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THE DEVIOUS SIGNS OF PROGRESS—

How devious are the signs of progress. Many an Oregonian last Sunday participated in the "final run" celebration of the S. P. & S. railroad's passenger train from Portland to Seaside. Yet it was only a half century or so ago that even greater numbers were celebrating the establishment of that run and viewing it as a sign of progress.

The ending of the Portland-Seaside railway passenger run is just as certainly a sign of progress as was the inauguration of the run years ago. The difference is that the progress today has brought greater benefits to greater numbers of people than did the first passenger run to the coast. Where the run meant pleasure and business convenience to hundreds of people, the sleek automobiles and busses of today traveling over fine public-supported highways bring far greater convenience to thousands of people today. Many times more people travel to the coast on more frequent occasions today than in years past. They do it in less time than by train and they make the trip at whatever hour of the day or night meets their convenience or their mood. Certainly the cars and busses, yes and airplanes, that transport those people of today are signs of progress just as was the run of the first passenger train.

Yet the very sign of progress today blacks out the light of the sign of yesteryear's advances. Devious indeed, are the signs of progress.

HELP FIGHT POLIO—

The annual March of Dimes is now under way. It's a program to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation which uses it to fight this dread disease. Everyone knows the tragedy which polio brings to those afflicted with it. Everyone knows that great strides have been made in curing the affliction and that today many boys and girls and young men and women are able to walk and function as normal human beings who would have been cripples for life if it were not for the work done with funds raised through the March of Dimes.

Let's spread happiness in the place of sorrow by contributing now to the March of Dimes.

WE'RE FOR POTATO GROWERS—

We're for the potato growers in their fight against the roll back of prices recently announced by the OPS. That is, we're for the old-fashioned, honest growers of tubers who have made potato growing their business year in and year out. We're not for the Johnny-Come-Latelies who jumped into the potato growing business and specialized in raising water-loaded spuds in order to get a bigger cut in federal potato subsidy money and kept at it until their racket became so obvious to the general public that subsidies had to be cut out.

The old-time potato growers were the only ones who remained in the business after the subsidies were eliminated. Naturally, acreage of potatoes planted decreased and brought up lower total production. But it did put the potato business on a solid foundation.

The resulting price increase is just as tough on us as the next one, but we can get along with a few less spuds in our diet and actually benefit by it by not having to worry so much about our waste line. If OPS had let potato prices alone, acreage planted to potatoes would have jumped and production increased plenty within the next year to automatically roll back the price. In the meantime, potato growers of Oregon alone stand to lose out on some \$3,000,000 in income which they would have enjoyed this year without interference from OPS. It was their opportunity to recoup tremendous losses suffered only a year ago when potato prices hit rock bottom and the tubers were a glut on the market.

The facts are that the government, through its subsidies and nonsensical handling of the so-called potato price stabilization program in the past all but wrecked the potato growing industry and now it expects the veteran potato growers to pay the cost of its mistakes.

Moreover, the action of OPS is on the direct line of repeating the situation which earlier brought about the payment of potato subsidies. It seems that the spud men, the real ones that is, can't win so long as the government insists on sticking its nose into their planting and marketing programs. Neither can the other producers of farm products, fruits, etc.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING GAINS—

It was both interesting and gratifying to this column to hear Sen. Richard Neuberger expound in favor of a program of legislative districting in Multnomah and other populous counties of Oregon when he spoke at a joint meeting of the Gresham Rotary and Kiwanis clubs at The Center in Gresham last Thursday night. It was equally interesting and gratifying to note that two days later the Republican Clubs of Oregon, in their annual convention in Portland, passed resolutions favoring the same type of program.

The gratification comes, of course, from the fact that this newspaper has long espoused the cause of electing members of the state legislature in populous counties on a district basis as a means of getting a higher quality of representation and of providing direct representation for the rural and suburban districts which now must accept whatever slate of legislatures is foisted upon them by the big population centers of the counties, such as Portland, Salem and Eugene.

Neither the endorsement of Sen. Neuberger or the resolving of the Oregon Republican Clubs on this matter is new. Both have consistently advocated such changes in Oregon laws as are necessary to bring about legislative districting.

The fact that Sen. Neuberger is a democratic leader and the Oregon Republican Clubs, composed of a large segment of members of that party, both subscribe to such a program should indicate at once that it is not a partisan measure and thus is entitled to whole-hearted support of both parties.

The big difficulty in bringing this change about is, of course, the fact that present members of the legislature are not inclined to vote themselves out of office by setting up new election procedures which would certainly mean that some of them would lose out.

Citizens of suburban districts may find some chance of gaining the right they should have by demanding of every candidate for a legislative post next year a solemn pledge to support changes in our statutes which will provide for election of legislators in populous counties on a district basis rather than by the present county-wide method of selection, and by lending their support only to such candidates as will make such a pledge. The alternative is for suburban and rural residents to organize themselves into such a strong and harmonious political force that they can put up a few candidates from their own areas and make such a fight for them as to insure their election. In this, they will find considerable help—as well as some strong opposition—from the big population centers of their counties. There are large numbers of fair-minded voters in the cities who recognize the injustice of our present system of electing legislators and who would gladly join in a campaign to give the right of more direct representation to other sections of their home counties. It is too much to hope or expect that they will initiate such a campaign. The initiative must come from those in the areas now being discriminated against. It is up to people like you, the readers of this newspaper, to take the first steps if you truly desire the kind of representation you should have in legislative halls and if you want to do a better job of being a citizen by bringing about a situation which would make it possible for you to know the attributes of character and ability of the candidates from whom you must select your legislators.

Wonder if California will want to release its option on the water of the Columbia river now that there have been some big floods down there and all the reservoirs are full again?

Many political writers now are predicting that Truman will not be a candidate for re-nomination at the democratic convention. We aren't going to hold our breath until their predictions are proved true.

Some good catches of steelhead have been made in the Sandy river in recent weeks. Maybe that stream will some day be returned to its former greatness as a fruitful place for anglers to cast their lures.

Russia may want an economic collapse in the United States to make it easy for the Reds to take over, but before that she wants to be sure that government handouts have been continued long enough to thoroughly demoralize the character of our people so they won't be able to "take it" if a tough depression comes.

America is growing up culturally. Last year people of this nation spent \$45,000,000 to hear "serious" music programs, such as opera, classical concerts, ballet interpretations and the like. That just about equalled the amount spent for popcorn in the movie theatres and it did surpass the \$40,000,000 spent to see professional baseball games.

Cities of Oregon have received a total of \$160,000 as their first allocation of profits from the state liquor system under the new Oregon law which provides that 5 percent of net liquor revenues shall go to cities for police enforcement of liquor laws. The distribution was made on a basis of 18.56 cents per capita for each resident of a city.

Sandy Junior IOOF To Be Instituted Jan. 26

By Bob Pullen

In the month of March in 1951 the senior Odd Fellows of Sandy tried to organize a junior IOOF lodge but with summer approaching the members eventually dropped out.

Regarding the unsuccessful attempt last year, the senior IOOF lodge started organizing the juniors again this year and through their non-stopping efforts have succeeded. There are now 37 members in the junior lodge and it is rapidly growing.

On Wednesday, January 3, the junior lodge held a meeting to elect advisors from the senior lodge. In close competition Fred Lehman was elected chief advisor, Allan Searls second advisor, Don McLean third advisor and Al Gunderson fourth advisor.

Holding offices for the junior lodge up to date are Chief Ruler Paul Bennett, vice president Leroy Russel, secretary Jim Limbaugh, treasurer, Bob Pullen; accountant Jim McCormick, inner sentinel, Jay Searls; outer sentinel, Allan Koehler; conductor, Udene Urban; warden, Pee Wee Gehrts, and chaplain, Paul Seematter.

The drill team for the lodge is Skippy Loundree, Dick Gray, Wayne Limbaugh, Udene Urban and Phil Tupper. The drill team is advised by Allan Searls. Pianist for the team is David Colt.

In the speech made by Freddy Lehman which stated, "Hitler started but did not finish, let's not follow his footsteps," they considered his speech and expect to keep the force moving. The junior lodge will be instituted by the Salem junior IOOF on Saturday, January 26. All who wish to come and witness the institution are welcome.

News From Bull Run ---

By Mrs. Tom Paul

Bull Run Club met at the Community hall this month with Alta Snow and Ruth Blevins as hostesses.

Visitors at the V. Dell Butler home Friday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Vern Van Ausdell and son John; niece Norma Lee Banta; Miss Annett Sherman of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stromberg and son; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Vaughtier and children of Aims. Also weekend visitors were cousins of Mrs. Butler from Toledo, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bogert.

Mrs. Mary Dorian of Sunderland, England, mother of Mrs. Charles Butler, is on her way home after spending seven months in America.

Mrs. Tom Paul is home after spending a week in Willamina helping her sister get settled. Mrs. Woods has bought a restaurant there and has moved down.

Miss Loraine Kunz of Portland spent the weekend with her mother, Irene Kunz.

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"Darling," asked the young bride after serving her first meal at home, "what will I get if I cook you a dinner like this every day for a year?"

"My life insurance. And it won't take a year."

Martin Clark has written a very suitable Greeting for his Christmas Cards next year. "You are a very dear and sweet girl. May the Lord bless you and keep you. I wish I could afford to."

We all like to have something to fall back on. Doc Schneider has and he landed on it the other day on the icy sidewalk.

Which makes us think of the evangelist who shouted, "There will be weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

An elderly lady stood up and yelled. "Sir, I have no teeth."

"Madam," roared the evangelist, "teeth will be provided."

The Bugle Quiz—

Last week's answer was Gold Medal Gum Lotion.

— This Week's Twister —

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