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A Good Choice

GENERAL satisfaction seems to prevail among local republicans over the choice of Wendell Willkie and Charles L. McNary to head the party ticket in the 1940 presidential election. While many admirers of Senator McNary would have been pleased to have him in the top spot, there has been no expression of regret over the convention's choice. As it stands it is a good selection and one that will make the position of the present regime insecure.

In Mr. Willkie, the republicans have nominated a man who up to the time of the spring primaries was little known to the public. His rise to national prominence has been meteoric and in the belief of many he is the type of executive needed to pull the country together in a united stand for Americanism in a time when our national existence is at stake. He is unfettered by political ties, although it is plain to see that his connection with a large utility will be used in an effort to embarrass his candidacy. He has severed connections with the Commonwealth and Southern, stepping down from a salary of \$75,000 a year to take up the battle to make America safe for Americans. Until the day of his acceptance of the nomination it is not likely that much will be forthcoming to indicate what course he will take in the campaign other than that he has said he will tour the country in behalf of the party.

Oregonians naturally feel that selection of Senator McNary for the post of vice president was the wise thing for the convention delegates to do. His selection adds strength to the ticket and leaves little for the opposition to shoot at. If elected to the second highest office in the land he will give the same great patriotic service to his country that has characterized his long period in the United States as senator from Oregon. If not elected, it is a comfort to know that he will not be deprived of his seat in the upper house of congress.

Might Be Tried Here

BICYCLES sometimes prove to be a menace to traffic, especially when riders fail to exercise proper judgment. Each year there are more and more automobiles and more and more bicycles using the streets and highways. Motor vehicles are licensed to operate and are regulated by a system of traffic laws. Bicycles are given the freedom of traffic lanes, with nothing more than suggestions as to the proper conduct of the riders.

Under this freedom many riders fail to observe rules of common courtesy. This frequently results in accidents which too often are blamed on motorists.

In an effort to eliminate needless hazards, some towns and cities are trying out bicycle traffic regulations with good results. In some instances the bicycles are registered and licensed. Riders are instructed in traffic regulations and encouraged in every way possible to avoid accidents. When a violation occurs the bicycle, and not the rider, is taken up and held by the city authorities, forcing the owner to walk the duration of the penalty. It is said that this plan has reduced carelessness and eliminated the smarty cyclist, all of which has brought direct relief to the harassed motorist.

It has been suggested that something of this nature be tried in

World Traveler Finds U. S. Not Popular Abroad

Marvin Klemme Says We Should Keep Our Own House in Order

Uncle Sam is looked upon as a meddler and is not regarded in the light of a good neighbor by that portion of the world which is now so largely embroiled in a second titanic conflict for supremacy, in the opinion of Marvin Klemme, ex-regional grazier, who recently returned from a tour of more than 30 foreign countries.

Heppner. There are not as many bicycles here as may be found in towns having more industries, but there are some riders who could profit from regulatory measures. The bicycles have a right to be on the streets and highways and the riders should appreciate that privilege to the extent of learning the road courtesies governing motorized traffic.

Klemme has written his observations in "An Open Letter to Senator Holman," a copy of which has been received by this paper. In submitting the letter for publication he says, "I don't know whether you will be in entire agreement with me on this or not, but I believe that you will be before another six months rolls around."

Because of the letter's length and wishing Gazette Times readers to get the full benefit of Klemme's observations, the article will be published in installments, the first of which is given herewith:

Burns, Oregon,
June 14, 1940.

Dear Senator:

In view of the grave situation, both national and international, facing these United States, I am taking the opportunity of addressing to you the following "open letter." The observations or comments contained herein are based primarily on the information gained on my tour thru Europe and parts of the Orient last summer and fall, supplemented by recent happenings, both at home and abroad.

I personally feel very strongly that the policies that have been, and are still being followed, by the present national administration are such as to endanger the very foundation of

this nation. Through our constant meddling and interfering in the affairs of other nations we are in grave danger of incurring the enmity or ill-will of a major portion of the people of the world. Not only has this meddling failed to solve anything but there is a strong likelihood that it has complicated or confused problems that might otherwise have been solved by the parties directly affected.

Without the backing, and at least to some extent without the knowledge of the American people, the president of this country has led the people of other nations to believe that we would take certain action that the country is not willing nor prepared to take. Through statements, both public and private, of our officials all the way from the president on down to the lowest diplomatic or consular employee, the so-called democracies have been given the impression that they could expect our assistance in any conflict with "totalitarianism," should such assistance be required. No matter what statements may be handed out by the different foreign offices, the fact remains that the great rank and file of the people of those countries expected to see us take active part in the present conflict after all the encouragement we had given them

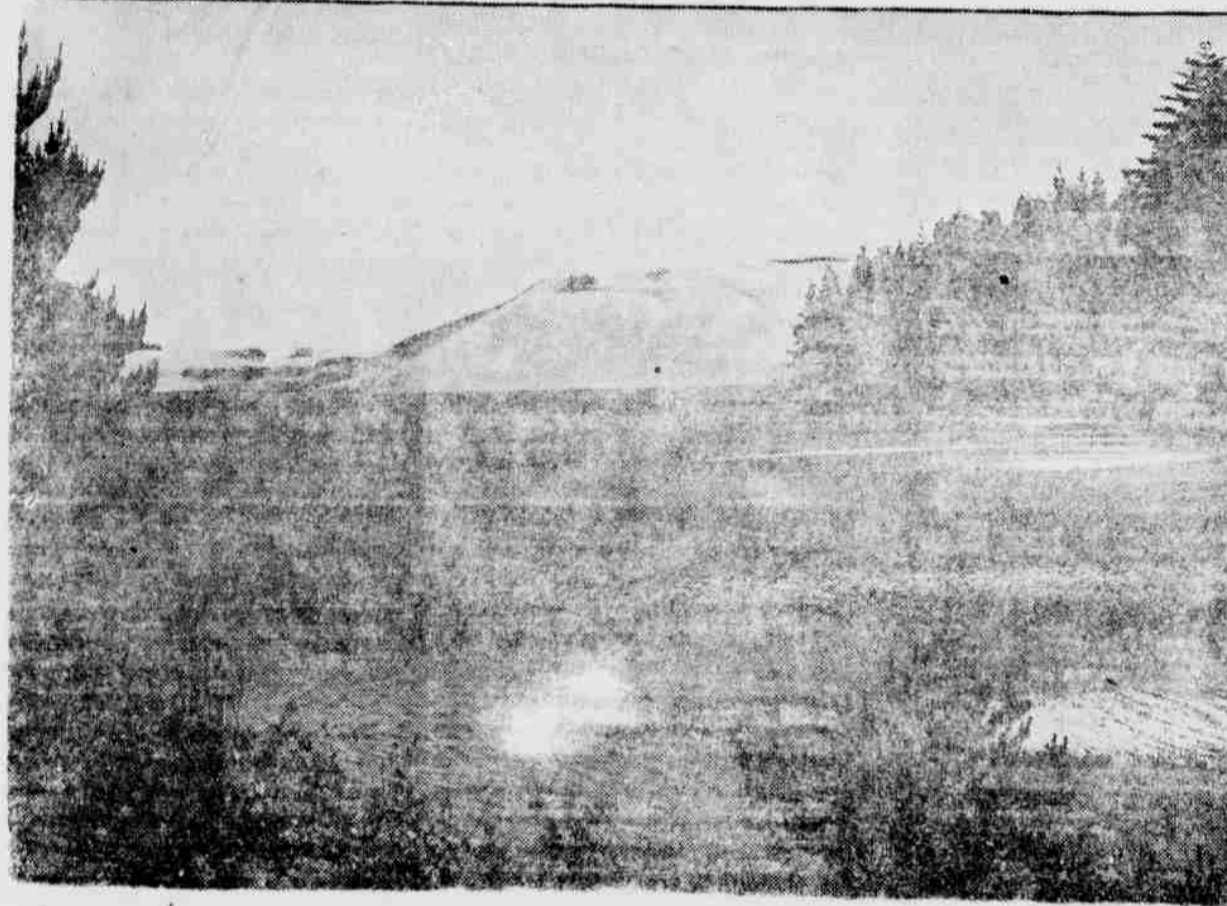
to resist.

In traveling France and Britain last fall, it was a common occurrence for some one to say, "Well, I suppose that you are on your way back home to enlist." In a rather long conversation that I had with a French colonel, when crossing into France from Switzerland, there seemed no doubt at all in his mind as to what we were expected to do. This indicates that not only the common people but high military officials as well expected help, should it be needed. A few weeks ago quite a scandal was stirred up when the German government published certain documents that were supposed to have been confiscated from the files of the Polish government, dealing with alleged indiscretions of the minister from the United States. I have no way of knowing whether or not these papers were authentic, but I don't doubt it in the least, because such statements were being made openly by many of the subordinate officials of our foreign offices.

It is only fair to state, however, that this expectation of help was not as strong in Britain as it was in France and the other continental countries. A considerable number of the people in Britain were doubtful as to whether or not the people

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VACATIONERS' PARADISE... COAST LAKES



On the shores of sparkling lakes that dot the coast area Oregon's vacationers find many resources for amusement.

The following article, presented in co-operation with the Oregon State Motor association, is one of a series designed to promote travel in the Pacific northwest. Today's article has been condensed from a motorlog appearing in The Sunday Oregonian July 7.

BY HERMAN EDWARDS
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We are going to dedicate today's motorlog story to the folks who like to explore. Not to the Admiral Byrds and the Roy Chapman Andrews and their fellow professional wanderers into far-away places, but

to the folks young and old, rich and poor, who are enslaved by the universal desire to go places and see things that offer variety from the routine demands of life.

To the angler who seeks untried waters, to the camera fan who quests for pictorial romance, to all those who explore the highways and byways in search of pleasant places to stay and good food to eat. We say:

"We know a place we can recommend for your enjoyment."

The place (the word doesn't take in enough territory—it's a whole region) is the ocean-side

lake areas of Lane and Douglas counties, nearest point of which is less than 170 miles from Portland as logged by the motorlog car of The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor association.

Florence, on the Siuslaw river inlet, may be described as the center of the lake area, which is within the boundaries of the Siuslaw national forest.

Nearby are miles of beaches of the Pacific ocean, its noisy surf muffled by majestic sand dunes that erect a grim barrier. The state parks department of the Oregon state highway commission, in co-operation with the forest service and the civilian conservation corps, has recognized the inevitable popularity of the region and wisely has planned a program of development for public enjoyment of the lakes, streams and nearby areas.

On the shores of Cleawox lake, whose sparkling waters mirror towering sand dunes, CCC troopers are engaged in one of the most ambitious of state park projects. Picnic areas of almost unbelievable charm, a fine stone building for use of bathers, sandy beaches and crystal-clear water are inviting an increasing number of holiday-makers.

On the north shore of Woahink lake, so named by the Indians, it is said, for its clear water, similar recreation areas have been provided in the virgin forest bordering the lake.

Southeastward, just over the hill from Woahink, Siltcoos lake, largest of the Oregon coast lakes, sprawls in irregular fashion in the foothills. The irregu-



The coast lakes on the map.

larity of its outlines makes one of its charms.

Eleven miles south of Florence is Tahkenitch lake. Tahkenitch long has been popular with the anglers, especially for its bass fishing. In addition to the bass there are trout, catfish, perch, bluegills and other species.

Sutton lake, six miles north of Florence, lies, a portion of it, beside the coast highway. Adjacent are forest camps with excellent picnic and camping grounds. Mercer lake lies just south and east of Sutton.

South of these two lakes and east of the highway are Clear and Munsel lakes.



The motorlog car pauses where the waters of Woahink lake border the highway.