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## MEETING "PROSPERITY"

An organization exists in America today which, regardless of creed, enlists peoples in all sections to the folds of prayer. Unfortunately we have lost memory of the name of the organization.

The group operates, as we recall, by requiring its members to cease their labours at an appointed time and concentrate their thoughts in behalf of some individual. Seemingly miracles have resulted. An Iowa man, sick unto death, suddenly becomes well, notices his improvement immediately following the moment of prayer given in his behalf by the organization. On another day a New York woman may find that she can walk after a lifetime of being a cripple. And so it goes.

You are perhaps wondering where this ties in with the subject of "Prosperity." We have long repeated the fact that concentrated thought waves can and do work miracles. This group has discovered this process, by what manner we do not know. The fact remains, however, that thousands of thought waves given in behalf of some cause, some ideal, has wrought the impossible.

It can be done. "Believe it, and it is so." Make up your mind what you want. Concentrate your thoughts on the subject. Repeat constantly your thoughts. It may not be today nor tomorrow, but your desires, if they are right and justifiable, will come into being and you will wonder how such a miraculous thing could have happened to you.

## COUNTY COURT STARTS

Our editorial last week caused quite a little talk in Grants Pass concerning the county court. Maybe we talked a little out of turn when we asked the court to get busy and do something.

It seems the county court has been working some time on a revaluation of property, both real and personal, in the county, and has made arrangements to have this work done in 1941 if \$1,500 is put on the budget next year, which the state will match, giving \$3,000 for the start of revaluing the property of the county.

This is a fine job and we commend the county court for this, a measure we have strenuously advocated over a long period of time. They have accomplished many fine jobs in the short time they have been on the job. BUT—this does not minimize the necessity of completing a job they began and haven't finished as yet.

## IT'S DEMOCRACY

Somehow or another we liked the outcome of the elections held last week on the school consolidation question.

Now, don't get us wrong. It WASN'T because we were delighted that the issue was defeated—not at all. But it WAS because after all, it proved that America still PRACTISES DEMOCRACY.

In national and state affairs we often lose sight of the qualities of the "rule by the people" because of the magnitude of the thing. But no better example of democracy could be presented than that which our school elections indicated. They proved beyond all doubt that a majority rules. It's close to home, that is perhaps why it takes on a significance to us.

Here was a situation which had all the earmarks of being "foisted" upon an unsuspecting people, as it were. Those who prepared this planned economy and formulated the mannerisms of consolidation and brought about the state law which made the thing virtually compulsory are not to be blamed for this apparent "foisting" process. They realize that consolidation is the answer to the public school ills in less thickly populated areas. What they failed to take into consideration was the human element, the fact that Jones and Smith had ideas of their own.

Chances are that consolidation is a bet the people of the Illinois Valley are overlooking but it remains a fact that only in a democracy would you and I and the other fellow have had a chance to say "Here, we

## Along the Concrete



don't want this thing to become part of our lives. It may be as good as you say, but we're skeptical." At least we had a chance to express an opinion on the matter—and that we well did!

## CHURCHES

### ILLINOIS VALLEY CHURCH OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

Sabbath School at 9:30 a. m.  
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

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### CAVE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching ..... 11 a. m.

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### BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching ..... 11:00 a. m.  
Loyal Defenders ..... 7:00 p. m.  
Preaching ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. .... 7:00 p. m.  
Orchestra Practice, Sat. 7:00 p. m.

### CHAMBER MEET—

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answer questions, direct tourists to points of interest and to overnight and meal accommodations. He suggested that each camp owner send someone to the office on his particular day, thereby assuring himself of protection of his interests and preventing the feeling of dissatisfaction which might otherwise spring up.

Mr. Hamilton said he felt that the best means of getting the maximum of tourist business would be to advertise all the local points of interest, whether they might be industrial, historical or geographical, thereby keeping the tourist here longer, when they would, of course, patronize local businesses. Mrs. Grizzell suggested a tour of these places might be arranged. Mr. Hamilton was appointed chairman of a permanent camp-owners committee, consisting of himself, Mr. Baumberger and Mr. Huber to form new plans or help iron out wrinkles in the present ones.

It was decided to make stories of pioneer life, which would be of interest to tourists, the subject of the next dinner meeting, which will be on March 12. Mr. Sawyer was asked about the older residents of the valley who were here in the early days to tell of many things of interest that happened then. It is not yet decided where this meeting is to be held but this will be announced next week.

### COUNTY COURT—

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no change in the assessment. A revaluation in Lane county resulted in the finding of 160 new taxable properties, the Judge said he was told.

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cost of the revaluation, with state and county each raising half, the estimated two-year duration of the project would cost around \$6,000, Judge Johnson said.

If the county should decide to terminate the work at any time the state would have no objection, Johnson quoted Galloway as saying. Whatever revaluation has been done up to that time would stand by itself as work completed.

The Grants Pass business district underwent revaluation a few months ago, assistance being given by James Bunnell of the tax commission office. There were increases, decreases and new improvements which raised the total assessable valuation for the business district about \$80,000. Several businessmen organized protests to this revaluation.

The total increase in the county at the same time, including utilities, was \$169,33, Assessor Jas. J. McFadden said Monday.

McFadden reported that the county paid \$191 to bring Bunnell here. Each year \$200 has been budgeted for revaluation purposes, the assessor reported, but was not spent until last year. Unspent appropriations revert to the general fund.—Grants Pass Daily Courier.

### SEN. McNARY—

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angles. They may have submitted a brief, but it was hoped that a representative from their New York office would attend the hearing.

BONNEVILLE ADMINISTRATION, who are familiar with the entire district filed brief. Especially interested in chrome, lime, silica, manganese, etc.

PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Mr. Farmer, the manager, was contacted; filed brief and may have had personal representative at hearing.

OREGON BUREAU OF MINES Earl K. Nixon, director. Oregon bureau of mines, was in Washington, D. C., and conferred with the Rustless Steel people at Baltimore, the aluminum people of Pittsburg, the steel group in Cleveland, and met Mr. Dodson, of the Portland chamber of commerce, did everything possible in the limited time available, but was sure "McNary would carry the ball at the hearing."

STANDARD OIL COMPANY. L. D. Fox, trucking contractor, hauling for Standard Oil company from Crescent City harbor to Grants Pass, Medford, and along the Klamath River, etc., called at their office in San Francisco and urged the company to file a brief or have some one appear from the New York office.

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ATION. Clyde Edmondson, manager, contacted senators and representatives of California to cooperate with Senator McNary and Congressman Lea.

BOISE, IDAHO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Strongly urged Idaho senators and representatives to contact Senator McNary and give their assistance. Their special interest is cross-state road outlet through Crescent City and increase trade area.

OREGON TRANSPORTATION LEAGUE. This league was formed at a meeting called at Salem, Oregon, by Governor Charles H. Martin, with Neil R. Allen secretary. The districts urging better rail facilities as follows:

1. Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass district.
2. Klamath Falls, Lakeview district.
3. Bend, Burns, Crane district.
4. Ontario, Huntington district.
5. Crescent City, Illinois Valley, Redwood highway district.

Each district formed a committee of five including the chairman. The chairmen of these respective groups were elected to the executive board of the League. They unanimously approved of Crescent City harbor and rail connection Crescent City to Grants Pass as means of ultimately acquiring a cross-state railroad.

The league asked for ten days to file brief, which is usually granted.

Every effort has been made by the communities to present the case in the hope improvement will be made, which, when finished, will be a great step forward in developing northern California and southern Oregon.

Map or railroads from Portland to San Francisco showing existing railroads and surveys.

The cross-state line would connect Crescent City by rail with Ontario, Oregon. This rail connection is interesting at this time, for if the harbor is finished as planned by district engineers, Crescent City will have a harbor, and therefore, the interstate commerce commission will not have their principal election to granting railroad permit, which is "if you had a harbor, we would grant the rail permit," and therefore, the harbor is the first step developing southern Oregon and northern California.

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