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HERE THEY COME

Although some facetious comment has been made in this paper about the crowding of Oregon that is being done by newcomers from the east, it is recognized that it is a very serious problem.

If, as recently reported, the population increase on the west coast has been 40 percent it must have reached approximately that much in Oregon. Portland and the lower valley is full of people, living in new houses, old houses, tents, trailers. Hotels are full and only to be approached after some days of reservation ahead. The country is full of people.

Not only that, but more people are coming every day. Watch the Columbia river highway and see them go by. Travelers from Texas, Illinois, Kansas, South Dakota come along in neat sedans piled to the roof with clothes or in dilapidated trucks full of household plunder topped with well lashed-on bed springs. Not all of these people are out for a drive. To many there is more purpose in their coming to Oregon than to see Mt. Hood and Multnomah Falls and take a peek at the blue Pacific.

Next year when the assessor makes up his list of property owners the names of many of these will be there inscribed and milltown payrolls and city apartment reservation lists will alike be crowded by their names.

Men who worked in the west during the war, veterans who were stationed on the coast are coming back and bringing their families. They are younger, more imaginative, more resolute than the average of the nation. They will not be denied, nor kept back in Tennessee by lack of jobs in Oregon. Our pension payments are close to the top to aid their old folks, our jobs pay better than average rates, whether we like it or want to absorb them more slowly makes no difference.

Much of Oregon's financial problem comes from this influx. The school situation, the road demands, the city addition worries, the traffic dangers, the assessment rate have all been boosted by these migrants who have come to live with us because through the accident of war they found out what a fine place we have to live in.

What are we going to do about it? We can't make money out of them because in many cases they haven't any. We can't sell them much because they can't buy. We haven't industries to absorb them and utilize their labor. Our farmers won't sell or rent because they want to stay here themselves. Opening new farms is a slow and laborious process requiring more community management than most counties possess.

For the very reason that we do have a high wage scale, that there are lots of people and much demand, we cannot easily open up new farms for these newcomers. A house costs too much, counties cannot build roads, machinery is high and the market not guaranteed. Who would advocate going onto our cut-off land or into the hills to aid these people start a farm?

We have little mining, our agriculture, especially in eastern Oregon, is done by machinery

and men are not needed, our industry could be expanded if we had the markets and the electricity, neither of which can be developed quickly.

Perhaps the chambers of commerce have an answer, some politicians will certainly try to answer, the state government might prepare one. But do what they will Old Man Oregon is going to be rather full around the middle for some time to come.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Feb. 26, 1909
Ellsworth Woods has returned from his California winter sojourn, much refreshed in health. Miss Bailey opens her third term at the Boardman school March 1.

Mrs R. M. Starnes has returned to her Salem home after a winter spent with her daughter, Mrs Reese in the Monkland region.

From the G.V.J. Feb. 28, 1919
Robert Eslinger will move on his farm this spring and get busy. Mr Stark having moved to the I. N. Lemon ranch.

Jim Wilson according to information received will build a very handsome house in Kent, work to commence this spring, and that Mr. Ramsey of Moro and Mr. Van Nuys of Grass Valley will do the carpenter work.

From the Observer, Mar. 1, 1928
J. L. Searcy cut the back of his left hand Wednesday while chopping wood with which to keep the home fires burning. The upswing of the axe caught the low ceiling of the woodshed, the handle gave a glancing blow to his head as it fell.

Miss Edna Luttrell, teacher at the Monkland school, was taken to the hospital at The Dalles Friday where she under went an emergency appendectomy.

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By Mrs Belle Clothier
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The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs S. M. McMillin of Wasco and was given in marriage by her father. She wore light blue crepe dress with matching short veil and carried a nosegay of pink rosbuds. Mrs Jack Roylance of San Francisco, California, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. She wore a fuchsia colored crepe dress and carried a nosegay of pink roses and white carnations. Jack Roylance, brother in law of the groom was best man.

The setting for the wedding was before a large window overlooking the sea, the rooms were decorated in blue iris, pink snapdragons and white phlox. Mrs T. L. Whipple of Portland lighted the candles and Mrs B. Estrelle Halley of Wasco cut the wedding cake. Later a dinner was served and the newlyweds left for a brief wedding trip on the Oregon beaches. On their return they will be at home at 2225 N.E. Couch, Portland.

Joanne Watkins entertained with a Valentine party Friday evening which was spent in playing games. Refreshments of heart

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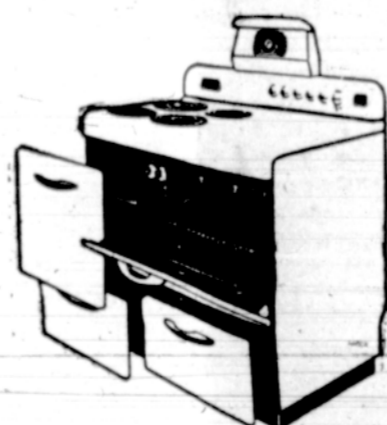


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shaped sandwiches, jello and cookies were served. The rooms and dining tables were decorated in the Valentine motif. Guests were Betty Dormier, Janet Workman, Jean Wallace, Bob Howell, Marvin Richards, and Joe Yocum.

T. Lester Johnson
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WASCO — MORO

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Report as Administrator of the estate of Samuel P. Brisbine, deceased, and that Saturday, the 20th day of March, 1938, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and the settlement of said estate.
Ralph P. Brisbine
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Administrator.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL REPORT
Notice is given that Saturday, the 13th day of March, 1948, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day and the courtroom of the County Court in the court-

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