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BACKS UP OUR SHERIFF.

The Warrenton News, which is edited by E. H. Flagg, former editor of The Mist, has the following to say relative to the publicity given Sheriff Wellington as to enforcing the speed laws on the highway:

"In this county," says Sheriff Wellington, of Columbia, all speed violators look alike to us, whether they drive a Pierce-Arrow or a Ford. Too many people think the laws are made for the other fellow, and not for them." Which is as clear a statement as could be made of what the people have a right to expect from their officials. Mrs. Ralph Hoyt, wife of a Multnomah county commissioner, kicked to the governor because the traffic officers of Columbia treated her as they have everybody and insisted that she obey the law. The governor asked Sheriff Wellington to make an investigation, and he has done so and his answer is a ringing good one and should cause the woman to feel ashamed of her unladylike and senseless course. The real American lady does not arrogate to herself any special privileges nor will she desire, for the sake of a personal pleasure, to set an example dangerous especially to the lives of women and children. Sheriff Wellington also said to His Excellency: "I have on file 75 accident reports and four deaths in this county since March 1 of this year." In closing he remarks: "The speed limit in this county from now on is thirty miles per hour." And the speed bugs from all over the state will take notice and not "step on her" until they cross the county line going out. It doesn't take many officers to enforce the law. Just a few who mean it. And that appears to be the kind they have in Columbia.

MUST GUARD AGAINST STATE SOCIALISM AND SUPER-STATE

"Just as those fathers drew together toward ample authority to make the nation and still preserve the freedom of those who compose it, so must we guard against the supreme centralization of power at home, and the super-state for the world. More, we must combat the menace in the growing assumption that the state must support the people, for just government is merely the guaranty to the people of the right and opportunity of that people to support themselves. The one outstanding danger of today is the tendency to turn to Washington for the things which are the tasks or the duties of the forty-eight commonwealths which constitute the nation. Having wrought the nation as the central power of preservation and defense, let us preserve it so."—President Harding at forty-first anniversary of Pilgrims' landing.

POPULATION UP 16 PER CENT. TAXES 244 PER CENT.

While Oregon's population was increasing 16 per cent, assessed value of property increased 23 per cent, and taxes went up 244 per cent.

On a per capita basis, allowing for the increase in population, taxes went up 196 per cent.

The average tax rate for the state went up 186 per cent.

This means that for every man, woman and child in the state, \$3 was paid in taxes this year as compared with ten years ago.

Also that tax levies are nearly three times as high as they were ten years ago.

And that taxes themselves are 3 1/2 times the amount they were ten years ago when we had six-sevenths as many people in the state as we have now.—Oregon Voter.

AND A LITTLE TOWN SHALL LEAD THEM.

Yreka, California, a little mountain town of 2500 over on the other side of the Siskiyou, is a miserable looking little spot as one passes through its business section. Extremely narrow streets are lined with a few good brick buildings and very many shacks that look like they had never housed anything but saloons and brothels; you can always tell them. Yet little Yreka has one residence street—the paved street entering from the Oregon side—that for beauty and charm can not be approached by anything in Corvallis or surpassed by any other community that would turn up its nose in scorn at little Yreka. Not only that but Yreka has a half dozen other streets heavily shaded with the splendid locust trees and with well-kept properties that make this little town look like a community of homes, real homes, where people take pride and pleasure in their surroundings and count it genuinely worth while to retain their residence permanently. Not only that but Yreka has a charming little library, and down at the head of that wonderfully inspiring entrance to the city is the city hall—a non-pretentious but well-kept little property—past which one goes a half block to the city auto park where fifteen big concrete ovens stand as high as the waist, water taps, shower baths, and other small conveniences left nothing to be desired by the thirty-two auto parties there the night the writer of this took a look at the place before

going back to a stuffy hotel of ancient vintage.

Not one of the tourists failed to be impressed with the effort of this little town to make its visitors comfortable, and no one could fail to be impressed with the loveliness of the expansive lawns, green and beautifully kept, and the attractive home-like properties of this little community.

Civic beauty is the expression of intelligent pride developed by a little energy and well-directed effort, and no town can have too much of this. Some could have more of it to distinct advantage. It cannot be developed to the limit through ordinances and the enforcement of ordinances—it's largely a matter of individual ideals—a matter of painting the house, keeping the grass cut down and green if possible, flowers and vines, absolute cleanliness and order,—the hiding of the unlovely thing which can not be well removed. Charm of residence property is not a matter of expenditure of large sums of money, but more definitely the giving of comparatively minor but regular and consistent attention to the little details of home-keeping. This little California town—of which few would expect much—has this sort of ideal developed rather remarkably. Corvallis, a community three times as large and the seat of education where ideals are taught in a large way, might well get a little further along in this respect.

We are coming along with the auto park beautifully, and we have started to get the library. A good many homes are nicely kept, but how many streets are there where the efforts of some property owners at civic beautification are not nullified by the miserable failure of others to do what might be reasonably expected of them? Instead of letting the little difficulties of one character and another stand in the way, why should we not become thoroughly united in the effort to make Corvallis the truly beautiful place it could be made with comparatively little effort?

Next year we will have unlimited water and that will mean the possibility of green lawns, but we will need paint, flowers, and orderliness. Once upon a time the prospect of a Sweet Pea Show resulted in the planting of many extensive beds of this lovely blossom. At another time we had the Aster Fever, and that resulted in many beds of blossoms to make as many homes and some of the parkings lovely. Why may we not again arouse interest and stimulate enthusiasm in the same way, to the greater charm of Corvallis? Smaller towns with less opportunity to get such splendid results with so little labor, can do it. Why not Corvallis?—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

St. Helens could well profit from the example set by this little town. A little civic enthusiasm, with but little outlay of cash, would add greatly to the beauty of our city.

VINDICATED.

Disgruntled fishermen in Astoria were displeased with a ruling of Judge Eakin. He had granted a temporary injunction as to the operation of purse seines. They appealed from his decision and alleged that they could not obtain a fair trial before the judge, consequently Judge Coke of Marshfield was sent to try the case. He upheld the ruling of Judge Eakin and even went a little stronger in his opinion than did Eakin. Vindicated, that's all.

The special school election will bring out ideas as to the advisability of transporting students to the school. The Mist has no comment to make, but it has a suggestion, and that is that everyone interested in the schools be present at the meeting. In another column of The Mist will be found the formal notice of the directors.

TUBERCULOSIS TESTING IS BEING UNDERTAKEN

Many Dairymen Sign Up for Testing of Cattle Herds in Columbia County and Cooperate with Agricultural Agent Hippien.

Favorable progress is reported from the county agricultural agent's office in signing up the cattle herds of the county for tuberculin testing. The county Farm Bureau and county agent's office have undertaken to get 50 per cent of the cows of the county entered for test under the accredited herd plan of the United States government. This, if successful, will result in the entire county being freed from tuberculosis in its cattle.

The following definition of an accredited herd is given in one of the bulletins issued by the United States department of agriculture: "An accredited herd is one that has successfully passed two annual or three semi-annual tuberculin tests applied by regularly employed inspectors of the bureau of animal husbandry or of the state where cooperative work is conducted, and has otherwise complied with the regulations governing this work."

Petitions and agreements between owners and federal officials are being circulated by the project leaders of the community Farm Bureau throughout the county. About 65 per cent of the dairy cows and some of the best cattle of the county have been signed up at the present time. Ninety per cent of the cattle of the county have to be signed up before the work can be undertaken. This is the only way that enough of them can be insured to effectively control and eradicate tuberculosis.

This work will have an important and lasting effect on the livestock industry of the county. Columbia county has no resident veterinarian, and cattlemen have considerable difficulty in many of their sales on ac-

count of the inconvenience of getting them tested. This is especially true of the men who have cattle to ship out of the state. Cattle from an accredited herd can be sold without further test than that given by the federal inspectors, and shipped from one state to another.

This work has been completed in Clatsop county and is nearly finished in Tillamook county. With Columbia county added we will have in the northwest corner of Oregon, what is said to be the largest area in the world that is known to be free from bovine tuberculosis. This will be an important consideration in creating a commercial demand for the cattle of the county and give the county a reputation that is well worth having.

These advantages are in addition to the great saving in losses due to tuberculosis, and the insurance that our people will be protected from drinking tubercular milk.

Several of the larger breeders of cattle in the county have been enjoying the benefits of accredited herd work for some time. This plan will make the same advantages available to the small breeder.

The Precocity of Job.

"No difference how cunning you think your children are, you're likely any minute to hear tell of smarter ones," philosophically remarked Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, Ark. "I was all puffed up about the cuteness of my least boy, Beartat, till the presiding elder mentioned 'bout Job' the other day. 'Bears like Job' caused the day he was born, but Beartat was darn high four years old before he could swear to amount to anything."—Kansas City Star.

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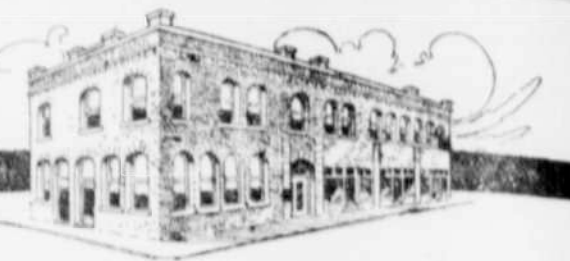
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