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A DOGGONE BUSINESS

Dear Editor: A short time ago the city took steps to stop the number of stray dogs that roamed the streets of Coquille. This was certainly a good move and should be carried on but I am sure it was not the aim of our city fathers to sanction or cause to be carried on one of the most disgraceful, inhuman rackets I have ever seen.

There are a number of boys who have no love for pets nor decency of character, who are roaming from one end of Coquille to the other, catching dogs and stealing them from the yard of their owners; they even go so far as to visit the home, play with the dog, then they come and watch for the owner to leave, when they steal the dog and turn him over to the dog catcher, where they are paid twenty-five cents for each dog delivered.

Now I wish each decent citizen would visit the dark, dirty place where these dogs are kept, where all are thrown in together, fighting and ripping each other. I hate to think of the trouble that will surely come if this place was visited by some officer of the humane society.

I beg our officials to investigate this deplorable cruel condition and, as I know they will, put an immediate stop to a racket that should cause every decent citizen of Coquille to bow his head in shame.

We have just observed, "Be Kind to Animals Week." The radio laid stress on the companionship and brave deeds of the dog. It would make your heart ache to listen and at the same time know of the dirty, filthy, dark hole that was holding so many of Coquille children's loving pets.

And the humane way of disposing of unwanted dogs is by chloroform, not with a gun. Many shots are sometimes required to kill one, while he howls in vain and looks up with pleading eyes for mercy.

Yours truly,
 Jack Broshears.

The Sentinel editor believes that dogs should not run at large in town, but when Mr. Broshears tells us that he has witnesses to prove what he says in his letter to the Sentinel, and of one instance where a boy untied a dog in the owner's yard and led him away to the pound, we believe that publication of his letter may result in a more humane treatment of man's truest four-legged friend.



If any doubt existed in the minds of the public as to the hold of W. L. Gosselin upon the young democratic clubs of Oregon it must have been dissipated by the developments of the past week. At the annual convention of this state-wide organization at North Bend, Saturday, Allan Greenwood, Gosselin's candidate, was elected president by a vote of 31 to 19, over A. Ray Martin, of Eugene. Martin was actively supported by an out-and-out anti-Gosselin group headed by Ellis W. Barnes, of Portland, Vernon Bull, of LaGrande, and U. S. Burt, of Corvallis. Reports that Howard Latourette, democratic national committeeman and prospective gubernatorial candidate, was also lending moral support to the anti-Gosselin camp were denied by Latourette who insisted that he was maintaining a hands-off policy in the contest that for a time seriously threatened the harmony of the young democratic organization.

Another major political development of the week also came out of the North Bend convention in the statement by Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls that he would positively be a candidate for some public office at the next election. The only point on which Mahoney refused to enlighten the public was that as to which office he will seek. Speculation on this point, however, can pretty safely be confined to two posts, the governorship or the United States

senatorship with emphasis on the latter.

The only other political activity of the past week was the annual Jefferson day banquet at Salem, which attracted prominent democrats from all sections of western Oregon, as moths are attracted by a flame. Among those noted as fluttering about in the political spotlight were O. Henry O'Leary, of St. Helens, said to be sounding out sentiment with a prospect of becoming a candidate for governor on his own account; Senator Byron G. Carney, of Clackamas county, who, friends admit, might be persuaded to become a candidate for congress in the first district, and Representative C. F. Hyde, of Eugene, who is understood to have ambitions in the same direction.

Governor Martin's contribution to the political gossip of the week was his statement at the Jefferson day banquet that he was going to wait to see whether or not the crowd was following him before deciding what he would do after his present term expires.

Patrons of the West Coast Power company were presented with a 14 per cent rate reduction this week in a new tariff filed with the public utilities commission. The reduction, which is said to mean an annual saving of some \$20,000 a year affects the coast sections of Lincoln, Lane, Douglas and Coos counties from Toledo south of Reedsport.

Two legislators drew places on the newly created state commission which will have charge of the Oregon exhibit at the San Francisco and New York fairs. They are Senator J. A. Best, of Umatilla county, and Representative T. A. Livesley, of Marion county. Other members of this commission just named by Governor Martin include Claude McCulloch, of Klamath Falls, state chairman of the democratic central committee, and Thomas F. Gunn and Charles T. Haas, both of Portland.

Approximately \$1,500,000 worth of property now owned by the World War Veterans State Aid commission will be restored to the tax rolls this year through sale to private owners, according to Jerrold Owen, secretary to the commission. Owen reports a big demand for both farm and city properties with the commission realizing a profit on much of the property which it was compelled to take over to protect its loans during the depression period.

The statute stop the new capitol building, about which much curiosity has been exhibited ever since the building was designed, will typify the spirit of the Oregon pioneer, it was revealed this week. The statute of bronze will tower 40 feet above the circular dome of the new state house.

Governor Martin is in Washington, D. C., doing a little lobbying in behalf of Oregon's claim to Bonneville dam, the benefits from which Los Angeles is trying to nullify through having it tied in with Boulder dam for rate making purposes. The governor is appearing before the rivers and harbors committee of the House which is conducting hearings on several measures dealing with the administration of Bonneville. This is the committee on which he served while a member of congress prior to becoming governor. It is the governor's longest absence from the state since he assumed the office more than two years ago.

The practice of paroling inmates of the state prison or the state training school for boys on condition that they leave the state is opposed by State Treasurer Holman, who voiced criticism of the practice at a board of control meeting this week when Superintendent Laughlan of the boys' school reported that two boys had been released to go to other states. Warden J. W. Lewis of the state prison, declared that the practice was universal—that prisoners from other states were being released constantly to come to Oregon on the plea that a job awaits them or some relative or friend has offered to provide a home.

Members of the state board of control think that something should be done about the old chimney that sticks up like a "sore thumb" on the site of the old capitol buildings. When the new capitol was designed no provision was made for a heating plant in the building, it being proposed to retain the old heating plant for that purpose. But the board of control feels that a more artistic treatment of the stack would be more in keeping with the new capitol group and has asked the capitol reconstruction commission to put its architects and engineers to work on the job of streamlining the chimney.

Plans for the improvement of 18 secondary highways with the aid of PWA funds may have to be abandoned, according to H. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. A change in PWA rules practically nullifies this federal aid, Baldock explained. Under the new ruling PWA will pay only the

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cost of labor taken from the relief rolls. Very little of this labor would be available for the type of road work under contemplation. Among the projects so listed is the Coos river road in this county.

Lotus Langley, of Portland, former district attorney for Multnomah county, has been appointed by Governor Martin as a member of the state parole board to succeed W. H. Treece, of Portland, who resigned. Langley was formerly state chairman of the democratic central committee.

With 292,654 motor vehicles registered in Oregon up to April 1, registrations this year will far exceed those for 1936, according to Secretary of State Snell. Collections from motor vehicle registrations, titles and drivers' licenses so far this year total more than \$2,075,000.

Auto Club Launches New Safety Program

A smashing drive to reduce traffic hazards in Oregon has again been launched by the Oregon State Motor association.

The statewide campaign to give death a holiday will be conducted at the request of many state, county and city officials. Civic leaders and citizens in all walks of life have volunteered ringing endorsement.

Armed with statistics which indicate that there were 85 more deaths, 1,678 more injuries and 10,255 more accidents in 1936 than in 1935, these safety campaigners, including Secretary of State Earl Snell and State Superintendent of Education C. A. Howard, indicate what is needed is more public awareness of traffic hazards.

In 1935, they point out, the Oregon State Motor association and co-operating agencies were conducting their "Let's Quit Killing" campaign which succeeded in sharply reducing the traffic toll over 1934. As soon as this campaign lapsed, they show, traffic tolls began mounting again as the public snuggled back into the perilous harbor of indifference.

This year the motor association and the co-operative organizations and citizens plan to make Oregon's highways the safest of any state in the country. They aim at no single year's record, they say, but at making the public permanently aware that death rides the highways.

Safety for pedestrians, for children on roller skates and bicycles, for other motorists, that is the theme of this year's program, the sponsors say. To achieve this better markings on the highways, safety classes in the schools and rigorous enforcement of motoring laws is billed.

In other words, officials of the motor association explain: "We plan to make Oregon safe for Oregonians."

County School News from Mrs. Martha Mulkey's Office

Music Festival
 Friends are invited to attend the third county music festival in the Community Building, Coquille, on Saturday, April 24, at 1:30 p. m. This program is free to all. A large group of children from most of the schools in the County will sing at this time. Mrs. Fred Watson, who has been assisting several school groups, will direct the singing.

The Boy Scouts, under the direction of James Hamill, will lead in the giving of the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Several special numbers are being prepared among which are numbers by the North Bend Junior High band with Carl Morrison as leader and a clarinet quartet from the Powers School with J. Maurice Adams as leader.

Preceding the program the children will meet for a rehearsal. The music committee, which has so ably arranged for this program, is made up of four persons: C. E. Ellison, Bridge, chairman; Miss Mildred Merz, North Bend; Lewellyn Bernath, Coquille; Mrs. Eleanor Varney, Powers, assisted by Mrs. Fred Watson, Coquille.

The attendance of friends encourages these boys and girls. Plan to be on time. The program begins at 1:30.

Meeting at Bandon

English is the theme for the Bandon meeting on May 1. The teaching of English in each of the grades is to be discussed as follows: third grade, Mrs. Roy Barton; fourth grade, Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett; fifth English, by Mrs. Gertrude Monson; sixth grade, by Mrs. Emily Shull. Miss Lillian Farley's Bandon pupils will present a play. Games will be demonstrated by Miss Jennielind McKnight. Mrs. Ruth Beyers, Coquille, will entertain with her marionettes.

This constitutes the last meeting of the year for the teachers of the primary and intermediate associations. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon with Bandon providing the coffee, cream and sugar.

Bids on Transportation
 Bids are being advertised by the non high school board. The specifications can be obtained by those interested through each high school principal.

Dr. Caldwell to Speak
 Dr. V. V. Caldwell, of the Oregon Normal, will be the guest speaker for

a teachers' meeting at the Coquille high school on Thursday, April 23, at 8:00 p. m. The program for the evening will be made up for a panel on the subject of Guidance and the Class Room Teacher. The invited panel is as follows: Dr. V. V. Caldwell, presentation of the topic; Chairman of panel, A. L. Beck, Coquille; Miss Florence Hill, North Bend; Clarence Church, Myrtle Point; Miss Bertha Pentney, Marshfield; Mrs. Beatrice Abel, Myrtle Point; Lynn Parr, Marshfield; Clarence Oiska, Coquille.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness during our recent bereavement and for the flowers at the services held for H. W. Edlund.

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