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EXCELLENT REPORT

Charles V. Stanton

One of the most valuable local publications of recent years is the report just issued by the Douglas County Planning Commission. This report collects into one volume a vast amount of essential resource information, thereby providing a guidebook for business and industry, supplying in convenient form statistics desired by any person or firm interested in settling or investing in Douglas County.

Coupled with the Economic and Industrial Survey of the Inland Umpqua Basin, published jointly in 1951 by the Riddle, Myrtle Creek and Roseburg Chambers of Commerce, the planning commission's report has the effect of adding to data previously assembled and extending the scope of the study.

Chapter headings serve to demonstrate contents of the publication, but one must read the text to gain the spirit of optimism so evident throughout, created by a projection of resource usage. Chapter headings are: History, Weather, Topography and General Land Use, Agriculture, Forests, Minerals, Industry and Transportation, Trade, Electric Power, Recreation, Population, Summary and Recommendations.

Each chapter presents detailed information covering the specific subject to which it is devoted, and, from proven trends draws conclusions and predictions concerning future fields of progress or regression.

Population To Double

The report, in my opinion, has two omissions. The chapter on history touches on the various historical events leading to the discovery and settlement of the county. It fails, however, to list the visit in 1824 of David O. Douglas, the Scottish naturalist, who discovered the tree named in his honor and which is the basis of our economy.

In the section on population the commission, utilizing national state and local trends, and coupling them with the county's resource picture, predicts a 100 per cent increase by 1970 and an increase of 150 per cent by 1975. Using the same methods for predicting Roseburg's population as 21,283 by 1970 and 25,202 by 1975, the commission did not allow for annexation of territory. The commission discussed this matter at much length, realizing that annexations are almost certain to come, but it was held that for the purposes of the report the statistics should be based on existing area.

Personally, I believe a paragraph showing the effects of probable expansion of city boundaries would have been of great importance as a matter of information to business and industry.

I agree with the commission's opinion that "these projections beyond 1955 will probably be most conservative in light of the prospects of growth that Douglas County has reason to expect." The report cites exceptional natural resources, especially in lumber production, recreational facilities, agriculture and minerals as elements productive of population growth.

Sustained Yield Urged

I am particularly pleased by the commission's warning, repeated time and again throughout the report, that special attention must be given the principle of sustained yield with relation to our timber crop. It is urged that private timber lands, as well as the public domain, be kept under sustained yield; that more of the county's submarginal land be restored to timber production; that farm woodlots be placed under management.

Emphasis also is given the crying need for secondary manufacture as a means of reducing the current waste of raw material. The report lists specifically for potential new industry such items as finished lumber, millwork, sash and doors, screens, moulding, moulding stock, prefabricated houses, blinds, fence pickets, window shade rollers and slats, laundry appliances, house trailer parts, refrigerator parts, farm implements, tool handles, match sticks, battery separators and charcoal. Pulp and paper plants are urged, but — and in this we also concur — only if wastes are handled to prevent harm to streams.

That pulp and paper production be set up with adequate safeguard against water pollution should be rigidly demanded, I believe. The report's section on recreation, showing our recreational resource to be one of the very important factors connected with future growth, supplies reason for using every precaution to protect that resource.

The report, it is true, gives only the bare outline of our resources and their uses. But the findings thoroughly dispel pessimism and show conclusively that, if we manage our resources properly, Douglas County has a glowing future.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Death gets to be less of a stranger as you grow older.

As he harvests more and more of your friends and enemies, your gloating sense of survival becomes smaller. You are suddenly aware that more than 50 per cent of the people you've met in your lifetime are no longer with you.

I have the uncomfortable feeling some days that I have at least reached the 40 per cent figure, though I do my best to create fresh loyalties as I move along.

Some days this is hard to do. Old loyalties have a way of creeping back into your mind.

There are some memories a man can't afford. It is too perilous a self-indulgence. Some remembrances will crack the average middle-aged person's mind unless he turns his thoughts away. But the past always churns in every brain, and I think at times of "Shorb" Schultz.

How that little man does come back, and I don't know why. Back in 1928 I was a green copy boy and one of my duties was to carry late Saturday night copy from The Associated Press office in the Kansas City Star building to the AP office in the Journal-Post.

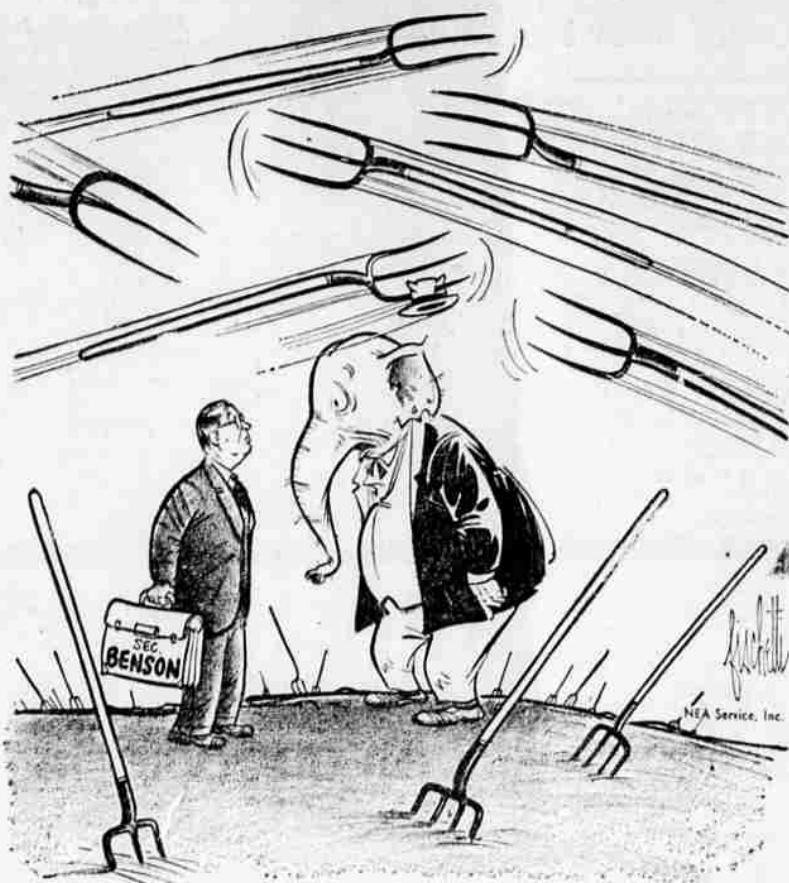
Shorb, to whom I delivered the copy, was one of my boyhood friends. He was a telegrapher. He was about 5 feet tall and 5 feet around the middle.

Schultz left nothing to chance. He was a bachelor. He made money playing the grain market on the side. His girl friend sold magazine subscriptions, so he got his reading matter free.

Food was an obsession with him. He always brought his own lunch and dinner. His endless sandwiches and pieces of fruit were separately wrapped, and he unwrapped each small tidbit as if he were unveiling the Taj Mahal. After each meal he took a big swig from a bottle of mineral oil he had handy. He felt his program kept him healthy as well as fat.

To fetch him the rolled-up news copy I had to cross a viaduct, often on a cold Missouri night. I'd stand there and watch the steam floating up and listen to the long "who-who-who" of engines setting out for St. Louis or neigh-

"The Natives Are Getting Restless"



Committee Expresses Belief O & C Market Restrictions No Longer Serve Purpose

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — O & C marketing area restrictions that limit lumber operators to bidding on O & C timber sales in the vicinity of their mills appear no longer to serve "any useful purpose," according to the staff of the congressional committee that is preparing to hold hearings in Roseburg and other cities of the Pacific Northwest in mid-November.

In a detailed report concerning the Bureau of Land Management's salvage program in the Smith River drainage, the professional staff of the Senate Interior Committee suggested rather broadly that the marketing area boundaries could be erased permanently.

Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay recently approved a waiver of these restrictions for salvage sales that will begin next summer in the Smith River and Siuslaw areas. While the salvage sales may be offered over a period of some years, marketing areas would continue to be observed elsewhere in western Oregon under McKay's order.

The Senate committee report, based upon staff conferences with BLM Director Edward Woolley and an on-the-scene study of the Oregon timber problem by a government forester, Robert Wolf, pointed out that the U.S. Forest Service sells twice as much timber in western Oregon as BLM and makes no restrictions on the location of the buyer's mill.

"A review of the national forest sales indicates that a relatively small amount of the timber is successfully bid in by firms which lie outside the marketing area," the report noted.

"The flow of national forest timber is regulated only by the marketing demands, and when logs flow far from an area, it is generally because the more distant operator has developed techniques such enable him to overcome the disadvantage of his location," the report went on.

"Considering the way in which the Forest Service timber sale program has operated, the tendency for mills near the timber to be best able to successfully compete, and the freedom of mills to move into any area, the strong possibility exists that the O & C marketing areas are 'not serving any useful purpose.'"

The report found that "certain-

things stand out" in the operation of the BLM marketing areas:

1. "On an overall basis, there seems to be considerable competition within the marketing areas for the BLM timber, although there are a few isolated areas where competition is absent."

2. "These marketing areas do not in any way prohibit a person from bidding on a mill within them and establishing a BLM timber. Thus, the regulatory effect on competition seems to be at a minimum."

3. "The location of the boundaries of the units may create constantly changing marketing inequities as means of transportation change, and mills are either unable or prohibited from fully competing for lumber by artificial restraints."

4. "The marketing areas are so large, embracing many towns and mills and separate drainages, that purchasing operations of bidders appear, by and large, to be zoned within marketing areas. The report cites that Redport mills sell on 100 miles south to the Gold Beach area for timber, even though the marketing area would permit it."

5. "Enforcement of regulations depends upon 'police action.' It is actually impossible for BLM to ascertain what happens to their logs after they leave the woods."

The report put in a plug for more forestry personnel for BLM, but pointed out this depends on congressional appropriations to pay salaries.

"There is a need to properly staff, plan and operate the program to salvage the maximum amount of timber with a minimum loss in value," the report said.

"Based on the information at hand, BLM does not appear to know how it will proceed, nor do they have the personnel to operate the type of program they have publicly announced."

The report also claimed BLM is far behind in planning secondary access roads, which is characterized as "the key to speedy salvage and effective long-term management."

The committee report was written just prior to the issuance by McKay of his salvage waiver order, and reportedly neither the Interior Department nor the committee staff members knew what the order had concluded about the salvage problem when they made their respective reports.

AWOL Soldiers Escape Albany's Jail, Recaptured

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Three soldiers, AWOL from Ft. Lawton, Wash., saved their way out of the city jail here Friday night but were captured early Saturday morning.

The three—James Charles Taylor, 18, his brother, David Ira Taylor, 17, both of Albany, and James Edwin Kelson, 18, Missoula, Mont.—were caught by Corvallis police about two miles east of Corvallis about 6:15 a.m.

A member of a Southern Pacific train crew assisted in the capture. Sam Coons, the crewman, saw the three walking along the Albany-Corvallis highway on the east side of the Willamette River. He had been alerted earlier when his train had been stopped and searched by police.

Coons, driving home from work, saw the three and called Corvallis police. He and Officer Roger C. Anderson, Sr., went after the trio. Anderson said that when the three saw the police car they started running across a plowed field. Anderson fired a shot into the air and they surrendered.

They were turned over to Linn County Sheriff George Miller. Police said one of the trio had a hack saw blade hidden in his shoe.

They were being held at Albany for Army authorities.

In The Day's News

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country, where our problem is to sell all we can — at home or abroad.

In Britain, it's different. The British are manufacturers and processors. They have few raw materials of their own, so they have to buy them abroad. In order to get foreign currency with which to buy foreign raw materials, they have to sell their manufactured products abroad.

The more British products the home folks buy the less they have left to sell to foreign countries. That's the cold, hard fact of life they have to face, year in and year out.

Among other things, the British can't grow food enough in their islands to feed themselves. That brings up an interesting point. British farmers are subsidized.

It works because no matter how much the British farmers produce they can't produce enough to feed the British nation. The subsidy is designed to STIMULATE agricultural production in Britain — and the more it stimulates farm production the better it is for the British people.

That brings up a most interesting point here in our country.

We started guaranteeing high prices for farm products DURING WAR TIME, when we needed (for ourselves and our allies) more food than we had been producing. The purpose of it was to induce our farmers to go out on a limb and produce more food than they had ever produced before.

In war time, that was perfectly sound. More food was needed to win the war.

And we HAD to win. The trouble came when the war ended and the fabulous war market for foods and fibers fell off. We then found ourselves with a vastly expanded capacity for farm production.

For several years after the end of the war — while the world was catching up on the food shortages that had developed in war time — there was still a market for our expanded farm production. But as the void was filled, the markets fell off and soon we were producing more than was consumed.

The mistake was in continuing the subsidy after the need to stimulate farm production had ended. This mistake (which resulted because the politicians didn't have the courage to face changing conditions) was the cause of our present embarrassing farm problem.

Engineers Set Hearing On Yaquina Bay Work

WASHINGTON (AP) — A hearing is scheduled by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors for Nov. 29 on proposed improvements at Yaquina Bay on the Oregon Coast.

District and division engineers earlier recommended against four proposals for the harbor: (1) a 40-foot channel over the bar with a 30-foot channel in the bay; (2) 34-foot bar channel and 26-foot bay channel; (3) a 30-foot bar channel and a 24-foot bay channel; (4) a 24-foot bay channel with no change in the existing 20-foot bar channel.

Benefits in each case were insufficient compared with cost of recommended improvements, engineers said.

However, they did recommend an approximately 900-foot extension of the existing turning basin "in the interest of safety and convenience in navigation."

Reader Opinions

Obstacles Of Adoption Described By Sutherland

SUTHERLIN — I would like to add a little to this discussion on homeless children. As I see it, it is just a case of love against money. If you have the money, you can overcome any obstacle they want to put in your way. Believe me, there are plenty of them.

My husband and I have been married for 14 years. For the last nine of those years we have tried every possible way to adopt a baby. We have applied at every adoption agency in this state. We always get the same old story: "Wait your turn." "You are too old." "Your home isn't big enough." They seem to think that a fancy home and a fat bank account are all any child needs. Don't they consider love and affection uppermost in a child's upbringing?

If you have the ability to give loving care and affection, and a clean, decent home, modest though it may be, you have something that all the money in the world couldn't provide a child, regardless of race or creed.

Mrs. Willis B. Evans
Sutherland, Ore.

Hospital Patient Thanks Nielsen For News-Review

As a patient of Mercy Hospital for the last few weeks I have been one of the many enjoying reading the News-Review through the courtesy of L. F. Nielsen of Nielsen's Market furnishing papers to the hospital. As a Mercy Hospital Auxiliary member doing volunteer Pink Lady work, I have often seen the eagerness with which the patients have accepted and read the local newspaper. Each day as I received the News-Review I have been reminded of the kindness and consideration of Mr. Nielsen and do thank him for his generosity.

Mrs. Paul K. Ryan
President of Mercy
Hospital Auxiliary.

Writer Cites Article As Answer To Letter

ROSEBURG — This letter is in reply to a letter published October 21, written by Mr. Trasher. He will find the answer to his questions on Page 57 in the November issue of the Readers Digest.

G. V. Stewer
Roseburg, Oregon

Israel Plans To Plant Trees On Barren Hills

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector — Twenty-five million trees will be planted in the barren hills of the Holy Land as part of Israel's "war against the desert."

Keren Kayemeth, the Jewish national land fund which announced the new five-year plan, estimated Israel's desert areas total 28,500 acres.

The overall program, of which the five-year plan is only a part, envisages 36,250 acres turned to forest, 106,250 acres into grazing land and 125,000 acres into agricultural settlement areas. A separate 75,000 acres of uncultivated land are planned for new settlements.

Portland Dry Cleaning Prices To Take Rise

PORTLAND (AP) — Dry cleaning prices in the Portland area will go up Nov. 1.

The increases will range from 5 to 10 cents for skirts and trousers and 10 to 15 cents for suits and dresses.

A spokesman for the industry said part of the increase was due to higher labor costs.

Cabby's Millionaire Fare Proves To Be Bank Clerk Whose Accounts Ran Short

HONOLULU (AP) — New York cabby Tony C. Pagano is on his way home after a week's spending orgy at Nevada gaming tables, Los Angeles race tracks and swank Hawaiian resorts with a New York "millionaire fare" benefactor.

Pagano told before leaving Friday how the "millionaire fare" turned out to be Charles Martel Nost, a 21-year-old New York bank clerk who was arrested on the dance floor of a swank hotel here Wednesday night because his accounts had tumbled up \$37,000 short.

The 40-year-old cab-driver said that before they took their trip he had been taking Nost to a Yonkers race track where the bank clerk dropped \$13,000.

"I never knew his real name," Pagano said before he took a plane for Los Angeles. "I called him Junior, that's his name at the track."

After Nost lost to the banglades at Yonkers, he proposed a trip to Pagano, showing him a briefcase in which he said was more than \$30,000, Pagano said. Having been out of the city only twice in his life, Pagano snapped it up, he recalled.

"We hit L.A. then we hit Las Vegas. Then we went back to L.A., hired a car and drove to Las Vegas again."

"This was really living," Pagano said.

CARETAKER OF SAAR

SAARBRUECKEN, Saar (AP) — Heinrich Welsch, a 67-year-old railroad man, was named caretaker premier of the Saar by its Parliament Saturday. His election represented a compromise between pro-German parties and the groups which control the present Parliament.

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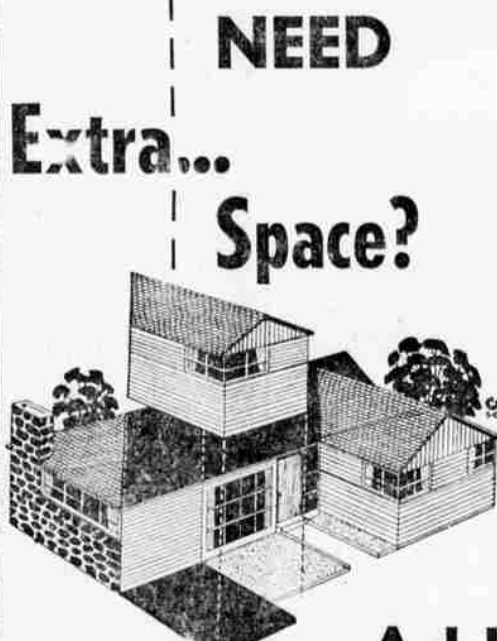
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