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EDITORIALS

NEWSPAPER COMPETITION

Twenty years ago our father, Arthur E. Powell took over the publication of the Central Point American. Our mother, who for so many years solicited advertisements and news for the paper, is no longer able to be active in the affairs of the paper.

At that time there were a large number of weekly newspapers in Jackson county. We don't remember just how many, but we know that there were one or two weeklies in Medford, one in Jacksonville, one in Gold Hill and one in Ashland.

Now, at the beginning of the new year, it will be good to survey the weekly newspaper situation in Jackson county. As far as we know the Central Point American is the only weekly left in Jackson county. The others have gone the way of all flesh. The Medford News was bought out and closed up. The others for one reason or another are gone.

Now, where does that leave the newspaper situation in our valley? Two dailies, one in Medford and one in Ashland. We hardly ever get to see a copy of the Ashland paper so we don't know what their editorial policy is. However our neighbor to the south... well they have a policy but we better not say what we think about it. Especially in regard to Senator Morse.

We don't think there is a healthy situation in the newspaper business in Jackson county. We believe we need another daily paper. We believe in competition. We believe the Chamber of Commerce should

try to get another newspaper man to locate in our valley.

We think our old Dad would say Amen to that.—C. W. P.

LAW IS FORCE

Last November the American people demanded, with an avalanche of votes, far-reaching changes in the current policies, attitudes, and philosophy of their government.

It will take courage and vision to support those changes—for if we are to return to our traditional principles of self reliance and individual responsibility there will have to be an end to the reckless federal "give away" policy that has characterized the past 20 years. No longer can the federal government be regarded as a perpetual and limitless source of "aid" and "relief" and "security" for any group, for any region, for any individual.

Anyone can cite the tremendous problems we must deal with—the Korean War; the menace of internal and external communism; the still-present threat of more inflation; the killing tax burden, and so on down the list.

But there is another great underlying problem. It is found in the way we have come to depend on ever-growing government to resolve all our difficulties, to protect us against all the exigencies of life from birth to death—and to make more and more of the decisions that we used to make for ourselves. The manner in which this problem is finally solved will decide whether we are to remain a free people, or are to drift farther down the road whose dead-end is servitude and tyranny, and a world in which the individual has neither rights nor dignity, and in which the state alone is important.

We have long worked on the theory that a "law" is a magician's wand, a potential source of infinite miracles. The wand is waved, a legislative act is passed, and a goal is reached. That, apparently, is what many millions of us believe or used to believe.

This is a fallacy that has scarred the pages of history for centuries. Proud and free peoples have allowed

themselves to become enslaved, and nations have eventually collapsed, because of that philosophy. The people said, in effect, to those who governed them: "Solve all our problems with laws." They turned over to government great and oppressive powers of action and decision.

Endless books and tracts have been written about this. Some of the best were written long ago. In 1850, for example, a French economist, statesman and author named Frederic Bastiat published a pamphlet called "The Law." It is more than a century old now, but the truths it expresses will retain their full validity for centuries to come. Here is an excerpt from it: "Since the law organizes justice, the socialist ask why the law should not also organize labor, education, and religion."

"Why should not the law be used for these purposes? Because it could not organize labor, education, and religion without destroying justice. We must remember that law is force, and that, consequently, the proper functions of the law cannot lawfully extend beyond the proper functions of force."

"When the law, by means of its necessary agent, force, imposes upon men a regulation of labor, a method or a subject of education, a religious faith or creed... it substitutes the will of the legislator for their own will; the initiative of the legislator for their own initiatives. When this happens, the people no longer need to discuss, to compare, to plan ahead; the law does all this for them. Intelligence becomes a useless prop for the people; they cease to be men; they lose their personality, their liberty, their property."

That is the situation we face today. We are lucky—we still have the time and the resources to save and strengthen our freedoms and to assert again the great principle that the people are the masters, not the servants, of their government. We

can turn our backs on the false and deadly concept of the all-powerful state. It will call for will power. It will hurt individuals, cities, states and groups which have been getting easy money from the public till. But the hurts will be as nothing compared to the gains in being free from political dictation.

January Designated National Egg Month By Poultry Industry

January has been designated national egg month in an attempt to increase consumer buying at a time when egg prices are usually at the low point.

Noel Bennion, poultry specialist at Oregon State college, says egg producers and allied industries will conduct the campaign through retail stores, local newspapers, radio stations and word of mouth.

"January provides a welcome occasion to recognize publicly the importance of a basic food used by people of all ages," Bennion says.

He points out that this is a good time to use a variety of egg dishes to stimulate appetites after the heavier-than-usual holiday meals. Nutrition authorities recommend eggs be included daily in meals because of their rich protein, mineral, and vitamin content, according to Bennion.

In pointing out the importance of the campaign to Oregon's \$50 million poultry industry, Bennion says 67 percent of the state's farmers keep chickens. The industry accounts for 10 to 12 percent of Oregon's total agricultural income.

Barry Brownell, Milwaukie, is Oregon chairman for the Poultry and Egg national board. Other committee members include Noel Bennion, Oregon State college poultry specialist; secretary, Harry Rohe, Oregon Egg Producers; Dick Keuh-

ner, farm market relations; Carl Zimmerman, Howard McNulty, Oregon Food Merchants association; Henry Witt, Buy-Rite Grocery operator; H. E. Carlton, Independent Retail Growers; Earl Childs, Fred Meyer; Clem Norton, Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products; Mrs. Nancy Morris, food editor, Oregonian; Mrs. Katherine Laughton, food editor, Oregon Journal.

Two Ex-Oregon Staters Nominated for AG Post

Oregon State College—Two former staff members of the Oregon State college school of home economics—Miss Olga P. Brucher, a 1929 OSC graduate, and Miss Claribel Nye—are included on the list of six women recommended for appointment as home economics assistant to the new secretary of agriculture.

After graduating with honors from OSC, Miss Brucher served on the staff as a foods instructor for three years before going to Columbia university for advanced study. At the present time, she is dean of the

college of home economics at the University of Rhode Island.

Miss Nye, who was state leader of home economics extension in Oregon from 1930 to 1935, is well remembered throughout the state for her homemaker activities. She is now assistant to the director of the California extension service.

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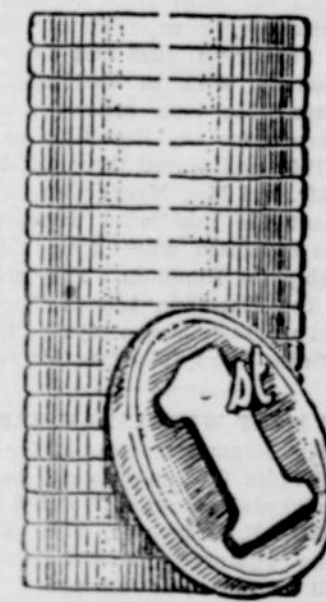
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