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## Office With Al Hermanson

### EMPLOYMENT OF HOME MATERIALS

We wish to compliment the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce upon their stand in regard to the use of Oregon made materials and Oregon labor upon state projects. Surveys have been made in several points in this state and it has been found that much of the materials now being used comes from outside the state to the detriment of our home factories. This means that foreign payrolls are being built up by Oregon money when home owned and operated plants are as well and even better qualified to handle the business.

In this state are several factories and mills which are struggling to make their business prosper and add to the payrolls, to aid in the growth of the country and build up a greater market for our raw products. Yet these same mills and factories must stand by and see the same products shipped in from neighboring states and used when they, themselves could produce as good—maybe even better material.

Some of the greatest offenders are the state, county and city administrations. Why such a condition exists we cannot understand. If our state is to grow, our industries must grow and for our industries to grow they must be patronized. Our neighboring states to both the north and south have closed their doors to Oregon materials to be used in public works. Yet Oregon officials permit these outside states to furnish the materials for our public improvements.

The state highway commission is having a new bridge constructed at Grants Pass and one at Gold Beach, over the Rogue river. In the construction of these bridges there is required much lumber and much concrete and stone. It was discovered at Grants Pass that the contract had been let to a California company for the cement, or at least their bid was being given very favorable consideration. The lumber to be used also might have been purchased from out-of-state mills. That was what aroused the Grants Pass chamber of Commerce. They felt that those materials could be purchased at Oregon plants as cheaply and would also prove as satisfactory as the foreign product. They are leaving no stones unturned to get only home produced materials and labor used on their bridge. There are sawmills at Glendale, Grants Pass and Medford which could furnish the lumber and there is a Cement factory at Gold Hill which could furnish as good or even

a better grade of cement than could the California companies. Therefore why go further. They want the money that can be spent at home to remain here where home people will profit from it and at the same time the state will be assured of just as good a quality and at just as cheap a price.

The lead of the Grants Pass chamber of Commerce could very easily be followed by our own civic organizations and those of the entire state.

### WOULD CLOSE THE ROGUE

It is proposed by the sportsmen of Jackson and Josephine counties to close the Rogue River to Commercial fishing. The members of these organizations contend that the commercial fishing at the mouth of the river will dissipate the supply of fish in the Rogue river to the extent that it will no longer be a great fishing stream and therefore not be the attraction to the tourist that it otherwise would be.

In making such a request the local fishermen and sportsmen are asking that one of Oregon's basic industries be squelched. Of course the fisheries could still fish in the ocean but they would lose a good share of their revenue by being prohibited the privilege of fishing in the river mouth.

The writer enjoys the sport of fishing as well as any man but we also believe that our basic industries must be allowed to flourish. It gives us a forlorn feeling when we see the big, beautiful trees felled down to feed our saw mills for we enjoy the big woods and the pleasure to be

derived from hunting and camping in them but we would never ask that they cease to cut the timber, that we might enjoy the pleasure, their fastnesses provide.

As we understand the law, at present, the commercial fisherman is not supposed to take the steelhead, our favorite and most noted game fish. Our principal endeavor should be to see that the steelhead be protected and given to the sportsmen and let the fisheries get their share of the salmon run. We feel that there is plenty of room for both classes of people in Oregon—both sport and commercial fisherman and the two should work together, not against one another.

### THE JOKERS CORNER

That fellow wants me to lend him some money. Do you know anything about him?

Why, I know him as well as I know you. Don't lend him a dollar.

Mother—Now, Dorothy, can you give me any reason why I shouldn't punish you for your disobedience?

Dorothy—Yes, Mother. The doctor said you weren't to take any violent exercise.

The newly-appointed judge was hearing a case involving an auto accident. "Where is Mr. Hassenpfeffer?" he asked, severely.

His defunct, answered the clerk. Defunct or not defunct, retorted the new judge, he ought to have been here.

Mrs. Helen Condid (nee Bowers) was reported quite ill at her home in Grants Pass, last week end. We are informed that she is now enjoying normal health again.

'Angus—Why does MacDonald, the grocer, keep all of his vegetables wetted down?

Sandy—Well, you see, water adds to the weight and the customer gets less vegetables.

Are you preparing to do any shooting this season?  
Yes, I have to go on a business trip to Chicago.

Yes, I heard a noise and got up, and there, under the bed I saw a man's leg.

Good heavens—A burglar.  
No, my husband's. He'd heard the noise too.

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A saddle horse in Oklahoma sold the other day for \$27,500. Now let the snappy rumble seat roadsters try to laugh this off.

A Chicago woman held a thirteen diamond hand in bridge, bid six no trumps and lost. Her husband broke a cut glass bowl over her head and she wants a divorce. We should say that she got off easy considering the offense.

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