

The Promised Land'

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on the lot. We had a 10x10 tent, so that truck... all but me, 8 children and sister lived in that... Dr. Campbell, Lane county's doc-... came down to my tent and asked me, Would... in his home? I said, yes, and was very glad... \$35.00 was just about spent because I... little because I came to Oregon... of the 8 to school because I worked for Dr. Campbell for 3... that very thing. I worked for Dr. Campbell for 3... low and behold, the four small children came... the whopping cough and that meant only one... had to stay home and take care of them, ... where trouble started. We had to eat.



MAP OF LANE COUNTY OREGON

The Promised Land

Lane county had to take over. They gave the 10 of... a week to eat on and we did very nicely but when... Lane county, the state of Oregon said... take it's charge back. Well now, I never come... get sent back to Kansas, but for a while... Well, old girl, I guess you will go back anyway... the letters fly from Oregon to Kansas and from... to Oregon, and when everything was set I found... Kansas would not take my sister back and I would... her here. I brought her to Oregon and I was not... her here but they said, You must go back. So this... you come in on this story—

Plain 'No'

ment to you for a train fare for her out of your emer-... and you said a plain NO. And now I am thank-... for that little word NO because if you had gave... fare I could not prove that Oregon is a Promised... because it is if one works hard at it. Well, I found out... could not force me to go that long trip back to... when it was so close to the time for my baby to be... I just stayed in the little truck bed and tent, fed... children on the \$7 a week that Lane county was giving... the children went to school every day. Then I got... was sick until the baby came the 22nd of April in

Mr. Campbell from the Mormon Church came down



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to see me and asked if they could help me. I told him I would be very glad of the help. He went back to his church members and told them that they were going to build a room onto my truck bed and they did. It was a 16x10 room. Then we had room to breathe and when we came home from the hospital, my dear little son and I, our bed was made out of some boards nailed together with a pair of springs on top of the boards and I just said, Thank God, my dear little one, it is a bed with springs and a mattress on. It was better than the manger and straw and the stable that our Lord had to lay in and I was thankful all the other children was so happy to have us home and they loved their little brother so very much and was so happy to have their mother home again.

When that little boy was six weeks old his five older brothers and sisters and I went to work in the fields and we have worked ever since in the fields, but the first year we worked in the beans I was a field boss for a very nice bean grower. I said to myself, I am going to have a bean field some day and I can say this—I own my beanfield. Well, I can say that now after over 8 years in Oregon, 8 years of hard work but happy years, I married one of Oregon's sons (that is almost—he has been here since he was 3 years old); he came from Mo. with his mother, grandmother and grandfather 34 years ago. He knows a lot more about Oregon than I do; he was a logger but now I think he will be a farmer soon; he likes to watch the things grow.

We all have worked hard to buy and build our home. It is a little hillside home—a wonderful place to live, and I think we will always keep it to go back to live in when we get old and the children are all grown and have families of their own.

Now, if God will give us two more good years we will have our bills all payed in full, the mortgage payed off our home. I want to be able to in Sept. 17, 1950 to say, We have



The Family

our home all clear; everybody payed that we owe; have our new truck-tractor and all our other farming tools payed for and I want to buy me a new 1950 Chev sedan. When I look out the kitchen window at all the corn and beans and watch those beautiful sprays of water swirling around and think that is ours, my chest has not got room big enough for my heart; to think this summer I can give 50 boys and girls work out there pickin beans to buy all the things they want for school—yes, for school, because to me that going to school is the most wonderful thing that a boy or girl can do.

Family Does All Right

Now me—I only went to school about 5 months in all my childhood and I know what a person has missed when

they never got to go to school. Now out of those 8 children, I have two daughters married and one son, and one son in the army and the other son went to college last year. Yes, Mr. Owens, this is a Promised Land—even a lone mother can make the stand and I know you with your wife to help could have made Oregon a promised land for your children.

Out of those 8 children I have a girl 16 and one 15 that are seniors in high school and my beanfield helper—he is 14; he was my baby when I came here in 1940. Then there is my first little Oregonian—he is 8 and I also have a little boy that is 6 years old a little baby girl that is 2 years old and—oh, gosh, yes! I have 6 grandchildren, 2 grandsons and 4 granddaughters.

Yes, Judge Hurd, sometimes I wonder if this is me and my family in this Promised Land of Oregon or am I still dreaming. Now my big dream and hope is to make enough money so we can take our little boy David, Jr. to a great hospital and find a very good doctor than can help us to make him well. He is our hope and our dream now. He has been since God sent him to us. We will keep on working hard and dreaming of the day when he is well. Dreams will come true if we work at them hard enough, just like Oregon can be the promised land to all the Owens or Jones, Smiths, if they will work hard enough at it. Oh, I guess every state in this good old U.S.A. could be a promised land if we worked hard enough at it. I just like Oregon best for my work.

Now, I want to thank you again for not giving me one little train fare back to Kansas because I am getting what I came after here—a good, happy life, a fine family, a good husband, and all the things that is worth living and working for. I am thanking you again.

(Mrs. Stough's child is badly crippled—a spastic with a growth on his back. Mrs. Stough in an interview expressed faith that he could be healed by a trip to Mayo clinic, for which she is saving now. The youngster seems to be kept alive now by the glowing good humor and cheer of his mother.)



Squash Grow, Too

Lost Girl Found In Waldo Area

Kathleen Singleton, a teen-age Bend girl, was found by searchers Friday near the Waldo Look-out in the Oakridge area. She had been lost since Thursday.

News of the incident was fragmentary, but the Oakridge correspondent reported that the girl had been herding sheep with her father and became lost Thursday.

Hawaiian Governor Signs Emergency Bill

HONOLULU. —(U.P.)—Gov. Ingram Stainback Saturday signed the territory's emergency strike bill giving himself power to immediately seize and operate the Islands' strikebound stevedoring companies—with or without the help of the striking CIO longshoremen.

The governor scratched his name on the controversial seizure bill at 1:26 p. m. on the 98th day of the strike which has paralyzed island economy since May 1.

Eugene Music Group Campaign Sept. 19-24

The Eugene and University Civic Assn. campaign this year will be Sept. 19-24, says President T. McKenzie Alexander of the association.

Advance checks are being accepted and will be held until the opening of the membership campaign. Present members are given priority until the campaign.

The first meeting of division chairmen will be about Sept. 1. The association requests that calls be made to the permanent office in the U. S. National Bank Building, telephone 5-3415.

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Civic Center Drive To Commence Soon

SPRINGFIELD—Citizens here will be asked soon to donate contributions for completion of the Springfield Civic Center—long idled on its site at 8th and A Sts. because of lack of building capital.

The Veterans Living Memorial Assn. announced last week it would launch a five-day drive starting Aug. 15 to obtain \$10,000. Association spokesmen pointed out that completion of the center would provide a place where all civic and social groups could meet.

Persons who contribute to the

building fund, association directors said, would receive small gold shovels in the form of decorative pins. The pins, they added, are being used to help carry out the general theme of the drive, "1849 Gold Rush."

Power Progress Due For Discussion Monday

The progress of projects to increase the generating capacities of the city-owned hydroelectric plants on the McKenzie River will be discussed at 7:30 p. m. Monday by the Eugene Water & Electric Board.

Meeting in the board's city hall offices, members will review a number of routine items. No major policy issues are expected to come up.

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