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### Perpetuating a Myth

"History is mostly bunk" remarked Henry Ford years ago. Modern research has proved his much ridiculed statement. Fable and myth and fiction are stressed rather than facts because they have more popular appeal, are more romantic, colorful and glamorous. Once in popular circulation, they are never entirely discarded, despite efforts of debunkers. So we have numerous statues to mythical characters like Barbara Friehle.

An instance in print is the reincarnation of the exploded "Champog myth" that Oregon was "saved to the union" by the Champog meeting of settlers in 1843, the subject of one of the murals that adorns the new state house walls. The facts prove the falsity of the legend, which if the artist wasn't versed enough in history to know, the capitol commission did.

Nation-wide circulation of the myth is given by the magazine Life in a recent issue which presents a full page colored reproduction of the mural by Barry Faulkner. Inasmuch as the myth has official endorsement, "Life" naturally supposed it authentic. And it remarks:

By 1843 the ownership of Oregon had become an acute international question between the U. S. and England. That year a sort of plebiscite was held among 102 settlers at Champog. A vote, broken at the last minute in favor of the U. S., is depicted by Barry Faulkner on the opposite page. U. S. sovereignty in Oregon was established in 1846, and the state was admitted to the union in 1859. The Champog vote gave impetus to one of history's greatest migrations when thousands of families bundled into covered wagons and hit the Oregon Trail.

There never was any dispute between Great Britain and the United States as to the territory south of the Columbia river, and official correspondence proves that the former acknowledged from the start the ownership by the latter of all the territory now known as the state of Oregon. The facts concerning the so-called Champog meeting have been stated many times by the Capital Journal. The myth did not originate until after the Civil war and W. H. Gray, author of a history of Oregon was its author and it has kept growing since.

The Champog mural, along with the other murals depicting Oregon history, however presents a realistic portrait of the pioneers of the times and therefore of historical interest. The artists have done a good job.

### Boss for Bonneville

Secretary Ickes has at long last picked a boss for Bonneville in the person of Dr. Paul J. Rever, 45, chairman of the Illinois commerce commission, effective September 15. He will relieve acting administrator Frank A. Banks, engineer of the Grand Coulee project.

Little is known in the west regarding Dr. Raver, who was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1917, as a civil engineer, and received degrees from Northwest university later. During the war he served as a lieutenant in the 18th field artillery. After his return he served until 1927 as an estimating engineer in Chicago, then for six years as professor of public utilities at Northwestern university.

In 1933, Dr. Raver became supervisor of rates and research for the Illinois Commerce commission. Two years ago he was appointed its executive officer and resumed part time teaching at Northwestern. For the past few years he also served on the Illinois state rural electrification commission.

It is high time that a permanent administrator was named for Bonneville to market its power and devise its policies. The late J. D. Ross was too busy organizing PUD districts to sell its power to possible users and since his death the project, while continuing to spend millions in duplicating power lines, has marked time in the marketing of power.

### Motor Fuel Taxes

The United States department of commerce has issued a summary of state revenues in which it shows that the most important single source is the motor fuel tax, originating in Oregon in 1919 and since adopted by all the states as well as the federal government.

In the decade from 1927 to 1937 the tax revenues from this source quadrupled, reaching a total of \$627 million for all states that year, while income from state inheritance, estate and gift taxes have been declining since 1931, both in amount and relative importance.

Oregon's original gas tax, levied to provide funds for the state highway program, was one cent a gallon. The rate has gradually climbed in all states. It is now seven cents in three states while Missouri, with 2 cents, has the lowest rate. Ten states levy 3 cents, 18 have a 4 cents tax, 10 states a 5 cent tax, 5 states a 6 cents tax and one, Arkansas, 6 1/2 cents.

Pennsylvania has the largest revenue from gas taxes, \$46,654,000. Nevada the smallest, \$1,108,000. Oregon collected \$9,550,000 in 1937. Washington \$14,334,000. California \$22,525,000 and Idaho \$4,026,000. Some of the states have diverted a portion of the motor tax revenues to other than highway purposes, but not Oregon.

### Summer Vacations Interest Jefferson

Jefferson—Miss Elizabeth Aupperle, a teacher in the Centralia, Wash., business college, is spending her summer vacation at the home of her parents, the Guy Aupperles.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Widener and Myrna, who have been visiting relatives and friends in the Green's bridge district, have returned to their home at Redmond. The Wideners are former residents here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Klampe of Labish, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klampe and four children were recent guests at the home of Mrs. Nettie Reeves and Miss Anna Klampe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jones and children, Gene and Ann, and Gene Mary Redmond have returned from a vacation at Diamond lake.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith were Mrs. May Englet and Carl Johnson of Oregon.

City, Miss Marie Dumont, Miss Louise Hanson and Miss Carol Dumont of San Francisco.

K. S. Thurston is spending a few days' vacation at the coast.

### Middle Grove People Occupy New Home

Middle Grove—Mrs. Earl Hammer and young son, Robert Earl, have returned to their home in this community. The young son is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zielenki of the Hazel Green district. Miss Gertrude Zielenki will remain at the Hammer home for an indefinite period.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bishop have moved to their new home across from the Frank Johnson property. The Bishops have been residing in Pratum but prior to that were residents of Hazel Green and number many friends in that community. Rev. J. Wilson and family are moving into the house in Pratum vacated by the Bishops.

### A Dog's Life

By Beck



### Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

These smoky days should give a lot of folk we know—without naming any names—a sorta glimpse into their hereafter.

Yesterday afternoon the atmosphere seemed about the same as that which greets one when he suddenly opens a door on a legislative committee room where the committee is in session. Although the smoke seemed a little sweeter and the surroundings a little more basically palatable, as it were, if anyone knows what we mean.

We heard that yesterday the fire warden were yanking men folk

from cars on their way home to press them into fire fighting service, which made it a nice week-end to stay home, regardless of the weather. We haven't heard whether Frank Minto and Wait Winslow were over the coast way or not—but we trust they'll pardon us for remarking that we hope so.

Gardner Knapp the other day presented us with a circular he found among some of his old belongings of the Watt Shipp Trailer Company. Watt being well known to all old timers. His trailer company handled an article which was forerunner of the modern trailer which bumps around the road and has caused more cursing from motorists behind it than even the trailer house. Watt's trailers had hard rubber tires as big as an inch and three quarters and they must have been merely an ornament on the roads of Watt's day.

### Novelties In the News

(By Associated Press)

#### Can't Lose

Earl Hartford, Conn.—Nicholas Lymbor won a set of golf clubs at an outing. Being a non-golfer, he sold them to another guest. The purchaser then raffled off a set of clubs he already owned, and Lymbor bought a couple of chances. Two days later, he was notified he held the winning ticket.

#### Soft Landing

Cranbrook, B. C.—Parachute jumper "Bat" McKenzie crashed through a greenhouse. A gory-looking blotch spread slowly on the floor. But McKenzie was not hurt. He'd landed in ripe tomatoes.

#### Hooks Horns

Fergus Falls, Minn.—"Hey!" shouted H. W. Kohlman, fishing on Wall lake. "I've got a big one this time." It wasn't a fish but the surprised fisherman was not disappointed.

He hauled up a set of elk antlers which must have been submerged for many years. He said they would make a fine ornament for his den.

#### Divorce is Sought

Dallas—Cruel and inhuman treatment was charged in the complaint filed in circuit court by Samuel Smith against Dorothy Smith, Friday. The couple were married April 14, 1936, in Vancouver, Wn., and no children were born of this marriage. The plaintiff asks that the marriage be dissolved and that he have what further relief the court may see just and fair.

Art Perry plastered a column of his own in the Medford Mail-Tribune Sunday sandwiched right in between some of his guest columnists. He didn't explain why, but rather guess the management insisted on it to keep the circulation from slipping. Or, maybe, to try to get it back.

The Flax Festival at Mt. Angel wound up with a tea for the royal court. To keep in line it should have been flavored tea like grandma used to make.

The oil well shut-downs in the south will probably, in the long run, end in the general public paying the bill as usual, but the general public is getting used to this now. Maybe some day the general public won't be so quiescent in taking its daily kick in the pants from one source or another.

Clear Lake—Mrs. Ethel Dorman, Bonnie and Wayne have moved to West Salem to stay during the hop harvest.



End Of One-Hour Crime Wave—Howard Gregory, 26, alias Howard Lyman of Seattle, is shown being fingerprinted at Spokane, Wash., after he was captured and a companion, Robert Gault, slain in a furious pistol battle in which two rookie policemen, Don Teabald, Jr., and Robert Johnson were wounded. Police said the pair had staged five hold-ups in one hour before their capture. — Associated Press Photo.

### Kelly Says:

Hoover Started Progressive Moves

Persistent Lobbying Brings Results

Bonneville Salary Outlay Huge

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—Every democrat and republican mentioned for the presidential nomination in 1940 should be able to qualify as a progressive and receive the support of Mr. Roosevelt. In his message to the Young Democrats (a packed convention where no delegate was permitted to question the new deal), Mr. Roosevelt warned that unless the democratic convention in 1940 nominates a candidate who is a liberal and not a conservative he, Mr. Roosevelt, would go fishing.

Herbert Hoover is regarded as a conservative to the N-th degree, as the type opposed to everything new-dealish. Mr. Roosevelt is pointed out as the great liberal leader and with a record of progress.

Hoover Created RFC Reconstruction Finance Corporation, regarded as the most sound financial agency in government, was created by Hoover, not by Mr. Roosevelt; HOLC is an expansion of Hoover's RFC.

Public works as an instrument to meet unemployment, was advocated and given a start by Hoover.

The Hoover Federal Farm board, denounced by democrats, is now known as the Commodity Credit Corporation, and its function is identical with the old Hoover board—lending money on wheat.

Conservative Hoover was ridiculed by Liberal Roosevelt for advocating the plowing under of every third row of cotton. The new deal has plowed under not only cotton and other crops, but hundreds of thousands of pigs.

Vice-President Garner is charged with being a rock-ribbed conservative, a reactionary. When Garner was speaker of the house he was advocating a pending spending program for recovery at a time when Mr. Roosevelt was still governor of New York and chummy with Al E. Smith, John J. Raske, Owen Young, then regarded as very liberal.

Garner Deserves Credit Mr. Roosevelt takes credit for the holding company act. But for Garner's help it would not have passed the senate.

In the "one hundred days," the first new congress, when Mr. Roosevelt was given the legislation establishing landmarks for the subsequent career of the administration, he was supported by Michigan's Vandenberg (viewed now as a conservative); by Oregon's McNary, republican senate leader, and other republicans who had supported Hoover a few months earlier.

Republicans enacted the anti-trust statutes. Under NRA (remember the blue eagle?) business was invited to disregard this law. And recently oil companies were prosecuted for practices required by the oil code, of which the secretary of the interior was administrator.

New deal attempts to revive housing followed ground work laid under Hoover.

Wagner labor act was unopposed by progressive new dealers until the administration needed Senator Wagner's vote on other matters.

Began With Hoover Cleaning up of Wall street, leading to SEC, began with the expose by a senate committee under Hoover's administration.

If government ownership of power (Bonneville, TVA, Grand Coulee) is the test of liberalism then many ardent new dealers are conservative, and some public ownership champions are also conservatives. For they refused to support other "must" legislation, held at the time by the president as vital to his program.

By the record, Mr. Roosevelt is himself partly conservative, copying Hoover.

Persistent lobbying wins in congress. For several years a concern in Alaska has been trying to get out of the reindeer business and wash its herds off on the federal government. The third deficiency appropriation bill carried \$795,000 for administration. Other appropriations will be requested until some \$2,000,000 will be spent by Uncle Sam buying reindeer. The animals are to be given to the Eskimo and Aleuts, providing them with a more abundant life. It is estimated any Eskimo can have around 24 head.

Sideline for Ickes As a side line the secretary of the interior will operate slaughterhouses for the reindeer and supply the meat to the natives. The reindeer venture started when it was intended to replace Oregon and Washington beefsteak with reindeer meat shipped to the Pacific Northwest and any where else that a market could be found.

Congress appropriated for salaries at Bonneville (July 1 to June 30, 1940), \$319,700, an increase of \$211,100 over the salary appropriation for the year ending last June 30. Wages run from \$600 a year for junior messengers to \$10,000 for the administrator. There are 22 salaries ranging from \$3200 up to \$7500. With the current appropriation, the federal government has appropriated almost one-half million dollars for salaries since the power department was turned over to an administrator. The government project has a contract to sell 200 k.w.y. to one customer; had an experimental contract with a private utility.



Lose Mother in Double Slaying—Kelly Minnick, Jr., 10 (center), comforted his sisters, Elizabeth (left), 3, and Marguerite, 6, after their mother, Mrs. Mary Minnick, 37, was found shot to death at their farm home near West Chester, Pa. Police said the father, Kelly Minnick, Sr., 38, told them he killed his wife because "she ran around and didn't take care of the children" and then clubbed her brother, Irvin Woolfrey, 29, to death when he went to her aid. — Associated Press Photo.

### Record Crowd At Mt. Angel Show

Mt. Angel, Aug. 21—The largest crowd in the history of Mt. Angel turned out Sunday for the featured parade of the fourth annual flax festival. Sweepstakes went to the Rue gar-

dens of Silverton for the float entry. "Visions of the industry four years ago are realized today and will exceed expectations as the industry continues to grow," predicted E. J. Griffith, PWA administrator, of Portland, principal speaker at the short program which followed the parade.

Mayor Joseph Carson, of Portland, asserted that "Portland does care about Mt. Angel and the other communities of the state," realizing that the success of Portland depends upon the progress of the rest of the state.

Ray Garner, representing Portland, was master of ceremonies with Father Alcun, OSB, introducing the speakers and distinguished guests. Introduced and speaking were Mayor Jacob Berchold, of Mt. Angel, who extended the official welcome; T. A. Windshar, president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce; Dave O'Hara, representing the city of Salem; Hugh Rossen, representing the office of the secretary of state; Mrs. Zetta Schlador, mayor of Silverton; W. D. Simmons, representing Woodburn, and Ed Greble, director of the Canby flax growers association.

Other winners besides the sweepstakes were:

Al's Place, Mt. Angel, cup for division No. 1; Mt. Angel flax plant, blue ribbon; Fred's Super station, red ribbon, and the Catholic Order of Foresters, Mt. Angel, white ribbon.

Fred Meyer, Salem, won the cup for the second division with the "Old Prospector" from Abiqua City, the blue ribbon; Molalla Buckeroos, red ribbon, and the Mt. Angel and Woodburn Lumber company, white ribbon.

The Salem Cherrians received the cup for first place in the marching division, with the Salem Boy Scout troops the blue ribbon and the Flaxarians of Mt. Angel the red ribbon.

City Commissioner Ralph Clyde, Portland, received first for municipalities.

Judges were Mark Woodruff, secretary of the Rose Festival association of Portland; E. Donald Ross, representing the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and Nick Schroeder, president of the East Side Commercial club of Portland.

Joe Bern, head of the Mt. Angel flax growers, was grand marshal of the parade which featured the Salem Cherrians and drum corps; Silverton American Legion Junior band; Master Bread band of Salem, players between 7 and 14 years old; the Oregon City American Legion Junior band and representatives of the Territorial days' celebration; Sons of the Beaches, clown band from Newport; Independence hop fests band; Molalla Buckeroos and the St. Paul rodeo.

Outstanding in the parade was the float of the Mt. Angel flax plant, showing hand weaving of linen and the flax-decorated float upon which Queen Elaine and her royal court brought up the rear under escort of linen-float Flaxarians.

Bob Craven, president of the Independence hop bowl association, and others interested in the hop fests this week-end, were special visitors.

Street dancing, carnival and fireworks concluded the festival.

### Byrne Vice Honored On 66th Birthday

Hazel Green—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Vice entertained recently at their home in Labish Gardens with an informal family dinner commemorating Byrne Vice, father of Lawrence, on the occasion of his 66th birthday anniversary. The honor guest, who spent the past year in Florida and California, is now spending some time in Oregon at the home of his son and of his daughter, Mrs. William Lynch. The occasion also marked the birthday anniversary of Mr. Vice's granddaughter, Mrs. Jon Beebe (Lucille). Covers were placed for the honor guests, Byrne Vice, Mrs. John Beebe, and Miss Ruth Thornhill. Miss Phyllis Vice, Miss Mildred Faith Albert Lawrence, Jr., and Edgar Vice, and the hosts.

### Mt. Angel Likes Salem Players

With an audience of 1200 which filled the large auditorium at Mt. Angel Saturday night, the Community Playhouse players came through in great style in the presentation of "So You're From Missouri."

The players showed more polish than when they first presented the play in June. Often the crowd would break into laughter at the hilarious situations and many times the players had to pause until the laughter subsided.

The entertainment committee of the Flax Festival program was generous in its praise and told Larry Boulder, director, that the play was better received than any staged at previous festivals. Those taking part in the play were: Weldon Walker, La Vergne Carpenter, Barbara Hathaway, Dorothy Lipps, Gordon Weum, Harry Skelton, Bob Mundi, Myri Terry and Vera Beth Clendenning.

The Community Playhouse will now devote entire attention on the next production, "Palama, Orii." Rehearsals get under way tonight at the Art Center. The Playhouse is a community organization and anyone interested in dramatics is invited to join.

### Date Set for 4-H Judging

The Marion county 4-H judging contest will be held Monday, August 28, with the teams to represent Marion county at the state fair and the Pacific International to be selected from high scoring teams at this contest. County Club Leader Wayne D. Harding announced today. All 4-H livestock members are urged to attend as well as club leaders. Every standard club may enter a team of three members and all 4-H livestock members may practice judging but only the teams selected will be in competition.

Harding also said that dairy club members who are 15 years and older are urged to attend as the Marion county team to compete in the national dairy judging contest at the state fair will be selected from the high scores in the dairy classes.

The county dairy team will be selected from the county at large and need not be from one standard club. The team winning the contest at the state fair will represent Oregon in the 4-H judging contest to be held at the national dairy show at San Francisco.

The judging program for next Monday will be as follows: 9:30 a. m., hogs and sheep, at home of Robert Zielenki, Quinaby; 1:30 p. m., dairy judging at Bealy farm.

### Asks \$250,000 For Love Balm

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Edith Knight Hill, wife of the head of Hill Military academy and author of a column of advice to the lovelorn in a Portland newspaper, has filed a \$250,000 alienation of affections suit against May C. Beebe, widow of a rich Portland shipbuilder.

Mrs. Hill, who under the pen name of Marian Miller daily gives counsel to troubled sweethearts and couples unhappily married, alleged that Mrs. Beebe sought to gain the affections of Joseph A. Hill starting October 1, 1936.

The Hills were married just 20 years ago last June. Hill Military academy is well known on the Pacific coast.

In her complaint, Mrs. Hill said she had "reason to believe" that Mrs. Beebe owns personal property valued in excess of \$2,000,000 while the plaintiff had worked for a weekly wage and had no such resources.

Walter Beebe, Portland shipbuilding magnate, was shot and killed in a duck hunting accident several years ago.

### Two in Hospitals After Accidents

A skull fracture, not believed serious, and facial lacerations were suffered by Peter Spino, 52, of Brooks when his automobile and another driven by Kenzie C. Simpson, 39, collided Saturday night a mile south of Brooks. Spino was brought to Salem by a Greyhound stage driver and was taken to Salem General hospital.

Another case of accident caused by a bee was recorded Saturday night when an automobile driven by Mrs. M. J. Cone, Haselford apartments, crashed a power pole on Skyline road a mile beyond Liberty store, bringing down the pole and wires. The crash occurred when a bee struck Mrs. Cone in the eye. She suffered an ankle fracture and had bruises, and is at Salem Deaconess hospital.

### Residents of Keizer Entertain Guests

Keizer—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gembeck of Denver, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Al Wahle and daughter Kay of Davenport, Ia., were guests of the home of Mrs. Wahle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Putnam, and sister Mrs. M. S. Bunnell. They visited the San Francisco exposition before returning to their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Minturn have had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sigismund of Eugene. Mrs. Minturn and Mrs. Sigismund are sisters.