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EDITORIAL

A COUNTY ASSET

The Jackson County Humane society is to be commended for its excellent and efficient work in handling dogs of the county. This has been carried on despite lack of revenue from dog license fees and demonstrates the intense sincerity of the organization.

Not infrequently the humane society performs valuable services both to the people and animals themselves with never a cent of recompense for hours of labor, extensive equipment and necessary overhead. Many lost and strayed dogs have been picked up, fed and cared for without reward.

Residents of Jackson county are certainly honor bound to support and respect such a worthy organization and should drive out to the kennels some warm afternoon and see for themselves what efficient, sanitary attention dogs of southern Oregon receive. They would be impressed by the buildings, cleanliness and tidiness of the establishment and enthusiastic in their praise of one of the most humane humane societies on the coast—something to be really proud of.

OUR POLITICAL ATTITUDE

In view of the fact that it is now open season on politics, candidates and all the interesting mud-slinging, touting and praise that goes with it, The Miner is happy to announce its stand as concerns political arguments by our readers.

Being no end young and inexperienced in the governmental machinery ourselves, we are going to leave the intricacies to our public. Columns of this paper will be thrown open to livid or temperate discussion of the many and varied things which heckle voters at this season, the only restriction is that their communications be signed and written so they won't bar us from the mails.

Any of you folks who would like to express your opinions on any subject having a bearing on the coming political situation are solicited to feel welcome to space in The Miner. We want you to feel that this is YOUR paper to serve YOUR interests—and this year it is to everyone's benefit to do a lot of thinking, reading and voting.

The Miner wants to be the battleground for word battles on the dry-wet issue as well, if you like. And remember—all communications to be printed must be signed correctly with full name and address.

INEFFICIENCY NEEDED

Although neither economist nor wisacre, we really believe what this country needs to pull it out of these tough times is more inefficiency and less consolidation, mergers and "modern business methods."

While all this up-to-date combination of forces, elimination of overhead, reduction of personnel and so on might be a fine thing for the few moneyed individuals, whom we don't blame at all, it certainly is lousy for the country in general. Good night, it's overhead that feeds the American people. Less overhead, fewer jobs; more efficiency, fewer on the payroll. What if our groceries run us three cents more on the weekly bill? The small, antiquated and homely corner grocery store often is supporting as many local people as some large, spotless chain store which ships all but the minimum salaries and expense to some interest in the east.

These gigantic combinations run up stock values and run down the workingman's heels. Why not make the nation's business one great corporation. Think of the efficiency, the elimination of deadwood, the lessening of overhead and the banishment of competition. What a wonderful, successful project this might be, except that in a few months everyone but members of the concern would be starved and penniless. Of course this is a far-fetched example but every combination which is completed leads us in this direction. Is it any wonder there aren't enough jobs for half the people? There just ain't enough

of us doing what there is to be done.

These doggone inventions which have been touted as saving so much drudgery and lost time in this world have led us into an awful mess, you bet. They do eliminate hard labor, hours of toil and so on, but heretofore and today drudgery, toil and hard work have been the method employed to get a little of the currency of the realm by the most of us. If, eventually, machinery does all the work, on just what basis will wealth be distributed? Is man to be the slave of a gadget which some nut invented? In the primary grades at school we thought these newfangled things helped the world. Boloney!

Now if someone could invent just one more thing—a dingbat which would do away with the one-way flow of the country's riches and sort of sprinkle them all over the nation, anointing all of us at least slightly and more or less equally, The Miner would be for letting the other patents stick. If this is a country where we're all born equal we'll eat the postoffice door without salt. Some screaming brat can come into the world with a charmed life—if his folks have millions. We mean so far as government and law are concerned. And some hungry bum who grabs a stray hen will sit it out regardless.

We reiterate—that we need is inefficiency and lots of it. And we'd be perfectly willing to blaze the trail.

AN UNSOLVABLE PROBLEM

Nobody knows what to do with the problem of how to handle the Chinese in China; not even the Chinese themselves know. Before the westerners came among them the Chinese were all poor together, but they did manage to get along somehow; but now everything is upset. Respect for old laws and customs has perished and an awakening is in progress which is stirring China to its depths.

China needs a railroad from Peiping to Canton, but never has been able to build it, because no government China could build has been strong enough to prevent brigands from stealing the ties and rails before the track could be laid.

Today China is seething with anarchy. Troops move from one section to another with the intention of preserving order, but on their way they overrun the countryside and strip it of everything it possesses. The farmers along the route are drafted into the army, and when hostilities are over they do not know where they came from, cannot find their way home, and themselves become bandits of necessity.

WHY ALL THIS SILLY, SORDID STRUGGLE?

Oscar Ameringer, writing in The American Guardian, says:

"Oh, fellow men, here today, gone tomorrow, why all this silly, sordid struggle for things that rot and rust? Life is so short, so sweet, so dear! A few drops out of the ocean of eternity, enriched by friendship, love, beauty and peace, none of which can be bought with all the gold of the earth. And you throw all this aside for golden ladders leading to nowhere! . . . It is better to give than to take, better to love your neighbors than to hate them, better to sheathe the sword than to live by the sword, better to do unto others as you would have them do unto you than doing everybody you can."

THE KENTUCKY ATTITUDE

When Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appleman, Evans, Ky., decided to give a carload of flour to the families of starving miners instead of buying a new automobile they had no idea they were doing anything wrong, but as soon as they made the announcement that the flour would be given away they were indicted for criminal syndicalism. When they sought an explanation the prosecuting attorney explained that the Black Mountain Coal corporation did not like her husband, and admitted the reason they did not like him was that he was feeding starving children. Must be a nice corporation to work for, and a nice kind of prosecuting attorney. Kentucky is being advertised to the world in a way that will do it millions of dollars worth of damage.

ALFONSO'S HORSES KILLED

When, in obedience to governmental decree, the property of Alfonso was put up at auction, some of Alfonso's aristocratic friends bid on his horses and put the steeds to death so that no one else might ever ride them. If you can think of

anything more narrow-minded than that you will have to go some. Why murder the horses simply because Alfonso got to the end of his rope? The horses only carried Alfonso on their backs, and the whole Spanish people did the same thing.

EUROPE UNANIMOUS 2 WAYS

During the war and afterwards Europe was unanimous for borrowing from America every cent that could be scraped together, and now it is interesting to see that the whole continent, including the British Isles, is for repudiation, all of which helps the American people to see what fools they have been, to go broke themselves lending money to people who have spent it, as the French did, in making fresh armaments in a world already cursed with them.

ELECTRIC COOKING PROVES POPULAR IN JACKSONVILLE

The first electric cooking was done at the Crystal Palace in London in 1899 as a remarkable experiment. Today millions of meals are prepared electrically every day in this country alone, not to speak of the electrical cookery that is becoming common in almost every other civilized nation in the world. Right here in Jacksonville, and in fact the entire Copco territory, electric cooking is being used to a marked degree. Figures obtained from the local power company show that more than one out of every four electric customers in southern Oregon use electricity for cooking. This is a truly remarkable showing and speaks well for the progressiveness of local housewives in adopting the latest modern cooking methods as well as for the reasonable electric rates which make this showing possible.

EUROPEAN COSTS OF LIVING

For what one can buy in Detroit for \$1, in Stockholm he will need \$1.04, in Frankfurt 93 cents, in Copenhagen 91 cents, in Berlin, 90 cents, in Paris 87 cents, in Cork 85 cents, in Helsingfors 83 cents, in Marseilles 81 cents, in Manchester 74 cents, in Rotterdam 68 cents, in Warsaw 67 cents, in Istanbul and Antwerp, 65 cents, and in Barcelona 58 cents.

LEAKED OUT IN 231 YEARS

The British have just been cleaning the stained glass in Merton college chapel, Oxford. Some of it had not been touched for 620 years. On one of the panels which bore the date 1700 A. D. an employe had scratched his opinion of his employer, and it was not a very good one. The truth about him leaked out in 231 years.

MILLION PEOPLE MOVE TO CITIES DURING 1931

When business depression got well into its stride, it was the small industries that had to go overboard. The result was that in the year 1931 one million persons hitherto employed in small towns or in agriculture in the district east of the Mississippi left their homes and sought employment in 52 cities. One-fourth of the number came to New York City alone, while 200,000 went to Chicago and 50,000 to Philadelphia.

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATION IMPORANT IN SPRING

Mith the approach of longer and more pleasant days everyone is looking forward to week-ends, drives and vacations. For many years the bugaboo of short trips was the condition the home was in after the return.

Commenting on modern efforts for less worry, more efficiency and more leisure, Miss Estella Dorgan, home service director for The California Oregon Power company said, "With electrical refrigeration in the home there is no need for worry, as far as the food and refrigeration are concerned. When you leave your home you know that while you are gone there will be constant, unwavering temperature, and that the food left behind will be kept in safe condition."

"This time of the year," she continued, "the kiddies are apt to be more active and want more light between-meal bites. It is a comfort to know that there is always something in the refrigerator that will be in fit condition for them to eat. Longer, warmer days mean more salads, cold drinks, more varying menus to feed the lagging appetites. Electrical refrigeration offers the means for all these."

BRAZIL GROWING OWN JUTE

Brazil has turned some of its

surplus coffee lands over to the growing of jute and will soon be able to produce all the jute needed for the making of its coffee bags. Hitherto the jute for these bags has come from India and has cost considerably more than the new product of Brazil's own fields.

CONNIE BORDWELL AT PULLMAN SCHOOL

The little home town, no matter how far away in miles, or years, or new experiences that might blot the picture, is never erased from memory. It was the long walks after school which were given particular mention in a letter a friend received recently from Miss Connie Bordwell, formerly of this city, who is now attending Washington State college at Pullman. Miss Bordwell also mentioned the town library and the long walk to the ranch home, more recently known as the Coke place east of town.

After completing her sophomore year at the local high school nine years ago, Miss Bordwell moved with her parents to Portland. After graduating from Franklin high school there in 1926, she attended the University of Oregon for four years, where she studied journalism and also became a member of Phi Beta Kappa. For the last two years she has attended Washington State college, also teaching college freshmen English composition while working for her master's degree, which she will receive this spring.

Miss Bordwell has not fully determined her future work, according to her letter.

PHILIPPINES MAY BECOME LARGE GOLD PRODUCER

There is a possibility that the Philippines will shortly become a large gold producer; indeed, enthusiasts in the islands themselves have made the claim that they expect the mountain provinces of Baguio to become the greatest gold-producing center in the world. This seems improbable, its basis of fact resting in recent discoveries of ore running as high as \$3000 to the ton. South Africa still remains the banner gold-producing country.

EXPERIMENTS WITH RAYS

Experiments with ultra-violet rays at the University of Cincinnati indicate that with the use of

these rays plants can be made to grow four times as fast as normal, tonic qualities can be imparted to foods, the tastes and odors can be changed, bacteria can be destroyed and orange juice can be made to retain its flavor almost indefinitely.

WEATHER INSTRUMENT SET AT STAR STATION

A hydro-thermograph, valued at \$130, has been received at the Star ranger station. This new piece of equipment records temperature and humidity and will be put in use by April 1. The machine, which runs by clock work, 24 hours of the day, will be left outdoors in a special instrument shelter.

For several summers daily weather readings have been taken at the ranger station. Reports are sent to the Portland weather bureau and used there in an extensive study of general weather conditions. The reports also are of great value at the ranger station during the fire season, since scientific knowledge of the humidity from day to day determines the fire hazard to a large extent.

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