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 "A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY"

ABE LINCOLN IN OREGON

Every few years a troupe of Hollywood players and directors tire of fixing their southern California movie sets to resemble any state or nation. Occasionally they come north into Oregon.

Once they created Tennessee—the Civil war village of Marietta—on Row river a few miles east of Cottage Grove. Buster Keaton and his troupe stimulated the town into actual awe and finally bashful imitation. The southern Lane folk dressed in pioneer outfits and made their pin money that summer serving as "extras" on the dusty streets of those imitation villages in "The General".

When the really spectacular scenes were ready for the cameras, practically the whole population of the area was there to see the little town burn, the locomotive and cars crash through a burning trestle into Row river, the bombing of a dam which had been built to afford enough water for the splash of the engine. Cottage Grovers remember, too, the dummies which rode the train to disaster. Then, while the cameras were turned the other way, Mr. Keaton and his winsome heroine were carefully spotted in a position in the water to struggle as if they'd survived the train crash.

Next month, Oregon will be Illinois. Hollywood chose Lane county's ruggedness over sites Illinois itself could offer. Of course, when the scouts let themselves become interested in the scenery on the McKenzie, they, like any tourist, gave themselves up to its charm.

When Mr. Lincoln was in Illinois, Oregon was a wilderness as remote as Los Angeles still thinks it is. Englishman Donald McKenzie tramped his way into the upper Willamette valley and found the river which has since borne his name.

In 1860, when Lincoln moved into the White House with the wife who'd said she'd marry a president, Oregon had only been a state for a year. He'd have been amused if he'd known that someday, in 1939, the moguls of an industry he could not imagine would film the story of his rise in public life in such a state as Oregon.

He wouldn't have been able to comprehend the building of his home town, West Salem, Ill. in the foothills of the Willamette valley.

The Lincoln family moved from Indiana into Illinois in 1830. There young Abe, 21, helped clear the land of the forest and finally become engaged in transporting farm produce down the Mississippi river into New Orleans. There, of course, it will be remembered, he first came into contact with slavery, learned to hate the whole set-up, and dedicated his life to helping to banish it from the nation.

Later he owned and operated a general store in New Salem and was postmaster. He was a volunteer officer in the Black Hawk Indian war. In 1854 he was sent to the Illinois legislature and after practicing law at Springfield, Ill., was elected to the house of representatives where he served a single term. In 1858 came the bitter debates with Steven A. Douglas. In two years he was president of the nation he was destined to keep as one.

That was Abraham Lincoln in Illinois, the portion of his life which has been written into a Pulitzer prize-winning play still an attraction on New York's Broadway. Hollywood, knowing a good play, has been quick to see movie possibilities which RKO hopes will result in a financial and artistic success. Advance guards have declared in the books that "Abe In Illinois" would stand an excellent chance of being tagged one of the 10 best films of the year.

And since Hollywood has chosen Oregon for Illinois, what might have been a dull season in August will be sparked by a temporary taste of southern California about which so many Eugeneans had heard before San Francisco had a fair.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN KELLY
 Register-Guard Washington Reporter
 WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Agitation over WPA logically raises the question as to its merit as a barometer of economic conditions. It was created to serve as a stop-gap until private employment was available. If it is a barometer then conditions in the Pacific Northwest (unemployment), are worse than five years ago.
 First attempt of the administration to provide employment was through the Civil Works Administration. This was the leaf-raking era, abandoned for WPA with its more permanent projects. Following figures, taken from official statements made to congressional appropriation committees, tell their own story:
 March, 1934, CWA employed 16,712 in Oregon; 36,066 in Washington.
 June, 1939, WPA employed 17,247 in Oregon; 39,196 in Washington.
 The load on the work relief roll is greater today than when the administration launched the

program as a temporary emergency. There have been times when the number on WPA was substantially larger than today. In other June months, however, the load was much less. Where the June load in Oregon this year is placed at 17,247, it was 14,469 in June, 1936; down to 13,206 in 1937 and was 16,072 in 1938. For Washington the June load in 1936 was 25,948; in 1937 it stood at 25,508 but upped to 44,632 in June last year.
 There was an election last November. It may have been a coincidence, but the work-relief load in Oregon last September increased to 18,032 and in Washington to 56,042. Senator Bone, of Washington, has testified that there has been no taint of politics in WPA in his state, that it is as clean as a piece of white paper. Nor has any responsible person brought charges of politics in the Oregon administration of WPA.

What figures reveal is that private employment has not picked up and while the administration has brought about some social reforms that were long over-due it has failed to enact legislation which would encourage expansion of business or step in to harmonize the two labor organizations whose rivalry for control has been responsible for much unemployment.
 Colonel Harrington, regular army man now boss of WPA, deliberately planned smoking out thousands on work-relief following suggestions made by President Roosevelt in his message to congress. The colonel explained to the congressmen that the principles of the monthly wage requiring 130 hours a month, would be an important factor in determining need, since workers who are able to secure part-time employment and who have other means of livelihood will not accept employment on the works program laboring 130 hours for a subsistence wage except as a final resort.

WPA spent \$62,156 for 53 people on the theater project in Oregon; in Washington spent \$92,620 for 87 persons. This project is dead as a doornail. Headed for the skids, unless locally sponsored are the art, music, writer and historical records subprojects which, with theater project, former federal Project No. 1.
 Here is how the money went on these sub-projects: Oregon, art, 47 persons, \$47,892; music, 67 persons, \$87,226; writers, 40 persons, \$41,034; historical records, 89 persons, \$74,307. Washington: art, 43 persons, \$39,594; music, 42 persons, \$44,399; writers, 47 persons, \$40,097; historical records, 108 persons, \$75,216.

By one of those quirks of politics, the administration discovered that the senators who could make a majority on the senate committee on foreign relations and report out favorably the sort of neutrality bill that Mr. Roosevelt wants are two senators the new dealers attempted to purge in last year's democratic primaries. It is their grand opportunity to get even and give themselves the thrill of a lifetime. These senators who couldn't be purged are Iowa's Gillette; Georgia's George. It's their turn for the last laugh if they want it.

Tommy the Cork, the White House minstrel; Harry Hopkins, then chief of the relief forces, and others of the inner circle planned and personally went after Gillette. President Roosevelt traveled to Georgia and asked the voters to defeat Senator George, after which he said "Walter, may we always be friends."

But the administration has not permitted its defeat in Iowa and Georgia to stand in the way of making friendly overtures. The administration needs those two votes vitally. So, Jim Farley (who didn't approve of the purge in either state), and Henry Wallace (who was put in the doghouse by the inner circle for not joining the purge in Iowa, his home state), and Cordell Hull, who is a democrat as distinguished from a new dealer, were assigned the task of winning back Gillette. These three cabinet officers went on the job while their late colleague, Secretary of the Navy Swanson, was being accorded a state funeral in the capitol.

It is a rare occasion when two senators of the 96 can frustrate the international policy advocated by the White House or heap coals of fire on the headman.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

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 "Summer complaint," once listed as chief among the conditions that caused death of babies, is now no longer feared by those who realize why this condition caused so many deaths in the past. In those days we knew little about the necessity for pure water, pure milk and real cleanliness.

"Summer complaint" and the other diseases of the intestines that were so dangerous for babies are all germ diseases. The organisms that cause diarrhea and inflammation of the bowels get into the baby's food or in the water that it drinks. If the mother nurses her baby and if she gives it only boiled water that has been kept cool, the baby will not be exposed to this danger.

If the baby is not nursing but taking instead a mixture based on cow's milk or on unsweetened evaporated milk mixed with water, the mother must be certain that this, too, is protected against contamination with germs. All mixtures of milk and water given to children up to two years of age should be boiled and kept in a refrigerator between the time of the feedings. Each feeding should be kept in an individual bottle. The milk may be warmed before it is given to the baby.

It does no good, however, for the mother to boil the mixture if she herself does not clean her hands before she prepares the baby's food. Whoever is in charge of the preparation should always wash the hands thoroughly with soap and water before handling either the baby's bottle, the pots, the nipples or anything else involved in feeding the baby. Dishes, bottles, pots and nipples should always be boiled before they are used in preparing food for the baby.

Moreover, mothers must be careful about the manner in which the bottle is handled after the milk is in it. The bottle should not be left in the baby's crib. It should not be given to the baby to play with while the baby is seated in the grass. Any milk left in the bottle after the feeding should be thrown out. After the feeding is completed and the bottle has been emptied, it should be washed and both the nipple and the bottle should be put aside in a clean place until the time comes to boil them again.

Few people seem to remember that flies carry germs which may infect the baby. Whenever the baby is lying in its crib, it must be protected against flies. Mosquito netting placed over the crib or carriage will keep off insects of all types which may be harmful to the baby.

Remember also that the baby may be easily infected by adults who are themselves not well. Certainly everyone with a cough or a cold should stay away from a young infant. Equally dangerous is the adult who likes to pick up babies and play with them without realizing the necessity for complete cleanliness. The adult who is a carrier of infectious germs associated with disturbances of the bowel may not be much of a menace to himself or to other adults but may be a serious menace to a baby.

If, in spite of all the precautions, the baby develops a diarrhea in summer, stop feeding and call the doctor. Do not let the condition continue. The loss of fluid from the body, the associated fever, the loss of sleep and irritation may so break down the baby's resistance that it will easily succumb to any kind of an infection.

Manila Calm, Confident Japan Won't Ruffle U. S.

By DON DILLON

MANILA, P. I., July 13.—(U.P.)—Manila is the most serene capital in the Far East today, and the reason is Japan's apparent desire to avoid involvement with the United States.

This capital of the semi-autonomous Philippines Commonwealth is closer to Japan than any of the European colonial cities in the Far East except British Hong Kong. It lies directly in the path of the Japanese navy's purported plan for a "drive to the south."

West and south of the Philippines lie French Indo-China, British Singapore, British and Dutch Borneo and the Netherlands East Indies—all of which are arming nervously and speedily. Whether justified or not, these colonies place an ominous interpretation on Japan's program for a "new order in East Asia."

There are no "blackouts" in Manila and no talk of air raid precautions. There has been no program for storage of emergency food supplies for the people to use in time of siege.

In Contrast to Singapore—Such precautions are commonplace in war-conscious Singapore, nearly twice as far from Japan and guarded by a new, mighty naval base.

The sultans of the Federated Malay States recently voted a large new donation to the British government for defense purposes, presumably for use chiefly at Singapore.

The Netherlands is strengthening its air force in the East Indies and is reported planning construction of three small battleships to add to its Far Eastern fleet before 1946, when the Philippines are scheduled to become fully independent.

French military garrisons in Indo-China are reported being increased and a small airplane factory is said to be under construction in the interior. A recent shift of British troops in the Orient added a full battalion to Hong Kong's defenses.

Even far away Australia and New Zealand show concern as Japan starts to exploit the areas behind its military lines in China. Australia's defense minister, Brig. Gen. A. G. Street, recently discussed publicly the help which could be expected from the British fleet in event of attack on Australia from the north. A defense conference was held this spring in New Zealand, with Australian and English experts participating.

Military, the Philippines archipelago is perhaps more vulner-

able to attack than are the European colonies.

To the north, almost within sight of the northernmost islands, is Japanese Formosa. To the east are the Japanese Mandated Islands acquired from Germany after the world war. To the southwest are the barren but strategic Spratley Islands, recently occupied by Japanese naval landing forces. Directly west is the big Chinese island of Hainan, recently seized by Japan. And in the southern part of the Philippines proper is a colony of some 15,000 Japanese.

But the American flag still flies over the Philippines, and Manilans hopefully believe Japan will refrain from anything likely to provoke United States retaliation, at least while its hands are so full in China.

Japan's verbal attacks on foreign intervention at Kulangsu, the international settlement at the South China port of Amoy, have been directed chiefly at Great Britain and France—although the United States participated almost equally in the dispatch of warships and the landing of marines.

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