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COOLIDGE CHARACTERISTICS

The following is from a late analysis of President Coolidge's personal characteristics by Mark Sullivan, the well-known Washington correspondent:

The status of President Coolidge's father, Colonel John Coolidge, in Vermont is sufficiently indicated by the fact that he has served in the state legislature and has been chosen by the governor of the state as a member of his staff. Without having anything to go on except observation, one infers he is one of those men of substance and position in New England, a man who, through diligence in a small personal business of country storekeeping and farming, has managed to save something like \$1000 or so a year, has always invested it in something very safe, and at the end of a long lifetime finds himself the possessor of one of those tidy New England fortunes of \$50,000 to \$75,000 or so. Probably you would search a long time to find in America today a man worth \$75,000 who has never owned an automobile. It would be still more unusual to find a combination of father and son like President Coolidge and his father in circumstances equivalent to finding neither of whom has ever had an automobile of his own.

The thing that is striking about the Coolidges and other New Englanders of their type is stability. It is a trait of character, of personality, more potent than surrounding circumstances, character that determines on a way of life and sticks to it. There are many men all over the country whose careers have been like Colonel Coolidge's, who, as village storekeepers, or as farmers, or as business men in their communities, has got together the competence of a tidy fortune.

Few, however, stick to their old homes and their old ways as Colonel Coolidge has done. An Iowa farmer or storekeeper who has made thus much money is fairly certain to make a change in his way of living. He goes to Florida for the winter, or to Los Angeles for winter and summer alike. Much of the present size of Los Angeles and much of the boom in Florida rest on the backs of multitudes of Americans in the north and middle west who, having got together a tidy competence, often less than \$50,000, take to easier ways of life and suffer methods of living.

With people like the Coolidges with all the New Englanders of whom they are an example, economy is a matter of personal character first, and only incidentally a matter of accumulating money. It is a heritage from a religion and a way of life which inclined waste as something close to sin. They are not particularly generous. When they regard a thing as worth while, after due reflection and judgment, they buy it, and when they buy, they buy the best.

WHY KEEP QUIET?

North Bend Harbor

It is commonly known about Coos Bay that the Weyerhaeuser company is setting its stakes for operations on Coos Bay, but everybody is warned to "keep it quiet."

It is common talk that the Hill family is going to build a line into Coos Bay, "but don't let it leak out," is the admonition.

Traveling men come in and spread this gossip; others best intentions when they go outside where these future developments are discussed in whispers, though informants say the dips are correct.

A little publicity for the big timber company and for the Coast Northern won't do any harm, for it is understood they have everything worth while under option and a few are going to make big returns when the purchases are made.

The time set for these announcements, when they can come out in the open and say just where the biggest timber in the northwest will be located, and where the new timbered terminals will be located, is some-

times in 1926, but some money can no longer be maintained, it may come sooner.

What does any reader suppose the commercial conflict between a timberman of the Southern Pacific and the Westfield chamber of commerce means? The answer is probably for the purpose of living up to the charter as against the advent of any new railroad.

Whatever influence or public body sets itself to be used for such a purpose on Coos Bay will regret it for the people here are not against progress and growth and any great or small development is welcome to the populace.

ALMOST EIGHTY MILLIONS

When the State of Oregon originated the gasoline tax plan in 1923 it was considered quite a novelty, says Sunset Magazine. Today it is of service in forty-four states and the District of Columbia. Oregon started with a collection of one cent a gallon. South Carolina has raised the rate to five cents a gallon. Three states—Arkansas, Nevada and North Carolina—have a rate of four cents. Utah has gone to three and a half cents and thirteen states now collect a tax of three cents a gallon.

The California legislature raised the rate to three cents at the last session but Governor Richardson vetoed the bill, as California remains in the list having a two-cent gas tax. Only four of the thirty-six states with a gasoline tax have held the rate down to one cent a gallon.

The states which have not adopted this plan for highway building and maintenance are New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Hawaii.

Only thirty-six states and the District of Columbia collected a tax on gasoline last year but the sum of \$128,000,000 was raised. As eight more states are using the plan this year, many with higher rates, and as the consumption of gasoline is showing an enormous increase it is plain that a considerable sum will be collected during 1925 for highway purposes.

TEN MILLION WORDS A MONTH

Nearly ten million words a week now are knitting the two ends of the Atlantic together. That's the really significant story revealed by the recent opening of a new cable.

No doubt you have been waged for miles, but commercial cables are much more likely to prevent wars. And the war fever ends when you know your man.

Almost four hundred million words we have exchanged with Europe this last year—business, personal messages, news. The latest cable is of a new alloy and must faster than the old ones. Wireless is being tuned up to higher speeds. Shortly, experts say, long messages will be "photographed" across the ocean. Not through the air as a heliograph is now transmitted, and then static will be a dead obstacle.

All these things mean cheaper communication, an increase in our knowledge of each other and a consequent decrease in quarrelsomeness. The North doesn't quarrel with the South, or the East with the West so much any more, since the motor car has shuffled us up and made out the distances we learned in our geography classes to be great separations.

The exchange of ten million words a week reduces the war risk—Southern Independent.

SEVERE CONTENTED ANYWHERE

There are a lot of complaining people in the world who strongly remind one of an old saw my father once said.

She was never content with her situation. If you put her with the rest of the cattle she desired to be alone. If you turned her out by herself she would stand by the fence and howl herself hoarse. When she didn't have either of these causes for complaint she would stand and howl and howl, apparently from no other cause than mere habit.

I have seen her standing knee-deep in rice sweet cream, take a bite, and stop to feed before swallowing and let the whole bunch drop out of her mouth. Thus she let what she already had by howling for something she knew she couldn't get.

I have often thought of her personality. She was about human in this one particular trait.

So many people are continually complaining that others have things just a little more plentiful or a little better than they have. In their discontent they make out not only themselves but others about them inimical and unhappy—Coquille man in S. P. Bulletin.

SWIMMING IN EDUCATION

On the ground that funds were lacking for the purpose, the Portland school board was successful in withholding pecuniary support from a school swimming pool, which it would not have been on the theory that swimming is not a desirable and even safe.

an indispensable part of the education of boys and girls. Her report from the value as a developer of sound lungs and strong bodies and on training per se, in co-ordination, it is a conservation of life. Not a summer game that does not illustrate the point. Nearly every drowning casualty is avoidable and would be forestalled if the victims had learned to swim—Portland Oregonian.

It is interesting to note that the government owned and operated railroad between Seattle and Portland, Alaska, over which the Northern pig-iron made a round trip two years ago, will probably be abandoned, owing to the excessive cost of operating it and the small revenue received by it. It is amazing Uncle Sam in the hole at the rate of nearly two millions of dollars a year now, although there are only two trains a week each way. The expense of building the line was fifty millions of dollars, and that with all expense, is a total loss if the road is abandoned. Uncle Sam, it said to be said, "is rich enough to give us all a farm," but there are some latitudes too rich for his blood.

A pair of turbines, the largest of their kind in the world, is now being built in the United States for a Brazilian hydro-electric development. When completed they will be installed on the Amazon river and will drive by water dropping, 22200 feet. Each of these turbines is rated at 40,000 horsepower. The largest similar turbine in the United States is in the Big Creek No. 1 hydro-electric generating station in Southern California. It has a capacity of 35,000 horsepower.

But E. Henry, Oregon member of the U. S. House of Representatives, thought it was a bigger man than old Calhoun.

Just imagine Congress assembling, or trying to assemble the question of a president in this country now. That is what is still happening in Berlin, but we have had nothing of that sort in the United States since 1876 at any rate.

A scholarship by the Girl Scouts of America has been offered Betty Paula, 15 years old, who was reported in dispatch of July 31 as having rescued a 10-year-old girl, Florence Fisher, from drowning at Spirit Lake, Idaho.

Wounded Their Driver

C. F. Ross, taxi driver of Independence, Oregon, was slain and left for the mortuary about 10 miles north of Independence Tuesday night. Officers believe the crime was committed by three men who had engaged Ross to drive them to Albany. Ross left Independence with three men about 8:15 that night. An hour later Sheriff Richards of Linn county, discovered Ross's body while returning to Albany from Independence. The body had several bullet wounds and head crushed as though by a blunt instrument. Ross's car, bearing Oregon license 21841, is now missing. Ross's pockets were turned inside out, but a considerable sum of money he carried in a shirt pocket was unharmed.

Officers said they had a description of one of the suspects. These men are believed to have fled in Ross's car after being interrupted while going through Ross's pockets. Mrs. J. A. Ross, who lives on a farm near the scene of the slaying, declared she heard shots last night.

Report on Arctic Trip

Complete records of the flying operations of the navy airplanes with the MacMillan Arctic expedition, was received at Washington yesterday, from Lieutenant Commander Byrd by radio, in response to a request from the National Geographic Society. The dispatch shows that the three planes flew an aggregate of six thousand six hundred miles, saw an area as large as the state of Maine. Only one forced landing was necessary during all the flights.

Byrd's report will mention ranges of snow fields which did not appear on charts he had seen. He declared that Greenland's ice cap reaches an elevation of at least 10,000 feet.

Get \$2,000 for News Stories

C. L. Newman, Coquille City farmer, who was consulting last to Tom Haring, James Wilke and Ellsworth Kelly, escaped Oregon convicts, has made approximately \$2,000 writing about his experiences for newspapers, magazines and press associations.

Joseph Patterson, Pittsburg, a friend of Newman's, revealed the information. Newman was formerly a newspaper man of the San Francisco Bay district.

The three convicts with their halcyon histories forced the Newman to keep them for an entire day.

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Making Livestock Survey

The livestock committee of the Coos County Agricultural economic conference held its first meeting in the office of C. E. Richards, county agent, last Monday afternoon. H. E. Ross, prominent local stock man, is chairman of this committee and presided over the meeting. Assisting him in working out a definite plan of work for the committee previous to the meeting of the general conference on November 16 and 17 were Ellis Bennett, Myrtle Point; and E. H. Hansen, of the East Elk district. Other members of the livestock committee included Ray Bennett, Myrtle Point; Max Bennett, Powers; Mike Summerton, Powers; Joe Nulf, Riverdale; P. C. Bailey, Powers; John Hagen, Powers; Albert Powers, Powers; J. E. Ford, Marshfield.

It was brought out in the committee meeting that Coos county now has, according to last census figures, 2800 head of beef cattle, 3,500 hogs and 6500 sheep. According to figures compiled by the U. S. C. Extension Service 22.5 percent of the county's agricultural income is derived from livestock products.

To work out ways and means of increasing this income from livestock production and to make the livestock industry more profitable will be the chief purpose of the livestock committee, it was decided.

All of the facts bearing on the livestock industry in the county will be collected by the committee with the assistance of the county agent's office and representatives of the U. S. C. Extension Service. Such questions as how can grass best be utilized on the 200,000 acres of logged off land? Will sheep be more profitable in the utilization of this grass than will cattle and, if so, will the sheep return more profits when run under fence or when run with herder in bands of 10,000 or more? Will it be more profitable for livestock operators to lease or buy logged off land for grazing purposes? These are among the questions to be determined by this committee. Such questions as these and many other vitally important to the industry, the committee decided to take up and attempt to work out solutions which will permit the utilization of these logged off lands along most economic lines.

Another meeting of the committee will be called early in October. There will be committee on dairying, poultry, farm crops, vegetable crops and fruit growing, each of which will make a study similar to that planned by the livestock division.

The conference here is the 15th similar conference held in as many counties in the state and will be the first of a series of conferences to be held this fall. Sessions in Douglas, Columbia and Merrill counties will immediately follow the one here.

Trying to Pre-empt Beach

Leonard Underwood of Portland, inspector for the U. S. Interior department, was in Bandon this week investigating an application that has been made to secure Cove and Table rocks for private use. The application was made several years ago by L. J. Bailey, G. E. Trust and John Nelson. More recently a survey of the rocks was made by government engineers, this being necessary in connection with the application.

It seems that considerable opposition has been aroused against allowing any rocks or islands located in the ocean inside the three mile limit from the shore to be commercialized, one of the highest up federal officials being inclined to favor placing them in either third or recreational reserves. Since the matter has come to public attention considerable local sentiment has been expressed on the subject which would indicate that an effort will be made to have the government place all the rocks that stand out in the surf along the local beach placed in what is known as the recreational reserve.

It is understood that similar applications on other rocks have either already been made or are contemplated by other parties.

Mr. Nelson when interviewed stated that he and his associates have made the application several years ago but had no knowledge of what the government might do with it; they had no particular plans in mind but would like to get the rocks if it is possible for anyone to get them.

Cove rock is located almost directly opposite Wecoma Butte and Table rock a few hundred feet to the north. Both stand out in the surf and can only be reached at extreme low tide.

Is Sunshine So Unusual

According to the following items in the Coos Bay Times sunshine is so rare at North Bend that when it does occur drivers of cars are temporarily blinded and serious accidents result:

Allen Lemanski, turning on Sheridan, blinded by the sun shining in his eyes crashed into the back of a



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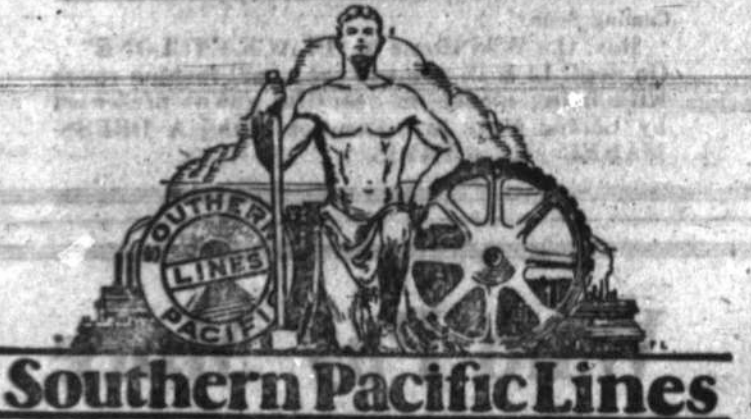
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J. F. Gardner, of the Citizen's State bank, ran into a wood truck, while temporarily blinded by the sun. No charge was placed against him.

Over here sunshine is not so unusual as to blind any one.

Animal Oddities

Quirks of animal nature in Coos county are soon to be shown on the screens of the world. Jesse G. Hill, Webfoot Weekly, has been in Coos county for the past several days and the camera man of the Oregon Journal has unearthed considerable human interest film material. Many of the film shots made here will be shown also on the International news reel, Hill said.

One of the most interesting is the sucking of a cub bear by a matronly goat on the H. M. G. Someland farm 8 miles from Coquille. Hill filmed this unique pair several weeks ago

for the Webfoot Weekly, but wants another view of it for the International. On his visit to the farm Saturday he snapped the bear picking apples and dropping them into sack held by one of the Someland boys.

Hill also made a trip to the Christenson home in Bay Park where he expected to get a snap of a baby racoon deriving nourishment from a baby's milk bottle.

The camera man also expected to visit the Jetty and to take pictures of the coast guard in action. He may try to get some views of salmon catching on the Rogue. He visited Bandon beach Sunday and filmed Elks and Odd Fellows in picnic stunts—Marshfield News.

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