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Time to Call a Halt

WE have been visited by several members of the Chamber of Commerce urging us to oppose the abandonment of the Siskiyou Highway reconstruction project and fight for its re-establishment.

They point out that this improvement is greatly needed to provide work for the unemployed; that the government money for it has been appropriated and that if it is not spent here it WILL BE SPENT SOMEWHERE ELSE; that the improvement of the California gateway is demanded by public policy, and if it is not done, Jackson county will suffer seriously, in the competition between the Pacific Highway and the Redwood highway for 1933 tourist travel.

WE don't question the truth of ANY of these statements. We admit it is very unfortunate that this project can't be carried out at this time.

But as we view it, from the standpoint of good business sense, and the necessity of cutting our garment to fit the cloth, there is, not only from the standpoint of present, but probably future, conditions, NO OTHER WAY OUT.

So in lieu of arguments more cogent and convincing than those advanced, we declined to go along with those who refuse to accept the decision of the State Highway commission, and intend to fight for a reversal of the verdict.

MORE than that, we believe the time has come for all of us, this community and every other to get down to brass tacks, and quit kidding ourselves.

We are still in the midst of a devastating depression. Because of this depression, the credit of the state of Oregon is seriously threatened. The state budget, like the national budget, has not been balanced, and the outstanding and foremost job before this state, like the job before the government, is to balance the budget.

In order to do this the most stringent economy must be observed, and successful economy like successful charity should begin at home.

If we are to get out of the woods,—and we MUST (and will) get out of them—this community like every other, must assume its share of the necessary sacrifice. We can no longer demand retrenchment and economy from other communities, in the way of public improvements through government aid, and refuse to accept retrenchment and economy when THIS community is concerned.

TRUE, by abandoning this Siskiyou Highway project, government money will be lost, but the federal money already appropriated, represents only a small portion of the sum needed to complete this project.

In his recent budget message President Hoover recommended the drastic reduction of future federal appropriations for road construction. There is, therefore, little likelihood that this year's appropriation would be available next year, and be continued until the Siskiyou project had been completed.

But even if this government money SHOULD be made available, the project could not be carried on and completed without financial assistance from this state.

Where would the state of Oregon get the money?

THERE is only one source,—the taxpayers. But taxes are now so high, all records for delinquency in this state have been broken.

Moreover, the funds for highway construction, have only been provided in the past by maintaining extremely high automobile license fees and increasing the gas tax. There is a public demand for lower license fees which won't be denied. A reduction from an average of over \$22 to \$3, is probable. Any increase in the gas tax would be vigorously resisted, and more than one cent increase is simply not in the cards.

What does this mean? It means that in all likelihood, the highway commission will, at least for the next two years, have a revenue sufficient only for maintenance, necessary repairs, and interest on the bonded debt. This will mean no money for new construction, except by a special tax.

But this Siskiyou project would be new construction. So we return to our original starting point: WHERE WOULD THE STATE OF OREGON GET THE MONEY?

NO, brethren, we can't HAVE our cake and EAT it! We CAN'T go on building new de luxe motor highways—here or anywhere else—and ALSO cut down our license fees, and our monthly gas purchases. We CAN'T go on matching government money with state and county money—acceptable as government money is—and ALSO balance our budget, and reduce our back breaking tax burden.

WE MUST DO ONE THING OR THE OTHER. Either stop spending money, and by the most drastic retrenchment and economy, put our financial house in order; or keep on spending money AND GO BROKE.

There is the whole thing in a nutshell.

And this is why, much as we would like to see this new Siskiyou Highway built now when there are so many men out of work, and a stimulation of the tourist travel would be so desirable—

We agree with the members of the state highway commission, that under present circumstances it should not be attempted,— and CAN'T be attempted without risking EXTREMELY SERIOUS FINANCIAL COMPLICATIONS for the state, and its people, in the immediate future.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, return-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

SHORT COURSE IN STREPTOCOCCOLOGY.

At the end of the 44 to 46 hours incubation, the students developed acute sore throat and tonsillitis, with fever, malaise, headache, leukocytosis (sudden increase in the number of white corpuscles, phagocytes, in the blood). The illness lasted three or four days. Cultures from the throats of these volunteer invalids showed the same hemolytic streptococcus as had been obtained ordinarily from the inflamed skin of the erysipelas patient, but none of the volunteers had erysipelas.

This is it evident that the same germ may cause scarlet fever in one patient, sore throat and fever without rash in another patient, or erysipelas in still a third case. And that part of what the streptococcus can do. It figures as the main or perhaps the only germ responsible for the most serious septic infection of wounds and acute septicemia (acute blood poisoning). It is responsible for the most serious cases of appendicitis and peritonitis.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. When the Dietrichs Discharge. When dietitian says vegetables should be cooked in plenty of water in an open vessel. Another says they should be cooked without any water in a tightly covered vessel.—M. A. W.

Answer—It is a matter of personal taste or preference. It is always well to use the water in which vegetables are cooked to make soup or gravy. No Egg Massage, Thank You. You claim the skin doesn't absorb. Don't take my word for it, but just rub your face with plenty of the beaten white of an egg and let it dry thoroughly, say for 20 minutes.

Shortly to have an impacted molar extracted. Local anesthetic will not suffice. Gas makes me ill. Ether has terrible effect on my hair. Could a sedative, such as — be used effectively? Is a doctor's prescription necessary to obtain it?—H. L.

Answer—The physician, surgeon or dentist can administer whichever anesthetic he deems best, without prescription. Leave it to the doctor's judgment. (Copyright, John F. Dille Co.)

Jenkins' Comment

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up, he turns around and bites you. So I kept my mouth shut." Not a bad idea, at that. Too many DON'T.

Editorial Comment

The city of Medford cannot be accused of being dilatory in the matter of celebrating the 75th anniversary of the creation of the state of Oregon, as well as the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the city of Medford. It has also preempted the second week in June, not next year, but June, 1934, for the purpose of serving notice on the rest of the world to set aside this week for their big celebration.

After all, maybe it's a good thing the all-American teams do include half the players in the country. They make good reading grounds for heated argument and the more players they put on them, the fewer injuries are wrought.

Large shipment of cement arrived for construction work at target's lodge on Rogue river at this place.

Portland—Pave Gilbert opened Columbia Beauty Shop in Columbia Barber Shop at 1724 N. E. 40th avenue.

It takes a Christmas Seal to make it a Christmas gift.

IDLE CONVERGE ON WASHINGTON



With communist banners flying a group of jobless marchers from New England are shown on their way to Washington. A cool reception awaited them in the capital. Mass parades are held and a solar array prepared for any emergency. The demonstrators will ask congress for additional unemployment relief. (Associated Press Photo)

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGETS HOLDING NEAR LAST YEAR

Few Show Decrease in List of Anticipated Expense for Ensuing Year — Some Yet to Be Submitted

Practically all of the school districts have filed with the county assessor their budgets for the year, and show a slight decrease over last year in some instances, but for the most part are the same.

The budget estimates for the incorporated cities and towns are: Medford \$170,705.21, Ashland 59,970.00, Central Point 15,009.07, Jacksonville 10,036.00, Phoenix 16,795.35, Eagle Point 6,324.83, Butte Falls 13,438.68, Talent 7,464.00, Gold Hill 21,941.00, Rogue River 8,944.25, Prospect 13,313.80.

For the remainder of the school districts, the budget estimates are as follows: Trail \$ 585.20, Lower Schoolhouse 2,051.02, Ruch 381.12, Neil Creek 880.00, Valley View 1,377.19, Lone Pine 4,028.50, Antelope 718.00, Meadows 2,401.00, Long Mountain 409.49, Siskiyou 665.95, Brownsboro 183.34, Applegate 635.00, Pankey 93.00, Lost Creek 221.52, Forest Creek 1,025.61, Rees Creek 1,178.56, Liberty 438.78, Beaver Creek 3,084.84, Hatchery 935.00, Little Applegate 374.41, Alderbrook 96.01, Roguelands 7,600.00, Pinehurst 827.55, Fern Valley 600.00, Howard 7,385.00, Kenwood 2,228.36, Colestein 408.85, Willow Springs 1,211.50, Independence 1,175.00, Agate 315.22, Astloch 635.00, Sams Valley 6,200.00, North Phoenix 627.00, Provolt 206.89, Derby 848.98, Clatsburg 587.19, Sterling 507.17, Thompson Creek 581.00, Debeneger Gap 2,000.00, Crater Lake 2,145.00, Dead Indian 69.84, North Trail 2,348.50, Wagner Creek 1,349.33, Soda Springs 5,591.46, Little Butte 648.00, Laurelburg 616.27, Anderson 465.40, Bellview 3,380.50

Betrayer Convicted



Sidney Homewood, 24, riding master, was convicted by a supreme court jury in New City, N. Y., on the charge of betraying his socially prominent pupil, Charlotte Gibson, under promise of marriage. (Associated Press Photo).

JASPER C. PENDLETON, LONG A RESIDENT OF TABLE ROCK, PASSES

Jasper C. Pendleton, age 73, and a resident of the Table Rock district since coming to Jackson county more than 40 years ago, died Saturday following a prolonged illness. Mr. Pendleton was born in Iowa, April 13, 1859. When a very small boy he came west with his father and settled in California from whence he came to Jackson county in 1892. During his long residence here he has served two terms as county assessor and 12 years as deputy in that office. He leaves one son, Verne H. Pendleton of Central Point, also one brother and two sisters, Rev. J. W. Pendleton, Oakland, Calif., Mrs. N. C. Gunn of Medford, Calif., and Mrs. George F. Holmes, Standish, Calif. Funeral services will be conducted at the Conger chapel at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday by Rev. D. E. Millard, with interment in the Central Point cemetery, under auspices of the Medford Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Pendleton was a member.

Band Box, Shoe Box Staging Fire Sale

The fire sale at the Band Box and Shoe Box, on East Sixth street, is being continued this week in order that a larger number of southern Oregon shoppers may take advantage of the attractive low prices on high grade merchandise which is only slightly damaged by smoke. Caused by a defective pipe connection in the stove at the rear of the store, fire broke out at the Band Box and Shoe Box Saturday evening, December 10, filling the place with smoke, which prevents their large stock of wearing apparel from being sold at the original prices. Shoes, dresses, hats and coats are included in the sale articles.

Lumber Man Falls 9 Stories To Death

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Fred W. Roblin, 49, manager of the pine department of the Morrill & Sturgeon Lumber company here, fell nine stories to his death today from the window of his office to the roof of a lower building. Police said it appeared Roblin fell accidentally while attempting to open the window because of excessive heat in the office. Beds of pain are eased with sheets of Christmas Seals. Buy several sheets.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson Count) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of '29 and '30 Year Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 19, 1922. (It was Tuesday.) After three days of plavering, Corvallis high given New Year's game with Toledo, O. team.

High school votes against giving letters to winners of stock judging contests.

Soent railroad down the Klamath river, via Blue Lodge mine.

Christmas shopping in full swing. Salvation Army kettles boll on the street corners.

Dealers report 12 autos bought as Christmas presents by local residents.

Millita called to subdue Klan fusa in Bastrop, La.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 19, 1912. (It was Thursday.) Elks hold their annual Christmas tree, to secure funds to provide cheer for 13 needy families.

"A Spectator" writes the editor to express regret that the account of the basketball game between the "Chosen Friends" and the Medford Athletics, "was so biased." It is true that several of the players were knocked down, but this was due to aggressive playing, and not foul playing.

Local Democrats in great anxiety over who will be postmaster, and who will be superintendent of Crater Lake national park.

Espee excursion to Los Angeles, with New Year's eve in San Francisco, lures local people, and more cars will be added to train to accommodate all.

GRAND JURY ENTERS SECOND WEEK'S WORK

The grand jury, William T. Greive foreman, entered its second week of its present session today, and according to the district attorney's office a number of matters are scheduled to be heard today. The grand jury expects to be through in a day or two.

RALPH GORTON LEAVING RADIO STATION KMED

Ralph Gorton, associated with the local KMED station since early in August, has severed his connections locally to take up new duties with the radio station in Eureka, Calif. It is expected that Mr. Gorton will remain here in Medford for several days prior to his departure to Eureka.

Fender and body repairing. Prices right. BRUI Sheet Metal Works.

When You Are In KLAMATH FALLS Stop At The WILLARD HOTEL Cheerful Service Modern Surroundings Central Location A1 Dining Room We Invite Your Patronage Rates \$1.50 Up WILLARD HOTEL 2nd and Main, Klamath Falls ALBERT AUSTIN, Mgr.

Ye Smudge Pot

Technocracy is scelping the Depression as a subject of conversation among the masses and the classes. It guarantees one and all money and leisure galore, and provides for only 660 hours work per year. This seems a trifle high, but can be reduced to the proper level later. Technocracy sounds potent and attractive, but what the country seems to need is a lot of Senocracy, and a fearless head examiner.

Hon. S. Claus will be here the end of the week, and it will be Christmas, Christmas comes but once a year. It would do no harm to spread the spirit it engenders over the remaining 364 days, but that would be too human. This Christmas, according to the best thought, will be "a unique Christmas." None disagree. Henceforth, not even the stars and the heart of Man been so embittered. The main idea seems to be Merry Hell, and a scrappy New Year to you.

A very young man won an argument with his Paw downtown yesterday, and is reported to have lost the argument as soon as he got home.

There was a hairy fog Sunday, and it was difficult to see clearly. This is not an unusual condition, even when there 's no fog.

The times have caused a decided gain in the number of newspaper columns, some of which are almost as rotten as this one.

WHAT! DIDN'T CUSS BACK!

Dear Miss Patfax: I am writing this letter to find out if a girl is right in slapping a man in the face if he swears before her. One day my girl chum was talking to some girls and boys of her own age, which is around 18, when one of the boys started swearing in a very free manner. The girl boxed his ears and walked away.

According to the 30 years ago section of this paper, Kurt He is predicting that Bud Anderson, "The Pride of Medford," would be lightweight champion in 90 days. Sad to relate, Mr. Hall's buoyant optimism of the happy 1910 has curdled and he sees no hope for anything or anybody, in less than 90 years.

Winnie Ruth Judd, the Arizona murderess, doomed to hang in February for a particularly brutal and bloody slaying of two woman friends, is the daughter of an aged and God-fearing couple, strong in their faith, and pathetic figures in a coldly sad tragedy. They are the only two people who have manifested any sympathy for Winnie Ruth Judd. They have asked her to pray, and accept the solace of religion. With a mixture of cheap demagoguery and vaudeville, Winnie Ruth has replied "I will pray for the old folks, but not for myself." This attitude may be one of the reasons why Winnie Ruth finds herself in a death cell today.

The wife of the next president has received quite a scolding from reformers for declaring that young ladies are drinking too much gin and whiskey (so-called), and that it is a necessity or they will be socially defunct and not go places. The first lady-elect did not mention that the young men also crook an elbow in conviviality, and are usually the source of supply for the young ladies. Drinking by the young folks has been a by-product of Prohibition, as most any one will tell you, if no vote is concerned. From the start the nation has faced the issue by not looking at it, and in meanwhile the juvenile swigging continued.

Ben Hur Lampman, of the esteemed Portland Oregonian, again glorifies the no-account British sparrow. He is always giving this feathered indigent an editorial puff. A sparrow would rather have a death around a pop-corn waster, than wax fat at the Scrub Oak Bug Kitchen. Such a meal requires a little flying and some excavating to attain so the sparrow loafs in town. The sparrow will always live by his wits.

Confirming Peon Bill Gates' contention that coconut oil from the Philippines is putting a ki-boosh on the butter, comes the word from Sen. Moses of Mass. that fish oils from Scandinavia are also conspirators. It is still maintained, however, that the cows and churns of New Zealand have something to do with the low estate of American-made butter. Ships come and go from New Zealand, and the tariff is quite modest.

Buy Christmas Seals.

Communications

Who Goes to Public Library?

To the Editor: Nearly every man and every woman. To be exact, on a quiet Saturday in the Christmas shopping season, December 17th, 377 persons, with a conservative estimate of 700 for Monday, the 19th, and the rush of the winter yet to come. Why? For an infinitude of reasons. Never has there been so great a desire for knowledge of the influences that affect individual lives from day to day,—economic, technic and philosophic. What is happening to our institutions? How did the world get like this? Never was the need so great for the release and consolation of reading. Many a person, in the impersonal shelter of a library alcove, reads past the crisis of an emotional storm or some acute despair or pain and goes out a little better able to

make a readjustment or deal with a difficulty. Many deprived by the times of their usual recreations of automobileing and motion pictures have discovered real content and pleasure and the value of vigorous experience in books from the public library read by their own firesides. Business security, social relations, mental equilibrium depend as never before on clear and courageous thinking, which is obviously impossible without valid information. Dozens of questions of every imaginable type are received in the course of every week. Let us not jeopardize the mental life of the community and impoverish our already too objective existences by restricting the work of the public library. MRS. T. O. M. (Name on file.) FREE—Pioneers and descendants photographed without charge for pioneer historical collection—SHANOLE STUDIO.