



Woman Suffrage in Oregon Exciting, Writer Explains

Corvallis — Husbands and wives go to the polls together now in Oregon, but half a century ago that didn't happen. The men went, but the women stayed home.

There wasn't, in fact, a woman voter in all of Oregon in 1909.

The reason, of course, is that women were not allowed to vote in the state until 1912.

The long struggle by women for "equal rights" is one of the most interesting chapters in the state's development, according to Dr. Joseph W. Ellison, head of the history department at Oregon State college.

Writing New Book

A widely-known historian and author, Dr. Ellison is writing a new book on the woman suffrage movement in America. It is tentatively titled "Women Are Also Born Free and Equal," a statement that would have been disputed at the turn of the century.

Oregon was in the "middle" in the suffrage movement, Dr. Ellison noted from his extensive research. It trailed Idaho, Washington, and California in giving women the right to vote but was still ahead of several other western states.

The national woman movement for equal political and economic rights was launched in 1848 with Susan B. Anthony and others as leaders. In Oregon, the movement began about 1870 with Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway as the "champion" of the cause for women.

To Dr. Ellison, Mrs. Duniway ranks as "one of the great women of the west."

Becomes School Teacher

Abigail Scott came to Oregon in 1852 as a girl of 17. Dr. Ellison relates. Despite little formal education, she became a school teacher, writer, businesswoman, editor, and most of all a dedicated and able crusader. Shortly after her marriage to Ben C. Duniway, he was hurt in an accident and incapacitated for farm labor. The family burden fell

on Abigail or "Jenny" as she was called.

During her work in Albany, she heard all kinds of stories of women's problems, hardships and injustices. The fact that all women were denied equal educational, professional, political and economic rights—equal pay for equal work, for example—deeply troubled her. "One half of the women are dolls, the rest of them are drudges, and we're all fools," she reportedly said.

Convinced that the only way to better things was to win voting rights for her sex, Mrs. Duniway moved to Portland where she started a newspaper devoted to "enfranchisement of women." The first issue of the "New Northwest" appeared May 5, 1871. It declared itself for "free speech, free press, free people," and compared favorably in editorial excellent with the Oregonian, edited by Abigail's brother, Harvey Scott, Dr. Ellison says.

Praised and Denounced

The New Northwest, published for about 15 years, was praised and denounced. Mrs. Duniway was maligned as an "infidel, free thinker, a dangerous, crazy woman."

In 1871, Susan B. Anthony came to Oregon and toured the state with Mrs. Duniway, organizing suffrage groups.

Though a mother of five children, Mrs. Duniway found time and energy not only to continue with her newspaper but to travel across the state speaking for women's rights.

At Jacksonville in 1879, she was showered with eggs. When she returned a week later for a second meeting, no women of the town were allowed to attend and local feeling ran so high that the sheriff felt obliged to protect her.

Put on Ballot

In 1882, the question of woman suffrage was put on the ballot. It was decisively beaten. The same thing happened in 1884. The question of woman suffrage then died down for a time, Dr. Ellison

Medford Man Gets Six-Month Sentence

Ira Herschell Imhausen, 19, of route 4, box 398C, Medford, was sentenced to six months in the county jail Tuesday by District Court Judge E. Roy Bashaw for operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended.

Imhausen will be eligible for probation in 60 days. The jail sentence is to be served concurrently with a 10-day sentence given previously for failure to stop at the scene of an accident.

Imhausen's attorney, O. H. Bengtson, Medford, yesterday moved to dismiss an appeal from the jury verdict on a hit and run charge. Judge Bashaw dismissed the appeal.

In other district court action, Thomas Spurgeon Gray, 24, of 908 Launsdale st., Medford, was bound over to the grand jury on charges of breaking and entering a private dwelling with intent to commit burglary. He is being held on \$1,500 bail.

Gray is charged with entering a house at 2425 Neilo st., Medford, Feb. 18.

Chemical Society Sets National Meeting

Chicago — The American Chemical Society will hold its 134th national meeting here Sept. 7 to 12 with more than 14,000 chemists and chemical engineers from all over the U.S. and several foreign countries expected to attend.

Dr. Clifford F. Rassweiler, president of the society, said the main topics for discussion will be new developments in science education, advances in the control of air pollution and progress in the chemical attack on cancer.

From 1939 to 1952 industrial wages in Sweden rose by about 200 per cent.

reports. But after the adoption of the initiative and referendum system in Oregon, the question of woman suffrage was referred to the voters—or men—in 1906, 1908, and 1910. Each time, the margin of defeat grew smaller.

Finally in 1912, the measure passed by a vote of 61,265 to 57,104.

Mrs. Duniway, then 77, was given the privilege by Governor Oswald West of drawing up the proclamation declaring the results of the election and heralding the right of women to vote in Oregon.



SUCCESSFUL DIVE—Skin divers James Rice (left) and Ed Ezekiel, surface by a San Francisco, Calif., pier with the "hot" plates from the car driven by accused cop killer Alexander Robillard. Robillard, charged with shooting Hillsborough, Calif., police officer Eugene Doran six times with the patrolman's own gun, led police to this pier, from which he had thrown the stolen license plates used during his get away.

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

That Measly Five Per Cent Makes Man Miserable

Insurance statistics, compiled over a long period of time, show that most automobile accidents are caused by a very small percentage of drivers. Likewise, of all the thousands of varieties of insects in the world, somewhat over five per cent of the species are harmful to mankind.

The 95 per cent are either entirely harmless, or are beneficial. It is unfortunate that the measly little five per cent should be so persistent and aggressive as to make us think all "bugs" are bad. Don't Hunt Victims

In this group are mosquitoes, ticks, bedbugs, some species of flies, cockroaches and some of the gnats. The ants, bees, wasps, and some of the others will bite or sting under provocation, but they do not hunt out their victims as do the members of the "biting five per cent group."

There are upwards of 750,000 varieties of insects. Nine-

tenths of all living creatures on this earth are insects. They are found in the deepest caves, in the snows of the Arctic, high in the air, on the highest mountain and on the hot sands of the desert.

It would be next to impossible to perfect a repellent or a poison that would work on all of them.

No Favor Asked

The "biting fifth" has been plaguing man since the beginning of time. It could almost be the reason for the coining of the expression, "fifth column," for these are the creatures that really "bore from within." This minority asks no favors. Their rate of reproduction is 200 times as fast as man's and for this reason alone they can readily adapt themselves to changing conditions. They can and do build up an immunity to poison. So, to be wholly effective, insecticides must be changed from time to time.

If you think the figure five per cent seems low, you might

Airplane Wreckage Found in Idaho

Idaho Falls, Idaho — Wreckage of a twin-engine plane with the remains of one

remember it represents the species, not the individuals. Often the number of mosquitoes is so astronomical as to make the five per cent figure seem meaningless. The measly little "five per centers" loom so large because of their bold and aggressive nature. The harmless bugs go their mundane way, are seldom seen, and little appreciated.

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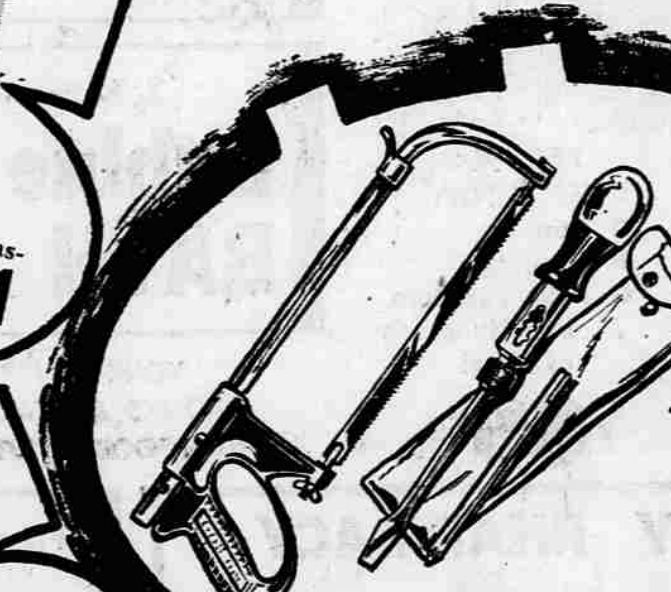


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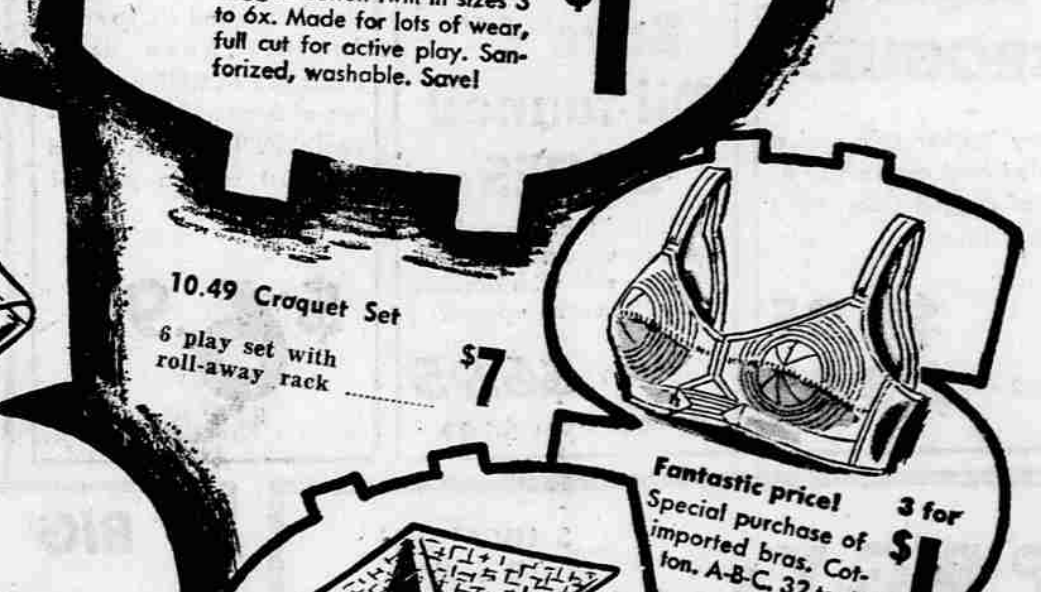


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