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AN ASSET.

The northwest and more particularly western Oregon has a good name in other parts of the United States. This section without exception is regarded as a desirable place to live. In other words a good reputation has been established abroad so far as the climate, the natural resources and the people are concerned and like an individual a section with a good reputation ought to go places.

The fact that western Oregon is regarded as a desirable place of residence accounts for the stable growth the section has enjoyed for the past two decades. If statistics mean anything, it may interest you to know that Oregon has been among the ten high states of the union in gain in population during the period.

Of interest locally is the probability of Cottage Grove and its trade territory getting its share of population increase. An increased population means added resources and greater development.

Cottage Grove through a wide awake Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations is in position to take advantage of the opportunities in the way of development that may come this way. The principal thing to remember is that efforts toward civic betterment should not cease. The community can not relax and expect to grow with its neighbors. More important is the need of cooperation on the part of every citizen.

STATE CAPITOL NEWS LETTER

Legislators' Compensation Constitutional Amendment.

This measure represents another attempt to increase the pay of members of the legislature. Passed by the last session it requires approval by the voters before becoming effective. Under its provisions the legislators would be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$8 per day while attending a session, except that pay for a regular session would be limited to 50 days or a maximum of \$400; special sessions would be limited to a maximum of 20 days. Oregon legislators are now paid at the rate of \$3 per day but may not claim more than \$120 for attendance upon any regular session.

DIANE THEATRE

Local News Reel

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- Girls Scout Camp at Rujada.
- Mock Wedding & Show-er in honor of Mrs. M. Kebbbeck at Drain.
- Knickerboker's Pet Gold-fish.
- Young Pheasants Re-leased Near Cottage Grove.
- Art Smith's Flower Garden.
- Veterans Foreign Wars Picnic at Harry Met-calf's.

extra sessions are now limited to 20 days. The proposed amendment would reduce travel allowance for legislators from the present rate of 15 cents per mile to 10 cents per mile. Presiding officers would receive one-half daily pay additional, or \$12 per day, compared to the present two-thirds additional pay which gives them only \$5 a day.

It Works.

The fire alarm system in Oregon's new capitol was given its first test this week. An employee, proudly exhibiting the building to a group of friends inadvertently tripped one of the alarms connected with the Salem fire department. Two pumps and an aerial ladder responded immediately. The experiment demonstrated the efficiency of both the alarm system and the Salem fire department.

They Can Talk Among Themselves.

Every silver lining has its cloud, it seems. The state has just completed installation of a new telephone switchboard designed to expedite handling of calls to the various departments. Now it develops that the new system makes it impossible to put through station to station calls. Instead all incoming calls are charged for at the higher person to person rate. The Board of Control has protested the policy and asked for a new deal.

Traffic Accidents.

One hundred and twenty-nine dead and 2971 injured was the toll taken by traffic accidents on Oregon highways during the first six months of 1938 according to figures compiled by Secretary of State Snell. The record, however, reflects an improvement over the situation in 1937 when 150 persons were killed and 3186 injured in the same period.

State Fire Losses Reach New High.

Forty-nine persons lost their lives as a result of fires in Oregon during 1937 to set a new high record for this state according to the annual report of Hugh H. Earle, state fire marshal.

"Most fire casualties were entirely avoidable and the direct result of carelessness," Earle declared in commenting upon the situation. "The most common causes resulting in these deaths were the misuse of kerosene and gasoline, smoking in bed, or standing too near a stove or fireplace."

Fire losses over the state during the year totalled \$3,270,297 which was approximately \$46,000 above the 1936 record but 22.9 per cent below the average for the previous ten-year period.

Legality of Carney and Martin Bills Questioned.

Suits filed in the circuit court here this week by J. A. Moore, of Brooks, strike at the validity of the Carney and Martin bills of the 1937 session outlawing slot machines, pin ball games and other games of chance. The complaint filed by Brooks alleges that the procedure attending the passage of the two measures was faulty. The suits, it is understood, are designed to keep the two measures off the November ballot so that attention of the voters might be centered on the so-called "trade stimulator" measure sponsored by the Oregon Merchants Legislative Council.

FAREWELL AND HOWDY

On behalf of my family and myself I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the support given The Sentinel and the job department of the Cottage Grove Publishing company by a majority of the business men of Cottage Grove the surrounding lumber mills and our faithful subscribers.

I came here two years and about four months ago after having severed my newspaper connections in the year 1900. I have learned enough to know that the newspaper business is not in my line after practicing law for many years. I know that I have failed to give Cottage Grove the newspaper it is entitled to have.

Mr. W. C. Martin, of Artesia, New Mexico, a man of many years of experience in newspaper work, has bought the Sentinel plant and I am sure that he will be able to give this city a paper worthy of the patronage of all lines of business and industry and of every family within the trading area of Cottage Grove.

This city needs a newspaper and everybody within its trading area should be either an advertiser or a subscriber. Include The Sentinel in the "Boost and Build" Cottage Grove program and give it the support it will deserve under the new management. Remember that the money you pay outside newspapers will never do Cottage Grove any good. None of them will help boost and build your city.

Remember that your home town business and professional men and your home town newspaper stand by their home town at all times and are always willing to lend a helping hand in the support of every worthy home enterprise.

Sometimes I have wondered if all the citizens in and about the community realize the worth of the home town merchants—of the many things they do for the town and its people and how much we, as a people, owe to them.

Back of every movement for good, for progress, development and uplift, are the home town merchants.

Who contribute most to community welfare, to church, to school, to civic movements, to charity and improvement? Usually the home town merchants.

Who are the vital forces in every organization having to do with community life and improvement? Usually the home town merchants.

Who are the first to work for needed improvements, for better streets, for a cleaner city, for the every thing that make you proud of your home town?

Who digs into their pocketbooks deeper than the home town merchant to support community benefits? "Day by day in every way," home town merchants are contributing of their time, their energy and their money to make this community a bigger and better place in which to live.

It is proper and fitting then, that we give more than a passing thought to the debt we owe the home town business men and that we come to the realization that this debt can be repaid by giving them the trade of the community, a trade well earned and rightfully theirs.

The truth of the matter is, local merchants are selling goods at, or less, than prices elsewhere (except for a few below cost bargains to serve as bait for the unwary) and if we will be fair and include additional expenses incurred when trading away from home, we are bound to admit that it is cheaper to trade at home, besides showing a spirit of reciprocity.

Keep Business At Home.

Spend your money elsewhere, and the merchants will be forced to go out of business and seek a new location where more civic pride and community spirit exists. And you may be sure that no other business men will come in to take their place, as nothing scares business away from a town as much as "for rent" signs on vacant store buildings.

Cottage Grove business men should just remember that an ad in The Sentinel and the Sentinel Advertiser covers the entire trade area of Cottage Grove and that an ad in any other media will be a duplication of advertising and advertising costs with absolutely no additional advantage.

"Here's to yer health, the health of yer wife and yer family and may ye live long and prosper."

LEONARD S. GODDARD.

Who Will Pay For It?

Reports that a \$2,000,000 Oregon Trail museum of history, science and art was in store for Oregon without cost to the taxpayers came as a surprise to state officials none of whom, apparently, have been consulted on the project. Plans for the museum as outlined in a Salem newspaper would require that the state donate only the site for the structure. Financing of the project was to be financed through a PWA grant of \$900,000 with donations from foundations, institutes and historical societies making up the balance.

Voters Political Pamphlet.

For the first time on record the official voters' pamphlet this year will include poetry among the arguments used in support of the several measures on the November ballot. One of the poems is the "Beautiful Willamette" by Samuel L. Simpson, in which the sparkling waters of the Willamette river are pictured as "waltzing, flashing, tinkling, splashing" on their way to the sea. The other poem is by Dean Collins and pictures the same river as an open sewer carrying the waste from mills and industries until even "the fishes hold their noses and no longer leap and frisk." The poems are used as arguments in support of the stream purification measure sponsored by the Stream Purification League of Oregon.

Caused Inventor to Be Strangled
About 1579 the council of Danzig caused to be strangled the inventor of a weaving machine lest his invention reduce many workers to beggary.

It is a privilege for me to greet the readers of the Sentinel as the new editor and publisher. To maintain the standard set by the former publishers, Messrs. Goddard and Shofstall will be a task; a task worthy of my best efforts and a task requiring the cooperation of the public.

In as much as I am still a comparative stranger in the Cottage Grove section and have had opportunity to meet only a small number of people there may be more errors and mistakes appearing in The Sentinel than usual, but I ask the indulgence of the readers until I can become better acquainted with the section of the country. Experience teaches one that those who never make mistakes never existed and those who make too many lose their jobs.

The Sentinel bases its right to exist on the type of service it can render the community and trade area served. It owes an obligation of the highest type of service possible in loyalty to the business men and business institutions of Cottage Grove and to its readers, but that obligation is no greater than that owed by any other business institution.

The Sentinel will cheerfully champion those things designed to build up this section of the country and make Cottage Grove and its trade territory a better place to live. But the efforts of The Sentinel alone will not get the job done. Cooperation on the part of every business institution in Cottage Grove is necessary. The slow but steady growth of the community is evidence that the necessary cooperation has existed in the past.

The influence of any newspaper for good depends on the name it has established. That reputation is no better than the men or women represented in the organization. For that reason the reputation of the Sentinel shall be guarded jealously. As the new editor and publisher I shall try not to make any promises that I can not fulfill nor contract any debts nor obligations that I can not meet and this policy shall apply to those employed in the Sentinel so far as possible.

The organization of the Sentinel will remain intact for the present time. A. W. Shofstall, former junior partner in the publication of the Sentinel will remain as shop foreman. Judge Goddard, who has been here for more than two years as senior partner has moved with his family to Long Beach, California, where he will reenter the practice of law. The Sentinel extends Judge Goddard its best wishes for his future success and for the happiness of his good family.

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"JOSETTE," Don Ameche, Simone
Simon, Robert Young, Bert Lahr.

Wednesday, Thursday, Aug. 24, 25
"I'M FROM THE CITY," Joe
Penner, Lorraine Kruger, P. Lane.

DIANE

Thurs., Fri., Aug. 18, 19
"One Wild Night," June
Lang, Dick Baldwin.
Saturday, August 20
"Panama's Bad Men,"
Smith Ballew, E. Dav.
Sun., Mon., Aug. 21, 22
"Romance of the Lumber-
lost," Jean Parker,
Tues., Wed., Aug. 23, 24
"Blond Cheat," Joan Fon-
taine, D. DeMarney.

Theatre Programs
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