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A newspaper which will not respect a gentleman's agreement and will not respect a confidence is unworthy of its calling, and finds it increasingly difficult for its reporters to secure the news.

At the conclusion of C. C. Chapman's talk here Tuesday noon in which he spoke at length on labor troubles in Portland, a gentleman sitting near him asked, "That's what they voted for, wasn't it?" And Mr. Chapman agreed that it was.

SHOULD BE JUST

Two or three members of the local striking C. I. O. organization called on the Sentinel editor last Thursday morning to register objections to a couple of statements made in the Sentinel last week. One of the statements was an error. We stated that the mill and plant A. F. of L. contract was signed last April 1. That was the date the A. F. of L. plywood bargaining contract was signed. The mill and plant agreement was signed during the summer, in August.

Their other objection was that of the plywood employees not 50 per cent were C. I. O., that union claiming a big majority in the plywood plant. That their claim cannot be substantiated is proven by the fact that considerably less than half the plywood plant employees walked out when the strike was called.

While on this subject it is well to refer to the Marshfield attitude as expressed by the Coos Bay Times, which seems to hold the Smith Wood-Products company as responsible for the closing of the Port of Coos Bay.

It is a fact that the Smith Wood company efforts to ship their sawmill product, which the longshoremen refused to handle on the docks, brought about the port's closing. And it is also a fact that the Smith Wood-Products company was bearing the brunt of the fight which would have speedily involved every mill on Coos Bay had the Coquille concern suddenly given in to dictation from the striking union. With Smith Wood-Products licked the fight would have then centered in Marshfield and with greater probability of success when as large an institution as the Smith concern had been brought to its knees.

Instead of criticizing Coquille's principal source of employment the Times should have given it credit for standing by its guns.

State Capitol News Letter

Legalizing and licensing of various forms of gambling and games of chance as a means of financing liberal pensions for all Oregon citizens over the age of 65 years is proposed by the Oregon Merchants' Legislative League.

Preliminary copies of a proposed initiative measure sponsored by the League were filed with Secretary of State Snell here Saturday. The measure involves an amendment to the lottery section of the state constitution legalizing among other devices bank nights, punch-boards, pin-ball, collective pin-ball and collective skill games, raffles and bazaars, bridge studios, pool and billiard rooms, pari-mutuel wagering systems, horse and dog racing and other forms of racing and racing establishments.

Under the terms of the measure 65 per cent of the revenues from the legalized gambling activities would be placed in an old age security fund, not to exceed 25 per cent would be given to the city or county in which the licensed activity is located and 10 per cent would be set aside for distribution among publicly supported fairs and exhibitions.

Pensions provided for in the act would be paid to all residents of the state over the age of 65 years, regardless of need, with the pension fixed at a minimum of \$35 a month. If the sponsors of the measure suc-

ceed in completing their petitions the proposal will be before the voters of Oregon at the general election in November, 1938.

Oregon employers who are violating the minimum wage for women as fixed by the State Welfare Commission, will face prosecution, Chas. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, warned this week. Gram declared that reports reaching his office indicate a "shameful exploitation of women and children in some industries." Since the order reducing working hours for women in Oregon from 44 to 40 went into effect on September 16, Gram said, many employers had reduced the pay of their women employees proportionately in violation of the intent of the minimum wage and hour regulation.

Citizens of Oregon are particularly blessed, Governor Martin declared in his annual Thanksgiving proclamation this week. "Here in this beautiful state of ours we can find inspiration at every hand from our magnificent mountains, gem-like lakes, rugged coast lines and peaceful valleys," the proclamation points out. "Our future lies ahead of us, for our state is one of untold possibilities for development."

Contract for the construction of a laundry, heating plant and physicians' cottage at the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles was let by the board of control for \$158,000. The federal government will contribute \$52,000 toward the construction program through the Public Works administration, this being one of the last grants approved before the activity of the PWA was ordered curtailed.

Drawing for low numbered automobile license plates of the 1938 issue will take place Friday, according to announcement by Secretary of State Snell. All applications received up to that time will be included in the drawing, Snell said. Mailing of the new plates, however, will not start before December 12. The 1938 plates will be white with black letters and numbers.

Townsend leaders in Oregon will confine their activity in the coming state campaign to a measure committing this state to support of the Townsend National Recovery plan. When Governor Martin two weeks ago turned down the demand for a special session of the legislature to provide for a more adequate old age pension it was indicated by Townsend leaders that they would carry their fight directly to the people through an initiative measure. This week, however, these Townsend leaders filed with Secretary of State Snell a copy of a proposed measure authorizing and directing the state legislature to ask congress to call a national convention for the purpose of inserting the Townsend amendment in the federal constitution. In the opinion of attorneys about the state house such a measure, even if adopted, would have no legal effect inasmuch as the legislature is a law unto itself and not subject to dictation from their constituents through the medium of the initiative. Should the measure receive a heavy vote, however, it would unquestionably have a very decided moral effect on the state's lawmakers as indicating the sentiment of the voters in support of the Townsend program. The preliminary petition as filed with the state department was signed by Arthur Moore, of Monmouth, Townsend leader in the first district, and Glen C. Wade, of Pendleton, Townsend manager in the second district. The absence of any signature from the third district is regarded as highly significant, especially in the face of statements from John J. Jeffreys, Tom Monks and other Townsend leaders in Multnomah county that they proposed to continue the fight for a special session.

Work on Oregon's new library building must be actually under way by February 28, 1938, and must be completed within one year from that date, according to notice received by the Capitol Reconstruction commission from the Public Works Administration. Failure to get the building under way by this date will forfeit the federal grant of \$450,000. The February date marks on extension of time from the original date of January 10. As yet plans for the new building have not been completed. After the plans are finally approved it will be necessary to advertise for bids and award the contract.

Undismayed by the fact that he is serving a life sentence George "Granddaddy" Webber is saving his pennies to buy a chicken ranch when he is released from the Oregon penitentiary. Received at the institution in 1912 Webber is now 87 years of age and the oldest inmate in the prison since the death last week of Calvin Judy at the age of 89.

Apparently the novelty of the governorship has worn off with Senator Franciscowich who failed to put in an appearance in Salem during the two

weeks' absence of Governor Martin from the state attending the annual reunion of his comrades of the old 90th division at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Public highways of the future will be triple-decked, well lighted and of beautiful design in the opinion of R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

State Corn Show

More than 500 exhibitors already have been lined up for Oregon's first statewide corn show which will be held at the Portland Public Market from November 29 to December 4, according to announcement by the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which is co-operating with the state college in this initial event, sponsored by the First National Bank of Portland.

The show committee announces that all exhibitors must sign and return with their exhibits the necessary entry card which may be obtained from the county agents of the state and sent direct to the Public Market, addressed "Corn Show." Entry blanks should be obtained as quickly as possible, says the committee.

The show committee is paying special attention to the Four-H clubbers who will exhibit in this first show, and states that for the best 10-car exhibit in the entire Four-H display a scholarship to the 1938 Four-H Club summer school on the Oregon State campus will be awarded.

Emphasis is being placed by the committee on the non-commercial education display such as ear exhibit from corn variety trials, fertilizer trials and exhibits of a similar nature.

All farmers or Four-H clubbers may receive copies of the rules of the show by inquiry at the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Some of Red Cross Activities

"A record number of persons were assisted by the various services of the American Red Cross during the past year," Admiral Cary T. Grayson, national chairman, states, and adds that an enrollment of five million adult members, as a minimum is needed during the annual Roll Call. "Partnership Under the Red Cross Emblem," is the slogan of the membership campaign.

Admiral Grayson states that the national organization in its record smashing year, was called upon to render assistance to people in 128 disasters. Persons aided approximately 1,360,000. In the Ohio-Mississippi River Valley flood 236,000 families, comprising 1,009,000 persons were given food, shelter, clothing, medical care, building repairs, household equipment or vocational assistance.

Assistance was given during the year to 271,876 ex-service men and their families. The Red Cross dealt

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