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OREGON LEADS IN NRA MOVE

Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

What has become of that court-house crowd which so long besieged the corridors of our palatial "home of justice?" This writer has noted on every occasion he has called at the courthouse in recent months that the place seemed awfully lonesome. In the district court room during the recent manslaughter trial there were a number of vacant pews, which is all as it should be.

We note with a bit of amusement that the work on the courthouse grounds, which was being done with convict labor, is progressing about as slowly as we thought it would. The county court will never succeed in getting real work out of that bunch of bidders in the "penthouse," and we still contend they might as well stay off.

This week our attention was called to the fact that we have a city ordinance compelling peddlers to pay a city license. This seems all right in cases where the goods sold could be obtained in local stores. But where there is no competition we can see no reason for compelling such a license. In a certain case we have in mind, a man selling fish, which are not sold on our local market, was not allowed to peddle his fish without first procuring a city license. He went on. Now, it would have worked no injury to any business man of the city to have allowed that man to sell fish without a license. Instead it might have caused some one to forego a trip to Medford. And we all know that many people buy things in Medford whenever they are in that city and see something they want, even if they could have obtained it at home. We recommend that the council look into this matter thoroughly.

We had the pleasure of a visit this week from our old friend Judge F. L. TouVelle, former county judge of this county. We found the Judge, whom we had not seen for a number of years, the same quiet, courteous gentleman as of old. We have enjoyed many a day on the Rogue with the Judge and his friend George Putman of the Tribune. His visit brought those good old days back as very pleasant memories. While here the Judge joined our ever-growing list of subscribers. May his shadow never grow less!

While on the subject we might state that Judge TouVelle is head of the recently organized Compliance Board for Jackson County for the N. R. A. We feel assured no better advice could have been made and that all complaints arising under the N. R. A. will be carefully and courteously handled.

We commend the action of the city council in purchasing a truck and grade recently. We are told these much-needed tools were obtained at a bargain and it is our belief that through their possession much needed street work can and will be done at a saving. It has been hard to obtain the use of the county grader at times, especially at the proper time when the streets are in the best condition to work. Now such work can be done whenever the ground is in the right condition and our streets will therefore be in better shape at all times.

We want to suggest that the old city jail cleaned up and whitewashed. While not as modern as some it is plenty good enough for criminals to sleep off their load. It should not be necessary to take such prisoners to Medford. Anyone arrested for such offenses here should be held here and tried before the Recorder's court and the fine if any paid into the city funds, instead of going to swell the county funds as is the case where cases are brought before the justice of the peace at Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Collins of Ashland were week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vincent. Mr. Collins is a brother of Mrs. Vincent.

C. E. Smith, who is in the Sacred Heart hospital as the result of an injury to his spine, is reported as getting along well.

LEAGUE OREGON CITIES DESIGNATES EXECUTIVE SEC'Y

EUGENE, ORE. — Organization plans for the coming year were made here by the League of Oregon Cities last week, and the group formally named Herfan Kehrl, director of the bureau of municipal research and service at the University of Oregon, as its executive secretary.

Mr. Kehrl, who will take over his duties immediately, outlined plans for regional meetings of the league in various parts of Oregon. His office, which will be located on the campus of the University, will act as a clearing house for interchange of ideas, and will assist municipalities, in many ways.

More than 39 officials, representing 16 municipalities, were present for the session. Full control of the liquor situation, especially the right to raise revenue from licenses and taxes on beverages, will be sought by the cities, through the legislative committee of the league, it was decided at the meeting. A legislative program will also be formulated on unemployment relief and public works projects, and this will be presented before the special session of the legislature expected in the near future.

Cities were urged to prepare and complete data on public works projects, as the next session of the legislature will be called upon to pass legislation so that tax money can be used to liquidate these projects. Burton E. Palmer, executive secretary of the Oregon committee on Public Works Administration told those present at the meeting.

The aims of the university bureau for municipal affairs was outlined at the meeting. Subjects on which the university will give aid and information include regulation of public utilities, distribution of tax burden, city planning, sanitation projects, legal questions, recreational and social service programs.

Mr. Kehrl, new executive secretary, came highly recommended for his position. Last year he studied the famous Minnesota league of municipalities, and did graduate work at the University of Minnesota and previous to that served for many years as the secretary of the City club in Portland.

Local Bankers Attend Meeting

One of the largest meetings of state bankers ever held in Oregon was called to order by Superintendent A. A. Schramm in the capitol at Salem yesterday. Mr. Schramm presided, flanked by Mr. Colt, president of the Oregon Bankers' association; Ted Cramer, secretary of the association; Mr. West of the Federal Reserve board; Mr. Cooke, national examiner of state banks and Mr. Schutz of the Federal Reconstruction corporation.

The scene was a novel and unusual one, and suggested a court of high degree; as indeed it was in the banking world of Oregon. The officials and bankers present were all enthusiastic over the provisions of the new government banking law of 1933.

Medford was represented in the meeting by Delroy Getchell, C. E. Gates and P. E. Wahl, president, vice-president and cashier, respectively, of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers of the Bankers and Bankers' association, which will come under the law providing for insurance of bank deposits on January 1, 1934.—Mail Tribune.

Eldon Stevens was sick Sat. and Sun. but up and around again now.

Owing Service Station has put in a new grease rack.

Northwest Heads Nation in Percent Entire Compliance

RANKING N. R. A. COMMITTEE FOR OREGON AND IDAHO RECEIVES REPORTS SHOWING TWO STATES IN FOREFRONT—TRADE ASSOCIATIONS CENSURED FOR PRICE FIXING.

BAKER, ORE., October 4.—The Oregon-Idaho District Recovery Board the ranking NRA committee in the two states, met here Thursday, receiving reports which placed Oregon and Idaho in the forefront of the recovery movement, and censured trade associations which are impeding recovery progress by adopting agreements shortening store hours and fixing minimum prices.

"Oregon and Idaho are leading the parade of states in the NRA program," declared W. C. Ruegnitz, president of the 4-L, who was elected chairman of the District Recovery Board. "Reports from the various county organizations show that 96 per cent of the employers in the two states are signers of the President's Reemployment Agreement, and 95 per cent of the consumers have signed the Blue Eagle pledge.

"No other district can show such a splendid record," Chairman Ruegnitz continued. "The Patriotic citizens who are aiding this recovery program have far exceeded the expectations of Washington executives of the National Recovery Administration. Washington estimated that no more than 30,000 blanks for employers would be needed in the Oregon-Idaho area, but this total has been exceeded, and close to 35,000 employers are displaying the Blue Eagle. It was necessary to requisition additional supplies from adjoining districts to keep pace with the demand for re-employment agreements. This is a remarkable showing."

The board went on record censuring all trade organizations which enter into locally-adopted agreements to shorten hours and fix prices. Such practices are serious violations of the Blue Eagle code, and will be dealt with severely by the local compliance boards. Merchants who fail to recind these agreements will be liable to lose their Blue Eagles, with attendant publicity.

"The regulations forbidding price fixing must be obeyed," declared Judge George C. Blakely of the Dallas. "No group is authorized to put price agreements into effect until a formal Washington hearing has approved such a plan. The consumer must be protected by representation at these hearings. To adopt price-fixing agreements without hearings to protect the consumer would open the way to vicious profiteering by mutual agreement. Price-fixing by local groups must stop."

John Hood, Pocatello banker and board member, was equally outspoken in censuring agreements made by merchants to shorten store hours. "Shortening store hours by agreement, to escape putting more men to work is an exceedingly serious violation of the President's Reemployment Agreement," said Mr. Hood. "Such agreements must be abolished at once. All stores should maintain the same hours of operation which were in effect June 16, 1933. If stores were allowed to reduce hours of operation, no more men would be put to work, and the whole President's Reemployment program would be defeated."

The District Recovery Board directed county NRA executives to proceed immediately to the formation of local compliance boards. This is the next important step in the NRA program, and the compliance boards will be charged with the grave responsibility of enforcing compliance with the blanket code. The boards will be empowered to call offending employers before a hearing, where evidence will be sifted and recommendations made by the board. In instances of malice or deliberate chiseling, the compliance board will recommend that the Blue Eagle be removed.

The District Recovery Board will act as the liaison unit between the local compliance boards and the Na-

Oregon Will Retain CCC In Winter

Due to the fact that editorials and articles have appeared in several Oregon papers stating that most of the Oregon CCC Camps are to be moved to California for the winter, and protesting against such action, Congressman James W. Mott has contacted the authorities in charge and kept in close touch with the situation.

In conference this morning with State Forester Cronmiller, the Congressman was assured that there would be thirty-seven CCC winter camps in Oregon. Oregon has had sixty-five winter camps and only six of the summer camps will be taken out of western Oregon—whereas twenty-two camps will be removed from eastern Oregon.

Washington state has had fifty three summer camps and will have a total of thirty-four winter camps. Congressman Mott is of the opinion that Oregon will receive its quota of CCC winter camps and in efforts to continue his efforts in that field.

P. T. A. To Meet Friday Afternoon

The local P. T. A. will meet Friday at 3:30 p. m. An interesting program will be given. Mrs. E. C. Faber will give a talk on the subject of the month, "Living together in the Family." There will be several musical numbers. Every parent is urged to attend.

Angora Wool Rabbit Show

Of interest to rabbit growers of Southern Oregon will be the Angora wool rabbit show to be given at the Craterian Theatre, Saturday Oct. 7. Demonstrations will be held in the lobby both afternoon and evening. Wool clothes made from wool sheared from these animals will be displayed and many interesting and instructive facts will be brought out concerning this new industry.

The Angora Wool rabbit industry is a profitable one in Jackson county and this show will enable all interested to learn more about it.

New Book for Youth is Thrilling

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 4.—With the publication this week of "Cougar Pass" the boys and girls have a real outdoor story of thrills and adventure in the Cascade Mountains. While the Cougar dominates the story, the author ingeniously introduces various incidents relative to other wild creatures found in the West and proves her ability to write interestingly.

The author is Mrs. Elizabeth Lambert Wood, daughter of an Oregon pioneer, Joseph Hamilton Lambert, who originated and propagated the Lambert cherry. Mrs. Wood knows the Oregon country as few, either men or women, know it. She has traveled by wagon and horseback over its mountains, has lived in the sagebrush sections and has enjoyed many months along the coast. Her first book, "Silver House of Klone Chuck," displays her knowledge of the coast country, while her two books of the Western Wilderness series describe the Cascade Mountains and the animals that are found there.

"Cougar Pass" takes its title from the adventures of three boys who go hunting in the Cascades and are pursued by a cougar. How they outwit the cunning cougar and their many adventures is combined in this delightful wilderness story. This is the second book of the series, the first one being "The Trail of the Bear." "Cougar Pass" is cleverly illustrated by Louise Hosh and published by the Metropolitan Press, Portland, Oregon.

JACKSON COUNTY W. C. T. U. HOLDS ALL DAY MEETING

The Jackson County W. C. T. U. met Thursday, Sept. 28, at Ashland for an all-day meeting, to listen to reports and make preparations for the state convention which is to convene Oct. 17-20 in Portland. A bountiful luncheon was served at noon to some sixty or more members and guests.

A high light event of the day was the election of Mrs. Augusta McCormick, Ashland's wide-awake president, to be president of Jackson county dry forces and Mrs. Annie Roseborough of Medford, vice president. Miss Jean Anderson of Ashland is the new secretary and Mrs. Luella Stearns of Ashland continues as the treasurer. The addresses by Mayor Wiley of Ashland, City Attorney C. V. McClure of Ashland, Dr. Mattie B. Shaw, "Temperance and Health," and former county superintendent of schools Mrs. Susanne Holmes Carter, on "Temperance Education," constituted the very constructive program, interspersed with excellent musical numbers.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: "The Jackson County Woman's Christian Temperance Union in its second meeting of the year, reverently pledge anew our LOYALTY to the temperance cause with full confidence in ultimate victory. To promote this program of service we adopt the following resolution:

"We reaffirm our convictions that total abstinence is the only safe practice in regard to the liquor traffic.

"We further declare that even though balancing the budget requires the adoption of drastic measures, this nation, founded on great moral principles, should refuse to gain revenue from that which degrades its people.

"We appeal to dealers in merchandise and commodities which are necessities in every home, not to sell beer and wine, for in so doing, they promote drinking among women and children.

"No question is settled until it is settled right and the liquor problem will not be settled by legalizing beer or repealing the 18th Amendment.

"We render special thanks to our County Officials who planned this splendid convention and to the Ashland women who so thoughtfully provided for our enjoyment. To the Methodists who have been most helpful and considerate in the use of their church and for all the other favors for which we render thanks."

We urge all our friends to join in the support of this great work by cooperating with the new officers in their plans for the year. Their full addresses are: Mrs. Augusta McCormick, 219 Almond St., Ashland, president; Mrs. Annie Roseborough, 807 W. 6th, Medford, vice president; Miss Jean Anderson, 437 Mt. Ave., Ashland, secretary and Mrs. Luella Stearns, 78 Pine St., Ashland, treasurer.

Local Grange Holds Booster Meeting

The Grange booster meeting on Saturday night was largely attended. The meeting, opened by both subordinate and juvenile officers, were seated by the grange drill team with Captain P. E. Bonney as leader.

Worthy Master Warren Patterson addressed the audience on the purpose of the organization and its special importance to the farmer, after which he introduced Past Masters John Anderson, Arden Tyrell and Arnold Bohner, who each responded with a helpful talk.

A very good program directed by Lecturer Eula Benson was enjoyed and the grand march, followed by various lively games, led by Arden Tyrell, kept the crowd entertained until the call for lunch was sounded by the H. E. C., who served a grand array of pies and coffee.

The regular grange meeting will be held on Friday night, Oct. 6.