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PLANNING PROBLEM

This week in another column there is a story from Germany by Dean Eric Allen of the University of Oregon who is touring that country. It relates a story of a German city, Soest, by name, that was made over through planning by a certain respected individual of the community.

It is said that no one is allowed to paint his buildings without the approval by the planner of the color or scheme and that no one would think of changing anything without having the plans passed on by the powers that be. It is said to be a very pretty town, and well it might.

But the reader may wonder whether the town was made for the people or the people were made for the town. If the aim of all civilization is to erect beautiful towns symmetrically planned and executed one man or at least one board, must be at the helm and do the directing. If, on the other hand, the aim of civilization is to develop the people the symmetry of their towns would be of minor consequence.

Visitors to towns might find pleasure in the individualism expressed in the habitations, in the garden and in the color schemes and feel that here was a young and vigorous population with ideas and ideals of their own, a population that might develop some very brave and important individuals.

It may be proper in Soest for everyone to admire, let us say, white paint as a house color, and all to agree, after the head planner had spoken, that all houses were to be painted white. For Americans, we think, such rulings would be very distasteful.

And that brings again to the front the entire question of public planning. Certainly it has its place in gathering information and compiling data, about the matters in which interest has been aroused. That is a service. However, for the past three years there has been a surfeit of planning and worse still, the planners insist on forcing their conclusions onto the citizens whether the citizens want it or not.

It is probably impossible for any group to project their minds far enough into the future to adequately plan a program of any consequence or with any degree of finality. So much must be left to be decided by conditions now unknown that planning is a day to day affair. The advice of Robert Burns in this respect is often remembered:

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men Gang aft a-gley; And leave us naught but grief and pain For promised joy."

If information is gathered and made available to the public the people may use it as they see fit and if it applies to the conditions. But when the planning unit, itself, attempts to draw the conclusions and force them on an independent people it is going too far and free citizens will resent it and overthrow the planners.

OF SUDDEN DEATH

A compilation of accident figures in the United States published in the Sheriff's and Police Review shows the number and percentage of accidents of various kinds on American highways. Collisions with pedestrians account for 36 percent of the accidents and 44.4 percent of the deaths indicating that when a pedestrian is struck by a car his or her chances are not much over half of getting out of the melee alive.

The greater part of the accidents are caused by collisions between cars. Forty-five % of the accidents are from this cause but only 24.6 percent of the deaths are caused by such accidents.

The report shows that 36,100 persons were killed in 1935 by automobiles and that 895,280 were injured by the 826,690 accidents. This means that almost as many people as are in Oregon were injured last year by cars. Certainly, this is too large a total, and it almost seems to be too much disaster to recompense for the added speed of our daily lives. Maybe it isn't worth it.

We've a suspicion that this heat would feel good along in January.

ANOTHER "BONER"

In a little booklet recently sent out by one of the government agencies the writer in attempting to show the need for range improvement because of population decrease, list Sherman county as a range county where population has decreased because the ranges needed protection.

So, it may read good back in the eastern states to note that this county is a range county, but for anyone even slightly acquainted with actual conditions it will merely be silly. This county has the highest percentage of tilled acreage of any county in the state and, with two exceptions, the largest number of tilled acres of any county. It is not a range county, and statements of this kind prove nothing but the ignorance of those making them.

This is equal to the misinformation that was given in the WPA booklet sent out earlier in the year. In that book this county was represented in picture and story as being a wild and woolly district where coyotes roamed the ranges in profusion and made great depredations on the sparse flocks of sheep that scattered settlers needed for their bare subsistence.

Fie on these fumbler with facts. They are supported with a plentitude of federal tax money and should be able to give accurate information instead of jumbled opinion.

SEERS, UNPOPULAR

It has been said, and we hope truthfully, that hope springs eternally in the human breast. In Portland there seems to be a campaign against those whose occupation is the aiding and abetting of hope in its springing.

The downcast lover, the weary business man, the worried parent or the ardent maiden may obtain a word of comfort disguised as a glimpse into the future for the payment of a dollar or two to some mysterious looking gazer into the crystal or handler of cards. These prophets live by human curiosity and the natural desire to know what is going to happen tomorrow without waiting for the day to come.

There has been something of a moral crusade against the slot machines and the pin ball games which are both a means of gambling in a measure with personal finances. The seers and mediums give their customers a chance to gamble in future. Generally it is poor advice they give, but it is no worse than responsible and more highly paid financial advisors gave a few years ago.

This week end Legionnaires and Auxiliaries of Oregon are dispersing around Roseburg, celebrating their victory many years ago and perhaps, in some instances, celebrating their condition of personal liberty.

A man broke the record for the ascent and descent of Mt. Hood. Wonder if he found it cool up there while traveling so fast.

Al Smith's old fish market has collapsed. Perhaps the Democrats will take that as a symbol of Al's end, too.

It doesn't take much of a rooster to start nearby humans to making a loud and raucous noise. That beauty sleep is an important aid to good humor, apparently.

The state having sold its show farms there is now an attempt to establish some more of them. How short is memory.

National Legion Commander Murphy says his organization is a pacific one. A few years ago they acted as pacifiers anyway.

A bird over in Malheur county has a bright idea. He's going to fence up a part of the highway and charge toll on every passing car or truck. Nothing like plenty of ambition.

Oh, My Gosh! Just think of it! Wonderful! Gorgeous! Shirley Temple played the snow.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)

planning her research expert and sociologist, advised the board of control that construction of such a separate institution would be nothing more than "a raid on the public treasury." Establishment of an intermediate penitentiary, which has been considered a problem for the next legislature, would be unwise, Foreman believes, "considering present facilities and the organization of Oregon's institutions."

Foreman said the separate institution would mean unwarranted costs for building and maintenance. Employment of more convicts on the prison farm would help solve the problem of overcrowding in the penitentiary, it was suggested. Prisoners cannot always be segregated merely according to age, state officials were told, "because anyone who has had any experience with penal or reformatory institutions knows that a lad of 19 may be a more serious criminal than a man of 35."

The governor has already taken steps to prevent further trouble at the penitentiary. "Now that conditions at the penitentiary are thoroughly under control," Martin said last week, "measures will be taken at once to prevent a recurrence of such a riot. The leaders will be summarily dealt with." This was taken to mean habitual criminal charges might be filed against some of the ringleaders of the revolt.

The tourist business this year is the best in history. More than 1000 out-of-state automobiles come into Oregon every day, Secretary of State Snell's registration records show. July was the biggest tourist month Oregon has ever known, with 39,645 non-resident registrations of motor vehicles. The previous all time high month was July, 1929, when 23,003 was reached. More than 130,000 cars from other states and countries will have traveled Oregon's highways by the end of the year, Snell predicted. Previous records have been 103,008 in 1929 and 100,303 last year.

The state highway commission applied to the federal public works administration for approval of a \$1,000,000 secondary highway construction program on which the government would grant \$450,000. If the project is approved, construction contracts on secondary roads will be let for the first time since the depression.

For the first time in recent years, the state land board is in the market to make new loans. Clerk L. D. Griffith said the board had a \$105,000 surplus on hand. A plan to trade Eastern Oregon range land with the federal government under provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act is also under consideration. The state has 700,000 acres of original school land in Harney, Lake and Malheur counties to sell to stockmen, but figures it can get better prices by trading with the government to get the land in large blocks.

Bert C. Hoover of Salem witnessed two deeds in 1931. The documents were found by State Treasurer Holman in settling the estate of an Oregon pioneer. The witness is now Herbert C. Hoover, only living ex-president of the United States.

The critical forest fire season is here and the law against throwing of lighting material along the highways will be enforced rigidly, State Forester J. W. Ferguson warned. Oregon this year has had by far the smallest number of forest fires before August 1 in several years, but records show the most disastrous fires occur after the first of August and foresters are taking no chance.

How would you like to own 1071 automobiles and trucks? The state does. Budget Director Wallace S. Wharton found 520 passenger cars, 465 trucks and 95 panel trucks are state owned.

In Other Days

From the Observer Aug. 17, 1917

The list of 448 Sherman county youths who had registered for the army draft was published in this Observer. Also the list of sixty who were first drawn. The action of the board regarding exemptions for various reasons was also given. The war was on.

E. H. Moore and family are home from an auto trip that extended through the Willamette Valley as far as Newport by-the-sea.

W. T. McCoy has enlisted in the aviation corps of the U. S. army, with station temporarily at San Diego. Mrs. McCoy accompanied him as far as Portland, where the enlistment papers were completed since the above was in type Mr. McCoy has returned, his enlistment having been held up at Vancouver though he was passed at Portland.

Writer of Unique European Dispatches



Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism at the University of Oregon, now traveling in Europe, has written an interesting and varied series of articles on conditions in various parts of Europe. The articles will appear in Oregon newspapers exclusively.

UofO Dean Writes Of Travels In Europe

Soest, Westphalia, Germany.—Zigzagging slowly across France and Germany, we drove recently into the most charming little city one ever dreamed about, a medieval walled town straight out of the pictures of Maxfield Parrish or Howard Pyle, with all the added charm of the Kate Greenway pastorals of our childhood.

It was Soest, of which we had never heard. Furthermore, it seems to me the most practical and well-regulated city I had ever entered. It shown with fresh paint and business prosperity, artistic good taste and commercial enterprise and was spreading out beyond the walls and old moat into lovely new suburbs. Its population is about that of Eugene. I said to myself, this is no accident. Brains and organizing ability have been at work here. Fe, fo, fum I smell the results of city and regional planning of the most enlightened sort. I will find out who put it in being through and perhaps the folks back in Oregon have progress should be planned for and brought to pass will be interested in the story.

From Dr. Shulte-Braun's, the principal of the modern language high school for boys, we learned the story of the remarkable man who is principally responsible for making the little city of Soest a show place of which all Germany is now rightfully proud. The man who made Soest what it is today is not even a resident of the town. He holds no office. He wields no power. Yet he is so loved and respected that his word has the force of law, and no man in Soest may even paint his house un-

W. D. Wallan returned Tuesday from a business trip to Lewiston and Pendleton. While away Mr. Wallan bought a farm near Lewiston. He expects to resign his present position as cashier of the Bank of Moro and County Treasurer and move his family to the new location.

A meeting of the officers of the various women's organizations of Moro met at the home of Mrs. L. Barnum Tuesday evening and organized a local council of the National Defense by electing Mrs. R. C. Ornduff chairman and Women's Committee of the council, Mrs. W. C. Bryant vice chairman. From the Observer August 16, 1907

Theodore Johnston has returned from the coast and put on his heaviest harness.

Ira Axtell had his left hand badly lacerated by the overturning of a header wagon he was loading. A bottle containing liniment which he was using, was broken and the glass cut the palm of his hand.

If Hatfield lays claim to the rain storm of this week and can act it onto his next year's contract it may look good to him.

After giving Gilliam a fair trial Arthur Phillips has returned to Sherman county to remain on the 240 acres on John Day river looks better to him now than a big wheat farm, stocked and equipped for producing banana crops. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were in town Monday on business.

Work has been renewed on the Oregon Trunk Ry. line up the Deschutes river. It is expected that construction of this road, 125 miles from The Columbia, via North Bank and Dalles City connections, will cost \$3,600,000, which is in sight. Camp Rohr Villa, now a lively place. Supplies are brought in from The Dalles via the Miller bridge and a new wagon road up the east bank of Deschutes river.

less Pastor Clarenbach approves of the color. Much less can he build, or tear down, or alter a building, or repaint an advertising sign unless he has ascertained that Pastor Clarenbach believes that the projected change will represent the true spirit of Soest.

Pastor Clarenbach is a descendant of a line of Lutheran pastors, but he plays a bigger part in Westphalia than that of country clergyman of Borgelin. He also holds the office of superintendent for the entire district of the Lutheran church and is the man behind the throne in the far larger city of Soest where he cannot even vote.

It was nearly thirty-four years ago that Pastor Clarenbach got the idea that Soest could, by careful planning, convert its greatest liability into its greatest asset. The town was very old. It was founded 2,000 years ago. Much of it was run down. The narrow, crooked streets were mud. The place was badly lighted. It had no good hotel. Nineteenth century progress had brought in more or less commercial enterprises and shops and factories were located in the wrong places, originally beautiful old-
er structures were plastered over with blatant, tasteless advertising, and the place looked back upon from the point of view of the modern inhabitant of Soest today was a mess.

Pastor Clarenbach organized a little group to study the program of Soest. He brought in experts of all kinds to advise. By intensive study a plan was formulated but nobody wanted it. They called it theoretical and impractical. But the idea became clear to an enlightened few of what could be done that would make Soest a famous and prosperous city. It was to work out a program which the most up-to-date modernization should go hand in hand with a scrupulous salvaging and restoration of the Middle Ages. Its age was to be made Soest asset instead of its liability.

It all centered finally in Pastor Clarenbach. The story is too long to tell in detail. The bed of the moat was cleared and made into charming gardens. Prizes were offered for businessmen who conducted their advertising most successfully in the spirit of old Soest. Incidentally, Pastor Clarenbach is pro-advertising and not anti-advertising. Pridé was aroused in the household for the antiquity of his ancient dwelling. The old coats of arms were regilded. The old mottoes furnished and made to appear as they were when Luther came to Soest, streets were made practical for modern traffic in such a way that the medieval beauty of the place was enhanced rather than lessened.

All over Germany now are planning associations that have the same name as Pastor Clarenbach's little group, Heimatpflegerein—and these are associated with many other powerful groups. The pasteur himself is at the head of the movement for all Westphalia—and Westphalia represents the most advanced regional planning in Germany, if not the world, and Soest the most successful plan fully and successfully carried out.

The very business men who were so actively spilling what was left of Soest thirty years ago are now the strongest supporters of Pastor Clarenbach, because the money is jingling in their pockets that proves that civic beauty has greater possibilities of private profit than letting every man carry out his own sweet will with his own property. The remarkable thing is that every bit of this was carried out without the slightest compulsion. The only force used was moral suasion and public opinion. Now even the great motor speedways that are being built in every direction across Germany are so

laid out as to respect the ideas for which Father Clarenbach fought almost in vain for, fifteen years ago and for which he still fought on with increasing success for the last ten—ideas for which people in Oregon like Robert W. Sawyer and Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman are now fighting an uphill battle such as Pastor Clarenbach was fighting from a decade to thirty years ago.

One of two girls in the bus was reading a newspaper.

"I see," she remarked to her companion, "that Mr. So-and-So the octogenarian, is dead. Now what on earth is an octogenarian? 'I'm sure I haven't the faintest idea," replied the other girl. "But they're a sickly lot. You never hear of one but he's dying."

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On the 14th day of September 1936, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the front door of the Court House at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

East Half of Northeast Quarter and East Half of West Half of Northeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 1 South, Range 17 EWM.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, to me directed in the case of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Portland, a corporation, vs. Estella M. Dillinger Quist and F. J. Quist, wife and husband, P. J. Dillinger and "Jane Doe" Dillinger, husband and wife, D. J. McLachlan and Mollie McLachlan, husband and wife, Bessie Axtell, H. M. Stephens, as receiver and in charge of the liquidation of the Moro State Bank, a banking corporation, Walter A. May and Paul May, a copartnership doing business under the name and style of Walter A. May & Son, State Industrial Accident Commission, "John Doe", tenant.

HUGH CHRISMAN Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon 40-41-42-43

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN STATE OF OREGON.

ORDER APPOINTING DAY FOR HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT ETC.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLYDE J. DAVIS, Deceased.

This matter coming on for hearing on the 4th day of August, 1936, upon the Final Report and Account of Neoma E. Smith, administratrix of the above entitled estate, which has been filed herein, and upon application of the said administratrix for an order fixing the time and place for hearing and representing the said Final Account and Report, and for hearing any objections filed thereto:

Now upon motion of Oren R. Richards, Attorney for said administratrix: IT IS ORDERED, that on the 8th day of Sept., 1936, at 10 o'clock, at the Court rooms of the said County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, in the City of Moro in said County and State, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for the hearing of the said Final Report and Account and the petition of the said administratrix of the said 37-38-39-40

HUGH CHRISMAN Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon

estate to be discharged and her Final Account and Report be approved and allowed:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That a notice of the said time and place as set forth above, be published in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in Moro, Sherman County, State of Oregon, as often as once a week for four successive weeks prior to the said day of hearing and settlement of said Final Account and Report and petition for discharge and that notice of the same be mailed to the heirs-at-law of the said estate, and that any and all objections which may be made to said Final Account and Report to be filed at or before the said time of hearing. Done in Open Court this 4th day of August, 1936.

Geo. A. Potter, Judge.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On Saturday, the 29th day of August, 1936, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon to-wit:

The North Half, and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-three, the Northwest Quarter, the North Half of the Southwest Quarter, the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-four, the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirteen, all in Township 1 North of Range Eighteen, East of the Willamette Meridian and in Sherman County, State of Oregon. Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman to me directed in the case of The Federal Land Bank of Spokane, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Henry H. White and Cora H. White, husband and wife; Wasco Investment Company, a corporation; Bank of Commerce, a corporation; Mark Skinner as Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon; State Industrial Accident Commission; Lester Alluisi, Receiver for The Dalles Garage Company, a corporation; The Dalles Garage Company, a corporation; Sherman County, a municipal corporation; Wasco National Farm Loan Association, a corporation, defendants. 39-43

HUGH CHRISMAN Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against the estate of George Hennagin, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed executrix and executor of the last will and testament of George Hennagin, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit: July 17, 1936.

Daisy Hennagin Lloyd L. Hennagin

Geo. G. Updegraff Attorney for Estate.

AMBITIOUS YOUNG PEOPLE NUMBER 12

of a series of sketches of Oregon boys and girls who are doing things—laying sound foundations for success in life.



Russell Hudson

"A Story of Success"

Mowing lawns, gardening, carrying newspapers and selling magazines are all grist for the mill of this 14-year-old boy of The Dalles. From his earnings he has purchased a bicycle and other things he wanted and saved enough, also, to make a considerable "reserve fund" for himself. Russell plans to attend college, paying his own way, and believes that his savings account with our Branch at The Dalles offers the best way to realize his ambition.

More power to Russell and other ambitious boys and girls like him. He has learned the valuable lesson of sensible Thrift and will attain his objectives in life. All boys and girls are invited to join the U. S. National's Thrift Circle, which helps young people get ahead. Start a savings account with as little as \$1 and get an attractive book coin bank. When your account amounts to \$5, it will begin to earn interest for you. Why not open a savings account today.

C. R. Harding Manager L. A. Littleton Ass't Manager.

The Dalles Branch of the United States National Bank

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