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EDITORIAL

IT'S THE PEOPLE

Travelers frequently notice signs or slogans stretched across the highways at the entrance of a city. Some of them read: "It's the Water," or "It's the Climate," or declarations of some fact the inhabitants wish to impress upon the tourists.

Southern Oregon is wonderful, Jackson county is as near a paradise as we find on this earth, Medford, Ashland, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Central Point and towns of this county are ideal places to live in and make a home in.

One might say, "It is the Water," or "It is the Climate," or a score of other good and true slogans, but the one important phrase, one more true in these cities than in any other cities of America that we have visited is, "IT'S THE PEOPLE."

No one wants to move away, No one continually knocks the town they are living in. No one is running down his neighbor continually or no one makes it a business to approach every new comer with a tale of woe.

Everyone helps to boost and everybody has something to boost about.

The good word travels fast and the spirit of fellowship and good will makes life easier living.

The writer has been in Central Point and Medford only two months and has yet to hear the first knock against the country. We challenge any county in any state in the union to show a more progressive, contented, social or happier people. And "It's the People" that make the county and cities therein.

A change in ownership, management and editors this week for the American.

We are not going to make any big promises of what we are going to do with your paper. In fact we are going to do only what you want us to do. The quality of the paper, as well as the size, will depend a great deal on the patronage received.

The paper belongs to our readers and they can help immensely in making it a good paper by sending, mailing, handing or telling us news items.

We have visited Jackson county often. We have decided to locate here and have purchased a home and business here not altogether on guess work or not just to be moving" some place. We are here because we like your pear orchards, because we admire the alfalfa fields, the vegetables, the fat cattle seen on every side, the prosperous looking farms, the industries, the splendid schools and the unequalled climate that makes a feel like getting out of bed at daylight and walking several miles. We also are interested in knowing that the mineral wealth of Jackson county is exceptionally rich and that mining activity will very soon be talked of over the world, with returns to surprise the country.

Here is absolutely the best spot in Oregon or the entire West, and we are indeed proud to be here.

Introducing ourself personally, we are an old timer in Oregon, coming here two months ago from Vernonia where we edited and owned The Vernonia Eagle. We are a believer in all that's fare and are apt to say what we think. We are gentle, kind to animals and like to associate with good people. We like Central Point and Central Point people and will endeavor to merit a friendship with all.

We are desirous for your business and will strive to make it pay you good returns.

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Today with over 15,000,000 automobiles in the world traffic in the streets is of course crowded. It means that the streets are for automobiles.

Nearly every family has a machine or rides more or less in a friend's

machine or a stage.

The sidewalks, paths and roadsides give lots of room for walking and the vacant lots, parks, lawns and grounds afford ample play room for children. Children have little business walking or playing on the highways and busy streets. Of course we have careless drivers. Very few people, however, deliberately try to bump a child on the street. In most cases of such accident the driver never gets over the sad occurrence. He tries to avoid any trouble. It behooves the parents and teacher to constantly instruct the child to stop and look both ways before crossing a street and to never play on the highway. Everyday we see children crossing the street without only for a few minutes daily. Then if run. Accidents cannot always be blamed to the motorist. He tries to avoid them. We all dread them. Be careful.

About the fifteenth of the month Medford will have two daily papers where they now have one. The Jackson County News will then come out as a morning paper. The new event will be perfectly satisfactory to us and we are confident that Medford will have two of the really good daily papers in the state. The men at the head of the enterprise are splendid newspaper men and hustlers. They published, in the past, one of Oregon's best weeklies. This new daily paper will be welcomed, and it leaves the "Weekly Field," to a great extent, for The Central Point American to fulfill. Jackson county people should read Jackson county daily papers and the Jackson county weekly paper, which is the "American."

There is going to be a railroad built within a couple years from Klamath Falls to Crescent City.

Medford is positive the road will go through that city and Central Point is sure it will go through here with shops located in this city, and then there is Gold Hill that knows the new road is going through there because an old survey runs through there by the Sams valley route.

In five years mining is going to be one of the busiest and best industries in southern Oregon. It will enhance Jackson and Josephine counties many millions in dollars, and will be the cause of an immense increase in homes.

STATE MARKET NEWS
The Old, Old Story.

Reports come from southern Oregon that there is a movement on the part of some wool growers to leave the association and sell in the open market, declaring they are tired of holding the umbrella over non-members, who get all the benefits of the association's efforts with out paying any of the expenses.

Some weeks ago the state market agent sent out a story of how the tobacco growers of the south had come to the same conclusion. They declared the association members had done all the work, paid all the expenses and held prices up for 40 per cent of the growers on the outside who got equal benefits. So strong was the resentment that members of the association asked to be released from their contracts which the directors granted, after which all growers sold their tobacco where they could. The price was 14 cents per pound when the association quit. The very next day the price started down and continued to go down until good, sound tobacco was sold as low as two cents per pound on the auction floor at Springfield, Tenn.

Co-operation succeeds when the co-operative spirit is behind as it is in Denmark and other countries and in many sections at home. There will ever be joy-riders on the outside but by persistent work they will become

less and less. There is no sense in punishing one hundred men to make forty smart.

After Cheaper Lime.

Governor Pierce, the state lime board, the state market agent and others are working with the public service commission for lower freight rates on lime, which if granted will reduce the average price to the farmer \$1.50 per ton. A hearing was held with the commission September 23, which has been continued until a future date. The need of lime on the farms of western Oregon is general but the high freight rates makes the product too expensive for general use.

Changes in Potato Grades.

The U. S. department of agriculture announces that revised potato grades will soon be given out, but local officials state that it is not thought there will be any material changes. There is considerable agitation by Oregon growers for changes in the present state potato law and they ask that the matter be taken up at the incoming legislature. Oregon growers say that Washington stock is shipped in here in sacks branded "no grade" which is really the "commercial" grade of Washington. They ask that either the "no-grade" stencil be changed to "culls" or that an Oregon "comemrcial" grade be established, similar to the Washington state grade.

U. S. Advertises Oregon Eggs.

The U. S. department of agriculture has filmed two reels of the egg industry of the Pacific coast which are now released for advertising all over the country. The pictures shows the receiving, grading, processing, packing and shipping from this coast and the arrival of the car loads in New York City and how they are distributed and handled there.

Low Quality Products.

Farmers of the United States annually lose millions of dollars by putting low quality products n the market, mixed in with the better stock. Consumers will only buy these at a discount. Farmers would actually get more with the low quality stuff removed than they would from the whole lot. The public demands graded products and the wise farmer will grade on the farm.

Millions in Pearls



This pagoda, a part of the Japanese exhibit at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, is made entirely of pearls and its value exceeds \$1,000,000. The exposition continues until December 1.

In taking over the plant and business of the American by the purchase of the paper from Mr. John B. and Clarence Sheley, we can not refrain from mentioning the kind treatment and fair deal given us by the Messrs Sheley. The gentlemen never neglected an opportunity to help us start right in the first few days of a strange shop. It is the true newspaper fraternalism too often overlooked by some and we can express only a small bit of our appreciation. We are indeed glad to state that the Sheley's intend remaining in the Central Point community.

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Sane Tax Thinking
an Oregon Need

By BRUCE DENNIS,

Author of the Dennis Resolution.

Once believing, as many honestly now believe, that a state income tax was the solution of taxation problems, I favored it. When chairman of the Assessment and Taxation Committee of 1923 Oregon Legislative Session I assisted in framing and adopting a state income tax law.

It reached a few individuals who were making good incomes and paying little, if any, property tax, but it drove from Oregon millions of very badly needed investing capital, as everyone knows who has kept posted on this state's affairs.

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A direct cause that forced me to know a state income tax at this period of Oregon's development is unwise, was a million dollar investment which had been planned for the city in which I then lived. This investment hesitated until the state income tax law was repealed. Then it proceeded to locate within that city's corporate limits paying municipal, high school and other taxes willingly. It also brought in a payroll of at least \$20,000 a month.

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This is but one instance of a large number through out the state, which proves that no matter how pretty the theory of state income tax may seem to be, Oregon can ill afford to adopt such a business policy when no other western state has it, and our dire need is to secure more people with investing capital to develop industry within our borders.

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Lowering taxes will never be done by an ambitious and progressive people. That has been demonstrated time and again when seemingly worthy projects of economy have failed of popular sanction. The demand of the public for improvements is so great that administrative economy effects only small savings.

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These facts being of common knowledge and to a great extent, of record, how are Oregon people to obtain any tax relief?

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Just one way: Attract more people and more investing capital to share the public burden.

No state secures new industry and new investing capital without offering some inducement.

That is why I introduced Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, commonly called the "Dennis" resolution, in the 1925 Legislative Session. That is why it was passed by the Legislature and offered to Oregon voters for their consideration at this general election.

It provides that no income tax and no inheritance tax can be levied by the State of Oregon before 1940.

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The Dennis Resolution is simply a business proposition. It is all nonsense for Oregon to adopt an income tax law one year, repeal it the next and then adopt it again the following year. By such methods the state gives out-siders, and her own people, the idea that we are all confused and cannot think out for ourselves and adopt a fixed policy relating to our financial affairs. It leaves the commonwealth in an unsettled condition, and causes constant uncertainty, under which business and industry and the daily affairs of the people cannot prosper. The Dennis Resolution guarantees to investing capital and to all business generally a sane and safe policy until the year 1940 by assuring that this commonwealth will levy no state income or inheritance taxes on her people until that year.

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Taking off inheritance taxes for that period is also a direct bid for investing capital. The state treasurer, instead of losing any money by doing away with inheritance tax, will gain many times such amount by the increased wealth attracted to Oregon, which will pay its regular taxes.

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Capital seeks the channels of greatest awards and least hazards. We have everything to attract it in the way of resources and climate.

Now, let us all do some hard thinking, cease calling each other names for a time, and vote for Oregon's advancement and prosperity.

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Vote 329 X NO—Offset Income Tax Bill.
Vote 335 X NO—Grange Income Tax Bill.

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