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STATE SANITARY LAWS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A recent meeting of the Oregon Finance Officers Association was devoted in large part to the problem of sewage disposal. The association is composed of clerks, auditors, treasurers, recorders and other officers dealing with county and municipal finances. Meetings are devoted to discussion of mutual problems. Finance methods and procedures are brought up for forum consideration.

The report of the twelfth annual conference held in Eugene recently contains transcripts of reports from representatives of several municipalities now wrestling with the problem of sewage disposal. These transcripts show clearly the necessity for some plan for financial aid from either state or federal funds, or both, if Oregon is to complete its anti-pollution campaign within reasonable time. At present we are losing ground. A firm policy is needed to free our streams from pollution, while, at the same time, something must be done to help municipalities either with grants or long-term loans.

Reports from various municipal officials indicated that costs connected with installation of facilities for sewage disposal range from \$200 to \$600 per capita in cities where plans for building disposal plants and intercepting sewer lines are under consideration. At the same time, it was shown that municipalities generally are working on the problem, many having established sinking funds, voted bonds or levied taxes to finance their respective projects. Lacking outside help, however, it will be many years before all of our municipalities are able to take their sewage out of our rivers, for the cost is tremendous and most cities already are straining their credit because of mounting municipal expense resulting from rapid population growth.

Complicating the picture is the problem of industrial waste. Waste from industrial plants is more difficult and expensive to treat than human waste. Industrial plants must either provide their own disposal facilities or make use of municipal plants. In the latter case they are charged proportionately with the greater expense involved. This is particularly true of canneries. The cost of waste disposal must be considered as a production charge. Industries work on a very low profit margin and a few cents added cost per item is an important factor in a competitive market. Thus the industrial plant paying for waste disposal cannot market competitive goods as cheaply as a plant which does not have such expense.

One of the bad spots is on the Willamette River at Oregon City where paper mills dump huge amounts of chemical wastes into the stream. Processes are available whereby this waste can be successfully treated. Most of the mills have blueprinted plans for installation and could halt pollution within a short time, but, because of the competitive situation, one mill will not add the expense of treating its waste if others do not. Somewhere we must have an authority to establish a time deadline for installations and see that the restriction is enforced.

Oregon has a State Sanitary Authority but is treating the department as an orphan child. About all that can be done with the small personnel and inadequate budget is to provide a limited amount of advice and engineering. Although the department does its best, it is able to barely scratch the surface of the work to be done because it has too few men and too little money.

The current legislature, in our opinion, should provide an adequate appropriation for the State Sanitary Authority. It should work out some problem of long-term state aid to municipalities in the matter of financing. It should put more teeth in the state sanitary laws and provide sufficient enforcement to make the laws operative. A program of co-operation should be ordered between the State Sanitary Authority and the State Department of Forestry to halt the wide-scale pollution of streams from mill and logging operations. There is no good reason, we believe, that forest inspectors should close their eyes to stream damage. For that matter, forest inspectors, sanitary engineers, fish and game commission personnel, state police and all other peace officers of the state, in our opinion, should help enforce sanitary laws. Conditions existing on some of our streams, particularly in tidewater, are a disgrace to the state. We believe the legislature should provide the means for correcting these evils and then insist upon cooperative action by all its enforcement agencies to see that the laws are obeyed.

Sutherlin Residents Taking Extended Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chenoweth of Sutherlin left this week for an extended vacation trip which will take them through California, Arizona and into Mexico. Mr. Chenoweth is postmaster of the Sutherlin post office and has submitted his resignation on account of poor health. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sampas and Mr. and Mrs. John Mullins, former residents of Sutherlin, will join the Chenoweths in their trip into Mexico.

On their trip returning home they plan to go to Cheyenne, Wyo., to visit their son, Tommy, who will by that time have completed a 16-week course at a technical school in that city. They

JOHN HORN PLEDGED UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, Jan. 24 — (Special) John Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horn, 411 S. Jackson, Roseburg, and a member of the upper one-fifth of the first year class at the University of Oregon school of law, has been pledged by Phi Delta Phi, international legal fraternity. Horn will be initiated Feb. 12 at the Lane County court house in Eugene.

It is best to use fractional measuring spoons and measuring cups for dry ingredients in making cake or cookies.

To My Successor I Bequeath—



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

"Maybe," said the pleasant young woman behind the counter, "maybe it isn't the pen." She was unscrewing the top of my almost new and fairly expensive fountain pen, "maybe it's you?" "Me?" I said, "I fill it exactly as I've always heard one should. And it's just no good at all. I might as well have a dip-in pen as this one!"

By now the smiling clerk had a bottle of ink, and was pushing—"pumping" she called it—the little glass plunger gadget, and counting, "one, two . . ." up to 10. Then she removed the pen's point from the ink, still holding the plunger down. "Now," she said, and she laughed, "now you release the plunger and that does the trick. You have been releasing the plunger while the pen was still in the ink?"

"Why, yes, I 'pump' the ink in and out several times to make sure there is a free flow, and then I release the plunger and count 16. That was the magic number given me! Then I take the pen out of the ink."

The young lady nodded. "I know. And another thing: see that drop of ink on the pen point? Hold the point uppermost and

when you put the cap on it forces the ink into the pen so there is none in the top to get your fingers inky."

"Hm!" I said, still puzzled over the way she filled the pen. "If you take it out of the ink before you release the plunger what pulls the ink up into the pen?"

"The pumping does that. Be sure to pump it 10 times."

"But I count after—"

"That's what a lot of our customers did. We had all kinds of complaints and we took the pens in, sent them for overhaul and they would come back with the remark there was nothing wrong with them. It was really a nuisance all around. Then two or three days ago the pen man was in the store and he explained how to fill a plunger pen properly. As fast as we can we're telling people. For you see, they blame the pen—"

"Just as I've been doing! I see. Well, I know a way to tell a lot of people who may have fountain pens with glass plunger gadgets. They can try it anyhow. What have they got to lose?"

So I've told you. It works with my pen; I hope it does with yours.

They're sure of that. So they're looking at the future with a smile. Meanwhile they're seeing to it that the ham for breakfast is cooked to a nice turn and the eggs done just right.

They have charming faith in the slogan that the fame of a good product is spread by satisfied customers.

They might, of course, have waited it out till they won the jackpot on a dollar slot machine. Or they could have hung on till they made the grade on one of these give-away radio programs and maybe won a house and lot in Beverly Hills, all complete with a new lawn, two camellia trees and a bougainvillea vine over the front porch, with a dishwasher in the kitchen and a television set in the living room thrown in for good measure.

But they didn't. They just rolled up their sleeves, tied on their aprons and waded in. It's a good, safe bet that they'll have their motel business nicely on its feet long before the pullers of the slot machine handles and the waiter-outlets for the grand prize in the radio programs get started down Easy Street.

It works out that way far oftener than you might think. That's what makes America.

CAUSE AND EFFECT. SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A driverless car rolled down the street in front of L. L. Allen's grocery store.

Allen rushed out and pulled the emergency brake of the auto. Just then, a man walked from behind the car.

"Is this your car?" Allen asked.

"Yes," the man replied.

"Well, I stopped it," Allen said.

"Yes, I know," was the answer. "I was pushing it."

Communism Issue Raised on Campus At Oregon State

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 24 — (AP) — An Oregon State College student leader has brought the issue of campus Communism here into the open in a column in the student daily newspaper.

Thomas House, Portland, president of the Associated Students, wrote that "There are certain people on this campus for the sole purpose of converting students to the cause of Communism." He said that "Communism has become a real factor on this campus."

His statements were made in reference to protests by the Young Progressives of America involving policies of the student newspaper.

"Many people, after attending the meeting of the pre-dominant Student Barometer Committee," formed by the young "Progressives" unit here—"have come to the realization for the first time that Communism is a real factor on this campus," House wrote.

Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State, said he was glad to find student leaders interested in the question.

"While we probably have less of this sort of activity than the average campus," Dr. Strand said, "we undoubtedly have some; hence it is gratifying to see responsible student leaders recognize the situation and thus taking steps to guard against it."

"My chief concern is that a number of sincere, well meaning religious purposes in championing what they think are worthy causes, have been misled by the few active and persistent pro-Soviet advocates, and are thus detrimented."

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KINNEY'S ADDITION SEWER

GREETING: Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Roseburg, Oregon, did on the 15th day of January, 1949, by Ordinance No. 1139, declare the above named construction and laying of the Kinney's Addition sewer to be a local improvement.

Name	Address	Block	Lot	Amount
Dillard Lumber Company, P.O. Box 1091, Roseburg		3	9	\$ 50.93
Dillard Lumber Company, P.O. Box 1091, Roseburg		3	10	50.95
Dillard Lumber Company, P.O. Box 1091, Roseburg		3	11	50.97
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A statement of the foregoing assessment has been entered in the Docket of City Clerk and is now due and payable at the City Treasurer, on the date of the final publication of this notice, except proceedings will be taken for the collection thereof as are provided by the charter of the City of Roseburg, Oregon.

Property owners who desire to take advantage of the Statute of the City of Roseburg, Oregon, are hereby notified to call upon the city recorder at his office in the City Hall for said purpose not later than the 23rd of February, 1949, as bonds will not be accepted after that date.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1949, and the first publication of this notice is said date.

WILLIAM D. BOLLMAN, Recorder of the City of Roseburg, Oregon.

Chiang Kai-shek's Withdrawal May Be Prelude to Unfurling of Red Flag Over Entire Continent of China

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's withdrawal (temporary or otherwise) from his 23-year-old dictatorship is tantamount to acknowledgment of defeat by the Chinese Communist armies which threaten his capital of Nanking.

We may be about to witness the unfurling of the red flag over China.

To be sure the generalissimo has left the fate of his tottering government in the hands of Vice President Li Tsung-jen and the cabinet. It is for them to deal with the victorious enemy at their gates. Theirs is the task of trying to salvage something from the wreckage by bargaining with the Reds.

What can come of that? Well, it's only a few days ago that the hard-boiled Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, announced his terms for peace. In effect he demanded unconditional surrender, and called for complete remodeling of the nation.

Previously Mao had given out the names of those whom he would punish as war criminals. The generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek headed the list. Which included numerous other national leaders.

Therefore we must conclude that the best offer the nationalists could possibly expect after subject capitulation would be creation of a "coalition" regime. Then we should see reinvited the tragedy which brought Poland and Czechoslovakia and the other satellites of Eastern Europe under the iron heel of Moscow.

It's not unlikely that this is what will happen, though the situation still is fluid. The government's alternative would be to fight it out with guns. That would be plain suicide, and while the Oriental code of honor often calls for such sacrifice, the offer of a "coalition" might ease the way for surrender.

Ship Without Rudder
Vice President Li Tsung-jen favors a mountainous task. The Nationalist armies are shattered. The National Government itself is terribly disorganized, and now with Chiang gone is like a ship without a rudder, for he was the arbiter of all things.

In short, Chiang was a real dictator of China. All important questions of war and peace were decided by him. In recent months he had even taken over personal direction of the fight against the Communists with results which

Building Planned For Business at Sutherlin
Clyde Dubell, former chief of police of Sutherlin, and Russell Stevens, are going to open a new business in that city. They will sell Diston power saws and light logging equipment.

A new building 25x80 is planned and will be located on the north side of Central Ave., west of Calapooia st. The proposed building will have a concrete block front with sheet metal sides and roof. Ed McCall, local contractor has been engaged to do the work, and construction is scheduled to start soon.

NEW USE FOR COB
RATON, N. M. (AP)—Has anybody seen a cob? Not a cob, W. H. (Woody) Woodworth can't find a cornucopia.

"Believe me, this is no backwoods country—they're plenty scarce around here," he says. "What's he want a cornucopia for? He's going to poke it