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It Could Go On Forever

This column had all good intentions of letting our little controversy with Stewart Holbrook die . . . that is, until The Oregonian, last Monday, editorially commented that maybe we shouldn't needle the gentleman too far. Their writer informs us that his encyclopedia tells him there are four divisions into which a community may fall: city, town, village and hamlet and that if we were to complain too loudly Mr. Holbrook might drop our rating another notch down to a hamlet.

Maybe the Oregonian is right! After the publicity his articles have given the city (?) maybe we shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth but we rather doubt that our mild complaint will have much effect on future relations. However, we thought then we had a reasonable objection—and we still do!

The Oregonian didn't feel itself up to the job of being judge in the controversy so we decided to fall back on the greatest of all authorities in the

matter of words, Webster. A thorough examination of the New International unabridged volume holding down one corner of our desk gave us an indisputable answer — we're both right.

Naturally, we looked up the definition of a city first and found this: "CITY—in the United States, a municipal corporation occupying a definite area and subject to the state from which it derives its powers and for which it exists as an area of local government . . ." We believe Heppner qualifies. The Webster definition of a village was really helpful, "Any small aggregation of houses in the country being in general less in number than in a town or city and more than in a hamlet."

We feel we can prove our point and it looks as though Mr. Holbrook can prove his. As Heppnerites, we can all go on living in the "city" of Heppner, to Mr. Holbrook and the Oregonian, we shall continue to reside in the "village" of Heppner.

One thing certain, though, no one can accuse us of living in a "one horse town", We KNOW we have more horses than that.



"WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE"

"Our foreign policy would be entirely different today if we thought that war was inevitable," said Carlton Savage, Salem, who has spent the past 25 years with the United States state department in Washington, D. C. and is this week visiting relatives in the Willamette valley.

"The Kremlin is out for a world dominated by communism and all of our foreign policy is formulated with that in mind. As a central part of that policy we are building physical strength, hoping we shall never have to use it," Savage asserted.

"There is more emphasis on consultation with the military than ever before in forming policy," he added, "I deplore today's foreign policy scene as not a pretty picture, but there can be no clear cut policy that has all desirable features today; this is bad, that's bad, but you have got to choose one, and none are a very happy solution," he continued.

NO STATE PROPERTY TAX

For the 11th straight year there

won't have to be a state property tax. The state tax commission made this statement in announcing their state tax levy; that \$87,693,539 will be needed in taxes for state purposes for the fiscal year which begins July 1. This is \$16,000,000 more than was used the past fiscal year.

MUST CALL FOR BIDS

All school districts are now required to call for bids on purchases of supplies and other materials. Heretofore only the first class districts in the state were required to ask for bids.

This change was made by the 1951 legislature and became effective August 2.

MORE EMERGENCY TEACHERS
There is a shortage of certified teachers in Oregon and while all positions will be filled it will require the issuance of emergency permit certificates for the 1951-1952 school year.

About 2000 emergency certificates are contemplated. Required qualifications vary in different states and out-of-state teachers are given these certificates until they can become eligible for permanent certificates next year.

DIGEST OF OPINIONS

Recent opinions made by Attorney General George Neuner include:

Lands acquired through tax foreclosure and remaining unsold after time published for sale for lack of bids may be sold by county court under provisions of Oregon law, as amended, with-

out further notice.

The Oregon law establishing domestic relations departments in certain judicial districts, was not intended to change existing procedure of district and justice courts in issuing warrants and of judges of those courts in acting as committing magistrates in connection with crimes mentioned in the statute.

A person, other than a student, who operates a vehicle carrying students to or from school for compensation, is required to secure a chauffeur's license.

Small loan company's plan of "releasing" borrower and having him execute "collateral guaranty contract" as part of former loan secured by note of which he was a comaker, in order to permit him to assume further liability within statutory aggregate amount that it may lend him, cannot be approved by superintendent of banks for use in Oregon. The attempted resale would not be effective.

SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS HIT

One of the many laws passed by the 1951 legislature, which went into effect this month, is worrying small school districts of the state. This new law requires all public agencies to install a 40-hour week for employees. Many of these districts have been employing janitors and similar help on a 48-hour week basis. The districts have no extra money budgeted.

"This law has caused more in-

Potato Digging

Starts at Boardman

By Flossie Coats

It is potato digging time again. Mr. Ott the inspector reports the potatoes are of a very good grade this year. The Millers are shipping two to three car loads a day. Other growers are trucking their to different towns nearby.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell De Mauro and family of Hood River are visiting a few days with Mrs. De Mauro's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Skoubo, also her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Ed Skoubo's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tannehill visited at the C. A. Tannehill home over the weekend.

Edgar Macken and family stopped over Wednesday night with his mother Mrs. C. Macken. They were on their way home at Haines.

Esther and Edna Knight returned home Sunday after spending several weeks in California visiting Fred Knight who is in the service.

Roerta and Bobby Dewese, of Salem, Oregon are spending their vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dewese.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Minnick and son and Mrs. Fred Hooper are spending a few days in Portland visiting Mrs. Hooper's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Christopherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Briggs visited the Jack Mulligan's, at Othello, Washington, Sunday. Also, went to see the Coulee dam during the week end.

Mrs. Frank Marlow entertained a "Stanley" party Tuesday evening at her home.

The Better Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Tim Rippee Monday afternoon, the main discussions were transplanting of irises and the booth for the fair. It was also voted to adopt a membership scoring to create interest.

The rats at the city dump are becoming a menace. The subject was taken up at the regular City Council meeting Monday evening and it was voted to put out poison at the dump. It was also voted to spray again for mosquitoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root and son of Athena were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. Root's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Root. Mrs. Mattie Scott of Seattle is spending a few days with her

daughters, Miss Jean Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Skoubo are grandparents of twins boys, who are new arrivals, Saturday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Simlla, Portland.

Curtis Root is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Root.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West returned Friday from a two weeks vacation.

Summer Music Festival Set For Aug. 11-20 At Portland

The City of Portland will play host to Oregonians and tourists with a Summer Festival of Music, August 11-20, in the Rose City's Washington Park open-air amphitheatre, as part of its Centennial observance.

During the fortnight of musical festivity listeners will dance, see, and hear Bizet's opera Carmen, a performance by children of Midsummer Night's Dream, public square and folk dancing, and concerts by Portland's summer band.

Highlight of the festival is Carmen, to be presented in three performances by the Portland Civic Opera Association. The association, a non-profit group, was recently incorporated under the laws of Oregon, was formed to meet the local demand for a bona fide grand opera company. Carmen will be heard Saturday, August 11, at 5 p.m.; Sunday, August 12, at 5 p.m.; and Saturday, August 18, at 8:30 p.m. All performances, free to the public, will be staged in the Washington Park Rose Gardens open-air amphitheatre.

Carmen features a cast of more than 200, including a 100-voice chorus, a 45-piece orchestra, boys choir, principals, and extras.

The Portland Civic Opera Association, which is sponsoring and producing Carmen, was also responsible for the 1950 performance in Washington Park of Aida, and, more recently, the Portland premiere of Gian-Carlo Menotti's two operas "The Medium" and "The Telephone."

Carmen is being conducted and directed by Ariel Rubstein director of the Portland School of Music, with staging by Arthur Perrow of the same school's faculty. Singers have been recruited from all walks of life. Some are music students, most are not. Helen McCartney (Micaela) is a housewife and mother of two. Baritone James Duyen is a former pilot who flew combat with the Dutch air force. Robert Lep-

daughter, Miss Jean Scott.

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pert is a professional photographer; Bruce Marvin a voice teacher. This is an opera of, by, and for just plain people.

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Guests at the A. J. Chaffee home were Mr. Chaffee's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Chaffee of Spokane, Washington. The two families spent the weekend in John Day.

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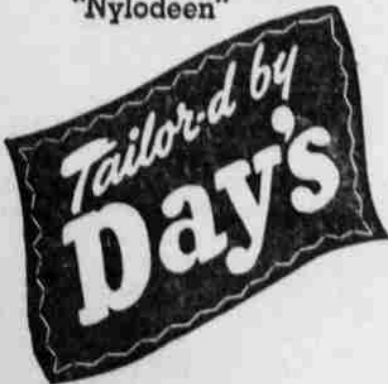
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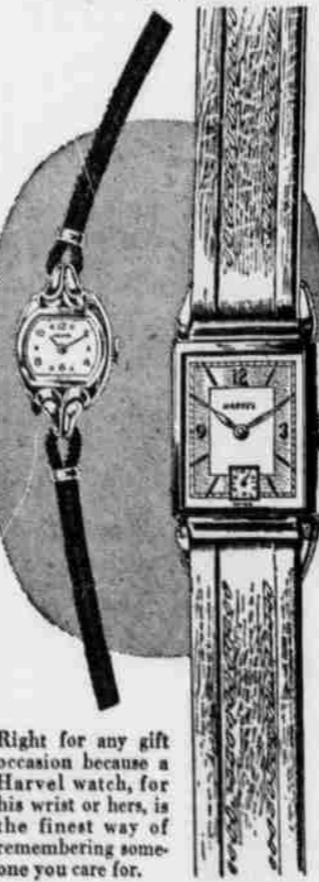
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