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'31 Record Points the Way

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CAR REGISTRATION FIGURES GAIN

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Streets Again in Bad Way

Klamath Leads State in Increase

The 1931 automobile registration record, as finally compiled and announced through the office of the secretary of state, offers some most gratifying facts to the people of Klamath Falls and Klamath county.

Registrations of out-of-state automobiles at the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce showed an increase of 26 per cent for the year—a gain that far outclassed any other registration office in the state. Grants Pass registrations gained 1 per cent, and those at Medford, 6.7 per cent, while Ashland lost 15.9 per cent.

Klamath Falls stepped up from sixth place to fifth place among out-of-state registration points.

Much has been said in this column of the magnetic properties of the Klamath country in the matter of tourist travel, of which these figures give tangible evidence. There is every reason to believe that 1932 will show an even better record in tourist travel figures than 1931.

We have just made a start in making the Klamath country a major tourist attraction, and in fostering through travel on the highways in the Klamath country. It is a good start, and backed by all that could be asked in natural advantages, a progressive tourist program should be rewarded with greatest success. The 1931 record points the way to greater things in 1932 and succeeding years.

Judge Sparrow Passes Away

News of the death of Judge Alex Sparrow will bring widespread grief throughout Southern Oregon, as well as in Judge Sparrow's own county of Jackson. Seeming to be well started toward recovery following a serious accident here last week, the judge took a sudden turn toward the worse Sunday night.

Judge Sparrow was following the line of duty when he met with the accident that brought his death. He was giving his attention to an important matter of county business. There may, perhaps, be some measure of comfort in that.

The people of Klamath Falls, where, as fate would have it, Judge Sparrow met with this unfortunate accident, offer their sincere condolences to their sister county of Jackson in the loss of a highly regarded public official.

We Plead for Improvement

We have hesitated to go into details in the matter of maintaining improved street conditions in the business section of the city. We have chosen, rather, to offer a suggestion as to what the sum result of street-cleaning operations should be—clean streets.

The condition of the streets at this time, however, gives us courage to say something more. The presence of layers of ice in the parking strips along the downtown streets are at once an inconvenience and a danger.

Admitting that the street department undoubtedly knows best how to go about relieving this condition, we feel that it ought to be prevented. The weather has done a little better by the streets since the last snow storm, and conditions are not so bad as they were before. However, so long as it is left to the weather, it will be a poor job at best. To the layman, it would seem that the work ought to be done while the snow is still soft. Perhaps shoveling into the middle of the street, followed by hauling, would do the job.

Someone suggested the other day that it would be possible to get hot water from the underground supply and shoot it into the streets by use of the city sprinkler, melting away ice and snow.

We do not know of the feasibility of any of these suggestions. The city street department undoubtedly can work out the right method. All that we urge is that the streets be cleared of snow and ice and dirt.

When typographical errors make the reading wrong, they are amusing. But when they make it more nearly right than was intended, they are downright funny. Our favorite newspaper was guilty of a real one a day or two ago, when, under a picture of Nan Blackstone, New York comedienne, it was explained that "Nan is now on her way to Europe for a six-week marriage will take place after she returns." Nan, of course, may be different, but the public attributes a matrimonial shiftiness to stage folk that seemed to make the error not an error.

With Hal Hoss as the speaker, there should be no delinquency in attendance at Tuesday's forum luncheon of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce. The genial secretary of state has plenty to talk about, and he knows how to do the talking. Enough said.

SIDE GLANCES *By George Clark*

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Seems to me I did have a few dates with him—that roadster looks familiar."

Telling the Editor

Klamath Falls, Ore., (To The Editor)—The following statement is a matter of statistics. Property values have increased 300 per cent and taxes increased 600 per cent in Klamath county in the last 15 years up to and including 1929.

Beginning this year, 1932, property values have dropped 50 per cent since 1929. In both cases the Taxpayer has been on the long and wrong end of this raise and fall.

High taxes have kept many industries out of Oregon. Our mills, railroads, stockraising and farming industries are paralized—at least operating without a profit. We who are dependent on the prosperity of these industires are barely making a living, although the staples of living commodities have dropped nearly 30 per cent. Now, to exist the taxpayers must seek relief and to get lower taxes must get government cheaper.

Well—a group of gentlemen met on a street corner in the latter part of October and after talking over various topics, one of them remarked that he was going down to the court house and pay the last half of his taxes before they became delinquent. Immediately they all began to complain of high taxes and the Klamath Taxpayers League was formed. These men met others of the same mind until tonight the League has in round figures 2500 members in Klamath county.

The work of the Klamath Taxpayers League, as I have intimated is to get the cost of government cheaper, and may I ask; when it becomes necessary, in your own homes, to cut the cost of the government of that home, what do you do?

You shop around and get the winters wood at a few dollars saving. You do a little more of the family washing at home instead of sending it out. You buy a little stew meat instead of the sirloin steaks, you stay at home and get acquainted with the family instead of going to the show. You have a pretty good time and get along pretty well and you DO cut the cost of the government of that home.

All right—let us apply the same ideas to our public life that we have applied to the family. Apply the ideas to the schools, the city and the county governments and what happens.

First we find the children in the official families grown up, feeling their independence, and inclined to talk back—where in the family they do not dare to talk back to Dad and Mother.

Those Public Official Children, however come yearly and monthly to Dad and Mother Taxpayer and ask for a lot of money and when remonstrated with set up a great howl that they cannot get along with less money—that the Law allows them so much money—that their expenses are greater and greater and they finally take as much money as they want and tell Dad and Mother they will NOT get along with less.

This gets Dad and Mother all riled up, for Dad Taxpayer has just suffered the loss of his job, so they turn that Public Official Childs plate over and nail it down or in some way separate that child from feeding at the public trough of taxpayers dollars.

This illustration ladies and gentlemen, may be a little far fetched but it is exactly what is happening in Klamath county today.

There are practices of waste, inefficiency and poor business in many branches of our public life today, and I can prove it, and it will be proven in due time. Some are small and some large, the size makes no material difference at this time. It is the principal that the Klamath Taxpayers League is after.

During the last few years we have been prospering and have set a poor example for this Public Official Child. We have voted bonds and more bonds and given this Child all the money he asked for without a thought.

A pall of APATHY has fallen over all of us. We have taken no special interest in these matters but have educated those children in extravagant ways. Now who is to blame? It is your fault and my fault as taxpayers and voters, and we must mend our ways and advise with this Public Official Child and get him to set a little slower pace.

We voted a bond issue here for $180,000.00 and there were only four votes cast. That is public apathy and we must get over it and take an interest in these things.

The League feels that if it can arouse public interest to a point, where you will all study these different questions, its work is pretty well done. But how to arouse that interest is the question?

When the League first started, those interested, did not know that there were other districts in the State and Nation with similar problems. Upon looking around they found 18 other counties in Oregon with similar problems and Tax Leagues that were functioning and doing good work. On going farther we found the whole states of Massachusetts, North Carolina and Utah organized on similar lines and accomplishing wonderful work and good.

All the formulas and prescriptions of those successful bodies are at the disposal of the Klamath Taxpayers League, as patterns. Just as you ladies would run over to your neighbors and borrow a dress pattern. You may have to shorten or lengthen it a little to fit your child, but in the end the Public Official Children will be all dressed up, with the latest cut and fit and on their way.

You will watch them with pride and joy and be mighty glad that you borrowed that pattern.

The Public debts of Klamath county as a whole run to over $10,000,000 and the interest on this amount alone amounts to over one half million dollars a year. Quite a lot of interest for a county of 33,000 people without taking into consideration our private obligations.

School District No. 1, of which this fine Mills school is one of terest on that amount alone is over $25,000. per year without taking into consideration the operating costs.

My plea to you parents here and now is to be consistent. Do not sign the Membership Roll of the Klamath Taxpayers League and pledge yourself to work for lower taxes and drink in my gospel as the truth, and then turn around and run to the teachers, your superintendent or school directors and ask for a new playshed or auditoriums or some other costly addition that we all admit is nice and proper but extremely hard to pay for at this time.

Your directors, superintendent and teachers are capable people but right now they are facing the firing line and if you parents and taxpayers run to them with requests for things that are not consistent they are going to lose interest in their work, feeling that you are inconsistent and forcing them.

Our Governor, from his own keen business mind, or from borrowed patterns recently outlined a "four point plan" that will be brought before the state legislature—and right here I want to repeat what Political Economy teaches. It is this, as the state legislature goes, so goes the National program, the County program and the City and School program. If the legislature cuts expenses the other units of our government cut and vise-versa.

I believe the Klamath Taxpayers League will advise our own representatives to get behind the Governors "four point plan" and write those plans into our state laws. Now is the time to strike. We have a good business man for Governor and the old political reign is tottering. We have a fair and competent state tax commission and we want to back them up while they are in office and get all the new laws we can, adjusting things and getting them on a business basis and do away with waste and extravagance. We have to go to the state to get our County, City and School laws changed and I say that now is the time to do it. I do not have time to go into these things in detail but you will see these questions discussed in the papers. Read them. And if you happen to know the representatives in your district talk them over with him and tell him how you feel about them; but do not be inconsistent.

The total property valuation of School District No. 1 is $865,000. We owe on this district $517,000 so this property is only about one third paid for. If you buy an automobile and get it one third paid for and times get hard you commence to worry about the balance you owe. That is a parallel to the school situation. Keep the schools oiled and greased as you would the auto, but do not take on any new bills that can be avoided and keep the operating costs down.

Our tax laws are inconsistent. I asked you folks not to be inconsistent. I know a gentleman who owns $30,000 worth of real property and he pays $900 taxes. He also owns exactly $30,000 worth of securities and pays $65 taxes. This inconsistent situation prompts that gentleman to quit building and get all his money into securities—consequently our mills do not sell that man any more lumber and for lack of lumber orders do not run. Do you get the connection?

Our apathy of these facts places a large part of the blame on our own shoulders for the present depression.

Get into politics as the Klamath Taxpayers League are and help right these conditions, but be Non-Partisan. In the coming election size up the men, their qualifications, records, listen to their pledges on economy business principles, and then vote as your own conscience dictates and I will bet you a dried prune against this school house that the best man does win and will be a good business like official.

Now one more point—Consolidation. In Oregon there are over 2700 tax levying bodies, each with its roots, trunks and limbs. Other states have had similar situations and pruned the limbs, burned the bodies and dug up the roots of all but 40 or 50 tax levying bodies. In other words consolidated and done away with duplications and have effected a large economy. Klamath county has 31 of these tax levying bodies and would be more efficient and effect a big saving if about 20 of these bodies were done away with. You say this would throw a lot of people out of work, and it would—but—I say that the purpose of government is to govern and not to make jobs. A prominent citizen summed the situation up like this. He said, "I have always noticed that the only opposition to a movement such as the Taxpayers League is behind comes from those entrenched in public jobs and their on hangers."

As a state, Oregon has the second largest per capita indebtedness in the nation. As a county, Klamath ranks high in per capita indebtedness. As a city Klamath Falls has a large load per capita. As school districts go, your own No. 1 has the largest debt burden in Klamath county.

As I understand it the P.-T. A. was organized so that you parents might be nearer to the teachers, talk things over, get each others views and co-operate with a view to the welfare of the children.

So the Klamath Taxpayers League was organized to get nearer the public problems, kill apathy, be consistent, consolidate and send the Public Official Child on his way with a clean face and hands and a new conception of his official duties, and knowing that you as Dad and Mother Taxpayer are going to talk things over with him and if he makes a mistake help him rectify that mistake and sail on to success even as you want your own children to succeed.

A. G. MORRISON,
Secretary Taxpayers Protective League of Klamath County.

New Story Coming

"Dime-a-Dance Girl" is the new story to succeed Cleo Lucas' Jerry and Joan, which was completed in the last edition. "Dime-a-Dance Girl" has been delayed a few days, and until it is available special features will appear on this page.

We Observe—

—that the slush from the last storm is now firmly packed ice in the gutters of our business streets, and only cars equipped with chains can start without difficulty.

Fashion Tips

Many a girl who wants to look especially beautiful for an evening dance decides that what she needs is a bit of glitter in her hair.

For the opera and for first nights and some smart night clubs, some jewels are being worn in the hair. I have even seen a tiara or two, but I haven't heard anyone admire them!

There are, however, some little bits of glitter that were made just yesterday (or the day before). They are designed to go with new coiffures, are distinctly in the mood of this winter's graceful clothes and fine grooming. These do add something to a woman's ego.

If you wear your hair parted on one side, with the heavy side somewhat heavy, there are little clips to catch up the weight of curls and hold them in place. These are very pretty.

If you wear your hair brought back to the nape of your neck and then fluffed into curls there, you can get a curved comb hairpin, whatever your local stores call it, that looks very ornamental and has just enough sparkle to it to be really lovely.

If you happen to wear your hair parted in the middle and brought back atop the ears, you may use twin hair combs that look like little jeweled clips, only have combs on them to hold the coiffure on either side.

It is a foolish woman who tries roses in her hair, or any kind of ribbon doo-dad. On a young girl who lacks sophisticated poise it looks "country." On an older woman, it looks adolescent and silly. At a night club the other evening a woman who is at least 40 wore a frilled pale pink lace ornament on one side of her coiffure and even her well-mannered socially brilliant partners looked as if they couldn't get it out of their minds.

The safest trick this winter is to have your hair itself sparkling and lovely. Have it waved just right and fixed becomingly. If you still yearn for glitter, restrain yourself and use just a little sparkling comb or clip.

Health Talks

Although everyone realizes that the employe who becomes tired may be a menace to himself and to those around him because of the delayed reactions and subsequent accidents, the study of fatigue in industry continues to be a most difficult and complicated problem. No scientific method exists for detecting the onset of a harmful amount of fatigue. A feeling of tiredness may gradually increase to the point of danger, but the difference between just being tired and being fatigued to the point of danger is a broad difference.

If a person is in fairly good health, he should not feel tired for more than one-fifth of his total walking hours. Perhaps one of the most important causes of fatigue in industry is the outside occupation and the using of time outside of the working place for work of a similar or even a more difficult character.

A great many married women in industry are confronted with this situation. They are concerned not only with the eight hours of working during the day, but with the preparation of breakfast for the family and the cleaning of the house before coming to work and with the preparation of dinner and numerous household duties after return from work. Such occupations not only bring about added fatigue but also interfere with the total amount of sleep which is equally important.

Boredom and a feeling of tiredness may result from a mental or emotional attitude toward work, but boredom is not the same as physical fatigue. Dr. V. M. Palmieri, a French physician, found that a normal amount of activity on the part of women in industry stimulated their metabolism and increased their bodily tone, but that overactivity brought about fatigue with disturbances of metabolism, anemia, irritability and digestive disturbances, and in the case of many women disturbances of their feminine functions.

The only safe treatment for fatigue and exhaustion is rest. Chronic fatigue is shown by a diminished amount of red coloring matter in the blood, a dimished amount of red blood cells, and a lowered power of the blood to overcome infectious diseases. These are obviously serious effects and must be guarded against in every industry.

If Britain can only rule India by the sword, we should come away.—George Lansbury, parliamentary leader of the English Labor Party.

Earlier Days

Januray 25, 1914

Returning to Klamath Falls late last night, after spending two days in Fort Klamath, Sheriff C. C. Low declares that he was unable to find any violations of the state laws by the manner in which the hotel and saloon there are being conducted.

A circular letter urging local people to become affiliated with the Klamath chamber of commerce has been mailed out, outlining programs for settlement and development of the Klamath country.

The Klamath county high school basketball team is again at work, getting in trim for the trip to Yreka, Ashland and Medford, Central Point and Grants Pass.

The Klamath county grand jury will not make a return to Circuit Judge Benson, instead it will consider matters until Friday before making a report.

Drs. Hamilton and Morrow are trying out their new car today and both are as proud as kids with new pairs of red top boots. The machine in a beauty; red body, trimmed with black, and is a 60 horsepower Stutz.

Klamath Names

PELICAN BAY

(From Oregon Geographic Names, By Lewis A. McArthur)

Pelican Bay, Klamath county. Pelicans are much in evidence about the Klamath lakes and this name was appropriately applied to an arm of Upper Klamath Lake. A few other geographic features in the state are also named for the pelican. The Oregon bird is pelecanus erythrorhynchos, the American white pelican. The habits of this pelican, particularly in Oregon, are well described in bulletin 121 of the United States National Museum, Life Histories of North American Petrels and Pelicans, page 285. The Klamath Indian name for these birds was kumal or yamal. Pelican Bay was named by Captain O. C. Applegate in 1866.

All that hoopla stuff wasn't my idea of acting at all.—Alice White, film actress.

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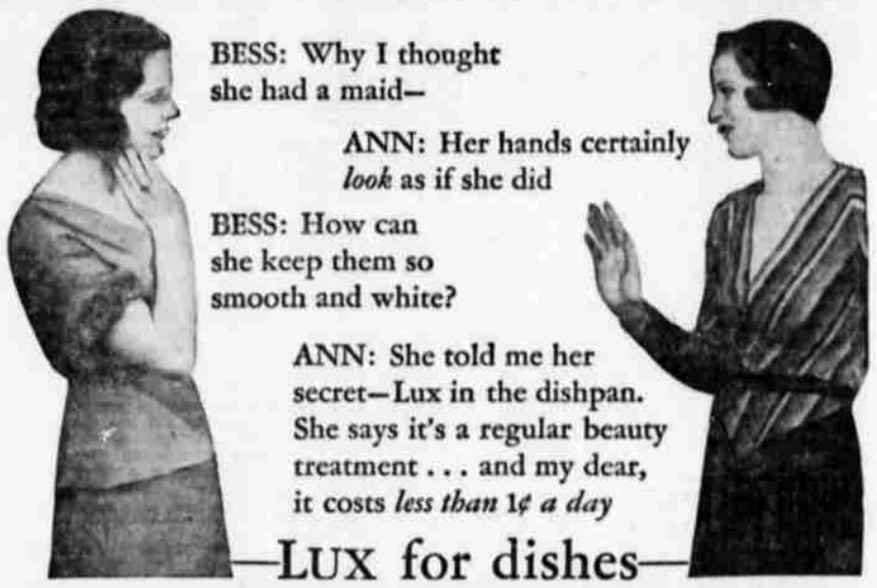

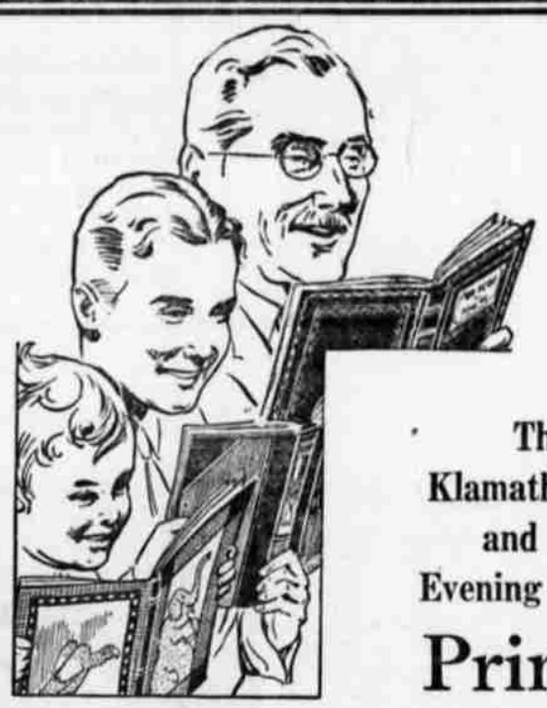

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