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A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY

WHY A PERMANENT PAGEANT?

(An analysis of the Sunset Trail success by a Eugenean who has studied the community closely.)
IN the aftermath of discussion that has been going on ever since the close of the Sunset Trail pageant two points have been advanced on every side: first, it is conceded that Eugene is to give a pageant every three years, and second, the feeling is felt to be justified that Eugene has done and can do something that no other community could do so well.

"What has come over this town?" asked an eminent scholar who was a professor in the University of Oregon ten years ago and has been away ever since. "Ten years ago Eugene could no more have done such a thing than it could have flown; now it easily put this pageant over in a manner scarcely any community in the world could surpass!"

Climate is Right
One reason, it should be noted, is climate. Climate bars out ninety-nine hundredths of the towns in the United States. No such vast and expensive scenic effects dare be attempted where high winds may rise in the night, or where thunder storms blow up in half an hour. Eugene will have no rival in the East, South or Middle West.

On the Pacific Coast other towns possess good summer climate, but when the list is pared down to those containing universities, the number of possible competitors is evidently shrunk almost to the vanishing point. For it is only fair and generous to state freely that the high quality of the Sunset Trail performance was possible through the untiring and unselfish way in which trained university talent joined in and took part in a community movement whose heart and center was down town and even up in the mountain valleys rather than on the campus. The contribution of the school of music, the part taken by those trained in dramatics, in physical education, in dancing, in design, in publicity, in art, to say nothing of the fact that the university contributed the author and other important and hard-working key men, must be acknowledged as one cause of the admitted success of the whole show.

Then, of those communities—few as they are—that have both the right climate and a high grade university, if we are to eliminate all those that do not possess the democratic spirit of Eugene, how many possible rivals are left? Like chickens' teeth or the snakes in Ireland.

All Elements Help
Think of the elements which in most communities tend to take a snobbish attitude and hold themselves aloof and above taking part in real community enterprises, and see how lucky Eugene was in the choice of the one theme that could arouse their enthusiasm:

First, the "old family element," sometimes too busy building up a "first family" cult to join hands with community movements. Here they were the very heart and center of the pageant, for they are above all those who possess the heirlooms, and who feel both a pride and a duty in honoring the pioneers.

Second, the conservative rural element, usually hard to interest in movements emanating from the towns. Here they stepped right to the front, for they were the ones who owned and understood oxen and horses, and were still adept in all the arts once common among the immigrating settlers. And their place in the pageant was an honored one.

Third, the wealthy, usually trying to set themselves apart as a separate caste which must not be expected to accept the leadership of others or join in movements which they do not control. The rich men of Eugene offered the same hearty, unselfish willingness to do what they were asked, the difficult and laborious jobs along with the easy and conspicuous, as was expected of other people. They proved themselves just common good scouts like the rest of us.

Fourth, the so-called intellectual element. No one will mention "town-and-gown" feuds in Eugene for years after seeing this occasion. College towns often suffer from lack of sympathy between the business and academic elements, but not this town. Here the city believes in its University and pours out its wealth in its interest, as it did this spring. Here the college man believes in his town and joins in its community projects as no one will forget who has seen dignified professors and their wives counting costumes, soliciting support, organizing and doing many of the dirtiest, sweatiest, and most laborious parts of the work, besides marching in the parades, "carrying a spear" as humble members of choruses, and staying home on their well earned vacations to help the project along.

Fifth, the aged, usually inclined to hold back even where, indeed, they have not a slight feeling of being excluded. On this occasion at least gray hairs were an honor and a title to deference, as in a perfect world they ought to be.

Future Outlook Bright
There, then, are the five elements which are usually found to be of the most refractory sort, the very hardest to interest in such community projects. Here, we have happened on a theme that appeals to all of them even more than it does to the "live wire" element that is always ready to boost a good thing.

So here, at last, has been performed a miracle that is scarcely recorded of any other community in all the books of history—an entire community pulling together to a man, without jealousy, without mercenary motives, without any holding back. Then, there is the friendly feeling of the neighboring communities, the fact that the Willamette valley, of which Eugene is the center, was an unusually early emigrant objective and much material has been preserved here, and now, of course, the fact that the pageant has been organized, is successful, and counts as a going concern.

For these reasons, every one of which represents an actual fact that cannot be explained away, it is reasonable to believe that Eugene has the opportunity to establish something unique, that will be perfected from triumph to triumph, repeating its best features and gradually adding new ideas, and perhaps attain the fame of the Oberammergau passion play, or of the very few other intermittent celebrations that attract widespread attention.

AS OTHERS SEE THINGS

AN UNFORTUNATE PROPHECY
Albany Democrat-Herald
Paul Schisler, Oregon State college football coach, says that the University of Southern California Trojans will vanquish all the Pacific coast eleven this coming fall. Well, the Southerners will win, if the other teams think they will. The Aggie coach probably was giving an expert opinion justified by evidence, but we wish that he had not prophesied. It disturbs us as a loyal Oregonian, who is ready to root for any Oregon eleven, to know that our own coaches expect the thundering herd of Southern California to triumph. It takes the edge off the season's play to know that Oregon teams are predestined to go down to ignominious defeat. The fact is that the Oregon team will be defeated, if it enters the season convinced that the Trojans are going to win.

The California universities have plenty of material for their football eleven and they turn out some finished productions every fall. But we are coming to the conclusion that a contributing factor to their success is the Oregon inferiority complex, which appears to be more willing to grant them the palm than to wrest it from them. We should prefer to have our coaches and teams recognize the fact that the Southern Californians are not supermen, but humans even as we Oregonians. We should prefer to have our Oregon teams unwilling to admit Trojan superiority, until after it had

been demonstrated. Many a football eleven has risen to sublime heights on the strength of its fighting spirit. But aggressiveness does not come from admitting an antagonist's superiority.

Can You Believe It?

(The Bend Bulletin)
Tall tales of the trout fishermen become positively puny when compared with the latest from Woodland, Wash. The story, which is published as fact, has to do with the appearance of a skunk (mephitis mephitis) in a henery, and the subsequent appearance of a young lady who grasped nature's greatest gas attack by the tail and swung him aloft.
But the skunk, while enraged at such indignity, retained an unusual amount of poise. He refused, in fact, to become mephitic, continuing without odorous offense until after the young lady's brother had deprived him of his head. And then, of course, it was too late.
We wish we could believe that story. If we only had faith, it would make us so much more self-reliant and valiant the next time we met a woods pussy. But we just can't. It's too much for our credulity, unless the ill-fated animal were a refugee from one of those fur farms where the polecat is separated from his aroma in early youth. That, and only that, would make the episode understandable.

MAIL BAG

ON CROSSINGS

Editor Guard:
The suggestion in a recent editorial that a definite plan be worked out for handling the crossing situation in Eugene, as regards the tracks of the Southern Pacific company in particular, seems to be one which has a great deal of merit. While no immediate action is probable which will permanently establish the tracks and crossings of the railroad company, nevertheless it is the intention of the Southern Pacific company to double track its line through Eugene. The expense of doing this will no doubt have a tendency to make difficult any further change in the grade. A brief study of the streets in Eugene will demonstrate to anyone the inconvenience which arises from developing a city without a definite plan. There are still streets in the most thickly settled portions which are closed to traffic and this necessitates a great deal of round-about travel.

Why cannot the city planning commission and the Federated Women's clubs take up this very important matter for consideration and develop a plan which will take care of the crossing situation with a view to future traffic even heavier than that which exists now? These organizations might perhaps be able to secure voluntary assistance in employing some planning expert. It would be a splendid way to demonstrate public spirit.

The suggestion made by someone that several of the important streets, namely, Eighth avenue east, Broadway and Eleventh avenue east, be closed to traffic and the travel on these streets be diverted to one crossing of the Southern Pacific tracks seems to me a very alarming one. The idea of sending all traffic on these streets through a bottle neck is certainly short sighted. Our traffic is bound to increase and should be provided with more avenues of passage instead of being reduced to a fewer number.

It is certainly to be hoped that the city council will take no definite action on this matter until a very comprehensive study has been made of the situation with a view not only to present conditions but with a liberal forecast for the future.
GEO. O. GOODALL

TOM SIMS' BARBS

A DOCTOR says that man will be without toes in 500 centuries. Just what will people do with old safety razor blades then?

A Pennsylvania bridegroom collapsed twice while the wedding ceremony was being performed. They made him go through with it, however.

An optimist is a bridge player who passes after his partner has bid "one weak no trump." You might also call him a pessimist.
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SIDE GLANCES



"Young man, can you direct me to the Rembrandt Galleries?"

Daily Health Service Athlete's Performance Depends Largely on Nerve Efficiency

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
Editor Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine
SINCE the physiologists have discovered that the maximum speed of a runner or of an athlete in any performance depends on his vital capacity; that is to say, the amount of oxygen that he can use in turning out a certain amount of work, as well as on the efficiency of his nervous and muscular system, experiments have been conducted in various laboratories to find out what the greatest speed and efficiency that can be developed in various types of muscular performance.

When one rides his bicycle he is concerned not only with the amount of rapidly with which he can cause the pedals to go round, but also with pushing against a force, keeping his body in the seat and similar problems. Dr. Sylvia Dickinson in the University College, London, has studied the efficiency of bicycle pedaling as affected by the speed and the load for the Industrial Fatigue Research Council. She points out that the relation previously found between the maximum speed of pedaling a bicycle and the force overcome leads to the prediction that the mechanical efficiency of bicycle pedaling would vary with the speed and that there would be an optimum speed at which the efficiency is highest.

Experiments were made to determine the efficiency of bicycle pedaling over a wide range of speeds. The optimum time of one foot movement (half a pedal revolution) was found to be nine-tenths of a second. At a constant speed of 33 complete pedal revolutions per minute, it was found that the efficiency was not appreciably affected by any change of load within a considerable range at the pedal.

Here is an attempt to reach a concept of the efficiency of human muscular action in a certain type of performance. As one might presume from this investigation, a six-day bicycle racer who had achieved a constant pace of 33 complete revolutions per minute sustained during the entire six-day period, would invariably win; at this speed he would be constantly at the maximum of human efficiency in bicycle pedaling.

thankful that we live under the rippling folds of Old Glory with all the other countries owing us money and with 95 per cent of the world's automobile production. "I suppose my readers are wondering what old Uncle Boombom has to say about the tariff. Well, Uncle Boombom, although he cannot tell all he knows, predicts this: We are going to have a tariff law that will protect both the producer and the consumer. It will protect the consumer from low prices, which are bad for him, and the same goes, of course, for the producer. I can promise with reasonable assurance that there will be no increase in duty on ice water, gypsy moths, chop suey, Cape Cod oysters, thunder and lightning, bobbed hair, Mohammedan, debt payments—if any, homing pigeons, birthday suits, barnacles and fog. "Above all, this tariff law is going to be something that the republicans will cheer about and the democrats will squawk about. What more can you ask from a tariff bill

than that? Every body will be happy. "Somebody is all the time writing in to ask where I stand on prohibition. I do not like to get such letters because they indicate that there is some doubt about where I stand on prohibition. For the benefit of new voters, however, I want to reiterate for the thousandth time that McWhorter stands for the Stars and Stripes, the rights of the working man, the sanctity of the home and all other experiments, however noble.

"Now, take world peace. I think we are all agreed that peace is a fine thing when it isn't abused. What an inspiring spectacle it was the other day when our nation told Russia and China not to do any fighting! But I do not want my readers to think that I am happy thereby given Russia and China the right to ask us to stop whenever we want to do some fighting of our own. Just let those heathens try and see where they get off. Of course, we all know that when our country sends soldiers or marines to fight anybody it is only in a holy cause and none of anybody's business.

"I am sure that you are now all convinced that each and every one of us has something to be happy about as he contemplates our national affairs. Mr. George W. Wick-ersham has achieved the impossible and said something that made both the wets and the dries happy at the same time. The dries think it is just wonderful that Mr. Wickersham and President Hoover want to make the state help enforce the dry laws and the wets are happy because the more enforcement there is left to the state the less those states will have which don't want it."

To Real Estate Dealers
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TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF

Holy Roman Empire

ON Aug. 6, 1806, the Holy Roman Empire ceased to exist when Francis II resigned the imperial crown after having assumed the title of emperor of Austria. The Roman empire was the creation of Otto the Great, who was crowned emperor by the pope in Rome in the year 962. Technically, it was a prolongation of the empire of Charles (Charlemagne). It was based upon ideas essentially the same as those which brought about the coronation of Charles the Great in 800.

The restored empire included, reckoning strictly, only Germany proper and two-thirds of Italy; or, counting subject but separate kingdoms, Burgundy, Bohemia, Moravia, Poland, Denmark, perhaps Hungary.

Under Otto, the Germans became not only a united nation, but were at once raised on a pinnacle, the possessors of Rome and Rome's authority.

In 1254, at the end of the Hohenstauffen dynasty, the empire began to sink rapidly in importance and owed any real authority which it possessed to the strength of the ruler who was emperor.

The bonds which held the empire together were greatly loosened in 1418 when individual states were accorded the right to enter into foreign alliances.

20 YEARS AGO

(From The Guard, Aug. 6, 1909)
THERE was a rumor on the streets today that the Oregon Electric Railway company had bought the local street railway system from the Portland, Eugene, and Eastern Railway company and

would soon extend the Salem-Portland line to Eugene and operate the local system in connection with the trunk line.

During the month of July the births exceeded the deaths in Lane county by nine, despite the fact that Lane county boosters claim the many people come to this equable climate to spend their last days.

The team representing the Eugene Circle, Women of Woodmen, left this morning for Portland to compete in the exhibition tomorrow with thirty of forty other teams for which a prize of \$300 is offered.

\$15 to \$28 to Los Angeles
These extremely low fares are available every day on four daily trains. By train you enjoy greater comfort and speed. Tickets are good in coaches and in Tourist Sleepers on "West Coast," "Klamath," "Oregonian" and "Shasta" (the tourist sleeper on "Shasta"). The coach fare and tourist ticket are nearly half the regular travel cost.

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The Trail That Was Overlooked

It was a beautiful pageant—"The Sunset Trail." We'll all agree to that. A gorgeous and memorable spectacle. But there was something missing—a Trail that was overlooked—the Cow Trail.

The real Pioneer of the Oregon country was the cow. The first trails were Cow Trails. It was those narrow but significant pathways—pushing ever westward, in the search for fresh grazing lands, that led to the discovery, and, later, to the settlement of the richest areas of our state.

And the Cow Trail is still the trail that, for the average farmer, leads to success and prosperity.

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