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Changing Cities

Medford has been the fourth-largest city in the state since the late 1940s, when it passed Klamath Falls in population.

It still is the fourth-largest city, but only by a hypothetical eyelash. Corvallis, according to the board of census estimates released yesterday, has only 286 fewer people than Medford. The totals are, Medford 25,919, Corvallis 25,633.

Corvallis made one of the largest jumps in population of any Oregon city during the past year, due partly to normal increases, which were registered by most cities, but principally to an annexation which added a couple of thousand people to the city's roster.

THE number of cities in the 10,000-and-over bracket increased from 13 to 14. Milwaukie and Lake Oswego (both "bedroom" cities for Portland) both passed that marker, but Astoria dropped below 10,000, probably because of the closing of the Tongue Point Naval base nearby.

Eugene increased its lead over Salem as the second-largest city in the state, climbing from 52,475 to 55,413 while Salem went from 49,614 to 50,529.

But there was consolation for Salem (if any is needed) in crossing the 50,000 mark and entering the realm of "metropolitan" cities.—E.A.

And Puzzling Figures

The board of census estimates are just that—estimates. They are "official" insofar as they are used to compute per capita payments to cities from highway and liquor revenues, and are based on fairly substantial data, such as housing units, water connections, and so on. But only the decennial federal census, an actual nose count, is conclusive.

One of the census board's findings is interesting, a bit puzzling, and perhaps significant, although we are not sure what it is significant of.

While the state's total estimated population climbed a total of 56,451 between the federal census of 1960 and yesterday's census, it climbed only 8,793 from last year to this. Of the total two-year increase, 46,569 were believed to be an excess of births over deaths. And the immigration, which has so significantly increased the state's population in the post-war years, has tapered off sharply, and actually was reversed during the past year, with more people moving out-of-state than coming in.

IF THESE census board assumptions (as reported by United Press International) are correct, they certainly are a cause for revising our thinking about the immediate future of the state.

Are we, "automatically," going to continue receiving many new citizens, as has been assumed so generally over the past dozen or so years? Are the throngs coming to California, who will make it the most populous state in the nation before the end of the year, actually going to "slop over" into Oregon?

If not, why not? And if so, how account for the sharp drop in population increase this past year, and a reversal of the flow of migrants?

WHILE we do not wish to issue any challenges to the census board, one is led to wonder about the estimates.

While most incorporated cities registered gains, through annexation or otherwise, some did not, and a few, including Portland, showed losses. (It is much easier to prepare census estimates accurately inside a city than it is in suburban areas.)

And, if our observations are correct, the largest gains in population have been in suburban areas—near cities, yes, but outside incorporated areas.

It is the state board of health that makes the population estimates for the counties, but we have a sneaking suspicion that they may be made on data differing from those of the cities, and may not reflect the boom in non-urban and suburban growth which is apparent everywhere in western Oregon.

We hope to pursue this a bit further, because, as they stand, some of the figures reported by the board just don't hold together.—E.A.

Man's Strength

"Man's strength is in his great ideas well executed."

This quotation, from a private letter, says a number of important things in few words.

It says that man's strength is not in his muscles, nor in his cupidity, nor in his selfishness, nor in his weapons.

It says that whatever greatness we achieve comes from the mind and the heart, for great ideas can be emotional as well as intellectual. Great ideas come not from man's baser tendencies, but are his finer aspirations—love, hope, freedom, charity, humor, liberty, respect, discipline, faith, curiosity, beauty, kindness.

IN SO FAR as a man fails to live up to these great ideas, he fails in his strength as a human being.

And insofar as he fails to excel in executing these ideas, he likewise falls short of attaining his greatest strength.

What great ideas have lived the longest? Those of an Alexander, a Ghengis Khan, a Caesar, a Napoleon, a Hitler, a Stalin? Or those of a Plato, an Aristotle, a Jesus, a Galileo, a Newton, a Jefferson, an Einstein, a Gandhi?

Is there any doubt where man's true strength lies?—E.A.

"You Forgot Something!"



COMMUNICATIONS

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Call To Action

To the Editor: Looking into the future, it seems like just plain horse sense in this automobile age, for the Veterans Administration to establish a hospital at White City now. In this unsettled world it behooves us to be prepared for all eventualities. Veterans organizations should respond promptly to the urgings in the following letter.

David Frisch
P.O. Box 292
White City, Ore.

Dear Mr. Frisch: Thank you very much for your letter of Sept. 1. I am sorry to learn of the difficulties you have experienced in connection with your attempt to contact the Jackson and Josephine County Medical Societies and the Oregon State Medical Society regarding the availability in southern Oregon and northern California of doctors and medical specialists for a Veterans Administration hospital at White City.

I think it is essential that we have the active support of the Veterans' organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and the Veterans of World War I. All of these organizations have local chapters and posts in Medford, Grants Pass and other neighboring communities. Their respective state organizations should adopt at their state conventions, resolutions in favor of the White City hospital, but the ground work must be laid at the local post and chapter level.

Maurine B. Neuberger
United States Senator
Washington, D.C.

Chameleon

To the Editor: Someone in Oregon wrote a booklet in which he called the worthy Senator Morse a chameleon. That charge will backfire because of several facts. We presume that the writer meant that his target was sure to change hue according to the myth about the chameleon. We raised some chameleons years ago. I, nor anyone, ever saw a chameleon change color according to the various bright cloths he was placed upon.

But, folks, there is evolution. In two generations of chameleons, not men! the offspring of chameleons may change shades, to conform to the shades of the weeds in the area it has migrated to. The females may be gobbled by snakes and such, though the small fry who conform will survive and originate a permanent (almost) strain in the area. Frogs and lizards leap faster and do not have to depend upon conformation to environment quite so much. A walking-stick insect is a perfect example of a creature conforming to its surroundings. (Try and see one; they are there though). Fishes, polar bears are other examples we could cite.

In life of men, we had our public men who found in expedient to change very many times—Henry Clay, Lloyd George, Richard Nixon. We never knew where they stood on stated issues. Mr. Morse is a man of single-standard, of principle. He fights to the very end to defend his inner convictions, against all inuendo. He struggled against the premature and predatory space allotment bill. He spoke for me and for millions.

Every man has an inborn taste for change— from viewing the Niagara Gorge and Falls, to the crest of Mt. Blanc, the surf, flax in bloom, the lonely desert, fields of ripened wheat. Mr. Morse may not have used up his right to change often, though he does feel happy when he combs his prize horses and cattle, when he gets away from

the doings of the Senate for 36 hours.

Remember, folks, that the gem diamond gets its sparkle from the complex of facets to which it has been lapped. Remember that Senator Morse when a Republican followed the precepts of our Lincoln, George Norris and Thomas Jefferson, and Senator Copeland (1922).

Walter Gabriel
51 James St.
Newark, N.J.

Hogs, Pets and People

To the Editor and Hello, Everybody: I read that article about hogs that had gone wild and it reminded me of a happening in East Texas in 1927. A group of us were enjoying a trip, staying at hotels nights but picnicking days.

We came to a heavily timbered spot where a sparkling brook added beauty to the scene, and being very hungry we stopped the cars, spread a cloth on a mossy spot and set out our sandwiches, pies, plunked ourselves down around it.

Suddenly a razorback sow and five half grown pigs came rushing through the brush with "woofs" and very happy grunts.

If you ever saw the bristles on a razorback (leaning forward like porky-quills) you know what we did: we slammed the car doors behind us none to soon, not being able to taste of us, they turned to picnicking, even to chewing up the paper plates and cloth.

Being Irish, a nature lover, and an outdoor gal with a long, long past and a divil-may-care nature—I've had many varied experiences. Also, I love pets and have had them for companions—even to turtles, muskrats, a bobcat and wild birds that came daily for handouts.

I'll write about them from time to time when the pen leans toward my thumb, if I find that you care for such letters.

In the meantime—be kind to each other. All of us can't believe alike.

If we did, your breakfast dishes would still be unwashed also, ahem! I like people—good or bad, black, yellow or white and neither their color or their sins are contagious to me.

Bye now,
Pearl Spackman,
Jacksonville, Ore.

Gold in the Body

To the Editor: Charles F. Kettering, president of General Motors, discovered some years ago what makes the grass green. They called that substance chlorophyll and it became a fad to have it in toothpaste.

A New England dentist, Dr. S. G. Haroutian, was curious to learn the truth about the good health of people in Deaf Smith County, Texas, that he had heard so much about. He found that the sub-soil was very rich in calcium and phosphorus, with some fluoride.

With plenty of calcium fluoride is safe. That is, natural fluoride is not waste material from manufacturing plants. It is bound to be mixed with aluminum.

Some people will not use aluminum utensils because of the fluoride used to smooth and harden them.

Laying all arguments aside, the fact still remains that it is unlawful for even your doctor to give you a treatment that you object to.

To give that power to the truly uninformed and gullible is the height of folly and injustice.

True, our bodies contain a trace of fluoride. Also a trace of gold. Who wants to put

Argentine's Future Still Unclear After Week End of Violence, Government Flux

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst

The week end of military violence which left Argentine President Jose Maria Guido still in office eliminated what might have been a difficult decision for the United States, but left the future of Argentina still uncertain.

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any other American area outside the Rocky Mountains, a report issued by the state department of public health discloses.

"Bay Area residents with these allergic symptoms—weepy eyes, runny noses, itchy throats, sneeziness—are FIVE TIMES as thick here as they are in New York City."

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