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QUITE AN EVENT

By Charles V. Stanton

An interesting ceremonial is being prepared for Sunday, Aug. 27, when the town of Scottsburg will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding.

Scottsburg once was one of Oregon's largest and busiest settlements. For a period of years it seemed it might become the state's metropolis. Then, as so often is the case, the hubbly burst and Scottsburg declined to semi-obscure until it revived to new activity as a logging center in recent years.

Today it again hums with business, although dreams of being a metropolis have long since vanished.

Scottsburg was founded in 1850 by Levi Scott, one of locators of the Applegate route into Southern Oregon. Scott later became a member of the territorial council and of the constitutional convention.

Occurring the year after the discovery of gold in California, the founding of Scottsburg was closely tied to the rush of adventurers into Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Prospectors meeting failure in the Central California gold fields, worked northward into the Siskiyou mountains. Rich ore was discovered at Jacksonville. Immediately the news spread and a mining settlement mushroomed into being.

Supplies for the mining camps had to be transported overland. Soon a brisk trade had developed in shipping merchandise from San Francisco by boat, then transferring to pack trains at Scottsburg for the trip inland.

Military Roads Created

Situated at the head of navigation on the Umpqua river, Scottsburg grew rapidly as a port. It was a wild, roaring town, typical of the frontier.

The necessity for transportation routes attracted attention in Washington and army engineers were sent into the territory to establish and build military roads. Sections of these early-day roads are still to be found along the river route, and petitions now are before the county court, urging that one portion of the road built by General Joseph Hooker, located along the bank of the Umpqua for a distance of about one-half mile upstream from Scottsburg, be set aside as a public park.

As crude roads were opened up between Scottsburg and the inland, pack trains were replaced by freight wagons.

The late George Quine, former sheriff and county judge, who, as a youth, drove freighters between Scottsburg and Jacksonville, told us that the bulk of the merchandise usually was barreled whisky, with other goods taking second place in importance.

But roads also were being built elsewhere. The rugged Smith river route was opened between Crescent City and Jacksonville. As Crescent City reduced the boat trip from San Francisco by many miles, more and more vessels started using that harbor while Scottsburg's trade began to diminish.

Floods And Fire Reduce Village

Then came high floods which washed away some of the original buildings. Fires did additional damage. Eventually Scottsburg became a ghost village as remaining inhabitants moved to higher ground on which the town is now situated. The trade war was won by Crescent City and Scottsburg existed for many years only as a stop for overland stages, plying between the inland, the "White City" of Gardiner, and the new town of Reedsport.

But improved transportation, the coming of the logging camps and discovery of Scottsburg's recreational facilities have brought new life into the community, which, despite its 100 years, is exceedingly spry and active today.

The 100th anniversary will be celebrated Sunday with a parade at 10 a. m., pioneer exhibits, old-fashioned picnic, program, dedication of an historical marker, games, contests and dancing.

It should be quite an event!

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued from page One)

I really WOULD like to know what we're fighting for and why. I realize, of course, that the long-pull objective is to lick Russia and Russian communism and preserve our liberties. But it's hard to escape the thought that the way things are going now we're fighting the war the way the Russians WANT IT FOUGHT.

That is to say, it looks like we're committed to a program of spending our strength in chipping away at the millions of Russian stooges THAT ARE SPREADING THICK ALL THE WAY AROUND RUSSIA HERSELF, and when we weaken ourselves enough by this process the Russians will move in for the kill.

If that is the case, it isn't a pleasant prospect.

There are so many things in this world that aren't pleasant. There's King Farouk, of Egypt, for example. He hits the gambling casinos at Deauville, on the French Riviera, last night and wins the

French equivalent of 60,000 dollars. Then his luck runs out on him and he keeps his bodyguards busy for hours chasing to the bank to get more money to meet his losses.

It's none of my business, of course. If fat Farouk wants to waste the substance of Egypt in high living on the Riviera and if the Egyptians are willing to stand for it I ought to be able to shrug it off. But I've seen some of the bottom-level Egyptians, and they're a hungry, hopeless, flea-bitten lot.

The point is that they'll STAY THAT WAY as long as Egypt has the kind of government that permits a king to waste the substance of his subjects in riotous living in places like Deauville.

When you come right down to it, THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN THE WORLD IS GETTING THE RIGHT KIND OF LEADERSHIP AT THE TOP ALL OVER THE WORLD.

If we had that, wars would be far less numerous and all the people in the world would be far happier.

Transportation Tax Dodgers Face Crack-Down

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The senate finance committee has voted to crack down on persons who dodge transportation taxes by buying travel tickets or paying their freight bills outside the U. S.

The committee decided to write a new section into the proposed \$5,000,000,000 tax boosting bill. This would put into law recent ruling by the Treasury department intended to stop such evasions.

Under this provision a person or business could not duck the 15 percent excise on travel tickets or the 3 percent levy on freight transportation simply by buying the ticket or paying the freight bill in Canada or Mexico, as some are doing.

ATTY. C. C. HALL DIES

PORTLAND — (AP) — Charles Campbell Hall, 65, prominent corporation attorney here, died Sunday. He had suffered a heart ailment for nine months.

After a brief law practice in Texas, he had entered the orchard business near Grants Pass for a year, then in 1910 moved to Portland.



WINCHESTER BAY DEDICATION—This group of six young married women from the Winchester Bay-Reedsport-Gardiner area flanked the dedication sign during ceremonies Sunday which officially opened to public use the 70-acre Winchester Bay Tide-lands park and boat mooring basin. The ladies above formed the court for Mrs. Robert Smith, chosen "Queen of the Woods" for the Western Douglas County fair. From left, the princesses are Wilma Judy, Vivian Thofson, Ella Gabel, Queen Janice Smith, Muriel Smith and Orba Walker. (Staff photo)

Delegates From The U.S.S.R.



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnnett S. Martin

"He had liquor one night, and got mixed up in a fight. . . . He went to prison for six months, and came out with one idea: to begin all over, and make good at a job. He wants to forget all that time in prison. But can he? No, employers refuse him work because he has a prison record. Folks now look the other way, or are at some pains to let him know they don't forget, and don't intend to let him, and don't intend to let him. He's getting bitter. Feels everybody is against him. . . . Say something about a case like that!"

"Say something!" What can I say? The story came to this column a few days ago. I have been thinking about it. Would the Good Samaritan pass him by, do you suppose? Isn't he entitled to a chance? And then I thought of those familiar lines written from the tender heart of a Scotch poet—remember?

O ye, who are sae guid yourself, Sae pious and sae holy,

Ye've nought to do but mark and tell Your neebour's faults and follies; Whase life is like a well-gaun mill All over, and make good at a job. He wants to forget all that time in prison. But can he? No, employers refuse him work because he has a prison record. Folks now look the other way, or are at some pains to let him know they don't forget, and don't intend to let him, and don't intend to let him. He's getting bitter. Feels everybody is against him. . . . Say something about a case like that!"

The moving why they do it; And just as lamely can ye mark How far perhaps they rue it.

Who made the heart, 'tis He alone Decided can try us; He knows each chord, its various tone, Each Spring, its various bias; Then at the hal-nee let's be mute, We never can adjust it; What's done we partly may compute, But know not what's resisted.

ROBERT BURNS

Grants Pass GI Aids In Ousting 'Seoul City Sue'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A Grants Pass man had a hand in putting "Seoul City Sue" off the air in Korea last week.

The story was told in a broadcast from Tokyo, prepared for MBS.

Major Wes McPherson gave details of the previously disclosed incident.

He said that Lt. Bud Gallagher of New York state was annoyed by the propaganda poured out in English by a feminine voice from the radio station at Communist-held Seoul.

With the aid of his navigator, Lt. Ted Keesler of Grants Pass, Ore., and his gunner, Sgt. Oscar Berg of Muscatine, Iowa, Lt. Gallagher found the transmitting tower of the station outside Seoul and damaged it enough to put her off the air.

McPherson said the "Seoul City Sue" never will make the Hooper ratings, even if she gets back on the air. He said there is no music on her program, just propaganda.

Lake County Coroner Everett Osterman said Hess suffered a heart attack during the excitement of making his kill. The man and his wife were hunting near Silver Lake.

Legion's New National Home Is Dedicated

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — (AP) — The American Legion's new national headquarters building was dedicated yesterday with praise from former Legion commander, Paul V. McNutt, for the Legion's stand on preparedness.

McNutt, war manpower commissioner during World War II, described the Legion as "for 30 years . . . a voice crying in the wilderness."

He told an outdoor audience: "Americans love freedom with such a passion that they instinctively resent any move which smacks of regimentation."

"If I am any judge of their temper at the moment it would seem that after mature consideration rather than emotional judgment, they are ready to submit themselves to such controls as are necessary during, but only during, the period of national danger."

McNutt restated the Legion's advocacy of universal military training and mobilization of all resources. He continued:

"All freedom-loving nations . . . peoples look to us. We are ready to support and befriend our allies and to cooperate with movements designed to isolate totalitarianism and tyranny."

The \$2,500,000 structure was built by the state of Indiana.

Portlanders To Vote On Pay Raise For Officials

PORTLAND — (AP) — Portlanders will vote in November on whether their mayor and four commissioners should get more money.

The council voted to propose to the people that the mayor's pay be boosted from \$6,000 to \$10,000 and the commissioners' pay be upped from \$5,000 to \$8,500.

The people also will vote — if the initiative gets on the ballot — on shifting to a city manager system under which there would be eight commissioners working part-time and getting only half what the present commissioners get.

LETTERS to the Editor

Mt. Nebo Given Name By Pioneer Minister Of Roseburg, Belief

REEDSPORT — Thanks to your photographer, Paul Jenkins, and your excellent news sheet for that majestic picture of old Mt. Nebo, evidently taken from the south fork.

Many times in my younger days I have viewed the old peak and during those former years climbed from every side and angle and also assisted in painting cross figures on its rugged rocky side.

I believe that the Rev. J.R.N. Bell, a pioneer circuit rider for the old South Methodist church and former Roseburg editor, gave the old mountain its name, adopted from the scriptures.

Rev. Mr. Bell, after a number of years residence in Roseburg, holding forth at a church on the corner of Washington and Stephens streets, now a part of the junior high school grounds, finally moved to Corvallis. There he became famous as a minister and a real sportsman and booster for the O. A. C. — now known as Oregon State — football squad.

He never missed a home game. After every win he would lead a parade to the bridge across the river and ceremoniously toss his hat into the stream. Bell field was named in his honor.

In the old pioneer days Rev. Mr. Bell traveled in the southern Oregon district. In his religious circuit riding duties, he rode horseback and used the old California-Oregon stages.

In those days every wayside hotel was the stage station and in each there was a liquor bar or saloon. The hotel register usually rested on the bar. Rev. Mr. Bell never failed when stopping over at a station or village to personally enter the barroom, place his foot on the brass rail, grab a pen and sign the register. . . . Being a cigar smoker, he usually bought a five-center from the bartender. Then, with his foot still planted on the brass rail, he would drag a match across the seat of his trousers, light up the cigar and blow a cloud of smoke into the room.

Mt. Nebo to me, like Bell field, is a monument to that rugged old Southern Methodist minister.

FRED M. WRIGHT
Reedsport, Ore.

Donations Of Blood Requested By Red Cross

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Red Cross says large amounts of blood are needed to meet needs of fighting men in Korea and the expanded armed forces.

The organization, official procurement agency for blood for the services, has called on all Americans for blood donations. It said Korean needs have been supplied so far by volunteer military and civilian donors stationed in Japan.

Oregon Report Shows Printers Receive Best Pay

SALEM — (AP) — Earnings of Oregon's production workers climbed to another all-time record in June, the state unemployment compensation commission said.

The weekly average wage reached \$70.79, compared with \$69.47 in May, and \$61.82 in January.

The hourly wage average in the state was \$1.80. During May, Oregon led all

states in earnings of production workers. The commission said that figures for other states aren't available for June, but that Oregon probably would lead for that month, too.

Those working in sawmills and logging operations averaged \$1.98 an hour or 78.62 a week.

The best paid are those in the printing and publishing industry, who averaged \$81.52 a week. The loggers and sawmill workers were next.

Man Of 83 Growing His Third Set Of Teeth

WATERTOWN, N. Y. — (AP) — An 83-year-old man who says he never has been to a dentist claims he's growing his third set of teeth.

William Schweitzer of Perch river said he had only four of his second set of teeth left when he first noticed the third set edging through.

Schweitzer's daughter, Mrs. Mary B. Phillips, said "father is uncomfortable, but pleased about the whole thing."



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