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**BOUQUETS FOR THE LIVING!**

That business conditions in Ashland, during the last year, are making favorable progress was made clear this week by Chamber of Commerce Secretary Marchial Stansbury's report to the retiring president, Frank Van Dyke, and the directors.

Just how great a part the booster organization has played in the development of Ashland is hard to say, except that it is unanimously agreed among business men and residents that the Chamber of Commerce most certainly has crystallized and put into action the local will to progress. Not only has the chamber accomplished many definite, material chores, but it also has taken over leadership as a spearhead for furtherance of community interests.

Although automobile registration, license services, information and many other helps for tourists and visitors have been handled by the chamber, the organization's greatest and most lasting good comes from its function as an optimistic, aggressive fountainhead of civic thought and cooperation.

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce has become more than an office force and a few active members; it has become an integral and representative part of the community—the rudder for a progressive and constructive spirit. As such it deserves residents' appreciation and continued support.

The Chamber of Commerce personnel, present and retiring officers and directors are to be congratulated for their fine job. An active, well managed booster club pays real dividends!

**OREGON'S 'ECONOMY' SESSION!**

If Oregon's senators and representatives, in the political manner, have kept their ears to the ground then it was out behind the barn.

The state solons have repeatedly been toying with various manners of sales taxes and bulk sales levies as a source of new revenues with which to satiate pressure groups. They seem to take little notice of the four rough and decisive defeats handed sales taxes by Oregon voters, each defeat having been successively greater until, last election, the measure was buried deeper than an Einstein explanation of the universe.

That people want fewer laws and simplified regulation, together with less taxes if possible, is clear to everybody in Oregon but the lawmakers. And, if such facts are clear to the legislators, they regard the people as ignoramuses who don't know what's good for them.

Back in pre-election days in 1938 there was quite a campaign waged on a platform of introducing economy at long last; efficiency, moderation in state law-making was promised by candidates who trained their sights on democratic spending. A direct result of sentiment in favor of a curb on public extravagance, republicans were victorious in winning most of the state senate and representative posts and folks—even demos, too—sighed a sigh of relief and of hope.

But, heh! heh! what a whale of a difference a party label makes when it comes to spending the public's money! The present legislature, already the longest in history, has perhaps been one of the most extravagant with taxpayers' funds and patience.

Legislators very obviously are doing the bidding of pressure groups and not that of their constituents. Oregon has government by lobby and suasion rather than by the people. But one man, in the entire mess, has kept his eye on his people—Governor Charles A. Sprague—and he has been a monument to his party and a welcome barrier to a lot of silly legislation.

It is a sad day for the people when the best argument for democrats is that the republicans are worse.

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On the highway, in boxcars and in all walks of life the complaining moocher is ever with us. Always it's "something wrong somewhere" keeps him from getting by. The fact that he waits until quitting time to ask for odd jobs has nothing to do with his plight; oh, no—it's the great wave of unemployment keeps a man like him down.

Time was, back in the depths of the depression, when sob stories were given credence because men who wanted to work couldn't find employment. Now, however, most people who sincerely look for jobs, and who will hold them after they find them, seem to be able to keep body and soul together at least most of the time.

The fellow who spends his time blaming "the system" or "the government" or some such goat is only diverting attention from his real trouble—worthlessness, laziness and indolence. People who blame their difficulties onto the popular object of complaint are right when they say something is wrong with the country—and they're it.

**LETTERS to the Editor**

**LAW MISUNDERSTOOD**

To the Editor: Your editorial of Feb. 17 under the caption "Overzealousness Can Defeat a Good Purpose" has just come to my attention.

I am quite interested in the comment contained in this editorial and I agree with most of your observations. However, I am of the opinion that you did not have an opportunity to read a copy of this proposed law having to do with speed limits on Oregon highways. The proposed law is not a definite speed limit. It retains the provisions of the basic speed law which has amended to cause it to read prima facie evidence of a violation of the basic rule which is quite similar to the law now operating in Oregon except that the burden of proof is shifted to the motorist. Furthermore, the highway commission is authorized under the proposed act to change the "designated" speeds providing such alterations of speeds are properly displayed by suitable signs along the highways in question. This measure is in line with the

recommendations of the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety, which conference, as you know, is composed of the United States Bureau of Public Roads, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the American Automobile Association, the United States Department of Commerce, the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Safety Council and other organizations. The bill also has the endorsement of the National Grange, the American Legion, the Parent-Teachers association, and other fraternal, civic, and service organizations.

There seems to be a general impression throughout the state that the bill is a definite 50-mile speed limit measure and in view of such conclusion I question the public acceptance just at this time. In other words, I feel that the public should be fully acquainted with the provisions of the act and how it would operate in order that it might receive full cooperation and acceptance because the success of any safety program depends upon this very thing.

Thanking you for your editorial interest, I am

EARL SNELL,  
Secretary of State.

Paul Horne and Ellis Linger visited in Corvallis last week-end.

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**OF ALL THINGS!**  
By MINER STAFF WRITER

Progress of culture on the western coast of the United States; Sally Rand's nude ranch on the gayway of the San Francisco exposition is packing them in and it is the biggest attraction there. The stamp exhibit and the replica of Mark Twain's home haven't done so well and they quit charging admission, the visitor drops what he cares to in a box.

Charley McCarthy rates first on the one hour radio programs, according to a recent compilation. On the half hour programs Jack Benny comes first and Amos 'n Andy first with Walter Winchell a close second on the 15-minute broadcasts. We won't go any farther but if you want the seconds and thirds just call up the editor.

"Mein Kampf," Hitler's literary work, has yielded the author an estimated \$3,120,000 in royalties. On top of that he is assertedly the principal owner of the publishing house which brought the book out. Then the Minister of the Interior decreed that the community furnish all newly married couples with a copy of the volume so dictating has a profit side too.

Two editions are out in the United States after an acrimonious court battle which we won't go into here. One publisher has printed the authorized edition the rights of which were secured from der Fuehrer's agent. A rival publishing house after winning the law-suit, has produced what they call the unauthorized edition which, they say, carries no royalty for Adolph.

The critics are nearly unanimous in pronouncing the book,

"The Strange Hitler," a phony. The compilation of this course of April 1, require 150,000 words.

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