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MISSING AN OPPORTUNITY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Douglas County Fairgrounds in Umpqua Park are empty and deserted. A local rodeo is planned by the Trail-Saddle Club in mid-August and the King Kobra motorcycle club is arranging another of its exciting and popular race programs for the date of August 22. A large sum of money has been invested in building the Fairgrounds to their present state. Why should we not use the facilities to better advantage? Why should there be long lapses between entertainment events when there is ample opportunity to stage large-scale outdoor attractions at least once each week?

We could be having local saddle and harness races at regular intervals. We could join the circuit for midget auto races. We might even have dog races. Our up-and-coming motorcycle club already is doing a swell job with its entertainment program. We should be planning to resume our annual County Fair. We should have facilities for the annual Turkey Show. We should be making very frequent use of the recreational facilities at the Fairgrounds.

One reason we are not doing these things is that the money is not immediately at hand to make necessary improvements. Another is that Roseburg's business interests do not sufficiently realize the importance of recreation in relation to good business. If our business men had the vision of the part recreational development of the Fairgrounds could take in the community's economic welfare they would not only be demanding faster development of the facilities but subsidizing expansion.

A Trade Center's Responsibility

We have frequently made the assertion that if Roseburg expects to continue as the trade center for inland Douglas County, it also must establish itself as the recreational center. If we expect people to come from neighboring towns to trade here, we must provide them with entertainment and recreation. Those are the greatest possible attractions.

Let's consider for a moment what could and should be done to the Fairgrounds to fully develop entertainment possibilities.

One of the first acts should be to top the race track with a material that will reduce dust and at the same time give good racing surface. The track, now only partially finished, is filled with river soil and not well suited for either midget auto or motorcycle races. It also is too soft and dusty for good horse racing.

The existing structures—chutes, stands, fences, etc.—built for rodeo purposes, should be mounted on skids and made portable. Then they could be dragged out of the way by tractors thus affording vision of the race track for the full distance. At present only one side of the track can be seen clearly.

The race track and arena should be brilliantly lighted to make it possible to hold entertainments on week nights. Week night programs, in most cases, will draw larger crowds than Sunday afternoon events, particularly during the summer season when people like to devote their weekends to trips to the beaches, lakes or mountains.

We can, for the immediate future, forego baseball diamonds, tennis courts, and other such installations in favor of improvements which will return revenue.

But with the additions mentioned we could have some sort of a race program, horse show or other outdoor attraction at least once each week, and thus take full value from our investment.

Full-Time Manager Desirable

As long as we are drawing on imagination, we might also imagine a full-time, paid manager. He would handle the multitudinous details connected with the annual rodeo, County Fair and Turkey Show, as well as developing full use of the Fairgrounds facilities. He should be paid a substantial salary and given an incentive bonus from the net profits. The inducement should be high enough to attract the best possible calibre of publicity and advertising man.

The right kind of an organized program would mean many dollars to business, while adding to the community's reputation. We would cease permitting our already invested dollars to remain idle most of the time.

Federal Job Given Man Under Probe Regarding Loyalty

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—Thomas C. Blaisdell Jr., acting assistant secretary of commerce, testified today that he gave William Remington a government job while Remington was under investigation for espionage.

Blaisdell said he knew at the time that Remington's loyalty was questioned. Blaisdell was the first witness before a senate investigating subcommittee which will later question Elizabeth T. Bentley, whose testimony before a New York grand jury resulted in the indictment of 12 Communists recently.

Senator Ferguson, chairman of the subcommittee, asked Blaisdell if he knew when he hired Remington that the latter's loyalty was being questioned.

"I remember telling Remington that the question of his loyalty had been raised," Blaisdell said. Remington admitted that he had a conversation with a certain lady introduced to him by friends. He said the lady in question—

"Did you ask him about an FBI investigation, or a New York case, pending good behavior."

OUT OUR WAY



Ask any mother: Anything can come out of a small boy's pocket on washday. Why only washday? Well, that's the day mothers turn the pockets wrong side out.

There had never been anything alive before. Her startled shriek brought Watch the alreale, a-leaping through the garage door. It also brought the small boy, clutching the clean overalls he had been about to put on.

"Oh, Mother!" he wailed, seeing wriggling things on the cement floor where the jerked out pocket had flung them, "look what you've done!"

Squatting, just as he was, he began to gather up the escaping angworms.

"Why on earth didn't you put them in a tin can?" asked Mother, dumping some soap powder out of a can, and giving it to him. He inspected it carefully to make sure it was "clean," and collected all the worms he could find.

He looked up from his sitting-on-heels position (wouldn't you just know his father was a Texan? Ex-Texan, if there is such a thing?) and said resignedly, "You must have lost some. I had

more than this. And I was going to sell them for fishbait and make a NICKEL!"

Something dropped from above and hit the mother's face on its way to the floor. Shuddering she snatched out her handkerchief from her apron pocket. Found a big wriggling worm nestled in that. "Here," she consoled, shaking it into an eagerly offered hand, "here's one more anyhow."

An idea hit him. He jumped up and peered into the swirling suds. Shook his head. "If you left any in the pocket they're no good now. They don't like hot soapsuds."

Small boys' pockets! There was the time a latecomer in Sunday School was greeted with loud whispers; sounden like "Jabring-abutton?" "Quikes" way out of it would be for everyone to have a look, then put the "button" out of sight until after class. So out of his pocket came five queer looking objects . . . didn't look like buttons to the teacher!

"Oh boy, five buttons! Must have been a humdinger." Light dawned. Buttons? BUTTONS! you guessed it—rattlesnake buttons.

In the Day's News

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this moment in history is so grave

that at any moment we might be at war. If our highest hopes and our best efforts fail and war comes, PRICE CONTROLS AND WAGE CONTROLS MORE RIGID THAN ANYTHING WE HAVE HITHERTO KNOWN WILL COME AT THE SAME TIME.

That will have to be.

Modern war can't be run in any other way.

THAT being true (and nobody can deny its truth) why get all het up over something that will HAVE TO BE if war comes?

IN London, British Foreign Secretary Bevin tells a HUSH-ED House of Commons that the British government is considering a halt in demobilization of its armed forces.

He says: "The labor government, in allowing British armed forces to be reduced at the rate of 20,000 a month, had not assumed that the policy of our wartime allies would lead to a situation that might involve the use of force."

He adds: "The situation that has now arisen has, of course, compelled us to re-examine the whole position."

WHAT is the situation he refers to? It is this:

Russia is making clearer by the hour her determination to have ALL of Germany. Moscow seems to believe that without the industrial, ingenious Germans she wouldn't be strong enough to tackle us.

WITH THEM, SHE WOULD BE.

THERE is increasing evidence that the Germans won't VOL-UNTARILY go with Russia. Moscow is likely to reason that if they won't go along of their own free will the thing to do is to grab them by force.

If that is the program, NOW

would be the time to grab.

NOTE that the House of Commons receives this word from the foreign minister in HUSH-ED silence. The British are old and experienced in the ways of world conquest. They have seen a lot of it in past centuries.

They don't kid themselves. They put two and two together and get four as the answer.

SO, if we're wise, we'll start no more bitter quarrels over OPA. If war comes, OPA will come. That's flat. The international situation is moving so swiftly toward the edge of the cliff of decision that we might be glad that Congress is assembled in session, ready to do whatever has to be done.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

A TOWN WITH A WILL

(Portland Oregonian)

The Douglas county town of Drain has a population of less than 1000, yet it has completed a living war memorial, which cost \$100,000. We have appended no exclamation point, but are relying on the reader to supply it. If ever there was an inspiring example of the old truism that "where there's a will there's a way," this diminutive Oregon town has supplied it by the construction of one of the finest of modern swimming pools—its unique memorial to the heroes of World War II. Five years and a great deal of individual sacrifice and co-operative industry were required to finance and complete the pool, the proportions of which permit Amateur Athletic union title aquatic events. The memorial site also includes an athletic field for football and baseball, and two tennis courts.

This newspaper doubts that ever before, in its long history, has it published a story wholly comparable to that of the Drain war memorial. At the outset such a project must have seemed beyond hope of realization. What a fine story of human relations the unwritten record of the growth of the idea and the project must comprise, from presumptive impossibility to triumphant attainment. The commonwealth of Oregon should be proud of the little city of Drain—and, for that matter, so should the nation, coast to coast.

By J. R. Williams

LETTERS to the Editor

Car Shortage Due Partly To Delays in Unloading

SAN FRANCISCO—Have read with considerable interest your editorial July 24th entitled "Car Shortage Pending."

Think you have made a very good analysis of the situation but do not agree with what you say in closing paragraph about there having been rank discrimination against your section of Oregon last year on the part of the friendly Southern Pacific. This statement is not correct. While we, unfortunately have car shortages from time to time, which is a condition not peculiar to Southern Pacific, we do go to great lengths to avoid discrimination as between various sections we serve.

Recall the pleasant luncheon meeting we had with a number of representative lumbermen in your part of the country at Hotel Umpqua, May 5, at which you were present, and I think you found none of these lumbermen felt they had been improperly treated by us; in fact, am quite sure you must have noticed the friendly spirit that prevailed throughout the luncheon.

With respect to present situation, as you probably know, there is more lumber being shipped from points on our lines in Oregon than ever before, and I think well-informed lumber people will tell you we are doing a fairly good job of taking care of their requirements, notwithstanding extremely heavy loading that is taking place. We are in constant touch with this situation and making every effort that is humanly possible to keep our mills fully supplied with cars. We are moving literally hundreds of empty cars north every day and will continue to do so to the best of our ability. We will also see that whatever supply of cars is available is equitably distributed.

Notice you make reference to demand for cars for handling grain. It is true annual movement of grain crop generally has a serious effect on national car supply but this could be greatly minimized if cars were used only for actual transportation of grain and not used as warehouses, due to lack of facilities for unloading. As you probably know, situation has already become so acute due to delay in unloading grain, it has been necessary for railroads to embargo such shipments. I was in Chicago recently, at which time there were over 10,000 carloads of grain in Kansas City. Situations of this kind are largely responsible for car shortages in other parts of the country. To bring this idea a little closer home, lumber is not always unloaded as fast as possible, due to a number of people working only five days a week. At a small station on our line a day or two ago I found eight carloads of lumber which had been standing approximately 10 days because more lumber was being shipped to this particular consignee than he could unload. We have had other cases where it has been necessary for us to unload cars for consignee's account to release badly needed equipment.

As a general rule, when a carload of lumber leaves the mill shipper receives his money and is not particularly concerned about what happens to the car thereafter, and I think many cases could be found where the same mills that complain about shortage of equipment are not much concerned about delay in unloading cars at destination.

If you really want to do something to help the overall car situation would like to suggest you might, through some of your able editorialists, call attention to fact that the real function of a freight car is to move commodities from origin to destination, not to be used as a warehouse, and that it would be well for shippers of lumber, or freight generally, to interest themselves in a campaign to bring about prompt unloading.

Claim is often made it entails overtime to unload cars on Saturdays and Sundays, which is, of course, true. It is equally true railroads have to pay considerable overtime. They also have to invest large sums of money in equipment, which could be minimized to extent any slack could be taken up.

Also appreciate we sometimes do not move cars as fast as we would like them moved but there is generally a good reason for this, and railroads are more anxious than anyone to move cars as quickly as possible to make them available for further loading. We frequently come across cases where car may be almost completely unloaded at noon Saturday but when the whistle blows unloading stops, with result the few remaining pieces of freight, lumber, or whatnot, makes it necessary to hold car until following Monday when a little extra effort on part of consignee would have enabled railroad to move car to a point where it could be reloaded on the same Monday.

W. W. HALE,
Vice-President,
System Freight Traffic.

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Russians Deport 50,000 Koreans to Cold Region

SEOUL, July 31.—(AP)—The U. S. Army said today about 50,000 North Koreans have been arrested and deported to cold Karafuto, the Russian island north of Japan.

"Their deportation followed investigations ordered by Soviet authorities to determine if they entertain Democratic ideas or have expressed a willingness to instigate anti-Communist acts," an Army statement said.



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