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Smudge Smoke

People are keeping pretty much under cover during the present hot spell.
The Dub Watson boy ran away one day last week with another boy and explored Bear Crk. and when he got home received quite a dusting off.

Col. Stewart has had one of his riveting machines destroyed in the office the last three (3) days, and it makes more racket than a motorcycle. It is built on the same principle as a dentist's drill, and is the same size as a dentist's drill feels to the patient.

The state health department has ordered Otto Shimoda, 7, to drink milk, but he is defying them, as he does not like milk, and feels that he is being crubbed by the capitalists. He is underweight, and will have to put on more beef. A compromise was effected, when Shimoda agreed to eat beans instead of drinking milk, but he will get awful tired of the beans, before long.

Moses Barkdull has returned from the Klamath River country, where he secured a couple of mts, and was not able to walk for two (2) days. Moses gives a vivid description of his encounter with the great outdoors, and is over his fatigue.

A letter from F. Wortman who is in Nebraska says it is so hot there that the Democratic party is not viable to the naked eye, and he wishes he had stayed home.
Peoria Bill, Gates has returned from Salem where he attended a conference, and made a speech, and reports that Julius is being fed.

E. Ulrich of the hills was down Fri., stopped in front of hydrant, ran by stop sign, kept in the middle of the street, and otherwise acted like he was from Calif.
An Austin demonstrated the middle of the week that it can't win an argument with a telephone pole any better than any other popular priced cars.

A TIME TO KEEP COOL

IT'S hot. Business isn't good. The public temper is decidedly on edge. There are scores of people about, normally peace loving, willing to fight about something, or nothing at all, at the drop of the hat.
It's a time for hot heads to be cooled, and for cool heads to stay cool and function. As Kipling remarked, if you keep your head, when all about you are losing theirs, then you're a man, my son.

THERE is no point in denying the world-wide depression. It exists. But a depression is like a theatre fire. The great danger lies not in the fire, but in its psychological effect,—what the people do in their effort to escape it.
If they keep cool, refuse to be stampeded, walk out in orderly fashion, the resulting destruction is invariably slight. But if they lose their heads, rush for the exits, what could have been a minor tragedy becomes a major one.

JUST one person in an audience can, by losing his head, sacrifice his own life and the lives of countless others, turn a critical situation into a catastrophe. So with fire discovered in the economic structure, a few undisciplined and "yellow" defeats, can turn a depression into a panic.

Things locally are not so good, but they could be a lot worse. According to reports from other parts of the state, and other parts of the country, Medford and the Rogue River valley are better off than most districts. Only yesterday a visitor from Los Angeles came into this office, and said the people of Southern Oregon don't know what the depression is.

We have an idea he is right. We have heard the same thing from other sections.

AT ANY rate, WHATEVER the conditions,—assume for the sake of argument they ARE bad,—this much is certain: quitting in the face of them, yelling "fire" and rushing for the exits, can only make them worse. And meeting them calmly, courageously and intelligently, can only make them better.

Every crisis reveals the true character of the individual. The four-flusher always flees; the man of character and substance, always holds his ground and fights back.
The latter type is needed now. Leadership is needed now,—fighting leadership, constructive leadership, the sort of leadership that keeps its head, while others all about are losing theirs.

MEDFORD has been through hard times before,—conditions far more serious than those existing today. And the same high quality of citizenship, directed by the same aggressive and resourceful leadership, that pulled it through triumphantly in the past, we are confident will pull it through today.

It's no time to fight among ourselves, it's time for everyone to get together,—not wasting time in pretending conditions are better than they are, but facing the situation as it actually is, and intelligently meeting it.

NO USE FOR SQUAWKING

IN A week or so pear picking will start in the valley. This will mean a daily payroll,—profitable work for many who have been idle.

The money paid out here will remain here. And it will be spent here, for hoarding is neither fashionable nor practical at the present time. Every business in the valley will benefit as a result.

The California Oregon Power company is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in new construction at Prospect. Between four and five hundred men are on the payroll, a tent city has sprung up. Only local labor has been employed, and everyone in Southern Oregon will benefit.

The new High School is nearing completion, but for several weeks many men will be profitably employed. When that work ends the construction of the new County Court House will begin, and thus a large payroll will be continued through the winter.

Savings deposits in the local banks are greater today than they have ever been before. Medford has less unemployed, in proportion to its population, than any city its size in the state. There are a few in want, but only a few. The vast majority have money, and as a result of widespread deflation that has affected the rank and file, as well as big business, this money is going to be spent.

WE HEAR a great deal about the default on irrigation bonds.

But, while this will be tough on the bond holders, they will eventually get more than similar bond holders in any other irrigation district in the state. And the property owners will ultimately benefit, with lower interest charges, and the cost of water reduced to the point when normalcy returns—AS IT WILL return—where the overhead can be easily met.

This isn't Pollyanna whang doodle, it's the truth,—facing the situation as it really is. Nothing to call out the Elks band for,—on the other hand, nothing to justify gathering about the municipal waiting post for an orgy of disaster and gloom.

It's merely facing the situation as it is,—merely looking at the best side of the picture, instead of joining the squawking chorus and looking at the worst.

Still if you spend your money instead of investing it, you at least know where it went.

It is estimated that America has 70 per cent of the automobiles and 85 per cent of the emergency wards.

Let the new golf balls alone, it's the dub's first decent alibi.

Still its nice to locate federal hospitals where disabled vets will be close to influential politicians.

Patriotism is that pain in the neck you feel when a foreigner wins a championship.

At any rate, education enables you to make more money than an educator.

Maybe the return of hooch would bring prosperity. In the old days it made men feel rich enough to blow the wad.

Ford taught the Russians how to make tractors and now they are underselling him in Europe. This is the first good Ford joke in years.

Still, watching the efforts of statesmen gives you the comforting assurance that you aren't so dumb, after all.

FLIGHT O' TIME

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
From the Files of The Mail Tribune

Monday
The "big push" is under way by allied armies along the entire western front.

Oregon's share of federal road fund is \$78,416.09.

"Bulldoz" Vernon of Pendleton roundup fame is in the valley buying mules for the British government.

Editorial says: "Southern Oregon resents attitude of Portland press to Crater Lake."

Quicksilver mining in valley in midst of revival.

Tuesday
Forty-five million dollar loss to property caused by explosion of munition plants at Black Tom, N. J.

General Aleksis Kuropatkin idol of Russia since victories over Austrians in the Carpathians.

A high wind makes fishing poor along Rogue river.

Two dozen pheasants liberated by state on George Mansfield ranch along the Rogue.

Head of lettuce weighing five pounds raised at Gold Hill is stolen from C. of C.

Wednesday
William S. Hart, "the man whose face portrays 1000 emotions," at page in "The Aryan."

Proposal made that city operate a motor truck line to Blue Lodge mine instead of hauling railroad.

Wade Hampton, Ashland racehorse, defeats Jessie Mills, Medford equine, in a special race.

Ford car prices for year announced: \$300 for roadster, \$345 for runabout.

Austrian army enveloped by Russian drive in Carpathians.

Kaiser Wilhelm, addressing his troops on western front, makes famous declaration: "I will make the British eat granite."

Thursday
The Woodrow Wilson league of Jackson county girls loins for hot campaign and orders "Keep Us Out of War" buttons.

Hob Denel and Sprague Reigel are driving a new car down from Portland.

Railroad workers of land favor a general strike.

Espee puts picture of Crater Lake on the back page of 100,000 time tables.

Harry G. Wortman of Medford elected grand chancellor of the Oregon Knights of Pythias.

"Chew Spear Head, Rich, fruity, sweet. The most popular chew in a third of a century." (Avt.)

Friday
Sir Roger Casement, Irish knight, hanged by British for treason; Irish threaten revolt.

Sugar factory officials visit city and size up situation.

Miss Helen Haskins and Miss Helen Lawton leave for vacation at Newport.

Trout going up the irrigation ditches fret fishermen.

Rich gold strike reported in Spencer Gulch near Jacksonville.

"The Vindication of Martha" at the Page thrills movie fans, with Norma Talmadge in the leading role.

Police kept busy all morning keeping band of Gypsies on move.

The Oregon Spirit

As Others See It
(S. F. Call-Bulletin)

Up there in Oregon the hop growers have decided that they will give no work to anybody who thinks that prohibition is right; and is unwilling to work against the eighteenth amendment.

They met in Salem and passed a resolution without one dissenting vote. In it they urged that "inasmuch as the hop growing industry is one of our greatest industries, creating a payroll of over \$2,000,000 annually and the harvesting of the crop employs over 40,000 men and women, and as we have suffered and our product is in jeopardy thru prohibition. . . . We employ those in sympathy with our product and the modification of our present laws."

Last Friday, in the heat of that meeting, that resolution probably seemed like a good idea, but it wasn't really as wise as the hop growers thought it. In fact, it takes a leaf from the fanatical prohibitionist's own book of narrow-mindedness and passion. The fanatical cry would oppose and punish the man who does not agree with him. It is tragic, indeed, when that same fanatism appears among the hop growers and persuades them that it is right to deprive men and women of the right to earn their living in the hop fields.

It is one thing to have an honest opinion, quite another to believe you must punish the man who does not agree with you.

Trees and Weather

Forecast by Year
(San Bernardino Sun)

Anyone with a strong desire to know something about ancient climates and weather should turn to Dr. Andrew Douglas of the University of Arizona and to Dr. Ernest Antevs of the University of Stockholm for information.

Dr. Douglas has worked with trees for his laboratory. For 30 years he has collected records of tree growth, believing he would find some relation between them and the weather. He succeeded. Comparison of 10,000 annual rings with accurate rainfall year by year disclosed a direct relation between growth and moisture.

The story told by one tree was proved by the many forests of trees over a wide area. In the pine woods of California, Dr. Douglas was able to compile a weather calendar going back 1000 years. B. C. Studying the rings in timber taken from ancient pueblo settlements in the Southwest, he studied whether history in that region as far back as 700 A. D.

Dr. Antevs used for his research layers of clay deposited by melting glaciers in the Connecticut valley 4000 years ago. By counting such layers one discovers the total age of the deposit. The thickness of the layers is a measure of solar activity—the hotter the summer, the more glacial ice melted, the more water there was and the thicker the layers.

What is it all about, and why? The study of climates, past and present, and the relation between weather fluctuation and the sun's heat, may eventually show the way to long-range weather forecasting. Some day the meteorologists and other scientists may be able to tell us in advance whether summer is going to be hotter or cooler or wetter or drier than normal, and then we may be able to prepare for it properly. But even without any utilitarian service, reading nature's historical works in this way is fascinating enough to justify the time and wisdom devoted to the task.

Press Comment

WHAT NOW, EUGENE?
(Roseburg News Review)

It is extremely hard for us here in Roseburg to figure out just what we are supposed to believe about the position Eugene is taking regarding its offering of a site for the northwest soldiers home.

A news dispatch from Astoria says that a group of Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting there, passed a resolution endorsing Eugene. T. O. Russell of Eugene was first named as sponsor of the resolution. This was later corrected, and a former congressman from Idaho given credit for the sponsorship. No doubt the whirlwind lobbyist from Eugene had a whole lot to do with it in spite of the correction item.

Now here is the puzzling part: Neatly gilded statements from

Stars In Cast of "Outward Bound," Now at Ho



Eugene have oft-repeated that the site offering in Eugene is only a "second choice." While those statements are being so glibly issued, Russell and other Eugeneans run hither and thither seeking openly to put Roseburg out of the running. Have those Eugene leaders no sense of humor or honesty at all?

Faced with the fact that the state of Washington has united on one city, the time has come when the state of Oregon is entitled to know, and in no uncertain terms, whether or not the city of Eugene is to continue in its devious dealings.

A united Oregon, with Eugene as a part of the unity, won the home for Oregon against a divided Washington. When the matter was completely read to be settled for Roseburg, a group in Eugene mobilized powerful interests and influences and succeeded in nosing into the picture as a contender. Now, though the state is still a unit for Roseburg, Eugene has caused to be set up a semblance of division of which the state of Washington is attempting to take full advantage.

The entire state of Oregon has an equity in this matter. Eugene stands as a stumbling block in the way of a quick and favorable decision for Oregon. The time has come when the rest of the state is entitled to join with us in asking that Eugene stand by her published statements—and stand by them both in spirit and to the letter.

The Eugene chamber of commerce has said repeatedly that a site is being offered in Eugene, only in the event Roseburg is rejected.

That statement means simply that Eugene has no site to offer until the government has definitely refused Roseburg site offerings. That has not occurred.

The time has come when Oregon's unity must be restored. The time has come when Eugene should stand by what she has said. The time has come for Eugene to withdraw her site offerings.

AN ABSURD SITUATION

Governor Meier in announcing that he will issue unconditional pardons to all motor car owners who may be arrested during July for failure to equip their vehicles with new auto license plates has made another magnificent gesture for popular applause for himself and to direct public criticism against Secretary of State Hoss.

It is the typical political maneuver of a demagogue, motivated conspicuously by the friction existent between the executive and Hoss, which has been caused mostly by the secretary of state's refusal to bow his head in meek submission to the governor's dictation. There are grounds for a without himself violating the law

strong suspicion that had Hoss taken it upon himself to seek to set aside the operation of the license law he would have been publicly censured by Governor Meier for failure to perform his duty.

Whatever compassion Mr. Hoss may feel for those who cannot by reason of economic circumstances rather together the money with which to buy licenses just now he is powerless to assist them and imposing an injustice upon that half of the motor car owners of Oregon who made the effort to purchase their licenses on time. Among the 140,000 auto drivers who up to Tuesday night had secured licenses there are hundreds less able to spare the money at this time than thousands who will take advantage of the governor's leniency.

There is no reason to believe that those who have not already been able to buy licenses, when they were fully aware that they would be required to do so, will buy better off on August 1 than they are now.

This latest clash between the governor and secretary will, however, be much-to-be desired to serve to awaken in mind a more acute interest in the fact that motor in Oregon are unjust and pave the way for meant of the production Hoss had advocated, to a flat figure which pose upon automobile burden no greater interest to meet the required requirements of road bonds of counties.

The absurdity of license schedule of license to apparent in the process which finds the building no high class of motor vehicles to use the highways is ing too.

Reading that no graduating class in university believes in only ask mildly why of today are rapid Herald.

Used Car and Truck SALE
To Continue All This Week
Many have taken advantage of our low prices on Used Cars and Trucks, but there are still plenty to be sold before August 1!
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