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BOUNTIFUL OREGON

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We often have wondered why some politicians offer themselves to the people at election after election, always being snowed under, but popping back at the next opportunity to run for another office. Perhaps the answer is found in the fact that it is such fun to travel over the State of Oregon and talk to people in every locality. It's also fun for editors, but the trouble is that editors have neither the time nor the money to travel around as much as they would like and neither do they have such a good excuse as a politician seeking votes.

While enjoying the first full two weeks' vacation we have been permitted in a good many years, we had the happy experience of traveling more than 1500 miles on Oregon highways. After a week spent fishing Yaquina and Siletz bays, during a week-long rainstorm with the water too muddy for a fish to see a spinner, we left the ocean to cross the state to attend a meeting of the Oregon Wildlife Federation at Baker.

The process by which Oregon is absorbing population in the greatest migration ever experienced is demonstrated as one observes the new construction in progress in virtually every community.

We traveled from Roseburg to Eugene, over McKenzie Pass to Bend, then by way of Redmond and Prineville through the Ochoco Forest; along the John Day Highway and over the Blue Mountains and Dooley Cut-Off into Baker. Returning, we took a longer course by way of Ontario and Vale into Burns, thence to Lakeview, Klamath Falls and Crater Lake and back over the Tiller-Trail cut-off.

Virtually every community we visited is engaged in a large building program. Throughout Western and Central Oregon this building program is in the nature of expansion—facilities to house, serve and employ the many new residents pouring into the state. In the far eastern part of the state the building program is evidence of prosperity—new homes, farm buildings, remodeling of business structures, etc.

One finds a different attitude in each section regarding the future outlook. Western Oregon, in the midst of a great population boom, is anticipating continued growth for years to come. This same feeling is echoed in some Central Oregon communities, but, for the most part, business men in the towns where we were able to contact them feel that Central Oregon has about reached the limit of its industrial growth; that some agricultural advancement is possible through more intensive practices, but that opportunity is less than in Western Oregon. In much of Eastern Oregon we found the attitude that the land will not support any material population increase, except as new reclamation projects are developed to bring more land into production.

As a visitor, unfamiliar with many of the local problems, it would seem that the fear and defeatism we heard expressed by many people are unfounded. It is true that much of Central and Eastern Oregon cannot advance materially without water for irrigation. Highways traverse thousands upon thousands of acres of desert land, yet, when water is available, these lands may be made to produce most abundantly. Water is the crying need east of the Cascades. But nowhere did we see any large scale attempt at water and land conservation. Rolling, bare hills often stretched as far as the eye could reach but none had plantings along the crest to hold water. Deeply eroded gullies bear evidence of land waste from unimpeded run-off, no attempt being made to make these waters "walk instead of run" by planting trees and shrubs. Heavy losses of irrigation water from evaporation must occur during the warm months, yet this loss could be greatly reduced, it would seem, by planting overhanging shade trees and shrubs along the rivers and canals. Nowhere did we see contour plowing. Water now being wasted and dissipated could, it seems to us, be conserved and made to irrigate many more thousands of thirsty acres if we had a state-wide land and water management program.

The task seems enormous as one looks out upon vast sagebrush desert as far as the eye can see and the cost might seem tremendous. But if all hands could be brought into cooperation the task would not be as impossible as it sounds. In many populated sections of Europe, where every inch of ground and every blade of grass is essential to existence, those bare hills would be crested with foliage. Rugged sides would contain boulder reservoirs, laboriously built by hands; gullies would be filled with soil carried on human backs. Every drop of water would be saved to nourish growing food.

Bountiful Oregon still can afford to waste some of its abundance. But we should use care that our extravagance does not lead us in the future into the struggle for bare existence so prevalent in many parts of the world. It would not hurt us to begin saving some of our resources that those who are to follow us also may have abundance.

contributed by the nationalized French railroad system. The committee organizing the train has refurbished the cars and painted them gaily with tricolor stripes and the shields of French provinces. The cars are still empty, but the train of 49 will be filled and shipped to New York on three French liberty ships before the end of November, a committee spokesman said. There will be one car for each state. The 49th, for the District of Columbia, will be "something special," the spokesman added.

Contributions so far include reproductions from Saint-Die of what is said to be the first word ever printed on a French press—the word "America." Le Mons will contribute samples of the French silversmiths' art.

Both cars are of the "40 Men and Eight Horses" type familiar to American veterans. They were

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Yesterday's 'scrap' about the state librarian reminded me of a letter I received from Miss Stephens, state librarian, soon after I began to write this column for The News-Review. May I quote it? It gives an idea of how quick the Library is to serve even where the request is not direct. I had mentioned a quotation, 'If I had but two pennies with one I would buy bread and with the other white hyacinths to feed my soul,' and I wished I knew the author. . . .

Miss Stephens wrote: "We did finally get through our clipping service your delightful bit of publicity on the Oregon State Library which appeared in 'Scrap from the Mending Basket' for July 21, 1948. . . . Because you mentioned not finding the reference to the saying on buying hyacinths, I checked through some of our reference works here, and found the following version—Hindu, evidently: 'If of thy mortal goods thou art bereft And from thy slender store two loaves Alone are left to thee, Sell one, and with the dole Buy hyacinths to feed thy soul.' Gulistan"

In the Day's News

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their heads and say that might be CLOSE. The opinion pollers, who insist that their methods are scientific and who certainly have called the turn with surprising accuracy in the recent past, support this contention. If their figures are as good as they have been in other elections, the popular vote will be no walkaway.

So far as this individual writer is concerned, that will be all right. Nothing could be more dangerous to democratic government than a succession of land-slides, with the pendulum of popular opinion swinging sharply back and forth from one extreme to the other.

That would indicate widespread confusion, doubt and distrust in the popular mind. SO far as we can judge from the public utterances of the crystal ball gazers, Dewey himself seems to think he may be over the hump and is turning his attention to the grave problem of what kind of Congress he may have to deal with.

The new House will apparently be safely Republican, but the Senate is something else again. Even the more optimistic Republicans think that if they hold it by a majority of four or five they will be doing pretty well. At any rate, we can feel reasonably certain that the rest of the campaign will be pointed toward keeping a Republican majority in the upper house of Congress.

THIS writer, speaking again as an individual, hopes that if Dewey is elected he will have a Republican Congress behind him. The mess of the past few years, with the President sniping at Con-

Hospital Offices Are Established

The Douglas Community Hospital, Inc., offices have been established at Room 7, Boyles Building, 327 Main street, and the work of completing the campaign will be carried on from this headquarters, the association officers have announced.

Many persons have not been contacted in the campaign, and others who were contacted were unprepared to make donations earlier, and these persons will be given the opportunity to make their contributions under an extended time limit. Gifts may be brought or sent to the new headquarters, it is announced.

A building site committee, appointed by Dr. Roy E. Hanford, president, is working on selection of a location for construction of the hospital building, and is expected to have an announcement shortly. Several locations are being considered and some options have been taken.

The building committee has not yet been selected. Committee heads are continuing to function in the final work of closing the campaign.

Doves and pigeons have no gall bladder, for storing bile, though they produce it in their livers.

Elissa Landi Of Stage Fame Dies, Victim of Cancer

KINGSTON, N. Y., Oct. 21.—(AP)—Elissa Landi, Italian-born actress and novelist, died of cancer today at the age of 43.

Miss Landi, reportedly the grand-daughter of Empress Elizabeth of Austria, died in Kingston hospital, where she had been a patient for the past 10 days. Her illness previously had been re-described by her physician only as a "chronic condition."

Dr. Kenneth Lefever, who announced the cause of death said the actress "never knew she had cancer."

Her condition, however, had been known to her family for nine months, he said.

He said that her husband, Curtis Thomas, who was with her when she died, "had done a wonderful job in keeping it from her."

Miss Landi was an artist of multiple facets, equally successful as motion picture and stage star, as a novelist, as a singer, as a pianist and as a dramatist.

Her varied talents, combined with a subtle blonde beauty, won her praise from both dramatic and literary critics of a half dozen nations.

She was born in Venice, Italy, the daughter of Austrian Count and Countess Zanardi-Landi.

She reputedly was the grand-daughter of Empress Elizabeth of Austria, but with a reticence rare in actresses she always refused to confirm or deny her royal ancestry.

Surviving, besides her husband, are a daughter, Caroline Maude Landi Thomas, born in 1944; her father, Count Charles Zanardi-Landi, of Kingston; and a brother, Anthony, of Hollywood.

She was married twice, first in 1928 to John Cecil Lawrence, a London barrister, from whom she was divorced in May, 1936. On Aug. 28, 1943, she was married to Thomas, an author, of Newburyport, Mass. He is a former marquis who renounced her British citizenship to become an American citizen.

Nash Motors Increases Prices on New Models

DETROIT, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Price increases averaging \$275 on its '600' series and \$390 on its 'Ambassador' models were announced today by Nash Motors.

The increases apply to the new 1949 model Nash cars now in production and to be introduced publicly on October 22.

New factory list prices are: "Super 600" series: two-door sedan \$1,688; Brougham \$1,710; four-door sedan \$1,713. "Super Ambassador" series: two-door sedan \$2,109; Brougham \$2,130; four-door sedan \$2,134.

Democratic Newspaper Backs G. O. P. Ticket

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Lancaster Intelligencer

Journal, one of the oldest Democratic newspapers in the country, today carried an editorial endorsing the Republican ticket of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Gov. Earl Warren.

The endorsement marked the second time since 1896 that the Intelligencer Journal shifted from support of the Democratic presidential slate. In 1940, the newspaper opposed a third term for the late Franklin D. Roosevelt in favor of Wendell Willkie.

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