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He Became An Odd Fellow Here Fifty Years Ago

Mrs. Bee Mahan sends a clipping from her home town paper in Houston, Texas, regarding an old-time resident of Coquille which will be of interest to those few remaining who lived here 50 years ago.

Mrs. Mahan is a sister of Mrs. Henry Lorenz. In one matter we will have to make a correction in Mrs. Mahan's letter—the paper on which she was a typesetter for a time was the Coquille Herald which was closed down during World War I. The Sentinel was not started until January, 1903.

Following is Mrs. Mahan's letter, followed by the clipping about W. A. Dickson:

You will find enclosed a clipping which I thought might be of interest to some of the old timers. Mr. Dickson is an uncle of Mrs. Henry Lorenz and mine—and was better known as Lon Dickson.

I receive the Sentinel every week and although it has been fifty-one years since I lived in Coquille it is still like a letter from home.

Ben Lawrence and I set type for your paper when I was in my teens. Mr. Dean was editor then but my newspaper career was of very short duration. I understand Ben has been very successful. I'm always happy to hear of a home boy making good.

With very best wish for you and the Dear Old Sentinel.

Fifty years of membership in the Odd Fellows Lodge were rewarded for W. A. Dickson, 82-year-old Corpus Christian, this week when the grand lodge of Texas, in convention at San Antonio, presented him with a 50-year service pin.

Dickson has been a resident of Nueces County 36 years. He joined the Odd Fellows at Coquille, Ore., in November, 1889, and maintained membership there until five years ago, when he joined Corpus Christi Lodge No. 96.

He was in the cattle and sheep business in Oregon before moving to Texas 36 years ago. For 19 years prior to moving into Corpus Christi five years ago, Dickson lived on a farm five miles south of the city, on the Dump Road.

Making New Topographic And Geologic Map Of Coos County

A survey for topographic and geologic maps is being made in this area by a party of three government men who arrived here recently for the work. In charge here is C. N. Martensen, Howard Skinner and Bowden Bryan. Their work will continue throughout the summer. A similar survey of this same Coos Bay area was made during the late 1880's by the government.

A folio of that survey printed in 1901 is owned by R. A. Wernich of Coquille. Only one other is known to be in this section, 36 of these having been all the government made originally and they have long been out of print.

Mineral Program Here Threatened

Judge E. L. Peterson reported at the meeting of the Southwestern Minerals Association in the court house Tuesday evening of last week.

that there was no legal way in which the county could budget and spend \$5,000 to pay the salary of a minerals co-ordinator and engineer and for the expenses of a minerals office. He did say, however, that \$1200 might be available from one of the budgeted funds. Whether the association can find a way of securing the balance of the funds needed remains to be seen.

A letter from State Geologist Earl K. Nixon warned that unless delivery of chrome and manganese to the Coquille stockpile is started, Coos county is in danger of losing this federal project which was started by the Metals Reserve corporation, and the stockpile will be located elsewhere.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

An Oregon Hero's Mother

Under the heading "An Oregon Hero," the Portland Journal on Tuesday printed an editorial which is of interest locally. The "mother" referred to is a sister of Mrs. C. W. Ashton and Mrs. Jennie Price of this city and of the late Arthur and Edwin P. Ellingsen.

Although this is the story of a hero, and he is an Oregon boy, it must begin with a mother, who doubtless has taken an hour from toil to be proud.

When Herman and Ellen Carl, husband and wife, pioneered on a big, but little developed, farm near Hubbard, in the Willamette valley, they began, too, to rear and educate two small sons, who were followed in due course by a baby daughter. When Herman Carl was gathered forever to the acres to which he had given his life, Ellen, his widow, struggled on and built their dairy to 100-cow size, and she put her life into the lives of her children. So they grew, and the boys became stalwart young men with college training who, in their turn, took some of the burdens from their mother's shoulders.

Until war came. And then, she gave both sons, Marion and Manton, to their country's service. Not without a tear, mind you, but bravely, while she took on again her capacity of never-ending duties at the dairy farm front.

The older son, now 28, is that Captain M. E. Carl who is a hero of Midway, about whose fighting prowess the news is ringing. The little band of American fliers, greatly outnumbered by Jap planes that were faster and more maneuverable, nevertheless shot down 43 of the Japanese fighters.

Yes, it's a trilling tale, those brave men fighting up and down among the clouds, wrecking the power of the enemy assault and pausing only when heated guns jammed.

But the human and not less heroic side of the story is that which comes from a dairy farm in the Willamette valley, where a mother, who is probably back at unending duty on the production front again, feels that she did not sacrifice in vain.

One Company's Scrap Metal

Geo. F. Burr hands the Sentinel an item telling what the 1,357,000 tons of scrap metal, collected by the International Harvester company, through its 8,500 agencies of which he is one, would do toward making offensive equipment for the U. S. armed forces. The campaign has been in progress for three months and the huge collection is equivalent of 35,000 carloads.

Melted down and converted ton for ton into medium tanks, this amount of scrap would build 30,000 of these fighting monsters for the American and United Nations armed forces.

It would build 100 medium-sized cargo vessels to carry supplies to the armed forces abroad. Converted ton for ton into half-track military vehicles, it would build 110,000 of these transport and fighting units.

Nearly 400,000 Motor Vehicle Registrations In Oregon

Restrictions on motor vehicle sales, gasoline and tires are not yet reflected in the motor vehicle registration trend in Oregon, figures compiled in the office of the secretary of state, disclosed today.

At the end of the first five months, there were 394,511 vehicles registered in the state, a slight increase over the 394,284 vehicles registered in the state for the same period a year ago. Registration fees so far this year total \$2,796,890.33 compared to \$2,707,272.29 last year.

Many companies paint the working and non-working parts of a machine different colors, to set off dangerous areas. Tests show that the idea not only reduces errors and accidents, but steps up output as well.

U. S. Founded Upon A Rock

By Ruth Taylor
"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

The testing time has arrived. We will now learn whether or not we have truly founded this republic upon the rock. We have taken our democratic way of life for granted. Upon national holidays we have assembled to listen to speeches about the past, to stories of the hardships which the founders of our nation went through. We have agreed that we had a great heritage, and then we have gone back to our own comfortable way of living.

Now is the hour of trial. From all quarters of the globe, the forces that hate democracy because it is practical exemplification of the monotheistic doctrine of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God are descending upon us.

The founders of this country built a nation upon the belief that man is entitled to freedom, that he is capable of self-government, that his beliefs are between him and his God alone. Under this doctrine we have prospered until that prosperity has aroused the envy and covetousness of those who saw only the success and not the cause, who could not see that a man would work harder for himself than for a master.

We, the inheritors of this house, have been negligent, indifferent, overconfident—and now we are faced with the necessity of fighting to the finish for our democratic way of life. If enough of us believe in democracy, in equal rights for all men, Democracy will live, no matter what gales may storm down upon us.

But we now have to prove that we believe—we have to put democracy into action. We have to give up many of the things we deemed necessary, we have to work harder, discipline ourselves more rigidly, work together in factory and field, fight on the land, on the sea and in the air for the preservation of the freedom without which we do not wish to live.

If we do this, if we put democracy into action, we will win—for the house of our republic is founded upon the rock of freedom for all, and that rock will endure forever and a day.

Help Make This A Sane Fourth

Declaring that Oregon must conserve human and material resources for the war effort, Secretary of State Earl Snell urges drivers and pedestrians to exercise every possible precaution to avoid being involved in a traffic accident during the Fourth of July holiday period.

Last year, the Fourth holiday took a toll of seven lives in this state. Four were killed in accidents on the Fourth, which came on Friday, and three were killed on the fifth.

"With our nation fighting to preserve the independence we celebrate on the Fourth of July, it is the obligation of every citizen to do his part by assuming personal responsibility for the prevention of accidents," Snell declared. "Traffic accidents today sabotage our war effort and this can not be tolerated."

Here is a list of suggestions for avoiding accidents:

1. Hold speed below the suggested 40-mile maximum.
2. Keep alert. Be prepared for the unexpected in congested traffic.
3. When caught in a long line of cars, be patient, don't take risks trying to pass.
4. Never pass on a curve or when the white line is on your side of the center stripe.
5. When in the vicinity of recreation areas, watch for pedestrians crossing the road.
6. Don't drive when sleepy or after over-eating.
7. Check your tires and other equipment.
8. Remember, even a minor accident may put your car out of commission for the duration.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Will Be At County Agent's Office July 7

The Marshfield office of the United States Employment Service will discontinue its weekly itinerant service to Coquille, according to F. G. Scherer, manager.

Those who wish to file claims for State Unemployment Compensation or to continue their claims may do so by mail, addressing all correspondence to 516 Curtis Avenue, Marshfield, Oregon. Claims may be handled personally by calling at any time at the Marshfield office.

Claimants are cautioned to use their name as it is shown on their social security card in conjunction with the social security number on all correspondence.

A representative of the office, Odin Anderson, will be at the county agent's office in the court house on Tuesday, July 7, to register those who are interested in securing farm work. Farm employers are urged to place their orders for hay hands and other farm labor at that time.

Mr. Anderson will spend considerable time in the Coquille valley for the purpose of aiding farmers in securing peak time labor.

Love is the hardest lesson in Christianity; but, for that reason, it should be most our care to learn it.—William Penn.

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