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The Temper of the People

Rampant on the air waves across the country last Friday night from stations up and down the coast and even inland to Denver and Salt Lake was the announcement—"Coquille, Oregon, Chamber of Commerce flays OPA rulings and demands change." Background of the story on the air—which the entire facts were not given by the radiocasters—was the wires and letters sent Oregon's congressional delegation asking that the retail yard at the Coos Bay Lumber company in Coquille be put into operation, posthaste.

Eyes of many sections of the country are now centered on Coquille and Washington, D. C. The question is: Will Paul Porter's high and mighty OPA office grant the technical permission needed to open a retail yard in a company which under other ownership had a yard in operation? Will the OPA blindly, stupidly, and asininely say "No" again, and thus force more and more buyers into the black market lumber field?

The Sentinel has been given proof of black market lumber buying in many cases in Southwestern Oregon. One veteran has told us that prominent mills have told him that the veterans' priority doesn't mean a thing.

Small mill owners and manufacturers discuss the grading practices now operating under the OPA and it is no secret that "higher than ceiling prices" are being paid, due to the loopholes in the OPA.

Wires in answer to the letters sent Washington are beginning to come back to Coquille. This city—and the state—await with interest the result of such an effort.

The temper of the people is growing short.

Scuttle and Run

(Reprinted from The Orange Grove, Texas, Observer)

It has been estimated that "one billion dollars spent by the government for relief of unemployment will produce approximately 500,000 jobs for one year at \$2,000 each. When the money is spent, nothing permanent has been added to purchasing power, and industry and the people are faced with a tax burden to repay the billion dollars with interest. One billion dollars invested as risk capital will create the same 500,000 jobs in the year in which invested, but thereafter furnishes the tools for 200,000 permanent jobs at a \$5,000 investment per job. And those 200,000 permanent jobs in industry will support another 100,000 in service trades and other industries."

It should be apparent that any policy of government which destroys the formation of risk capital, or the desire of people to take business risks, is extremely shortsighted.

The greatest incentive to risk capital is reasonable taxation under solvent government. Recent tax reductions were intended as an invitation to risk capital during the reconversion period. But the plain fact is that they are a fake invitation. If taxes are to be successfully reduced, economy in government must accompany tax cuts. Tax reductions, countered by continued government borrowing, should deceive no one.

Today we hear of plans for bigger and bigger government and lower and lower taxes. One of the most respected observers in America terms this type of action a "scuttle and run" policy. It is not conducive to the maximum activity of risk capital.

They Wended Their Way On Myrtle Lane

(Reprinted from The Oregon Journal)

A recent picture of a part of the highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point would scarcely be recognized by a person who had not seen the drive in recent weeks. Willows have been cut down to give full beauty to the glamorous myrtle previously obscured by the more common trees. It is as if a fairy godmother had, at the touch of a wand, stripped the sackcloth from the shimmering sirens of the forest. The job was accomplished in no such simple manner. Workmen labored many hours to clear the view of the myrtles. So satisfying is the result that Sam Boardman, state parks superintendent who has had charge of the transformation; now desires to undertake beautification of myrtle trees throughout the Coquille valley—make Myrtle Lane the highway through a myrtle valley.

Boardman proposes that this work of glorification of the rare natural beauty of the myrtle area be undertaken by Boy Scouts and other youth groups. Such a project would give the young people an appreciation of the beauty of their homeland and enliven in them a sense of responsibility toward preserving and perhaps extending the growth of this rare resource that nature has given them.

The supply of myrtle is dwindling. Young people who preserve it may realize benefits as broad as the energy and ingenuity they exert to keep it abundant and radiant. It could be a tourist attraction that people would travel from the corners of the world to see. Its beautification can pay rich dividends.

Developments the past 15 years of great stores in the suburbs and even country areas of cities prove the point that it is merchandise and merchandising that draws business. Given the supply and fair prices, people prefer to shop where it is the easiest. No Coquille merchant ever needs worry about Coos Bay competition, rather Coos Bay does worry about Coquille competition. A full stock, a modern store, pleasant employees, has proved for local business houses that they are right.

The power of the written word—where women are concerned, and Nylons—is great. A single column advertisement telling of their list for names for Nylons brought the J. C. Penney store over 1,000 names of Coos county citizens before The Sentinel had been out a week.

Acacia blooming in profusion in Coos county is an expensive hothouse plant in the east right now that women spend their husband's money for.

Parents of children should see to it that every inducement is given good teachers to persuade them to remain in the important post of building men and women. As contract time rolls around it behooves the patrons of the schools to make sure they are able to retain those teachers who contribute much to the future of this city, county, state and nation.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, March 5, 1926)

After being closed for a week the highway near China Camp bridge was opened to traffic last Sunday afternoon. Paul Van Scoy, highway engineer, has had a crew of men at work there, first constructing a trail over the hill.

George B. Weatherby, of the Dimmick Lumber company at San Francisco, has been here for the past week investigating a proposition to unite with the Oerding Myrtlewood factory.

Three deputy sheriffs—S. A. Malehorn, Geo. J. Bohrer and F. B. Osmond—made an important moonshiner arrest Monday evening near Riverton.

The Coquille Rod and Gun club turned in a straight score of 75 in the Oregonian telegraphic shoot last Sunday. J. W. Laird, J. W. Miller

and A. W. Chapin, Sr., were the three who made a perfect record.

The Coquille High basketball quintet came from behind last Friday evening and defeated the Marshfield team, 16 to 14.

The Coquille girls' basketball team proved itself superior to anything in Curry county, as they have in Coos, by defeating the champion Port Orford sextette here Wednesday evening, 12-9.

H. W. Dunham, for 29 years a resident of Coquille, passed away Thursday morning, March 4. . . . Two years ago next June Mr. and Mrs. Dunham had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

C. G. Caughell, a brother of James Caughell, is here this week making the annual audit of county officials' records under the supervision of W. H. Wann.

Timely Topics

By HON. R. T. MOORE

Budgeteers Will Serve New Terms

Taxpayers appointed to serve on all local committees in Coos county to fix budgets for the 1946-47 fiscal year, must be appointed on a new tenure basis under a 1945 state law that becomes effective this spring.

Counties, cities, school districts, PUDs, port, water and all other tax-levying districts must appoint budget committee taxpayer "freeholders" for one, two and three year periods. This is a change from previous practice of appointing budget committee members to serve for only one year. Directors or the governing body of any tax-levying municipal corporation by resolution must designate one-third of the appointed citizen members of a budget committee, or approximately one-third, to serve for one year, one-third to serve for two years, and one-third of the taxpayer budgeteers to serve for three years.

Teacher Election To Be Held Soon

Election of teaching staffs for the Coquille public schools will be held soon, Carl Morrison, superintendent, announced this week.

According to law teachers must be notified of their hiring or discharge by March 15th, otherwise they are automatically hired for another year.

The shortage of teachers still persists, Mr. Morrison told The Sentinel, though veterans returning are taking care of some of the drastic shortage in the secondary schools. Elementary schools, however, are hard hit by the fact that no teachers have been training the past few years in the normal schools.

Election will probably be held on March 13th.

T. B. Sales Bring \$1057.45 Total

Sales of Christmas Tuberculosis stamps brought in a total of \$1057.45, Mrs. J. S. Barton announced this week in her final report. That is considered a fine result by state officials. Mrs. Barton was Coquille chairman.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:—Your editorial, "The Farmer's Vote," is interesting. Let us look at the facts.

This has been one of the greatest seasons for floods. Time after time our county roads in many places have been under water, defying any chance of permanent building up. We have expert bulldozer and shovel men, supported by road crews who have faithfully done their best at all times of the day and night to make the roads passable when the water has receded.

Inability to replace old machinery necessary or even purchase repair parts, owing to conditions, have not helped matters. Are we to blame anybody for these continual floods and working conditions? Certainly not. The county employees know they have a real good county court working in harmony with them for the taxpayers (including all farmers of Coos county) and the making of good roads for everybody.

We have "detour" signs. This is the first time in many years they have not been required. It is hoped the taxpayers will remember this at the proper time.

So with congratulations to you for an improved paper, I am obed. yours,
A. G. Trendell.

as directed. However, Americans just aren't built that way. They have ideas and refuse to endure the whip-lash of compulsion for very long. The wielder of the whip is sure to acquire eventually a hard punch in the nose. This disturbing characteristic makes the way of the collectivist rather hard.

Advocates of the paternal state have had to adopt the Lilliputian tactics used in subduing Gulliver. While the American giant sleeps they slyly contrive to weave silken threads of regulation to render him helpless before he awakes. They are busily engaged in this endeavor at this moment. It is difficult for the average citizen, lacking direct contacts, to sense the danger. But those in responsible position have sounded an alarm which should be heeded.

The European collectivist pattern can never fit American democracy.

The prerequisites of fixed class-groups and a docile electorate are foreign to American nature and inimical to constitutional government. But there is real danger that America will be changed to a social state if the people yield up freedom in return for a modicum of doubtful protection from the normal hazards of life. Collectivists, seeing the shoe does not fit the foot, are determined to make the foot fit the shoe.

The situation calls for vigorous leadership and the purging of class hatred from high government office. Government should function in the interest of all the people with no discrimination and no special privilege. There should be no encroachment upon constitutional rights. America has the stewardship of preserving democracy. Is our freedom less precious to us than it was to our fore-bears?

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