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THOSE DAYS HAVE GONE FOREVER.

Conservatively estimating the Roseburg News-Review has a reading patronage of approximately eighteen thousand people in Douglas county. There is not another daily paper in the state of Oregon that gives the service this paper delivers both to its readers and advertisers in a county with a population likened to Douglas county. It is read in every nook and corner of the county—it goes everywhere—and its readers rely upon it for a fair and impartial dissection of all news matter, local and otherwise. As an advertising medium it is unexcelled. No better results can be had anywhere. Many publications with half the circulation of this paper get a far greater advertising rate for their product. Still, with the very best possible service and the enormous circulation for a daily paper published in a community the size of Roseburg, there are some narrow-minded individuals who would like to get space on a hand-bill specimen of newspaper workmanship at a starvation price. They do not hesitate to look after a wide margin of profit in their own dealings, but think a newspaper should eke out a hand-to-mouth existence and place their advertising on the counter at a loss for a few persons who have the faculty of getting something for nothing in their business dealings.

But the newspapers, within the past fifteen years, have risen to an entirely different plane. Today they are a business institution, not a political ball to be tossed about at will by wily politicians or others who are bent on making a football of a legitimate enterprise. It costs a whole lot of hard cash and means a great deal of energy and thrift, even in this day, to make real money out of the newspaper business with the constantly increasing cost of production, and the novice who thinks differently, will soon get his eyes opened when once in the game.

It is a great satisfaction, however, to chronicle the fact that newspaper men throughout the entire country have taken a hitch in their trousers—pulled them up as it were—where the bag meets the knee, the rear patches are hidden from the elusive fellow who wants to get them back in the old rut by crying for starvation prices for his advertising, and today their business is just as legitimate, just as deserving of respect, as the fellow who is distributing any other kind of merchandise or wares.

The day of poorly fed newspaper men has passed. The diet of soup and beans, washed down with cold tea, no longer is in evidence. Printers who used to work for the country newspaper shops receive a wage that keeps them far from the borders of charity. They are now an independent set spreading their earnings among the very people who would like to see them back in the trench of despair and poverty.

This is a funny world when any individual thinks it is good business judgment to attempt to discredit any legitimate institution for personal gain. But every town has these fellows—and they usually are the very persons who have at some time used an inflated profit to disgorge the pockets of the laboring class.

Jefferson Meyers, recently appointed a member of the state board of control by Governor Pierce, is a Roseburg visitor today. Probably no better selection for the important office could have been made, for Mr. Meyers is a gentleman of wide business and financial experience, his extensive business connections reaching to almost every nook and corner of the state. Thus he is well fitted to exercise his duties as a member of the board of control and the state should benefit to a large degree by his experience. At any rate, judging from his conversation with the editor of this paper the taxpayers need not look for anything spectacular from Mr. Meyers, but on the contrary a sane and deliberate and most business-like administration of all matters that come before the board. And this is what the state of Oregon needs—some good, sound business sense injected into its government.

What do you think of a set of boys and girls who would undertake to finance a proposition like the purchase of a 17-acre tract in West Roseburg for athletic purposes? These youngsters are worth while. They are the men and women of tomorrow, and their vision of the future, and what they are doing for those who will take their place in the schools of this city is certainly most commendable.

Tomorrow is a big day for all of Douglas county. We are going to dedicate the most beautiful and expensive concrete bridge on the entire Pacific Highway. With over one hundred miles of paved highway in this county the honor belongs to us.

We hate to mention it again. It seems almost superfluous. Then, you might think we are bragging about something that we haven't got. So we will just remark in very low tones: "Isn't this some weather Mr. Bell is dishing up?"

There's a lot of color display in evidence in this old town—among the gypsies. Why not sick 'em on to greener pastures, or, is it possible the sucker list needs its annual trimming?

Plugging for Roseburg and Douglas county is still our slogan. And when we get through plugging you can plug us in any kind of a hole.

Being good doesn't necessarily get you anywhere. But being good for something usually brings home the bacon.

Going off half-cocked is like taking a bath without any soap. A fellow gets a good wetting, but no results.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

All of the bald-faced calves in this town
Neck of the woods
Will be cut
In full force tomorrow.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS

An orator is a fellow who's always ready to lay down his life for his country.

The gov. will be in our midst tomorrow and we hope he wears his sombrero.

Lotsa guys have the hoof and mouth affliction. Ever' time they open their mouth they put their hoof in it.

We'll be glad when the fortune tellin' signs are removed from the main stem. It makes things look like they're goin' to the bow-wows.

Take you bath tonight folks—it may be a long dry day tomorrow.

The jail-house flappers were warbling quite beautifully last eve and if they keep on singin' the residents of the neighborhood may petition the court to release 'em.

The village will be full of strangers tomorrow and pedestrians are warned to quit jay-walkin' for the day.

We'll bet the old Winchester bridge will be envious tomorrow.

The Doug. co. con. band will play at the bridge if Heck Baker doesn't forget his big horn.

The fellers in the apartments may not have a lawn to mow but they certainly have just as many flies to swat.

Guy Gordon and his corn cob pipe. They certainly do look swell. It'd be so much better, folks, if it wasn't for the smell.

Now that we've spent a week savin' the forests, let's dedicate a month to the weeds in the front yard.

The bachelors club of young sheiks is contemplatin' disbandin' on acct. of several new Shebas in the village.

In the annual straw derby race Gawge Neuner beat Free Johnson this year by appearing on the main stem in last year's edition. Gawge purchased a can of paint today to renovate the derby and with good weather it should last another season.

If you don't think it pays to advertise in Prune Pickin's you oughter watch us munch Umpqua Valley strawberries at noon today. Mister A. J. Tuck, of Edenbower, who has been reading our plaintive pleas in this column for berries, dropped into our sanctum yesterday and unloaded a box of giant berries on our cluttered desk and oh boy we were so dern surprised we didn't even say "Thank," but gosh folks they were good and juicy.

"The feller with onion on his breath seven days a week planted too many 'em."

Dr. Wendell A. Diebold, of Chicago, nutrition counselor, is a recent arrival in Roseburg. The doctor is here for the purpose of locating permanently and will soon open offices in this city.

RADIO PROGRAMS

From Pacific Coast Stations

RADIO KGO—The General Electric Company, Oakland, Calif. (312 meters.)
April 26—8 p. m. University Christian church of Berkeley orchestra and vocalists.

RADIO KIX—The Oakland Tribune, Oakland, Cal. (509 meters.)
April 26—3.5 p. m. baseball scores.

RADIO KGW—Morning Oregonian, Portland, Ore. (492 meters.)
April 26—3.30 p. m. Children's program with forest fire story by Aunt Nell.

RADIO KPO—Hale Brothers, Inc., San Francisco. (422 meters.)
April 26—2.30-3.30 p. m. Hawaiian music by Aloha troupe; 8 p. m. to 1 a. m. Art Weidner's Fairmont hotel dance orchestra with KPO trio in songs during intermissions.

RADIO KHJ—The Times, Los Angeles. (395 meters.)
April 26—12.30-1.15 p. m. E. J. Gains and the Highlander; 8.10 p. m. Program presenting the Mary Christiane Albin trio; Floriane Thompson, soprano.

RADIO KFI—Earle C. Thompson, Inc., Los Angeles. (469 meters.)
April 26—4.45-5.45 p. m. news; 8.45-9.30 p. m. Ruth May Shaffner director vocal program; 8.9 p. m. Ascar Selling, violinist, arranging program; 9.12 midnight musical programs.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

PARCEL POST LEGISLATION AND THE FARMER

Farmers will have to pay three times as much parcel post charges if the bill now being considered by a special committee of congress becomes a law. Not only does it propose to increase the rates on parcel post packages but it would greatly increase the charge on fourth class matter. This is of greater importance to farmers than any other class although the parcel post, of course, is universally used. It catches the farmer both going and coming, for he has to pay postage on what he receives; and, as a producer, he has to pay the quotations on his market whether it be close or at a distance. The parcel post charges in this respect are no different than the transportation rates on the railways, and farmers have long realized that they pay the freight both ways.

When the parcel post was inaugurated in 1913 it was recognized that it would be a benefit primarily to the farmers and to those living in small towns. No one will challenge the statement that the service has lived up to expectations.

Conditions are such at this time, with the purchasing power of agriculture reduced to its lowest ebb, that any increase in the parcel post rates will jeopardize the whole parcel post system, and this applies as well to fourth class matter. The parcel post rates now, considering the service that is rendered, are so close to the express rates that any increase in the former will mean that shipments by parcel post will be greatly curtailed to the benefit of the express companies. Further the post office department is a service department. Nobody expects it to make money. All branches of any business are not equally profitable and cannot be expected to be made so. If an extra burden of increased rates is placed on the parcel post system it will only make it less profitable than at present. There is a grave question as to whether the parcel post system is not practically self-supporting at the present time. At any rate, congress appropriated one-half million dollars for the purpose of making detailed study of the cost of carrying all mail, including parcel post. The proposal now for congress to forget that expenditure and with blind wisdom try to readjust the postal rates, making the burden of increase fall wholly upon parcel post and fourth class mail. Taxes are high enough now without throwing one-half million dollars aside and making an unscientific readjustment of postal rates. The post office department has compiled all of the data at immense expense; yet, for some reason, congress has gotten into a feverish haste in which it wishes to revise the rates this session before the post office department can advise it intelligently regarding the proper distribution of costs. It will take the department three or four months or more to analyze the vast volume of records which they have secured through the expenditure of this one-half million dollars, and therefore any action which congress takes during this session in revising parcel post and postal rates cannot be based up on the results of the department's studies. Any congressman who votes for a change must do so ignoring the fact that about a year ago he voted for an appropriation of one-half million to be expended so as to guide him in his vote.

This proposal to increase the parcel post rate on the things the farmer buys and sells undoubtedly has its origin in the determination on the part of somebody to increase the salaries of postal employees. It is generally admitted however, that the postal employees, taken as an average, receive as high wages or salaries as is paid in industry for similar positions. Of course, there are inequalities as in any large institution and these undoubtedly will be adjusted. The point which the farmer makes, however, is: Why make them carry the entire burden by increasing the rates on parcel post and fourth class matter? Certainly it is a most inopportune move to do this, especially at a time when a million and a quarter farmers annually, for the last three years, have left their farms because they cannot make a living. With the purchasing power of farm products at 74 per cent of what they were in 1913, and with the purchasing power of all other classes about twice as much as the farmers' why should they be called upon to bear any deficit in this service department of the government—if there is a deficit. Farmers long have wished for an increase in wages. They have learned to do without the things they are not keen to bear an additional burden through the increase in parcel post rates.

The Douglas Co. Farm Bureau has been working vigorously against this proposed injustice. Our representatives in congress know where we stand. We speak only for those who are identified with us as members. We suggest farmers, who are not members of our organization make known their wishes promptly to the Oregon representatives at Washington, D. C.

DOUGLAS CO. FARM BUREAU
H. E. KRUGER, Pres.
C. E. MOYER, Sec.

BOYS' WEEK

Boys' Week begins next Sunday. The dads and lads are invited to attend the special service for them at the Baptist church at 11:00 a. m.

Quality-Service-Price-All right. Page Lumber & Fuel Company.

Lawn mowers of quality at Powell's Furniture Store.

Emery wants to buy your wool and mohair. See him before selling.

COUNTY CHAMBER MAY BE FORMED

Delegates Meet to Consider Plans for Land Settlement Work.

LISTINGS ARE MADE

Appraisal Committee Is Appointed to Work With State Chamber—County Unit Considered.

Douglas County will have a chamber of commerce if the wishes of the delegates from the various towns in the county who met at the Hotel Umpqua Thursday evening are carried out.

This decision was reached after the regular meeting of the county unit organization of the land settlement plan of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. The county unit had a most interesting meeting which was presided over by Chairman Guy Cordon. Those present were as follows:

Earl Strong, Yoncalla; Arthur Foster, State Chamber of Commerce, Portland; H. F. Burnett, Oakland; Guy Cordon, Roseburg; Mark Tisdale, Sutherlin; D. S. Beals, Riddle; C. P. Cloud, Riddle; R. O. Thomas, Elkton; H. A. Adams, Myrtle Creek; H. M. Shirliff, Myrtle Creek; R. A. Tull, Myrtle Creek; C. H. Bussey, Myrtle Creek; H. P. Rice, Myrtle Creek; G. R. Bates, Myrtle Creek; Will E. Holbein, Chamber of Commerce, Roseburg.

Chairman Cordon explained the object of the meeting, and Mr. Foster of the land settlement department of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce explained in detail the workings of his department in regard to listing and appraising lands in the different counties of the state.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a land appraisal committee of which the chairman should be a member should be appointed to appraise the lands listed with the Douglas County unit. The following is the appraisal committee: Guy Cordon, Mark Tisdale, D. S. Beals and Earl Strong.

Several listings were presented to the meeting and the appraisal committee immediately went into a session and made the necessary appraisal. These listings have to come through the real estate men of the county, and it is not intended or expected that many listings will be handed in, for too many of these listings would have a bad effect. A selected number of them will be published in a booklet each month that the State Chamber of Commerce will get out to send to the eastern states, so that every county subscribing to the plan will be represented in these listings, and all have an even break.

General discussion followed relative to the formation of a County Chamber of Commerce. It seemed to be the unanimous sentiment of those present that such an organization should be perfected. Secretary Holbein of the local Chamber of Commerce reported that all the other towns in the county that were not represented at the meeting had expressed a desire for such an organization. It was therefore, moved, seconded and carried that the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce be organized. It was also moved that the following procedure be followed and suggested to the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce: That the Board of Directors of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce be the executive committee of the County Chamber of Commerce, and that the delegates to the county unit organization become the directors of the County Chamber of Commerce for the present year.

It is expected that some general advertising matter in regard to the resources of Douglas County will be published, each local chamber of commerce in the county purchasing whatever is needed for their particular towns. In other words, all advertising matter will be pooled for the general good, and a great deal of unnecessary expense to the local chambers eliminated.

The action of the meeting on Thursday evening will be brought up at the general membership dinner meeting to be held at the Armory in this city on Tuesday evening, May 6th, for ratification of the members of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

There can be no doubt that the action of the men from the various parts of the county last night will have a far reaching effect for good to the entire county in the months to come. There is a feeling of optimism prevailing, and the old grudges and suspicions are being ironed out, and all are beginning to feel that Douglas County is entering a new era in its onward progress.

COMMERCIAL CLUB AT MYRTLE CREEK

The Commercial Club of Myrtle Creek has taken on new life, and is taking the lead in putting that thriving town on the map. A fund was raised the other day to equip a first class night camp for motor tourists, and new officers elected for the ensuing year. These officers are: President, H. P. Rice; vice-president and treasurer, G. R. Bates and secretary, C. H. Bussey.

Large number of new rugs now in stock at Powell's.

Special Announcement!

ART AND BABY SHOP—

Moving to our new location!

Enables us to offer Substantial Reductions in Prices of our Complete Line of

Art Needlecraft and Infants' Apparel

On all Linens and Mercerized Stamped Goods a reduction of 20%
On all Infants' Lines a reduction of 15%
Many women begin early to plan for gifts, and this idea at a saving.



FARM NEWS

(C. E. Spence, Market Agent)
Realizing the benefits to producers from the potato grading and inspection law, local growers are indorsing it, and the state market agent has received many indorsements from farmers in many parts of the state. Boring granges are indorsing it, and the state market agent has received many indorsements from farmers in many parts of the state. Boring granges are indorsing it, and the state market agent has received many indorsements from farmers in many parts of the state.

Benjamin F. Yoakum, ex-chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad states that one family is supported by selling the food produced by about every two farm families of the United States, and that there are 2,752,000 food dealers selling the products of 6,500,000 farm families of this country. He declares that it costs \$2 to distribute the products the farmers get \$1 for, including the middle profits. He recommends cooperative selling agencies and the pushing of consumers cooperative organizations in the cities.

If cooperative marketing associations never increased the selling prices of commodities a dime; never accomplished more than a system to get the products to the ultimate consumer by the very shortest possible route; if they never did anything more than become their own middle men and retained the profits of the sale, they would be most successful. Such a system would save waste, needless expense in distribution and would standardize products. Cooperation is simply business, good business. Its purpose is to get more for what is sold and to pay less for what is bought.

Fear of the spread of the foot and mouth disease into Oregon and Washington from California has resulted in drastic preventative measures being taken by the state livestock sanitary board and Governor Pierce. At the Portland public meeting held before the sanitary board the sentiment was unanimous to give the board unlimited authority to take any action necessary for precautions. State Market Agent Spence's resolution...

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AUCTION SALE

I will sell at Public Sale at my place, situated Two Miles West of Roseburg, Oregon ON THE LOOKING GLASS ROAD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1924

- Sale to commence at 1:30 P. M. the following property:
- 1 Wagon.
 - 1 Hack.
 - 30 rods hog wire.
 - 240 rods barbed wire.
 - 1 Gang Plow.
 - 1 Walking Plow.
 - 1 McCormick Mower.
 - 1 Range Stove.
 - 1 Heater Stove.
 - 1 dining room table.
 - 5 Dining Chairs.
 - 3 Rocker Chairs.
 - 1 China Closet.
 - 1 Sewing Machine.
 - 4 Rugs.
 - 2 Beds.
 - 1 Commode.
 - 1 Leather Sofa.
 - 1 Library Table.
 - 1 Kitchen Table.
 - 1 Kitchen Cabinet.
 - 1 Cupboard.
 - 1 Center Table.
 - 2 Tables.
 - 1 Copper Boiler.
 - Fruit Jar, and all kind canned fruit.
 - 1 Road Body Carriage.
 - Some Tables.
 - 1 good Jersey Cow, and other gentle.
 - Some Inland Livestock.
 - 100 feet Garden hose.
 - Garden Tools, low assortment.

TERMS CASH.
WALTER BELCHER, Owner
RADABAUGH, Auctioneer