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WHY NOT IMPROVE THE SYSTEM RATHER THAN DISCARD IT?

Secretary of State Earl Snell, according to report, is contemplating the discontinuance of out-of-state car registrations because of alleged nuisance of the practice.

Earl may be right in maintaining that the practice involves some expense and produces results of doubtful value. But at the same time, the good secretary of state might consider, among other things, the social opportunity the registration gives for direct and courteous contact with tourists.

Here in Ashland, the Chamber of Commerce handles registrations and makes the most of the opportunity. At Christmas time, tourists have been presented with a sprig of mistletoe; cherries in the spring, tiny cans of tomato juice and other little token of hospitality have been issued to surprised and appreciative travelers.

Not only does the present registration system offer an opportunity to greet visitors, but it also gives a fairly perfect check on tourist travel. But more important than that to Oregon, live chambers of commerce can, through the formality of registering out-of-staters, further the interests of their particular region and the state as a whole.

Rather than consider dissolution of the registration of visiting vehicles, the secretary of state might be well advised if he investigated fully the opportunities the system offers for bettering our hospitality. Registration of cars may be a nuisance for some impatient travelers, but the larger part of them can be made friends of Oregon by courteous treatment and considerate attention in the registration office.

The hurrying traveler who objects to registering his car also resents school zones, stop signs and other impediments to his haste and he should not be considered. It is the average, conscientious motorist traveling through who should be catered to, and he does not object to the technicality provided he gets fair treatment in the process.

Oregon's first point of contact is the registration desk, and those familiar with the Ashland office know that this contact can be made an asset to the state as well as to the community where the contact is made.

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SOMETIMES THE PRESS HAS A HEART!

Recently newspaper readers in Ashland were curious to know just why it is that a man who tipsles too freely and pays a \$10 fine gets his name plastered on the front page while another, who has committed a greater offense against society, never reaches print.

On the face of it, such variations in printing the news seem to work a great injustice, and perhaps they do. But like most things, the proposition is not as simple as it appears. Last week a "mystery" looting of a grocery store safe was solved, according to printed accounts, but the "name of the man was withheld because he holds a responsible job." Right off, many people would remember that the poor devil who paid for his innocent fun also might hold a job.

Technically, however, the cases are far different from a reporting standpoint. In the case of an inebriate, his plight has reached court, where records become public property. In the case of the theft of \$100 cash and considerably more in checks, a complaint was never filed, the injured parties deciding, after clearing the case, that the best interests of justice and welfare of all parties concerned could best be served by keeping names out of print.

The Miner investigated the case and, after learning details, agreed with those involved that nothing could be gained by printing the complete story except to satiate curiosity of readers.

The truth remains, however, that persons committing crime should expect appropriate publicity. Technically, it is unfair to publicize one man and not the other, but even newspapers can be merciful.

LIFE'S BYWAYS!



THE DEFICIT'S ONLY HALF THE STORY!

There's a little bit of good in all of us, but some folks sure hate to admit it. The same principle applies to government, too. Even the New Deal has accomplished some worthwhile things while piling up the national deficit which is the pet worry of viewers-with-alarm.

Spend, spend, spend! That's all Roosevelt does, so cry the fretful ones. And Mr. Roosevelt has done quite a chunk of spending, at that. But that's only half of the picture. What the money is being spent for should gain audience, too.

Let's take a case close to home—the new Shasta dam being started near Redding. A number of people from around and near Ashland, as well as the rest of the west, have secured employment there. Redding itself is booming, and business is good there. Boom Town has sprung up near the dam site, and thousands of men will be employed for several years on the work. And all this costs money—federal money.

The Shasta dam is a good example of New Deal squandering. Millions of dollars will be spent on the project. But only the unthinking person will say the money is being thrown away.

Besides furnishing an impetus to business, the development will become a great asset to the entire Sacramento valley as a flood control project. Those of us resident in southern Oregon who have had occasion to drive through that valley well know the billions of dollars damage suffered through that section from recurrent floods. Savings from flood control alone will run into important sums, and much human suffering and privation will be averted once the dam is completed.

Protection of our rich lowlands, irrigation, power development and navigation aid are definite, worthwhile objectives, the merits of which are not questionable. All this costs money, of course, and most of the money is coming from that "growing national debt."

What better time for government to develop natural resource and eliminate costly flood hazards than when a large section of its people need gainful employment? What better time to put hands at work than when those hands are idle and in need?

Perhaps New Deal financing is not all that could be desired. Debt, normally speaking, is a thing to be shunned. But the present policy of placing human welfare and development of national assets ahead of pieces of paper certainly must be right, if to live like humans and eat regularly is right.

Which should come first, human needs or a balance sheet?



the "parking" position, to make his car more readily visible to other drivers.

At night he should drive with his headlights dimmed or depressed in order that the roadway immediately ahead of the car will be lighted. If the lights are left in ordinary driving position, the rays

ANYONE who has done much driving in fog knows the feeling of helplessness which overcomes one when the thick cottony blanket settles down in dead earnest, and one has many miles to drive.

Here are a few facts to remember about fog:

Two-thirds of the normal year's fog occurs during the months of October, November and December, with November being the worst month of the year. Fog is usually much heavier at night than in the daytime. Ordinarily it occurs on several consecutive days so that the driver in most cases should be expecting it.

The driver's first reaction to fog should be to reduce his speed so that he will still be able to stop within the assured clear distance ahead. In the daytime, he should have his headlights turned on in

Portia Anderson Buys Hotel Beauty Shop

Mrs. Portia Anderson, nee McKee, recently purchased the Ashland Hotel Beauty shop from I. M. Moyer and will continue to operate the establishment of which she has been manager since August.

Miss Clara Pederson, assistant, also will continue her duties at the popular shop which is located in the Ashland hotel building. Purchased last summer by Moyer, the shop was completely done over and refitted and it was at that time that Mrs. Anderson took over her managerial position, having formerly operated Mary's Beauty shop on North Main street.

Grants Pass Cavemen Select Two Ashland Players on Star List

An all-star opponents' team selected by the Grants Pass high football team honors five teams equally, each placing two men on the imaginary eleven as the best material the Cavemen faced during the past season. Roseburg, Yreka, Medford, Klamath Falls and Ashland each rated two places, while Pete Susick of North Bend was given the extra one. Only Myrtle Point failed to place on the squad. The team:

Left end: Church, Roseburg.
Left tackle: Albertus, Roseburg.
Left guard: Bray, Yreka.
Center: Prentice, Medford.
Right guard: Call, Yreka.
Right tackle: Mayfield, Klamath Falls.
Right end: Monteith, Medford.
Quarterback: Warren, Ashland.
Left half: Anacker, Klamath Falls.
Right half: Harris, Ashland.
Fullback: Susick, North Bend.

First Baptist Church

Charles E. Dunham, Pastor

Church school meets at 9:45 a. m. R. L. Walker, superintendent. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. "Jesus Only," is the subject of the pastor's sermon.

The Young People's Union will meet at 6:30 p. m. Leah Etta Evans will be the leader.

During the evening worship the World Wide Guild girls will present their annual Candle Light service. The pastor will give a short address. This begins at 7:30. Prayer and conference meeting on Wednesday night at 7:30.

JENNY MATILDA HAWLEY

Funeral services for Jenny Matilda Hawley, 60, who died Nov. 24, were held Nov. 28 at the J. P. Dodge and Sons chapel. Alpha chapter of the OES were in charge of the service. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Funeral services for Albert Woolfolk of Grants Pass, who died in Klamath Falls recently, were held Sunday afternoon in Grants Pass at the Hull and Hull funeral home with interment in Hillcrest cemetery. Albert Woolfolk was the brother of Mrs. A. E. Cooper of Ashland and is well known here.

CLAUDE PADGETT

Funeral services for Claude Padgett, 70, who died Sunday, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Litwiler Funeral home with the Rev. Charles M. Guilbert officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Frost, who were married here recently, left for their home in Oakland, Calif., Wednesday.

Karl Oeser visited friends in Yreka during the week-end.

Dorothy Avent of Neil creek visited friends here Tuesday.

Leo J. Trefren of Washington, D. C., arrived Tuesday in Ashland for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Trefren and sisters, Mrs. Herb Specht and Mrs. C. E. Pratt.

Andrew Anderson of Spokane, Wash., arrived recently for a visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Woods.

will simply be thrown back into the driver's eyes, as the fog is composed of tiny drops of water which act like reflecting mirrors.

Many drivers like to use yellow or amber auxiliary driving lights which should be adjusted low so that they sweep the surface of the highway, since their purpose is to illuminate some surface or object by which the driver can guide his vehicle.

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