

### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

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If the oft quoted saying, "ignorance is bliss" is true, then I personally am of the opinion that I should be the happiest human in the world today. I base my assumption on the fact that those issues which seem to be the most important facing me today are those concerning which I daily become more confused.

Public power vs. private power, for example, is one issue which I know is going to be thrown about promiscuously by both parties in the election campaigns of the coming year. This means that I should come to some sort of decision by the time that I am confronted with casting my ballot. But with each passing day I become less self-confident.

Of course, the primary reason for my bewilderment is that I don't know just whom to believe. I am becoming more and more certain that some of the nation's biggest liars are included among the supporters for each side of the issue. My own feeling has always been that in a democracy such as ours, based on a capitalistic system, competition is essential as the life blood of its existence. At the same time, I have always been of the opinion that since the nation's natural resources of this country belong to the people, individual enterprise should not be allowed to squander those resources for the sole purpose of self-profit.

To turn all resources over to the state would create a socialistic state in which individual initiative would be quickly stifled. To turn them all over to individual enterprise would be to invite chaos.

That is why at the present time I would cast my vote for what the Republicans call the "partnership plan" and the Democrats label "giveaway." Surely if private capital can be allowed to develop our natural resources when feasible and if the public's interests are protected by Federal control and regulation there can be nothing wrong with such a compromise.

What confuses and alarms me, however, are those who insist that it must be all public power to all private power but never machines that ever graced a coun- the twain shall meet. In their fanaticism they seem willing to

### Motor Registering A Story About Brookings Area Mices Still On Rise

Motor vehicle registration increased nearly seven percent in Oregon during the first nine months of 1955. There were 657,773 vehicles registered with the Secretary of State as compared with 615,096 during the January to September period of 1954.

Passenger cars totalled 575,027 buses, 1,432; and trucks 76,025.

The report, issued by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, also showed his office issued 47,290 new drivers' licenses and 35,488 instruction permits during the nine months tabulated. The office renewed licenses of another 277,090 drivers in the state.

Issuances of original driver licenses increased 5.46 percent over the comparable 1954 period.

State estimates place the total number of drivers now holding Oregon licenses at about 850,000.

sacrifice all power development if it doesn't fit in with their own particular ideology.

#### Brother Honored by Elks

Mrs. Ted Zenier has a clipping from a Findlay, Ohio paper, telling of a farewell party in honor of her brother, Floyd Haben, who is leaving their home town for work as executive head of the Chamber of Commerce, at Chehalis, Washington. The party was held at the Elks' Home, in Findlay, in which city Mr. Haben had held a similar position for the past 12 years. He was presented a purse of money contributed by the citizens of his city. He gave as his reason for leaving Findlay that he needed a change because of his health and also wished to be nearer the homes of his two daughters, both living on the Coast.

#### BILL BROWN IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Peggy Brown reports she took her husband back to Letterman Army Hospital, San Francisco, last weekend. Bill is suffering a recurrence of his old trouble. When she left, Bill was again in an oxygen tent. He is a badly disabled veteran of the South Pacific.

#### New Type Log Lift Now On Market

Converting logs to lumber for the urgent building boom will be a step easier in the future, thanks to one of the most formidable of machines that ever graced a coun- Sporting two 10-foot spears be-

Anyway, she told me she'd never again be afraid of mice!

She said the family, including four active youngsters landed here and all they could get to live in was an old, old house a long way out. Apparently it hadn't been lived in for a long long time and they had quite a job getting it dunned out, especially the mice nests. (Editors Note: One mouse

neath tuske which any mastodon would be proud to wear, the bare machine suggests an ancient instrument of war. Loaded with 50,000 pounds of logs, however, it looks precisely like what it is—a high-sepping "Electric Log Stacker" designed to mechanize today's primitive methods of loading and unloading logs.

As might be suggested by its overgrown capacity and dimensions, a Texas firm designed and built the Log Stacker—R. G. Le-Tourneau, Inc., of Longview, Texas. The company is famous as a builder of the world's largest off-road transportation and land-clearing equipment.

Grim as the new machine appears, it is being welcomed by logging and lumber industries because of changes it promises in the traditional method of unloading and restacking logs. Heretofore, most truckloads have been literally dumped on the ground, then lifted one or two at a time for stacking.

The new mechanical stacker, however, will make unloading as simple and sure as lifting a handful of pencils from a box, says Le-Tourneau engineers.

In operation, the machine approaches a 50,000 pound truckload of logs, inserts its 10-foot wedges beneath the load, then clamps two tremendous husks over the top. After freeing the truck with a single bite, the Stacker turns and trots off to a storage or processing area where the operation is per-

might build one nest so the gramme, in this case, may be passable)

While serving a sort of buffet supper, that first night, some of the mice came seeking their residences. Having been city reared, the kids had never before seen mice in the wild and they thought them mighty cute, skittering about, all befuddled, like, as to what had become of their homes.

Ma was seart, pie-eyed; Dad, semi-amused, the kids were in ecstasies and started naming and adopting the mousies. They watched the originals, and their mice neighbors, who dropped in, long past the kids' bedtimes and tottered off to sleep to the lullaby of skitterings, chitterings, and gnawings. The children had scattered so many delectable crumbs some of the mice became inoperable and must have dozed off, too, along toward morning.

Come next day—and the next—and the next, and more and more mice came to enjoy the Mouse Velhalla.

Then the folks started to sniff a taint of Mephitis Mephitica. Daddy knew what that meant. He advised his little ones not to mess with the source, knowing that a skunk had taken up residence under the old house and that the chances were worth taking he (or she) would stick around until the last mice were disposed of.

Well, the kids started losing their pets. The skittering and the chittering, and the gnawing tapered off. The smell of Mephitis be-

came more pronounced until, one soft evening, out from under the house came Mamma Skunk and five little duplicates, all fat and sleek, chittering down the trail toward the sunset, and there was

not a mouse left in the house. Even the whiff of Mephitis was gone.

Although the children miss their pets, Mother says she can do without them but she isn't afraid of

them anymore though confesses the old house seemed SO much further from civilization without them.

(Annyhoo-it made a good yarn, didn't it?)



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