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"MUDDLING THROUGH"

During the war we used to hear a great deal about "muddling through." Then, for the first time in history, a world-wide war was in progress. There were new and deadlier weapons, larger and more formidable armies, camouflage, trenches, submarines, Zeppelins, airplanes—methods of warfare to which the participating nations were unaccustomed, and it was inevitable that many blunders should be made.

Now, despite many essential differences between a nation struggling against an outside enemy and a nation caught in the whirlpool of depression, there is much of similarity. Now, too, is a situation without precedent, a world-wide disaster involving complex elements that baffle the wisest and shrewdest of statesmen as well as the ordinary run of politicians.

It is easy to point out the failure of the administration and of congress to do anything that gets us anywhere, to balance any budgets despite frantic efforts to devise new ways of raising money. Legislatures in any state, county courts in any county, city councils in any municipality, are much in the same fix, varying only in degree. None of them can stop the depression and start prosperity on its care-free way again, and none of them stand a good chance of plenty of money for governmental functions out of impoverished taxpayers. The lame-duck congress, with nothing, apparently, in view except revenue from supposedly non-intoxicating beer, and the Oregon legislature, called in special session to devise a new tax to take the place of the state property tax and accomplishing nothing except to abolish the property tax, are readily subject to vigorous criticism. A village philosopher squirting tobacco juice into the fire box of a country store can do a fine job of "panning"—but who is any wiser as to what can be done?

It's a case again, it seems, of "muddling through," till we find the right corner.

THE CITY SITUATION IMPROVES

The situation that confronted the city council a week ago Tuesday had in it the elements of dissension that might have proved serious. By Thursday, however, at the time of the adjourned meeting, the outlook had cleared up considerably, and there is now the best of chance for all to work together for the common good instead of one faction fighting another. Mr. Sandon and Mr. Veal, the two candidates whose names were written in on the ballots, received so nearly the same vote that to discriminate between one or the other would have been unsatisfactory. With both on the council, chances for good feeling are greatly improved.

Reappointment of C. F. Hieber as recorder and Earl Smith as marshal will meet with wide approval, it is believed. Mr. Hieber has conducted the office work of the city hall efficiently, and Mr. Smith has kept faithfully on the job every night and has seen to it that good order on the streets has been constantly maintained.

What Other Editors . . . Think . . .

CALVIN COOLIDGE

Calvin Coolidge, ex-president of the United States, died as he lived, quietly and without words. A descendant of pioneer American stock, he rose to the presidency at a time when his peculiar qualifications were best adapted to the welfare of his country. The excitement of war times was dying away and a nation was settling down to the business of expanding its industrial life. A firm, but restrained hand was needed at the helm, and the calm and steady Calvin Coolidge was the man to stand at the wheel.

His utterances were not many, but such as they were, came from mature deliberation, and were made with the finality of assured conviction. They were phrased briefly, but plainly, and left no doubt in the minds of people as to his opinions.

So well did Calvin Coolidge fit into the background of the period that it is doubtful that his career as president will gain premier historical recognition. The other presidents striking figures were lacking. It cannot be doubted, however, that the elements of greatness were there. Throughout the history of the life of Calvin Coolidge as a public servant, from his first position as town clerk in his small New England home community, up through many minor positions to the governorship of Massachusetts, the vice presidency and finally the presidency itself, he displayed the ability to give the people he

represented competent service. His retirement from political life was voluntary, for there is little if any doubt that he could have served a second elective term had he so desired.

The rapid political advancement of this rather austere lawyer, whose only political asset was his ability to be an able and efficient public servant, is indication of the recognition of inherent greatness in his character.

—Astorian Budget

FALLING FOR FAKE SCHEMES

Never within the recollection of the present generation have as many fake schemes come to light as within the last two years. Almost every day papers in some part of the country are called upon to expose a new scheme. But, as a rule, the expose comes after the faker has gathered in the money and hid himself to other territory, where his game is still unknown. He manages to keep one jump ahead of the denouncers.

This section has come in for its share of schemes and fakers, and its citizens have contributed their share of coin to the schemers. It has never been plain why local citizens will bite at something a home-town citizen couldn't sell them in a hundred years.

Along comes a perfect stranger selling advertising space on a time-card, calendar, cook book or some other fake scheme. He sells his space readily, in a form of advertising that usually isn't worth the paper it is printed on, pockets the money and is on his way. And then, when the advertiser fails to get results—as he does ninety-nine times out of a hundred—he goes around declaring that "advertising doesn't pay." The fact of the matter is such schemes are not legitimate advertising, and that is the only kind that ever did or ever will pay.

There is something funny about human nature when it comes to these fake schemes. Nobody can understand why merchants and professional men "fall for them" when they wouldn't buy a nickel's worth of space if a home-town man was doing the soliciting. But a perfect stranger comes along and they bite—hook, line and sinker. It's a problem no one has so far been able to figure out. —Slaton, Texas, Slatonite.

ST. HELENS LEGION HALL IS OPENED FOR FIRST MEETING JAN. 14

(St. Helens Sentinel)

The new hall of the American Legion, Post No. 42, was opened for a meeting for the first time Wednesday evening for the regular session of the organization. Although not yet finished, the hall will be a credit to St. Helens and will afford a fine club room for its members, according to those who looked over the rooms last night.

The building has been divided into one large hall with two committee rooms at the front of the hall and a kitchen and rest rooms at the lower end of the building. It is to be lined with Fir-Tex, will have radios with two loud speakers and will be comfortably furnished.

People who use Eagle classified ads are obtaining excellent results. Give them a trial.

Among Our Neighbors . .

Joe Nauman, president, and other new officers of the St. Helens Kiwanis club, were installed Thursday of last week by W. Arthur Steele, Clatskanie publisher.

The Columbia county grange council held its quarterly meeting at Beaver Valley Sunday.

The St. Helens city council has decided to do away with the job of deputy marshal and also that of fire chief, the assistant chief serving in his place for the present.

The Washington county budget meeting voted to eliminate \$50,205 from the budget as drawn up. The county court, however, adopted the budget, slicing \$2,000 from the general fund and \$5,650 from the road fund.

Foreclosure in the tax delinquency certificates in Washington county for the year 1920 to 1924 inclusive have been ordered by Judge Geo. R. Bagley of the circuit court. Proceedings were begun in March, 1932, when the district attorney filed an application for foreclosure of unpaid taxes against 400 landowners and totaling approximately \$25,000.

Mrs. John Kessler of Banks had her left leg amputated just below the knee January 4, following an accident on the Tualatin highway near Cornelius.

Columbia County Legislators on Committee Lists

(St. Helens Mist)

Columbia county representatives in the legislature have been assigned to several important committees. O. Henry Olen is vice-chairman of the motor vehicle and aeronautics committee and is a member of the forestry, food and dairy products, labor and industries, and utilities committees. Fred W. Herman, joint representative for Columbia and Clatsop counties, is vice-chairman of the foods and dairy products committee and has been assigned as a member of the administration and reorganization, education, and revision of laws committees.

Joe. Dunne, who represents Columbia county as well as Clackamas and Multnomah counties in the senate drew the chairmanship of the important roads and highways committee. He is also chairman of the rules committee and vice-chairman of the committee on commerce and navigation. He is a member of the elections and privileges, industries, insurance, and livestock committees also.

Schools Preparing For Spelling Contests

(St. Helens Sentinel)

The spelling contests for the grade schools will begin February 3 with the schools of the county divided into five sections and each presided over by a leader as follows:

Zone 1. G. E. Finnerty, leader, Vernonia, Oregon. Districts 47, 49-Jt., 55, 14, 18, 22, 27, 50, 52, 42-Jt.

Zone 2. J. B. Kent, leader, Clatskanie, Oregon. Districts 5, 10, 15, 23, 25, 26, 29, 40, 44, 57.

Zone 3. Thos. L. McBride, leader, Rainier, Oregon. Districts 13, 4, 9, 12, 16, 19, 20, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 48.

Zone 4. D. E. Oleman, leader, Houlton, Oregon. Districts 2, 3, 11, 30, 34, 35, 39, 43, 45, 54.

Zone 5. A. J. Phillips, leader, Warren, Oregon. Districts 6, 7, 21, 58, 1-Jt., and 28-Jt.

The spelling contest is under the direction of the Columbia county division of the Oregon State Teachers association and the county superintendent of schools in Columbia county. The program will be furnished by the McBride school. Otto H. H. Peterson of Scappoose is the director of the spelling contest. Wm. B. Schnebly of St. Helens, president of the Columbia county division of the Oregon State Teachers association, and E. H. Condit, county school superintendent.

Each grade will be entitled to one contestant for the following grades: 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. For the written contest and two contestants, irrespective of grades for the oral contest.

The final contest will be held at 7:30 p. m. February 10 in the John Gumm school in St. Helens.

Ten Years Ago . . .

Vernonia Eagle, Jan. 12, 1923

The council met Monday night in the basement of the high school and decided to postpone opening bids for water bonds.

A. D. Hall of Vernonia and Clyde Johnson of Mist were appointed road supervisors for the county road last week. J. N. Miller succeeded Judson Weed as county commissioner.

P. O. Mellinger was installed as noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge Tuesday night.

Rev. F. B. Culver of Lents will have charge of special services every night at the Evangelical church beginning Jan. 14.

Mrs. Ray, the primary teacher, has recovered from her recent illness.

The Oregon-American Lumber company is clearing their railroad track at the camp of brush and trees and will be ready for business as soon as the work is done.

Ross Duncan and wife of Alaska are here visiting at the home of their brother Harve.

Rumors are afloat of a new shingle mill for Vernonia.

Parchment butter wrappers 10 cents for 25 (pound size) or 30 cents for 100; printed, 100 for \$1.75, 200 for \$2.25. Vernonia Eagle. (Adv.)

MARY KATO CHOP SUEY RESTAURANT
Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday
729 THIRD STREET

Winema High School Notes

Ruth Skaling spent last week end with Cecilia Nordstrom. Lucille Camberg and Maxine Bollinger were dinner guests of Helen Beach Sunday.

Maxine Bollinger was in Clatskanie Saturday.

Wesley Mills visited in Mist Saturday night.

Albert Rosenberg spent Friday night with Emmanuel Johnston. Kenneth Bollinger, Emmanuel Johnston, and Albert Rosenberg visited Wesley Mills Sunday.

Cecilia Nordstrom and Ruth Skaling visited Helen Beach Sunday afternoon.

Those who attended the dance at Jewell from Winema high school were Lucille Camberg, Helen Beach, Ruth Skaling, Edith Carl, Cecilia Nordstrom, Fred Johnston, and Buck Redmond.

Mr. Bryant and a number of high school students attended Grange last Thursday.

The girls practiced basketball Wednesday night.

Wesley Mills went to a show in Vernonia Sunday night.

Those present at Christian Endeavor from the high school were Elmer Camberg, Kenneth Bollinger, Howard Jones, Emmanuel Johnston, Helen Beach and Eleanor Bryant. Mr. Bryant led the meeting.

Friday night, Jan. 6, the Winema boys played basketball with Vernonia high school at Vernonia. The score was 32 to 23 in Vernonia's favor.

Winema played better in the last half than they did in the first. Vernonia played well all the time.

WE WONDER—

Why a couple of sophomores blushed when a senior walked in the study room . . . Why Edith couldn't wear spike heels down town . . . How long it takes to buy a leather coat . . . How many pounds the piano bench can hold . . . Why Allen Dale is going to give his dog some of Edith's dress . . . Why Lucille wanted the windows left open Monday morning . . . If the girls will go to Jewell Friday night . . . If Helen and Kenneth don't know that leap year is over.

— JOKES —

Mrs. Camberg: "What! Have you been fighting again, Elmer? Good little boys don't fight."

Elmer: "Yes, I know that. I thought he was a good little boy, but after I hit him once, I found he wasn't."

Lucille: "Did your watch stop when it dropped on the floor?"

Edith: "Sure, did you think it would go through?"

Dad (sternly): "Where were you last night?"

Wesley: "Oh, just riding around with some of the boys."

Dad: "Well, tell them not to leave their hairpins in the car."

Lady in a street car: "Why don't you get up and give your seat to your father? Doesn't it pain you to see him reaching for the strap?"

Howard: "Not in a car, but it does at home."

The Open Forum - -

Salem, January 9.

To the Editor: Believing that the people of Columbia county are entitled to know how I voted on important bills I will send a weekly report to each county paper.

1. I voted for a cut in the expense of conducting the legislature.

2. I voted against the sales tax.

3. I voted for the repeal of the 3 mill state levy on real and personal property for state purposes.

Even though I was in the minority on the sales tax vote in the House the Senate sustained my vote on the sales tax. The sales tax was railroaded through the House by a small bloc, and gag rule, but I do not think they will try to railroad any more bills because we defeated the same bloc on the vote of the repeal of the state levy on real and personal property.

I am opposed to the sales tax for the following reasons: It will increase the cost of living to the consumer; it makes the retailer a tax collector for the state; it places home manufacturers at an unfair disadvantage with manufacturers of other states; it keeps industries out of the state; it is a tax on consumption; it is not based upon ability to pay; it encourages extravagance in state spending; it is a tax on the poor who are now crying for bread and employment.

The Mississippi sales tax has been referred to as being ideal for the state of Oregon. Before me is a report from the Merchants' association of that state in which it is stated that the state of Mississippi reduced its budget \$10,000,000 before attempting to justify a sales tax. Certainly the state of Oregon is in no such precarious condition. First I am for a cut in the budget in all state departments before any new tax is voted.

By the defeat of the sales tax I believe that the legislature is better fortified against the greed of the different state departments and the saving of more than \$1,000,000 will be made possible.

Respectfully,
O. HENRY OLEN.

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Professional and Business Directory

For your convenience the following business and professional people are listed on this page alphabetically. These men and women are known in Vernonia as reliable business and professional people.

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Haircutting for Men Women and Children
Expert Work Guaranteed

M. D. COLE
Dentist
Vernonia, Oregon

Marvin R. Eby, M. D.
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
902 Medical Dental Bldg.
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

HOME LAUNDRY HILLSBORO
Pick-ups Tuesdays, Fridays
Leave orders at
JOY BARBER SHOP

Phone Res. Phone
Walnut 7586 Walnut 2911
Willard H. Hurley, D. M. D.
DENTISTRY
1729 Denver Ave. at Kilpatrick St., Portland, Ore.

Willard Batteries
VIOLET RAY GASOLINE
Oils . . . Expert Greasing
VERNONIA SERVICE STATION

JOHN A. MILLER
General Contractor
Mason Work, Building

Roland D. Eby, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon
Town Office 891

Portland-Vernonia Truck Line
W. A. DAVIS, Proprietor
Daily Service
Office with Crawford Motor Co.
Telephones . . . 611, 1041

BAFFORD BROS.
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Vernonia

DR. J. A. HUGHES
Physician and Surgeon
Office Phone 663 Vernonia,
Res. Phone 664 Oregon

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Cleaning and Pressing At Portland Prices
Special Order - **50c**
Also \$1.00 Service, As Desired
Vernonia Laundry
DRY CLEANING DEPARTMENT

What the Gas and Electric Utilities Mean to American Industry

The gas and electric industries of the United States give direct employment to about 500,000 men and women.

Their payrolls exceed \$600,000,000 a year, all of which flows into the channels of trade where it creates more payrolls, more jobs, more industrial activity.

In 1931 the gas companies of the country paid over \$76,000,000 in taxes, and the electric companies paid \$210,000,000. This means that they paid 10.5 cents out of every dollar grossed by selling electricity, 9.6 cents of every dollar coming from manufactured gas, and 7.2 cents in the case of natural gas.

For every consumer receiving electric service, the industry pays, in taxes, \$8.60 a year. For every manufactured gas consumer it pays the government \$4.23, and for every natural gas consumer, \$4.66.

Rates have dropped steadily since the earliest days of these industries. Electric rates, in particular, are far below the 1913 level, even though costs of all kinds, including labor and taxes, are far higher. Even during the recent boom, when prices skyrocketed, electric and gas rates continued their downward curve.

The figures show, better than argument, how much these industries mean to American industry, to the American home, and to the development of our civilization.

Oregon Gas and Electric Company
622 Bridge Street Telephone 691