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500,000 SETTLERS FOR OUR VALLEY

In President Roosevelt's prediction that the Columbia Basin will offer homes for at least 500,000 settlers from less fortunate regions in the United States, there is both promise and THREAT.

This is the agency which is proposing to set up a Columbia Valley Authority on the pattern of the Tennessee Valley Authority with unified control over Bonneville, Grand Coulee, the dams of the Upper Willamette, and all future power and irrigation and reclamation and flood control works which federal funds may erect in the Northwest states.

The Northwest is not hostile to settlement! By no means! We believe with the president that with irrigation and flood control and power, with all that we are learning about intensive agriculture on small acreage, and with all that may be done with new industrial processes for handling the raw materials in which this region is rich, the Columbia Basin will indeed be what it was since the first wagon trains headed for "the Oregon country"—the land of hope.

We do not, however, propose to submit to any plan of super-government. This country was settled by pioneers who were brave, resourceful, self-reliant. They brought with them the habits and institutions of self-government. There is in this part of the country a tradition of friendliness for the newcomer.

Federal aid and counsel in the development of this rich country, we shall always welcome, of course. The intimate details of citizenship, however, are still within the jurisdiction of the states. We like to think, Mr. Roosevelt, that we can make good Oregonians out of good Americans without too much "help".

If your proposition, Mr. Roosevelt, is that in return for 500,000 more retail customers we shall accept the overlordship of your satrap, Mr. Ickes, the answer we believe should be: "No thanks!"

BORAH WAS JUST BORAH

Has it occurred to you that it required the obituary to remind most Americans that Borah was William Edgar Borah. Now and then somebody from Idaho might refer to Bill Borah, but to most of the millions who read what he had said, just Borah was enough.

Some people are speaking for Borah as "the Daniel Webster of our generation". That's a sort of kindly "tripe". Webster was never thought of without the Dan'l. Both were senators; both were orators; both helped mightily in the making of history, but they were products of different times and conditions, and the personalities were utterly different.

A personality "projects" or it doesn't; that fact is just as important in public life and in any other theater. Whether Borah was merely entering the senate chamber or in the midst of heroic utterance, or walking up the avenue to his office, there was that about him which compelled notice. It was in his voice and manner, enhanced by his ready wit. And perhaps (though he was by

no means innocent of politics) Borah stood out among public men of our times because habitually he insisted on "being himself."

Borah might have been a broader man, a greater statesman had he travelled and viewed the world, but had the world coming to his door. There will be ambitious young men studying Borah's extraordinary career, perhaps trying to "be like Borah." If the "lion of Idaho" left any lesson it is: "Be yourself!"

Over long years, there may be conflicts but that quality creates affectionate respect.

PAGEANT BOARD TO MEET

The governing board of the Oregon Trail Pageant has been called to meeting Monday night at 7:30 in the Chamber of Commerce. The announcement from Joseph H. Koke, pageant chairman since the founding back in 1926, states that new trustees to fill vacancies will be selected and plans for the coming year discussed.

First item probably will be some decision on a request from Governor Sprague and Mayor Chadwick of Salem that Eugene postpone its pageant a year in deference to Salem's Centennial. There may be some difference of opinion in the board as to whether Eugene can afford to let 1940 pass without the scheduled pageant.

Whatever the decision, there can be no injurious competition between Eugene and Salem. Whether we are going ahead with our plans for a pageant on July 25, 26, 27, or yielding to Salem, we should certainly try to contribute some feature for Salem's Centennial which will be worthy. (It has been suggested that we might send a large chorus.)

If this is to be Pageant Year in Eugene, it means a tremendous amount of planning and hard work. This would be a good time, we believe, for the Pageant board to consider that broadening of its organization which has frequently been suggested. In 1937, some 3000 people from all parts of Lane county participated in this great event. It has become a "show business" of major proportions; it is much more than a "celebration"; it has artistic and historical significance. It is something that has grown out of the spirit of this community. It belongs to all the people, young and old, on stage or off stage in whom this Epic of Oregon finds response.

COMES SUMMER IN FINLAND

If the gallant Finns can hold out till summer till another winter, says a man who is familiar with that sub-Arctic country, Finland is largely what they know in Canada as tundra and muskeg—forests interspersed with marsh. Come summer and such country becomes impassable swamp—once the main roads are blown up.

Hopes may father the thought, but for the Finns the worst seems to be past. This does not mean they will "win the war". It does mean they have discovered their strength which is latent in every true democracy. There is a deal of meaning in the dispatch from the fighting front:

"The Finns are not only magnificent soldiers; they are inspired; they have liberty to fight for."

SHORT TOURS FROM EUGENE

One of the most useful booklets the Eugene Chamber of Commerce has put out in many years lists "short tours from Eugene", drives which can be made in a day. They will be useful not only to strangers but to most of us who live in Eugene.

How many know Silver Falls park? How many know the loop from the McKenzie to the Willamette via the South Fork, North Fork and Oakridge? Only recently have the falls of the McKenzie and Clear Lake become familiar. Many have yet to discover Siltcoos Outlet, Jessie Honeyman park, the Umpqua pallisades.

Only last summer we heard a service station man make a strange (to us) reply to a tourist from New York.

"What is there to see?" said the tourist. "Well," said the chap who ought to know, "bout the only thing round here is Crater Lake."

The Republican party has enough pledges to wipe out its debt carried over from the last presidential campaign. Under the circumstances, a little discreet gloating might be permissible.

Germans have been warned to eat less if they want the Reich to win the war. If any more is deducted from their rations, it will have to be figured in abstract mathematics.

Among captured Russian equipment, the Finns found a sewing machine. Probably mistaken by some ordnance officer for a trench mortar.

Activities Calendar

- January 21—Obsidians ski trip.
January 22—6:30 p. m.—Annual Red Cross meeting, Seymour cafe.
January 23—Very Little Theatre play "Pride and Prejudice."
January 24—8:15 p. m.—Joint concert of Doris Helen Calkins and Aurora Underwood, campus school of music.
January 25—Very Little Theatre play "Pride and Prejudice."
January 26—Annual state newspaper conference, University of Oregon.
January 27—Eugene high school semester ends, examinations during preceding week.
January 28—Newspaper conference, University of Oregon.
January 29—University of Oregon Dads' day week-end.
January 30—Obsidians ski trip.
January 31—Afternoon and evening—State study conference for western Oregon educators.
February 1—Ski Lauffers high school meet at Hoodoo.
February 2—Eugene Winter Horse Show.
February 3—Ski Lauffers high school meet at Hoodoo.
February 4—Obsidians ski trip.
February 5—Ski Lauffers high school meet at Hoodoo.
February 6—Joint recital by George Hopkins and Hal Young, campus school of music.
February 7—Guild Hall play, "Night Must Fall," to run also February 10 and 13.
February 8—Obsidians ski trip.
February 9—Ski Lauffers high school meet at Hoodoo.
February 10—Ski Lauffers high school meet at Hoodoo.
February 11—University of Oregon assembly, Dean Charles W. Gilkey of University of Chicago, speaker.
February 12—Ski Lauffers high school meet at Hoodoo.
February 13—Ski Lauffers high school meet at Hoodoo.
February 14—University of Oregon Symphony Orchestra concert.
February 15—Ski Lauffers high school meet at Hoodoo.
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- VISITORS LISTED
ELMHRA, Jan. 20—(Special)—Mrs. Harold McKenzie and daughter of Colorado arrived the first of the week to spend the winter in Oregon.
CENTRAL, Jan. 20—(Special)—Mr. Pearson of the Northwest Bible college will speak Sunday at the school house, following Bible school.

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Lines From The Library

CHALEM ASCH has presented the manuscript, with revisions, of his latest novel, The Nazarene, to the Sterling memorial library at Yale, where it will become a part of Yale's special collection of manuscripts of American novels. The book has been third in the current library favorites, according to a survey made of twenty-seven representative libraries. Choice for first and second place in fiction favorites is: Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck, first; and Escape by Ethel Vance, second. These three books may be borrowed from the public library.

Wilbur Hall has edited Luther Burbank's writings, and titled the book Partners of Nature. The gist of Mr. Burbank's writings telling of his long work is condensed and simplified for the lay reader. However, the editor has been able to keep the wording very much in the original. A brief biography of Luther Burbank is included, but most of the material is about his work with plants and plant breeding.

Kitty Foyle by Christopher Morley is not typical of Mr. Morley's writings. It is for him a new type of novel. Kitty Foyle looks back over her seventy-eight years of living in Philadelphia, New York and the Middle West. She tells her story very candidly and it is a good story indeed.

H. C. Peterson, on the history staff at the University of Oklahoma, has written Propaganda for War. In this book the author takes up the campaign against neutrality which was waged in this country in 1914-1917. The book comes after a great deal of research and hard work. Countries and persons are very hesitant and careful about admitting their share in this type of thing. Boake Carter, in speaking of the book says, "Here is one of the most fascinating, most illuminating and downright startling books that has ever been compiled about a subject which is worrying every American citizen today."

The Opening Doors of Childhood, is by Lewis Joseph Threlkoff, Dean and Professor of Religious Education at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. It is a practical guide book for parents who wish to meet these problems squarely, and help their children develop a lasting Christian faith. It is primarily for parents in the home, but useful for teacher, minister and other church workers.

LORANE NEWS
LORANE, Jan. 20—(Special)—Mrs. Ed Howard entertained at dinner recently honoring Marjorie Skelton on her birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Skelton, Marjorie and Frankie Skelton, Carl Dunn, Mike and Jim Howard.
The Ladies Aid gave a dinner recently honoring Mrs. Gene Burns on her birthday. The honored guest was presented with a bed spread by the ladies. Officers recently elected by the ladies aid are Mrs. Gene Burns, president; Mrs. Candis Foster, vice-president; secretary, Mrs. H. A. Mitchell; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Davis.
The Vamano club met recently

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DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN EASTERN OREGON INCREASED THE BOAT TRAFFIC ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER IN 1826. 3000 PASSENGERS AND 20,000 TONS OF FREIGHT WERE CARRIED TO THE MINING CAMPS OF EASTERN OREGON.

at the home of Mrs. L. B. Addison. Those present were Mrs. Ray Stacy, Mrs. Harry Farrar, Mrs. Clyde Davis, Mrs. Hubert Addison, Mrs. Thaeone Addison, Estelle Mitchell and Mrs. Lowell Drullinger.
A crew of men under manager Eldon Mackey are at work pruning in the Lorane orchards.

SAGINAW NEWS
SAGINAW, Jan. 20—(Special)—The Friendly Neighbors club met with Mrs. Bart Johnston last week. Fourteen members were present and Mrs. Inez Skedgie and Mrs. Mary Skedgie were visitors. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Howard Keene in two weeks.
Mrs. Jim Abbott has returned home from Oklahoma after spending several weeks visiting relatives there. Her father and sis-

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