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THE CLOSING CHAPTER

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The U. S. Land Office at Roseburg will cease to exist after July 30. It is the oldest of five district offices ordered closed by executive order issued July 14, having been in operation since 1855. The five stations being consolidated into centrally located Land and Survey offices, together with the ages of each, include Roseburg, 88 years; The Dalles, 73 years; Lakeview, 71 years; Bismarck, N. D., 74 years, and Pierre, S. D., 48 years. The apparent discrepancy in the age of the Roseburg Land Office is explained by the fact that while it was instituted in 1855, it was located at Winchester until the building it occupied was moved bodily to Roseburg in 1859 after Roseburg had been made the county seat.

Passing of district land offices marks the nearing end to one of the most colorful period of The West's history. The days of the land rush are gone. The phrase, "doing a land office business," was most apt when it was coined, but that day is gone and the present prosaic work of land offices is a far cry from those busy periods when settlers were rushing in to claim free land or take up homesteads at very nominal cost.

At the peak of the homesteading era in the early 80's, the federal government maintained 393 offices in the United States and Alaska. At one stage of the settlement rush there were 37 land offices in Minnesota and 33 in the Dakota Territory. Now there are 22 land offices in the States—which number is reduced to 17 by the executive order of July 14—and three in Alaska.

The office at Roseburg, according to its official record, handled 7,317 donation land claims, 31,486 original homestead entries and 13,521 final homestead entries. All this was in addition to the many other duties.

The removal of the office at Roseburg is just one more step in the transition from the days of the pioneers into the new period of industrial development.

The pioneer stage of our growth was one in which we take great pride and satisfaction. The deeds of our early settlers are written in everlasting pages of our national history. But one by one their landmarks are going, yielding to the march of progress.

Calapooia Road Problem Pressing

Announcement by the County Court that work is being started on reconstruction of the Sutherland-Nonpareil section of the Calapooia road, east of Sutherlin, will be most welcome news to the residents of that area and all others forced to travel the route. The existing road is exceedingly dangerous. It is one of the most used roads in the county from the standpoint of volume of heavy traffic, as it is carrying an extremely large burden of logging trucks. It is traversed throughout the entire year by trucks and trailers with their heavy loads of logs. The volume and nature of traffic make it a difficult road to maintain. In fact, it has been one of the County Court's most pressing road problems since the timber industry first moved into the county.

It is to be hoped the County Court will proceed to carry out its improvement program with the utmost haste, and that the residents and users of the road will curb their impatience and give tolerant cooperation during the period of reconstruction.

A News-Review reader writes to ask if we know of any haunted houses in or near Roseburg.

Yes, we do. They're all haunted—by people frantically trying to find places to live!

The Great American Female Face, Never Changing, Offers Puzzle to Distracted Male

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—There must be something that can be done about the great American female face.

The map of Europe is always changing. Why can't women change their maps, too?

They're always promising you they will. They get up and say "Excuse me, I want to go and change by face."

But when they bring it back, here it is again—the same old headpin they took out with them. Is that a change? Or is it just a case of the man being short-changed?

Let me preach this plea for a change in the great American female face by saying I am not a rabid misogynist, suffering from a lifelong case of frustrated puppy love.

I like women. Some of my wife's best friends are women. I have hit the sawdust trail for the gentler sex many times, admitting they are kinder and more intelligent than men. And more dependable in the pinches, too.

The Great Question: But why—nay, thrice why—do they cloak their shaming personalities and their wondrous hidden ways, under the mask of the great American female face? This is the face that wears in public—chin tilted, eyes glazed, mouth frosted in faint disdain, nose held high as if it were being pulled from behind by an invisible fishhook.

The native American male has become so accustomed to meeting his face on the streets and by ways of his land that he unconsciously has come to assume this is the natural expression for a woman to wear. It might be for

OUT OUR WAY



THE SILENT PARTNER

By J. R. Williams

Scraps From The Mending Basket

By VIAHNETT S. MARTIN

"We can't hear you," reiterated the patient teacher of dramatics, from the back of the auditorium. The student, tense with self-consciousness, eager only to get the thing over with, repeated her rendition of her assignment, or began anyway. Once more: "We can't hear you!"

Suddenly, irritated, she flung out: "I'm talking as loud as I can!" and was astonished to hear a shout of laughter from the back of the room. She never forgot the lesson she illustrated for the teacher. For the instant she forgot herself and spoke out from an emotion—she was heard!

Julius Caesar was required reading, of course. I still remember the way our eyes were opened by a skillful teacher of English to the force of a voice under control, driven by a powerful inner urge: "Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears—"

I remember sitting in the back seat of a balcony in a large building, listening while a gracious woman, dressed in a pale pink lace gown, simply and without any apparent effort, shared with

her listeners her inner convictions on a subject in which her audience was interested. She talked for an hour, effortlessly, scarcely moving, gesturing hardly at all, holding her audience with her sincerity so that not a cough, not a rustle, not a single clearing of a throat was heard. There was no loudspeaker then; just a human voice carrying sweetly to the very back row of the balcony.

It occurred to me that when we read that Jesus spoke to a multitude gathered on the shore, there had to be receptivity in his listeners, but he had to inspire that receptivity first. Can you possibly imagine Him shouting loudly, waving His arms wildly, trying by physical force alone to be heard? I can't, either! There was something in what He said that carried it out to the audience and made it heard. There were little children in His audience, and no loud speaker.

But He knew no handicap. The loud-speaker is not a step forward in one sense. Isn't it rather a working towards the rediscovery of a faculty possessed by One who promised the things He did we should be able to do also?

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

CHARLES A. SPRAGUE

In the Oregon Statesman

The official returns for the May primary election show that Governor John Hall carried 22 counties in the state and Sen. Douglas McKay 14. However the latter carried most of the populous counties with margins heavy enough to offset Hall's lead in the other counties. His margin of victory was 4769. The core of the McKay strength was in the Willamette valley where he carried every county: Benton, Clackamas, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington and Yamhill.

Hall carried every county on the coast: Clatsop, Tillamook, Lincoln, Coos and Curry and divided with the two counties which reach from the Cascades to the coast, Hall carrying Douglas and losing Lane. McKay carried every county; Benton, Clackamas, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington and Yamhill.

Eastern Oregon went quite solidly for Hall, who swept every county but Deschutes, Hood River, Sherman and Union. Of the larger counties the governor carried only Klamath, Douglas, Umatilla and Clatsop. Generally the "liberal" counties, except Multnomah this time, supported Hall.

The results show that the McKay campaign concentrated in the last few weeks of the campaign in the larger counties, especially in the Willamette valley paid off. Evidently over-confident from the generally favorable reports the Hall campaign committee tried "coasting" with disastrous results.

Politics in the outlying counties caught the wrong bus, that is clear from the returns. Visiting Portland and Salem and hearing principally Hall talk they went home and lined up their following for the governor. Their bus stalled on election day, to their great surprise and mortification.

The pattern is similar, though not identical, in the contest between Dewey and Stassen in the presidential primary. Dewey carried only 15 counties to Stassen's 21, but his were in the counties with larger populations to give him a final majority of 9,608. The Dewey strength, like McKay's, was chiefly on the west side, while Stassen carried eastern Oregon and the coast counties.

The Willamette valley divided the center core, Marion, Polk and

Chiefs Win Over Millers by Tally in Ninth Inning

By WARREN MACK

Roseburg's Umpqua Chiefs somewhat made up for two previous losses to the Central Point Millers as the Chiefs clung to their lead to win 7-6 in the last of the final inning at Finlay Field last night.

The Chiefs were a worried bunch of ball players when they came to bat in the last of the ninth. They had seen a five-run lead whittled down to nothing and by the last of the ninth, the Millers tied up the ball game at six-all.

With two outs in the last frame, Avery redeemed himself for his two errors of the game by poking his second safe hit over the second baseman's head and promptly stole second. With the winning run on second, the Miller's pitcher elected to walk Hoff. But little Monty Montgomery slammed the ball to right field and broke up the ball game as Avery scored from second.

Hernan, the Miller pitcher, walked himself into trouble in the initial inning by filling the bases. Montgomery drove a high fly to center field and Virg Sanders scored when the fielder dropped the ball. The first of two Miller double plays stopped what might have turned into a scoring spree.

The Central Point infield momentarily fell apart in the last of the second as every man except the second baseman booted the ball for a total of five errors. One hit produced three Chief runs in that inning.

The Chiefs scored again in the fifth when Brick Avery collected the first extra-base hit of the game on a fluke double over third. He scored a moment later on a passed ball.

The Millers cut the lead by one run when Cruzen tripled to deep center. He scored when Corrado doubled. Two more Miller tallies came in the top of the seventh when Rettle singled to score both runners.

Both teams went down 1, 2, 3 in the eighth and it looked like the Chiefs had the game on ice going into the ninth inning. But a double and an error scored one more run for the visitors and then Bruggs connected with his only hit of the game, a two-run triple which tied the score at 6-6.

Until Montgomery's game-winning single in that ninth inning, it was anybody's ball game. The only alibi any of the losing players had to make was to suggest that the score might have been different if the game had been played during the day. The eight Miller errors indicate that the boys might have been bothered by the lights. Their real difficulty seemed to be in solving Hamilton's pitching. The local boy whiffed 13 of the opposing batters.

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Corrado, p 2 0 0 0 0 0 0
Noble, 3b 3 0 0 0 2 4 0
Malone, 1b 2 0 0 1 3 3 1
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Fifth Instructor in Commie Probe Faces Citation

SEATTLE, July 23.—(AP)—Another University of Washington professor's refusal to testify as to his alleged Communist party membership lifted to five yesterday the number of educators facing contempt citations from the legislature's un-American Activities committee.

The refusal of Joseph Butterworth to answer to the question of whether he is or ever has been a party member climaxed a hectic 10-minute period in which two attorneys, another subpoenaed witness and three student-age spectators were ousted from the hearing chamber.

Butterworth, English Department faculty member, had been named repeatedly by witnesses as having been a Communist party member. Two witnesses who preceded him to the stand had so labeled him.

When the key question was put to Butterworth, he replied twice: "Because of conscience and because this body has no right to make me testify against myself, I refuse to answer."

Committee Chairman Albert Canwell, Spokane Republican legislator, informed Butterworth he would be cited for contempt in the state courts. He previously had announced contempt of the legislature charges would be filed against Prof. Herbert J. Phillips, Edwin Harold Eby, Garland Ethel and Ralph Gundlach.

Attorneys Evicted
The attorneys who were ousted from the chamber were C. T. Hatten and John Caughlan, Seattle law firm partners. Hatten was ordered from the chamber by Canwell while he was sitting as counsel for Butterworth. He was ousted for interrupting to insist on the right of making legal objections to questions put to Butterworth, and for the right of cross-examination.

Caughlan was hauled out by state patrolmen after he rose from the spectators' seats to shout: "There's nothing on the record that shows . . ." He didn't get to finish his protest.

Ted Astley, a vocational counselor at the University, was ousted for jumping up to protest to Hatten's ejection.

Three students were put out earlier for heckling from the rear rows while Canwell was admonishing against any interruptions from the audience.

Mrs. Lucy Tisdale Dies in California

Mrs. Lucy Tisdale, widow of the late Mark N. Tisdale, Sutherlin banker, and mother of Adm. Mahlon Tisdale, U. S. N., Vallejo, Calif., died suddenly last Monday night at Lake Tahoe, Calif., according to word received here today.

Also surviving Mrs. Tisdale are a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Long, Fargo, N. D., with whom she had been making her home, and a son, Charles Tisdale, Portland. Mrs. Tisdale was enroute from North Dakota to visit Admiral Tisdale at the time of her death.

She had been a resident of Oregon 35 years, most of that time as a resident of Sutherlin. She also lived in Roseburg at the Howell Apartments. She was born at Wenona, Ill., March 2, 1866. Funeral services were conducted at the Portland Crematorium Thursday.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGE LICENSES
MCALPINE-AUTRY — James Donald McAlpine, and Barbara Joyce Autry, both of Dillard.

VAUGHN-FLOPKE — Gaylord Ross Vaughn and Marcella Flores, both of Winchester.

NAZELROD-STOREY — Robert Russell Nazelrod and Gladys Ellen Storey, both of Roseburg.

COCKERAM-HANSEN — Eugene Arnold Cockeram and Doris Mae Hansen, both of Reedsport.

DIVORCE SUIT FILED
BOREN — Winnifred J. vs. Murl Boren. Married at Reno, Nev., Oct. 7, 1946. Desertion charged.

DARTING-JALET, vs. Robert Gordon Darting. Mar 1 4 in Jackson County June 13, 1947. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

Contrary to popular belief, no species of snake is almy, not even those that live chiefly in the water.

There are 11 high waterfalls within an 11 mile section of Columbia River highway.

TAYLOR TALKS TONIGHT

HENRY J. TAYLOR, Noted Economist and Author, Discusses Effects of World Events on "YOUR LAND AND MINE"

KRRR 9:45 P. M.

Every Monday and Friday

Former Husband Held In Slaying of Woman

YAKIMA, July 23.—(AP)—A former Walla Walla optometrist, whose divorced wife was shot and killed last night as she stood on the front porch of her home, was held here today on an open charge.

The victim was Mrs. Charlotte Aaron, 38-year-old beauty operator.

Police Chief Harold Robinson said her former husband, Dr. W. J. Frederickson, 49, was taken into custody at his home some

time after the shooting. He declared he had not left the house all evening, Robinson said.

The police chief said a .45 caliber Colt automatic was found in a refrigerator niche in Dr. Frederickson's kitchen.

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