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LEARN TO SWIM

THE Douglas County chapter of the American Red Cross has completed arrangements for its annual swimming school in Roseburg. It is a simple fact, but perfectly true, that when everyone learns to swim, there will be very few deaths from drowning. Naturally, the time will never come when we all know how to swim but every parent who fails to give his child an opportunity to learn to swim under competent instruction is deliberately endangering his child's life.

How foolish, how almost criminally careless, is that method. Recognizing these facts the Douglas county chapter of the Red Cross is bringing to Roseburg this year one of the greatest swimming instructors in the United States. George Hughling, swimming instructor from the University of California will conduct the Roseburg swimming school which will start July first.

The Douglas county Junior League baseball team goes to Medford Saturday to play the Medford team for the championship of Southern Oregon. If our team wins this game it will then compete with other district winners for the state championship. If it wins the state title it will be entitled to play other Pacific Coast state winners for the zone championship.

POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE

This dispatch, carrying our thoughts back to the "days of '49," comes from Gold Beach, Oregon: "New reports of strikes of rich gold and silver ore in the Mule Creek district, 45 miles up the Rogue river from Gold Beach, have been received here from authentic sources. There is said to be no doubt that the hardy prospectors who have been working in the district for the past year or two have uncovered a great body of ore. Valdes shown by reports of assays range from a few dollars a ton to as high as \$4962."

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



Letters From the People

Communications to the News-Review for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 200 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose full address must accompany the contributions.

CIRCULATOR OF PETITION SAYS FACTS CORRECTLY REPRESENTED TO SIGNERS

EDITOR NEWS-REVIEW: Following is a copy of the petition presented to the Roseburg city council at its last meeting. "Roseburg, Ore., June 4, 1929. "To the City of Roseburg, Oregon, Taxpayers, Citizens and Others: "We your committee heretofore appointed by the mayor to examine into the condition of the paved streets of the City of Roseburg, as to the necessity of improving and repaving the same here, leave to submit our report as follows: "We have made a thorough inspection of the streets of the city and we do not believe that the streets should be improved as suggested by the city engineer and the city council, or that any such extensive repairs are necessary at this time."

"We do not see any necessity for the purchase of a road roller or new cooking plant, and it is our judgment that all necessary repairs can be made with the present equipment, and that under the present financial condition of the city that the council in making such purchases is unduly extravagant, and that they will damage the credit of the city if they carry out such an extensive program of street improvements as contemplated."

"The city engineer estimates that there are 522 square yards of pavement to be repaired, two blocks to be resurfaced at once, and two or three more blocks before the coming winter. This in our judgment will require an expenditure of about ten thousand dollars whereas if the streets are repaired in the future as they have been in the past it would only require an expenditure of about \$2,000 and the pavement will last for a good many years to come."

"We wholly approve and support the ideas advanced by the mayor in regard to the repairing of the city streets and we believe that he should be given more leeway and not be hampered by the council in the future as he has been in the past, and that if the matter is left to his judgment the city will be several thousand dollars ahead and the city be just as presentable as if the plan of the council is carried out."

"We are opposed to the purchase of any expensive road machinery at this time, as we believe the present plant is adequate and sufficient to take care of all street repairs for two or three years if properly and intelligently handled. "Your committee believes from their examination that several of the streets proposed to be repaved and improved by the council are not in need of repairs at this time and will stand for several years. We question the ability of the council to judge the condition of the streets and the manner and mode of repairing the same."

"Claims were made by councilmen that the facts were misrepresented to the signers and this claim was given publicity. Carefully read the wording of the petition, citizens, you will see that parties circulating it have not misrepresented matters in any detail or particular. The undersigned who circulated one of the petitions which has the signature of over one hundred taxpayers can truthfully say that no one signed the petition without knowing its contents and signed the same freely and willingly. Whenever the city council or any one else has in their hands that thing which is misrepresented in this matter let them right now dispel such an idea from their craniums; I was in the past a road builder and know whereof I speak. If the city council thinks that there was anything pulled that was not open and above board the signatures of the 175 citizens and taxpayers is on file in the recorder's office to which they have full access and if they want to or care to, can investigate for their own satisfaction as to how many of the signers of the petition were misrepresented or persuaded into a proposition of doing something with their eyes and ears closed and not in possession of all of their senses."

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I could have secured many more names to the petition from the different classes of the city, but on account of business, public and private reasons I did not insist. I read the language and terms of the petition and you will see that it was a fair and square deal absolutely, and my actions was prompted by a thorough investigation of the entire situation and with no misrepresentation of facts. J. M. SCHAEFFER.

EDITORIALS ON THE DAY'S NEWS

(Continued from page 1)

BEND takes its name from the great bend in the Deschutes river on which it is located. It was known as Farewell Bend by the emigrants, who doubtless bade its green meadows farewell with much regret. Visitors to Bend still say farewell with regret, for it is a pleasant city.

DEALER WHO SOLD GLOVES TO HICKMAN ASKS REWARD COIN

(Associated Press Special Wire) LOS ANGELES, June 20.—George Willoughby, Seattle haberdasher, secured an order from Superior Judge Arthur Keetch today, to file suit in intervention in the pending action brought by Oregon police officers, Sheriff Tom Donahue and Traffic Officer "Buck" Llewellyn of Pendleton, for a share of the reward offered for the capture of William Edward Hickman. The defendant in the suit of the Oregon officers is Radio Station KMTZ, which is said to have collected and offered the reward. Willoughby declared he had sold Hickman a pair of gloves during the sensational flight of the convicted child slayer through the north country, and accepted in payment one of the marked \$20 bills which Hickman had accepted as ransom for the 12-year-old Marion Parker, the murdered girl. Willoughby gave the alarm of Hickman's presence in that territory. The fleeing slayer was captured by Gordano and Llewellyn near Bend, Ore.

FIVE KIDNAPERS OF IDAHO OFFICIAL GET TERMS IN PRISON

LEWISTON, Idaho, June 20.—Three men who pleaded guilty to abducting Lieutenant Governor W. H. Kilne today were sentenced to terms ranging from 10 to 25 years, and the fourth member of the gang, the "baby" was sentenced to serve one to 25 years. District Judge Miles Johnson pronounced the sentences so that the five members of the band, also sentenced their part in the robbery and abduction of Kilne and two other men, would not have a chance to "go together" again for a long time.

FINN ROCK

FINN ROCK, which is also in Lane county, is a peculiar formation on the McKenzie river not far from the mouth of Finn creek. The rock resembles a shark's fin, but was not named on that account. It was named for Benjamin F. Finn, an early settler.

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GOOD-NIGHT STORIES

By Max Trel

JIM, ALWAYS LAGGING BEHIND, GREATLY ANNOYS HIS SHADOW.

When you go walking with others, do you always lag behind? You may think it doesn't really matter if you do. But it does matter. And do you know to whom? To your shadow. Just hope that your shadow isn't treated as shabbily as poor MJ.

MJ's master, Jim, always managed to drop behind when he went walking. No matter how others pleaded with him to hurry he lagged in the rear. With him remained his shadow, for you see it was impossible for him to do otherwise. A shadow must always remain with his master.

Now the trouble arose in this manner. Fior, Hamid, Yam and Knarf—the other little shadow children—were anything but laggards. It bothered them to think that MJ had to stay so far behind them. "Come along," they would urge him. Then MJ would try his utmost to catch up. But he could go only as fast as his master. He felt exactly like a dog that is tied to a leash.

"Isn't there any way that we can help him?" asked Yam. "Sure there's a way," said Hamid, "but what is it?" "Let's try to think of it," suggested Fior.

So they all thought and thought. But the only thing they could think was how fine it would be if there were only some way in which MJ could manage to break away from his lazy master. Naturally this didn't help MJ in the least.

At this moment the other real children decided to wait for Jim, for he was by this time very far behind. At last he came up, bringing MJ with him.

"Stay with us," Yam urged him. MJ sighed, "I wish I could." Suddenly Knarf, who hadn't said a word as yet, exclaimed: "I know how he can stay!"

Do You Know Your Own State?

Excerpts from "Oregon Geographic Names" by McArthur, which explain the origin of names of geographic landmarks throughout the state.

FINGERBOARD PRAIRIE

FINGERBOARD PRAIRIE, Lane County—This prairie owes its name to the fact that for many years there was a signboard nearby cut in the shape of a pointing finger. Fingerboard prairie is about six miles northeast of Helknap Springs.

ROBBER SHOTS VICTIM, ATTENUS WOUND, FLEES

(Associated Press Special Wire) PORTLAND, June 20.—Kenneth Smith, 20, was treated at a hospital here today for a fractured rib, caused by a bullet fired by a nervous robber. Smith, another youth and two girls were held up late last night by two young amateur highwaymen. As one of the robbers was searching Smith, the other, in attempting to change the revolver

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DEAN STRAUB TO LEAVE UNIVERSITY IN OCTOBER, 1930

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, June 20.—After 52 years of continuous service to the university, Dean John Straub will retire, his resignation as head of the department of Greek taking effect on October 1, 1930. His appointment as dean emeritus of men on a salary for life was coincident with the resignation, which was accepted by the regents at their last meeting.

Proverbially the friend of the freshmen, the dean has watched many classes come and go, and their children return to the institution. He has seen the universal crowd from the one-building affair it was 53 years ago into the organization of today.

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