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Let's Sell Water

With Coquille's new filter plant ready to operate and a potential of two to three million gallons of fresh water available to the people of Coquille, there is no reason for flowers not blooming and lawns not to be green and attractive. There is no reason the soft comfortable sound of the whirring of a sprinkler is not familiar music in every corner of the city. There is no reason why Coquille will not be a garden spot.

That is, no reason unless water rates are too high and the people of the city do not use water.

To be under study will be the possibility of raising water rates for the users of the city. More revenue is necessary to retire bonds issued to pay for the expensive installation of the filter plant. No one will deny this, and particularly not the citizens who voted in the plant.

But care should be exercised in any study to revise upwards the charges for water usage. It seems the city should realize you can charge only so much and after that you will cut down the consumption of water. This would continue the dry sere lawns. It would not raise water revenues. In fact, it would defeat the purpose of having a new filter plant.

Let's not fall into the fallacy of attempting to raise water rates so high that water consumption drops drastically. It would make the paying off of filter plant bonds even harder.

A Fair Is Held

We particularly commend the board of the Coos County Fair for the successful and colorful 1952 county fair just completed.

Never has a fair held the interest of so many people so well and completely. From the opening of the gates in the mornings until closing in the darkened hours of the night, the people of Coos and Curry county enjoyed a real county fair.

Strangely enough there are only a handful of real county fairs left in the state of Oregon. When once thirty-six Oregon counties celebrated the coming of fall and harvest season, now only such doughty people as those in Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Multnomah, Tillamook, and a very few others dare to put on a countywide festival.

The change in habits of a people. The growth of cars. New highways and new recreation spots. New social and cultural activities. All account for the competition a county fair feels.

Yes, things aren't the same as they used to be, but we dare say the Coos county fair is even better than it used to be. And for the work of Harold Clarno, Sam Dement, and all the other members of the board, we say "thanks" from an entire community.

Quite An Editorial!

Oregon's Portland JOURNAL stole a march on the rest of the big city dailies of the nation this week when they brought out the fact that Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, and aspirant for the presidency on the democratic ticket, is a "hard man with a penny," by his own admission.

In what is likely to be the scoop of the year, the Portland daily, took a stand endorsing Stevenson for the presidency, and also reprinted a letter from the Illinois governor stating the fact that he realized there was a mess in Washington and pointing out that he had had one in Illinois which he has cleaned up quite well.

There will be lots of fun, editorially speaking, across the land with the Journal's personal letter from Stevenson. But the candor of the letter is refreshing. We doubt whether or not many political candidates would have written such a letter as Stevenson did. And that makes him even a better candidate than he was before.

How About It?

Reports from U. S. engineers that a \$250,000 south jetty construction project is needed in Bandon for the Port of Coquille river should get the attention of all people in this end of the county.

Shipping via Bandon by water has become considerable the past few years, and it would be much greater if a safer bar was present.

We think the Bandon Chamber of Commerce needs our support now to see that proper work is done on the Bandon port. Certainly the potential of lumber shipment plus the fact that the government has a major investment in the port now should make congress see the wisdom of expending more money to maintain this vital link in the coastwise shipping routes.

BOTH IN SAME STREAM



ward an honest and able man who lacks the vanity of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the pettiness and cockiness of Harry S. Truman.

LOCAL VIEWS OF NOMINATIONS
 Oregon's two living Democratic ex-governors rate very high in the esteem of members of both political parties. Both are pundits and punsters.

Ex-governor Oswald West, now 79, was called a left-winger when he was governor from 1911 to 1915 and sponsored "blue sky" laws and prohibition. The venerable king-maker long ago swung to the right flank of the Democratic ranks. When I asked him to comment on the Democratic nominations, he said:

"The convention delegates did as well as they could. They nominated two clean and able men. But to win they have got to take a decided stand against those schemers and wasters who have found their way into several departments of state in Washington."

Ex-governor Walter M. Pierce, now 91, served six sessions in the state senate, four terms in the congress and was governor from 1923 to 1927. He, too, was called a liberal but has stuck by his guns.

Pierce's statement on the nomination was: "Kefauver is a fine man, the scholar in politics but the Democrats always pick a strong man for the presidency—and usually elect him." "I am an old school Democrat and support the party choice. We have good candidates and a fine platform."

"The Republicans had a great Lincoln and never chose another strong man until they got T.R. by accident—and he left the party." A SIGNAL REPUBLICAN VIEW
 Ex-governor Charles A. Sprague gave an impartial Republican viewpoint of the Democratic nominees in his column "It Seems to Me" appearing in the Oregon Statesman: "The Democrats have put for-

Sealford, bonus supervisor.
 On July 31 the department had mailed 800,000 bonus checks to World War II veterans aggregating \$33,000,000. So far the checks have averaged around \$410. Checks to dependents are running higher.
FACTORY WAGES HIGHER
 The average weekly earnings of Oregon's industrial workers rose this month to a record high of \$80.80, according to this week's statement of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission. The average hourly wage remained virtually the same as it has been for several months, but the average work week increased from 38.1 hours in May to 39.6 in June. The new record is accounted for by the increase in working hours.

The highest industry record was made by construction workers with \$92.54 in a 39-hr. week. Lumbering, typographical, paper mill, furniture, textile and other skilled workers were increasing their earnings, while declines were shown in the unskilled classifications, which include food processing.

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PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(From Files of The Sentinel Friday, August 19, 1932)
CHINOOK SALMON for canning, 4 cents a pound. Write A. E. Morris, Bandon, or call at "fish" sign at Lampa. 3212

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brown of McKinley, August 15, a six-pound son. This is their first child.

Coquille and North Bend are to meet in the second game of the championship series on Sunday, the local park again being the scene of the battle.

Paul McElwaine, of the Southwestern Motor Co., returned home last Friday evening from a week's trip to southern California. He went down on business but managed to enjoy a couple of days at the Olympic games.

"Sandy" Hamilton, of Kansas City, Mo., a salesman for the Smith Wood-Products company, who was here for a few days, will visit this week, may be a good deal with them for a visit.

cedar salesman, but he gave a poor demonstration of walking on it, for he fell from a log into the river while pursuing an elusive catfish. He looked more like a muskrat when fished out by Ferd E. Emery, who undoubtedly saved his life.

C. M. Hermann, one of the earliest pioneers in Coos county, of those still living, has been a Coos county visitor the past two weeks from his home in Roseburg. He had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Levi Bunch on Rink creek for two or three days this week and was in Coquille with Mrs. Bunch Tuesday.

MRS. OSBORN, FAMILY VISIT RELATIVES HERE
 Mrs. G. L. Osborn and children, Martha and Allen, of Portland have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wainwright of the North Bank road and her aunt, Mrs. O. C. Sanford of Coquille. Mrs. Sanford will return to Portland this week, may be a good deal with them for a visit.

YOUNGSTERS FLY TO CITY
 Three youngsters from Coquille, Terry Lee Percy and Marcella Percy and their cousin, Jan Curran, flew to Portland on Monday to visit with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Curran. Next weekend Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perry will drive to bring their children and nephew home. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Curran.

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