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This region has been experiencing spring weather for more than a month. Orchards are in bloom and temperatures are more indicative of early summer than the latter part of the winter season. Nature is rapidly donning her spring raiment, making hills and valley a wonderful sight to behold.

Ashland is in the midst of all this gorgeous spring setting. Added to the natural beauty which nature has lavished upon this section is a matchless city park, magnet for thousands of visitors during the summer months. Although not out in full raiment as yet, the park rapidly is assuming holiday attire and for several week-ends has been an attraction to hundreds of visitors.

While Oregon is not to be classed among the "hard winter" states, there are sections where winter prevails much more emphatically than it does in the valley of the Rogue and spring arrives weeks later than it does here. This is particularly true in counties east of the Cascade range where elevations are much greater and snow is prone to leave until after garden "sass" is on the market here. Not a few people from nearby counties spend at least one week-end in this valley every spring to get away from a state of doubtful spring weather to enjoy at least a few hours of the real thing. No doubt many visitors at the basketball tournament held in Ashland last week-end felt well repaid for spending a day or two here, as much for the change of climate as for the tournament itself. The two factors provided a setting for an enjoyable spring holiday.

More people of Oregon and northern California should be encouraged to visit the Rogue river valley at this season of the year. After several months of winter it should not be difficult to convince them that a visit, no matter how brief, to this favored district will give them a new lease on life and act as a stimulus to them in getting their own spring work underway. As stated in this column a few weeks ago, "What has California to offer that we haven't?"—except more nerve in exploiting their wares.

The writer believes that Oregonians should get better acquainted with Oregon before starting out to see the rest of the world and what better point could be offered for a starting point than this farthest advanced section of the state?

Hats Off to Little Westport!

The Miner doffs its tile to Coach Stensland and his squad of Westport high school basketball players. Representatives of one of the smallest schools entering the state "B" tournament, they carried off the highest honors, the coveted championship cup. They might also have been awarded another honor—that of having come the farthest of any team appearing in the tournament—for Westport is located on the lower Columbia river about midway between Astoria and Rainier.

To the casual spectator the Westport team looked far less impressive than other teams, Reedsport, Arlington and Corbett, to name a few, yet they took each of these teams in their stride, emerging with a victory over Corbett to capture the championship.

Coach Stensland seems to have instilled a basketball sense in his players that other coaches have been unable to fathom. There is less flash to the Westport boys but they never let down for a second in any of their games here. Being on the small end of the score at the half seemed to be the needed spark to them, for they were more effective in the second half than in the first.

It was little wonder that a majority of the crowd was with the Westport boys after their win over Reedsport. One could not help feeling that there was championship material in that small group of hard-fighting, cool-headed boys from the little high school of 67 students, and as the tournament progressed the conviction grew that this was the strongest team appearing on the floor.

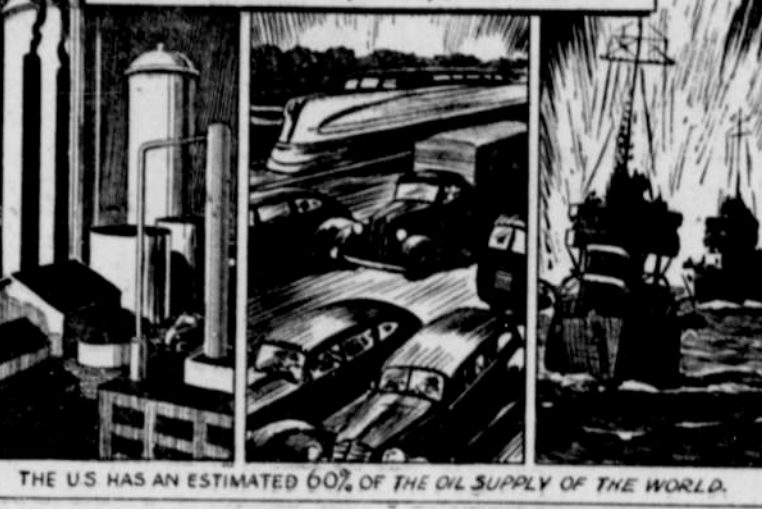
OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

ONE OF THE NEW FRONTIERS

WHEN, IN 1907, ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF THE "GREAT INDIAN RESERVE"—MISSOURI TO ROCKIES—TEXAS TO CANADA—BECAME THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA—MANY SAID: "THE FRONTIER'S GONE."

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Dry February Makes Water Prospect Poor

An unusually dry February in Oregon—even while California was being deluged—has changed the irrigation water picture for this state materially in the past month, according to the March report of water prospects issued by Arch Work of Medford. The snow surveys and water forecasts are sponsored cooperatively in this state by the Soil Conservation Service and the state college experiment station.

Unless conditions as to snow

cover and prospective runoff improve more during March than is to be expected, a late season water shortage in some sections of the state could occur, says Work.

Considering all storage reservoirs together, the amount of water now in storage is greater than last year at this time, but fewer reservoirs are half full or better than for several years. In other words, some of the larger ones are well filled now, but the condition is not general.

Looking at the state by regions, it appears that the most shortage in prospect now is in northeastern Oregon, with some in southern Oregon and the central Cascades. Southeastern Oregon and the south central basin around Klamath Falls are in pretty good shape, says Work.

This preliminary summary of conditions is not intended as a final forecast, by any means, as conditions may change in the next month. The detailed forecasts for each region will be made early in April when Work will make the annual tour of the irrigation districts of the state to confer with cooperating agencies. All information will be pooled at that time in arriving at final forecasts.

Tom Foster of Greensprings was a business caller in Ashland Monday.

● Mrs. Esther Gates, who teaches at Afton, Ore., visited with relatives in Ashland last week-end.
● Mrs. John Springer of Portland visited with her brother, Frank Jordan, Sunday and Monday.

● Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Crandall entertained the Southern Oregon Osteopathic association at their home Monday evening. Dr. Crandall presented a paper entitled "The Heart." After the business meeting Mrs. Crandall served refreshments.
● Charles Weeks spent the week-end in Portland caring for business matters.
● Mr. and Mrs. Earl Woodbridge visited in Dunsmuir Sunday.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson.

In the Matter of the Estate of D. Perozzi, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled Court of the State of Oregon, for the County aforesaid, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of D. Perozzi, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said Louise Perozzi at the office of Briggs & Briggs, Attorneys, Pioneer Building, Ashland, Oregon.

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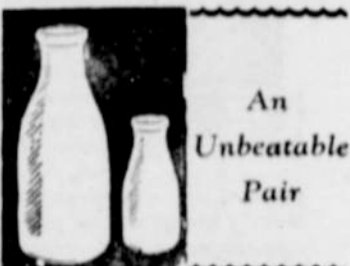
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