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Has Oregon Deteriorated?

HAS Oregon deteriorated in the past half century? We don't mean materially, for the state is larger and richer than it was in pioneer times. We mean spiritually.

The final decision regarding the new state capitol building will go far toward deciding this question.

When the old state capitol building was erected, Oregon showed intelligence, courage and vision. It didn't build for that day but for the future.

Consequently the people of that day built a capitol that not only they but their children and their grandchildren could be proud of.

But as everyone knows the capitol building burned down. And now the people of Oregon are confronted, as their forefathers were confronted, with the problem of building a new one.

BUT what is the popular attitude toward a new capitol today? Is it marked by the intelligence, courage and vision, of those days of long ago?

Most of the conversation concerning a new capitol can be covered under the general heading of: "How can we get by with the least expense?"—as if in such a matter money is all that counts!

Money is important. And in the building of a new state capitol, not a penny should be wasted. But certainly money is not EVERYTHING. What the state really NEEDS, for the present and the future, should be the first consideration.

We have no axe to grind in this matter, and no pet schemes to advance. But we would regard it as a shame and a pity, if the final decision regarding a new state capitol should demonstrate that the present generation in Oregon, lacks the intelligence, courage and vision of the pioneers who founded and built up the state.

"He Kept Us Out of War"

SPEAKING of paramount issues in the 1936 campaign, how about the campaign cry that re-elected President Wilson, "He kept us out of war."

Political observers all agree the only popular note President Roosevelt struck on his recent trip to San Diego, was his insistence that regardless of what Europe may do, this country will remain at peace.

If the Italo-Ethiopian war should spread to Europe,—as some competent authorities believe it will—why should not this battle cry of peace be as potent next year, as it was 19 years ago?

WELL for two reasons. In the first place it would be more or less an old story. The Wilsonian "He kept us out of war" is too fresh in the public mind and its ironical and tragic aftermath too easily recalled, for the phrase to again be of any practical value as a vote getter.

This country was drawn into the world war. That experience was enough. The people are determined this country will not be drawn into another war—at least no war that is not literally one of self defense.

NEVERTHELESS one would be very hasty to dismiss war as an important issue in next year's campaign, in case the unexpected SHOULD happen, and all Europe again should burst into flames.

That particular slogan "He kept us out of war" would hardly be revived, but the present administration's international policy as it relates to war would undoubtedly come in for some very serious attention.

This policy, by the way, is not only entirely new, but a complete reversal of the traditional policy of this country. The policy in fact which drew this country into the world war.

That traditional policy is generally known as the freedom of the seas. Roughly speaking it maintained, the right of this country, as a neutral to carry on its maritime business as usual, without interference by the belligerents; and the right of its citizens to travel as they might wish and enjoy the protection and the rights of the citizens of a country at peace.

Both England and Germany violated this policy. England by interfering constantly with American shipping; Germany of course by sinking ships on which American citizens were traveling, and finally starting what was known as unrestricted submarine warfare.

But now all that is out. An embargo has been placed on all shipments of implements of war to any nation at war, and American citizens are advised not to travel on the ships of any belligerent, and reminded that if they do, they do so at their own risk.

This neutrality policy is extremely popular up to the present time, with only Italy and Ethiopia involved.

Hardly. For in such an event England with control of the seas, will blockade the ports of all enemy countries, America will be able to sell no implements of war to her or any other warring nation, what export trade the United States has, will be practically destroyed as far as the Atlantic is concerned, and every industry in this country will suffer.

In other words in the event of another war, UNLESS THE PRESENT POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION IS CHANGED, keeping out of that war will not give this country any war prosperity, but on the contrary will in all probability, bring about another serious depression.

With the prices of cotton and wheat and meat products soaring in the world market, but America unable to sell in that market, what would be the political reaction in this country?

NOT only would the old racial prejudices be revived, but there would be an increasing demand for a policy—ANY policy

—that would allow American producers to sell in the world market wherever a purchaser could be found.

In short the issue would be between the delights of peace and the profits of war, which is a struggle as old as civilization itself, and one which peace to date has never won.

So while "He kept us out of war," may never be revived, IN THE EVENT of another world conflagration, America's attitude toward that conflict may well be a political issue of transcending importance.

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.

SAFETY SPECTACLES FOR THE COLOR BLIND

One who is color blind is out of luck if he has to drive a car without an interpreter of the green and red traffic signals—



or rather the public is out of luck when a color blind person attempts to get by without an interpreter.

Four out of every hundred males are partially color blind. This condition is congenital (present at birth) and hereditary.

There is a form of acquired color blindness which may be due to degeneration of the optic nerve or extension of it in the retina or sensitive film in the back of the eye.

Still another type of color blindness may be recognized by the oculist as contraction of the visual field for blue or green and red, and this is probably due to an inadequate amount of vitamin A in the diet.

One "color" (it is really absence of color) is perceived by all alike—black. This reminds Dr. Vernon A. Chapman of the old doctor who was a hum-dinger on "fits."

So Dr. Chapman fits the color blind patient with trick spectacles. The upper parts of the lenses are of "red-free" filter glass.

When I advise you to get any raw milk you can get and bring it to a boil one minute to make it safe for the baby.

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 255 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 Year Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY October 18, 1925 (It was Sunday)

Schuler apartment house at Sixth and Oakdale to be ready for occupancy by February 1.

Pacific highway in Jackson county to have shoulders widened.

President Coolidge favors "reduction of armed forces on land and sea," as part of the Locarno pact.

Ted Leonard returns from a six months sojourn in California.

Deer season closes next Tuesday, and hunters rush to hills for final shoot.

Two Portland bootleggers fined \$1000, and sentenced to 30 days in jail for possession of 20 gallons of moonshine.

Otto DeJarnett of the postoffice returns from his vacation. Stanley Sherwood is now on leave.

South Riverside residents complain they are awakened at unseasonably hours by young yelling or singing.

Serbia facing destruction as a nation as German and Austrian troops advance.

Charlie Hughes passes along the one about the Detroit traffic cop howling out an unassuming lady motorist. Said he: "Don't you know what I mean when I hold up my hand?"

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Long Mountain

LONG MOUNTAIN, Oct. 18.—(Spl.)—Miss Clara Young of Eagle Point, who recently had an operation, is spending several weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Givans.

Mrs. Ethel Coy and children, Lucille and Sammy, of Eagle Point were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holman and family.

Mrs. Sam Harsh and Mrs. Price of Eagle Point called at the I. R. Kline home Wednesday evening.

Those who attended the Eagle Point Grange Thursday evening from this district were Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Stowell and daughter, Verla; Mr. W. R. Holman and daughter, Grace; Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mongold and Mr. and Mrs. George Stowell.

Mrs. C. Kline of Talent is visiting at the home of her son, Ross Kline. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Garrett called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holman Thursday evening.

I. R. Kline, secretary-treasurer of the Rogue River Loan association, is taking applications for federal loans in the Eagle Point irrigation district.

Fern Valley

FERN VALLEY, Oct. 18.—(Spl.)—The community enjoyed a weiner roast at Kantor's Saturday evening.

Goldie and Deah Higdon, who have just returned from a tour with Al G. Barnes circus.

Harry Steele and family have as their guest Mr. Steele's brother from near Reno, Nev.

Mrs. Gammil was in the community soliciting for the Community chest.

Russell and Donald Wheeler were in the valley on business Wednesday.

Ed Marshall, Hollis Olsen and Wilby Conner are on a hunting trip at Hyatt's prairie this week.

A good many hunters have been in the valley for pheasants this week.

Mrs. Higdon spent the afternoon Thursday with Mrs. Lem Hughes.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Thoughts while strolling: Top in taps—Eleanor Powell, Lindbergh overdue in the air is not news any more.

Will Irwin's curly locks. Best named negro fiction character: Octavius Roy Cohen's Florian Slappy, the Birmingham dude.

Stick-along-the-picket-fence honey: Kennecott Copper. Who can forget the way Sothorn and Marlowe romped through The Taming of the Shrew?

Never saw a cat slippy strip. Ditto: Believe it or Not. Nobody can slick up their hair like Georges Metaxa.

Not since Valentino, anyway. Gooty play title: "A Slight Case of Murder." Wonder if Talbot Mundy knows Rasoot Lundy? Paul Gallico thinks Joe Louis can lick Arthur Brisbane's gorilla.

Dandy smoke ring word: Coronado. A wince to see that sterling actor William Faversham doing bits in the West.

Those romantic time nymphs who go to hear Eddie Duchin improvise—and dream. Grace George could pass for 38. Suggestion for a magazine piece: Broadway by Max Baer.

That dapper Chinese communist who passes out free treats after the theatre—boxing and scraping.

Zoe Akim's name: a dentist's drill touching an exposed nerve. The bald heads have to go home to best the shine on Postmaster Farley's dome.

Coffee and sandwich place called: "The Royal Dunkery." I like Baird Leonard's favorite time for work—"the last possible moment."

Incidentally, Miss Leonard has recanted some writing quires of interest to the craft. Lord Tennyson wrote best about slipping gin and water.

Vote: "Who couldn't?" Carlyle and Marcel Proust needed noise-proof isolation, while Conan Doyle wanted a dozen or more around him and often joined in their conversation.

Theophile Gautier and Marie Corelli were locked in their rooms until they had written certain amounts. And Jerome K. Jerome composed while walking the streets at night.

Publishers say few titles touch Sinclair Lewis' "Main Street." Today

Large advertisement for Old Mr. Boston Straight Whiskey, featuring a bottle image and text: "A Beautiful bottle OF SUPERIOR WHISKEY. There's real prestige in showing a bottle of Old Mr. Boston Straight Whiskey to guests. It's truly handsome, and indicates fine quality."

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