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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight. Occasional light rain and cooler Wednesday.

In the Day's News

more than a disorganized rabble, against which the allied armies are making swift progress. Reinforcements, including tanks, could be sent from the grimly arrayed eastern front to the support of the disorganized western front, which hour by hour is moving inexorably nearer to Berlin.

THE conclusion seems obvious. Even if it means letting us into Berlin by the back door, the nazis are going to stand to the last against the Russians—whom they fear as the murderer fears the hangman.

THERE is an interesting dispatch from supreme allied headquarters in Paris. It says that the German army, still fighting grimly in the east, no longer has a cohesive front or a coherent command in the west.

BUT, the dispatch adds, the war won't end when the link-up is made. There may be military fighting clear on into next winter. The nazis are expected to fight as best they can until the LAST INCH of the reich has been overrun by the allied armies.

V-E day, the dispatch goes on, is problematical as to time. It will come by ALLIED proclamation. WHEN the proclamation is made will be determined by us, the British and the RUSSIANS in conference.

When we think the war in Europe is over, we will proclaim that it is over.

SUPREME headquarters thinks the fighting may break up into many smaller fronts. Two such fronts, it says, are already shaping up—one in northern Germany, along the Baltic; another in the south, in the Bavarian, Austrian and Italian Alps, where the top nazis hope to make their stand to the death.

There will be other scattered, minor fronts at various ports which the Germans still hold. (We must remember that they still hold ports on the FRENCH coast.)

THAT is to say, the end will come in Germany as it is coming on Bougainville, on New Guinea, on Luzon, on Okinawa, where hopelessly surrounded Japs still fight on to the last man.

Perhaps it is the best way. This foul thing that is nazism has to be stamped out to the last ember. If a spark is left, it may start another fire.

STANDING grimly before Naha in Okinawa, as the nazis are standing east of Berlin, the Japs have stymied us for eight straight days. Last Saturday they counter-attacked furiously, but were thrown back in disorder.

Our total bag of Jap planes in the Ryukyus for the two days was 256 in 26 days, from March 18 to April 12, Admiral Mitscher's fast carrier force has destroyed 1277 enemy planes—an average of 49 a day.

D-28S in "great" strength (supposed to be about 400) hit

ACHIEVING DILAPIDATION

By Charles V. Stanton

Residents of Klamath Falls are more than a little piqued by a paragraph in a recent issue of Harper's magazine in which C. Hartley Grattan, reporting on observations during a hurried tour of the Pacific Northwest, describes Klamath Falls as "a rough and ready town, which illustrates to perfection the American capacity for achieving dilapidation without achieving antiquity."

Malcolm Epley, managing editor of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, takes his revenge by declaring that the few people who turned out to hear an address given by the author of the article in Harper's, found the speech, "Long, boring and uninteresting." But, despite taking umbrage at the uncomplimentary reference to his home town, "Mac" calls attention to conditions which are to be found in many cities of the West.

He says: Of course, that statement also demonstrates to perfection C. Hartley Grattan's capacity (and many other writers') for sweeping, superficial conclusions based on fleeting glimpses that are likely to do either flattering or libelous injustices to any subject and can miss the whole point of a good story. In this case, the latter has happened, and his whole article, seeking to give clever word pictures of the towns he visited in the northwest, is no doubt filled with examples of the same fault. As for Klamath, the interesting story is that it is only about 25 years out of the sagebrush, that it came out of the sagebrush with a glorious boom which, like all booms, made money but not construction beauty and permanence in the locale of its occurrence.

We have been steadily, but too slowly, shedding the undesirable physical consequences of that boom. Every town we have ever seen has a certain amount of dilapidation and Klamath has its share. Its public buildings, banks, theaters and larger business buildings compare favorably with those of most cities of similar size in this region, and some of them are outstanding. But on the edges of the business district, and on the edges of the residential district, are evidences of the sort of thing that inspired C. Hartley Grattan's verbal gymnastics. Furthermore, because the general level of property improvement and maintenance has advanced slowly, many of us have been guilty of minor neglect and carelessness that add to unfavorable impressions caused by the horrible examples.

What was said by Harper's reporter concerning his impression of Klamath Falls could just as easily apply to almost any other town in Oregon.

As "Mac" Epley points out, our towns have been carved out of the sagebrush or the forests for only a comparatively few years and, as we have made improvements, we have neglected to bring into conformity the existing or older properties.

We can, for instance, from the window beside our desk, look out upon business properties in Roseburg that haven't had a coat of paint for 20 years. We can see broken windows in vacant, upstairs rooms. We can even see last year's circus posters and signs of firms that have been dead and gone these many years. And all this intermingled with beautiful and thoroughly modern, completely new structures, well-tended and glistening in their freshness.

New businesses are springing up daily in Roseburg and as each comes out in new dress, it serves to emphasize the dilapidation surrounding it.

Harper's reporter came from the East, where dilapidation is common and uniform, where coal soot lends a color similarity. In the majority of the eastern cities we have seen there is little to draw distinction between the old and the new. In fact, the old predominates in the impression one gains.

But here in the West, where the old and the new are intermingled, the contrast is striking indeed and lends itself easily to the description of "achieving dilapidation without achieving antiquity."

A new patch on an old pair of pants is conspicuous, but a uniformly shabby suit tends to obscurity.

Tokyo's arsenal, chemical and explosive-manufacturing area, setting off huge explosions.

The Jap jet pilots seem not to have been too good in this first reported attack with their new weapon. They apparently haven't learned to control it as yet—as they are said to have had trouble connecting with our attacking air giants.

Four hundred and fifty people in the United States die each day of cancer.

U. S. Naval Leader: 17 Pictured commander of Pacific Fleet Air Force. Vice-Adm. 13 Entertained 14 Drug 15 Placed 16 Exit 19 Florida (ab.) 20 Moist mass 22 Long fishes 23 Equable 24 Consume 26 Every 27 Sards 32 Abraham's horse 33 Id est (ab.) 34 Area measure 35 Hawaiian Islands (ab.) 36 Rod 38 Beverage 40 Be seated 41 Compass point 42 Metal plate 44 Pain 48 Former Russian ruler 51 American humorist 52 Each 54 Lyric poem 55 Colonize 57 Inn 59 Chopped 60 Vegetables

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a portrait of a man.

OUT OUR WAY



THE OFFICE ATHLETE

Reedsport C. of C. Sets Annual Meet

REEDSPORT — The annual meeting of the Reedsport chamber of commerce will be held Friday, April 20. A delegation from the Roseburg chamber of commerce is expected to be present. A seafood dinner will precede the business session at which Sid Samuelson, general manager of the Bridge Lumber company, will serve as toastmaster. Principal speakers will be Richard Folgate, Portland, superintendent of the U. S. recreation bureau, and F. W. Furtz, Corvallis, superintendent of the Siuslaw National forest.

DIAL-LOG

Back on regular schedule again, but with the news that is coming in from the European theater, we have a feeling, as each day's programs are being prepared, that maybe we'll be throwing the schedules to the wind and just be listening to the network again. Since we can't plan on this, we'll try to keep you informed with late bulletins of any news that may come through. In all seriousness, this is one time when we feel that you will be wise if you stay tuned to 1490 all day, because we can promise you complete coverage on any news that comes over the wires, and, naturally, we'll join the network for any pool broadcasts that may be released.

KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilocycles.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY: 1:00-Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical, Wildcat. 1:30-Let's Dance. 2:00-Grand News Program, Assembly of God. 2:30-Sam Hayes, S. & W. Fine Foods. 3:00-Superman, Kellogg. 3:30-Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina. 4:00-Night News Wire, Studelaker. 4:30-Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Toothpaste. 5:00-Times Tiddler, Carriers Products. 5:30-Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co. 6:00-State and Local News, Keel Motors. 7:05-Musical Interlude. 7:15-Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil. 7:30-The Male Quartet, W. Young. 7:45-House of Melody, Capco. 8:00-The Restaurant, Man's Garden Farm Bureau. 8:15-A Date With Amaloris. 8:30-News, J. A. Folger Co. 8:45-Ships of War, Trowbridge and Plynn. 9:00-Alka Seltzer News. 9:15-Rex Miller, Wildcat. 10:00-Fulton Lewis, Jr., Roseburg Pharmacy. 10:15-Music for the Night. 10:30-Sign off.

Yoncalla Soldier Is Hospitalized for Wounds

Pvt. William B. McElmurry of Yoncalla is now a patient at William Benumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas. A BAR man with the 34th division, McElmurry was wounded by shrapnel during an enemy attack in Belgium. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and wears the ETO ribbon with one star. In civilian life McElmurry was a lumberjack with the Whipple company in Drain. His wife and three children reside in Yoncalla.

J. T. Overton, Retired S. P. Co. Employee, Dies

MARIAL, Ore., April 17—James T. Overton, an employe in the Southern Pacific train service for 46 years, died here April 10. He lived in Portland 36 years and, following his retirement last September because of ill health, made his home here. He was born in Kansas and in 1905 married Clara Redfield of Glendale, Ore. Besides his wife, he leaves a sister Mrs. Della Robertson, Grants Pass, and five half-sisters.

Seattle Cafes Hit By Lack of Points

SEATTLE, April 17.—(AP)—Possibility that Seattle restaurants may be forced to close two days each week was voiced last night by R. W. Dale, general manager of the Washington State Restaurant Association, Inc. Dale told a gathering at the Seattle chamber of commerce that "our restaurant operators simply do not have the points to purchase necessary meats. Some may have to close at least two days a week. Some have been closing already on most any pretext, such as renovating the premises. More and more restaurants will have to close for certain periods at least." B. J. Fotheringham, OPA district food rationing officer, said both the Seattle and San Francisco OPA officials would like to help but cannot. The Washington D. C. office could help but will not, he said, because the nationwide rationing situation will not permit it. Sulfa drugs have reduced mortality from pneumonia from an average of 20.8 per cent to 3.9 per cent, and the average duration of the illness from 38 to 27 days.

Notice to Stockholders

Notice to holders of preferred stock certificates numbers 1022 to 1154 inclusive, of the Douglas County Farm Bureau Cooperative Exchange. You are hereby notified that the above mentioned certificates have been called for payment, and will be paid on presentation at the company's office. Interest on the above mentioned certificates will cease on April 30th, 1945. A. R. Kronke, secretary.

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