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SET YOU FREE" THE TRUTH WILL

ATTEND THE TOURNAMENT GAMES!

Ashland's athletic treat of the year is here again! The Southern Oregon College of Education's (nee Southern Oregon Normal's) 12th annual invitational basketball tournament for class B high schools of district 14 is in full swing today, with quarter and semifinal games being played this afternoon and tonight in the normal gymnasium, and with finals set for tomorrow. That the show is both exciting and packed with fascinating action-drama can be attested to by the hundreds who already have watched the clash of 37 teams as they "sort the sheep from the goats."

The Miner dares anybody, whether they're basketball fans or not, to watch ANY ONE of the tournament games without getting a kick out of it. Everybody should make it a point to see as many of the contests as possible, especially the blood-and-thunder finals on Saturday.

The tournament, thanks to the local college, is this city's high point of interest for students, coaches, players and parents of this entire section of Oregon. We should make certain that the hundreds of visitors here this week-end are met with hospitality and an evidence of interest. All of us have been interested in promoting the popularity and welfare of Ashland and now-right NOW-is the greatest chance we'll have during the year.

Not to mention that it's probably the most pleasant chore of the twelve-month, as well. See you at the games!

LEGISLATORS MAKE TWO JOBS GROW WHERE ONE GREW BEFORE!

The effort to give the people of Oregon a chance to vote on whether they want the state milk control board continued was defeated early this week, and the bureaucrocacy will continue without ratification.

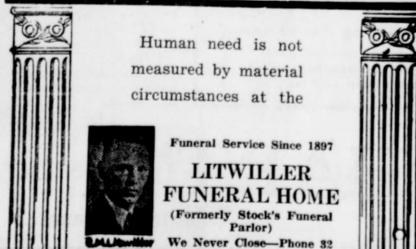
Which action is entirely consistent with legislators' habits of burdening the commonwealth with overregulation, over-regimentation and general cussed extravagance of function and regulation. The state is infected with an ever-increasing trend towards more and more THREE thousand Italians left upbeat to this feature of their busdumping of public funds into pockets of government expatriate Italy's nationals and With Thine Eyes" the favorite reemployes including, among others, endless numbers of boiler inspectors, sanitary snoopers, safety specialists, weights and measures testers, liquor control stoolpigeons, etc., etc. Every month, yea, almost every week a horde of fussbudgets come fingering, testing, asking, auditing, gumshoing. Inspection may be necessary, but such functions have been exaggerated and multiplied by pea-brained legislators and state departments to the point of costly nuisance.

As one Ashland man put it, greater efficiency, ing as was spent on the actual less expense to taxpayers and decidedly less annoyance to business could be attained if inspection duties pense of the Stanley expedition. were consolidated. Say, one man inspect boilers and adjoining machinery, etc., instead of a regiment, each with his particular brand of prving.

Said this man, "I once asked one of these fellows why he was sent over the state looking at one special was hiding behind a pillar. Reason feature when he might as well, without additional for his reticence was not known until someone said that his concost to the state or extra expenditure of time on his tract forbade his taking bows and part, eye several connected machines and save everybody a lot of trouble. His reply was, 'But we're spec- night clubs. Take your choice. ialists in our particular line-one man couldn't know all about a lot of things."

Which, explained the local businessman, is just so much bosh. For example, Joe Snoopschnozzle comes half-million dollars. After refusdown from Salem to investigate boiler tubes. He fires a bushel of questions at the boiler's owner, jiggers war he was convicted of draft around here and there and then goes on his way. A evading but escaped to Germany few days later Peter Pry drops into the same place marrying and becoming the father of business and announces he's to inspect a machine of three children, and his wife has in the boiler room. He fires an oration of queries at the owner and asks him why hasn't he done this, and the property. Refusal to serve was privilege which the law denies didn't he know he should do that? He goes on his litical reasons but that he just tation is much more apt to act way, but the parade continues.

Each of these men admittedly is a specialist in his own branch of inspection; the boiler man is supposed to know boilers backwards, the next man machines.



LIFE'S BYWAYS!



But the poor business man or operator is required to be ready for each and every one of them with com- drive from Medford, if the highplete knowledge of the law, requirements and specifications. He's supposed to be able to match experience, wits and information with 'em all-or suffer penalties, extra expense or closure.

Hence, there's no wonder that most business men resent this kind of snooping by a corps of inspectors, many of them nothing but political job holders. An operator wonders why, if he is required to learn about in the winter as in the summer. every department in his own business, why it is that All that remains is for the people a half dozen men are needed to trip him up.

The state legislature could perform a real service to the people of Oregon if it would pursue a program of consolidation and paring-down in governmental functions. The never-ending parade of inspectors from Salem is but an isolated item in a topheavy jumble of confusion and duplication.

OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

rovide more men for the army. Not so long ago Il Duce could have just about depopulated Cali- the wire companies report, with fornia that way.

Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is being spent by 20th-Century-Fox on filming of Stanley's African search for Dr. Livingstone. More than that has been spent on a picture in Hollywood but in this case they have the peculiar situation of spending 10 times as much picturing a happenevent. Twenty-five thousand dol-

And while they were introducing the celebrities from the floor of a New York night club someone called attention to one they had overlooked, Mickey Rooney, who some others maintained that his contract told him to keep out of

United States and the government cars whose drivers wish to leave will not release his fortune of some the curb. ing to serve in the armed forces of the United States during the where he has lived ever since, been in this country three years erage driver becomes angry when pressing his claim for release of wouldn't serve and earned him the recklessly than under normal cirtitle of arch slacker. While the cumstances. authorities were trying vainly to extradite him he was made a popular hero in Germany and said that with money anyone could have a good time any place. Wonder what he thinks about it now

Pan-American Airways using giant Boeings will soon inaugurate a trans-Atlantic plane service. First flights will be by way of Azores to Lisbon and probably by way of Newfoundland later in the year when the weather moderates. In the beginning ships will carry 40 passengers on 72-passenger capacity planes and figure to make deaths since January 1 have in-Europe in 18 hours.

Two tenders went to Azores 55. several weeks ago to provide for refueling and the company has planning to cooperate with interhad a skeleton crew there for a year and have complete radio fa- tailed information about pedescilities installed.

be able to make it without stopping at Bermuda.

Upon application the major telegraph companies will get you a song sung in a distant city to whomever you designate. Valentine's day of course gave quite an quest that day? No, "Jeppers Creepers" was away out in front the first named song a poor sec-Funny people these Amer-



WHILE double-parking of automobiles is sometimes resorted to as a time-saving expedient, the resulting confusion and slowing up of traffic make it doubtful whether any time is actually saved in the long run, in the opinion of Secretary of State Earl Snell.

One car which is double-parked in a narrow street for five minutes may cause inconvenience and delay to several dozen drivers, since it completely shuts off the use of the lane nearest the parking line. Grover Cleveland Bergdoll has If there is no one in the car, it seen refused readmittance to the may also block two or three other

Double-parking is dangerous not only because it sometimes forces drivers to use the wrong side of the street, if they wish to pass the double-parked car, but also because it has a psychologically upsetting effect on approaching drivers, Snell pointed out. The avhe sees someone else grabbing a

Efforts to reach elderly pedestrians in Oregon with information about traffic accidents are being counted upon to reduce the terrific toll which automobiles have long taken among this group, Secretary of State Earl Snell said to-

In Portland, Capt. W. C. Epps of the police traffic department has appealed to the city's clergymen to devote at least one Sunday sermon to the subject of pedestiran safety, in view of the fact that seven of the city's 12 traffic volved pedestrians over the age of

Secretary Snell's office is also ested groups in disseminating detrian accidents involving older The Azores are a few miles persons, and it is hoped that the closer to the mainland than Ha-campaign can be broadened to nawaii is and the big ships should tionwide proportions.

What Other Editors Are Saying!

WINTER PLAYGROUND

Opinion is fast becoming settled that tourist travel is to be one of the major incomes to the Rogue River valley. Certain groups have felt, for years, that tourist income should be nursed and encouraged here, but only of late years has the idea become general. It is now one of the main topics of conversation where men gather to discuss business conditions.

Therefore, it is fitting now to discuss one of the major recreational developments that is gradually taking shape here. That development is an all-year highway to Lake o' the Woods.

Of recent years, winter sports have taken this country by storm As proof, witness the development of Sun Valley, in Idaho, just for one. There are many others, of somewhat lesser degree, but all are important in that they indicate the fact that businessmen have realized the demand of the general public for year-round recreation

In Lake o' the Woods, Medford has access to one of the most natural winter sports spots in the west. To be perfectly frank, Lake o' the Woods has EVERYTHING! It has, first, all the scenic beauty that a winter sports setting could want

It has skiing possibilities that leave nothing to be desired.

It has a lake, that freezes to a depth of two feet, and would afford ice skating that would not take second place to St. Moritz.

And it is less than two hours way to it is improved, and made fit for travel in winter as well as summer It has a large colony of cabins,

or, as they are called, summer homes, and it has adequate concession facilities to provide comfort for guests in the winter as well as in the summer. There is no reason why Lake o'

the Woods cannot be as popular who want Lake o' the Woods open in the winter to make their demands known, and a year-round road will soon result. The facilities and the setting are

there for one of the finest winter sports spots in the west. The demand, although latent, is there, because people here want Lake o' the Woods open for the

So, since it remains only for a

smouldering demand to articulate to bring about it is time for people to voice their opinions rega winter highway to Lake Woods.-Medfrod News.

The king of Cambodia is with the French government deleting his harem to one wives from the customar To revamp hundred. wheeze, he didn't let his

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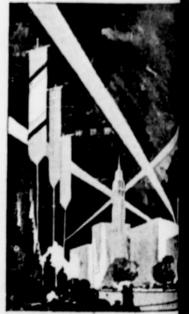
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