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Coos-Curry Museum Here

Plans for the Coos-Curry museum to be built in Coquille—providing sufficient funds can be raised—should have the backing of all interested civic groups. History is a heritage passed on to future generations and from the past people can gather strength and encouragement.

The city would be able to donate tall fir poles which when peeled would serve admirably for the outside construction of the people.

The Rotary sponsored dance next Tuesday will undoubtedly raise some funds for the structure, inasmuch as the Rotary club is underwriting a big-name band from Hollywood for the occasion.

But more help will be needed. A suitable building to house the relics from this part of Oregon will cost around \$5,000.

Coos and Curry county has one of the most active pioneer association groups in the nation. Just a little backing will give Coquille a permanent building in which a good collection of pioneer objects can be displayed and stored safely.

On the Rogue Fishing Had Been Better

(Reprinted from the Journal)

It was a "wonderful fishing trip," writes Frederick Wagner, business manager of the Los Angeles Herald Express.

It was on the Rogue river about 25 miles from Medford, and his comment followed immediately his return with his son, Captain Alan F. Wagner, from the famous Oregon fishing stream.

But—the fishing, while good, was not as good as five years ago. So, Mr. Wagner asks if unscreened irrigation ditches get the small fish that would otherwise grow up into big fish stories.

Ed Wilson, chairman, and Charles Lockwood, assistant supervisor of the state game commission, joined in an encouraging answer.

There's a new program. The game department screens the irrigation ditch openings. The screens are good, stout ones and there is a by-pass at each screen to return the diverted fish to the river. Little ones and big ones are found at the screens and sooner or later they get back to the river.

The game department pays the screening bills. It has some \$75,000 this year for the purpose. Ninety per cent of the irrigation ditches opening from the Rogue have been screened; others will have been screened by the time Mr. Wagner makes next year, his fourth expedition to the Rogue.

At Savage Rapids and Gold Ray dams on the Rogue, unscreened pumps are still a problem, lifting fish through the pumps to irrigation ditches. Dr. Paul R. Needham, state game biologist reports salvage and return to the river of 2500 fish at Savage Rapids. The number included large, unharmed Steelhead. In what is known as the South ditch 329 small Chinook salmon and 37 Steelhead running from 3½ to 7 inches were salvaged. Not more than 15 per cent of the fish passing through the pumps were found to be fatally injured.

It may be, assumed, therefore, that salvage is more effective than to screen the pumps. Here, says Mr. Wagner, is what it means to have "good fishing on the Rogue."

And to this the enthusiasm that Oregon sportsmen have a fishing on the Rogue and the Southern Oregon river begins to loom as a large industry under a big dollar sign, with recreation that can't be valued in dollars.

An American Oddity is San Juan county located in the Puget Sound area. It comprises 173 islands, none of which touch the mainland.

In a recent news story commenting on the work of Coquille city police did during the three day celebration at the Fourth, no mention was made of the state police force under Sgt. Irving Larson who helped direct the thousands of cars and motorists through the city and around it during the celebration, and the work they did at the Rodeo grounds. Our hats are off to these state policeman who are always present to help out in any emergency; and protect your life and mine every time we drive the state highway.

Public Debt And Taxation

DR. JAS. RICHMOND

The passage of a bill by that bunch of near morons called by mistake Congress to tax your children and my children and their children for the next hundred years brings to our mind two means that are used to enslave the people for all time. Public debt and indirect taxation. Government officials are corrupt in this way more than in all other ways put together. In spite of all the advance of so called civilization the world is nothing but a vast armed camp and getting worse every year. The cost of war simply cannot be measured not only on a financial way, but on lives of boys that will never have a chance, also the wasted lives of girls as well.

The institution of public debt, like that of private property on hand, rests upon the proposition that one generation can find another generation and make them do certain things. If I gave a note to a certain individual and failed to pay it and the party tried to force my children to pay it, what do you think the children would say? They would simply say, my father made the debt, let him pay it. It is the type of argument advanced in defence of public debt and indirect taxation.

If it were possible to borrow from the future generation, there might be some excuse for it, but it cannot be done. Public debts are not a device to borrow from the future to compel our children to pay a debt, but it is a device to get control of the present wealth by promising to make a certain division of wealth in the future. If you will think the thing through, you will see that you cannot fight present wars with future wealth. Present wars must be fought by wealth produced as we go along.

All of the bonds that are being passed are only a device to corrupt our so-called Congress so much so that the latest bill passed by congress has been called a pork barrel. What do we mean by that. Your congressman is just bringing his way into congress again.

Public debt and indirect taxation should never be, and there is only one way to do that and that is to remove the cause. Put all the tax on the site value of land (rent of land) and this will remove the possibility of having bonds or put the debt as the thing that is bonded is done away with, the selling value of land.

Let us do away with public debt, wars, taxes, by taking the site value of land and pay all taxes with it.

Timely Topics

By HON. R. T. MOORE

A significant development in international relationship since the war's end has been the clash between pagan statism and Christian democracy. This continues to be the main cause of friction between Russia and western Powers. The difficulty in finding common ground for agreement has blocked consummation of peace treaties and there is, as yet, no certainty that such agreement will be reached in the near future.

The basic philosophies of a statism, such as communism, preclude any dependence on signed documents for security of agreements arrived at after mutual bargaining. Signatures or other commonly accepted tokens of honorable intent are not considered binding if fulfillment of the pact reacts to the disadvantage of the state. Statism is necessarily devoid of honor and knows no integrity of word. It thus avoids disadvantageous entanglement and escapes responsibility for the mistakes of its agents. It operates on a heads-I-win-tails-you-lose basis. It drifts about on a sea of suspicion and fear with no guidance other than blind devotion to self-interest. Rational compromise, the basis of diplomacy, is next to impossible under such circumstances.

Statism feels it must defend itself by weakening opposing ideologies. It either attacks directly or bores from within, seeking with infinite patience and cunning contrivance to foster discontent and distrust for the destruction of public morale. Boring from within is the favorite method for dealing with democracies, whose people too easily detect and defeat a frontal assault. Statism believes that security lies only in overwhelming force for compulsion and subjugation. Its advocates engage in ceaseless endeavor to create and maintain this force.

We shall no doubt see continuing attempts to stir up discord and weaken productive power of our industries as an integral part of the general plan to over-come constitutional government. Control of labor unions will be sought and every minor controversy will be exploited in hope of launching a strike. Statist zealots in our civil service will quietly do what they can towards sabotaging measures to build up our national strength. Unsuspecting fellow-travelers will be cunningly manipulated while they have capacity to aid the statism movement. They will be ruthlessly rejected and reviled the moment they lose this capacity. These are old methods. Only the zeal with which they are used will be new. The tricks of this trade should be well enough known by now to enable the public to recognize them.

The jurisdictional strike is a fertile field for the statists. Its end renders affected employers and workers helpless to protect themselves from it. A militant minority in strategic position can continue such strikes for long periods because of the inertia of democratic processes.

Consider the recent maritime strike closing Coos Bay to American shipping. It was based ostensibly on such a trivial issue that suspicion at once arose as to the real purpose. It eventually turned out to be a test of power in the fight for maritime supremacy between the two big union groups. Coos Bay was probably selected as battle-ground because it had the requisite diversification of shipping and yet was small enough to avoid awakening public demand for federal crack-down such as in the rail strike. It was probably good strategy on the part of the union

boss to throw the relatively few Coos Bay workers to the wolves in the fight over the issue while the large ports on the Coast remained at work. The excessive duration of this relatively minor strike invokes suspicion that there was strong communistic influence.

The American people have nothing to fear from statism if they hold firmly to the enduring fundamentals of Christian democracy and maintain themselves alert to detect and expose statist operatives. The rattlesnake is dangerous only when undetected. Orderly democratic processes, bringing high living standards, revolve about complete acceptance of responsibility for a neighbor's welfare and a resolute determination to contribute one's just share to the common economy. The permanent stability and eternal fixity of Christian ethics affords a serenity and completeness of life obtainable in no other way. Let no man deceive you into thinking otherwise.

Big Potato Grown Here

A huge potato tops the agricultural record of Coos county, when C. L. Alford, 2 miles east of town on the city reservoir road brought an Irish Cobbler, potato weighing 3 pounds to The Sentinel office this week.

The potato is large and well shaped and has been attracting much attention in the newspaper office window.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. No one should throw lighted material on forest or range lands. Extreme caution with fire will help to Keep Oregon Green.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, July 23, 1926)

Wild Cat Pete and Ralph Hand brought their first fall catch of Silverside into Reedsport one day last week. While cruising near the Umpqua bar a blue shark spied a salmon on one of the hooks and grabbed it. A fierce battle ensued and when the shark was hauled aboard he was found to weigh approximately 250 pounds and was eleven and a half feet long.

Statistics show a falling off of 50 per cent in the number of individual income tax returns in the state for 1925 compared with those filed for the preceding year. Returns were filed by 28,924 individuals on 1925 incomes as compared to 65,358 individuals the year before. This was due to the 1926 revenue act substantially increasing personal exemptions.

The Sentinel had a call one day recently from a woman who was looking for old settlers who had been here fifty years. Her name was Bertha Carter—Bertha Derol, when she was living in Coquille. The most noteworthy thing about her was that she was accompanied by a daughter nearly grown whose given name was Coquille.

At the council session Monday evening plans were made to pave 17 more blocks in the southeast part of the city, also there was talk of re-decking Henry street bridge. Councilman George Chaney and Engineer E. L. Vinton estimated the cost of replacing the bridge at \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Coquille finished the scheduled season at the Bay last Sunday with a loss, the first league game it has dropped to any other team than Bandon. Coquille players included Borden, Fortier, Brown, Mulligan, Sturdivant, Pulford, Gilbert, Call and Summerlin.

At the meeting of the Library Association Tuesday evening Mrs. L. H. Hazard was chosen as president of the board and Mrs. Bertha J. Smith as secretary. The other members of the board are Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman, Mrs. C. C. Farr and O. C. Sanford.

The question of a bridge over Rogue river was the main consideration at the meeting of the Coos County Good Roads Association Tuesday evening. Everyone present favored a bridge, rather than a ferry, even though it had to be a toll bridge.

Bert Hollenbeck, night marshal in Coquille for the past several years, has resigned that position, effective August 1, and will then succeed I. E. Cover, who has also resigned, as jailer of Sheriff Gage's sky parlor in the court house.

Interest in local beach and black sand mining is growing more intense as the summer advances. The presence of chrome in the black sands of this section in large quantities is well established.

Chas. Gardner, fire chief, asked for the co-operation of the city council Monday evening in removing some of the fire hazards in Coquille.

COOS COUNTY WOOL POOL

In response to the desires of our many members in Coos county this year we will set up a Coos County Wool Pool.

The Pool will consist of only wools produced in Coos county. It will be graded into the standard grades and classifications by W. S. Licensed Wool Graders. The wool will be appraised by the U.S. CCC Wool Appraisers. Pacific will request the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture to core test the wool. These cores will be scoured by the Department. This will establish the actual shrinkage and insure every grower of receiving the highest possible price for his wool under the CCC program. Each member will receive his own grade sheet and a copy of the U. S. appraised information.

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