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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

MEXICO FINDS HERSELF!

Appearances indicate that Mexico doesn't mean maybe about snatching British and American oil properties south of the Rio Grande.

Which naturally gives rise to indignation and complaint by the affected countries, and by operators and owners of rich properties in Mexico. But Mexico, too, has a justifiable side backing her action.

For generations an undeveloped, primitive nation, Mexico depended largely on foreign capital, engineering and ambition to develop her natural resources. As a result, much of the potential wealth of the country has been exploited for the benefit and profit of foreign investors and consumers.

Which, of course, gave definite moral rights to those who did the pioneering and developing for Mexico. But Cardenas seems to be more concerned with realities than with sentiments.

Now that American and British industry has taught Mexico to walk, she chooses to dismiss her tutors and take their books. In a manner of speaking, our industrialization of Mexico has awakened that government from its siesta of "letting foreigners do it" to realization that she can take over and be stronger for it.

The events in Mexico are remindful of the irony of Fate. A few generations ago Spaniards, working up from Mexico, developed and operated extensive gold and copper mines in our own southwest until American migrants and their government took over the territory and chased them all back to Mexico.

We might as well swallow the bitter pill of progress and like it, for this time our Spanish-speaking neighbor is in the driver's seat.

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A FIRST LADY IN HER OWN RIGHT!

Earlier this week the First Lady of the land, Mrs. Roosevelt, while being whisked through the northwest by plane, made a brief pause at the Medford airport where she talked to a group of admirers and granted an interview.

The headache of airlines and pilots—who tremble at the responsibility of transporting the mistress of the White House on her many flights across the continent winter and summer—Mrs. Roosevelt, perhaps, presents us our best example of the modern version of democracy.

Warm with personality, likeable as any mother you ever knew, ready to converse with any and all her fellow countrymen, Mrs. Roosevelt is a credit to her husband and a source of pride to all Americans.

And those alarmists who fear that President Roosevelt is becoming a dictator need only to observe their First Lady to realize that the White House is home to one of the most truly democratic families in America, despite their high station and great wealth.

Mrs. Roosevelt is at once the personification of the suffrage which gives American women true equality and the gracious, admirable mother who has given the White House a new tradition.

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'THE RIVER' SPEAKS FOR ITSELF!

Those Ashland theatergoers who saw "The River," government film which interpreted the story of the great Mississippi basin, will better understand the intent of one of the New Deal's fondest ambitions.

Call it communism if you must—or any other hate-compelling moniker your partisanship suggests—but the Tennessee Valley authority plan as outlined by the featurette is one of the most American pieces of governmental doings of the present era. To restore, revive and save American soil and to return it to use and productivity is to perpetuate the nation.

Probably much of the objection being raised to the TVA comes from the power development angle which is the natural by-product of flood and navigation control as provided in the Tennessee valley series of dams. Cheap power controlled by the government (the people) infringes on the profits of utilities and threatens

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

SEE HERE—JULIA—I'M FED UP WITH THIS!
LET HIM CRY—IF I HAVE TO LISTEN
TO THIS BOOP-BOOP-A-DOOP SONG—
JUST ONCE MORE—
I'LL GO BURHOUSE!!



creation of an unfavorable yardstick by which consumers (the people) can measure value received for the dollar paid for electricity to private companies. Naturally, those most affected are going to cry "wolf" and launch aggressive propoganda and lobbies against the TVA.

But the underlying principle involved in TVA is the rebuilding and enriching of an impoverished part of the nation for the benefit of the people. Naturally, any such all-encompassing plan must necessarily encroach upon the selfish interests and well-being of some. But the rebuilding of American soil, the harnessing of American waterways and the controlling of devastating deluges is long-range planning for the good of the many.

As the film points out, no longer is there new country to pioneer when the old land has been worn out and squandered in ignorance and carelessness. No longer are there unlimited sources of raw material to be had without some planning for replenishment.

And if the New Deal is guilty of communistic dreaming in its TVA development, then America needs that kind of thought and action. It is a strange coincidence that those critics of the New Deal who complain that unbearable debts are being saddled onto future generations are the ones who object when the administration seeks to provide those future generations with land for sustenance and power and raw materials for industry.

POLICE TO 'PIN DOWN' MISHAPS

One green pin denoting death from a motor accident, a holdover from 1936, and surprisingly few other accident markers adorn a driving safety map recently installed at the city police station as a means of checking traffic hazards. The map, a huge indexed affair nearly six feet square, was devised by City Supt. Elmer Biegel and his assistants.

Red pins are inserted at spots where car accidents have occurred since Jan. 1, 1937, and yellow pins denote spots where pedestrians or cyclists have been involved in mishaps with automobiles since that date.

An interesting light was thrown on the local traffic situation when it was found that the Plaza corner, often cited as the most dangerous place in the city, has been the scene of but two reported accidents during the last 15 months. Both crashes were minor. On the other hand, intersections of Gresham and East Main streets and Water, Granite and North Main streets have used a large supply of pins to keep track of the smashups which occurred in these places.

Chief of Police C. P. Talent said this week that city police and street departments will study enforcement and engineering problems presented by the apparently dangerous corners and take most practical means for prevention of future trouble. In some places the desired end may be gained by erecting warning signs and creating speed or other regulatory zones.

Ashland Chamber Is Lauded for Strides Made in Work Here

William Hammond, manager of the non-resident division of the office of the secretary of state, and Hugh B. Rosson, head of traffic work in the same department, were lavish in their praises for accomplishments of the local Chamber of Commerce and the municipal safety council when they called at the local office last week.

Hammond expressed amazement at the rapid strides taken by the Ashland non-resident automobile registration desk in attaining the highest honors in Oregon for that work. He said that secretaries in other offices had commented to him that they "didn't know how it is done"—referring to the commanding total of tourists checked in here. Ashland has led all gateways to Oregon since present management of the chamber has been in effect.

Also interested in getting tourist reaction to the new quadruple form of registration blank now in use, Hammond gained several new angles developed here for efficiency in registration.

Rosson was very enthusiastic about the new traffic safety map which recently was installed at the city police station. He indicated that he would recommend similar charts for charting of driving hazards in other cities.

The two officials visited here while on tour of principal cities of the state.

Lithia Plumb Shop Gets New Machine

A new sheet metal "break" recently installed at the Lithia Plumbing and Heating store makes it possible to turn out the best grade of work in less than half the time formerly required. John Mills, proprietor, purchased the machine, which is the most modern in Ashland, from a San Francisco firm.

Equipped with an eight-foot bed the break will handle the largest standard size sheets of metal and is capable of producing downspouts, roofing, gutters and all other types of sheet metal construction material. A special attachment provides for the manu-

LETTERS to the Editor

Editor's Note—The Miner believes that both sides of a question should be heard—even in a newspaper—and presents herewith a letter from District Attorney Frank Newman responding to several editorials which have criticized his office. We suggest that if Mr. Newman will present his arguments to the jury in writing he should raise his batting average considerably.

NEWMAN ANSWERS

To the Editor:
Acting on the assumption that you may still wish to be fair in your criticism of me and the conduct of the affairs of my office as district attorney, I ask that you publish this letter in answer to the article appearing on the front page of your issue of March 11, entitled "What is the Difference?" and the article published in your paper under date of March 18, entitled "And All Men Are Created Equal?"

A little over one year ago I entered upon the duties of my office with the promise to the people of this county that in the performance of such duties I would be honest, fair, just, independent and fearless. I feel that I have kept that promise in letter and spirit.

However, I must admit that I have met with some surprising and disappointing experiences during my short tenure in office, particularly through the loss of some criminal cases in which I felt there should have been convictions.

But so far as I know, with the single exception of yourselves and your paper, nobody has ever claimed that the loss of such cases was due to any fault of mine, through failure to have performed my duty as a prosecutor, and I resent the unfairness of the two articles referred to and deplore your apparent misstatement of facts surrounding those cases which made such attacks possible.

In your editorial of Nov. 19, 1937, wherein you severely criticized the grand jury which returned the indictment in the robbery case referred to, namely, State vs. Cagle, et als, you did me the honor of admitting that I performed my duty in presenting the facts to the grand jury, said editorial being in part as follows:

"Already one admitted confessed participant has been white-washed before being taken before a judge—who is the proper source of leniency. Many believe, after following efforts of certain 'law enforcement agencies' that at least two, and perhaps all three, of the Monmouth boys also will be wriggled free of their crime. Yes, indeed, the grand jury and prosecutors—save for District Attorney Frank Newman, who made a conscientious effort to discharge his obligations with impartiality—certainly should pat themselves on their backs and know in their (Continued on page 5)

MIGRATION IS STATE POSER

The trek to Oregon from other states, beginning back in the covered wagon days, continues every year, but today citizens of this state are faced with a real and immediate problem of what to do with these "pioneers." It is graphically pointed out in the latest report issued by the Oregon State planning board, "A Study of Migration into Oregon, 1930-37." The report has been submitted to Governor Martin who has approved it for release to the public.

The report, which was prepared by V. B. Stanbery, planning board consultant and executive secretary with assistance of the WPA shows that Oregon had a net gain of approximately 96,600 in population in the seven-year period ending Jan. 1, 1937, and of these but 15,100 were the result of natural growth, or excess of births over deaths.

The wave of recent immigration reached a new peak in 1935 and 1936, the report shows. In five years from 1930 to 1935 the yearly increase was 8063, but this rose to an average of 28,166 per year during 1935 and 1936.

"These newcomers have great difficulty in finding employment or land on which they can make a living. Social problems must be faced when migrants fail to make satisfactory personal adjustments. Manufacturing activities in Oregon are notably deficient and inadequate industrial development precludes absorption of any considerable number of migrant workers."

Establishment of basic industries, especially those requiring large blocks of power, greater development of lands through irrigation, flood control and clearing, and a program of public works are recommended as aids in improving the lot of people moving into this state.

Forty-two feet of gutter for the new medical arts building was produced in 25 minutes with the break, a task which would have required a half-day of hand labor. Stronger and neater products also are assured with the machine.

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