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“We have met the enemy, and he is us.”

Pogo

As it always happens, when you make a decision based on logic, reality proves you wrong. Case in point; Last month due to space considerations, etc. we left out the ad for Oregon Books (the wonderful bookstore in Newport, Oregon that deals only in books by Oregon writers, or about Oregon). Karma being what it is the next day we were shown the latest publication from Saddle Mountain Press (these are one in the same person; Darlene Dube'. Darlene published the second edition of *Uncle Mike's Guide to the Real Oregon Coast* and if truth be known, the first edition of *Letters to Uncle Mike*, though she allowed it to be printed under the Left Coast Group logo.)

The Oregon Book, information A to Z by Connie Hopkins Battaile, (\$29.95 Saddle Mountain Press) is a hefty 673 pages, (the bibliography alone runs 33 pages, and is a resource in itself) with 3,500 answers to your questions about Oregon.

Gerry Frank, Oregon booster, political gadabout, and Oregonian columnist calls it, "perhaps the Oregon book.", and Lewis L. McArthur, author of *Oregon Geographical Names*, (which has been the Oregon book since 1928) calls it, "A remarkable compilation."

This is not just some dry list of facts and figures. You can go skipping through this volume following cross reference after cross reference, and start to see quit clearly why Oregon is like it is. For visitors and natives alike there are nuggets information they have never seen before, some delightful, some shameful. It makes one proud to find that a black family was granted it's freedom from slavery by an Oregon court in 1853. It is embarrassing to read that in 1857 89% of Oregon voters voted to exclude blacks from the new state. The arrangement of the information by categories makes it easy to find stuff you want and fun to learn what you didn't think of looking for, for example, we learned that the oldest business still operating in Oregon is the Oregonian, started in 1850, the oldest family business is Holmans Funeral Home, 1854, and the oldest restaurant is Huber's, 1879 (Ah, Huber's!!!, sigh.). And did you know that the Reed College fight song goes, "Hegel, Kant, Marx, Spinoza! C;mon Reed, hit 'em in the nosa!"?

Your beloved rev. loves history, like some folks love chocolate and this is a fifty pound heart shaped box of history, ancient and current. It also has geography, geology, wildlife and politics down pat, and even has a couple of maps. You can find it at Amazon.com on the internet, or in a bookstore near you. On the coast you can get it at The Oregon Bookstore, Cannon Beach Books, and Jupiter's Rare and Used Books, because we feel this is a 'rare' book that will be well 'used'. Thanks Darlene.

There are only two ways of telling the complete truth - anonymously and posthumously.
Thomas Sowell

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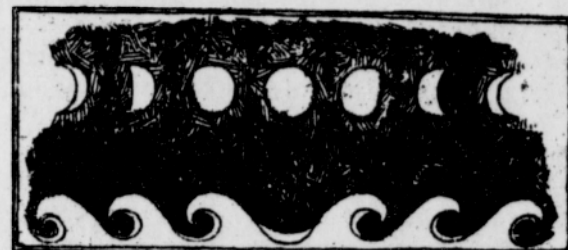
As we watch our world move into fall, we see the political temperature rise, in the face of the November election. Other temperatures also seem to be rising, as global warming melts the glaciers from Antarctica to Alaska. Politics either exasperates or bores the average American. Only a small percentage of us will vote come November. We've all been talking about politics all summer, but only because sex was involved. Nobody talks about global warming down at the local tavern. Unless the tavern happens to be on a low lying Pacific island, or maybe in the Netherlands. Folks feel that they can't make a difference. Well, folks somebody is making a difference and it is affecting your lives and the lives of your children and grandchildren. We make a huge difference by our indifference. We play with our toys, work ourselves to death, & consume to the point of obesity. Meanwhile things get ugly. What's to be done? Well, Kurt Vonnegut gives a list of seven things we must do in his book "Fates Worse Than Death" and we thought it might help to reprint them here.

1. Reduce and stabilize your population.
2. Stop poisoning the air, the water, and the topsoil.
3. Stop preparing for war and start dealing with your real problems.
4. Teach your kids, and yourselves, too, while you're at it, how to inhabit a small planet without helping to kill it.
5. Stop thinking science can fix anything if you give it a trillion dollars.
6. Stop thinking your grandchildren will be OK no matter how wasteful or destructive you may be, since they can go to a nice new planet on a spaceship. That is *really* mean and stupid.
7. And so on. Or else.

As our constant readers would guess we are quite fond of Rule Number Seven.

Yes, eventually the question becomes, "Am I part of the solution or the problem? Who is the enemy? Is it me? Am I it? Yes, is always the answer. "Tag, you're it." You're it. "Or else." Any questions?

Men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all the other alternatives.
Abba Eban



MOONS & TIDES

CORRECTED FOR PACIFIC BEACH TIDES

SEPTEMBER - Tides

WASHINGTON AND OREGON COAST TIDES
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

DATE	HIGH TIDES		LOW TIDES					
	time	ft.	time	ft.				
1 Tue	9:42	5.7	8:53	7.2	3:13	0.6	2:58	2.8
2 Wed	10:38	6.2	9:55	7.6	4:12	0.1	4:02	2.5
3 Thu	11:25	6.7	10:51	8.0	5:03	-0.3	4:50	2.0
4 Fri	0:07	7.2	11:43	8.3	5:48	-0.7	5:50	1.5
5 Sat			12:47	7.6	6:31	-1.0	6:39	0.9
6 Sun	0:33	8.5	1:25	8.0	7:11	-1.1	7:26	0.4
7 Mon	1:23	8.6	2:03	8.4	7:51	-1.0	8:13	-0.1
8 Tue	2:12	8.4	2:41	8.6	8:31	-0.7	9:01	-0.4
9 Wed	3:04	8.1	3:20	8.7	9:12	-0.2	9:51	-0.6
10 Thu	3:58	7.6	4:02	8.7	9:56	0.4	10:46	-0.5
11 Fri	4:57	7.0	4:49	8.4	10:43	1.0	11:46	-0.3
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