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Keep Your Guard Up

A shyster contracting "firm" hit Cottage Grove last week, according to Fire Chief Ernest Shipley, and no one knows how much money they took out of the town. It seems that two chimney "fixer-uppers" went around to many of Cottage Grove's older homes and offered to repair their "obviously hazardous" chimneys at outrageously high prices.

This is the way they operated:
The duo would go around the town to all the old homes. (Naturally the mortar between the bricks in the chimneys in most of these old houses would be loose.) One of them would get up on the roof to "inspect" the chimney. While he was up there he would give the chimneys such a shaking that if the mortar wasn't already loose, it would be loose by the time the other accomplice pointed out to some frightened old lady that her chimney was in dire need of repair and something should be done about it immediately, lest a spark set her house on fire.

(According to Shipley, no fire hazard exists where the mortar is loose high up on the chimney, but only at the base of the roof or in the attic.)

When the lady of the house was sufficiently frightened into consenting to a repair job, our heroes would quote a price somewhere around \$20 and proceed with their "work."

After the job is about half done (they slap a little fresh mortar onto some of the old bricks and stick them back in place, followed by a fresh coat of paint to make it look good) one of the workmen tells the lady that the condition of the chimney was even worse than they had originally thought, and tacks on another \$10 to the price.

Chief Shipley would probably have never known of their chicanery if one Cottage Grove citizen hadn't had the good sense to call him up and ask him to inspect the chimney. After the chief personally inspected the chimney and asked the two men whether or not they had inspected the chimney through the attic where a fire hazard might exist (which, of course, they hadn't) they then, as Joe Friday would say, "took it on the lam."

A Cottage Grove contractor was then contacted and offered to repair the loosened mortars for \$9.

This isn't the first case of this type of thing going on in Cottage Grove. Last year some roof painters spray painted some roofs in town at what seemed to be very reasonable prices. When the first rain came all the "paint" vanished. The Register-Guard published a recent editorial on a group of gutter cleaners that were working a racket in Eugene. There are a thousand ways of making an easy dollar if you are smart enough to think of them, and if the people are gullible enough.

There is not one, but two morals to this story: Be on the lookout for these shysters, and if what they have to offer looks even halfway phoney, call the fire chief, police chief, chamber of commerce, or anyone else who might know something about it to come out and see if everything is OK. Secondly, give your business to Cottage Grove's merchants, contractors, painters, roofers, etc. Their bread and butter is in Cottage Grove and if they expect to eat the next week they will have to maintain a reputable business.

Rough Time Ahead for Business

Hope for the passage of a retail sales tax, has pretty well gone out of the window, even though the present session of the state legislature is barely started. According to the proposals of Governor Patterson in his inaugural message delivered to the legislature Monday, he does not favor such a tax unless the proposal is submitted to the people. With the stand of the Governor and the opposition of the Grange and Labor leaders, the chances of the passage of such legislation are almost nil.

The state could levy a property tax of six mills, the statutory limitation, which would raise about \$30,000,000 of the \$65,000,000 deficit. The deficit estimated roughly at \$65,000,000, which the legislature faces, means quite a struggle and possibly a long session.

Governor Patterson recommended the repeal of the federal tax offset to the present income law, which in effect would raise the state tax rate. The governor also favors a tax on business, individual and partnership, much like the corporate taxes on corporations. This tax if passed would of course raise the prices the businessman or merchant might charge.

Another recommendation is to raise the income tax revenue by levying a surtax on the calculated tax or simply raise the tax rate. In either event it would mean higher taxes for the average taxpayer. Other sources of revenue for the state would be to increase the mark up on liquor sales and the state's share of pari-mutuel betting.

Repeal of the so-called "skyscraper" clause and repeal of exemptions to utilities in the corporate sales tax. Another revenue source recommended is the use of some millage on real property in the state. Still another is the tax on insurance premiums.

If any or all of the so-called new sources of revenue are adopted or approved by the legislature, it would mean an increase in the cost of doing business within the state and the increased cost will have to be absorbed by the public.

The legislature could raise \$30,000,000 through a six mill levy on real property. Abolishing the federal exemption would raise another approximate \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000. Abolishing the utility exemptions would raise from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 and the skyscraper exemption, if killed would raise another estimated \$200,000 to \$500,000.

Oregon already has the lowest exemptions and the highest income tax rate of any of the states having an income tax, according to the Oregon Voter. If any or all of the proposed new sources of revenue are passed, it will handicap new industry just that much.

There are a good many states, in addition to offering a lot of natural advantages, also offer a low tax rate. We doubt if the growth of new industries will keep pace with our population under a tax rate which will discourage venture capital.

Big Things In Little Packages
So you're not 6 ft. tall? Neither was Napoleon (5 ft. 11) or Admiral ("Damn the torpedoes!") Farragut (5 ft. 5 1/2), or Gen. Phil Sheridan (5 ft. 5). Schubert, giant of music, was only 4 ft. 11 1/2, and today's Toscanini is a scant 5 ft. 6. And Mickey Rooney is 5 ft. 3.

Under a spreading chestnut-tree
The village smithy stands;
The Smith, a mighty man is he,
With large and sinewy hands;
And the muscles of his brawny arms
Are strong as iron bands.
—Longfellow

Silence is the element in which
great things fashion themselves.
—Carlyle

Letter From Washington

84th Congress Has Atmosphere of Good Will

By Congressman Harris Ellsworth

The new 84th Congress got going in an atmosphere of goodwill with at least an expressed attitude of cooperation with the President from both Democrats and Republicans.

The President's "State of the Union" message was well accepted by both sides. Interestingly enough I heard comment in the Capitol corridors after the speech by Democrat members who said he had proposed a good Democratic program and from Republican members that it represented a wide-range program for all of the people which is in line with best Republican tradition and principles.

House Republicans are going to have difficulty in finding committee spots for all of the Republican members. We are now the minority party of the House which means that Republican membership is reduced drastically on all committees. The Republican membership is only 16 members less than in the 83rd Congress but the number of committee assignments available for Republican members is some 60 less. This situation will not affect me personally since I have the good fortune to be high enough in seniority on the Rules Committee to retain my seat there. Our membership on that committee is reduced from eight members down to four.

Several times while I was in Oregon this fall people asked me about the procedure for organizing the 84th Congress. I believe there is much interest in the question as to how a new Congress takes over from the previous one—who swears in the members, etc. Here is the way it is done. Since every member of the House is newly elected each two years the House technically has no membership

at the time a new Congress convenes—that is no members who have been duly sworn in. The officers of the House—clerk, doorkeeper, sergeant at arms and postmaster—are, however, permanent employees in the sense that they are appointed to serve until successors are named. The newly elected House is called to order by the clerk who declares that certificates of election of the members have been received and enrolled. The roll of membership is then called by states. The clerk next calls for the election of a speaker which is done by a roll call with the members responding with the name of their choice for speaker—in the present case the two candidates were Sam Rayburn of Texas and Joe Martin of Massachusetts. So Democrat members answered the roll call by saying "Rayburn" and the Republicans said "Martin." Since Democrats are in the majority Mr. Rayburn was named speaker. He was then formally presented to the House by retiring Speaker Martin, whereupon Mr. Rayburn requested Mr. Vinson of Georgia to administer the oath of office to him, which was done. Speaker Rayburn then being a duly sworn member, and speaker, administered the oath "en mass" to the membership. The House was then declared to be in session and went to work with routine business.

The Speaker, Sam Rayburn, who by the way celebrated his birthday the following day, has served as Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives longer than any man in our history. He is highly respected and well liked by the members and is an excellent presiding officer.

Thirteen College Building Projects To Be Asked State

(Final in Series of Three)

Fifty-two per cent of the higher education buildings now on the state-operated campuses have been constructed with non-state tax funds through direct receipts, student fees, gifts, and self-liquidating bond sales the biennial report of the state board of higher education points out.

The 1955 Legislature will be presented with a request for 13 building projects, six of which are new buildings, the remainder additions to present structures or utility projects, at an estimated cost of \$7,665,000. Heading the list is a \$850,000 classroom for Portland State, which now houses 2370 students in what was formerly the Lincoln high school building, erected in 1910 and purchased in 1951 from the Portland school board.

Building Requests
Listed in priority order the building requests are: 1. Classroom and Laboratory Building, PSEC - \$850,000; 2. Physical Education Building, SOCE - \$450,000; 3. Agricultural and Biological Science Building, OSC - \$1,800,000; 4. Architecture & Art Building, UO, addition & remodeling - \$550,000; 5. Physical Education Building, UO, addition - \$340,000; 6. Music Building, UO, addition & remodeling - \$75,000; 7. Utility Tunnel, 2nd unit, OSC - \$375,000; 8. Physical Education, Men's Unit, EOCE - \$250,000; 9. Heating Plant, SOCE - \$265,000; 10. Physics - Chemistry Building (1st unit), OSC - \$1,500,000; 11. Administration Wing, addition, UO - \$660,000; 12. Armory, UO - \$375,000; 13. Extension of Steam Distribution System, UOMS - \$50,000.

The state board also has set forth for the Legislature a three-biennium building program carrying through the 1959 session which would call for \$19,035,000 for 33 projects on the eight campuses.

State Fund Construction
In looking back at the biennium at year's end, the board recorded four buildings now on the line or under construction with state funds: Journalism building, University of Oregon; Chemical Engineering, Oregon State College; Dental School, Portland; and Crippled Children's Division Clinic, Medical School, Portland. From non-state tax funds another \$2,715,805.54 in construction was completed including balcony additions to McArthur Court and a new men's dormitory, University of Oregon; cooperative house for women, two cooperative houses for men, football stadium, agricultural car pool and Oregon State College; dormitory wing for women, Southern Oregon College of Education; dormitory addition for men, Eastern Oregon College of Education; and a memorial swimming pool, Oregon College of Education.

It is estimated that the total valuation of the buildings on the eight state system campuses now totals more than \$50 million, although to replace these structures at present day values would run the total to about \$85 million.

Land Purchases Needed
In its biennial report, the board emphasized that an important comparison of the building program is the request for further land purchases on some of the campuses, particularly Portland State, and funds for rehabilitation of buildings which are between 30 and 60 years old. Continued attention to rehabilitation of these older structures results in a long-run saving to the state, the board pointed out, because the upkeep is far less costly than replacement.

In downtown Portland, the board plans to extend the Portland State campus immediately south of the present old Lincoln high school building. Several property purchases have been completed in that area and options have been taken on others. Ultimate objective of the board is to acquire as building sites the three blocks to the south of 1620 S. W. Park Avenue.

There is no prince or prelate
I envy no, not one—
No evil can befall me—
By God, I have a son!
—Christopher Morley

Bohemia

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

Chapter 16
'All the Mines—1945-55'

After the conclusion of World War II and the lifting of the ban on gold mining, various efforts were made to get the mines back on a productive basis. The higher prices being paid for lead, copper and zinc, and the higher savings of values being made by flotation; led to a resumption of operations.

At the Champion, with ore worth over \$2,700,000 blocked out by H & H Mines (according to report by mining engineer Graham), the mill was reconditioned under ownership of Fred & Wm. Bartels. It was in intermittent operation looking toward purchase of the property, all reports being favorable, but apparently terms could not be agreed upon. Very recently the Champion has been reported leased to Idaho mining men.

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The Helena was purchased by Ken Watkins in 1944. Helena Mines Inc. was formed with W. E. Caldwell of Corvallis as president; Ken Watkins, vice president; and Harold Barton, secretary. The mine operated intermittently. Some ore was milled at Champion mill and some high grade was shipped direct to smelter.

The Noonday was leased to Silver Shield Mining & Milling Co. of Salt Lake City, in 1945, by Higgins, and was sold by him to Wm. Bartels in 1954.

The Musick lease contract was sold by H & H Mines to Watkins in 1944, and resold by him to the Tar Baby Mining Co. of Salt Lake City. This company bought the mine from Capps in 1946. In 1948 Helena Mines Co. secured a lease on the Musick, and sub-leased the east end of the property to Nordstrom and Wyatt. These men did development work, 1949 to 1952, through to the east end line of Musick and on into the Clucky Fraction, opening some first class base ore, heavy in lead, copper and gold.

Vesuvius Mines Co. sold the Riverside and Oregon Colorado mines to Ken Watkins.

In all these efforts, the extremely high cost of labor and materials as compared to the fixed price of gold, required that lead, zinc and copper carry most of the burden of costs and profits. When foreign shipments caused the break in lead and zinc prices, closing a large share of U. S. mines, it became necessary for Bohemia District, like the rest, to await more equitable prices for domestic ores; or a raise in the price of gold to a value consistent with inflated labor and materials cost.

So it rests today. A proven mining camp, with vast reserves of ores, awaiting the proper combination of men, money, and prices, to become again the roaring boom camp of yesterday.

In this history, no mention has been made of the famous Black Butte Quicksilver mines, with a recorded production of over 1,000,000.000. This mine is southwest of Bohemia District, some 20

Facts and Figures About Dread Polio

(Editors Note: This is a letter from Mrs. Virgil Kingsley, local March of Dimes chairman, to the people of Cottage Grove in re facts and figures about polio.)

Dear Friends:
The massive job of checking case histories and blood samples among the 1,500,000 children who took part in 1954's field testing of the Salk polio vaccine is now underway.

In an incredibly complex maze of statistics, researchers at the University of Michigan are studying clues to the vaccine's effectiveness. Which of the children were hit by polio, did the vaccine increase antibody levels, did it reduce crippling after-effects, did the vaccine work? These questions are largely responsible for making the fight against polio a bigger job now. Whatever the answer, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis must prepare NOW for the BIGGER job that lies ahead.

If the vaccine works, as much vaccine as possible should be made available for use during 1955. A bigger job now. Whatever the answer, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis must prepare NOW for the BIGGER job that lies ahead.

If it is ineffective—that is, if the tests prove negative or inconclusive—March of Dimes funds will be poured into further research, working from the broad base of scientific knowledge already established. At this very moment—as a proper scientific hedge—the March of Dimes is supporting other vaccine investigations.

PENDING THE ANSWER—To be certain of continuous vaccine production before the next epidemic season, \$9,000,000 in 1955 March of Dimes funds has been committed toward stockpiling of vaccine for use—if it works and is licensed.

\$64,000,000 must be raised in the 1955 March of Dimes to insure treatment of patients, continued research and to cover the cost of vaccine.

George Seim

George Seim, Lorane route, Cottage Grove, died in the S.P. Hospital, San Francisco, Calif., January 2, 1953. He was born January 12, 1888, in Pennsylvania, and had resided in the Cottage Grove community for the past six years. He was an employee of the Southern Pacific Co.

Surviving are his widow, Clara, and the following step-children: Merna Bruce, Paxton, Neb.; Elmer Macee and Vera Gardner, Denver, Colo.; Sylvia Boggs, Cottage Grove; Goldie Perrin, Wharrior, Tex.; and Donald Accord, Lancaster, Calif.; 24 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 8, in Simon-Lounsbury Mortuary, Eugene, with Edward C. Bush officiating. Interment was in Rest-Haven Memorial Park, Eugene.

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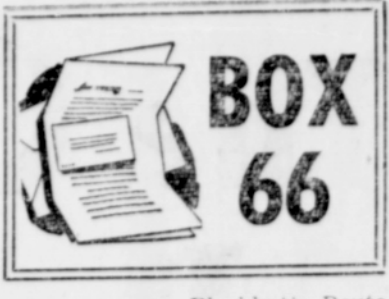
So take lessons from your neighbors—don't drive by us, drive down and try us.

According to the papers the state faces a large deficit and Gov. Patterson is eyeing incomes—in most cases if he can see them he has better than 20-20 vision.

If there is a deficit we dig if there is a surplus we dig, in fact we do all of the digging but the politician and public spenders hit the pay dirt.

We are digging for business and believe you can hit pay dirt in service, convenience and good merchandise by doing business with us.

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To the Editor:
Box 66

At the last meeting of our union, it was voted to send you this letter:

We wish to thank the Cottage Grove councilmen, who have worked in times past to curb the selling of liquor in Cottage Grove. How much we wish it could be eliminated. And we appreciate those of the council and members of the Ministerial Association, who are working with us to bring this about.

We plead with the new members of the council to use their influence to prevent any more to sell liquor within our city limits. For the sake of our young people and our homes. Remembering the word of the Lord which says, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth his bottle to him, that maketh him drunken." Hab. 2:15.
London WCTU

To the Editor:
Box 66:

The editorials, "Senior Partner," and "Water Power Obscure?" in the December 30 Sentinel were greatly appreciated. Both are clear, plain statements of the truth which anyone can read and understand if he cares to do so, as opposed to the insidious pre-election gobbledygook used by politicians for winning elections.

Another editorial with which we heartily agreed was printed in the Sentinel several weeks ago. The editor stated that there was no victory won in the November election either by Republicans or Democrats that was great enough to be called a mandate for anything.

We wish to thank you for these three editorials, and for others

which we have enjoyed reading. The Register - Guard credits Wayne Morse with the understatement of the year 1954, when he said we would hear more from him later.
Credit for the overstatement of the year just as certainly belongs to Richard Neuberger for his claim that winning the election by a majority of some 2,600 votes out of hundreds of thousands was a "mandate of the people for Hell's Canyon Dam."
Mrs. Ethel Gabrio
(Mrs. Virgil G. Gabrio)

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