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DEVELOP OUR RESOURCES

While plans are being laid by the business interests of Roseburg for future activities involving commercial expansion and possibility of securing substantial industries that will be of material aid in developing latent natural resources abounding in Douglas county and the great Umpqua valley, it might be well for merchants and professional men, capitalists and employers generally to take a sort of inventory of what may be accomplished by harmonious cooperation. That Roseburg is the center of a wonderfully fertile section, whose scenic beauties are unrivaled, and where climatic conditions are most alluring, is universally accepted as an established fact. That there are untold millions of feet of standing merchantable timber, awaiting the logger and mill men, everybody knows is true. That the agricultural resources of the valleys are not yielding a tithe of what they are capable, is admitted. That all wealth comes from the soil, and that where the producers are prosperous commercial life pulsates with the roar of industrial plants, while capital and labor join hands in production of manufactured commodities, is undoubted.

Nature has placed fertile valleys, timbered hills, grazing lands, rivers and lesser streams at our disposal. Why are we so slow in capitalizing these resources? Irrigated lands in localities far less favorable than the Umpqua valley have made the people rich. In many places they have carried the water many miles through rock and across deserts and at great expense. But water made dairying, fruit growing, gardening and intensive agriculture ten times more profitable. Saw mills have been set up because some communities were wise enough to offer free sites, and the big payroll of those concerns that are cutting their 100,000 to a quarter million feet a day make business profitable beyond comprehension of the man who has not visioned what it means to offer "inducements" to industries. The live stock industry of Oregon in 1928 was worth to the public a cool \$182,000,000. Dairy interests created another \$10,000,000. Fruit growers brought in another \$28,000,000, and all of this money has been put in circulation. Banks and merchandising concerns, manufacturers and labor have come in for a share of these millions that the producers of Oregon made available to the great public.

In the beginning of this year, 1929, it appears to the News-Review that these truths should be given due consideration by commercial interests of Roseburg. Big plans for fostering live stock, mills and production generally ought to fill every mind. The stakes are great, the possibilities unlimited, there are no restrictions, and ultimate benefits to the individual and state assured when Roseburg takes hold of these opportunities presenting themselves just now.

CITY MONEY AND EMPLOYEES

In faithful adherence to his pre-election pledge to trench city finances and double at the same time exercise the victor's traditional political right of preference for appointive positions, Roseburg's new mayor, Dr. E. V. Hoover, recommends to the new city council, at its first meeting, certain changes in the personnel of city employees with accompanying reductions in salaries that would effect an aggregate total saving of over \$2,000 a year. The council turns down the recommendations on the grounds that prevailing salaries are not too high, especially from a standpoint of living necessities, and that men at cheaper wages would render inferior service. Thus at the very star of a new administration there is a clash that portends rough going in the conduct of city affairs for an indefinite period. The situation is without precedent in Roseburg's history, and for the welfare of the city it should be adjusted as early as possible. Who is in the wrong—the mayor or the councilmen? The vote which placed Dr. Hoover in office is indisputable proof that a majority of the electorate was in favor of investing him with the necessary authority to try out his ideas of economy. On the other hand the same electorate put into office the councilmen who are opposing the mayor's plan. In the mayor's favor it may be further stated, however, that he made definite promises to reduce expenses and he is hardly open to criticism for endeavoring to make good on that score. He contends that he could maintain efficiency with lower salaries and this would undoubtedly satisfy most of the taxpayers, even though it were made at the sacrifice of the present capable employees, allowed to go either for political expediency or inability to live decently on reduced pay. Sentimental rather than business reasons may have the council's opposition to the mayor, but for all that they are as much representative of the taxpayers as the mayor and undoubtedly are just as much concerned with the city's welfare. With them lies the power to either aid or stay the mayor's retrenchment program. If they choose the former course they will shift full responsibility for the outcome upon the mayor. If they adhere to their present stand, preventing any reduction in expenses, it will be they and not the mayor who will be the target for such censure as may arise from a municipality that has long insisted on closer economy in the administration of its finances.

Advance certainty of its rendition in new law lessens the elation locally over the decision of the Oregon supreme court validating the \$25,000 bond issue voted by the city of Roseburg for establishment of an airport. It means that the city is now in a definite and safe position from which it may proceed with completion of the project as soon as money is obtained on re-sale of the bonds. No difficulty is anticipated in the flotation as the original sale, cancelled solely because of legal questions now settled by the decision at

Salem, was made promptly and on a premium basis. The next five or six weeks, if weather permits, should see construction work in progress at the landing field and in due time thereafter, perhaps during the summer, the airport will be in complete readiness to accommodate aerial traffic. It is a happy coincidence for Roseburg that the favorable opinion of the supreme court in the airport suit was the first one to be handed down by its former resident, O. P. Coshaw, since his advancement only last week from associate justice to chief justice of the court. It is inevitable therefore that memories of the airport litigation will serve to remind us pleasantly of the first judicial duty performed by our highly esteemed former fellow townsman upon his elevation to the chief position on the supreme bench, the first member of his political faith to be so honored since 1879.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOD EVENING FOLKS

Well it kinda looks as if ye ed—
The minority mayor, will hafta appoint a council. An' take charge of things before the sheriff padlocks the village.

When we ran for mayor and was defeated because our friends were either too young or too old to vote, we promised you folks that we'd have a new dumpyard, would beautify the city and dust things off in general. That was a promise—not a threat—and you disregarded it.

Of course we admit that running a city with a city council is a heluva handicap.

Thats why we had planned to close up the council chambers and give the city Dads a vacatier with full pay.

But then folks, here's our solution of the hull thing.

Hereafter we suggest all council meetin's be held in the armory boxin' arena with Clyde Ward as master of ceremonies.

A nominal admission price of five bits would net enough to purchase the landings and arena and leave enough over to pay off the war debt and the 1890 taxes on the city hall.

Then each ward could have a special reserved section to cheer their own councilman and the mayor, or could place all of the job-seekers in his section—which, by the way, would be the largest one.

Now here we have 'em all in a squared circle ready for the gong.

Th' gong counts and Councilman Kidder takes a hefty swing from his left hip and is blocked by Doc Weaver's right. At this point, city ex. Cleaner Gavage frew would enter the arena with a shovel and proceed to lay it behind the ears of those within reachin' distance.

As the gong counts at the end of the first round, the entire party is clinched with Red Cross nurses applyin' liniment and Morticians Ritter and Stearns packin' out the dead.

After three or four such sessions as this we'd hafta build a special cemetery for the official party and we'd all live happily ever afterwarrrs.

So there that! Step right in, gents, for yer ring, city tickets!

LAF PERKINS SELZ—
"Happy New Year, councilmen!"

Do You Know Your Own County?

Interpreting bits of information concerning the origin of names and geographical landmarks in Douglas County.

TODAY: RESTON

Editor's Note: Material in this column was obtained from the first book, "Oregon Geographic Names," by McArthur.

RESTON.—This place is said to have been named by a traveler who sat on the front porch of Edmund B. Weekly's sugar estate. Weekly was considered the king of the post office, which was established August 23, 1890, and the stranger suggested Rest because of the convenience furnished to tired travelers. Weekly found there was another post office named Rest and he added an additional syllable. He has been called that ever since.

RESTON CHURCH.—This church is east of Oribel. It was named for Harwood Rest, who settled on the banks of this stream in 1864.

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KIWANIS HEADS INSTALLED AT SOCIAL MEETING

The new officers of the Roseburg Kiwanis club were installed at a social meeting held at the Umpqua hotel last night. The officers are Frank Matthews, president; John Throne, vice-president; Glen Wimberly, treasurer; R. R. Shopmaker, district trustee; John McClinton, Charles Heinline, Geo. Houck, Charles Clark, Jack Wharton, Harry Pargeter, R. L. Whipple and Napoleon Rife, directors.

The installation ceremony was attended by the wives of many of the Kiwanians, and a few of the guests were recipients of some beautiful prizes awarded to winners of amusing stunts. Special music was furnished by the Kiwanis orchestra and trio, together with a solo by Mrs. Grace Wickham Davis and a band harmonica duet by L. L. Whipple and Charles V. Stanton. Mrs. Frances Lindott accompanied the musical numbers at the piano.

An excellent talk on Kiwanis activities was delivered by Dr. C. A. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist church and a member of the local club.

Eat barbecue sandwiches and live forever. Brand's Road Stand.

LOCAL VETERANS TO ATTEND GRANTS PASS CONFERENCE

A large group of local Legionnaires are preparing to go to Grants Pass January 13 to attend the district conference to be held at that place. Roseburg is in District No. 4, which recently won the membership contest with No. 3 and now has the largest membership of any of the districts aside from the Portland unit.

The Grants Pass conference will include all of the features of a big convention. The city is making elaborate preparations to entertain the visitors, decorating the streets and store fronts and arranging numerous public entertainments. There will be a business session, banquet and dance, and the 40 and 8 "week" will be held as a side issue of the conference. Umpqua post members are arranging to charter a bus for transportation of its members and will also probably take the drum corps.

Local incubators are sold at Wharton Bros.

ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT HANKS

THE ROMANCE OF COAL

At the International Coal Conference in Pittsburgh some wonderful prophecies were made:

"Automobiles without valves, clutches, carburetor, fuel pumps or magnets, using a two-stroke engine, may follow development of so-called 'carbon-alphine gas' from coal. Jacobus Aarts, director, Private Institute of Technology, Holland, said. A motor of the sort will be ready and running in three months, he said. The fuel comes from complete gasification of coal, which turns it into pure active carbon, igniting at low temperature. Carbon-alphine can be used in the propeller motor, either in gas or liquid form, he said.

"Central heating for whole towns and cities as a means of the 'conservation of warmth' will be a logical development. Dr. Aarts said. Coal will be transformed at central works into latent heat of water and steam and gas, after first having been distilled, with a view of primary recovery of by-products and gas. "Steam—or hot water—will be purchased in the future by house-holders, just as gas and electricity are today," Dr. Aarts said.

Of all the ages this is best—

The one to give the most of rest.
I'm glad we have a chance to live
When earth to us no much can give.
I'm moved to pity for the past;
I'm glad that here my lot is cast;
I'm glad to see the "war" is round,
Rejoice in all these new things found.

Miss Galsline, we'll say goodbye—
You always were a little "fly".
You were a snooty snooty stuff,
And mighty quick to show a huff.
We'll gladly bid you long farewell,
And will not weep your funeral knell.
We'll greet Miss Alphine Gas with cheer,
Be glad to have a simpler gear.

The chemist surely now is king;
He gives the coal a voice to sing.
He brings the spirit from the coal,
And makes it speed us to our goal.
Oh, those old days of monstrous waste!
They did not live, could only taste;
But in these times the world can dance
To rapturous tunes of real romance.

We take the things the past threw 'way,
And build a far more wondrous day;
We take their old forgotten junk
And find it is a treasure trunk;
We take what they thought no account
And make it into millions' mount.
God grant that in the heart and soul
We make high dreaming pay its toll.



TINYMITES

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN — PICTURES BY KNICK

What pleasure little Clowdy had. Said he, "Well, I am surely glad that all the rest are sound asleep, and we are here alone. There's no place else to dance with you, so all the dancing I can do." And thus they went on dancing to the organ's pretty tone.

It wasn't very long until the wee dwarf said, "I've had my fill of playing on this organ. Gee, I think I'll go to sleep and snore." That he was mighty sleepy there was very little doubt.

"All right," said Clowdy. "Go ahead and rest your little sleepy head. We think you very much for all the lovely tunes you've played. When you turn in, please wake the bunch. They'll all get up. I have a hunch, 'cause they will want to play some more." So off the wee dwarf strayed.

When Clowdy and the "bunch" came, another dwarf said, "Here's a game that all of you will quite enjoy. Come on, and follow me." "You bet," cried Clowdy. "I'm no dunce, and I'll try any real fun once. I hope it is some thrilling sport that we are going to see."

The dwarf soon led them up a lane. They found their trip was not in vain. Away up on a hillside they approached a little nook. "Here's where we stop," the queer dwarf cried. "If all of you would like to slide, this is dandy sliding place." And Clowdy said, "Oh, look!"

They spied a chute that circled round and led far down toward the ground. "Hop on," exclaimed the little dwarf, "and I will push each one." "Course very little time

Campbell road to U. S. forest road leading to Paisley.

Klamath Falls—Klamath county market road fund for 1929 will approximate \$2,000.

Klamath Falls—Population of Klamath Falls and Pelican City nearing 14,000 mark.

Rainier—Site along river purchased for erection of new shingle mill.

Klamath Falls—Old high school building on Fifth street may be remodeled into armory.

Roseburg—Contract will be awarded shortly for construction of \$99,500 Medical Arts building here.

Portland—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.'s new building at East 17th and Belmont streets rapidly nearing completion.

Portland—Building occupied by Shank Bag Co. at 249 East Madison street will be entirely reconstructed.

See the new Ideal incubator at Wharton Bros.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Data reported by E. H. Fletcher, Meteorologist in charge.

Barometric pressure (reduced to sea level) 30.28
Relative humidity 5 p. m. yesterday (per cent) 91
Precip. in inches and hundredths: Highest temperature yesterday 35
Lowest temperature last night 34
Average temperature for the day 35

Normal temperature for this date 41
Precipitation, last 24 hours 0
Total precip. since 1st month 1.35
Normal precip. for this month 5.31
Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1928, to date 10.72

Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1877 15.32
Total deficiency from Sept. 1, 1925 4.80

Average seasonal precip. Sept. to May, inclusive 31.16
Forecast for interior southwinds Oregon: Fair, but with fog or low clouds tonight and Thursday; continued cold.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE was spent in hopping on, and down fun, they went. As Clowdy slid along (The Tinymites get a real surreal fast, he shouted, "This is prize in the picture.")

SIDE GLANCES—By George Clark



"I'd like to purchase that painting if you could put a little more rose in to match my draperies."

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