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Movement Launched To Form New State In Union

California Counties Swing Behind Curry

Formation of the 49th state of the union composed of Curry county, Ore., and Del Norte and Siskiyou counties, Calif., was proposed at a meeting of representatives of the three counties at Yreka, Calif., Monday. It also was proposed that in addition to Curry Siskiyou, and Del Norte counties that Modoc county, Calif., and Jackson and Josephine counties in Oregon, join in the separation move.

Confronted by a resolution adopted by the Yreka Chamber of Commerce calling for a study by counties of southern Oregon and northern California on the advisability of creating a new state, the Siskiyou board of supervisors appointed a special commission to collaborate with Curry and Del Norte counties and appropriated money for a survey report. Members of the commission are: O. G. Steele, district manager for the California-Oregon Power company, chairman; Peter H. Tolman, George Milne, J. P. Maginnis, Gordon Jacobs, chairman of board of supervisors.

Mayor Gilbert E. Gable of Port Orford and Elmer Bankus, Brookings, of the Curry county special commission attended the meeting of representative citizens at the Yreka Inn. All but J. J. McNamara of the Del Norte commission also was present. Among others present were Randolph Collier, state senator; Fred Burton, Paul Denny, supervisor; C. A. Turner, president of the Chamber of Commerce; A. E. Stevens of the Standard Oil Co.; and C. A. Gustafson, district superintendent of the Siskiyou National Forest.

Sponsors of the move charge that their counties have been refused development of extremely rich ore deposits and badly needed highways and secondary roads.

"We are well aware of the tremendous deposits of chromite, manganese, copper, iron and other vital defense minerals which underlie this area," was the statement of one of the special commissioners. "Curry, Del Norte and Siskiyou counties alone, and without considering the other border counties, involve a territory of nearly 6,000,000 acres, and are larger than the state of Massachusetts, where our forefathers fired the first American shot against taxation without representation. . . we have some idea of our own about the vigorous and energetic manner in which we should handle the development of these vast resources of emergency minerals which are so necessary to the government and the nation in this time of need."

HEALTH GROUP HOLDS MEET

The north Curry county Health association heard a lot about foods and vitamins at a meeting at Sixes Grange hall Tuesday night.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Maloy, Chairman of the Community Health Association and recorded by Mrs. Douglas Johnson, acting secretary.

Of major interest was a "Protective Foods for Vitamins" display put on by the Port Orford high school under the supervision of Mrs. Alice M. Boak and her home economics class.

Mrs. Gilbert Gable, county chairman of the Nutrition Council made an appeal for volunteers in each community to urge better diets. County Agent R. M. Knox spoke on home gardens, stating that 100 percent of the farmers had signed an agreement to grow more adequate gardens in Curry county in 1942.

The school lunch program and the means by which it is sponsored and a district dental program also were discussed.

RAIN STARTS CURRY STREAMS ON RAMPAGE

Northern Curry county streams went on a rampage last Friday night in the wake of the storm that lashed Port Orford intermittently for several days. Damage to the new fish hatchery under construction below Humbug mountain was reported when flooded Brush creek carried away several lengths of wood pipe and ripped out rearing pond dams. The Sixes and Elk rivers piled out of their banks in some places, inundating low lands but doing little damage.

At the new Sixes store, where C. C. Woodworth reports the highest water in his 13 years of residence, the Sixes flooded meadows along the highway and the basement of the Grange hall, forcing cancellation of the dance scheduled for last Saturday night.

The peak of the Sixes flood was reached Saturday forenoon and the stream dropped swiftly, although the Elk continued to rise for several hours.

RED CROSS ROLL DRIVE STARTED

"The American Red Cross stands behind the navy," Secretary of Navy told the American people on Armistice Day.

"Will the people of Curry county stand behind the Red Cross?" is the question asked by the county Red Cross Roll committee.

The goal of the Roll Call drive in Curry county is 658 members. Each pays into the treasury one dollar or more. Fifty cents of this goes to the National Red Cross. The balance remains in the chapter treasury.

The chapter appeals to you to assist in spreading among the folk of Curry county the message that every one is needed on the Roll this year and that membership in the American Red Cross and the wearing of a Red Cross pin do help humanity and U. S. defense.

Mrs. Jack Hames, local treasurer, recalls that during the year 1941 to date, in the Gold Beach division of the county chapter \$199.09 was spent for defense and war relief alone. The chapter must continue to purchase materials such as wool for Red Cross knitting and material for surgical dressings, and other expenses incident to the defense program and to the care of the million and a half boys in the service. The people of Curry county will all respond if they recognize the importance of the drive and the actual national need for Red Cross membership.

Officers of the county chapter are Dr. W. A. Cartwright, Pres.; Mary Hames, Sec'y-Treas.; Herbert R. Dewart, Chairman Roll Call Drive.

If anyone is missed by the chapter solicitors they can get their pin and card from any one of these above named officers, or C. W. Noyes or Dr. D. E. Baird at Port Orford or Raymond Wood at Brookings.

DOG LOVERS AROUSED

Dog lovers of Port Orford were up in arms Saturday when a wounded dog was rescued from drowning in Garrison lake. The brute's feet had been tied and it had been struck on the head. Its pitiful cries attracted several homeward bound citizens and it was pulled from the water by Jack Crum and Ralph Baird. Authorities were notified and a search was launched for the miscreant who had left the injured brute to drown.

More than 232,000 tons of scrap rails have been left imbedded in city streets of the United States it is estimated. Plans are being made to salvage this scrap for national defense.

HEADING FOR HOME

The Robert Meyers left Little River, Kan., for Detroit last Friday night, according to word received by Mrs. Laurence Koch. In the Michigan metropolis they will pick up a new car and drive to Port Orford where they expect to remain for a time. The Meyers write they are anxious to get away from the cold and snow of Kansas, where they were called recently by the illness of a relative.

It is estimated that nearly 19,000,000 man-years of labor will be required to complete the defense program already set up by Congressional appropriations.

WE KNOW HOW COME NOW . . .

Often wondered "how come" the expression "so-and-so just BLEW IN." After the sou'easter of last week, we know now. And it can apply to anything from lumber piles and window panes to light-weight men and women. For instance . . . at a certain store in Port Orford during the height of last Thursday's gale, a lady started to enter. She got in all right . . . propelled by a sudden stern wind that spilled her across the store and beached her on a counter in the rear. Two men and a boy finally got the door shut, but not before the store had shipped several barrels of water. The lady was salvaged from among the special sale items.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Thur. 6	74	52	0
Fri. 8	73	46	02
Sat. 8	65	52	0
Sun. 9	60	55	0
Tue. 11	64	53	051
Mon. 10	61	55	0
Wed. 12	59	47	02
Thur. 14	59	54	3.95
Fri. 15	60	51	2.40
Sat. 16	59	51	4.00
Sun. 17	53	42	0.76
Mon. 18	55	36	0.27

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Cooperative Observer

Howdy, Neighbor . . .

by Francis W. Hilton

Remember the days when we were kids . . . how at church socials we used to hang around the "fish pond" with hungry eyes? Pay five cents and get to dangle a stick with a line and a bent pin hook behind a sheet! Always hoping for a diamond-studded watch . . . and getting exactly five cents worth of knick-knacks.

Age doesn't seem to cure the fish pond habit. For most of us are still dangling imaginary lines behind imaginary sheets . . . trying for the impossible . . . hoping that some day our hook will come up loaded with soupfin shark livers that weigh 1,000 pounds (at \$8.50 per pound).

So let's dangle our line in the fish pond of mail this week . . . letters received by the Port Orford POST from folks who want to know about this country. (I also snatched off a few from the Chamber of Commerce.) Let's have a look.

"I was advised by a Monterey, Calif., fisherman that you may be able to help me find three or four of those large colored glass balls used as floaters by Japanese fishermen. If you know where I might be able to purchase them will you please write me. I am:

"Yours truly,
"Mrs. C. M. N."

Japanese floats are becoming scarce, and probably will be listed as contraband before long as they come into this country duty-free and without benefit of customs inspection. They can be found (if there are any) along the beaches of Curry county after high water or a stiff wind. Your letter has been turned over to a firm which has them for sale.

"Astoria, Ore.

"Have you at this time a location for business . . . light hardware and 5-10-15 cent store? I am looking for a location . . . have you a farming district, etc?

"Yours truly,
"W. A. D."

Port Orford has a light hardware and variety store, also a straight variety and notion store. However, other lines are wide open. As the heart of the Port Orford cedar empire, the center of vast mineral resources and with the deepest natural harbor in a thousand miles of coastline, Port Orford's progress is assured. Farming, dairying, lumbering and sheep-raising are the principal industries. Curry county wool annually commands a premium for its quality.

"Melin, Ore.

"I am a representative of the seventh grade of the Merrill junior high. We are studying south Oregon ocean resorts and would like to receive any literature which you may have concerning Port Orford.

"Yours truly,
"W. F."

The Chamber of Commerce now has in course of preparation a brochure which will set forth the scenic attractions of southwestern Oregon. As for resorts Curry county offers excellent accommodations for hunters, fishermen or vacationists.

In the mail bag was a copy of The Associated Circle, trade publication of the Associated Telephone company of California. One picture stands out like Humbug mountain on the Oregon coastline. It's a picture of California pisano Walter Stackhouse and his son, Wyman, taken in front of the Casino last August. They had just returned from fishing on the Rouge with Clyde Miller. Wait, who tops the scales at 200, is shown weighted down with his catch (a six pounder.) Wyman, who weighs a couple of times as much as four muskies, is bearing up under HIS fish, which weighed 27 pounds.

Wait had some tough breaks while vacationing here with his family in August. He wanted to catch a big fish. But . . . son Wyman caught the big one. Wait is a

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Here's Your Second Memory-Tester



The Port Orford POST's "Old-timer Guessing contest" got away with a bang. And from the way answers are rolling in it's going to be a photo finish.

And here's more good news for contesting neighbors. ADDITIONAL PRIZES WILL BE OFFERED WEEKLY. In addition to the \$3 award by the POST for the winning answer to the picture published Nov. 14, WEAVER'S ASSOCIATED will give the winner a complete car lubrication job FREE of charge. Card entitling winner to FREE lubrication job will be presented with cash award.

This week's picture is a group of six Port Orford old-timers.

How many can you name? In addition to \$3 awarded by the POST for the most nearly correct answer, DOWDELL'S SHELL SERVICE will present the winner with a car crank-case drain and a fill-up with that unsurpassable four duty GOLDEN SHELL OIL.

Here's your second memory-tester, neighbors . . . with a cash award and a crank case fill waiting the winner. Second place wins a \$2 award. Get your answers in early. Here are the rules of the contest:

Only subscribers can compete. Only one answer from each subscriber. You can enter the contest by subscribing to the POST for one year . . . price \$2.00.

All entries must be mailed with your name and address on envelope. Envelope will be timed on arrival in POST office. In case of identical answers, the first answer into the office will win. Send subscription remittance and answer in SEPARATE envelopes. All entries will be opened the evening of Jan. 30 and winners will be announced in the special 91st anniversary edition of the Port Orford POST Feb. 1.

Get in on the fun, neighbors! Your guess is as good as the other fellow's. How many of these old-timers can you name? Write their names down and RUSH them to the Port Orford POST . . . it may mean money for you.

HERE'S AN IDEA FOR PORT ORFORD

Leonard (Shorty) Guild, Generalissimo of the Kitchen at the Seaside Grill has a good idea. He serves a dish of Curry county cranberries with every meal. Home-grown cranberries! To travelers passing through Port Orford, that dish of HOME-GROWN cranberries is a treat. And there is no better way to advertise Curry county products to folk who stop in Port Orford for a meal.

Curry county fish are already internationally known. Yet, strangely, we at home eat little fish and our markets handle only the fish that the customers ask for . . . usually fresh salmon.

Curry county annually ships hundreds of dozens of juicy crabs. Yet the consumption of crabs in Port Orford is negligible. Salmon is eaten to some extent . . . but only as it is taken fresh from the Sixes, the Rogue or the harbor. Ling cod, red snappers and what our local fishermen call "scrap fish" go begging. Why? Other parts of these United States less fortunate than this county which supplies its own living to man, would welcome even a single meal of the fish that Port Orford spurns as food.

Some neighbor has suggested: "Eat fish for defense." Well . . . defense isn't that vital yet, perhaps. But there should be AND IS a market for every fish brought into Port Orford by every commercial fisherman.

Started with cranberries . . . wound up with fish. But we have so much of those things other folk in other parts of the country consider delicacies we've got to find a way to share them.

More than 1,000,000 persons participated in the recent National Defense aluminum collection campaign.

NIXON REVEALS WORK DONE IN CURRY COUNTY

That the Canyon City, Ore., chromite area, is considered second in importance only to Montana deposits, already being operated under huge federal contracts, was the revelation made this week by Earl K. Nixon, director of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

"I talked the (chromite) situation over thoroughly recently with a high official of the U. S. Geological Survey who visited my office," Nixon said in a letter to Mayor Gilbert E. Gable. "He is the man in charge of the strategic minerals program of the U. S. G. S. He practically assured me that they considered the Canyon City area in Oregon No. 2 in importance as regards chromites to the Montana deposits which are very substantial indeed."

Summing up the work his department has done in Curry county, Nixon stated that during 1937-38, J. E. Morrison, engineer of the department of Geology and Mineral Industries, made several trips to Curry county at the request of miners and prospectors for the purpose of inspecting and sampling mineral prospects. He also made three or more trips to the Mule creek district, the Eden Ridge coal district and the Iron Mountain area, the latter in the interest of iron and chromite.

During 1938 (and previous) John Allen, geologist of the department spent considerable time in the coast range mountains of Curry county examining and reporting on chrome deposits . . . During 1938-40-41, R. C. Treacher, field geologist, made several trips to various points in Curry county . . . visiting mineral properties including lode gold, chromite, manganese, black sand, coal and dredge prospects near Agness.

Nixon stated, he personally, has made a number of trips to Curry

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