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The children of the President are not bringing honor to the name of Roosevelt; instead most of them appear to be trying to cash in on the prestige of their father's high office. In the latest expose of one of them selling his name to aid a business deal in a foreign country, he now says the publication of facts in the case is an attempt by the republicans to "smear" his father. Evidently he knew about Charlie Michelson being hired four years ago to smear Hoover—with falsehoods.

The "great I am" whose name is plastered all over his paper, is not very highly considered in Coquille and if reports from the Bay are correct, his attempts to dictate the policies there are no better received than they are in county affairs.

A fair subscriber of the Sentinel remarked last Friday afternoon, "I was disappointed that you didn't give the fellow who never heard of the editorial 'we' the dressing down he deserves."

If the Oregonian had heard the story current in Coos county as to why the Coos Bay Times is supporting the New Deal that newspaper might have been a little more charitable in listing Oregon's cuckoo papers.

There may be times when a newspaper cannot support whom it wishes to, but must bow to the influence which makes publication possible.

The reason and story, as heard in Coquille, originated in the Times' office.

A white cat has been killed, shot by a rifle. He was not a stray but the pet of the family. The culprit did a cruel thing and could be arrested on three charges: the first, cruelty to animals; second, discharging a firearm within the city limits; and third the destruction of property, for cats have the same legal standing that dogs have, they are the property of their owners. There are too many young boys playing with guns in Coquille. No ten-year old boy is mature enough to handle a 22 rifle without adult supervision. He lacks experience and the sense of responsibility. He knows he should not shoot at song-birds nor cats but he does not realize why until he is much older. The spent bullet cannot be recalled and a human life may be the forfeit if firearms are placed in the hands of irresponsible youngsters, without proper training and supervision in their use.

"THE ABUNDANT LIFE"

A plea for a return to the system of individual effort that made America great was voiced by Dr. William Mather Lewis, president of Lafayette College, at the opening convocation of the college last month.

Speaking to the assembled students, Dr. Lewis urged the development in college ideals of courage, industry and independence. "Intellectual competence cannot be attained by the mentally lazy," he warned. "Unwillingness to toil, to achieve through individual effort, as was the custom when America was the wonder of the nineteenth century, is painfully apparent. In its place is the attitude that the world or the United States government or the municipality owes one a living.

"That people actually in need should be provided with the means of subsistence goes without saying. But that there is a very great number of people developing habits of shiftlessness and laziness and a cynical attitude toward honest labor because of participation in government bounty is likewise obvious.

"The abundant life of which we have heard so much recently does not come to those who have all obstacles removed from their paths by others. It develops from within and is rooted in strong mental and moral fiber."

PWA red tape has necessitated postponement of the date for opening bids on the state capitol job until the latter part of November. The capitol commission at a meeting this week set the date for awarding the contract tentatively at November 20 with a possibility that the time might have to be extended still another week until November 27.

State Capitol News Letter

Oregon's 36 counties reduced their bond and warrant debt burden by nearly \$3,000,000 during the past two years, according to a survey just completed by State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman.

Every county in the state shows a reduction in its outstanding indebtedness during the two year period with Clatsop wiping out its debt entirely to join Linn and Marion for a total of three counties which now boast a clean slate with neither outstanding bonds or warrants. Six other counties, in addition to these three, have no outstanding bonds. These are Columbia, Douglas, Josephine, Polk, Umatilla and Washington.

The aggregate bonded debt of the counties is shown to have been reduced from \$24,051,452 on July 1, 1934, to \$21,365,054 on the same date this year.

Road warrants of the counties, however, show an increase from \$750,086.63 to \$1,060,953.71 in the two year period but the combined road bond and road warrant debt was whittled from \$24,801,538.63 to \$22,426,077.71. Sinking funds for the retirement of road bonds were built up from a total of \$1,367,965.66 on July 1, 1934, to \$1,409,105.31 on July 1, 1936.

Most of the counties are shown to have reduced their general fund warrant indebtedness during the past two years, the aggregate of this debt being whittled from \$2,698,202.47 to \$2,183,798.82.

The net indebtedness of the 36 counties, including all bonds and warrants but deducting sinking funds, totalled \$23,200,701.22 on July 1, this year, compared with \$26,131.44 two years ago.

Only three counties—Coos, Crook and Grant, are shown to have a debt load in excess of five per cent of their assessed valuation and only three others—Morrow, Multnomah and Wheeler—are indebted for more than four per cent of their valuation.

Orville Gamble, superintendent of the employment institution for adult blind, is again under fire. Four members of his advisory board have signed a formal complaint addressed to Governor Martin and the board of control charging Gamble with failure to co-operate with his advisers. Friction between Gamble and his adviser board last spring resulted in the removal of three of the board members by Governor Martin and the appointment of three new members. The present situation is expected to culminate either in the removal of the superintendent or another shake-up in his advisory board.

The forest fire situation in Coos and Curry counties has kept Governor Martin pretty close to his office the past ten days. On the Sunday following the destruction of Bandon the governor spent the entire day in his office directing the mobilization of fire fighters and contacting state and federal relief agencies to rush emergency supplies into the stricken area. The governor did not even take time out to celebrate his 73rd birthday on Thursday of last week.

The newly organized flax co-operatives at Mount Angel, Canby and Springfield will receive the wholehearted co-operation of the state board of control in any problem arising in connection with these projects. The board, after a conference with representatives of the three associations, announced that the state would not contract for any flax in the territory covered by the co-operatives. The prison flax plant, however, will take over any surplus flax which either of the co-operatives find themselves burdened with. Plans are under way for increasing the acreage of flax in the Willamette valley to 4,000 next year.

State police presented arrest tickets to 665 motorists during August, while 6220 other motorists drew warning slips during the month. Failure to possess an operator's license caused the arrest of 102 motorists while 55 others were cited to appear in court to answer speeding charges.

The state liquor commission was not bluffing when it threatened to install its own delivery system if truck lines fail to reduce freight rates, Chairman A. K. McMahan, of Albany, declared while on a visit to Salem this week for a conference with Governor Martin. McMahan estimates that the commission could save at least \$20,000 a year by owning and operating its own trucks.

Protests of Salem citizens against the high board fence being erected around the site of the new capitol building were not in vain after all. The capitol commission has heard and heeded. Orders have been issued to substitute a wire panel instead of

boards so that taxpayers and others interested might follow the progress of the building operations from the side lines.

A total of \$98,000 in revenues from pari-mutuel betting on dog and horse racing was distributed among fairs in Oregon this year, according to a report by Secretary of State Snell. The bulk of the racing revenues went to the state fair and the Pacific International, each of which received \$31,400.74. A total of \$25,008.52 was distributed among the several county fairs. The northwest turkey show received \$1200 and the Pendleton Round-Up and eastern Oregon livestock show each \$4,945. The state's cut from race betting this year was the largest since pari-mutuel wagering was legalized in Oregon. Last year's distribution amounted to only \$71,200.

Most of the fires in the Coos-Curry area were either set by hunters or incendiaries in the opinion of J. W. Ferguson, state forester. The large number of small fires reported burning in the district is accounted for by Ferguson as due to back-fires started by persons living in the timbered area in an effort to save their property. Reports of incendiary activities in the burned section are believed by Chas. Pray, superintendent of state police, to have been greatly exaggerated. Countless rumors of evidence of incendiary investigated by state police were found to be without any substantial foundation whatever, Pray said.

"Stop the Tax Raid on Farm and Home"

To further the cause of the proposed tax limitation bill on the ballot at the election November 3 in Coos county and the balance of the state a new state-wide organization has been formed under the name Home and Farm Owners Association, and a slogan that will be their war cry: "Stop the tax raid on farm and home."

The organization is state-wide with Amadee M. Smith of Portland as chairman and with headquarters in Portland and Salem and with membership extending throughout the state. The organization was tentatively formed when initiative petitions were put out to get 22,000 names of voters to place the measure on the ballot. Between now and election day it will concern itself with a distribution of information on the proposed new measure.

"We have only one concern," reports Mr. Smith, "and that is to prevent the loading of the entire prospective tax increase burden on the farms and homes of Oregon. With one of every three homes and farms in the state now delinquent in payment of taxes; with property owners struggling to pay up these delinquencies before the sheriff adds the property to the thousands of parcels already confiscated; and with current taxes constantly on the increase we contend it is time to give the owners of farms and homes a breathing spell.

"We naturally expect frantic opposition from the tax spenders. Property is the one source of revenue they feel is unlimited and inexhaustible. We feel that even this economic foundation of the state has a bottom and that bottom has been reached and drained and that the stop hand should be raised.

"The measure as proposed is modest in that it does not immediately effect relief for the taxpayer nor does it reduce the present supply of tax money for the spenders. It sets up a limit to which the spenders can go

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without specific approval of the voters.

"There is a great homeseeking movement at this time and under present conditions Oregon finds itself handicapped by a system of prohibitive farm and home taxation. We feel Oregon should have a chance to compete with her sister states for these prospective settlers and investors. We cannot have it with a tax system so unlimited as to be a burden.

"We call attention to the fact that Coos county is one of the highest in delinquency. A total of 50.98 per cent of property in the county is delinquent for the years 1934-35. This is a tremendous increase since 1931 when the delinquency was 36.48 per cent. In 1934 it mounted to 46.93. Delinquencies have gone up by leaps and bounds in Coos county since 1931. The delinquent tax in 1931 amounted to \$575,210. In 1935 this delinquency was \$703,328. The same story or worse is found in every county in Oregon.

"That is why we are planning the

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NEWEST VACATION CRAZE



Trailer travel is increasing so rapidly that special information for motorists using trailers is being issued by Shell Touring Service. Cabin and Cottage Directories, issued free at Shell stations, contain a special section this year listing trailer parks, with information as to prices, electrical connections and general facilities. Pictures here show a de luxe trailer which carries home comforts wherever the road goes. Interior picture at right shows folding couch bed, dressing room with running water, and kitchenette—a real home on wheels!



Six Reasons That Urge a "NO" vote on State Power Bill

- (1) This bill puts the State of Oregon head over heels into the electric power business, sets up a commission of three men, without bond and with no required qualifications, to run this gigantic system.
- (2) \$18,000,000 of tax-supported bonds can be sold, when authorized, to build this state-wide power system. By simple process of amending the bill \$54,000,000 of tax-supported bonds may later be authorized and sold. These bonds must be paid by taxes if the system is unsuccessful.
- (3) How can a complete state power system be built for \$18,000,000 when the State Planning Board advisory committee on power estimated cost of TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ONLY to be

\$29,670,000? (See committee's report to governor of Oregon, Dec. 20, 1935, page 13.)

(4) This bill contains no promise or assurance of lower electric rates; rates may vary and be juggled at the commission's whim.

(5) Cities, counties, and the state will lose millions of taxes now paid by existing utilities, thus forcing higher taxes on remaining property.

(6) This 3-man power commission can buy any property or engage in any business "deemed necessary or convenient." Here is opportunity for vast political activity under control of a NEW STATE COMMISSION. (See Section 9, subsection 10).

The State Power Bill is Useless Without \$18,000,000 of New State Bonds A Vote for the Bill Commits You to Vote Later for the Bonds

VOTE 313 X NO
 Against the State Power Bill

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