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A BAD PRECEDENT The measure known as the "promotive advertising bill," (316-317) appearing on the November 7 ballot is in our opinion a badly drawn bill and will set a bad precedent if it is approved by the voters.

The effectiveness of the bill could be nullified by simply mislabeling such liquors as might be shipped into the state. This would encourage bootlegging and racketeering.

The worst feature of a measure of this sort is that it might set a precedent to prohibit the sale of any article advertised, regardless of its merits and would thus hamper the right of free speech or a free press.

The Sentinel does not carry any whiskey or beer advertising. But it's a matter of principle with us. We can't throw in with any measure that would deny us the right to make our own choice in the matter.

LOOK AT OUR NEW FACE As you picked up your copy of the Sentinel a few minutes ago, probably the first thing to strike your notice was our new nameplate. It's something we have been thinking about for several months, and only recently have we been able to take positive action.

Now don't get us wrong, we're not trying to slight any of the communities whose names have now been eliminated. It's just that they are getting so numerous that we don't have enough room for all. Instead, we have substituted a slogan which is more all-inclusive: "Serving the Heart of the World's Greatest Lumber Region Since 1889."

As we glance back through the files, we notice that Sentinel nameplates have taken various shapes and forms during the years, although the Old English type has been predominant. Perhaps you recall the one that had the sketch of a lumber mill in the background. Typographical experts probably threw up their hands when they saw it, but it was an accurate graphic indication of our major industry.

And then with the issue of Feb. 21, 1946, we adopted the nameplate mentioning all the communities covered by the Sentinel. Some type artists also may have winced when they saw all those diagonal rectangles at the top of the page, but we felt that the nameplate served to bind together all outlying districts.

So now we have a new face. We rather like it, and we hope you do, too.—K.C.

GET OUT OF MY WAY, BLACK CAT This treatise is directed at those people who don't walk under ladders, or allow a black cat to cross their paths, or open an umbrella in the house. We feel it is only fair to remind these folks that they might as well stay in bed Friday because it is the Thirteenth.

It will be the second such day of the year; the first was in January. Furthermore our horoscope editor says there will be two Fridays the Thirteenth in 1951, in April and July. It's something we simply can't escape, no matter how hard we try.

We don't know why Friday the Thirteenth should be any more ominous than Friday the Fifteenth, or even Tuesday the Tenth. But it is in our heritage, and the Sentinel is not going to have any part of a move to do away with the commemoration.

We'll just stay in bed and hope we don't fall out and break a leg.—K.C.

"FAITH IN THINGS SPIRITUAL" Millions of Americans will be urged to read and reread the Bible in the near future. The occasion is National Bible Week, October 16-22, which is sponsored by the Laymen's National Committee.

The Week will have, as participants, persons of all faiths and creeds. It is designed to appeal to people of every age and in all walks of life—the housewife, the factory worker, the farmer, the businessman, the professional worker. Governors and mayors and others will issue proclamations asking that all turn again to the Holy Scriptures.

We live in a world which seems to have become almost utterly materialistic—a world in which the black shadow of war is seen once more. Yet in such a world matters of the spirit remain all important. General Bradley, the chief military officer of the nation, has written, "Our enemy has faith in things material. I do not hesitate to say, as a soldier, that we must have faith in things spiritual. That faith diminishes physical hardships and enhances physical valor. It can—and, I am sure, will—shorten our trial and speed our triumph."

The lessons of the Bible are eternal. They can serve us all in these difficult days.

PRAIRIE CITY, IOWA, NEWS: "Capitol Hill would control rents, roads and railroads, prices, production, power and pork, airlines, animals, autos, monies and credits, crops, industry, illness, old age; and if it could, it might even try to regulate demand, population, and the hereafter."

After a promotion to a more responsible job many of us wonder why we sought it so eagerly.

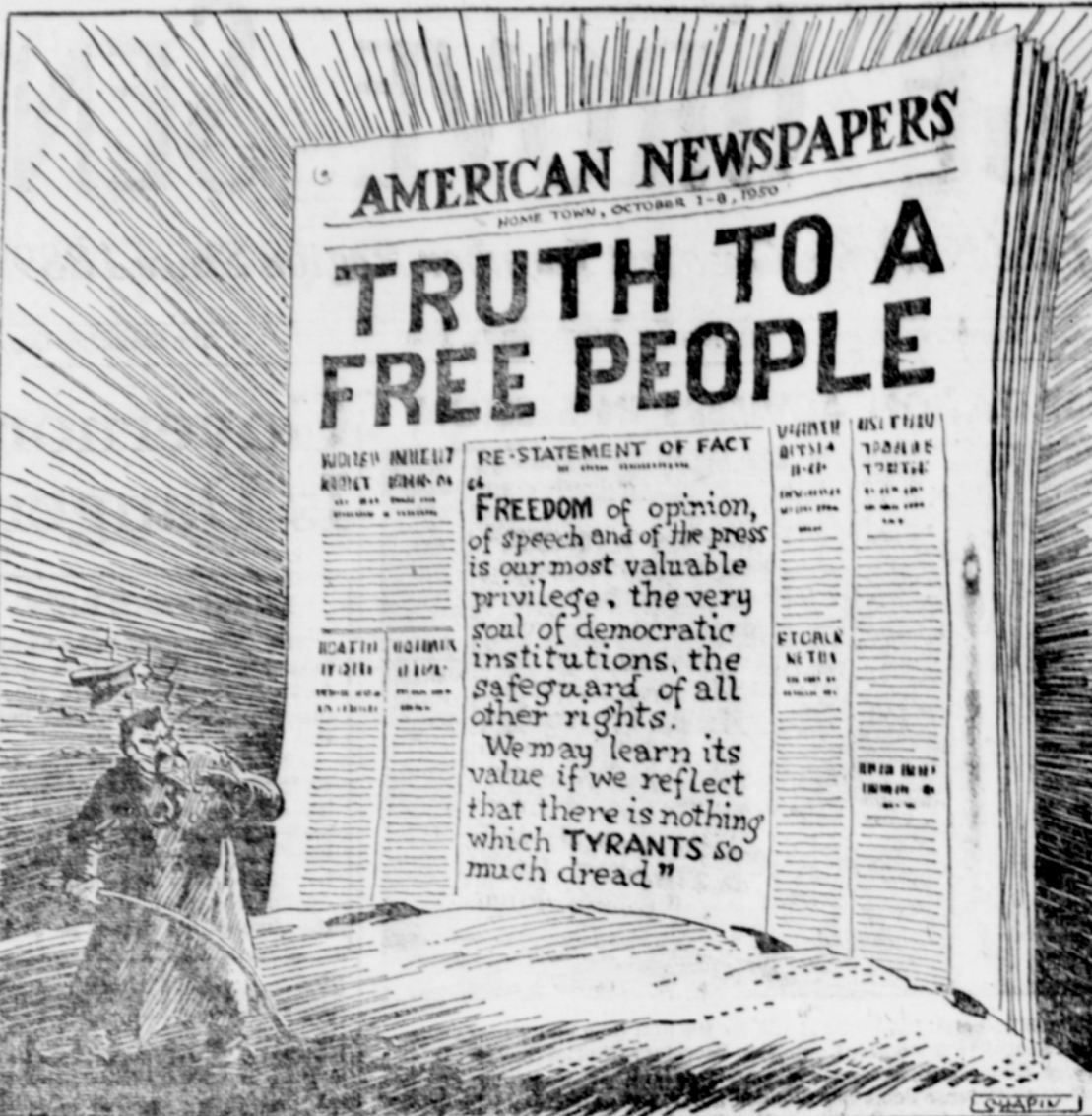
The fellow who goes into too many bars is likely to start singing a few and find himself behind some.

Then there was the old maid who died happily after some one told her that marriages are made in heaven.

The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement.

Every man who means well isn't a man of means.

Money doesn't talk these days—it goes without saying.



NOT AN ALLURING PROSPECT A recent forecast by Roger Babson bears out the prediction that it is not impossible for the United States to go communist without a shot being fired.

The Cottage Grove Sentinel has rendered outstanding public service in Lane County by your very generous editorial and news support of Keep Oregon Green.

Some of the ways in which the power of the federal government has been expanded include thru the courts and federal agencies. Both the courts and federal agencies are loaded with men who believe in a strong federal government.

The power to tax has been rapidly expanded and already the income tax amounts to about \$300.00 per capita. If the present trend continues it may go to \$400.00 within a few short years.

Under continued use of "emergencies" the power to tax is being used as a handout, which has a tendency to corrupt a large part of the electorate.

And among the prime objectives of Russia is national bankruptcy for the United States. Are we following a pattern which may bring this about? This and other issues will face the voters in the coming November election as they have in other great nations, which have prospered for a time, but like a spring flower, withered and died.

POINTS WEST by Vivian M. Marney. The award for newspaper headline of the week should go to the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

MIAMI, FLA.: The gals who worked in Bell Telephone Co.'s counting house, counting out the money collected from pay phones, certainly had taking ways according to a recent news story.

OREGON-AT-LARGE: According to the September 28 Oregon Journal there is a shortage of labor.

NOME, ALASKA: "Bride Shoots Husband on Honeymoon"—(Nome Nugget, August 23 issue).

HILLSBORO, ORE.: The Happy Birthday column is a brand new and growing feature in McKinney's Hillsboro Argus.

PORTLAND, ORE.: The Alano club (Alcoholics Anonymous or Ex-Sons and Daughters of Bacchus to those who don't know

U. S.-AT-LARGE: "People Named Smith," a new book by H. Allen Smith, is good reading and will cause Smith chests everywhere to swell with pride as they climb around in their overloaded family tree.

Oregon Pupils Rate High in Science and Low in Spelling

This is the third of the series of six articles on the survey of Oregon's elementary and secondary public schools made by Dr. T. C. Holy, school organization authority of the Ohio State University.

It is the result of an interim committee study ordered by the last legislature to be made under the direction of the State Board of Education.

High In Science, Reading Evidence from 75,000 achievement tests given elementary students shows that Oregon elementary children are above national norms in science and reading and below in history and spelling.

High school students were generally below average in understanding and interpretation of basic social concepts, in quantitative thinking, uses of sources of information. They were above average in general background in the natural sciences, correctness and appropriateness of expression, interpretation of literature and general vocabulary.

Small Schools at Disadvantage General information on the state of Oregon's elementary network includes the following: Of the 1,139 elementary districts, 888 are of the third class, or relatively small.

Class Size Stays Low Oregon got a pat on the back for holding its class size down during what has been a period of booming enrollment. Statewide, the average elementary class load was 27.09 during the three-year period from 1947 to 1950.

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