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"What Oregon Makes, Makes Oregon"

The title of this editorial is the slogan of the Oregon Manufacturers' association and was the theme of the dinner given by the Roseburg Woman's club Thursday night.

A. C. Marsters, in his talk at that dinner, aptly summed up the situation by saying that retailers stock and sell what people ask for and that the people who buy and use the goods are the ones to show their loyalty to Oregon products. If people in their buying of every-day necessities would show a preference for Oregon products, the Oregon producer and manufacturer would benefit. If the Oregon producer and manufacturer reaps a benefit it is reflected in the prosperity of all of us.

The economist argues that we must trade with other parts of the country and of the world so that those parts of the world will be encouraged and able to trade with us. In a sense that is true. We should not, of course, ban products of other states. We need not, of course, attempt to use in Oregon all that is produced here.

The small amount consumed by Oregon makes no vast difference in the general scheme of trade in commodities produced elsewhere. If, however, the relatively small amount of produce, in total, that is consumed here is fairly largely produced here, local producers benefit.

Oregon consumer loyalty to Oregon produced products is a thing that should be fostered and encouraged. The Roseburg Woman's club has rendered a real service along this line by its "home products" dinner. It should, and we understand will, be an annual event.

Oregon Editors' Opinions

The Vote "No" Complex
(Astoria Budget)

WE note comment in the Portland press by a University of Oregon instructor to the effect that an analysis of the vote at the last election indicates that voters of Oregon adhere to the principle of voting "no," or else do not vote at all, on measures which they do not understand. The pedagogical advice that only the simpler measures be submitted to the people and that more complicated pieces of legislation be left to the legislature.

The comment on the action of the voters in denying measures terms of which are not clear to them, appears to have been made in critical sense. We cannot regard it in such a light. It is the only common sense refuge for the average voter, bombarded with measures, often incoherently presented and as often incoherently devised. If members of the state legislature would adopt the same tactics we would have less legislation and of a better quality.

We doubt if the ratio of "understanding" is any greater in the legislature where the lawmakers are confronted with some 500 hastily-drafted bills, acts, resolutions, etc., in a space of 40 days, than among the body of voters of the state in regard to three or a dozen measures presented for action each election.

Banning the Hitch-Hiker

Hitch-hiking, that deadly menace of the highways, which breeds a type of public parasite, of less benefit to humanity than that undesirable "Yankee gypsy" which travels in a dilapidated flivver and relies on public aid to keep body and soul together, is getting a cold reception in several states. Six states and the District of Columbia have laws against the practice commonly known as hitch-hiking—making it an offense to solicit a ride from motorists. Which is a start in the right direction.

Editorials on News

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Oregon's further development.

REPEATING what has already been said, the fruit of this spirit of disunion in

Oregon, this spirit of jealousy and suspicion, this lack of effective co-operation, has been RETARDED DEVELOPMENT in Oregon.

It was a fine vision that a few men, representing the state chamber of commerce, got here in Portland yesterday.

They see the real leaders of the whole state gathering together and studying Oregon's problems, appraising our failures in the past and listing our opportunities for the future; joining finally in definite recommendations as to what must be done if we are to accomplish in the next decade what we WANT to accomplish.

Then, with the eye of the mind, they see the WHOLE STATE getting together and working unitedly to GET SOMEWHERE.

If we can ALL get that vision, we CAN get somewhere.

RAMBLINGS of the News-Review Man

Business men and citizens of Oakland and its tributary territory recently met and formed an organization known as the Oakland Development League. The purpose of the association is to promote agricultural, commercial and educational effort in the local field. The membership has shown a rapid increase, the rolls showing forty-five names. Meetings are held twice a month. Officers were elected as follows: President, T. B. Garrison; 1st vice-president, William Castor; 2nd vice-president, J. E. Stearns; secretary-treasurer, B. F. Burnett.

The league favors the establishment in Oakland of a cooperative prune packing plant, and recently a committee of members completed an extensive tour of cooperative plants located in Oregon and Washington territory, observing methods of construction and operation. As a possible alternative to the proposed packing plant the erection of a storage and grading plant was suggested, where the prunes of the member could be properly taken care of until disposed to a packing company. Cooperation with the school authorities in the fostering of sentiment favorable to the erection of an auditorium was urged by the league. Such a building, it was pointed out, would serve the community well in many different ways. In addition to its normal functioning as a unit of the school's activities, it would be a convenient place in which to hold many of the town's important enterprises.

Indorsement of the activities of the local troop of Boy Scouts was enthusiastically and unanimously. A dinner is to be given by the league in the near future, and it is urged that every member bring a boy with him.

The league proposes to expend a great deal of energy in promoting the annual Oakland Turkey Fair, an institution of increasing consequence to turkey growers throughout the entire Pacific slope. An appropriation was secured at the recent session of the legislature which will enable the directors of the fair to offer a splendid premium list to the attention of exhibitors.

The membership has discussed the advisability of holding an annual sheep fair, an event which should expedite the sale and purchase of quality bucks. Sheepmen from all parts of the country having quality stock for sale or exchange would be solicited to attend this show, and this would afford local buyers a convenient opportunity to choose replacements for their breeding stock.

It is the belief of well informed members of the league that more hogs, more chickens and more grain could profitably be raised in the Oakland territory. Oregon consumes much more pork than she produces, and until this condition is reversed profits from hog raising should be increased. The country as well suited to the production of grain and other hog feeds as the Oakland district is.

The business men and citizens of Oakland are very much interested in the league, and believe that it will serve a most useful purpose in helping to shape and guide the major activities sponsored by the people for the community welfare. T. B. Garrison, local banker and president of the Development League, states that he hopes it will merit the cooperation and good will not only of the people of Oakland but of the county at large.

REPORT OF RANGE TRAGEDY IS FALSE

(Associated Press Special Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—It must have been two other clowns. At least, Cleve Montgomery, 22-year-old Walla Walla county cattleman, didn't die with his boots on in a battle with cattle rustlers, but is alive and enjoying life as well as anyone at Anatone, Wash.

A report this week from the wild country north of Enterprise, that his brother had been killed, was denied here by his sister, Elaine Montgomery. She also denied her father, Press Montgomery, had killed himself seven years ago following a serious injury defending his cattle rights, in which he was left a permanent cripple. He died a natural death.

BRINGING UP FATHER



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I HAVE ON A CHAIN.

I'M USING MY WATCH CHAIN! I'M A WALKING DOG-HOUSE.

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