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Machinery Reserve Fund Needed
The Oregon legislature will be called upon to consider a proposal granting to cities and counties authority to set up reserve funds to be used in the purchase of machinery and equipment.

Country is totally dry. From Misurata to Tripoli is cultivated country, with no water problem. Thirst is one of the great menaces of this northern African desert fighting.

IN Russia, the German defenses are said to be generally stiffening, with the Germans scoring gains at some points through sheer weight of numbers.

Undoubtedly the desired legislation will be enacted because of the evident need for such a change from the existing budget restrictions. The present law requires that any surplus existing in budget funds at the close of the fiscal year be applied toward tax reductions in the budget set up for the ensuing year.

The time is particularly right for such procedure because the reserve funds, in nearly all cities and counties, can be created with out tax increases. Due to the shortage of manpower and materials, it has been impossible to carry out the usual programs of street and road maintenance and repair.

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mine-clearing squads. Rommel is really clearing out of El Aghella, he faces 300 miles of retreat through country where water is scarce and precious.

There are hints that our side is getting the all-important edge in air strength in north Africa. Allied bombers, the dispatches say, were over Tunis FOUR HOURS the other day.

Southwest of Stalingrad, they attacked with the typical blitz combination of dive bombers, tanks and following infantry. The attack was launched out of a rolling column of fog.

It is described as the strongest by the Germans since the Russians took the offensive.

IT is apparent that the Russians have failed so far to spring shut the jaws of their pincer trap west of Stalingrad.

THE news isn't bad, but it indicates clearly the wisdom of not jumping to unwarranted conclusions whenever our side starts a big push.

The war isn't over yet. The best that can be hoped is that the turning point may be here.

KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilocycles. (REMAINING HOURS TODAY) 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 6:45—Eye Opener 7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co. 7:15—Happy Johnny, Block Drug Co.

3:00—The Dream House of Melody, Gopco. 3:30—Mutual's Overseas Reporters.

OUT OUR WAY



Ceiling Prices On Bowling, Billiard, Pool Games Fixed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson today ordered a general cut in the cost of bowling to the 16 million Americans who make it their regular or occasional recreation.

He also fixed a ceiling on charges for billiards and pool at March, 1942 levels. Soldiers, sailors and war workers by the thousands play the games, Henderson said, and the price order "will insure they are not overcharged for this recreation."

The bowling ceilings are based on September, 1941, charges plus an allowance for increases in the cost of balls and pins and in the pay of pin boys.

The legal maximum represents an average reduction over the country of one cent for every three games of league bowling, OPA said, and one half a cent a game for "open" or regular bowling.

Larkin's Pledge Faces Test as He Fights Beau Jack

GARFIELD, N. J., Dec. 17—(AP)—In New York's Madison square garden tomorrow night, Tippy Larkin gets a chance to keep the promise he made to his Garfield pals more than two years ago.

On that occasion, Tippy stood before 150 of his friends at a testimonial dinner and, not knowing exactly how to thank them, finally declared with considerable determination:

"I promise you that before I'm through fighting I'll bring the lightweight championship of the world to Garfield."

Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Department of agriculture has devised a new concentrated food, the base being varieties of wrinkled peas grown in Washington and Oregon mixed with soybean.

Food values are so high in the concoction that the department asserts it makes an ideal ration for the military forces. This concentrate is planned to be largely used abroad when Uncle Sam starts feeding some 400,000,000 hungry foreigners.

The dehydrated soup (just add hot water and serve), in addition to pea meal and soybean grits, is mixed with dry skim milk. The protein content is 35 per cent.

Growers of wrinkled peas in Oregon and Washington have a heavy task ahead of them supplying their part of the concentrate.

But the declaration was exactly what his friends wanted to hear. Their cheers were long and loud and they gave him a boxing robe which he has worn in every ring appearance since.

And tomorrow night, Larkin steps into the garden ring to go 15 rounds or less with Beau Jack, the Georgia whirlwind, for the world lightweight championship.

Larkin never has seen Beau Jack in action and his only prediction on tomorrow night's fight is:

"I always try my best to keep a promise. I'll try my best and that is usually enough for me to win."

Women's Council to Meet—The Women's Council of the First Christian church will meet at 10:30 Friday morning at the home of Mrs. Len B. Fishback on South Jackson street.

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FORMER SPANISH RULER

HORIZONTAL Answer to Previous Puzzle 1 Depicted former Spanish ruler, Queen. 2 She sold her to aid Columbus.



News of Men From Douglas County In War Service

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Edwards received word today that their son, John C. Edwards, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U. S. merchant marine.

Harrison Rice, son of Mrs. Myrtle Rice of Dillard, was promoted to the rank of corporal, according to word received here.

Melvin M. Gilham of Roseburg, a graduate from Roseburg high school with the class of 1939, is now serving with a fighter squadron of the army air forces in North Africa.

Richard Reynolds, a grandson of Mrs. Myrtle Norwood of Roseburg, is now serving in the communications section of 1st battalion headquarters, 363rd infantry, Camp White, Oregon.

Spends Wednesday Here—A. C. Barnekoff, of the West Coast Printing and Binding company, Portland, spent Wednesday in this city attending to business.

toward Sherman Minton, who was given a lame duck appointment on the court of appeals after being defeated for re-election to the senate.

Wherever You See This Tap... Order Blitz-Weinhard by the Glass! ...Save Blitz-Weinhard in Bottles for HOME USE! HOW TO RE-CORK A QUART AND KEEP IT! 1 POUR SLOWLY! 2 CORK TIGHTLY! 3 RE-ICE PROMPTLY!