

The Oregon Statesman

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Sand and Gravel Royalties

Back in the days when there was a frontier, the frontiersman took from the public domain whatever he found there that he desired. There couldn't be any dispute because no one was there to start one; but likewise there was no question of legality raised.

It was probably considered a bizarre and revolutionary idea, some 15 years ago when it was first proposed to collect royalties on sand and gravel taken from navigable streams.

At any rate the state of Oregon is collecting royalties on material taken from navigable streams and the amounts received go into the irrevocable school fund.

The truth is that Washington, and so far as we know every other state, has a similar law. Where the Columbia river is the boundary between Oregon and Washington, the two states have been dividing all royalties received, regardless of which side of the stream bed furnished the material.

As another evidence of Kelly's rustiness as to conditions in Oregon, he recently pointed out the state's intangibles tax as a barrier to new industries—overlooking the fact that the intangibles tax was repealed by the 1933 legislature.

Stateism

It has all been said before on many occasions, and doubtless will be said again in perhaps even clearer terms, but in a recent editorial in the United States News David Lawrence criticizes the present administration on the grounds of its trend toward "stateism," which he defines as a peculiar variety of home-grown fascism, or at the least collectivism. He notes:

Even in America we see the trend toward fascism, or, perhaps, here we should call it Stateism. Almost everything is being controlled or regulated by the State. The state furnishes subsidies to groups and factions and, temporarily at least, hands out special privileges to groups and factions so as to maintain political power.

The answer to statements of this kind by the groups benefitting under the New Deal is of course either a scornful "You wouldn't have us go back to 1929 (implying some sort of oppressive economic feudalism), would you?" or a burning eulogy on the rights of the underprivileged, etc.

Eliminate the falsely-premised Stateism of the present administration, permit untrammelled operation of industry and commercial intercourse within the nation, permit saving as to allow for industrial expansion and refitting, above all abolish the unreasonable fear of arbitrary and unheralded interference by the political arm, and the problems of adequate wages, jobs, conditions, to say nothing of pensions and youth subsidies, take care of themselves.

Marshfield's Solution

Astoria has followed Eugene in the direction of meters as the solution for the parking problem. Marshfield has a different solution which, unfortunately, not all cities are in position to copy. It seems there are a number of vacant lots fairly close to Marshfield's business center and the city has acquired title to some of these and will reserve them for parking space.

There are no such lots close enough to Salem's business center to be useful in this way—unless you count the courthouse square—and rash as we sometimes are, we haven't the nerve to suggest tearing up the courthouse lawn and turning that into a parking lot.

Americans who went to Finland to fight are staying to help reconstruct and to patrol the border. It's a summer resort country, we hear. By the way, a day or so before the Finns capitulated we received a publicity release from the Finnish Olympic Games committee, saying the Games had been called off. But isn't it possible to revive them, now that Finland has "peace?"

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

The names of the 30 postoffices in Marion county, what do they mean? beginning with that of Pratum:

Comes to this desk an inquiry, "What does the name Pratum mean?" the reference being to the postoffice and town about eight miles northeast from Salem.

Aurora comes second, alphabetically. Aurora was the Roman name for the goddess of the morning; the dawn of day; the rising light of morning.

In the Kell family cemetery at Aurora are found four graves, side by side, among the first opened by the colony people, occupied by four of the children of Dr. Kell.

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The Easter Parade



"Self Made Girl"

By Hazel Livingston

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Radio Program

- KEML-SATURDAY-1360 Ks. 6:30-Musical Interlude. 7:00-News. 7:45-Sing Song Time. 8:15-This Wonderful World.

- KOAS-SATURDAY-580 Ks. 9:00-Today's Program. 9:08-The Homesteaders' Hour. 10:00-Weather Forecast.

- KEX-SATURDAY-1180 Ks. 6:30-Musical Clock. 7:00-Al & Lee Keller. 7:15-Radio Orchestra.

- KEM-SUNDAY-1360 Ks. 6:30-Concert Orchestra. 8:15-Grand Old Opry.

- KGW-SUNDAY-680 Ks. 6:30-Musical Program. 8:00-Music and American Youth.

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Harriet Oglesby Dies, Silverton

Silverton—Funeral services for Mrs. Harriet E. Oglesby, 75, who died at her home at 309 Johnson street Friday, will be held from the Ekman funeral home on Monday at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Oglesby was born July 21, 1864 in Illinois but came to Silverton 22 years ago. Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Tormalma and Mrs. Cora Whitlock, and one brother, Charles R. Coffin all of Silverton.

United States . . . can live happily and prosperously, its future secure, inside a high wall of isolation, while outside the rest of civilization and the commerce and culture of mankind are shattered."

Stronger statements of the same position have been heard frequently in private from cabinet and sub-cabinet officers. While Cromwell chose more pugnacious words, and a peculiar place in which to utter them, his statement did not in any other way exceed private administration opinion.

Consequently, Mr. Hull's rebuke will not increase the official insurance rate on the wealthiest million in the American diplomatic corps.

Indeed some administration officials doubt that he spoke out of turn. Eminent new dealers lately have been trying to ascertain if public opinion toward the war has changed. They were able to use the popular reaction to the Cromwell speech as a gauge.

The roar of disapproval from congress has proved to them conclusively that there is no alteration of sentiment in that quarter.

Sensitiveness of the administration toward recently critical anti-American comments in the British press was shown again in the thrice repeated denials that presidential peace salesman, Sumner Welles, had sold anyone in Europe or bought anything. First presidential press secretary, Steve Early, denied it here, then Mr. Welles denied it in Rome, and Mr. Roosevelt denied it in a press conference.

Triple action was deemed advisable in order to stop rumors during Mr. Welles' homeward voyage, rumors which would doubt have increased London and Paris still further.

Any peace now would naturally be on the basis of German terms, or at least sacrifice of allied positions. Consequently it was necessary to put London and Paris and the vast sympathetic public in this country at ease.

Remember the Snow Cruiser? It's at South Pole

Remember that giant snow cruiser which attracted so much attention as it blocked traffic all the way from Chicago to Boston prior to being loaded on the Byrd Antarctic ship? Well, here it is in action at the South Pole, where the Byrd expedition is camped.



Official U. S. Antarctic Service Photograph

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