

For What It's Worth



By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

I have almost come to the conclusion that the increase in crime and crookedness is due to the fact that the crook takes his work much more seriously than does the honest man. Those standing for what is good seem to do so only on a part time basis and then only when their personal security is concerned.

For example, gambling in Oregon is supposedly illegal. If you or I should stage a poker game in our home with money on the table, we would be laying ourselves open to a raid, arrest and prosecution. On the other hand, if we went to wager our cash on dogs or horses, it is legal and we have the blessing of the state.

Why is this so? It's very simple. Those sponsoring legalized track gambling were smart enough to the revenues in with the financing of county fairs. Fairs are good—gambling is bad; but since the



Three younger and hard hitting Republicans get together aboard the Senator Richard Nixon special train in Southern Oregon. The fighting vice-presidential candidate was in the middle of his fight to clear his name and help Dwight D. Eisenhower carry on. Here, left to right, are Mrs. "Pat" Nixon, Sen. Nixon and Sig Unander, GOP candidate for state treasurer.

gambling revenues relieve us of the need of digging deeper into our pockets to finance county fairs, we come to the satisfying but illogical conclusion that gambling becomes good.

In the same manner, until just recently, revenue from the sale of liquor was used to finance old age pensions and slot machines revenue assisted cities in balancing their budgets. As easers of the tax burden, these commonly accepted evils become legally good.

In other words, all the clever crook has to do is to connect his illicit practice with something that will supposedly lighten the tax load and he is almost certain of favorable legislation: It would be just as appropriate to make it legal to rob if a portion of the ill-gotten gains were put aside to fight tuberculosis or to legalize the sale of cocaine in order to support our public schools financially.

It seems to me that the citizens of Oregon must soon decide definitely just what is good and what is bad and then quit compromising their principles for the sake of the almighty dollar.

Weather Report

For the period of Sept. 22 thru

Oct. 5:	Max.	Min.	Rain
Sept. 22	55	50	—
Sept. 23	61	51	—
Sept. 24	68	52	—
Sept. 25	61	52	—
Sept. 26	61	52	—
Sept. 27	57	51	—
Sept. 28	68	51	—
Sept. 29	61	52	—
Sept. 30	89	44	—
Oct. 1	89	50	—
Oct. 2	88	57	—
Oct. 3	77	55	—
Oct. 4	76	52	—
Oct. 5	65	48	—

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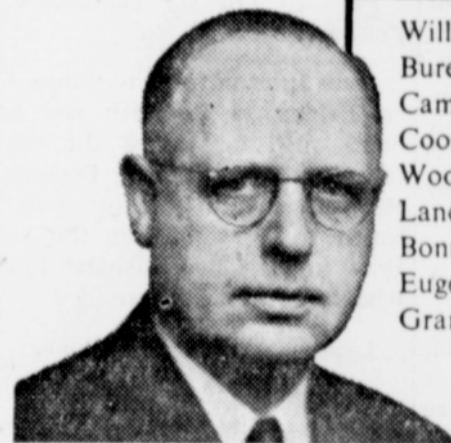
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