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A PROPHECY

By Charles V. Stanton

No place else gives quite the promise of becoming the West's greatest playground as the Oregon Coast.

The above quotation is the last paragraph in a new book pertaining to Oregon.

The book, This is Oregon, is fourth in a series of camera studies by Bob and Ira Spring. Other productions by the camera artists deal with the Columbia River, Puget Sound and Mt. Rainier. The new book is published by Superior Publishing Co., Seattle. It soon will be on bookstore shelves.

Approximately 80 photographs, many in color, furnish the reader a very comprehensive idea of Oregon's geography, industry, recreation, culture, and history, all tied together with commentary by Byron Fish, newspaper columnist.

It is a fascinating book and I was particularly intrigued by that last paragraph. It seems such a fitting paragraph.

Newsweek reports that pleasure boating was a \$1.3 billion business in this country last year. There is now one craft of some kind for every 28 Americans and the number is increasing at twice the rate of passenger car ownership. — Industrial News-Review

on which to end the type of reporting contained in the new book, while, at the same time, paving the way for still more fascinating books as the new era of coastal playground develops.

Perhaps the statement was of particular interest to me because that same theme has been expressed so often in this column.

Exceptional Resource

The Oregon coast has exceptional resources upon which to base tremendous expansion as a playground for great throngs of pleasure seekers each year.

Peculiarly, by looking back we can see farther into the future as it pertains to our coastal playground.

Only a few years ago most of our coastline was comparatively inaccessible. What few roads existed were impassable most of the year and were most difficult to traverse at other times. We had no paved roads along the coast. We crossed rivers by ferries.

Outboard motors were crude, unreliable contraptions. No one in his right mind would venture out in rough water with such an outfit. A boat suitable for salt water was big and cumbersome. No one had heard of a boat trailer. Consequently fishing along the coast was for residents only and, inasmuch as fishing isn't much sport when you can catch all the fish you want whenever you want them, the residents, if they fished, fished commercially.

Then came the years of road construction. Highway 101 opened the Oregon coast. Bridges replaced ferries. Better roads brought tourists, whose numbers have increased by leaps and bounds.

As roads were improved, more people began traveling greater distances. At the same time changes in business and industrial life have produced more leisure, thus giving more time for recreation.

Boat Ownership Gains

The last World War brought major improvements in outboard motors. They no longer are unreliable contraptions. Instead they are sturdy, dependable engines, with a wide selection of horsepower.

Plywood, fiberglass, plastics, aluminum and other materials are used for boats, light in weight but rugged of construction, while boat trailers permit a person to hitch his boat behind his car and take it almost anywhere. Even cabin-type cruisers may be seen rolling along our highways.

Recreational use of boats and motors is reflected in the astonishing growth of boat ownership throughout the United States in very late years. The maximum has not yet been reached.

All this means that each year more thousands of people purchase equipment with which to play on water. Furthermore, with ability to travel easily from spot to spot, they will be searching out recreational areas.

Certainly there are no coastal waters anywhere offering more sport in the summer season than can be found in Oregon. Nor are there more scenic areas anywhere.

We are, in my opinion, just in the beginning stages of a period of expansion of our Oregon coastal playground. The paragraph quoted at the beginning of this column today, I believe, can be accepted as a prophecy.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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chine, Russia was expanding and strengthening here.

The cold war followed. Through-out all the beginnings of the cold war, we were militarily weak when we needed to be militarily strong.

We all know what has happened as a result.

But—

Our clearly recognized need to keep militarily strong—stronger than we have ever needed to be—there is no good reason why we shouldn't seek to cut the cost of operating our fabulously extravagant federal government.

Indeed, the obvious fact that we need to keep invincibly strong militarily is the best of all reasons why we should eliminate all possible waste in the operation of our government.

I suppose there are people around here old enough to remember coal and wood stoves. If so, they'll recall that one first put in the coal or wood and then took out the ashes. Coal or wood fired power plants are few and far between in these parts, but there too the process is to put in the coal or wood and afterward to dispose of the ashes.

It may surprise you to learn that atomic power plants, which are

the last word in modern life, follow the same routine.

There's a man back on the Atlantic coast who makes a good living as a disposer of atomic "ashes." Plants and laboratories around the nation ship their atomic wastes to him. A close check is kept on the operation. The interstate commerce commission has set up strict rules on shipping the "hot stuff." The disposer operates under a license from the atomic energy commission.

The atomic waste is sent to him in special steel barrels with a thick cement shield for added protection. After the waste material arrives at his place of business it is loaded aboard a specially constructed ship, taken to a secret spot in the ocean and dumped. The location of the dumping ground is a TOP secret, known only to the atomic energy commission and high military officials.

What of the future? Will the stuff poison all the oceans with radioactive material?

Put it this way: Scientists figure the procedure is safe. They say it will take about A THOUSAND YEARS for water at the deep levels of the sea to rise to the surface.

So don't worry about it until the year 2337.

"Those Were the Good Old Days"



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Reader Opinions

Painting True Picture May Alert Local People

Anticipating considerable criticism of the article appearing in the last Sunday Portland Journal about Roseburg, here is an opinion or two. None of us who feel that we belong to Roseburg, or that Roseburg belongs to us, like to admit that it isn't the best in every way. We do have to admit that we must be sick before we can get well. We could bury our heads in the sand like an ostrich, but neither are we hiding anything but our head. A quick trip around town, with an eye open for empty houses and apartments, is proof enough that things are not as healthy as they should be. If we admit it without reservations maybe we could begin to do something about it. Many will say, "What would you do?" I wish I had an answer. There are, however, much smarter heads here than mine and if a group of them get together, with the support of the community to back them up, perhaps we could find ways and means of helping ourselves in that not so far and dim distant future that we hear mentioned so often these days. (Roseburg will boom again.) I too believe this will happen sometime in the future, but many families who are here now may not be able to survive the rough time predicted by many, between now and that future, and we will be forced to look for greener pastures.

If ever the citizens of Roseburg and surrounding areas wanted to take issue with a situation and form citizens committees or betterment committees or what have you, now would be a good time to have two or three such committees. Will there ever be a more worthwhile cause? Possibly they could find some very worthwhile projects for this locality and persuade more of our friends and neighbors who have money for investment purposes (and there are a goodly number of them among us) to invest it here at home. There have been many rumors the past few months that several of them have been looking into more prosperous and stable localities for a place to put that money to work, money that surely could be put to work here. Who can blame them? According to articles we read in the magazines and papers, we don't have the most attractive situation in the country, it doesn't seem to entice industry to our state. But surely some way could be found to offset this handicap. We do have many attractive assets.

I wonder why more people don't write to Reader Opinions. It is one of my favorite features. More often than not there is nothing there. This is my first time but, if it doesn't hurt too much, (signing my name publicly to my opinions) maybe I will try again. I want to add my favorite feature is the editorial. Quite often I don't agree with it wholeheartedly, but I do enjoy reading it. Thanks to Mr. Stanton.

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Life In Prison Meted For Sales Of Heroin

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For making two heroin sales that netted him \$27, Gilbert M. Zaragosa, 21, must spend the rest of his life in prison.

The sentence was imposed by Federal Judge William C. Mathes Friday under a stiffened federal law that carries a possible penalty of death for selling narcotics to persons under 18. Zaragosa was convicted of making two such sales, but the jury did not recommend the extreme penalty.

"The jury has given you your life," Judge Mathes told Zaragosa, "but you are going to spend the rest of it in prison." His sentence carries no possibility of parole.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

That you'll probably breathe 593 million times in your lifetime... but holding your breath won't make you last any longer.

That it is estimated women pay more than 80 per cent of all inheritance taxes... for some reason men are much nicer about leaving money to women than women are to men... women prefer to leave their money to children, institutions, other women, cats, dogs and parakeets (they just can't stand the thought of a man having fun with their dough after they're gone).

That actor Tom Ewell defines Broadway as "the only place where you don't have to worry about falling in front of your friends. They'll have their backs turned."

That if someone really took the hide off you he would find your skin weighed about 17 pounds... or about the same as a bowling ball.

That actor Mark Richman says the best way for a girl to keep her youth "is not to introduce him to anybody."

That most counterfeit coins feel slightly greasy to the touch.

That the first home radio sets, placed on the market when Jack Benny was taking violin lessons, sold for \$1.50 with ear phones. (Now the ear phones alone for a radio or TV set cost \$10.)

That bad check artists exact a toll of 600 million dollars annually... or just about three times as much as Americans are expected to spend on tranquilizing pills in 1957.

That, according to Fisherman Magazine, the mosquito fish is one of the few that bears its young alive, just like us ordinary human fish.

That paper money is the invention of the Chinese.

That it would take the light of 400,000 full moons to equal the light of the sun... and it takes about 8 minutes and 18 seconds for a subbeam to reach the earth.

That it takes 10 inches of snow, on the average, to equal 1 inch of rain.

That shopping has a real mystery touch in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and one treatment for soothing labor pains called for placing a hot tobacco leaf on the mother's tummy.

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Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

THAT LAKE

Eugene Register Guard

No matter how hard we try—and we do try—to spell correctly in this newspaper, we sometimes feel we're fighting a losing war. Spellings vary, even for the commonest of common nouns. And for proper nouns, the possibilities are often endless.

Jugoslavia or Yugoslavia? Nuremberg, Nurnberg or Nurmberg? Elat or Elath? Copenhagen or Copenhagen.

Nor is it just the far away places with strange sounding names that vex us. Right here in Lane County we have a pretty little lake, site of a Girl Scout camp, and it has a name we can say, but a name we hesitate to spell. A traveler to the Florence area returns with notes about a Cleawox supermarket, a Cleawox Cafe, a Cleawox Motel, a Cleawox Feed Store, and a Cleawox Service Station.

The highway commission has thoughtfully erected a marker in Jessie M. Honeyman State Park, and this marker mentions Cleawox Lake.

In ages past, says the durable "Oregon Geographic Names," it was known as Buck Lake, which at this point sounds like a fine idea. It also was known at one time as Cleawok Lake, and that just adds to the confusion. The authoritative directory of Oregon names goes on to observe that the U.S. Bureau of Geographic Names has settled upon Cleawox, the spelling also used on the Siltcoos quadrangle map published by the USGS and Army Engineers.

And Cleawox is what we'll try to call it.

SEEDS FOR TAXPAYER

REVOLT

Albany Democrat-Herald
Latest tax commission reports on income for the current biennium place the surplus available to the legislature, for expenditure as it sees fit, at more than four million dollars higher than had previously been estimated. The new total surplus figure has been set at \$36,000,000.

News stories telling of the new estimate referred to the additional four million dollars as a "windfall" with the inference that this money had fallen from the skies like manna, dropped from a money tree or been wafted into the state treasury on a spring breeze. At no point in the story was the true source of this "surplus" identified as money which had been paid in the form of income taxes by the sweat of the collective brow of Oregon citizenry.

Much of it is money collected from the imposition of the much maligned 45 per cent surtax. This surtax, incidentally, has now been increased and written permanently into the schedule of the new Democrat-sponsored income tax program. Tax commission spokesmen indicated the new surplus figure had been brought about through an unusual number of huge sales of property in Oregon, resulting in large capital gains tax contribu-

tions to the state treasury.

Not one spokesman, in a position of government responsibility at the administrative or legislative level, has raised a voice to point out that this extra revenue could be used to lower the take proposed in the new tax bill with direct benefit to the overburdened taxpayer. The almost gleeful reaction in official administration circles seems to be, "O boy! Here is a windfall of millions we can spend!"

In such attitudes are taxpayer revolts born.

IS THIS TRIP NECESSARY?
Astorian Budget
Time magazine has conducted a survey to try to find out how much actual need exists for federal aid for construction of new schoolhouses, and says it has discovered only seven states out of the 48 where failure to get federal aid could be considered a calamity.

These range from Alabama, where school conditions are so primitive that some don't even have electric light, to California, where the influx of people from other states has made many more school rooms necessary.

Is it reasonable to extend federal aid for schools to 41 states that don't need it and in some cases don't even want it, simply because seven states do appear to need help?

Federal aid on a hardship basis no doubt is justified. Astoria school district, for instance, gets federal aid for tuition of children brought here by the Navy installation, and a moderate amount of aid for construction of a new high school for the same reason.

Perhaps federal aid is needed in Alabama, where schools are below minimum, and the federal whip should be applied along with federal cash to force construction of adequate plants.

Perhaps federal aid is needed in California, where new population has swamped the schools.

But Oregon, where population also has grown greatly since World War II, has managed to house most of its new students without hardship and with its own resources.

And two score other states are getting along quite handsomely without federal aid.

Why scatter federal handouts over the whole nation when only a small fraction of the states really need such help?

Some legislation making federal loans or grants available in districts where construction of needed schools might bankrupt the taxpayers is probably justified, but certainly there seems no need for handouts to all 48 states.

The same taxpayers who pay directly to the school districts now would merely channel part of their school tax money to Washington and back again under such a program. And we can quite justifiably ask if this trip is necessary for part of our school tax money.

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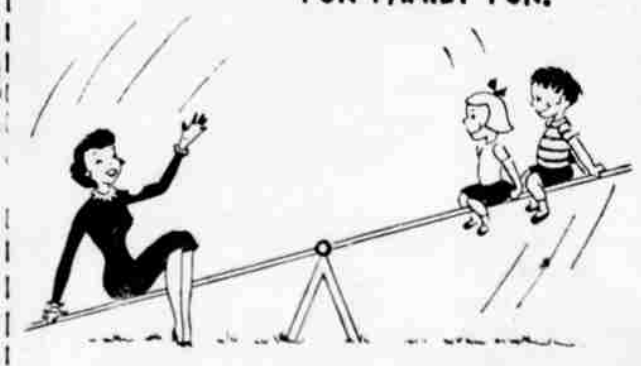
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