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Dr. Kerr May Resign

THE board of higher education has been informed by Dr. William Jasper Kerr that he desires to retire from the chancellorship as soon as a successor can be found.

No one will question that Dr. Kerr has earned a rest. For 25 years he was president of Oregon State college, and for two rather stormy years he has served as chancellor of the unified higher education system of the state.

In his statement to the board proposing retirement, he notes that a spirit of unity and corporation now prevails in the higher schools. It is certainly to be hoped that this is more than a mere pleasantry, and that such a condition continues to exist.

From this distance, we are uninformed of underlying conditions, but if real harmony does exist it probably can be attributed in part to the two-president plan which restored to the University of Oregon and Oregon State college at least a part of their individuality which had been stifled in the unification movement.

In saying this, we do not intend to detract from the credit due Dr. Kerr for his service both as president of the college and chancellor. He has served long and well, and deserves a place of high honor in the history of Oregon education.

Sales Tax and Wall Street

(Sheldon Sackett in Coos Bay Times)

THE Times has never attributed the sales tax proposed in Oregon to Wall Street parentage any more than it gives the credit for its opposition to communists. The sales tax was originally proposed by Governor Meier, when he saw the utter inability of real property to bear the tax load against it and withal the necessity of maintaining city, county and state governments. After all the tax retrenchment of the last five years, the aggregate real property tax for 1933 in Oregon will be 42 millions compared to 50 millions at its peak. The farmer who wants some day to obtain a fraction of the cost price of his land and the home owner who may wish to sell his property for a portion of his invested cost, should support the sales tax, for without some relief from heavy taxation, real property be it timber, houses or farms, is unconsciously burdened with taxation.

Nor is there much hope for substantial reduction. Take the old-age pension system as an example: it is here now and most certain to stay. The men who oppose the sales tax supported the pension plan. Yet it is another direct burden on real property. One great reason for the 1928 and 1929 stock boom was heavy taxation on real property; you witnessed no such inflation in farm land, city lots and timbers in the boom years as prevailed on stocks; on the former the government had the first mortgage through its taxation power. At best the sales tax will not raise more than one-tenth the annual revenue now imposed on real property in Oregon but it will distribute and to some degree reduce, the unfair, impossible burden real property is carrying. Wall Street will be benefitted if the sales tax fails; persons with funds to invest will tend to again buy the market for the tax burdens on their investments are smaller. The rush to buy bonds, even at low yields, is pertinent evidence today how timorous capital is of investing in real estate where the assessor and the tax levying body can exercise their confiscatory power.

The Wood River Valley

SOMETIMES, one runs suddenly onto a scene of such beauty that a gasp comes before the customary exclamation. For example, we give you the Wood River valley, sighted from that open spot on the Sun mountain grade as one travels south on The Dalles-California highway.

There it is, spread out before you—a huge acreage of green meadows with wooded borders. It is dotted with cattle, which you know must be sleek and fat in that luxurious pasturage. Through it meanders Wood river, which is born a full-grown river in those gushing springs right below the road.

Trimming the valley to the west and north are the hills, some of them snow-topped. To the north, the meadows run onto the uplands, and there give way to one of the most impressive stands of timber in this country.

If such things mean anything to you, that sight of the Wood River valley and its surroundings is worth a trip up Sun mountain any day.

Some People Say

I made a little slip and I paid for it. I did my time and I don't feel bitter toward anyone.

—Ralph Capone, brother of Al.

Taken as a whole, the people's willingness to shoulder their burdens is quite remarkable.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

I think it will be only a short time before the death penalty is provided for extortion cases.—Federal Judge Harry B. Anderson, Memphis, Tenn.

There is no chance of revolution there (Mexico). The people are contented.—Fernando Gonzalez Rosa, Mexican ambassador to U. S.

MALIN ITEMS

MALIN Ore.—Friday, April 13, Davis, Calif., typing teams competed with Malin at Malin. Malin won out the Northern California with a score of 50 words a minute to their 31 words a minute, team average of four

contestants in both beginning and advanced typing.

Tuesday, April 10, Merrill met the Malin typing and shorthand teams at Malin, and Malin was once more victorious. The average typing scores were: Malin, 52 words a minute; Merrill, 31. The average shorthand scores were: Malin, 99.89 per cent; Merrill, 97.98 per cent. Lucille Herlund, Malin, was outstanding in shorthand, with a score of 100 per cent. Bessie Drazil, Malin, was high in typing, with a score of 58 words a minute.

The county commercial contest to be held at Chiloquin Saturday has been called off, due to lack of funds to buy awards.

Vital Statistics

ENMAN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester D. Enman of Route 1, a son at the Klamath Valley hospital on Tuesday, April 17. The child weighed seven pounds and seven ounces.

STEMPLE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stemple of Weyerhaeuser camp number 2, a son, April 18, 1934, at Hillside hospital. Weight 8 pounds.

Approximately 50,000,000 tons of rock and earth were removed in constructing the Panama Canal.

WASHINGTON

News Behind the News

The Inside Story From The Capital

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, April 18.—

The alphabet soup is going to be re-cooked, boiled down.

During the next six months or a year, you will see all the government emergency agencies (NRA, AAA, FWA, et al) melted down into permanent government set-ups, differing in tone and even in personnel from the existing emergency organizations.

At least, the long range thinkers for the White House already are working on the broad outlines of such a new theme song. The NRA reorganization probably will come first.

Sole exception is the relief out-

lets (CRA). No one has an idea what the demand for relief will be. Hence, no long range formula for it is being considered at present.

BASIS

This is to be the second phase of the new deal, the permanent reform phase to replace the passing emergency phase.

In general, it will represent a moderation of the original strong doses, elimination of duplication and conflict among the various agencies, a weeding out of misfits, a settling down of government policy to a long range basis.

The term "radical" or "conservative" is not used by those who are thinking the thing out. They profess to keep away from either extreme. Instead, they want to make a practical solution based on the experience gained from the emergency program.

They have in mind that most of the rest of the world has re-organized its governmental methods since the war. In Italy, it was Mussolini; in Russia, the Soviets; in Germany, Hitler. France is now starting out on a similar path, although no one can see yet what way her organization is going to go. England's was worked out rather mildly through the laborite and national governments.

You will gather from talking to the planners that our aim is to be the democratic equivalent of the reorganizations in the rest of the prominent nations of the world.

BACKGROUND

The planners admit that the hastily concocted alphabet soup was not strictly along democratic lines, that it was highly seasoned with coercion as a temporary necessity. It is their idea that the second phase will be better rooted in principles of democracy.

Another thing they have found is that good soup cannot be cooked as fast as this one was. Too many sour onions set in.

Thousands of employees were selected on 48 hours' consideration. When one of the relief organizations was set up, it was impossible to choose the best available men, or even to know what kind of men were being picked. The need for haste is now passing.

That consideration seems to furnish the whole background of tone for the new thought—calmer, more deliberate working out of the various problems.

This means that any new or revised legislation found necessary will await the convening of the next congress in January.

AUTHORITY

These deductions all rest upon "off the record" assertions by those competent to speak. It is what they have in mind. It is the administration side of the story, but it fits in basically with what the insiders here are expecting.

It is also rather unspecific. The new deal always has been that way, preferring to lay down general outlines within which it has comfortable leeway for movement.

The best news about it is that it assumes there will be no further need for strong business stimulants. No more hypodermics.

BUSINESS

Specifically, the administration has no inside data on summer business expectations.

We are now at the probable peak of spring production. We are bound to get a seasonal moderation, beginning in May. For instance, the automobile industry hit a new high output for last week, but its confidential schedules indicate that it is watching consumer demand very closely.

The bigwigs of the industry say frankly, in private, that they will produce only enough to satisfy the market, that they are not going to stock up with cars.

In that case (which is representative), it is impossible to estimate how far production will decline.

Industrial recessions will be met, in part, by acceleration of the home building, PWA and private building programs, but no sensible person will try to guess how much.

There are good reasons for believing that the summer recession will be less than seasonal, but that is as much predicting as can be done now.

NOTES

There is some inside talk about switching Commerce Secretary Roper to Postmaster General Farley's job and letting Farley handle the democratic national committee, but nothing definite has been done about it.

At a dinner here recently, attended by nearly everyone who amounts to anything in Washington, ex-Senator Jim Reed recoupled a bigger hand than most of the active practicing statesmen.

One reason the newsmen were half-invited to the Astor yacht for a fishing investigation was to let them see the president and stop all Wall Street rumors about his being ill.

Michigan has had a pure food law since 1895, being the first state to have such a law.

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Don't rush them. He will leave a tip if he sells that policy."

AMUSEMENTS

Pine Tree—Now playing, "Paddy, the Next Best Thing," with Janet Gaynor and Warner Baxter.

Pelican—Now playing, "Wild Cargo," with Frank Buck.

Rainbow—Now playing, "You Made Me Love You," with Stanley Lupino and Thelma Todd.

Vox—Now playing, "Sons of the Desert," with Laurel and Hardy and Charley Chase. Tomorrow, "Midnight," with O. P. Heggie and Sidney Fox.

AT THE PINE TREE



From peaceful and romantic Ireland comes the story of "Paddy, the Next Best Thing," perfectly set for the popular star combination, Janet Gaynor and Warner Baxter, which did so remarkably well in the lead roles of "Daddy Longlegs." This picture, having been played once in Klamath Falls, has been repeatedly asked for in a return engagement. Now comes the announcement of its second showing, playing today at the Pine Tree theatre.

AT THE PELICAN

Received with cheers comes the announcement of the playing today at the Pelican theatre of Frank Buck's new film record of the wild terrors of the Malayan jungles. Thrills that nature seems to save for this foremost wild animal hunter are carefully arranged into a picture that ably picks up where "Bring 'Em Back Alive" left off and carries on the threat of exciting adventure.

Such events as an actual fight between Buck and an 18-foot cobra; a fight with the dreaded hooded python; roping a rhino,

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and Helen Flint are also included in the cast.

By a simple twist of fate, members of a quiet average American family are hurried into a vortex of overwrought emotions. At twelve midnight on a particular night, the scale is weighted with two lives in the balance. Both girls, both have admitted murder. The evaluation of the guilt of these two lives and the weight of the guilty one on the guilt of the other makes the suspense of the wait until twelve, midnight, terrifically gripping.

Editorials on News

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in the community, and goes to swell local bank deposits, which are the foundation upon which local business credit is built.

"BUT," you may say, "I don't own a store, or a restaurant or hotel, or a garage or a theatre. So how does this tourist dollar benefit me?"

Well, the store owner who gets a tourist dollar spends part of it for wages and part for rent. And so with the hotel, garage or theatre owner. The restaurant owner, in addition to wages, rent, etc., spends part of his dollar for meat, vegetables, butter, eggs, milk, etc. So the farmer gets in on it.

Before the new tourist dollar that is dropped in the community stops rolling, nearly EVERYBODY gets a chance at it.

This tourist dollar is certainly worth going after.

LAKEVIEW MAKES CONVENTION PLANS

LAKEVIEW, April 18.—A meeting was held here last evening by the Lake County chamber of commerce. Lakeview Twenty-Three club and the Fremont Cattle and Horse Raisers' association to lay plans for the twenty-first annual convention of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon which will be held here June 1 and 2.

The entire county is cooperating in an effort to make this year's convention the most successful convention in the history of the association. The Marius theatre, Lakeview's modern picture theatre, has been engaged for the business sessions. Approximately 400 guests are expected for the big event.

A party composed of a dozen members of the Shrine lodge of Medford met here with the 11 members of the Shrine order last night to interest the local members in the huge Shrine ceremonial to take place in Medford the latter part of May. Dr. M. C. Selt and Harry Wiley had charge of the arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors while they were in Lakeview.

WOMEN PLAN BIG POLITICAL MEET

The date of one of the last general candidates' meetings to be held before the May primaries has been set tentatively for May 16 or 17, by the League of Women Voters, under whose auspices the gathering will be held. The place of the meeting has not yet been decided, according to Mrs. H. W. Poole, president of the league.

The league has stood sponsor for some of the most successful political meetings ever held in the county, and although the organization is non-partisan, it has the reputation of attracting large audiences to its candidates' meetings.

The league held its regular meeting Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the chamber of commerce, when talks on the sales tax and the Oregon jury system were presented by Superintendent of Schools Percy J. P. Wells and Mrs. E. A. Geary.

Election of officers to serve for the year 1934-35 will be held by the league at its next regular meeting, set for Tuesday, May 1.

Boys and girls are equal in average height up to the age of 11, but from 11 to 14 girls are taller. However, from then on boys are steadily the taller.

The Manchurians are unanimously in favor of the monarchy. —Officials in charge of Pu Yi's enthronement.

Society

RECENT BRIDE GUEST AT BRIDGE-SHOWER

A lovely shower was given in honor of Mrs. Robert Parker, (Lois McCandless), at the home of Mrs. Harry Brown on Wantland avenue last Saturday afternoon. The affair was given by Mrs. Harry Brown and Miss Lucella McCandless, sister of the honor guest.

Cards were in play during the afternoon, and refreshments were served following the shower of gifts upon Mrs. Parker.

Those who were guests of the afternoon were: Misses Irene McLaughlin, Eileen Parsons, Mary Emma Miller, Meredith Hewitt, Lorine Steinsacker, Edna Mae Thomas, Audrey Dyer, Mayne Lawson, Elaine Stuart, Helen Richardson, Mrs. Harry Brown, Mrs. Robert Parker and Miss Lucella McCandless.

The Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Leonard Kohlmeier at Algoma. There will be a short business meeting followed by sewing in preparation for the annual spring sale.

Any members who wish to attend are asked to call Mrs. G. W. Hoffman, who is in charge of transportation arrangements.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Immanuel Baptist church will hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Asenath Deisell, 412 North Eleventh street Thursday. A pot-luck luncheon is to be served at noon. The afternoon will be spent in a quilting party. Mrs. Fred Abbey will be in charge.

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—said Benjamin Franklin, whose death on April 17, 1790, we remember this week

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But old Ben Franklin, father of the free library system of our country, being a man to put first things first, might have looked over the top of his glasses at you, and repeated "a Bible and a newspaper in every home."

Franklin himself was Printer and Publisher . . . and an advertising writer. He recognized, as you do, that good advertising is NEWS. Back in 1780, when a ship came to port with a consignment of India shawls and some merchant announced this in the newspaper, you may imagine that that item meant more to the ladies of the day than the usual chronicle of somebody's cow "lost, strayed or stolen."

An editor gathers up the news from all corners of the globe, just as a merchant gathers up his stock of goods. Then the story of both is carried in the newspaper. Both mean a great deal to every reader.