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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Slot machines, which have been a bone of contention in Oregon for years (and in other states for that matter) are coming up before the legislature this year, as one means of helping finance the state budget. Sounds a little bit cockeyed, doesn't it?

However, there is an analysis of the situation which might be revealing to the average citizen if he'd only think the thing to its conclusion. Did you ever stop to think who now owns the slot machines in Oregon? Some syndicate in Portland, I've often been told, and this syndicate has long reaped a harvest.

Slot machines if they are to be permitted at all, should be under direct control of the state, just the same as liquor, dog and horse racing, and prevent the control resting in hands of a few vicious men, living fat from the weaknesses of people.

According to reports coming to the attention of the press from Salem, this proposed legislation would vest the ownership of a slot machine in the business place it was shown. The state would maintain control of the machine, periodically open it and would take forty per cent as the state's cut, the owner of the machine to receive the remainder.

Such action on the part of the state would take control of this racket from this syndicate, and thereby reducing the greatest

part of the evil. I want it to be known, I wish there were a way to eliminate them entirely, but since there seems to be no way, the state could use this money to much better advantage than the gamblers.

Central and Eastern Oregon have long been "wide open" for slot machines, since the state left control of the machines up to the sheriff and district attorney. It doesn't take a brilliant mind to figure out who reaps a nice big "take" from operation of these slot machines. It seems to me that the state should take control, or entirely eliminate them.

I read with considerable interest the first of a series of articles supplied the Pilot by George Asdel, owner of the Oregon Berry Company, at Port Orford. He has studied this crop and is now in a position to defend any or all statements he may make.

Knowing Mr. Asdel as I do, and knowing how he came here right after the war was over, with an idea, and how he labored to build his nursery, my admiration for him is great. He has shown me his berries, and has specimen of other nurseries, to point out the difference in his way of propagation. He has such faith that he has staked his life and a lot of future on this phase of horticulture.

We are being solicited for the annual March of Dimes. Of all the campaigns of the year I believe I feel deeper toward this. Polio, respecter of no one, hits old or young, rich or poor alike. Treatment received from these funds are beyond the stretch of yours or my imagination.

All over the country hospitals gain funds from this source, so children may be given all necessary treatment quickly, thus reducing the ravages of the disease to their bodies. Regardless of the position of the parents, any child will receive the best possible care after being stricken.

We give so little toward this fund, but the whole nation has performed miracles from the inspiration and revenue. A child, as soon as pain can be reduced, actually keeps abreast with its class, because the school work

is taken to the hospital.

I personally know a few parents whose children have been stricken. None of these were financially able to afford the care and treatment given their children, most of whom are almost normal again, little worse physically from the terrifying experience. A dollar from every person really can do so much in this cause—give, two dollars each.

With The Churches

Baptist Community

Rev. Nick N. Neufeld, Pastor
O. C. Turley, Music Director
Jeanette Pierce, Sunday School Supt.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
Evening service at 7:30 p. m.
Young people at 7 p. m.
Bible study and prayer service, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Again our Sunday school has reached the 100 mark. We are encouraging more of the people of the community to come and attend the class for your age. We hope to reach the 150 mark by Easter.

The subject for the Sunday morning message will be: "Four attitudes toward sin." There is one thing that we must face and that is sin. There is not a person alive today who is without sin.

The young people have for the Sunday 6:30 p. m. topic: "Can I Take It?" Young people are encouraged to come because this meeting is for them.

The evening service at 7:30 is a time for the singing of the hymns you love.

Our Bible study on Wednesday evening at 7:30 is that we might know more about the Bible. Following our Bible study time is given for prayer, praying for the needs of the people and the entire world.

Christian Science Society

Services Sunday at 11 a. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall. The public is invited.

"Truth" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 23.

The golden text is, "Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and in truth" (Ps. 86:15).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32), together with the following correlative passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Truth brings the elements of liberty." (page 224).

Seventh Day Adventist

Sabbath School at 9:30 a. m.
Church service at 11 a. m.
Young people meet at 4 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting studies are being held by the pastor, Leo Van Dolson, on the Book of Revelation. Visitors are cordially invited to attend all services.

Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Rev. Fr. Babyak, Pastor
First Sunday of month at 12 noon.
All other Sundays at 8 a. m.

Curry County Mission of the Episcopal Church

Brookings: St. Timothy Chapel
Priest-in-charge, Rev. Fr. Lucie O. Ison (phone: study, 734; home 662, Gold Beach)
Service every Sunday at 4:00

p. m. On Saints' Days when announced. Chapel is across from high school. All are welcome.

Church school every Sunday at 10 a. m.

Smith River Methodist

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. Grace VanZee, supt.
Morning Worship at 11 a. m.
Rev. E. C. Hicks will deliver the sermon.

Stanley Colegrove Hurt In Accident

When about to start his new bulldozer, Sunday to begin work on a road, Stanley Colegrove suffered a very painful and possibly serious accident, and now is in the Crescent City hospital for treatment.

While many details are lacking, the Pilot learned that he stepped upon the end of a board, and the other end hit him on the cheek, fracturing the cheek bone although it missed his eye.

Report Tuesday said that the extent of the injury had not as yet been determined due to the swelling of the face.

Grass Fire Scares Girl Scout Group

While the girls scout meeting was being held at the Roy Brimm home last Thursday afternoon, a girl discovered a fire in the grass of a vacant lot, apparently resulting from someone's trash pile which had been burned.

The girls did what they were able to in prevent spread until the fire department arrived. No damage was done to any property, although there were some anxious moments on the part of a few neighbors.

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