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These Changing Times

It was only a short time back and within the memory of most of us, since World War II as a matter of fact, the demand for three and four bedroom homes came into being. In the 1930's and the early 1940's anything above a two bedroom home was difficult to move on the real estate market. Now the smaller home is the one difficult to sell.

The change in demand was brought about by two factors. The first is that large families seem to be on the increase, reversing the trend started during the depression of acquiring smaller homes for smaller families. The second factor is that the average family is in a better financial condition and feels more secure with larger families.

In a condition of this sort people are buying and renting individual homes, rather than renting or buying the apartment housing two or three families. According to one source of information, it is becoming more difficult to rent the apartment, while the demand is growing for individual homes, offering a degree of privacy.

Because lending agencies, including the government, have made it easy to buy a home on the low payment plan, more people own their own homes. Installment credit has its disadvantages, easy credit has made possible the building of an unprecedented number of new homes for the past two years and the home building under way has had a stimulating effect on the lumber industry. Thirty years ago, if people could not afford what might be termed then as luxuries, they just did without.

Low financing has made possible the present standard of living for all of us. We now have many conveniences which would have been considered luxuries thirty years ago and which our grandparents did without.

Of Ponds and Pebbles

Here is a story with a moral, the first chapter of which we can only deduce:

A couple of weeks ago a mother—a father?—was dining in a great New York hotel where a state teachers' convention was in progress. She, or he, noticed two teachers sitting at a nearby table and felt somehow impelled to drop a pebble of gratitude into a great pond of need.

The second chapter is reported news: The two teachers finished their luncheon and asked the waiter for their checks. No charge, he told them, and when pressed he handed them a note.

Don't take any money from these teachers, said the note. I have two boys in school; I owe so much to the teachers. And, added the waiter, no tip, please. That's my little token of the same.

That was the pebble. And the ripples? The story was spread from the convention platform. Also, no doubt, from the delegates assembled to thousands of teachers back home, and perhaps, by some newspapers, to thousands more.

It would be our guess that many a teacher hearing of it, bending a bit under today's added burdens laid on by over zealous critics, looked up, as did Elisha's servant, and glimpsed, if but for a moment, the hosts of people like the most of us around her.

And the moral? A very old one put in modern terms: Never sell your pebble short if it's a good one. The pond you drop it in may be bigger than you think.

—Christian Science Monitor

Your Money in Competition With You (Oregon Voter)

Henry J. Leaf, who was president of Inman-Poulsen Lumber Co. prior to its recent sale to Georgia-Pacific, sends us the following extract from Spokes, organ of International Rotary:

"Today the Federal Government has \$30.5 billion invested in business type enterprises, most of them in competition to private business.

"To equal the size of this giant government operated business empire it was necessary to add together the combined value of 29 of the largest business enterprises in the United States. Among those used were American Telephone and Telegraph, U. S. Steel, Standard Oil, General Motors, Consolidated Edison Co., General Electric, Bank of America, American Tobacco Co., General Foods and 20 others. These 29 companies paid \$4,931,000,000 in taxes in 1952.

"If these government owned business enterprises were sold, not only could they pay an annual tax of \$6 billion, but the \$30.5 billion could be used to reduce taxes.

"This is an example of what happens when a government takes the people's money to go into business in competition to the people. It is estimated that if we could get our representatives in Washington to join the movement to dispose of these vast holdings, many operating at a loss, it could result in a savings of \$600 per year in taxes to every family in the United States."

Officers on Trial

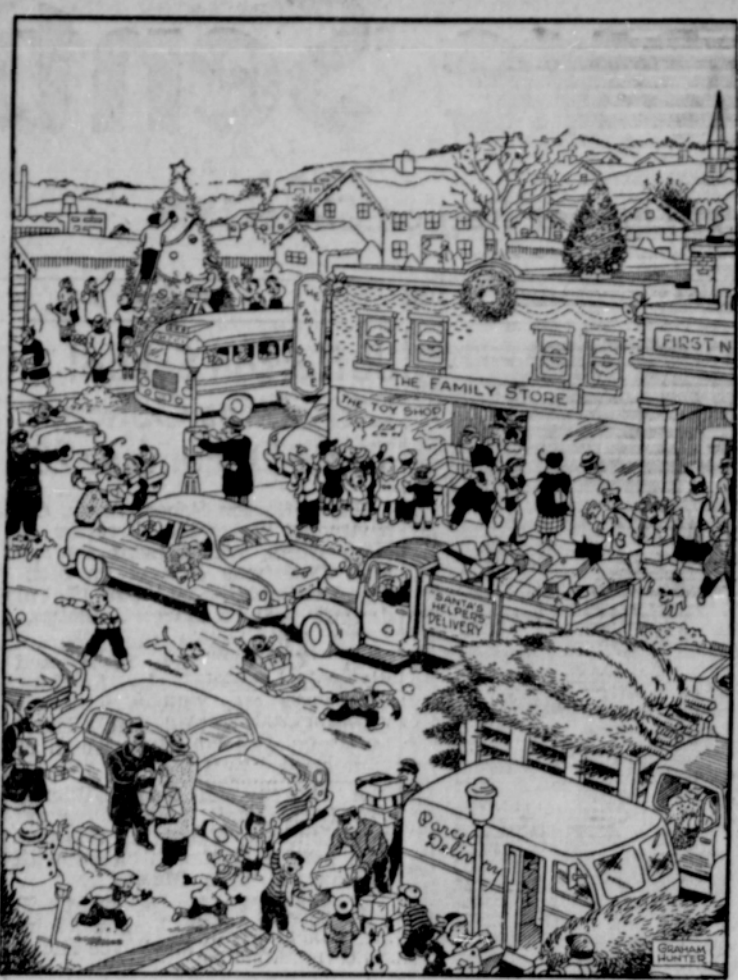
We have observed on more than one occasion, officers are often tried in our courts of justice and the defendant or defendants go free. The Frady trial ending in Eugene last week is no exception. Here officers of the law seem to go or trial and the merits or demerits of the bribery case were lost in the shuffle. Sometimes one might be able to determine where the fault lays, more often not, depending to a great degree on the attorneys involved.

In the Frady case, lack of cooperation of the law officer involved appears to be the cause of the failure. However, cooperation is essential in every case.

One of the worst features in cases of this kind involves the reputation of the officers, both city and county. It makes little difference as to how honest and conscientious an officer might be, one aspersion involving his or her character puts a question mark on his usefulness. Some people prefer to believe the worst, regardless of the fact the charges may be false. Once they are made public, the accused officer will find his reputation is not without a blemish, because bad news appears to travel farther than any news concerning his integrity.

Some say that credit has been the ruin of modern living. Could be it has its abuses, but never before have so many enjoyed so much by having to put up so little and pay so much less so long.—The Concrete (Wash.) Herald

HOMETOWN AMERICA—THE MERRY SEASON BEGINS

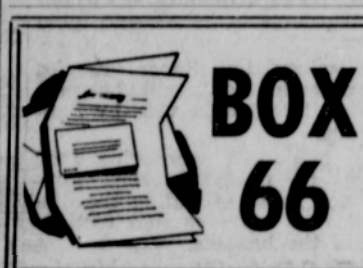


Joyful Interlude

It is a merry season indeed — that interlude which precedes Christmas — the most loved and enjoyed of the year because, among other good things, it lasts so long and makes one feel so joyous.

We mark the day itself with the solemn thoughts and the religious observances appropriate to its deep significance as the birthday of Our Saviour, Founder of Christianity.

But in the days and weeks which come before—in the fun and excitement, the bright anticipation and the joyous preparation which lead to the happy culmination of the opening of the presents — there is the goodwill and merriment of a season which, unfortunately, "comes but once a year."



Savage Rapids Dam Works Completed

Renovation work being carried out at Savage Rapids dam on the Rogue river has been completed, and upstream migrant fish will have a better lease on life in the future.

According to the report of Cole Rivers, fisheries agent for the game commission, "the construction company was most cooperative in providing adequate fish passage at all phases of construction."

The problem of screening the irrigation intake at the dam remains. It is hoped that this problem will be corrected in the near future.

The Young and Smith Company accomplished the work for the Grants Pass Irrigation District, and with their cooperation, many fish that otherwise would have died, were saved.

Part of the work on the dam consisted of the addition of a ladder to the south side of the dam. Improvement of this passageway has increased the ease with which migrating salmon and steelhead can pass upstream.

Deer-Car Mishaps Increase in Winter

As winter snows push Oregon's deer out of the higher ranges and into the lowlands, more and more reports are coming in telling of deer-car accidents.

Many highways in the state have signs warning motorists of the much used deer crossings, but this type of collision can happen in most any area of the state.

Many of the areas in central Oregon near Bend are noted for the number of deer taken by automobiles each year, but the danger is not limited to this part of the state. Game commission field agent Wes Batterson reported four does and two bucks killed by cars in Clatsop and Tillamook counties during the past month, and various other west side counties have been on the deer-car accident list.

The Oregon State Game Commission warns motorists to be especially careful in the areas posted with deer crossing signs and to be alert whenever driving in the rural areas of the state. In many cases, the car involved in the deer-car crash comes off second best, but needless to say, many deer lose their lives along the roads each year.

1955 Hunting and Fishing Licenses Now Available

If your spouse is a hunter or fisherman, the Oregon State Game Commission can help you with your Christmas shopping. The 1955 hunting and fishing licenses are now available at license agencies throughout the state.

Fees for the licenses will be the same as they were for 1954 with the hunting license \$4, the fishing license the same, and a combination license \$7.

These are the prices for residents only. In addition, if the license is purchased at one of the commission's agents, there will also be a slight extra charge to cover the cost of handling.

To waterfowl hunters, the purchase of a 1955 hunting license is an especially good gift since the waterfowl season extends into the new year.

Most types of licenses can be obtained at any of the agencies in the state; however, pioneer, disabled veteran, and old age hunting and fishing licenses must be obtained thru the Portland office of the commission.

Let us not underrate the value of a fact; it will one day flower into a truth. — Henry David Thoreau

Thought is the soul of act.—Robert Browning

No one loves the man whom he fears. —Aristotle

Bohemia

(Some of its early history)
 (By Ray Nelson)

Chapter 13
"THE GOLDEN YEARS"
 Under Oregon Securities Company When, in early 1903, the Oregon Securities Company secured control of the Oregon and South Eastern Railroad and the Musick, Champion and Helena Mines, it set about a systematic plan of development.

The Broadway group and other claims were purchased. With the purpose of centralizing operations the Musick ten stamp mill and the ten stamps of the Helena mine were moved over and installed alongside the ten of the Champion, in a huge new building. Concentrating tables and Frue vanners were added to save the base metals. Six long copper plates, plated with quicksilver, caught the free gold. To operate all the machinery an electric power plant run by the Pelton type waterwheels was built at the "Warehouse" (now Lund Park). Seven miles of power line was constructed alongside the new road which was built up the Champion canyon, with the double purpose of feeding an electric railroad which was to connect with the O & SE railroad at the Warehouse, and the Champion mill; also of supplying the motors at the mine.

Air compressors were installed, and air pipe run up to and through the mines. A Postoffice called "Orseco" was established.

The main working tunnel, #9, was driven in, as a crosscut, 1,000 feet through country rock till it hit the Champion vein at depth. To connect this tunnel with the mill, distant 835 feet vertically, and 3,000 feet away on the slope of the hill, an incline tramway covered by snow sheds was built and operated by electrical mechanisms installed by Electrical Superintendent, Andy Nelson.

Meanwhile mine development went forward at all three mines under direction of General Manager A. B. Wood and C. Matthews, Superintendent. By the spring of 1905 the mill was ready, and the run began. In nine months \$83,159.53 was realized from 12,311 tons of ore milled. As milling continued at the Champion, a 6,000 foot tramway was built on a level grade to the Musick mine, and in May 1906 ore began to move over this. As developed ore began to become scarce the need for more development was apparent, and T. C. Archer of Prescott, Arizona was brought in as Superintendent in 1905. As his stopes neared the grass roots, he started a deeper tunnel, #12, 1,200 feet below the ridge top, to cut the ledge at this depth and open up more ore. While this was underway, mining went on in #9 and during the summer of 1905 the "High Grade" was hit. (The vein had split around a "horse" (an intrusion of plain country rock) and the miners had followed one side of the ledge. Becoming curious, they went back and ran the Brooks Crosscut through to the other side, finding a body of ore centered on a beautiful core of gold encrusted rock which ran \$30,000 to the ton. Joe Landess

Unique Grade School Has World-Wide Student Body

The shortage of teachers and classrooms has roused the public to a new national problem. Yet for half a century, parents have faced special school problems and solved them by mail through the Calvert School, a unique non-profit institution in Baltimore.

Most Calvert pupils are members of American families living abroad. Many live in remote places in the United States, miles from the nearest schools. Some are ill, and some are constantly traveling.

More than 100,000 children have studied Calvert Home instruction courses since 1905. Courses run from kindergarten through ninth grade.

Edward Brown, headmaster, believes in regular classroom work when it is possible. Calvert has about 400 pupils in its classrooms in Baltimore. Mr. Brown points out that the home instruction courses were first devised to meet an emergency when an epidemic closed the Baltimore school. They continue to solve special educational problems of many kinds—including shortage of regular school facilities.

saw this stope, and relates how the rocks glittered with gold "like a jewelry store."

Some samples of this ore still exist here in Cottage Grove. So valuable was it that only certain men were permitted in the stope, where canvas was spread down and the walls brushed down upon it, while larger pieces were packed in double sacks and carried out. Common report has it that several sacks were "High-graded" and hidden out, while miners made way with more than wages by sifting a little ore in their tobacco pouches.

However, the lower grade rock, in vast amounts, was what made the mine, and it had to be opened up ahead of milling demands. #12 was not completed—Superintendent Archer resigned in January 1906, and as available developed ore was worked out the mine ran less steadily.

Musick was worked out down to sulphides as far as they then knew, and the tramway and tunnel proposed to reach the Helena was never completed, so Helena ore never reached the big mill.

Profits had been disbursed in dividends. The panic of 1907 came along, and the company was reorganized as the West Coast Mines Co., while work went on.

Next week "Golden Days" continued. The primary job of Navy destroyers is to seek out and destroy enemy submarines.

New Pamphlet on Salmon Is Now Available Free

Salmon of Oregon are the subject of a new leaflet now available free of charge from the Oregon State Game Commission. This 4-page leaflet, giving brief facts about each of the salmon found in Oregon waters, is the second

of a series being published by the commission.

The first in the series is entitled Oregon's Upland Game Birds and has pictures and descriptions of the 10 upland game birds found in the state.

Copies are available free of charge from the Oregon Game Commission, P. O. Box 4136, Portland, Oregon.

Cantwell's Market

"Fuel for Man or Car"

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the grade school boys and girls, who have participated in our Northwest Poetry Contest. The winners will be announced as soon as possible.

Jess Easley, Howard Knutson, Mrs. Ruth Bradford, all of the local school system, will serve as judges.

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