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SAWYER WOULD BE ELECTED

In the weekly letter of R. A. Easton, appearing on this page, he makes reference to R. W. Sawyer as running for the republican nomination for governor, in order that he might "get even" with Al Norblad.

Mr. Sawyer, nor his friends, do not give any such reason for his candidacy. Nor is a candidate except in a receptive way. He has stated that he would not make any effort to secure the nomination, but that he would not refuse it if tendered him.

Robert Sawyer is one of the state's leading citizens. He has served as county judge of Deschutes county, and as a member of the State Highway Commission, with honor and ability.

There is no idea of "getting even." His summary dismissal by Accidental Governor Al, has brought him more prominently into the limelight than ever before, and we will say it would be a case of poetic justice if he is elected governor. And if he is nominated he will be.

Another point which will help Judge Sawyer is the small arising in Portland and Salem where it is whispered that the reasons for Sawyer's removal from the highway commission will not bear the light of close investigation. Whether it was a pre-election promise, or for some other reason, that Mr. Sawyer was dismissed, it was in contravention of state law. And, of course, such things cannot be proved, but the story will not down, and just what did happen was told to this writer before the primary as a probability if Norblad did not receive the nomination.

BIRTH RATE ON DECLINE

In an average group of 200 Americans in 1915, five children were being born each year. In that same average group in 1928 less than four children were being born.

These figures are based on the returns from those states, embracing 91 per cent of the population, where the registration of births is required by law. In 1915 the birth rate in the registration area was 25.1. In 1928 it was 19.7, a decrease of 6.4 or 21.6 per cent.

The result, says the Office of Education, of the Department of the Interior, now is being felt in the schools. Actual decreases in the number of children in the lower grades in communities that are increasing in population are being shown.

In Chicago, for example, at the end of September, in 1924, there were 260,872 children in the first six grades of the regular day schools. The corresponding figure for 1929 was 254,666, an actual decrease of more than 6,000.

In the nation there were 4,320,000 children in the first grade in 1920 while in 1926, with a population increase of 10 per cent, there were less than 4,000,000.

These facts are set out in a bulletin just published by the Department of the Interior entitled "Statistics of State School Systems 1927-1928." Discussing decreases in enrollment more in detail the report says:

"The birth rate has been declining for a number of years. Data for the registration area begin with 1915, but data for Massachusetts may be used previous to that time. In 1915 the birth rate for the registration area was 25.1 per thousand of the population within that area. The rate for Massachusetts for that year was 25.2, and for 1913 and for 1914, as well, it was 25.6. By using Massachusetts data for 1913, and 1914, we have data showing birth rates by years from 1915 to the present time. The rate for 1928 in the registration area is 19.7, and while returns are incomplete for 1929 it is perhaps under 19 per thousand."

There is much food for thought in the above article which is sent out by the Department of Interior. The future of the United States, the observance of this nation's laws, and its possible domination by interests foreign to the best interests of American citizenship will be controlled by the coming generations and if decrease in birth rate continues for a few

generations this United States will be controlled by foreign born and their dependents.

A report on unemployment by Joe H. Koko, supervisor of the census for this district at Eugene, states that the total number of those without work and looking for a job in Coos county is 792. In Coquille it is reported at 27, North Bend 120, Eastside 47, Marshfield 170, Bandon 21, and Myrtle Point 36. It can be taken with a grain of salt that all of the 792 are looking for jobs.

News From State Capital

Construction of galleries around three sides of both the senate chamber and the hall of representatives will be recommended to the next legislature by the special interim committee named by the last session, as one means of eliminating the confusion which marks legislative sessions under the present arrangement of the two chambers. Under the plan of the committee which met here Friday no person except members of the legislature, employees and members of the press actually on duty would be allowed on the floor of the legislature during sessions. Visitors, lobbyists and members of the families of legislators would be compelled to make use of the galleries and stenographers, instead of occupying seats at the desks of the senators and representatives would be quartered in a room set apart for their use. The tentative plan as submitted to the committee by W. C. Knighton, a Portland architect, is estimated to cost approximately \$80,000.

Considerable interest is evidenced in official circles here in the question as to whether Governor Norblad or Governor Hamilton will draw the salary of the chief executive for the three weeks during which the former was absent from the state and office was filled by the latter. The only similar case on record in recent years was that in 1920 when Governor Olcott attended a convention of governors in Philadelphia and Roy W. Ritner, then president of the senate, occupied the executive position. At that time Attorney General Van Winkle gave out an opinion in which he pointed out that it had never been the practice of this state to dock a governor because of his temporary absence from his post of duty. He added, however, that the cause for the absence of the governor from the state, whether on official business or for pleasure, should be taken into consideration in deciding the question. Inasmuch as the visit of Governor Norblad to the east was not on an official mission it is the general opinion about the state house that the salary for the three weeks' period will go to acting Governor Hamilton.

Oregon's speed laws still stand and traffic officials are under orders to enforce them, Secretary of State Hoss warns. The statement is occasioned by a recent report to the effect that Hoss had lifted the speed laws and instructed traffic officials to "speed up" the slow driver. Hoss points out that speed limits are covered by statute and that he has no authority to change or set them aside, regardless of what his personal view regarding such regulations might be.

A proposed constitutional amendment banishing cigarettes and cigarette materials from the state of Oregon was assured a place on the November ballot when sponsors of the movement, the Anti-Cigarette League of Oregon, Inc., filed their completed petitions containing 15,733 verified signatures with Secretary of State Hoss. Should the measure be adopted by the voters at the general election this fall it will not only be unlawful to manufacture or sell cigarettes or cigarette materials, but to import, purchase or give them away as well. This is the first of the several initiative measures in the making to be completed this year. Several others are expected to come in with completed petitions during the next week as filing time ends July 3.

Motorists who expect to operate their automobiles and trucks in Oregon after June 30 must display the new orange and black license plates or run the risk of being called upon to explain to the judge, Secretary of State Hoss warns. With the work of issuing the new license plates under way two weeks earlier than usual this year and the department organized to care for a peak demand there will be no legitimate excuse for any motorist to continue operating with the old plates after June 30, Hoss declares.

Coos county has contributed \$5469.25 to the state prohibition enforcement fund so far this year according to George Alexander, state prohibition commissioner, this county ranking third in the point of size of its contribution. Klamath heads the list with \$6491.50 and Multnomah county is second with \$5833. All told the several counties of the state have paid in \$33,089.91 into the state's prohibition enforcement fund already this year. This money comes from fines collected from prohibition law violators.

R. A. Easton's Weekly Letter

Desiring to know the exact facts concerning the final actions of the Supreme Court of Oregon in the Joseph case, I wrote to Arthur S. Benson, clerk of said court for the information desired. Believing that there are many who may have gotten distorted views from personal opinions knocking the Supreme Court, editorially expressed in some of the "big (?) dailies" of the state, I give the readers of the Sentinel the opportunity to read the letter received from Mr. Benson, who may thereby know the facts concerning the action of the Supreme Court in the matter:

Replying to your letter of the 20th inst., I am very glad to furnish you with the facts concerning the filing of a petition for rehearing and final termination of the Joseph disbarment case.

The petition for rehearing arrived at this office with the usual mail delivery shortly before 8 a. m. on Monday, June 16th. Sometime between 9 and 10 a. m. I was informed by the Oregonian correspondent that Mr. Joseph had died, and it was suggested that under the circumstances perhaps Mr. John Veatch might wish to withdraw the petition. I thereupon telephoned to the office of Joseph, Haney & Veatch and was informed that they preferred to have the petition regularly filed.

On the next day the court made the following order:

"The petitioner, George W. Joseph, having died since the filing of this petition, it follows, as a matter of law, that all proceedings herein are abated. The original opinion, by reason thereof, will be withdrawn and it is further ordered that the same be not printed in the official reports of this state."

This terminates the whole proceeding and withdraws the opinion of May 27, 1930, from publication in the Oregon Reports. The case simply reverts back to the same status it held at the time the report of the referees was filed and before any opinion was written by the Supreme Court.

The original opinion of May 27th of necessity remains on file, as well as all the records in the case and the report of the referees. The report of the referees was never published officially, and the newspaper reports just gave a brief outline or synopsis of their findings.

What is the matter with Br. Plummer, famed for his livestock activities, or Ben Selling, whose friends are wherever he is known personally or by reputation, for governor of the State of Oregon?

The members of the republican state central committee have a picnic ahead of them and the success of this picnic like other picnics depends largely as to whether "the beans are spilled."

Bailey, the democratic nominee, is still making friends without knowing how he does it, and the people have confidence in him for the reason he is not a windjammer but a real man.

Some talk about Mr. Sawyer for governor so that he may get even with Norblad. But he can't make the grade, for the Swades would say, "Lay off, Sawyer, lay off."

Now that Lindy and Ann have a boy, we wonder if Grandpa Morrow is feeling proud that he is a booze candidate for the United States senate?

R. A. Easton.

New Policy to Aid Farmers

In order to extend present power lines to serve as many rural districts as possible and give the farmer the same service as the city customer, the Mountain States Power Company has announced a new extension policy to go into effect at once. This new policy provides for a considerable additional investment on the part of the power company to serve new customers and is based upon the estimated annual revenue. Under the new schedule the company will spend three times the amount of the estimated annual revenue for line construction, transformer equipment, etc., to serve new customers in the rural districts. This is a substantial increase over the former extension policy and means that many farmers who have been unable to secure the benefits of electricity will now be in a position to enjoy the efficiency of electric labor-saving devices. The new extension policy has been approved by the Public Service Commission as of June 15, 1930, and full details concerning it may be secured from any office of the Mountain States Power Company.

New Families Invest A Million

Investments made by new families locating in Oregon and buying land, equipment and household goods during the first five months of 1930 passed the million dollar mark, according to the monthly report just issued by the state chamber of commerce. Total families numbered 265 and investments amounted to \$1,057,534. Land sales have mounted, the total being 48,768 acres during the period. During this same time 919 families wrote to the state chamber and said they

had decided to come to Oregon and locate this year and they indicated they would have \$2,939,070 for investment purposes.

Poultry Convention at O. S. C.

The annual convention of Oregon poultrymen, to be held on the Oregon State college campus July 23 and 24 is expected to draw some 400 leading poultrymen from all parts of Oregon, according to A. G. Lunn, head of the poultry husbandry department, who is in charge of the meetings. The Oregon State Poultrymen's association will convene on the campus at the same time.

One of the chief topics for discussion during the meetings will be factors in economical production. Other subjects, such as feeding and marketing will also be considered. Prof. R. B. Thompson, the first graduate of the college poultry department in 1913, and now head of the poultry department at Oklahoma A. & M. college, will be one of the main speakers. He is a recognized authority on poultry.

Entertainment for the visiting poultrymen the evening of the first day will be provided by the Corvallis chamber of commerce, which has consistently supported the poultry industry of Benton county.

Referred to "Believe It or Not"

We refer the following, which we clip from the Myrtle Creek Mail, to "Believe it or not" Ripley: As they would express it out at Grants Pass, "it's the climate,"—possibly. But whether it's the climate,

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