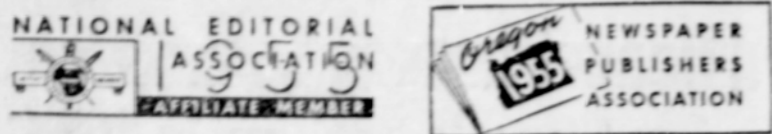


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Should Be Red Faced

Wonder if the political demagogues who were preaching doom and gloom in October will have sufficient good grace to blush as they read official figures on employment in Oregon for November and December? And reports of the record business of the last couple of months, not only in Oregon but across the nation?

The Oregon state unemployment compensation commission in its most recent bulletin reports that the number of claimants for unemployment compensation in mid-December stood at 30,000 and that this was 10,000 or one-fourth less than in the same month a year ago. It also reports that the number of non-farm job holders in the state in November was 3,100 more than in November 1953, with a total of 462,100 employed non-farm workers last month.

Reports on virtually all types of business indicate that new high records were established in the last two months and there is at least a possibility that 1954 may go down as the biggest volume business year in the nation's history and if it doesn't that it will be such a close second as to make little difference.

It's too late now for these facts to be of any great help—except that they may serve to alert the voting public to examine more carefully the claims of detractors in the future and to take a bit of time to obtain facts and verify claims of all sides in political campaigns before accepting the bleatings of those who make the most noise and come up with the strongest emotional appeals.—Gresham Outlook

Dangerous Traffic Hazard

The most dangerous traffic hazard in this section to our knowledge is the wooden bridge over Silk Creek just outside of the west edge of town. It sets at a peculiar angle and is so narrow that it should be designated as a one-way bridge, one of the few left in the county. From what we know of the history of the bridge, some narrow escapes have occurred there and it's more or less of a wonder that a wrecking crew has not been called to pull a car out of the creek.

The hazard is not so bad, if the motorist has to use the bridge occasionally, but to those who use it daily as some do it is a dread to face and a relief once the bridge is successfully crossed again. Sometime however, the worst may happen and a life or two will be lost and the county will wake up to the perils of a narrow bridge.

Human life is not measured in dollars and cents. Since it isn't it is just common sense to remove a road hazard, where motorists have been fortunate to escape thus far.

Numerous complaints have been made as to the condition of the bridge and several have taken occasion to use our "Letter to the Editor" column. We fervently hope with many others, the county will take steps to correct this situation before the loss of a life.

One Vote Can Write Political History

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay last week joined the Republican chorus of laments over party setbacks in Oregon with a remark that it's pretty tough to lose by a thin margin of around one vote for each of Oregon's precincts. He was talking about Cordon's loss to Democrat Richard L. Neuberger.

There's a lesson for both Democrats and Republicans alike in the Cordon defeat because it illustrates in the most dramatic way possible the importance of that one vote which you—or your neighbor—decided wasn't so important with hundreds of thousands of persons going to the polls at election time.

In the state of Ohio, for instance, the shoe was on the other foot. In that state Republican George H. Bender has been certified the victor in a tough senate race over Democrat Thomas A. Burke. Republican Bender's margin of victory was only 2970 votes—a margin of around one-fourth of a vote per precinct in a state much more populous than Oregon.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch points out that had one voter at every fourth ballot box voted the other way a Democrat would have been elected there.

"Never say again—never—that one man's vote doesn't count," admonished the Post-Dispatch. We trust that Oregon's stay-at-home voters, Democrats and Republicans alike, remember that lesson for the future. We have no quarrel with majority rule when a solid majority reacts like good citizens and casts those "unimportant" single votes in the ballot boxes of the nation. Single votes in the past have altered the course of history.—From Oregon Teamster.

Is Conduct of Youth Improving?

Information gathered from various sources relative to the conduct of young people leads one to believe that the situation while not improving to a great extent is not getting any worse. Records of the Lane county juvenile department show that there has been an increase in the number of children referred to the juvenile department in 1954 as compared to other years, but considering the increase in population, the record isn't bad.

As a matter of fact, trying to make good citizens out of the young people while they are still young is a comparatively new effort. The juvenile department of the circuit court in Lane county is not very old and dates with the establishment of the Skipworth home. Statistically it may be several years before anything like a comparison as to the increase or decrease of youth problems can be ascertained.

Constructive Lobbying Aids Legislators

Most experienced legislators will tell you that the lobbyists are helpful, provided they do not represent a pressure group. It is through lobbyists that the legislator comes to know the good and bad points in any pending legislation. We have heard the thought expressed by several legislators.

With as many measures as usually face the legislature and as little time the average legislator has to study the many measures, the solons face a hard task, made easier if the lobbyist points out the features of the bill.

It might be wise for the government to pay a little more attention to the minor acts of insurrection occurring in Costa Rica rather than sticking its neck out so far trying to see what's happening in Smorgasborgia, Lower Slobbovia and Scandahoovia that it can't see what's happening right under its bewhiskered chin.

Bohemia

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

Chapter 17 (Conclusion)

A LOOK AT THE FUTURE
Bohemia is a recognized mining district, mapped as such by the U. S. Geological survey, and Oregon Department of geology and mineral industries.

Among the main mines are: Musick, Helena, Champion, Noonday, Vesuvius, Crystal, Grizzly, Utopian, War Eagle, North Fairview, Sycamore, G. S. M., Mayflower, Golden Slipper, Riverside, Oregon Colorado, Cripple Creek, President or El Captain, Star, Combination.

According to a report issued by Senator Stanfield, quoted by Collins, production to 1953 exceeded \$9,000,000.00, and production since has added enough to bring the total to at least \$9,500,000.00. Tonnages Now Developed

In these mines there are NOW developed and by means of tunnels, shafts and cuts, 97,300 tons of lead, zinc, copper, gold and silver ores; 62,000 tons of copper-gold ores valued at prices of Jan. 1955 at \$5,953,000.00. These figures are from reports of Oregon Department of Geology, H and H Mines, and Graham.

Considering ONLY the probable ore to be expected from future, based on indications as of now; in ONLY the Musick, Vesuvius, Champion and Noonday, there will be available 491,600 tons of base ore worth at present prices \$14,748,000.00.

These figures are from reports of G. Collins, W. W. Elmer and W. T. Graham, all mining engineers of national note. They refer only to the most conservative estimates on the future production, down to the altitude of 4,400 feet, which is as deep as development has yet proceeded in the center of camp. As the deepest tunnel, under outcrop, is 1200 feet at Champion #12, and ores are exposed in the canyons at 1500 feet GREATER depth, the possible tonnage is enormously greater than given above.

Need For Base Metals
"Major discoveries of new metal deposits in the U. S. have been rare during the past ten years. Imports of base metals are increasing and practically all the older mining districts are being closely scrutinized for the possibility of reopening these districts. Greater demands, fewer discoveries, depletion of present reserves, and increased metal prices are keeping the larger producers constantly on the alert for new fields or for possible reopening of the older fields. In view of these changed conditions, it seems reasonable to conclude that any district which shows the possibility of producing new mineral wealth, will, within the next few years, receive the attention of the mining industry." (Quote from report of W. T. Graham, registered mining engineer.)

If for no other reason, the need for domestic copper in war times will oblige the country to secure its local sources of supply, just as has already been done with nickel, at the new development at Riddle, Ore.

Feasibility of a Great Base Metal Camp
The ultimate development of the district awaits driving of a really DEEP level tunnel, say at Mineral or Sharps Creek, if Cottage Grove wishes to secure the trade from the mines; or at Riverside or lower level on Upper Steamboat creek, when the trade would go out to Roseburg. This work will ultimately be done, barring interference by government bureaus, since such a program will become economically feasible as the nation's reserves of ore are depleted.

The amount of ore that will be developed by such a program, is of course a matter of theory now, since it is far below the zones which are opened for inspection, in the middle of the camp. Estimates by competent mining engineers and geologists place the total at in excess of 1,250,000 tons. Its value in money would be tremendous; and its value to a country desperate for raw minerals in time of war, would be incalculable.

Barber Shop Ballad Contest to Be Held February 24-25-26

FOREST GROVE, Ore., (Special)—Mail orders are now being taken for tickets for the Pacific Northwest's big songfest, the famed All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad contest to be staged February 24-25-26 at Forest Grove.

A women's barbershop quartet competition will be held starting at 7:30 Thursday night, February 24, in the high school gymnasium. Twenty-five hundred general admission seats, priced at \$1.00 each, are available. General Chairman Eddie McVay, of the Forest Grove Gleemen, advises ordering now to avoid standing in line.

The men's quartet eliminations contest will be run off the next night, Friday, February 25, starting at 7 o'clock. Reserved seat tickets are \$1.80. All seats are reserved. The eliminations and finals will be staged in the old high school auditorium, as in the past.

Two gala shows featuring eight male finalists and a colorful Gay Nineties revue will be staged on Saturday night, February 26. The shows are at 7 and 9:45 o'clock. All seats are reserved, priced at \$2.40. Tickets may be obtained by writing: Ticket Chairman, P. O. Box 13, Forest Grove, Oregon. Orders must contain check or money order, plus self-addressed stamped return envelope. Orders must specify what shows are desired.

A wise son maketh a glad father.—Old Testament

Letter From Washington

Things Are Quiet on Legislative Front

By Congressman Harris Ellsworth

Things are quiet on the legislative front here in Washington, D. C., right now—but not for long. The reason for the present lull is, of course, that committee assignments for the new Congress must be made and the committees organized. Every piece of legislation must be considered by a committee and reported formally to the House before it is taken up on the "Floor" for final action. Before very long the committees will begin to function and debate and voting on bills will start.

Meanwhile the Representatives are not just sitting around waiting. This is no rest period for us. Your Representative in Congress is more than just a lawmaker. Perhaps that is not the way the writers of the Constitution intended it to be but certainly that is the way it is. Congressmen, particularly those from the far west, are literally representatives in Washington for the people of their districts. The bigger our great Federal Government gets and the more activities it engages in, the more such things affect us as individuals.

In other words, the federal government is now involved in such things as housing, insurance, retirement pay, money lending, hospitalization, public health and a score of other things. These activities naturally develop problems, often very confusing and frustrating problems, between a person and the government. So the Congressman is the person you appeal to. He is YOUR representative in government and he is also close to the big "headquarters" in Washington. He will endeavor to help untangle any complication that may arise in your contact with government—at least that is the way I feel about it.

Juvenile Problems in Local Area

(W. Callahan Martin)

While most authorities here agree there has been improvement in the conduct of youngsters, figures from the Lane county juvenile department as submitted by Louis Sherman, director, shows there has been an increase in the number of referrals to that department, however, the figures are incomplete, as there are no figures for several years. Another factor which may account for the increase is that better records are kept now than formerly.

In speaking of the statistics released from the juvenile office, Mr. Sherman says: "We now have a breakdown on the number of children referred to the juvenile department from southern Lane county in 1954 as compared to the two year period of 1949-50 and the 19 months period from January 1, 1948 thru July 1, 1949. There was a breakdown for 1951, 1952 or 1953, but this would be a considerable task. The reason we have earlier figures is because surveys were made at those times, he said. We generally do not need a breakdown for communities, but henceforth we plan to keep one."

From the report it is noted there was an increase in the number of children referred to in 1954 as compared to earlier figures for the two years and one and a half year periods. "In fact the total for the area for 1954, 114 children, is more than the total for the two year period, 1949-50, and almost as much as the 19 months period from January 1, 1948 thru July 1, 1949. The most valid comparison of course would be the population increase."

According to juvenile officials, the Cottage Grove area compares about the same as other communities in the county in the number of children referred to juvenile authorities. The following table comparing the number of referrals with the school population may be interesting.

Community	No. Chil.	School cen. '54
Cottage Grove	45	1985
Creswell	39	1056
Disston	3	143
Culp Creek	3	133
Saginaw	0	33
Lorane	2	221
London	1	153
Dorena	0	148

Community	No. Chil.	School cen. '50
Cottage Grove	51	1520
Creswell	21	977
Disston	4	156
Culp Creek	10	158
Saginaw	2	52
Lorane	0	221*
London	0	147
Dorena	2	150

* Dist. 19 no separate figures.

Traffic Accidents Are Fatal to 412 Oregonians in '54

Oregon traffic accidents claimed 412 lives during 1954. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reported Thursday.

This is an increase of 22 over the 1953 total, and the count may go still higher if persons now listed as injured should later die or if delayed fatality reports are received.

The worsened death record, Newberry said, came in spite of substantial decreases in the number of personal injuries and total accidents of all types. Through November, injuries and accidents were running 20 per cent below those reported at the same time a year ago.

Boosting the death toll in 1954 was a series of crashes that took several lives each. Thirty-six multiple-death accidents during the year killed a total of 91 persons, cancelling out earlier prospects for a much improved record all across the board.

The month-by-month death toll was 22 in January; 45, February; 21, March; 26, April; 34, May; 32, June; 33, July; 34, August; 38, September; 46, October; 35, November; and 46 in December. Worst months of the year were October and December, in each of which 46 fatalities were recorded as compared with 35 and 34 during the same months in 1953.

For example, while I was in Oregon an elderly man who lives in the southern part of our district told me he thought there was some mistake in the retirement payments he was receiving. He had been a railroad man. I took the matter up with the board which said, in part, "Mr. ———'s application was recently approved for an increased annuity and arrangements are being made to pay the accrued annuity."

Just before I left Oregon a veteran came to my office in Roseburg and asked me how to go about getting his check for an insurance payment refund. It seems that he had moved around quite a bit since his discharge from the service. Apparently the check sent out for such refund some years ago had never reached him. He is certainly entitled to the refund so I am having the Veterans Administration investigate the matter. I think the young man will get his money.

Also, right now, believe it or not, I am trying to locate a small boat in Navy surplus for the Oregon State Police. They need such a craft in their work along the Oregon coast.

So, you see, your Congressman manages to keep busy! The ones mentioned above are just a few of dozens of such problems that I am working on constantly.

I have moved my office to the first floor of the New House Office Building. The number is now 1130. By coincidence rather than by any plan, Congressman Norblad's office is only two doors away from mine.

Christine Dunham

Christine May Dunham, Lorane Route, Cottage Grove, died at a rest home near Eugene on Sunday, January 16, at the age of 76 years. She was born Christine Clemmons, May 7, 1878, in Wisconsin, and was married to Walter S. Dunham, who preceded her in death 18 years ago.

Surviving are one son, Ray Dunham, Cottage Grove; two daughters: Zoe Elder, Hebron, N. D. and Eva Holder, Leadville, Colo., five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Mills Mortuary.

Alfred B. Cochran

Alfred Bruce Cochran, age 64, died at his home on Route 1, Cottage Grove, Monday, January 17. He was born in Kansas, March 7, 1890, and lived in Colorado for many years. On June 14, 1925, he was married at Tingley, Iowa, to Helen Boyd, who survives him. They came to Cottage Grove from Fairbrook, Calif., nine years ago. Mr. Cochran was a member of the Dorena Grange and the Cottage Grove Elks lodge.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Bruce Cochran, Cottage Grove; one daughter, Mrs. Jean Franklin, Gardena, Calif.; two granddaughters; one brother and four sisters: Jim Cochran, Fannie Rees, Hattie Mack, Anna Long and Mary Watkins, all in California.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, at 1:30 p.m., at Mills Mortuary with Vicar L. H. Young officiating. Burial will be in the local Masonic cemetery.

Log Prices Reach Record High Level in Many Localities

Log prices in the extreme north and south end of the Willamette valley reached a new peak last week according to F. H. Dahl, extension agricultural economist at the Oregon State College. Prices that were considered bootleg in 1951 are prevailing today. Camp run prices are from \$5.00 to \$8.00 higher than in 1951, the highest on record in the Oregon State College.

Sawlogs: No. 2 second growth ranged from \$36.00 to \$50.00 at valley mills. Peeler logs were mostly \$75.00 and \$100.00 per thousand.

Joe Plueard

Joe Plueard, 82, Culp Creek, died January 17 at a hospital in Eugene. He was born January 7, 1873, at Woodburn, Oregon, and had been a resident of Oregon his entire life, coming to this vicinity in 1912. He was married November 23, 1912, to August, to Grace Wilson, who preceded him in death in 1953.

Survivors include the following children: Thelma Vaughn, Dorothy McGrew and Dean Plueard, all of Culp Creek; Mildred Cummings, Kernville, and David with the U. S. Army, Fort Ord, Calif.; one brother, John, Sutterlin; three sisters: Dora Jeffers, Crook; Opha Sanders, Springfield, and Anna Eusted, Red Bluff, Calif., and 19 grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 19, at Mills Mortuary, with the Rev. Kenneth Brightwell officiating. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery.

Baby Robert Fraser

Robert Paul Fraser, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Fraser of Eugene, died Friday, January 14. He was born in Eugene on November 22, 1954. Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, Wally, at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Fraser, Cottage Grove and Mrs. Anna Turner, Eugene; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Nixon, Fullerton, Calif., and Ferris Fraser, Cottage Grove.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 17, at the IOOF cemetery with F. Sherwood Smith officiating. Mills Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

There are 18 1/2 million home gardens in the U.S. today.



January 13, 1955

To the Editor:
Now you good people in Cottage Grove, put on your rose colored glasses. The county has fixed the West Main Street bridge again—painted a nice yellow strip and put some other markers up. Now if you have a good imagination, the bridge is wider and straighter—like so much!

What is it going to take to get this job done correctly? Maybe a serious wreck and some people killed or hurt.

Hugh Aldrich
Route 1, Box 90

BOX 66.
We people who live at Blackbutte and London, also on the Blackbutte Route at this end of the road, have a traffic hazard which has worried us all for several years. That is the speeding of logging and gravel trucks, also pickups and cars on the W. A. Woodard Lumber Company private road which crosses the county road three times between Blackbutte and London, a distance of about four miles.

Two of the crossings have stop signs on the logging road, and some of the trucks stop at those, but I have seen very few without even slowing down.

The most dangerous crossing is near the Blackbutte post office, as visibility is poor from the county road because of trees and the background along the river. That crossing has only slow signs on it but I have seen very few trucks or other traffic on the logging road slow down. There have been numerous occasions when cars on the county road crossing the private road have come close to being hit by the speeding trucks. I myself had a close call at one time, only good brakes saved me from being hit. Also our mail carrier has had some narrow escapes. We have made complaints to the logging company also to the State Safety commission, but nothing has stopped the speeding.

Finally what everyone up here has feared has happened. Last Tuesday, January 11, my husband, Fred L. Mills, was driving towards home when his car was struck by a loaded rock truck at the crossing near Blackbutte postoffice, which is our home. His car was struck on the right front, completely turned around and faced the other way, being demolished. The truck was overturned; result two men spent several days in the hospital. Neither man was seriously hurt but it will be considerable time before results are known and recovery completed.

We called the State Police in Eugene to investigate the accident but to my knowledge none has come. So we seemed to get no cooperation there.

Late in the afternoon a member of the logging company told Daniel John Mills that he had received permission from Eugene to move the truck from their road as the logging road was completely

blocked, thus holding up their trucks, etc.

Apparently there has been no slowing down of traffic on the logging road. Everything goes speeding by.

There may be signs placed for stopping, but unless there is enforcement, and cooperation by the logging company, the signs will not stop the speeding.

LILLIAN E. MILLS

January 17, 1955
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To the Editor:
There seems to be a great deal of agitation throughout the county in regard to the anti-social activities of certain elements of the teen-age group. Police organizations, courts, welfare and social workers, PTA's and committees of Congress are anxiously considering the matter but are unable to agree on a solution. The future of America may rest on the answer.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated recently that juvenile delinquency is rapidly on the increase. The Bible says, "Bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." That seems to throw the responsibility primarily on the parents. Perhaps the following poem from an unknown author might pinpoint the matter.

Could This Be YOU?
Which way are YOU leading them?

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away from the fold.
In the parable Jesus told:
A grown up sheep that had gone astray
From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out on the hilltop, in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought;
And back to the flock, safe into the fold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long
And earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger, if they go wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray;
When the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.

Sincerely yours,
F. J. PATTEE

To the Editor:
Dear Sir:
I read your editorial in the Sentinel dated January 13 under the title of "Rough Time Ahead for Business."

You certainly have very well stated the problem and have done a fine job in analyzing that business is in for a rough time. I wish every editor would take a personal interest in our tax problems and express them as you have.

LORAN L. STEWART

A life of pleasure makes even the strongest mind frivolous at last.—Edward Bulwer-Lytton.

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