

A brief history of the State of Jefferson:

The “State of Jefferson, has received recent media attention reviving secessionism which actually dates back to 1854 establishing an area north of the fortieth parallel that would take in the area known in the Gold Rush vernacular as the “northern mines”, which quickly faded to obscurity in its day.

So Jefferson would lay dormant well into the twentieth century until on Oct. 2nd, 1941 a group of citizens led by Port Orford Mayor Gilbert Gable presented and gained support with a Curry County

Court Session making the case for separating from Oregon gaining alliance with California. Their argument was what they felt was gross negligence at state officials for not developing the county’s allegedly rich mineral resources at a time of increasing metal demand for national defense. The court joined the cause by naming a commission to study the procedure for a territorial transfer. Territorial divorce has a powerful historic association which can easily and assuredly draw an audience. Thus it was carried in the New York Times

on Oct. 4th that “Curry County is Planning to Secede”. Oregon officials had little concern or interest in the wild talk down in the southwest corner of the state.* The State of California had received no word of any of this, but California’s governor, Culbert Olson, remarked that he was “glad to know they think enough of California to want to join it”. The high school students in Port Orford weighed in, somewhat in disagreement, making the statement that “they wanted the mineral resources for future generations so they could suc-

cessfully fight world war three and they also did not want to have to go through a ‘bug station’ every time they would return from Bandon.” The seriousness of the movement was further mingled with farce in the campaign when “The Oregon Cavemen’ a civic group brought together to publicize The Oregon Caves, announced on Oct 3rd that “common forces be joined” to form a mid pacific empire independent of California and Oregon. “The Tribe” brought forth the following points in support of the new state of Cavemania;

a rather convoluted history of this political movement

1. Siskiyou County sought to join Oregon in 1940.
2. Curry County desires to join California,
3. Del Norte County is “still hopping mad over an old reference in the Sacramento Legislature that they barter only ‘bear claws and eagle beaks.”
4. Josephine County, Oregon, through its membership in the Redwood Empire exhibits as a California county in various expositions and fairs.

Thus, the Tribe’s Chief Bighorn, E.K Mille, pronounced to the Curry court,

“We welcome you by your official proposal for secession as fully qualified Cavemaniacs.”

So being a bit at odds with each other, where Curry wants to join Calif. Much of this was driven to publicize its mineral resources which was accomplished in the media attention it received and Cavemania, desirous of its own state, the movement would then shift to Del Norte and Siskiyou County

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Aging and disability resources are available

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The Rogue Valley Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) offers one phone number and one web site, with a new resource guide, to access information and assistance from a variety of providers. The service will also provide counselors to visit with people one-on-one to help them figure out solutions for issues associated with aging and disabilities.

Dave Toler, Director for Senior and Disability Services (SDS) for the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) states, “When we’re talking about the number of people who have parents who are aging, know a church member or neighbor who is aging, are aging themselves, or who have experienced a disability, we are talking about most of the people living in the Rogue Valley today.”

“This new website is one easy gateway to a wide spectrum of re-

sources and services at no cost. And it’s available to anyone regardless of income.” Toler explains. “This can be an incredibly valuable resource for adult children with aging parents or younger people faced with disabilities. And since we are part of a network of over 450 ADRCs nationwide, we can be a valuable resource even if the person needing the resources lives somewhere else.”

Whether the needed services are assistance in the home, cognitive evaluations, meals on wheels, end of life assistance, counseling or other support services, the ADRC system can help.

To learn which services are available in a particular region, go to: www.ADRCofoOregon.org. Those unable to access the internet can call 1-855-673-2372 and provide their own zip code. The call is then automatically routed to their nearest ADRC anywhere in the country.

Long term aging and disability services are organized into six main categories: help in the home; care-

giver resources; community health and social services; information, assistance and service coordination; and a list of licensed residential care facilities.

Each category includes a range of options. Users are encouraged to click on a category for a list of services that are available in most communities. This information can help system users make important decisions and find providers, resources, and support.

Under “Help in the Home,” seniors and people with disabilities can receive services while living in their own homes. These services include personal assistance, companionship, nursing tasks and help with house-keeping. Home-delivered meals can also be arranged. Services may include help with: mobility, bathing, dressing and personal hygiene, getting to and from the bathroom, house-keeping and laundry, meal preparation, medical assistance, shopping and transportation.

“Community Health and So-

cial Services” includes: meal and transportation programs, adult day care, senior centers and programs to manage chronic conditions to offer support for individuals who live independently. People often use a combination of community-based services and in-home support to maintain independence.

“Caregiver Resources” helps identify caregiver respite and support, grief recovery services, and caregiver education. “Information & Assistance and Service Coordination” covers available care management, help with Medicare, legal assistance and abuse prevention. The local Area Agency on Aging, can be a good source of additional information.

“Licensed Residential Care Facilities” are inspected and monitored by Department of Human Services, Seniors and People with Disabilities and Area Agency on Aging offices. Options include adult foster homes, memory care communities, assisted living facilities and residential care facilities. All Oregon licensed facili-

ties must provide: three meals a day plus snacks, housekeeping, laundry, 24-hour supervision, and planned activities. Help must be provided for dressing and personal grooming, bathing, toileting, walking, transferring from wheelchairs to bed, medications and finding transportation.

“Nursing Facilities” are licensed by the Department of Human Services, Seniors and People with Disabilities; and are required to meet both federal and state regulations. Nursing facilities are most appropriate for people who need 24-hour medical oversight and a protective/structured setting. Residents may have medical and behavioral needs that cannot be met in other care settings. Most residents must share their room. Space is limited, but residents are allowed to bring personal items to encourage a more home-like atmosphere. Services offered in nursing facilities also include: on-site physical rehabilitation, recuperation after hospitalization for serious illness or surgery, and end-of-life care.

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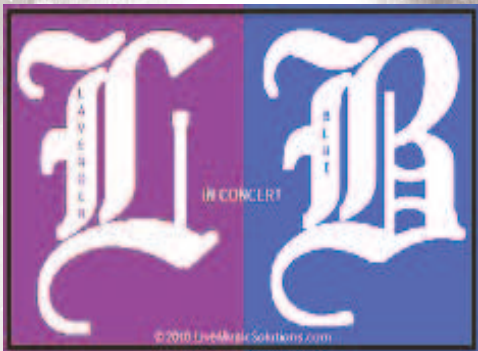
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