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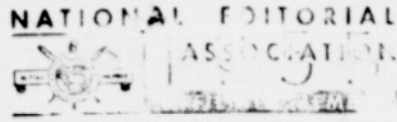
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**LET'S TRY FOR BOTH!**

Will wonders never cease. After two years or more of the great debate, whether Brookings boosters should push for a deep water harbor, or a river-mouth craft haven, the answer finally came in a meeting last Thursday.

Why can't we try for both? Sure, there will be people who still favor one project or another. There are plenty who will say that the deep water harbor would be a terrific thing, and anybody that thinks that the Chetco River would make any kind of a boat haven is crazy with the heat. Then in the other camp there are a group that says, "why try for a harbor when it is so impractical." They say, "Fine, it would be nice—but it will never happen in our time."

The directors of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce met with proponents of a river mouth harbor Thursday and heard them give some very logical and convincing arguments why the Chamber should back their project. Attorney Ed Ackley, Wilson Freeman, and John Hewitt, three of the group told the Chamber directors that as far as they could see there should be no conflict between the two projects.

They pointed out that thought and feelings on the two have changed. The deep water harbor is to be built by private capital—at least that is the presumption. The river mouth project is to be built by government expenditure—at least that is the presumption. Hence, it follows that the two don't conflict in any way.

The deep water harbor and the river mouth projects are for two different purposes. One for barges, and larger craft, and the other for the tourist and fishing trades.

It was also brought out the value of the Chetco project to the community. Our neighbor to the south, for example, derives over \$1,000,000 annually in fish and crab revenue alone. Not to mention anything about the tourist fishing industry.

It is the contention of the group that a river mouth outlet here would bring a road from Grants Pass to Brookings. Hundreds of valley people would be interested in coming to Brookings provided we had a haven for boats. Its true that a harbor would have the same effect on the road to Grants Pass. If, for example, products from the valley could be shipped out here.

Now, what are the chances for either of the projects—or is it all just wishful thinking?

At one time U.S. Army Engineers approved the river mouth work, but because of the war the project was abandoned. Now times have changed. There are more people in the area, to be served by a boat haven of the type the group proposes, and it is believed that the government would go along with the project of that type, provided that the people of our neighboring counties are in agreement that that is what we want.

Rep. Ellsworth said as much at a meeting here a few months ago.

There seems to be the crux of the whole thing. The river mouth project needs support from everyone. If it doesn't have it we might as well sit on our hands for another 16 years.

Private capital is still interested in the deep sea harbor. That will require a selling job too before anything can be accomplished.

We need to send a representative or two to Washington to plead our case, to show the government why this is needed. We need to act promptly. We've succeeded in getting the thing out again. Let's progress some more.

**FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**

Every man in public office assumes the responsibility of being judged by his record in that office. Similarly, every citizen who holds precious his right to vote, has it as his duty to judge fairly that record without prejudice.

These basic principles of democracy must be kept constantly in mind by the Oregon voter in the coming years regardless of party affiliation. At no other time, perhaps, in the history of the state has such a need for continual study and appraisal been so apparent, since we have a junior senator and a senior senator on trial, our final decision as to the continuance of their political careers should be the outcome of calm evaluation rather than emotional hysteria.

Personally, as one who subscribes to the above principles, I intend to study closely the records of the two gentlemen I intend to be particularly observant because I feel that my present opinions may be somewhat biased. I have good friends, whose opinions I value highly, who swear by both men. Their difference of opinion is at least a warning that I may be wrong.

As far as Senator Morse is concerned, I am primarily interested in discovering whether he really changed party affiliation because of a conflict in principles or whether it was the result of a political temper tantrum because he did not get his own way. He can reassure me by showing on his future record that his political philosophy is that of the Democratic party. If it agrees, in the final analysis with no party, I can only assume that he represents no one in Congress but himself.

It is my belief that the political future of both of these men will be decided when they next come up for reelection. Their fate rests with them.

**Unfilled Lumber Orders Are High**

February production, orders and shipment reports for the Douglas fir region were released today by Harris E. Smith, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

The weekly average of West Coast lumber production in February was 203,794,000 b.f. or 108.8% of the 1950-1954 average. Orders averaged 184,634,000 b.f.; Shipments 189,819,000 b.f.; Weekly averages for January were: Production, 188,289,000 b.f.; 100.5 percent of the 1950-1954 average; Orders 181,546,000 b.f.; Shipments 174,578,000 b.f.

Two months of 1955 cumulative production 1,805,992,000 b.f. Two months of 1954, 1,475,482,000 b.f. Two months of 1953, 1,637,270,000 b.f.

Orders for two months of 1955 break down as follows: Rail & Truck 1,142,939,000 b.f.; Domestic Cargo 252,926,000 b.f.; Export 46,136,000 b.f.; Local 59,028,000 b.f. The industry's unfilled order file stood at 812,853,000 b.f. at the end of February, gross stocks at 1,031,907,000 b.f.

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by joe murphy

We get some of the darnest stuff in the mail. Ah, sure so do most of you people also. But how many received a piece of literature on "Telephones and Hiccups" and some relationship established between the two. It was the results of a twenty-five year study, made by the Minister of Health. It went on to disclose that eighty one mice had been trained to answer the telephone, and it had been discovered that no fewer than thirty-seven suffer from an attack of hiccups after a single telephone call.

Who Cares?

We had a pleasant Sunday dinner

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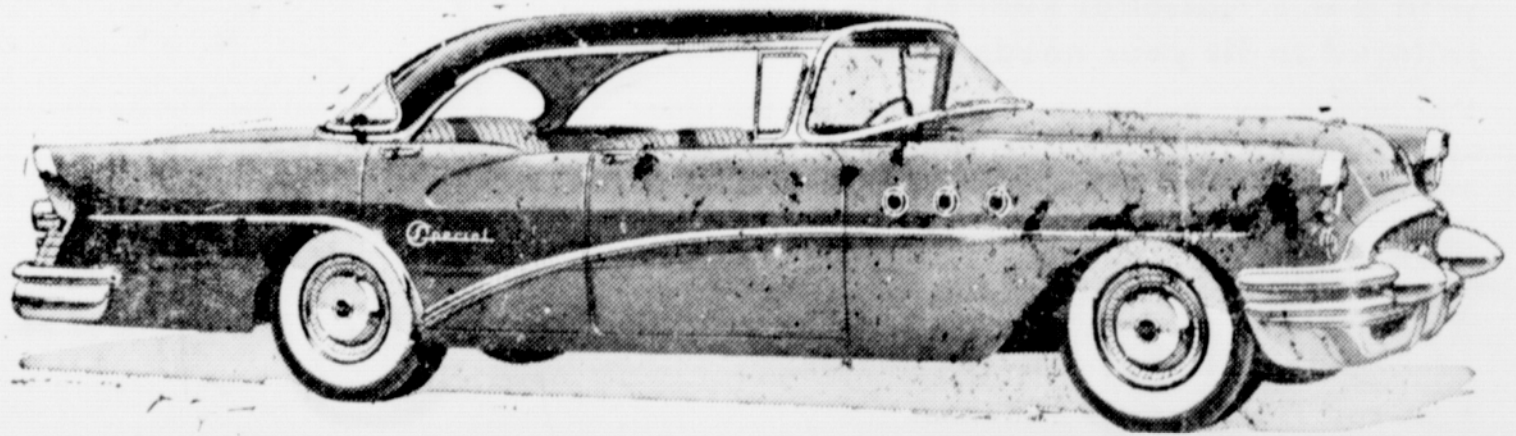
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