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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1947 (Monday)
First local strawberries of the season will be ripe enough for market next week, according to C. B. Cordy, county agent.

20 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1927 (Wednesday)
City council calls for election on \$50,000 bond issue for reconstruction of paved streets.

30 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1927 (Thursday)
Songs by Miss Lucile Ames, local poetess and composer, will be a feature of the National Music Week musicale this Friday in Medford.

40 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1917 (Saturday)
Jackson County Agricultural Defense council plans local food preparedness campaign, according to County Pathologist Cate.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. In 1844 were the first operations in copper mining begun in the regions of Lake Superior, Erie, or Ontario?
2. Which is larger, an adult male or female black widow spider?
3. Bible: Was Nazareth a barren or fertile country?
4. A cannibal eats what sort of meat?
5. Montevideo is the capital of which country?
6. After the first World War, peace was declared between the U.S. and Germany during the administration of Wilson, Harding, or Coolidge?
7. Whom did Calvin Coolidge succeed as President of the U.S.?
8. In what year did Christopher Columbus discover America?
9. Is there a superfluous word in the following sentence: "In so far as I know?"
10. "An idealist is a person who helps other people to be prosperous." — Henry Ford. Did he say this in 1919 or 1949?

Answers: 1. Lake Superior. 2. Female. 3. Fertile. 4. Human flesh. 5. Uruguay. 6. Harding. 7. Warren G. Harding. 8. 1492 (October 12). 9. Yes. "In." 10. 1919.

Instant Coffee Prices Decline in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — A retail price drop of as much as six cents a pound for instant coffee was scheduled Friday following a price cut by most area distributors.

It's Up To the Democrats

Thanks to the single-handed and effective leadership of State Senator Philip Lowry, Senate Bills 274 and 275, giving the state of Oregon SOME slight control over the "Friendly Southern Pacific" were passed.

The bills went over to the House in due course, but have not, to date, even been reported out of committee, much less passed, and our information is, unless something is done—and done quickly—they won't be.

Because the "S.P." rail lobby—the most powerful lobby in Salem both from the standpoint of money and political "savvy"—is doing everything in its book-tricks—legitimate and otherwise—to prevent the measures' survival.

THEIR latest gimmick has been to gather in members of the railroad unions to testify against the measures, on the implied threat of dismissal if they refuse, when any accurate, impartial survey of the railroad brotherhood would show the employees are as a whole, overwhelmingly in favor of the public controls proposed.

In fact when the measures were first presented, representatives of the railroad management, publicly declared they had no objection to giving the Oregon "P.U.C." powers similar to those that have been in force for many years in California, but when the legislation was rewritten to conform to this demand, the "FRIENDLY Southern Pacific," true to form, repudiated its former stand and proceeded to turn its big guns on what was left of State Senator Lowry's original proposal—the aim being to allow no advance in this field whatever.

WHAT can be done about it? Well, as has been pointed out in this column so many times, if the people—the rank-and-file—won't fight for their rights when they are endangered, they will never get them.

And the only way they can fight for them in this particular case is to send such a flood of protests to Salem, and such a firm widespread demand for passage of the legislation in question, that the House of Representatives will realize that if they fail to follow the lead of the State Senate, they will convict themselves of yielding to the rail-lobby blandishments and pressures, and deserting, what is so plainly the promotion of the public welfare.

THERE is no doubt about how a majority of the people of Southern Oregon feel on this issue—or the state for that matter—and if the House kills the Lowry bills, either by smothering them in committee, or voting them down as the bosses of the "SP lobby" demand, the majority of that body will certainly assume a heavy responsibility to be challenged eventually at the polls.

As the majority of the House is Democratic, it is from this distance, hard to believe that many of the Democrats will choose to go on record, at such a time as this, in favor of sacrificing the public welfare to selfish and completely mercenary private interests. —R.W.R.

What the Country Needs

Many years ago Vice President Marshall acquired a certain fame by declaring what the country needed was a good 5-cent cigar.

As a post script to the text above, we would paraphrase that dictum by declaring what the country needs today is a lobby of 5 million members.

And that lobby should be devoted, in this state and nationally, to the public welfare and its advancement, as opposed to all lobbies or politicians putting their selfish interest above the interest of the American people AS A WHOLE.

WE ARE entirely serious about this. We can, at the moment, think of NOTHING that, politically speaking at least, would benefit poor harassed and hard-pressed "Uncle Samuel" more.

We grant all lobbies are not wicked. Even some of them, devoted to factual clarification of concrete proposals, render a real public service.

But they are the exception that only proves the rule. For as a rule the lobbies both at Salem and Washington, D.C., but particularly the former, in all too many cases, find no organized resistance whatever and none they can't easily overcome, with the result that not the members but the selfish pressure groups really determine the sort of legislation that becomes the law of the state or nation.

The net result is not a government "of, by, and for the people," but a government of, by and for the special interests, and that (to be guilty of the understatement of the week) is NOT "free democracy"!

SUCH an organization could easily raise \$5,000,000 annually at one dollar per head, and that we should think would be ample for such a lobby to function for it would have no axe to grind, no interest to serve but the public interest and no money to spend except for legitimate and routine expenses.

All that is needed, as we see it, is a LEADER. We won't say anything about the man—or woman—we would select, but would welcome suggestions and applications from our readers at any time. —R.W.R.

A Cure for "Tax Pains"

Again returning to the tax problem, and anti-tax sentiment now sweeping the country, one of the main troubles we believe is a lack of imagination.

That is so few taxpayers when they get their tax bills, take the time to picture exactly what they are



THE SITTER SAYS DENNIS IS FINE, BUT SHE'S BROKEN A SHOULDER STRAP AND SPRAINED HER ANKLE!

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

STAR SPANGLED BOA Beirut — Even in the lotus eating peace of this agreeable city, it is a nervous business trying to add up the results of the superb recent drama in little Jordan.

The trouble is, the dangers that still menace young King Hussein keep crowding into the foreground of the mental picture. Worse still, just about the biggest of these dangers takes the nightmare form of a star spangled boa constrictor with the good grey head of John Foster Dulles.

From a tangled Congressional thicket, this fearful chimera seems to be advancing on the young King with relentless affection. Or does the bright gleam in the Dulles-boas constrictor's eye also reflect eager anticipation of the glorious things that will soon be said by the professional celebrators of the Secretary of State's diplomatic triumphs?

One cannot be absolutely sure; but one cannot repress a twinge of suspicion either. SPEAKING very seriously, this darkling and fantastic image represents an all too solid reality. One of the biggest dangers that threatens King Hussein really is the public embrace of the American State Department.

Furthermore, if the embraces administered in the standard Dulles manner, complete with military aid missions, press conference remarks designed for Congressional consumption and the other familiar extras, then the final result will surely be death by strangulation.

The whole point about the new position that King Hussein has achieved by his own decisiveness and courage is that the King cannot maintain this position except by adhering to a posture of genuine neutrality.

He has to cope with an inflamed public opinion at home. He has to stand off clever pro-Egyptian nationalist demagogues who want nothing better than the smallest pretext to organize demonstrations against "imperialism." Nor as they painfully add up the totals, do they have any inclination in that direction.

They only know how it hurts. Also how out of reason it is. And how, if waste, graft and indolence could be cut out of the tax departments, local, state and national, how drastically the levy would be reduced.

SO WHY wouldn't it be a pious idea to pin to each tax statement an ITEMIZED account of where that tax money has gone and will go. That is— So much for paved streets, so much for fire and police protection, so much for health sanitation, schools and of course the prevention of war, by maintaining a modern atomic army, navy and air force.

WHEN Mr. Average Taxpayer buys a new car he seldom complains about the price for he sees what he wants, knows what he gets, and the deal is satisfactory or he wouldn't accept it.

Not so with taxes. Mr. A. T. doesn't see the water mains, or the sewage disposal plants, or the night prowlers that were picked up by the police in front of his home.

WELL fortunately for the government, Mr. Average Taxpayer usually pays it, slowly but surely forgets it, and probably keeps his temper pretty well in the area of taxes until tax-paying time comes around again.

HOWEVER we have little hope such a smart and clever scheme will ever be adopted. And we think we know the reason why. It would take so much added clerical work and add so MUCH to taxes! Everyone in the present state of the public tax mind at least, would be against THAT!

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ho! Hum! Everybody is TALKING tax reduction, but so far nobody is doing much in the way of CUTTING SPENDING—which must precede tax reduction if our country is to remain solvent.

IN Washington this morning, Senator Prescott Bush says congress is in danger of going off the deep end in its attacks on the budget. He thinks reckless talk of sweeping budget cuts will create the impression that Republicans are backing down on their 1956 campaign promises.

He adds: "The job requires a surgeon's scalpel—not a butcher's meat-ax."

HMMMMMMMM! Senator Prescott is a Republican. He wants the GOP to stay in power: If it doesn't, HE might lose out.

SENATOR Lyndon Johnson of Texas charges on the senate floor today that the administration is "talking out of both sides of its mouth."

First, he says, it asked congress to cut the budget... and then it appeals for RESTORATION OF CUTS that have already been made.

SENATOR Johnson is a Democrat, he'd like to see the Republican administration discredited so that the Democrats would be returned to power—in the White House as well as in the congress.

In that event, his personal power would be enhanced.

THIS we must keep in mind: In Washington, everything is dominated by politics. Washington lives on politics.

WHY all this double talk? It's quite simple. The politicians haven't yet been able to make up their minds which way the cat is going to jump.

They all want to be on the popular side. Until they are able

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contribution)

The long arm of the law reached out and tapped three Mail Tribune staffers last week.

Our favorite society editor got fined three bucks. She parked her car just outside the office one day, then got so embroiled with visitors and phone calls she forgot it, and got to thinking she'd parked it down the street where they haven't put parking meters yet.

Another offender was our favorite bookkeeper, who also parked in front of the office for "just a minute," and forgot it long enough to get one of those handsome orange tickets.

The third transgressor got off easier, but it wasn't easy. This reporter (also a female) parked

down the street next to a fire hydrant. Now this particular hydrant is near the corner, and the street space next to it is marked off, in dim but still visible yellow lines painted on the street, as a legitimate parking place.

When she found her summons she hit the ceiling. On the advice of some of her colleagues, she dashed out, took a picture of the hydrant and the yellow lines, and marched to court Friday morning to plead "NOT guilty."

The judge (also a woman; this story abounds in them) found her guilty of violating the ordinance, but, because the city's paint job was misleading, suspended the fine. This wise Fortia confiscated the picture, and referred it to the city engineering department with the admonition to stop misleading parking-place-seeking citizens—and quick.

At a Municipal Court hearing last week (yes, the same one), the judge asked a young man, accused of violating the basic rule, how fast his speedometer indicated he was going. He replied, "I don't know. The speedometer doesn't work."

The annual convention of the Oregon State Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors foregathered in Medford on Friday, and held its opening ceremonies in the Medford hotel in the afternoon.

On the program, the Hon. John Snider, Mayor of Medford, was listed. Now you should understand that LAST year the group met in Astoria, and this year's program was violating the ordinance, but, because the city's paint job was misleading, suspended the fine.

That complicates the political situation.

Mrs. Kay Crowell, county juvenile officer, this expenditure might be a very good investment for the county.

During the last year, Mrs. Crowell and one assistant were available for juvenile work, but for a part of the year, the post of the assistant officer was vacant. This shortage meant that in many cases little more than cursory work could be done.

Under the proposed budget, there would be three assistants to Mrs. Crowell, plus an office stenographer. This would result in a little more than doubling the present staff and should permit much more extensive work on juvenile problems.

We pause right here to point out that the so-called juvenile problem, in almost every situation, has its roots in a family problem, which complicates many situations. There is no set formula in a juvenile case; each is different, caused by different environments, different family backgrounds and influences and some of the most difficult cases come from homes where there is no financial strain or stress.

While we dislike advocacy of higher costs in county government, a one year trial of a better staffed juvenile department should prove whether the additional expenditure is justified. At the end of a year the budget could be reduced if worthwhile progress could not be shown.—Ashland Daily Tidings.

ASKS FOR FAIR PLAY Labor has thrown much more support to Democrats in recent years than to Republicans. Whether that becomes embarrassing to individuals depends pretty much on the circumstances surrounding the support. Just because Morse and Neuberger got support from the teamsters should carry no more imputation of smear than for other candidates, like Eisenhower and Paul Patterson, who also enjoyed their support. Nor is it fair or accurate to impute to the Oregon senators any condoning of Beck's misdeeds either by word or by silence. We protested the inference in testimony that the teamsters controlled the late Governor Patterson and in the interest of fairness protest the inference conveyed in the Tucker report on Morse and Neuberger. —Salem Oregon Statesman.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER We could not put power quite at the bottom of the totem pole of all water uses. Fortunately, running water through a turbine doesn't use it up, and the production of power doesn't necessarily conflict with all other uses, although some conflicts are inherent. There is controversy in our region as to how our rivers should be developed. On both sides of the controversy, however, there is recognition that water is a thing to be cherished and not to be wasted. As time goes on, this will become more apparent to all of us.—Oregon Journal.

We don't know the name of the man who had a part in the program at Hawthorne park after the Pear Blossom parade, who was complimented by a stranger, and who said to the stranger "And who might you be, sir?" But we have it on good authority he looked a bit embarrassed when the stranger replied, "My name is Bob Holmes. I'm governor of Oregon."

Sometimes we get a little scared of police officers. For instance, what kind of a crystal ball do state officers use? Last week an officer was driving along the highway, and saw a very ordinary car, being driven in the ordinary manner, by an ordinary-appearing driver. For some reason the officer became suspicious, and stopped the car. The driver, on questioning, admitted he had stolen the car in another state, but it hadn't even been reported missing yet.

Asked how he knew this particular ordinary-looking car was "hot," the officer said, "Well, you've just GET that way after you've been in this business for a while."

Our Illinois Valley correspondent reports a "low blow" to that rapidly-growing area, in the form of a letter received by a drug store there, addressed to "Grave Junction, Oregon."

The rights being gained by women in Pakistan was mentioned last week in a Kiwanis club talk here by Capt. M. Yasin Raja, Pakistani army officer now working with track coach Bill Bowerman at the U. of O. Pakistani men, he said, are somewhat reluctant to see women have too much freedom. "Women lead the men in the United States," he said, and added, "We don't want that to happen in Pakistan."

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Wants an Eye-opener

To the Editor: To Mr. Von der Mass, who is so confused about God: How can you believe in God if you do not believe his word? Could men have written so perfect a book that could have affected every nation of the earth? Truly the Scriptures were inspired by God, who would want mankind to hear of his existence, if only for man's salvation. You apparently believe in an immortal soul. (You stated that "only the form dies.") Is this not the Bible's teachings? But if you do not believe God's word then you must believe sinners and Saints both get equal rewards, that we can sin or not as we desire.

God's word clearly states to go to His Kingdom instead of everlasting damnation, that you must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and repent of your sins under certain circumstances.

Those who do not believe in the Virgin birth, Christ's death for mankind, and his glorious resurrection, shall not be saved! Jesus Christ is not only God's Son manifest in the flesh, but He is God himself, stated clearly in His Word.

I will pray for you that your eyes may be opened, that you will see that your soul's salvation depends upon believing the truth of God's word. Dorothy Elder, Shady Cove, Ore.