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Protective Legislation

A strange development that started several years ago and reached its peak of momentum during the 49th session of the Oregon legislature, might be an indication of why the American people are being led—or driven—closer and closer to centralized government.

Protective legislation is one of the greatest evils being forced onto the public and the lobbying tactics are so strong that public good takes a back seat for the individual interests of the few. Political beliefs take no part in this dangerous legislation, in fact, the Republican party which has boasted of its ideals of individual liberty and self-government has among its staunchest supporters, those who demand individual protection rather than legislation for the overall good.

The controversial Saturday bank closing law, defeated by the Oregon senate, was nothing more than a means to "protect" certain individual banks and some chains from competition. The First National Bank of Portland opposed the legislation with the sensible argument that its employees enjoy a 40-hour week even while doing business on Saturdays and that the public should be served. At Nyssa, four employees probably would have lost their jobs if the Saturday closing law had been enacted.

Proponents of the bill apparently were interested in cutting their payrolls, but they fear the First National's competition if they choose to close on Saturday while others remain open as a public service.

The issue is far from dead. Bankers in various parts of the state are crying because they can't be protected! Many are using the "union threat," yet they fail to reveal that hundreds of employees could be fired on the five-day work-week basis, if they were protected by law.

If such tactics continue, weekly newspaper publishers might join and demand legislation to prevent all dailies, semi-weeklies, radio broadcasts and TV programs from coming into their areas on days other than those of the publishers' choice.

We doubt the inconsistency of weekly publishers, though, and believe they can accept the friendly competition as they have in the past—and profit from that same competition.

The Big Welfare Problem

Everybody's got problems! The state welfare commission has a big one. It's afraid it can't find enough people to go to work to dish out funds for people out of work!

One spokesman in Portland is bemoaning the fact that \$8000-a-year jobs in welfare work are going begging, so a subcommittee has been appointed to study recruitment problems.

From all indications, the big problem is getting someone to take applications for the various and ever-increasing types of welfare, thus building up the need for bigger staffs to take care of the bigger relief rolls.

Maybe a few "experts" who encourage applicants to use every trick in the book to obtain public funds should be added to the list of unemployed.

Owyhee Winning Recognition

Oregon (Sunday) Journal

People who have something in their back yard worth seeing usually want others to see it. Malheur county residents have many things in their back yard worth seeing, but today we shall concentrate on just one of them—Owyhee lake.

The folk who live in the Ontario, Nyssa and Vale area have been talking for a long time about Owyhee—whose name, incidentally, is of Hawaiian rather than Indian origin. Sometimes they have felt their words have fallen on deaf ears, because they are so far from the capitol and population centers of this state.

Although Owyhee is the state's longest—53 miles—and one of its deepest lakes, relatively few Oregon people have seen it, for reasons of distance and inaccessibility. It is better known to Idahoans of the Boise-Payette area. (A Malheur resident tells us the Oregon game commission reaps \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year from Idahoans in licenses just to fish Owyhee lake.)

However, the words of the Malheur people are being heard better now, partly because persistence pays off, for everyone who sees Owyhee lake wants to tell others about it, and because the lake gradually is becoming more accessible through roadbuilding and improvement done by the people themselves, with little or no help from official agencies.

Some Portland converts were won last week end on a chamber of commerce committee excursion. They tested the fabulous fishing of this "most overstocked and underfished" lake in Oregon. They explored by boat some of the arms and inlets of this waterway which has more than 300 miles of shoreline. They feasted their eyes on the highly colored cliffs that rise sharply and spectacularly out of the lake. They searched for trophies at an old Indian camp ground. They slept out under the biggest and brightest stars one could expect to see. They enjoyed the generous hospitality of the Malheur people.

It is an understatement to say that Owyhee lake has a recreational future: For the fisherman, for the outdoors boater, for the "rock hound," for the camera enthusiast, for the person who just likes the rugged out of doors far from civilization.

Those who have seen them all say the beauty of Owyhee's crags and "castellated structures" compare with that found in Bryce and Zion national parks, Utah; to Colorado's Garden of the Gods and that it completely overshadows Scotts Bluff national monument, Nebraska.

Owyhee merits the further attention, for access improvement and development, of any number of federal and state agencies, including the bureau of reclamation (it is a creation of Owyhee dam which irrigates thousands of fertile acres in northern Malheur county), the national park service, the federal bureau of public roads, the state highway commission and the state game commission.

To the people of Malheur county we say: Count us among your friends and supporters in continued efforts to win for Owyhee the kind of recognition it deserves.

Let the Bible Speak

Why do people continue to persecute Christ and His church today as they have since the first century? In Acts 7:51-52 Stephen called the people stiff necks because they resisted the Holy Ghost as their fathers did. Their fathers persecuted every prophet that prophesied of Christ's coming.

In Ex. 32:9 we find the Lord calling the children of Israel stiff-necked because they resisted the teaching of God.

In Ex. 33:3-5 we find the Lord calling them stiff-necked twice again. In Deut. 9:6-7 they are continued to be called a stiff-necked people and rebellious against the Lord.

Then we come down to the days when the children of Israel were at Jerusalem. II Chron. 30:7-8. The prophet pleaded with his people not to be stiff-necked like their fathers.

Then let us read the sermon that Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:14-39. Let us especially notice the 22nd and 23rd verses. The men who hung Jesus on a tree were called stiff-necked sons of their forefathers before them, according to Acts 7:51-53. Then notice the 57th verse.

And I tell you the stiff necks are still here, sons of their forefathers and they have stopped their ears and resisted the Holy Ghost when they turn from the New Testament to traditions and doctrines of men.

Friends, please turn back to the New Testament and learn of Jesus and his plan of salvation. "Let God be true, but every man a liar." Rom. 3:4.

Let us notice how plain these stories are to us now as they happened in history and we understand why they were called stiff-necked. We wonder why those people didn't do as God, Moses, Jesus and the apostles told them to do each in their time.

But friends, here we are now in these last days with just as plain a plan as they had and it was given to us by Christ through the inspired writers of the New Testament and they were guided by the Holy Ghost into all truth. John 16:13. (Paid Adv.)

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

Before I forget! Who owns the cute brown cocker, license number 604? I'd like to introduce him to Pica-no-longer-a-pup in the near future.

I chuckled at the "chuckle" which appeared in the Oregonian recently.

It read: "The people who are most easily shocked by scandal in the newspapers seem always to be the first ones to find it!"

How true. Was impressed by the ceremony at the cemetery Memorial day. It was brief but in excellent taste.

My only suggestion is that the firing squad toss firecrackers next year instead of trying to make their relics of bygone wars come out even.

Some mother is going to hate me. I met her charming daughter at the M and W Market Tuesday night and was "carried away" with her eyes, off the shoulder, dress, lovely complexion and pretty smile. I wrote down her name, meaning to needle my wife and now I can't find it. Will the mother of that cutie please call me so I can give credit where credit is due?

P. S. Mama wasn't so bad either! Let's see you out at the ballgame Tuesday night when the Beetmen play their first league home game against Payette, the team they'd rather whip than any other in the league. And there are some good reasons which your reporter won't mention until I get really mad.

Here's a sound suggestion made by the city manager.

The streets are now being cleaned daily and it would help, especially on Main if you merchants would sweep your sidewalks at the close of business rather than in the morning. I realize that come afternoon most folks want to head for home but it would be an asset to the whole community if the sweeping could be done in the evening . . . plus keeping dust off your merchandise.

Say! We're a-going to do it. Nyssa is going to have a drum corps. It will be a community deal with veteran and fraternal groups taking part. The long look ahead includes a uniform patch which will be adaptable to the occasion, be it an Eagles celebration, Legion event or community effort.

Owyhee Community Church Notes

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Mark 10:15.

Bible school starts June 10 at 9:00 a. m. See that your child and your neighbor children have this wonderful privilege of learning of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Anyone needing transportation call 2737.

Don't forget the work night at the church Friday in preparation for Bible school.

Bible study and prayer meeting was held at the Ed Corfield home.

Ladies chorus practice Thursday evening at the church. Also young people's first evening of baseball, time 7:30.

The We-2 group is sponsoring a potluck picnic dinner at the Don Parker home Sunday, June 9 for all in Sunday school and church.

Christian Church Notes

The Ontario-Nyssa Sunday school picnic will be held Sunday June 9, after church in the Ontario park.

Anyone having geraniums at home, please bring to church Sunday.

Bible school started Monday and will continue through June 14. All ages from 4 through the 8th grade. Any children not attending any other school are urged to come. Transportation available.

Don Graham is keeping the fire hot and preliminary plans are to be made at the Legion meeting this week.

Might inject a word of warning. The corps will march at 140 per minute. Tack on some instruments and the boys will have their jobs cut out for them. If you think I'm kidding time yourself! Means that in the 20-inch step the knees have to come clear up to the tummy. I shudder when I think of it. Especially when I think of some of the boys who HAVE tummies.

Watch the paper for details . . . The corps will be open to all who are interested whether you can play an instrument or not. It will not be open to men who practice only when it suits their convenience.

But you'll find every shopping convenience here in Nyssa, so buy locally.

—Bye now, Bill.

Methodist Church News

*He shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

Thursday, June 6, 2 p. m.—The general meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at the home of Mrs. Don Oldemeyer, 109 N. 6th. All welcome.

able. The theme "Pioneer for Christ" is one of interest to all ages. Time 9:00-11:45.

The Loyalty class held their monthly meeting at the church May 24, with 15 members present. The following officers were elected during the business meeting. Herschel Tressener, president; Mrs. Cecil Richards, vice president; Mrs. Tom Drydale, secretary and Mrs. John Lane, treasurer. Rev. Earl Hastings was guest speaker of the evening. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ralph Curry and Mrs. Cecil Richards.

The 5th Wednesday Fellowship supper of the church was held May 22. Dorothy Bibbey was in charge of the program. Special numbers included a song by Janice Richards, songs by Mrs. Edwin H. Watts, reading by Mrs. Gus Liming and a reading by Mrs. Glen Strickland.

men who are members or friends of the church are cordially invited.

June 7, 8:00 p. m.—Senior high MYF cabinet meeting at the parsonage.

June 9, 9:45 a. m.—Church school classes for everyone.

11:00 a. m.—Worship service. Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic will be "Pentecostal Power." This is student day in Methodist Churches and an offering will be taken for Methodist scholarships and loans.

7:00 p. m.—MYF and MIF meetings at church.

Vacation church school started June 3 and will continue Mondays through Fridays, June 3-14, from 9 to 11:30 a. m. All children from four years through the 6th grade are invited to participate in the Bible stories, mission study, handbook, play, songs and worship.

Linda and Laura Marie Moncur, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moncur, had Dianne Maulding and Linda Myrick as their over-night guests Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

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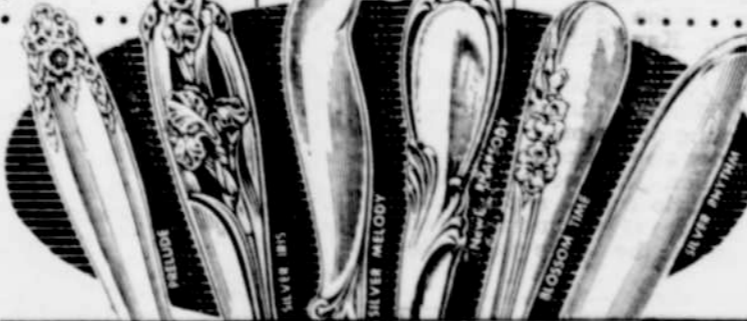
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