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EDITORIAL

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK HELP ASHLAND TO ADVANCE

By Edson R. Waite
Shawnee, Oklahoma

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THAT the growth and permanent prosperity of a city is measured entirely by its commercial activity.

THAT it is also required that a means of livelihood for those living there be supplied.

THAT spending money out of a community for things that can be purchased at home is just tearing down those industries that make it possible for many to make a living.

THAT the prosperity of your community depends in a great way on your spending your money there. Don't forget it!

THAT the business concerns of your city should have your trade, not only today but every day.

BECAUSE local concerns can serve you better than those in other cities.

BECAUSE they have large stocks at reasonable prices and can fill your every requirement. They are right on the spot in plain sight and take all responsibility for goods sold and can give you better satisfaction.

IF YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS BUY ELSEWHERE THAN IN YOUR OWN HOME CITY, YOU MUST GIVE UP HOPES OF HAVING A BETTER, BRIGHTER AND BUSIER CITY.

YES, I AM TALKING TO YOU!
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MARVELOUS HUMAN MACHINE

There have been numerous visitors to the print shop to see the intricate linotype machine in operation. In no instance has there not been great interest shown in the amazing performance of this marvelous machine. Mechanically complex and synchronized, the linotype performs a dozen or more mechanical tasks at one time in a deft, precise and perfectly timed manner that seems almost uncanny to those seeing it in operation for the first time. It is a maze of levers, eccentric wheels, push bars, pulleys and mechanical arms, and does the work of eight or ten men with the expenditure of very little effort. The linotype machine is the result of thirty years of cumulative research of thousands of mechanical experts, and has been only gradually developed to its present efficiency in performance.

With all its intricate mechanism, the linotype is but a crude toy compared to the miraculous living machine that is our body. The linotype has but few definite tasks to perform and is strictly limited to do those tasks. After the details of its parts and operations are learned it is a simple and easy thing to get it to do the few things it was made to do. But the human machine is so much more marvelous and complex in structure and possibilities that comparison of the two is futile. Yet there are many who are amazed at the working of the linotype who know very little of the actual workings of their more marvelous bodies. The human body can be adapted to innumerable uses and tasks. It is the most sensitive machine on the face of the earth. It has millions of essential parts that are constantly renewing themselves. It can and has achieved multiple millions of results. It is sensitive to all sorts of changes of surroundings and can very easily be thrown out of order and disabled. Yet hundreds of thousands of people go through their span of life with only a rudimentary knowledge of its workings and proper care. They use and abuse their bodies as they would absent-mindedly play with a toy. They let it become unclean; they give it the most absurd and dangerous fuel and are surprised when it does not function properly; they use it under wrong conditions and for too long a time without rest and then curse fate because they grow old too soon. They form habits that are ineradicable and which make life a hard job and not a pleasure. It is a simple thing to learn how the body is made and how it works and functions. This knowledge is indispensable to health, which means happiness to a large degree. Yet a great many people are too careless, or lazy, or indifferent to learn the rules of correct care of their bodies. Normal, healthy, sturdy people enjoy life far more than those who abuse their bodies constantly and thereby keep them out of proper working order.

Nothing suits us better than sociability. Come in the American office and meet us, roast us or welcome us. We're gentle.

In ancient times a city was a place where confederate families gathered for a common purpose, that of worship or protection and so on. Today we have the incorporated city with its government, its industries, its schools, its libraries, its churches—a much more complicated affair. But that expression, "common purpose," still applies. A city cannot thrive and grow and prosper unless that common purpose is the base of its life and growth. It is the base of its pleasures and recreations. Only the man who is financially independent can enjoy his hours of leisure to the full. Idleness is not happiness, as innumerable persons know who are cursed with too many unfulfilled hours.

Have we in Ashland a common purpose? Are we all desirous for the advancement of the city as a whole? By this we mean the advancement of the people as a whole. When a man or a corporation takes the initiative and establishes a business, are we optimistic and helpful in our attitude towards him and his undertaking? Or do we say with a sorrowful look and a sigh, "Well, I hope he makes a go of it, but I don't think he will."

There is not an adult in this city who cannot help or hinder in its prosperity and it behooves each one of us to help and not hinder. It is the business of the individual, if he be a good citizen, to have always a keen regard for the economic side of community life. He should use his best efforts to foster going concerns here, knowing that every concern that leaves the city, that every worker who goes elsewhere with his labor subtracts from the wealth and culture of the community he leaves behind. Civilization today cannot be fostered by "floaters." The city must have its industries, it must have its contented workers, that it may have a greater production, more wealth, more opportunity and more culture.

The fostering of established industries and the development of new industries is the "common purpose" to which all citizens of Ashland should assiduously devote themselves. These are the foundations upon which our community life rests.

PAY DIRT

A bit of yellow ore or a spurt of black liquid from the bowels of the earth will attract thousands eager to invest their capital and labor in the hope of reaping fortunes. A rumor and the rush is on.

What is true of the gold rush and the oil boom is true of communities. Let the outside world know that in Ashland it will find good wages, prosperity, unusual business opportunities and industrial advantages and it will buy its own ticket.

Why do not more communities take this lesson from the gold rush? Many can trace their growth in population and greater prosperity to that day they decide to broadcast the news that they had something the world wanted. Notable examples have been Los Angeles, the Florida resorts, Detroit, all of which sprang into prominence almost overnight.

Every city and town has its "vein of gold" or its "oil gusher" and Ashland is no exception. Too frequently, communities wait to be discovered from the outside. They do not even know themselves.

There is no more propitious time than the present for Ashland to discover itself and then tell the world about what it discovers. There is not a citizen who does not believe that this is the community for which many are searching. Even those who have not yet discovered its natural resources do not doubt their existence. Community prospecting always produces "paying dirt."

Hal E. Hoss has been named as the private secretary to Governor I. L. Patterson. Hal Hoss is the best known newspaperman in all Oregon, among the newspaper boys of the state. He is past president of the state editorial association and the present secretary of that organization. He is a native Oregonian and as to ability, the governor showed mighty good judgment in selecting him. When the editors seek an audience with Governor Patterson, it is up to Hal Hoss to pave the way and make it a little less embarrassing to the keyboard punchers. We are glad that Hoss is now a resident of Salem.

The most serious mistake on earth is being too serious.

The height of ignorance is thinking you know everything.

Most persons who are in a hurry to get somewhere probably do not know why.

The old toll gate has nearly passed, but the highways still take their toll.

As the world grows wiser and wiser, it finds more and more ways to make a fool of itself.

We are reminded, sadly, now and then, that the aviation stunt has not been perfected.

JACKSON COUNTY GETS \$1,151,962

COUNTY BENEFITS FROM LAND GRANT RETURN

Payment Is Large

Schools of County Will Benefit By Tax Return Being Made By the Government.

After having been on the county tax rolls since 1866, when they were granted by the government to the Oregon and California railroad, now a part of the Southern Pacific system, over 440,000 acres of railroad grant lands in Jackson county were taken off by the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act in 1916, providing that the lands be sold and the receipts be distributed among various departments.

The bill, however, failed to function and as a result this county, one of eighteen in which such lands are located, was derived of a large amount of taxes each year, causing action to be taken by United States Senator Robert N. Stanfield in congress last year. As a result, an appropriation was made by the government to reimburse the affected counties for non-payment of taxes.

A total of more than seven millions of dollars was authorized by this act to reimburse the eighteen counties and as its share Jackson county received \$1,151,962.74.

This amount, with the exception of the money apportioned to various districts, will go into the county general fund.

The Chamberlain-Ferris bill that has been a law for several years, provided the railroad company would receive \$2.50 per acre for the grant lands in its name and that the counties would benefit next. The remainder of the receipts were thus apportioned: 25 per cent to the reclamation service and 10 per cent to the federal government for administration costs.

The tax refund bill was introduced by Senator Stanfield as a relief measure and will continue to function until the Chamberlain bill comes into efficient operation. The money that was appropriated by the relief measure will be charged against the grant land fund, the sale of the lands being the means of reimbursement. However, until the lands are sold, the government will pay annual taxes upon them at their assessed value.

GEORGE W. DUNN

During April and May, 1926, there was a red hot political fight in Jackson county over the senatorial nomination. The outcome of that contest between a staid, conservative, well-to-do retired farmer and a much younger irrigation engineer who enjoys the battle when it is hottest, seems to prove that silence may be the better part of political valor. Senator Dunn made a brief statement concerning his candidacy, refused to let himself be sucked into a county nominating convention, then sat tight. He was nominated and elected.

Senator Dunn is the personal embodiment of conservatism. Spare of frame and sparse with words, he typifies a native shrewdness that has been combined with a foresight that enabled him to amass rather early in life a comfortable competence. He lives quietly and sedately in Ashland and has won wide esteem in his community for his honesty and uprightness. But scratch the surface and you will find a personality made

delightful with a subtle humor and a twinkling eye.

Senator Dunn served as a representative from his county back in 1895 and 1897. He was born on a farm which he still owns a short distance from Ashland, January 4, 1864. Educated in public schools, graduated from University of Oregon with the seventh class to graduate from that institution, 1886. Sent to the state legislature by his county eight years later, then re-elected. Was county judge of Jackson county, 1904 to 1908. Until 1920 Senator Dunn farmed, then rented his place to his sons, and moved to Ashland. He is a director of the First National banks at Ashland and Medford.—Oregon Voter.

WILLIAM M. BRIGGS

Jackson county seems destined to have a distinction of sending to the 1927 legislature, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the second youngest member of that body, William M. Briggs, Ashland.

Here is a peppy, alert, businesslike young attorney, the junior member of the firm of Briggs & Briggs, which means father and son, his father, E. D. Briggs, being one of the best known attorneys in southern Oregon. Representative Briggs is an energetic and eloquent speaker, a ready mixer, intensely patriotic, and chock full of confidence in himself.

Born, Ashland, March 29, 1896; educated in public schools, Ashland and Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, where he graduated just before the war was declared; enlisted in officers' training camp; commissioned second lieutenant, and discharged as a first lieutenant, December, 1918; returned to Ashland, admitted to Oregon bar, 1919.

Representative Briggs has been Ashland city attorney for five years, and has been president of Jackson County Bar association. He has maintained his interest in military affairs by having served as captain of Ashland's National Guard battery, and now holds the rank of captain in the Officers' Reserve corps. Has been active in community affairs; a director of Ashland chamber of commerce, and he seems to have entered into his first political experience with a relish.—Oregon Voter.

SAYS THE NEWS

Ashland is to have a new newspaper, the result of a decision of Paul Robinson to move the plant of the American to that city from Central Point.

Mr. Robinson was former owner and publisher of the Vernonia Eagle which he sold several months ago; coming to Medford, later buying the Central Point American. Relative to his new venture, he says: "I have become a booster of Jackson county in fact as well as in name, and am here to stay. Lack of sufficient support in Central Point, and my desire to labor in a larger territory, prompts my decision to move to Ashland where the paper will be published."



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weekly under the name of the Ashland American. There appears to be a demand for a good weekly paper in the south end of the valley.

Mr. Robinson's past, long record in Oregon indicates that he will give the Lithia city a good weekly newspaper the first issue of which it is said, will appear next Friday morning.—Medford News.

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