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## CORRECTION, BY A GRANGER

Report on the Keller Speech

(Communicated)

The Oregon Voter, with much glo has reprinted the report of the Ori Kellar speech at the Batchelor Fla school house, as given in the November 27th issue of the Clatskanie Chief.

This report not only discredited Mr. Kellar as a man capable of making an intelligent speech, but it also was a slap at the two farm organizations that sent him.

In other words, if that was the best Mr. Kellar could do, and if he was the best we could send, then indeed we had wasted our money. Now as a matter of fact, the report as printed bore little resemblance to the speech as spoken. The opening sentence as printed in the Chief was "The first thing, I am not a politician for the legislature." Mr. Kellar did say, "I want to say first, I am not a politician, neither am I a candidate for any political office not even the third house." Again the report said, "In our national house, we have 431 members that work by appointing the different members on all our laws which are made in the committee rooms. In our national house, etc."

Do you wonder that those who read this account and did not hear the speech thought Mr. Kellar was a joke and the farmers who sent him to Salem, fools. Mr. Kellar did not call congress the "national house," or jumble up his explanation of the work by committee's as carried out by congress and the state legislature. Again "they would commence at 10 o'clock in the morning, opened by prayer, proceed to introduce bills." How ridiculous to so misplace words and change a simple well expressed sentence into one that means nothing.

Mr. Kellar merely spoke of the first two weeks being given over to committee meetings. Again the Chief said: "Great many men believe the market agents office is a thing the Oregon farmer needs, first aim at the farmers of Oregon." Mr. Kellar is a man who uses good English, constructs his sentences carefully and correctly, is also well informed on the things he was discussing and he does not make any such silly statements as the one quoted above. Again the short hand report says: "Monday morning we saw State Treasurer Kay. He was very busy that day and he was taken to task by the Oregon voters as working under caution." Oregon voters caution. The reporter evidently had never heard if the "Oregon Voter" and "coercion" is not in her vocabulary. Mr. Kellar said: "Governor Pierce called a joint session of the legislature and told the law makers they were trifling when there was important work to be done. The governor's speech did not receive any great applause from the assembled law makers, but there was much applause from the galleries which were crowded. Tom Kay was a very busy man after this joint session, among the members and old timers remarked, "something will be doing." Something was doing all right as 78 bills were passed in 5 hours an average of one every 3 minutes. This shows how some bills get by.

The Oregon Voter objected to saying that some of the legislature were working under coercion, well Mr. Woodward of Multnomah county spoke against the Dennis resolution he said: "In all earnestness and sincerity I oppose this resolution but I am compelled to vote for it because Portland demands it." Does this not look like coercion? Again the supposed short hand report says "He never voted for a legislation that I had up, but I like him anyway."

Honestly folks do you believe that any sensible person ever made as silly a statement as that. Mr. Kellar was not introducing any "legislation." It would take too long to go over the entire speech but it is the truth that not one sentence was reported correctly and some are so absurd that it is strange to me that even a reporter could have so misconstrued them. For instance, "Governor Pierce had discharged some men on the port commission, sus-

ended it three times and passed the bill in less than ten minutes, when it was brought on the floor." Mr. Kellar said: "on the same day a bill was introduced that sheared the governor the power to appoint the members of the Port of Portland commission and this bill was passed in less than ten minutes under suspension of the rules." The above was told in connection with the refusal of the house to suspend the rules and pass the bill to relieve the eastern Oregon wheat grower.

Short hand report: "We wanted good roads because they would bring on transportation and bring children to school." Mr. Kellar said, Mr. Woodward's hobby was a good road to every man's door and good schools." Again quoting from speech as reported in Chief, Mr. Winslow, an attorney from Tillamook said: "certainly the farmers have a lobbyist but do you know of any then that are paying any state money to our lobbyist here?" Mr. Kellar quoted Mr. Winslow thus: "Sure the farmers have lobbyists. but do you know of any of them getting \$500 a month salary from the state." Again "and it franchises" the people of talking on such things before 1940." Honestly it is to laugh "franchise" the people, Oh, no, folks, Mr. Kellar did not say that. From report: "Five hundred druggists were to see me, etc. Mr. Kellar said: "When a bill came up, proposing a tax on cosmetics, 500 druggists were there to protest against it. Whenever a bill affects big business they flock to Salem." Also I wish to state most emphatically, Mr. Kellar did not say that Mr. Hall voted against the tax on toilet articles. Mr. Kellar said: "I think Mr. Hall voted his convictions except one." Mr. Kellar did not say at this time that this once was the Columbia county salary bill but Mr. Hall himself said this in an article published last winter in the county papers.

Mr. Kellar was selected by the executive committees of the Pomona, Grange and Farm Bureau to go to Salem last winter in the interest of the farmers. And the belittling of his talk at Bachelor Flat school house is not only an insult to him but is a slap at every farmer who contributed to the fund to send him.

MAUD J. MILLS,  
Sec. Columbia Co. Pomona

### COME FROM SEASIDE

Eighteen K. P. members from Seaside were in Vernonia last Saturday night and put on the "Oriental Degree" to a dozen venturesome Vernoniates. It is not feared that any of the successful candidates will soon forget the pass word. The ceremony was very impressive and made quite a hit with each one.

### CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

All the logging camps surrounding Vernonia, the lumber center city, have closed up to celebrate Christmas. Probably 2000 men in the territory adjacent are off duty and now sightseeing. The big mill will close four days we hear, and all camps will open again the fore part of January.

A delightful time was enjoyed by the members of the Woman's Benefit association and their families Friday evening. After a short business session of the lodge, a fine program was put on by the juniors of the order. Then followed the Christmas tree with a present for each and every one. Mr. and Mrs. Santa remembered every child, after which a bounteous supper was served. Over one hundred people were in attendance.

### POSTOFFICE DOES BIG BUSINESS

The postoffice at Vernonia is a busy place. The holiday rush was the greatest ever experienced in Vernonia. On Tuesday over \$107 worth of stamps were sold. The postmaster and assistants have the situation under control and the office pretty well cleaned up, but they were kept well cleaned up, but they were kept continually busy for the entire week.

Mrs. Maurice Richardson left Friday last for Elgin, Oregon, where she will spend the Christmas holidays, visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hall and friends. Mr. Richardson accompanied her to Elgin, returning to Vernonia Monday.

## THE VERHIAN

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Editor .....Margaret Smith

The annual staff was elected during the student body meeting last Thursday. The officers are as follows: Editor-in-Chief, Margaret Smith, business manager, Lawrence Dickson, assistant business manager, Jessie George, feature editor, Lora Smith, literary editor, Lois Malmsten, assistant literary editor, Gladys Krinick, girls' athletic editor, Louise Lester, boys' athletic editor, Donald Brady, advertising manager, Russell Mills, assistant advertising editor, Carl Fowler, society editor, Amy Hughes, sales manager, Lena Gibson. Charles Hoffman was appointed as associate editor by the editor-in-chief.

Our boys defeated the St. Helens basketball team last week with a score of 17-14 in a practice game.

Mrs. Pitman substituted Thursday for Miss Bell, who left Wednesday to spend her Christmas vacation in her home at Pioneer.

The Christmas program will be given by the seniors Thursday afternoon. The program which they have planned is: Instrumental solo, Louise Malmsten, Christmas Spirit, Lena Gibson, reading, Margaret Smith

### TIRE COMPANY WILL HAVE LARGE ADVERTISING FIELD

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 20.—The Columbia Tire corporation, the biggest western manufacturer of tires and tubes, has placed its advertising accounts with James Houlihan, Inc., local advertising agency, according to an announcement from J. A. Houlihan, head of the firm, who returned here today after a week of conference with Columbia officials.

An aggressive advertising campaign will be launched soon after the first of the year through newspapers, and Columbia messages will also be carried in trade papers, direct mail and billboard advertising.

The Columbia plant is located in Portland, Oregon, and is one of the finest of its type in the entire country. Distribution is through dealers along the Pacific Slope, and distributors are also located in St. Louis and Chicago. The plant investment is approximately a half million dollars and it is the greatest factory, if its kind devoted exclusively to Western trade, with a production capacity of 750 tires per day.

Predicting a year of intense activity throughout the automobile and allied trades on the Pacific coast next year, Houlihan declared that the Columbia advertising campaign will be the greatest they have yet launched, and will be aggressively followed by a well laid merchandising campaign in the sales department.

The small advs. get results.

### Workingmen of Moscow Celebrate



The eighth anniversary of the Russian revolution was celebrated by the workingmen with a monster parade in Moscow and ceremonies in the Red square. The illustration shows one of the floats prepared by the workers.

zylophone solo, Charles Hoffman, Reading, Jessie George, chorus, senior girls, Christmas tree in the gym.

Two more weeks remain of the first semester. The greater part of the work has been covered by the various classes and the remainder of the semester will be given to reviews.

The high school at this time has 159 pupils in attendance. A number of new freshmen are expected to enter at the beginning of the second semester.

The alumni were invited to visit the student body Wednesday afternoon. Those who came were: Ray Mills, Burford Wilkerson, Emerald John, Hazel Malmsten, Alvin Parker, Bonita Parker-Condit, Eddie Condit, Doris Akerstadt, Robert Hoffman and John Wharton. Hermann Dickson and Dorothy Wills also visited.

The junior boys won the interclass game with the sophomores this week. The score was 16-0.

The sophomore-senior game has been postponed until after New Years.

The freshman class will give a party on the evening of December 29, from 7 to 9 o'clock in the school gymnasium.

### LICENSE PLATE 1313

Thirteen is not an unlucky number when you have it for two straight years on your automobile. Guy Mills received this week from the secretary of state his license plate bearing the number 1313. This is the same number that he had last year. The new licenses are white figures with a black back ground.

### CAMP FIRE ENTERTAINED

The Tatapachon Camp Fire girls were entertained at dinner Friday evening at the home of their guardian, Miss Thelma Olsen.

The table was decorated with lighted candles, symbolizing the three watchwords of the camp fire, work, health and love. Small candies decorated with camp fire designs, served as nut baskets. Each place was marked by a place card, decorated with each girls individual symbol.

At the close of the meal a miniature Christmas tree, bearing a gift for each guest was placed upon the table. Dancing furnished the entertainment for the rest of the evening.

Those present were: Betty Culver, Helene Spencer, Merle Mills, Francis Lappe, Pheobe Greenman, Miss Leta Weed, who is guardian for the Lewa Camp Fire group and the hostess, Miss Thelma Olsen.

Send in news items. The Eagle appreciates to receive them for publication.

### LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Portland, December 19, 1925  
Mr. Paul Robinson,  
Vernonia Eagle,  
Vernonia, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Robinson:  
A business community is judged by its newspaper because the newspaper as surely reflects the progressiveness and activities as faithfully as a mirror reflects a single image.

With this thought, then, the Eagle is entitled to compliments galore on its annual number and the people of Vernonia are to be congratulated upon the healthful business conditions as reflected in advertising columns and the news.

The General public little realizes the labor and comparative small returns involved in special numbers, exploiting the resources and enterprises of the community. I have enjoyed reading every page of the Eagle and assure you of my continued keen interest in Vernonia and the wonderful Nehalem Valley.

Yours Very Truly,  
Oregon Manufacturers Association  
DAN C. FREEMAN, Manager.

Vernonia people and the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce feel personally acquainted with Mr. Freeman, he having visited us on numerous occasions and addressed us. The Eagle thanks him for the kind words, knowing them to be sincere.

Oregon Public Utility Information  
Electric Building  
Portland, Oregon  
December 23, 1925

Mr. Paul Robinson, Editor,  
Vernonia Eagle,  
Vernonia, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Robinson:  
Enclosed is my check for \$2.00 to cover renewal of subscription to your paper for the year 1926.

I have enjoyed having the Eagle come to me during the past year, and wish to extend my best wishes for your continued success.

With the Season's Greetings, I am  
Very sincerely yours,  
W. P. STRANDBORG, Director

### IF PEACE BE HIS AT NIGHT.

Edgar A. Guest.  
A man can stand the fight by day  
If peace be his at night,  
For he can put his doubts away  
If home with love is bright;  
But let him come to grief or care.  
Let quarrels break his rest,  
Then with the burdens he must bear  
He'll never do his best.

The things which make a man surer  
Are courage, strength and skill,  
But one with them may often seem  
To falter and stand still;  
And heavy heart and troubled mind  
Can seldom bravely fight,  
For man must know that he will find  
A welcome smile at night.

Give him a wife whose love is true,  
And children well and strong,  
And he will brave the battle through  
Although the day be long;  
But once let fear or rage disturb  
The great heart in his breast,  
On strength and skill there is a curb  
And he'll not do his best.

For those he loves, a man's a man  
And not for selfish gain,  
The heart does more than courage can,  
And more than flesh or brain;  
The home he keeps has bitter foes  
Than those he leaves to fight,  
By day a man can stand the blows,  
If peace be his at night.

### ENTERTAINMENT

The past week theatre attractions were exceptionally good. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights, "Mac's Band" furnished music during the showing of the pictures, and this band, under the leadership of Prof. F. McBarron, is certainly proving to be good musicians. With the assistance of Mrs. Culver at the piano, the music was highly appreciated.

On Wednesday night, in addition to the picture, the W. B. A. lodge presented their home talent play "Clubbing Husbands." The large audience enjoyed the entertainment and highly complimented each participant. Mrs. Hurley danced to the delight of all, and the solo by Mr. Gregory brought long and loud applause.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Most Cities Use Them and Have Old Time Xmas Trees.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—"One of the most unusual experiences I ever experienced was when I was in Germany some years ago," said John Seifert, head of the voice department in the University of Oregon school of music. "It was just a few days before Christmas, and a blizzard was blowing outside," he continued, "suddenly, right up on the front porch of the house I was living in, I heard a bugle playing 'Holy Night, Silent Night.'"

"Hearing that old familiar melody 3,500 miles from home, made an impression on me never to be forgotten. The instrumentalist was the mail carrier, as I afterwards learned. Thus it was that I learned about the beautiful custom in Germany of mail carriers playing carols on trumpets in the days before Christmas, as they go about delivering the mail."

"Carols are more popular in Europe than here," said Mr. Seifert, especially in England, Wales and Germany it is very common for groups of singers to go about the streets at night during the Christmas holiday season, singing such old favorite carols as "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and "God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen."

"There has been a pronounced awakening of interest in carols over the country. At last Christmas time groups were organized here in Eugene to go about the streets singing carols."

Mr. Seifert then told of an experience he had in Philadelphia some years ago. An effort was made to find out whether theatre audiences were familiar with the old carols. Mr. Seifert had charge of this work in some of the largest theatres in the city, and the result of the investigation showed a surprising number who knew the old carols.

"There are many good carols that have recently been composed. Some of the most prominent composers are Dudley Buck, Henry Hadley, and C. Whitney Coombs. But the old carols are being sung too. In fact, they probably are sung more. They have endured for a long time, while those written now are generally sung for a season or two and then forgotten; though some are probably great enough to be of permanent value.

"The carol is primarily a folk song. All the old carols sprang from the heart. But generally the original tunes have been perfected, and given a definite form, and set down by some composer. That is to say, the carols are often folk tunes modified by art. Carols come into being among white people much as the spirituals did among negroes.

"The increase of interest in carols is due partly at least to the increased interest in religious matters today. On the other hand, I think the singing of carols has helped to awaken interest in religion, too. Many people get more spiritual inspiration from music than from sermons. I can hear a good sermon and go away inspired, but I can receive much greater spiritual inspiration from hearing good religious singing, if the singer's heart is even partly in the song."

"You say that carols are primarily folk music. I have heard it said that jazz is the folk music of America," Mr. Seifert was asked.

He took issue at once.

"Don't you think so for a minute he said earnestly, "There is little about jazz to warrant such an assumption. I believe rather that the real American folk music is found in the works of such composers as Stephen G. Foster, who wrote 'Home Sweet Home,' and many other old favorites. By the way, a Mr. Howard Milligan has recently discovered a large body of musical works by a hitherto unknown American composer of considerable merit, along with the line of folk music. This may show that we Americans have not been so deficient in music as has always been supposed. There is something fascinating about jazz, all right, but it is not yet of permanent value in the musical world."

A large crowd attended the special Christmas exercises and Yuletide program at the Christian church Wednesday night.