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LET'S HAVE MORE BOOSTING FOR COTTAGE GROVE

Contributed by C. C. Goff
Let's have more boosting for Cottage Grove. There are many things about our city that make it outstanding which should be kept before our local people and be presented to interested persons elsewhere. We are not in a favorable location to ever be a big city, perhaps no bigger than we now are. So the people who have been here or who are here, or who will be here, must be people who like the smaller places. Being a small city doesn't mean being a backward city, and just how far we progress in our work to be a high class community depends on how much advancement we are willing to buy with our money and our efforts.

We now are busy with one product—lumber. In fact, we are so busy, and are so satisfied with the returns that we are thinking very little about other things. Recent rumors that the small operations in lumber are facing a rather gloomy picture should warn us that our one-industry economy is not so good. We will have a lot of lumber for a long time, but our rate of shipping out will not be steady. When lumber doesn't go out, new money doesn't come in, and our standard of living doesn't fare so well.

Against the times when lumber activities are less, we must have something else to bring in our new money. We have two things that will help—tourists and agriculture. Our location to capture tourist trade, and our facilities are equal to any city of the Pacific Northwest, and far better than most of them. There are thousands of dollars of tourist cash passing through our city, ready to be spent, and anxious to find a place and a reason to spend it. Grants Pass has the caves, Medford has Crater Lake. Portland has Multnomah Falls and Mount Hood. We have two typical flood control projects in which every citizen of the United States has invested money, and in which every tourist is vitally interested. Organize a way for him to see them, a comfortable means to tarry awhile to see other things of interest, sell him (or her) on the good things we have, and then count the dollars he leaves in our tills—might be a pleasant surprise. Of course you understand I'm not a tourist minded or tourist trained. If I were asked even to suggest a slogan, like as not I'd blurt out one about the best city by two dam sites and that wouldn't do at all.

Agriculture? Definitely, yes, we should develop our agriculture, and the first step is irrigation. Here are facts known to all of us. We have about 5000 acres of reasonably good land. We have a reservoir for gravity flow, and a probably very reasonable price for water. Our climate is second to none with excellent growing season. Our acreage is very much already subdivided and improved. What a setup!

Suppose that the lumber industry should boom for years and years and years. How much nicer if the production men could have an acreage that would produce practically anything—even if used only for shrubbery and flowers.

Again suppose the conditions should be as most of you have seen them for years—only part time employment. Wouldn't it be good to know your acreage could be depended on to feed the family when the pay check doesn't?

Again suppose lumber production should practically stop, and you still wanted to be at home where home means a lot. A good acreage would make a good living. It does other places, why not here.

Definitely we must develop our irrigation. The mills will be good for a time. Dorena work will help for a while. But eventually the old reliable source of money for the community will be intensified agriculture made possible by irrigation.

The time to be thinking about it, talking about it, doing something about it, is not in 1960 or 1950 or 1948—the time is now.

The persons who should think about it, talk about it, do something about it, are you and you and you, because—
The persons who will get the benefits that are sure to come, in many pleasant ways are also you and you and you.

BEATITUDES MEDITATION

Unfortunate are the self-satisfied, for their kingdom is small indeed.
Unfortunate are those who do not care enough to mourn, for they shall miss the companionship of shared suffering.
Unfortunate are the proud, for they shall inherit only those things which increase their pride and worry when their position in life is threatened.
Unfortunate are those who have no appetite for right living, for they shall not enjoy the food of life.
Unfortunate are the hardhearted, for they shall be treated in like manner when mercy is their need.
Unfortunate are those whose minds dwell on fears and doubts and impure thoughts, for they shall see dangers and reasons for distrust, and all that is regrettable in man when they might, by other choice, have seen God.
Unfortunate are those who stir up wars, for they shall be called the blind spendthrifts of personality and the undoers of mankind.
Unfortunate are those who camouflage their ideals so as to escape persecution, for they shall not know the strength and peace which come from standing firmly for that which one believes.
Unfortunate are you when men shall have no cause to oppose you, for you may have missed the redemptive love of a Christian.
Weep and be exceeding sorrowful: for your reward is limited to the satisfaction of yourself and the praise of men, for so the world treats those who have no message demanding awakening and change.

—Betty Fukuyama.

The above article, "Beatitudes Meditation," was written by a former local girl, Miss Betty Adkins, and printed in the May issue of Motive Magazine.

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

Candidates for appointment to the Naval and Military Academies will be interested to know that the Fourth District will have five vacancies to be filled next year, two for Annapolis, and three for West Point. The preliminary competitive Civil Service examination will be conducted Monday, July 21st at first and second class post-offices in the 4th Congressional District at 8:30 a. m. local time.

The examination will cover vocabulary and reading, understanding of spatial relations and algebra. The time required will be about three and a half hours. The appointment of principals and alternates will be made on the basis of grades received in this examination. Candidates for the Naval Academy must be 17 years of age in April the year of their entrance into the Academy, but must not have reached their 21st birthday on the date of entrance unless they have had one year of active military service, in which case they must not have reached their 23rd birthday on date of entrance. Candidates for West Point must have reached their 17th birthday at the time of entrance, but may not be more than 22 years of age unless they have had one year of active military service, in which case they must not have reached their 24th birthday on date of entrance. Candidates must not have been married, and men presently in the armed forces of proper age may also compete for appointment.

Any young man interested should write me a letter, giving his date of birth, legal residence, and preference as to place of examination. This letter should reach my office by June 5th. Time is short. Letters should be written immediately and sent to me airmail. Upon receipt of such letters, I will reply at once with a letter which will be an authorization to take the examination.

As the result of an unexpected motion made by Congressman Crosser of Ohio, hearings on bills designed to repeal the so-called Crosser amendments to the Railway Retirement Act were cancelled by the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Apparently, this vote by the committee eliminates any likelihood of repeal legislation being considered during this session.

We have been having a spell of good old summer hot weather—not quite as hot, it is true, as in July and August, but hot and muggy enough to make us uncomfortable nevertheless. The summer-like sunny days have been punctuated with occasional heavy

showers. Proper dress for men at this particular season seems to be lightweight summer suits, straw hats, plus raincoat or umbrella. Easterners seem to take it in stride, but we people from the west cannot seem to get used to the weather antics of our capital city.

With the change in weather has come also a change in the work and the general nature of Congressional activity. Work in committees is beginning to taper off, since very few major bills reported by committees from now until adjournment will be brought up for consideration. At the same time, the sessions on the floor of the House have been dealing with major bills, one right after the other. Later we have handled the labor bill, the bill for aid to Greece and Turkey, the bill for relief aid to suffering countries of Europe, the Navy appropriations bill, and several other bills and conference reports.

It is reported that adjournment is expected along about mid-July, which leaves only about seven weeks to complete a very heavy calendar of important legislation, including final action on the labor bill, final action on the tax bill, and action on several important appropriations bills.

MEMORIAL DAY

This day we honor our loyal soldier dead
Who gave their all that we in peace might live.
They broke the tyrants' grasp o'er the helpless
For in their might it was their right to give.

Many there are who lie on distant lands,
Be it in Flanders or Two's sunny shore.
Tiny crosses their lonely vigils keep
Be we resolved this happens nevermore.

Perhaps in stalwart ranks they march again
Or fly their planes thru vast untroubled skies.
Tis ours to keep in sacred memory
The vision of those in whom our future lies.

Taps have been sounded for father and son,
Victims of World Wars One and Two.
Shall history repeat the holocaust?
That is largely up to you, and you, and you.

Let us shake off our mortal lethargy,
Conceive and perfect a more worthy plan
To halt the age-old pestilence of war.
Let us live in the brotherhood of man.
—Walter R. Brown.

THOUGHTLETS

By Earl B. Bakh

Perhaps race prejudice is growing slowly, very slowly, less. But the action of a South Carolina jury in bringing in a verdict of not guilty in a lynching trial did not help the growth of proper race relations. This is one of the most notorious miscarriages of justice that has occurred anywhere in the United States for a number of years.

It has been stated that already the government has destroyed new potatoes from the south to maintain the price of potatoes. This seems both wasteful and wicked, when there is so much hunger in the world. There must be some way found to care for this surplus.

A speaker said the other day: "For every school teacher in the land, there are seven convicted criminals."

Surface Christianity is like thinly plated silverware. A little hard usage causes it to wear off.

Do you try to please everyone? It can't be done. No one can live a positive active life without incurring someone's displeasure.

The former sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives convicted of falsifying his books while acting as banker for House members, says he is paying for being a good fellow—for cashing bad checks for members of Congress. It is disgraceful to have members of the House of Representatives whose checks bound back.

Transit Travel

The street cars, trackless trolleys and gas buses of America traveled more than three billion miles last year—almost 18 round trips to the sun.

REEDSPORT TEACHER BUILDS CABIN BOAT

Reedsport, May 26 (Special)—L. C. Hart, manual training instructor in the Reedsport high school, former Cottage Grove teacher, has just launched a cabin cruiser that he has built with the aid of his shop students in the high school bus garage during the winter months.

The new boat is 18 feet long with a six foot four beam, and with a two and a half foot draft. The cabin is built of plywood with windows in the front and side. It is completely lined with plywood and has a hinged floor. The hull is painted white and the cabin stained mahogany. A Studebaker motor is used for power.

The boat, started in October, has taken most of Hart's spare time evenings and holidays in addition to his help from the boys. The name of the boat is the Gamba. Hart, an accomplished workman, is proud of the results of his winter's labors and the boat is a credit to any one.

It is his first attempt at boat building, and the time taken to complete the finishing of the craft has astonished Hart and tried his patience and perseverance.

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