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DIRTY BUSINESS

Commenting on the crime, vice and gambling combinations and rackets in the United States, and corruption in some political circles, J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation says: "There is nothing pleasant in any discussion on the subject of crime. Crime exists because of failures—failure to prevent delinquency and failure to correct delinquency. Beyond that, there is a failure to prevent crime, a failure to detect crime, a failure to prosecute crime, a failure to properly deal with crime and a failure to take the profit out of crime.

"The solution of the crime problem is a simple matter: Enforce existing laws fairly and impartially, vigorously and relentlessly, and mobilize the full force of every medium of education as to the facts about crime. I have no sympathy with the position of those who constantly are urging against the publication of information on crime. In fact, I would urge the dissemination of more information on crime which puts crime in its proper perspective and reveals it in all its horror and filth, and revolting character. Only in that way can public lethargy be forced into action.

"The evils of gang wars, gambling, vice, political corruption and organized crime can be eliminated from the American scene. The fundamental solution lies in aroused and awakened citizens, militantly demanding the action which will eliminate the gambling czar, the crook and the venal politician. Blast the foundation of the local gambling czar, by vigorously enforcing the statutes against gambling without fear or favor and he will collapse and, like a house of cards, the vast pyramid of gambling will collapse.

"We can never have a crime-free America until all who stand for law and order are united and determined to mobilize against those who constitute our army of lawlessness. Only a return to the fundamentals upon which this Nation was founded—a moral reawakening—a revitalized spirit and a rededication of service to our fellow man—can make this a reality.

"No nation ever won a war unless its people were united and dedicated to the common cause."

COMPLICATED LIVING

At the present time we are living in an age where life is rather complicated and where the things that we do are known to fewer and fewer people. In years passed a newspaper reporter could pick up many items of interest by simply meeting the trains and seeing who came and went, but meeting trains to see people went out of fashion years ago with the advent of the automobile.

Not many years ago, taking a rather lengthy journey was an event to look forward to in the history of the average family. Now the idea of taking a trip several hundred miles is classed as more or less commonplace.

The problem of finding who did what and who went where is a challenging one for the newspaper reporter, in fact the task of gathering news about local people is getting harder as time goes on. For this reason, we would appreciate a telephone call from any of our readers when anything of interest turns up. If you happen to live in any of the communities served by our rural correspondents, a call to any of these correspondents will be appreciated.

SIXTY FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY

The present policy of the Lane county court road improvement program is to secure a sixty foot right-of-way for the most important lateral roads. D. T. Bayly, county judge in discussing the needs of South Lane county recently told the writer that the court would like to blacktop the Delight Valley road, if the property owners along the road would give a ten foot strip of land, enough to make a sixty foot right-of-way.

Judge Bayly said the court felt that it would be unwise to attempt to spend the amount necessary to grade and surface a road without a sixty foot right-of-way and since the property owners along the proposed road would get a paved road free, the court felt the property owners should donate at least a ten foot strip along the road, if the additional ten feet was needed to make a sixty foot road.

City residents, who want street improvement must pay for it, Judge Bayly said and the court feels that it isn't asking too much of the rural residents to give the land needed for the modern lateral road.

The county court has indicated that under the present plan, the most important lateral roads will be improved in order of their importance, as funds are available for such improvements.

TYNDALL, S.D., TRIBUNE AND REGISTER: "A short time ago we remarked that the Federal government was adding a lot of new employees, without knowing at the time just how the figures were running. We have these figures now to substantiate the statement: The Federal government added 60,594 employees to the payroll in January—more than 2,000 per day. It doesn't seem to add up to a program of economy in government spending."

A man stood on the street corner waiting to cross. After autos whizzed by for a long time, he spied a pedestrian across the street. "How did you get over there?" he shouted.

The other yelled back, "I was born over there."—Logan, Kansas, Republican.

ALEDO, ILL., TIMES RECORD: "Appropriation—A new tax in disguise."

Demagogues and agitators are very unpleasant, but they are incidents to a free and constitutional country, and you must put up with these inconveniences or do without many important advantages.

—Disraeli

A spearhead found in Alaska indicates to archeologists that Asiatic tribesmen crossed the Brooks mountains of Alaska and wandered along a trail to Central Oregon some 9500 years ago.

Letter From Washington MacA Inquiry Clears the Air

by Harris Ellsworth
Representative, Fourth District

A really great job of clearing the air is being done in the Senate hearings which were precipitated by the dismissal of General MacArthur. Although the Congress has been proceeding with routine legislation and would ordinarily be making some routine news, that has been shoved off the front page to make way for the reporting of the really big news being made by the Senate Committees.

The foreign policy thinking the policies and the actions of our administration are being examined. Even the calibre and ability of our responsible officials is being revealed by their own testimony. It seems to me the Senators have done a remarkable job, also, in keeping partisanship to a minimum. The dismissal of MacArthur is being treated, as it should be, as an incident—one of a series of events rather than an event of major importance in itself. The Senators and the people of our country are getting the facts, and from the highest possible sources. For the first time since 1945, when we started appeasing communism and the Kremlin, the spotlight of a genuine inquiry is searching out the facts.

I have been greatly troubled by the seemingly rational argument that we are buying time by holding the war in Korea at a stalemate instead of doing what is necessary to achieve a quick victory. It is claimed that we need about two years to get our defense machine perfected. What troubles me is the fact (at least competent experts say so) that the next war, if it comes will be an atomic war. We know, and the world knows, that right now we are vastly superior in atomic armament. We also

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health reports.

The goal of an enemy who intentionally spreads germs would be to cause incapacitating illness rather than extensive fatalities, according to an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association by Dr. Victor H. Haas, just published and quoted by the state health board.

One of the principal routes which would be used to spread germs would be the air, although drinking water, milk and other foods, drugs, cosmetics, money, paper are also methods of dissemination.

Our physical senses alone would not be able to tell us that germs are present.

This would tax medical, health and economic facilities to a great degree. The effectiveness of our industrial plants would be sharply curtailed when employees failed to report for work and serious handicaps would result if key individuals died or could not report for work.

MORE LAWS SIGNED
During the past week Governor Douglas McKay signed bills with the following report:

A claim of refund for taxes must be filed within six years.
Tax rolls shall contain the true cash value of each parcel of land assessed, excluding all buildings, structures, improvements and timber; the true cash value of all buildings, structures and improvements assessed.

The penalty for delinquent payment of corporate excise taxes be reduced for non-intentional violators and increased for wanton violators by the addition of 25 per cent of the delinquency as a penalty.

The \$1900 annually paid United Spanish war veterans shall be paid in quarterly installments.

Protection of veteran who is unable to renew his commercial fishing license in order to hold location of fish traps.

Whenever the signatures of the governor and secretary of state

John H. Wanker

John Harvey Wanker of 722 Birch street, Cottage Grove, passed away at his home Monday, May 14, following a long illness. He was born in Ohio May 2, 1878, and was married to Pearl Shaver, who passed away in 1921. On April 13, 1927 he was married in Eugene to Rose Preso, who survives. Mr. Wanker had been a resident of Cottage Grove for 34 years, coming here from Oswego, Ore. He was a member of Cottage Grove lodge No. 51, A. F. & A. M., and Cottage Grove chapter No. 41, R. A. M.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Fred Wanker of Eugene; one grandson; three brothers, Ed of Hubbard, Charles of Nehama, and Bob of Baker; and two sisters, Mrs. Nina Jameson of Clarkston, Wash., and Mrs. Lula Baker of Oswego.

Funeral services will be held at Mills Mortuary, Saturday, May 19, at 2:30 p.m. F. Sherwood Smith will officiate. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery. Cottage Grove lodge No. 51, A. F. & A. M. will conduct Masonic services at the chapel prior to commitment.

and state treasurer are required on bonds, other than obligations of the state, the facsimile signatures of any two of them shall be equivalent to their autographs.

For the establishment of state forest camps for Penitentiary inmates employed at camps in Tillamook burn.

REAL ESTATE MEN WARNED

Real estate dealers must do a better job of public relations in order to save their profession and the nation from socialism. Willard J. Johnson, a high official in the National Association of Real Estate Boards told 200 real estate dealers assembled at a convention banquet in Salem this week.

He said government restrictions were hampering the real estate trade by red-taping building efforts. For success in their business Johnson advised real estate men to know their business, assist in community projects, take advantage of small opportunities, assume a proper attitude toward the public and others in their business and to advertise.

NEW EMERGENCY BOARD

Members of the state emergency board for the biennium commencing June 30, 1951 will be, Howard Belton, Canby; Rudie Wilhelm, Portland; Earl Hill, Cushman; Dean Walker, Independence and Henry Semon, Klamath Falls.

CAPITOL CAPSULES

A meat packing plant employee has filed recall petitions against all Marion county legislators because they supported state milk control and two cigarette tax bills.

The recall requires that he get 5,724 signatures within 90 days. Governor McKay urges all state departments, mayors and county commissioners to survey their properties for iron and steel scrap for American's mobilization machine. The new state department of finance and administration has the power to reduce an appropriation made for a state department by the legislature according to an opinion handed down this week by Attorney General George Neuner. Real estate examinations will be held for brokers and salesmen in Klamath Falls and Medford, May 17; Eugene, May 19; Salem, May 21 and Portland, May 22. Penitentiary school teacher, Frederick Beck, charged with carrying benzodrine into institution, has been dismissed and is being prosecuted.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

We wish to thank all those who have already contributed to the Annual Cottage Grove Cemetery Clean-up which begins May 15. Some of them have sent their share without being notified, and some new ones have volunteered to pay. Mrs. Elma Lamba called at the house in person. The time is short, so are our funds, so we urge you to send or mail your share, two dollars per lot, promptly. So we will have the necessary funds to hire sufficient labor. This is a big job. Let's all get busy on it.

Cottage Grove Cemetery Association, Belle Burkholder, Executive Secy. In charge of the Annual Cleanup, 225 N. Lane St., Cottage Grove.

LATHAM

Mrs. Esther Trunnell, Reporter
Phone 17-F-11

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Humphrey returned from California and visited Sunday at the home of John Reneke.

The C. C. Hoskin home which formerly belonged to the Roy Means was sold recently to the Jack Monteiths who have been living at Lorane since they left this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris left Monday on an extended trip to Alaska by way of Spokane and the Alcan highway.

Mrs. Gene V. Hansen (Alyce M.) accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hansen and two children of Port Townsend to Cottage Grove for the week end. Alyce spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Trunnell and with Gene's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hansen. The Alfred Hansen visited there also as well as with her mother at Jasper. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Doolittle, and children of Scottsburg visited the whole group. They also visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Alvis England.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hull and son Lowell of Vancouver, Wash., spent the week end at the C. S. Plaster home.

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Trunnell returned Saturday from a business trip to Los Angeles and other points in California.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. VanNortwick are spending the second week with their son Leon and family at Tulalake, California.

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HISTORICAL LEGISLATURE

"A little bread.
"A little meat:
Something sour,
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This ancient apothegm—a rhyming suggestion to avoid indigestion—unconsciously was the theme song of the Oregon legislative session of 1951.

The results of their work are sound and substantial on the whole. There are some laws that will seem sour to many of us, and some sweet.

They didn't pay much attention to the governor's biennial message or to the budget. The interim committee reports were not given much attention. Even the explosive Holy report was not followed very religiously.

This session broke all kinds of records for Oregon legislatures. It was the longest session, costliest session, more bills were introduced, more bills died in committees, without ever having been brought before either the senate or house. Records were broken by the lobbyists too—There were more of them by 100 per cent. They threw more big parties, by 400 per cent.

CHANGES IN STATE FAIR
The new state fair board is considering opening the Oregon State Fair on Saturday, September 1 this year, and running eight days instead of the usual seven. This will be two days before Labor Day. If seven days racing is sanctioned, instead of the present six days, the intervening Sunday may be devoted to a religious program with a veterans program included. Manager Leo Spitzbart is negotiating with evangelist Billy Graham to conduct a sunrise service.

GRANGE WON'T SAY 'UNCLE'
The State Grange won't stay snubbed in its fight to abolish daylight saving time in Oregon.

Last week they got an "N. C." brush off from the august supreme court. This week they are back in the Marion county circuit court to argue a demurrer filed by the attorney general's office which seeks to throw their case out of court.

TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND

HOORAY!
IT'S COMIN' APART AT THE SEAMS!!

SOCIALIST STRAIGHT JACKET

BRITISH CONSERVATIVES

—Carroll

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The case brought by the Grange and others against Governor McKay seeks to revoke his proclamation of daylight time. The case hinges on whether the governor has authority to proclaim daylight time before all four bordering states had moved their clocks ahead.

PROBE PLAN ILLEGAL
A resolution adopted by the senate in its closing hours attempted to create an interim committee to investigate certain state institutions during the next biennium. This week Attorney General George Neuner held the committee being a mere agency of the body which created it, dies with the body itself, unless it is continued by law. He said it was not within the power of either the senate or the house to separately enact a law or pass a resolution having force and effect of a law.

The resolution carried an appropriation of \$5000.

LEGISLATORS COMMENDED
Although the late legislature did not comply very closely with suggestions made by Governor McKay in his biennial message he commended them for hard work though he was disappointed that they did not supply a sufficient tax program instead of a temporary resolution.

He reserved comment on their only tax creating measure—the cigarette tax—That drew tobacco retailers to Salem with referendum plans before the session was over.

Of the 15 proposals the governor made, only three were fully complied with. The state civil defense agency was given \$379,000; local governments were authorized to put employees under social security and the state forest insect control program was continued.

He asked for a long range program of emergency building for state institutions including a reformatory for sex criminals. A \$7,500,000 program was approved with the state board of higher education getting the major share for the University of Oregon.

The governor's proposal that elimination of the federal income tax deduction from state returns should be made was bypassed. His request for reapportionment of senators and representatives from the counties was tossed into the interim committee bag, to be opened in 1953.

GERM WAREFARE
Civil defense plans will include the possibility of biological or germ attacks, the state board of

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Trunnell went to Medford to reside last Sunday. He will be instructor for new station attendants before they are placed with the Standard Oil Co.

You'll find it in the classified.
—The Sentinel—

MEMORY LANE

POMPADOUR

Remember when women wore ornate bejeweled pompadour combs to keep their "rats" in place? It was a tragedy if a woman's "rat" showed and it required a lot of patting through the day to keep it in place. Pompadours were high in those days. Remember?

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