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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office,
Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vi-
cinity: Occasional light rain to-
night and Thursday.

Highest temp. for any Feb. 79
Highest temp. yesterday 47
Lowest temp. for any Feb. 3
Lowest temp. last night 40
Precipitation yesterday .89
Precip. from Feb. 1 .71
Excess from Feb. 1 .71
Deficit from Sept. 1, 1943 .575

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

were't too particular whom they
used them on.

It is unfortunate, but quite
true, that cutting throats has
made much more history since
the world began than making
two blades of grass grow where
but one grew before.

The pen may be mightier than
the sword, but the users of the
pen have done a lot of glorifying
of the users of the sword.

OLDLY enough, Billy the Kid
makes good bait for West-
ern American audiences.

Ballet, it seems, to this writer,
(who has no specialized knowl-
edge on the subject, and may
therefore be wrong) appeals to
the emotions through the eye
without much intervention of
the thinking brain. It tells its
story by means of rhythmic mo-
tions that SUGGEST a theme
rather than conveying it DI-
RECTLY.

If one is to understand and
appreciate the theme of a ballet,
therefore, he must be more or
less saturated in the atmosphere
of the story the dancers are seek-
ing to depict.

That (it seems to this writer)
is why Russian ballet that seeks
to depict a PURELY RUSSIAN
THEME leaves so many of us
slightly confused as to what it is
all about.

THAT is to say, when the ballet
is telling by means of rhythmi-
cally pleasing motions a story
that is based upon the deeds of
some legendary Ivan or Olga on
the frozen steppes of Russia, we
halt and stumble in our attempts
to interpret it because our knowl-
edge of what Olga and Ivan did
is sketchy or perhaps even non-
existent.

But when the thread of the
theme that runs through the
fabric of the ballet is that of our
own Billy the Kid (which we
learned if not at our mother's
knee at least out in the haymow
of our father's barn from the
then-usually-forbidden dime nov-
el) we follow it readily and nat-
urally and have little trouble in
constructing for ourselves a con-
nected story with which to in-
terpret the motions of the
dancers.

ANYWAY, it makes good enter-
tainment, and the customers
applaud and applaud and demand
certain appearance after certain
appearance by the performers.

There can be no doubt that
modern ballet, as distinguished
from the purely classic, is dis-
tinctly popular.

I. O. O. F. Meeting Set
For Thursday Night

Regular weekly meeting of
Philatelin lodge, No. 8, I. O. O.
F. will be held Thursday night
this week at 8 o'clock.

There will be degree work and
refreshments will be served after
the lodge meeting.

On Thursday night, February 10
the lodge will entertain the Re-
bekah lodge at a social meeting,
with refreshments. All Odd Fel-
lows and their wives, and all Re-
bekah members are cordially in-
vited to be present.

WORTH MUST BE PROVEN

By Charles V. Stanton

A FEW days ago we heard a man vehemently contending
that he was underpaid. He pointed out his years of ex-
perience, his educational qualifications and his general
ability.

"They don't need to think I'm going to kill myself work-
ing for an outfit that don't pay any more money than that,"
he declared.

We doubt if that worker stands in any danger of dying
from hard work. Our immediate impression was that he
was doing as little as possible for the firm by which he was
employed while feeling sorry for himself because he was
being paid what he considered too little—and, at that,
we'll bet it is more than he is worth.

His attitude, however, is one that is all too common these
days. It is an attitude susceptible to emphasis because of
the existing labor shortage; because of conditions forcing
employers to accept almost any kind of help.

What that man did not realize is that an employee must
prove himself worthy of more wages before he can right-
fully expect an increase in pay. An employee who makes
himself indispensable to his employer in normal times can
command his own salary, but no practical employer will vol-
untarily pay an employee more than the worker's per-
formance justifies.

It is not always true that employees can command wages
equivalent to their value. In fact, we have that problem
right here in the News-Review office where, because of
wage freeze, we are unable to increase the scale as much
as we think some of our loyal employees deserve.

We are thinking, rather, of those persons who are failing
to give their best service, simply because they feel they are
not being sufficiently compensated. Perhaps it is because
we have accidentally observed a surprising number of such
cases that we have gained the impression the condition is
becoming increasingly critical and widespread. It seems
to us that many persons in recent years have lost sight of
what we prefer to term the "dignity of labor." The fibre
of many of our workers was softened by the leaf-raking
days of the WPA. Organized labor, in some instances, has
been responsible by demanding uniformly high wages with-
out regard for performance. The forcing of able workers
to slow their production, because less skilled and less ener-
getic laborers are incapable of keeping pace, is not main-
taining dignity of labor.

There is serious danger the youth of the land is to suffer
most from this state of mind. Bowling alleys today are
crying for pin-setters. Newspapers are having great diffi-
culty in securing responsible carriers. Few boys are avail-
able for errands, tending lawns and gardens, piling wood
and the numerous odd jobs which their fathers diligently
sought as youngsters. Instead, children are flush with fold-
ing money, casually handed out by "The Old Man."

The Biblical injunction, "The labourer is worthy of his
hire," works two ways. The worker is entitled to proper
compensation, but his worth is something he must prove for
himself.

There is only one thing of value in the world. That is
labor. All the wealth in the world is the product of toil.
We need to recognize this fact, just as we must realize that
the laborer most apt to climb the ladder to success is the one
always willing to give more in service than he is paid for.

LETTERS
to the Editor

CRITICISM AND PRAISE
FOR MODERN BOOKS

EDITOR NEWS-REVIEW:

I would like to know what the
mothers of some of those nice,
clean, sweet, young girls in Rose-
burg think of some of the books
we get today. We see a lot in the
papers and hear a lot over the
radio about the delinquency of the
younger people, and the idea
seems prevalent that the war is
to blame; that the father and
mother are working and cannot
give the children the care and su-
pervision they need. The war is
bad enough, God knows, but how
about some of this so-called mod-
ern literature?

At Christmas time I bought two
of the much talked of Books-of-
the-Month, and in one of them
from cover to cover, there was
not one clean, decent, beautiful
thought. It put a premium on
vice and made a virtue of pro-
stitution as long as you made it
pay. Some of the language would
shame a mule skinner, and the
given details would bring a blush
to the cheeks of a gutter snipe.
Well, I read the thing through
and I thought, "Let that which
is filthy be filthy still," and I
took it up to the barn and buried
it in the manure pile.

I will admit I am old-fashioned,
narrow-minded and dumb, and I
was in doubt about the other
book, but I read it. And will some-
one tell me why when two peo-
ple have the same wonderful,
God-given talent they can write
so differently? One defined that
talent by writing a mess that
could not have been anything but
a portrayal of the writer's own
soul. The other glorified that tal-
ent by writing a book that was
so beautiful it made your heart
ache. A book that gave you a
clearer faith in God, a book that
brought you nearer to that Jesus
that died for us, a book that
brought tears to your eyes and
gave an unexplainable feeling
that you wanted to reach out and
touch the robe, and to cover those

bloody tears with your fingers.

There can be no doubt about
the nobility of the mind that
could write a book like "The
Robe."

Mrs. Allen,
Roseburg, Ore.

Annual Output of Red
Cross Chapter Shown

The production department of
the Douglas County chapter of
the American Red Cross has
made the following report for the
year 1943: From January 1, 1943,
to January 1, 1944, 14,310 articles
have been shipped. Knitwear made
2,586 chapters, and the women
in the chapter and outside sew-
ing groups completed 1,677 gar-
ments and articles for men in the
service, civilian refugees and for
hospitals.

In addition, 6,592 unfilled ditty
bags, and 144 filled army kit
bags, and 209 lap covers for
wheel chair patients have been
shipped. Chapters at Glendale,
Yoncalla and Reedsport are aux-
iliary and contribute much help
to the county chapter.

Mrs. E. A. Post is executive
secretary of the chapter and Mrs.
C. E. Roberts is acting chairman
for the production department.

11th Pea Cannery For
Inland Empire Assured

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore.,
Feb. 2.—(AP)—The eleventh pea
cannery in the Southern Inland
empire will be ready for opera-
tion here June 1, Manager W. S.
Miller of Milton announced last
night.

The Umatilla Canning Co., a
new firm organized by district
farmers, obtained the machinery
for the plant from Stanwood,
Wash., where it was found
enough peas could not be grown
for efficient operation, Miller
said. The plant will have an ini-
tial capacity of 350,000 cases
which ultimately will be stepped
up to 500,000.

It will employ 125 during the
harvest.

OUT OUR WAY



THE WAY OF WARS

I SAW

By PAUL JENKINS



A SMALL MAINTENANCE

CREW relaxing after a day's
work on the North Umpqua high-
way. Housed in a snug forest ser-
vice cabin at Steamboat, they re-
viewed the day's jobs, discussed
tomorrow's, visited and listened
to the radio. As indicated by their
expressions, the day's work had
been a relief.

From left to right those in the
picture are: Verne Harpham, fore-
most supervisor, who was on a tour
of the district; Fred Doyle; Mrs.
Plinn Cooper; "Buzz" Germond

and Plinn Cooper. Mrs. Cooper
had completed the preparation of
a tremendous supper and the
rest of us had just completed its
absolute demolition. That's the
kind of a demolition squad I like
to belong to.

This crew is occupied in clean-
ing away the slides which so fre-
quently occur in its mountainous
district; in removing trees which
have fallen across the road; re-
constructing damaged roadside
drainage ditches and making other
repairs and improvements which
will properly maintain the

forest highway through the win-
ter months. It now is in excellent
condition for travel as far as
Copeland creek—or was, at the
time I was there, January 24th.

Until January 1st the North
Umpqua highway was open for
travel to Diamond Lake, the lat-
est date for such a condition in
the history of the forest service.
By the 24th only 29 inches of
snow lay on the ground at the
lake, and five inches of that had
fallen the previous night. The
lake is frozen, having broken up
only once since the initial freeze
earlier in the winter.

of Mayor and Mrs. W. F. Harris
of Roseburg, has arrived safely
in England with the U. S. army
troops. His wife, the former

Patricia Turner, had a baby girl
at Mercy hospital last Saturday.
She is making her home here
with her parents-in-law on South
Main street.

NEWS OF OUR
MEN—WOMEN
IN UNIFORM

Private Robert Phillips, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips of
Roseburg, has arrived safely in
New Caledonia in the South Pacific
area, according to word received.
He is with the engineer depart-
ment of the U. S. army and was
recently stationed at Camp Rob-
erts, Calif.

William O. Goodlow, son of
Mrs. N. S. Goodlow, 444 Ella
street, Roseburg, has arrived at
Enid army air field, Enid, Okla.,
where he will receive a nine-week
basic flying course. He recently
completed primary flight training
at Corsicana field, Texas. After
finishing the basic flight course,
he will be assigned to advanced
flight training.

According to word received,
Corporal Harold Printz, of the
U. S. army air forces, is a pa-
tient of the army hospital in
Long Island, New York, and ex-
pects to be out by the first of
March, when he will come to
Roseburg to spend his furlough
visiting at the home of his step-
mother, Mrs. W. C. Printz.

Lowell Rhoden, son of Mr.
and Mrs. L. A. Rhoden of Rose-
burg, was one of three in a class
of 24 in radar to be advanced in
rank to sergeant T-4 at Fort
Monroe, Va., according to word
received here. He is a former
Roseburg high school student.

According to word received
here, Captain Robert Harris, son

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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