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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy with occasional showers tonight and Friday.

Highest temp. for any May 102; Lowest temp. for any May 30; Highest temp. yesterday 67; Lowest temp. last night 49.

Editorials on News

scattered all over France to cope with invading air units. They're obviously expecting airborne attacks in great force.

WE got ashore on Blak (in the south Pacific) fairly easily, but the Japs are defending the air fields in their customary suicide manner.

The fighting in northern Burma goes on, with varying fortunes. The Japs BREAK the road block southwest of Mogaung that has been held by our "chindits" since early in March.

East of Myitkyina, the Chinese are still climbing the high mountain range west of the Salween, which they crossed some time back.

IN eastern China, the Japs are still pushing south toward Canton, their obvious purpose being to cut off all of eastern China from us—preventing us from using it as a base from which to attack Japan.

As to how successful they are, we shall have to wait and see. The Chinese have pulled some astonishing rabbits out of hats.

STATE SECRETARY HULL invites the ambassadors of Britain, Russia and China to meet with us in Washington for INFORMAL discussions on the subject of international cooperation to MAINTAIN peace.

He says the heart of the political machinery (for maintaining peace) is WILLINGNESS, in heading off aggression, to USE FORCE and what force to use.

THESE world conquerors who disturb the peace follow a more or less clearly charted historical path. Long before they go on the war path, people all over the world are able to see what they are up to.

THE thing to do is STOP THEM BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. If we had had the wisdom (by "we" meaning the rest of the world) to stop Hitler while there was still time, this war wouldn't be going on now.

Hull is on the right track, and EVERYONE hopes he succeeds.

Azalea Logger Suffers Injuries in Accident. Reg Taylor, resident of Azalea, suffered severe shoulder and back injuries and a broken collar bone when he was hit by a log while working on the landing in the E. L. Johns logging woods Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, May 31—(AP)—The navy has approved \$70,500 for a synthetic gunnery training building at the Klamath Falls naval air station, Rep. Lowell

DARN THAT GUY HOLBROOK

By Charles V. Stanton

FOR once we are in favor of placing a writer under strict censorship. Such articles as the one Stewart H. Holbrook, who produces such intriguing folklore of the Far West, has in the June issue of The American Mercury should be suppressed.

He recalls Ed Schiefflin's famous note: "I have found stuff here in Oregon that will make Tombstone look like salt. This is GOLD!" And he reminds us of the map left by the dying nephew of the famed Tombstone discoverer—the undecipherable map of a strike in Douglas county—the lost mine that for years has been the will-o-the-wisp goal of prospectors.

And now with the days taking on the breath of coming summer, with the wild flowers in full bloom, with trout rising lazily to flies, Stewart Holbrook lures our minds away from workaday humdrum to seek the footprints of the hardy pioneer who forsook his gilded mansions to tread lonely paths through the tall firs of verdant mountains, wooing the fickle dame whom he once had won but lost again.

Holbrook's introduction reads: "When the water gets low in the streams of Douglas county, Oregon, late this summer, twenty, perhaps fifty, old prospectors will converge into the region to look once again for Ed Schiefflin's lost mine. They have been at it now for almost twenty years, and the war and manpower situation has had little effect on the genuine old-style prospector, the one-mule, one-pick man, the kind that has been looking for the Schiefflin mine."

From the time Ed Schiefflin was 12 years old in 1862, he sought precious metals. For 15 years his pick found nothing that could arouse interest. Then in 1877 he struck the mountain of silver that became the Tombstone mine in Arizona, starting one of the most colorful of the West's many mining stampedes.

Ed and his brother, Gird, sold out for a million dollars apiece, while a third partner stayed to make more millions. Ed traded some of his dollars for a fling in the East. He later built two great mansions in California but was happy in neither of them.

In January, 1897, he laid away his silk hat and store clothes, dressed in his old prospector's rig, and returned to Oregon, where as a boy he had panned for gold along the North Umpqua river. On May 12, 1897, a hunter found his body on the floor of his cabin. The body was returned to Tombstone for a funeral that eclipsed anything every seen before.

Ed Schiefflin left a map, which a Canadian nephew, dying on the fields of Verdun, gave to a soldier friend. But the map is of a local area only and is not related to any starting point. Since publication 18 years ago, prospectors have tried in vain to orient the crude design.

Someday, perhaps, a graybearded prospector will stumble on the traces of Ed Schiefflin's prospect hole. Personally, we don't expect to seek the lost mine. Since the day we raced back to camp with a handful of "fool's gold," we have had no interest in prospecting.

But as we sit here at a scarred and battered desk, smelling printer's ink and the fumes of hot metal, and with the discordant sound of presses, linotypes, teletypes and telephones beating in our ears, Holbrook's story of Ed Schiefflin and his lost mine produce longings not in line with efficient production.

We can see the tall firs reaching into the heavens. We can see in mind's eye the flowering dogwood and the purple lilacs on the hillside. We can see the mossy rock beside the pool where trout feed in the still depths and occasionally break the mirrored surface to seize a drifting fly. We can smell the perfume of flowers and budding trees, the aroma of a distant hardwood fire, borne on a caressing breeze. We hear the songs of birds cascading through the leafy branches, the chirp of insects, the hum of bees. In imagination we lie quietly upon the green bank of the river and our fancy follows the ridge, up and up, to the towering rim rock where, were we not too lazy to look, might lie the fabulous mine, where as Moses was given his glimpse into the Promised Land, Ed Schiefflin experienced that thrill of discovery before his tired and weary heart beat its last. Perhaps up that ridge lies wealth. Who knows?

Darn that guy Holbrook! We've got work to do.

Speakers Dated at T-B Assn. Meet in Roseburg. Captain Wm. R. Murlin, director of the division of tuberculosis control of the Oregon State Board of Health, and Sadie Orr-Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon State Tuberculosis association are to be the principal speakers at the Douglas County Tuberculosis association's annual luncheon to be held June 7 at the Umpqua hotel, Mrs. Fred Fisher, president, reported today.

The luncheon meeting is open to all members and friends of the association. Persons desiring to attend are requested to make reservations with Mrs. Fisher, phone 26F3, before Monday, June 5.

Gunnery Training Unit Awarded Klamath Falls. WASHINGTON, May 31—(AP)—The navy has approved \$70,500 for a synthetic gunnery training building at the Klamath Falls naval air station, Rep. Lowell

Stockman said he was informed today. The building will accommodate 100 students. The navy also approved \$28,500 to construct four small arms magazines, one pyrotechnics magazine and one insect storehouse at the naval air station.

More State Funds Sought For Schools

Oregon Teachers Launch Move to Put Issue Up To Voters in November

SALEM, Ore., May 31—(AP)—An amendment to Oregon's constitution which would result in the state assuming approximately 58 per cent of the school support burden probably will come up for the voters' approval in the November general election.

To reach the ballot, the bill must be supported by some 15,000 signatures on a petition by July 1. The measure is sponsored by the Oregon State Teachers association.

In brief, the constitutional amendment would increase the state contribution to school support from \$7,363,139.06 to \$12,722,976.76 (based on 1942-43 school attendance figures), offset local property taxes \$8,000,000 a year, absorb the present elementary school fund of \$2,000,000 a year, and would provide \$2,359,837.70 in new funds for school purposes.

Specifically, it asks for 45 cents per child per day of attendance in public elementary and secondary schools. It also would incorporate and make permanent the present \$5,000,000 annual state school support fund which will exist only so long as a state income tax fund surplus remains.

Teachers argue that the state is the only unit through which new sources can be taxed for operating schools and that the burden of taxation for school support should be equalized throughout the state. The amendment merely provides that the state shall furnish the funds; methods of raising and distributing the money are left to the state legislature.

Three possible methods of distribution are: (1) According to school census (present county fund is administered this way); (2) Teacher unit method in which so much is allotted per teacher in the district (present state elementary fund is handled this way); and (3) So much per day attendance (state's present \$5,000,000 school fund is apportioned this way).

Several objections may arise over the proposal before election time rolls around, its supporters believe. A main kick probably would be that the bill changes the constitution. Secondly, no source is named and taxpayers may fear a new property tax levy to help raise funds. Such a levy, however, would be equal throughout the state and would not fall hard upon any particular district.

The OSTA purposely left out the method for raising the funds because it did not want any one particular source named in the constitution. The state legislature might want to use several methods and vary them according to conditions.

More state support for Oregon schools has long been a project of the OSTA. In March of this year the organization voted to sponsor a constitutional amendment, upon recommendation of a committee that had studied the problem in all parts of the state.

If voters approve the measure, OSTA will have to follow up with bills to implement the amendment at the 1945 legislative session.

Passage of the amendment would climax a fight by the OSTA for more state support of public schools. Five years ago the state supplied nothing for the support of schools except the state irreducible school fund of around \$321,000, which came from the schools' lands anyhow. Practically all of the \$20-24,000 required annually to run the schools came from local property taxes. In 1941 the OSTA successfully promoted an initiative that provided that all surplus income tax receipts should go to the schools.

The legislature amended this to make it \$5,000,000 a year to offset local taxes as long as there are surplus tax funds. The \$5,000,000 in addition to the elementary school fund of slightly more than \$2,000,000 furnished by the state since 1941-42 brought the total state support up to 30 per cent in 1943-44. OSTA feels, however, that the state should pay at least 50 per cent of the cost. Neighboring states of Washington and California paid 61.3 and 47.8 per cent, respectively, in 1940 and probably pay even more now.

Dr. B. Benjamin, Native Of Roseburg, Passes. Dr. Bertram (Bert) Benjamin, early-day resident of Roseburg, where he was born about 70 years ago, died May 23 last in New York City, where until recently he was engaged in the profession of a chiropractor. His late father,

Charles Y. Benjamin, and grandfather, Wm. F. Benjamin, were at one time partnership owners and publishers of the old Roseburg Plaindealer, on which he worked during his younger days as a printer. During that period Dr. Benjamin was also a member of local bands and orchestras. His wife died several years ago in France, where for a time he practiced his profession. A sister, Mrs. T. G. Crothers, resides in San Francisco.

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY THURSDAY 6:30—Music You Remember. 7:30—Cisno Kid. 8:00—Here Comes the Band. 9:00—Newspaper of the Air. FRIDAY 9:00—Boake Carter. 10:30—Luncheon With Lopez. 1:30—Music for Remembrance. 3:00—Griffin Reporting. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter. 6:30—Double or Nothing. 8:00—Eye Witness News. 8:15—Recital Hall of the Air. 8:30—Name That Song. 9:45—Music for the Night.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co. 4:15—Care and Feeding of Husbands, Malt-O-Meal. 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm. 4:45—Music Off the Record. 5:00—Moods in Music. 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep. 5:30—Musical Cocktail. 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studdebaker. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Toothpaste. 6:15—The Adventures of Nick Carter. 6:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co. 6:45—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son. 7:00—State News, Keel Motor Co. 7:05—Musical Interlude. 7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co. 7:30—Cisno Kid. 8:00—Here Comes the Band, Douglas Flour Mill. 8:30—The Story of General Smuts. 8:45—Garden Time, Miller Products Co. (Feed KUIN). 9:00—Alka Seltzer News. 9:15—Rex Miller, Wildroot. 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Hunt Bros. Packing Co. 9:45—Music for the Night. 10:00—Sign off. FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1944. 6:45—Reveille Round-Up. 6:55—Schriker Auction. 7:00—News, J. A. Folger Co. 7:15—Stuff and Nonsense. 7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.

Glass Containers for Gooseberries Approved. WASHINGTON, June 1—(AP)—The War Production Board has modified regulations to permit commercial canning of Oregon's gooseberry crop in glass containers, Senator Guy Cordon said today.

7:35—Judd Furniture Store. 7:40—Rhapsody in Wax. 8:00—Dr. Louis Talbot, Bible Institute of Los Angeles. 8:30—Morning Melodies. 8:45—Shoppers Guide. 9:00—Boake Carter. 9:15—Man About Town. 9:30—Midland, U. S. A. 9:45—Melodie Varieties. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News. 10:15—Jack Berch, Kellogg's All- Bran. 10:30—Luncheon With Lopez, Van Camps, Inc. 10:45—Musical Market Basket. 11:00—Wheel of Fortune. 11:45—Around the Town, Kellogg's Cornflakes. 12:00—Musical Interlude. 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer. 12:15—Treasury Song for Today. 12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange. 12:25—Rhythm at Random. 12:40—State News, Hansen Motors. 12:45—News-Review of the Air. 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Felt. 1:00—Walter Compton. 1:15—Open House. 1:30—Music for Remembrance. 2:00—Treasury Star Parade. 2:15—Musical Hi-Jinks. 2:30—Western Serenade. 2:45—Radio Tour. 3:00—Griffin Reporting. 3:15—Dusty Records, Henningers Marts. 3:45—Johnson Family. 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Plough Chemical Co. 4:15—Care and Feeding of Husbands, Kerr Glass Co. 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm. 4:45—Music Off the Record. 5:00—Bible Adventures, Presbyterian Church. 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep. 5:30—Musical Cocktail. 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studdebaker. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kremi. 6:15—The Adventures of Nick Carter. 6:30—Double or Nothing, Feenamint. 7:00—State News, Keel Motor Co. 7:05—Musical Interlude. 7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co. 7:30—Lone Ranger. 8:00—Eye-Witness News, Coppo. 8:15—Todd Grant Gets the Story. 8:30—Name That Song. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News. 9:15—Hi Neighbor, Carstens Furniture Store. 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 9:45—Music for the Night. 10:00—Sign off.

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