—looking into public questions for themselves, turning a deaf ear to the demagogue, refusing to be deluded by prejudice and catch words, Democracy is not only on trial, it is doomed ultimately to fail.

That is why every election day is not only a test of good citizenship but a test of whether or not the people, in the face of the demagogue and self seeking politicians, are really capable of governing themselves.

They ARE of course—but will they? Or to express it in another way—will the people as a whole spend enough time and thought and study on public affairs to discriminate between what is good for themselves and what isn't—between what merely SOUNDS good and what IS good.

There is the ETERNAL problem of Democracy,

Press Comment

POA BULBOSA
Frank Jenkins, newspaper man of the upper Willamette valley, Southern Oregon and the Klamath basin, tells a story. It involves the new bluegrass that grows while other grasses sleep. And it involves a man who would rather make a mountain green than own a million dollars.

Down on the old Hanley ranch near Jacksonville, where William Hanley and E. B. Hanley, his brother, spent their boyhood, Charlie Hoover, rancher, noticed one day a tiny patch of new bluegrass.

First of all he noticed that it was green when other grasses were brown. It grew in the winter, when other grasses and alfalfa are dormant. Alfalfa consumes humus and produces nitrogen. This grass consumed nitrogen and produced humus. It was good grazing in its own right, but particularly good when other grazing failed.

There was speculation about where this green came from. No one knew. No one knows for sure, now. It might have been received with an order of alfalfa seed. The point was, that it grew and thrived in the Rogue River valley. Instead of producing flowers and seeds, as do other grasses, this grass produced tiny bulbs without flowers. These grew at the tip of the blades. In the densely matted roots were many more bulbs, each about the size of a kernel of wheat.

The ground was green where the winter bluegrass grew. The ground was brown on the mountainside beyond. Charlie Hoover carried handfuls of the bulbs in his pocket as he went to and fro. He strewed them on rocky places and in areas where grass hadn't grown. Nature, glad, did the rest. Looking at the spreading green, Charlie Hoover said this meant more to him than to make a million dollars.

Science says the winter bluegrass is the Poa bulbosa. Nature says it is a blessing. So do men. Charlie Hoover goes on scattering it.

And Frank Jenkins, who believes that newspapers should serve and that faith in a country is best attested by works, can see not only but many mountains growing greener with resources for the future as Poa bulbosa spreads—Oregon Journal.

Talks To Parents

PUBLIC CRITICISM
By Alice Johnson Peale
None of us enjoys being criticized. Least of all do we enjoy being criticized before an audience. Yet most children are expected to take without a murmur a good deal of correction and criticism before others.

Father, looking down the length of the company dinner table, corrects Junior's manners. Mother, entertaining guests at tea, tells her daughter that her hair is badly done, her dress untidy and that she looks a sight.

Johnny's poor grades in arithmetic are discussed while sister stands by, an unsympathetic and perhaps even pleased listener.

Whenever one finds it necessary to criticize his child's appearance, improve his manners, or go over his mistakes and shortcomings, he should try to do it when he is alone with the child. What the parent says is not so effective if the child does not feel that he is being ashamed and ridiculed and that he must therefore reject everything his elder has to say in an effort to rescue his threatened self-respect.

Sometimes when the child must be corrected on the spot one may speak to him in a whispered aside that does not draw attention to him. Almost always he appreciates this consideration by doing as he is told.

Along with him, if the parent is at all tactful and kindly, he may say almost anything and be sure that the child will permit himself to be influenced by it. That is much the best way in which to make whatever criticisms are necessary must be obvious.

The only reason that parents ever do otherwise is that they act thoughtlessly or on the impulse of their own irritations.

RECREATION CLUB ANNOUNCES PLAYS

The Jackson County Recreation club announces that three one-act plays will be given at the Central Point Grange hall, Wednesday, May 18, instead of May 11th. At this time the Applegate Grange will present a one-act play for first scoring in the contest.

The "Teeth of the Gift Horse" will be presented by the Central Point Grange and "Miss Molly" by the Rogue River Civic Improvement club. These two plays were scored highest among contest plays judged to date. The public is invited.

Luther League
To Meet Monday
The Luther League of Zion Lutheran church meets for a business and social meeting in the church parlors next Monday evening. All young people invited.

Today

The Big Garner News. A Borah Triple Plan. The Ugliest Word. Washington's Madhouse.

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One man's poison is another man's meat; the more deadly the poison, the richer the meat.

There was a brisk rally in Wall Street prices Friday. Steel common rose three dollars a share, Steel preferred nine dollars on news that wages of steel workers had again been reduced, this time by 15 per cent. When there is less for those that work, there is more for those that own stock certificates. However, lower wages are better than no job, and the steel company had no choice.

Stock prices rose generally, and there was what Big Business calls "a better feeling generally," when news came that the Ways and Means committee had voted against the soldiers' bonus fifteen to ten.

This writer, subject to correction by the wise, believes that nothing could be better for big business and all business than to pay the soldiers their bonus now, since it must be paid eventually with interest. The soldiers would put the two thousand million dollars in circulation promptly. In every part of the country, bills would be paid, clothes, automobiles bought, cheerfulness increased, while the government would save eighty million dollars a year in interest charges.

The soldiers, and no other agency, could put the money in circulation and start a buying wave. The government, through the reconstruction committee, hands hundreds of millions to banks and other corporations. Do they put the money in circulation? Do they spend it and help business? They sit on it, like old Farmer, on his Rhine gold, hoarding it.

Refusal to pay soldiers, to whom government, rightly or wrongly, has promised the money, will cause much bitterness and establish a dissatisfaction, not easily cleared up.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE OF SWEATING.

In the true sense of the word there is no such thing as perspiration thru the skin. Today we are discussing sweating.

The popular fallacies about sweating are mainly the teachings of old time quacks and modern near-doctors and queer doctors—who "come by" the title of "doctor" just as certain old white men used to come by the title of "Colonel" down south. Some of them appended letters to their names, in imitation of a degree of some esoteric variety, but no university or college grants such degrees. Others are too fussy for that, and content themselves with the title of "Doctor" which they invariably use, never by any chance letting the public know what kind of doctor they purport to be. It is all right with the wisecracker, which complacently assumes the governor or the president or the sheriff or somebody wouldn't let the faker pose as a doctor if he wasn't qualified to do so.

The skin is not an excretory organ. Old timers detected uric acid compounds in the sweat and jumped to the conclusion that sweating was one way to get rid of uric acid. Uric acid compounds are normally present in the sweat, but not enough to deserve consideration, as we know now from precise chemical measurements. Neither uric acid nor other waste or harmful material is eliminated of excreted in the sweat in any appreciable or significant quantity. For all practical purposes, in health or sickness, nothing but common salt and water are present in sweat.

The sole purpose or function of the body temperature, by evaporation.

It is utterly ridiculous to imagine that any breathing is ever done thru the skin, and that's what I mean when I say there is no such thing as perspiration. Mythical tales about the fatal smothering of human beings by painting their skins with varnish or other impervious material are interesting but not true. The only objection to the use of cosmetic preparations to suppress sweating, say in the armpits or over the soles of the feet, is that many such preparations prove too irritating, setting up itching, inflammatory rashes, etc. If the preparation does not cause unpleasant irritation it is perfectly safe and hygienic to suppress the sweating over such limited areas or to reduce it to a minimum.

Sun Lamp
Is a sun lamp used enough to produce a good summer tan harmful? (S. H.)
Answer—No such ultraviolet lamp is harmful if it does not burn.

Sanitation
Can a mattress that has been used by a consumptive be made sanitary enough for a well person to sleep on? (Mrs. S. McK.)
Answer—If it is not visibly soiled it is perfectly sanitary for any one to sleep on, no matter what disease the former occupant of the bed had. If it is visibly soiled, ordinary soap and water washing of the cover is sufficient. But your local sanitary ordinance must be obeyed.

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Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
May 8, 1922
(It was Monday)

City to have Chautauqua week, last of month.

Little hope for Genoa conference of L. of N. succeeding.

Ireland ready to fight for peace, and war starts in Texas.

President Wilson, in a letter calls Sen. Reed of Missouri, "a marplot," and asks his defeat.

American Laundry installs new equipment.

Local Klan Kieglies invite Mayor Gates to attend a meeting of the Klan, and report whether or not it is a lawful organization "full of jolly purposes and ideals." Mayor Gates says "I will have to sleep over this matter, before I give my answer." Klan claims the organization is "maligned by emissaries of Satan."

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Polk and Co. start gathering data for new city directory.

Chief of Police stops Bud Anderson—Tommy McFarland fight, to great disgust of large audience in Angle Opera house.

"Valley Farm" with Horace Bromley and Herman Furucker and Cole Holmes in leading to be presented to Central Point audience.

Mercury soars to 82 degrees and city sweaters.

University club holds farewell dinner for S. Vilas Beckwith who is going back to Massachusetts to live.

As the result of Mike Hanley setting his auto afire, when looking under the hood with a lighted match, motorists are warned that matches are dangerous aroun gasoline, in a striping editorial. Mr. Hanley is congratulated on not being "blown to bits."

WETTEST APRIL

IN 19 YEARS ON LOCAL RECORDS

Meteorological notes for April as compiled by W. J. Hutchison, observer, show the month was by a considerable margin the wettest April for Medford during the past 19 years. Precipitation amounted to 3.44 inches, a total in excess of the monthly normal by 1.18 inches. Occasional light showers occurred during the first half of the month. Throughout the latter half, with the exception of three days, showers and rains were of daily occurrence. The greatest 24-hour fall totaled .28 inches on the 25th and 26th.

At the close of April seasonal precipitation totaled 17.46 inches. (See A maximum for the normal of 15.60 inches for the period an excess of 1.86 inches is shown.)

Since the beginning of weather bureau records for Medford in 1911 the present rainfall season to the 30th of April is shown to be one of the four wettest seasons in the 22 years.

Mild seasonal temperatures prevailed for the most part with some what more than the usual cloudiness, lasting throughout the month was on the 11th at 78 degrees. Lowest temperature was 38 degrees on the 8th.

As a consequence of coldness and rainy weather frosts were infrequent and orchard heating necessary only on a few occasions. However, smudging during the night of the 6th and 6th, which in a few orchards was begun as early as 11:30 p. m. of the 5th, and followed by general firing throughout the valley until about sunrise of the 8th, was believed to be the heaviest ever experienced in this vicinity.

Total wind movement was considerably greater than the average for April. Prevailing winds were from the northwest. Maximum velocity of 37 miles per hour was registered on the 13th.

Miscellaneous notes made during the month include frequent observing of solar halos, a few lunar halos, a fairly heavy fall of soft hail for short intervals during the rains of the 19th and 20th from which no damage resulted, and a very light fall of sleet on the 2nd.

April record:

Date	Max	Min	Prep.	Day
1	72	39	56	0.00
2	52	38	45	0.08
3	55	30	42	0.00
4	54	38	46	0.01
5	52	35	44	0.00
6	61	29	45	0.00
7	56	37	46	1.0
8	68	38	48	0.00
9	74	33	54	0.00
10	78	36	57	0.00
11	78	41	60	0.00
12	75	41	58	0.00
13	69	39	54	0.00
14	53	39	51	0.00
15	66	34	51	0.00
16	62	41	52	0.00
17	60	45	52	0.08
18	67	37	52	0.00
19	54	38	46	2.1
20	51	34	42	1.1
21	52	35	44	0.00
22	56	37	46	1.4
23	58	38	48	4.6
24	50	31	48	3.9
25	51	40	48	1.8
26	48	40	44	3.8
27	64	42	53	0.00
28	71	34	52	0.00
29	78	37	56	0.00
30	72	48	60	2.2
Mean	62.4	37.5	50.0	2.44

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SATATORIUM POOL OPEN FOR SEASON

Merrick's swimming plunge opened Saturday for its twenty-second season, and Medford's boys and girls are already separating their swimming suits from mothballs and cobwebs to get ready for their favorite sport.

Bright new paint and other improvements combine to make Merrick's natatorium an inviting retreat after school or business hours. A large hog fuel burner has been installed to furnish heat for all the camp cottages and water in the pool. Additional showers and foot tubs are features put in for the convenience of swimmers.

Dana Thomas, popular instructor who had charge of classes last summer, arrived this week from Portland to continue the work this season. Classes for amateurs and advanced pupils will be organized immediately, he announced today.

There's no danger of slipping on wet floors at Merrick's as sand was sprinkled on the wet paint in repainting the approach to diving boards and the space around the pool.

Sharp reductions on spring coats for immediate clearance.

ETHELWYN B. HOFFMANN'S.

Ye Poet's Corner

MOTHER

If I could have one wish today,
I'd travel back to the long ago,
Once more I'd be a child again,
And hear your voice so soft and low;
Dear little mother of mine,
Dear little mother of mine.

I'd try to never grieve or hurt you,
Your loving heart would not be broken,
Nor your eyes with tears be dimmed,
By the thoughtless words that I have spoken;
Dear little mother of mine,
Dear little mother of mine.

Swift the years have passed since childhood;
Many times I have faltered by the way;
But always through a mist of tears
I think of you, and then I pray;
Dear little mother of mine,
Dear little mother of mine.

Each day I thank the Heavenly Father,
For the care you gave my every need;
And I pray I may never, never fail you
By thought, or word, or deed;
Dear little mother of mine,
—By Clara Tilley.

TRANSIENTS RUI RUGS IS WARNING

Warning against a group of transient rug cleaners operating in Medford was issued last night by the Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of notifying local residents that several instances have been discovered in which rugs have been damaged by improper cleaning methods.

The group now said to be operating in this city has been making a house-to-house canvass of the city and a number of householders have reported that their efforts have in many cases resulted in the rugs being almost ruined by the application of improper methods of cleaning. Anyone who may have similar experience is requested to call the chamber of commerce.

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