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The Weather: U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Light showers tonight; partly cloudy and warmer Thursday.

In the Day's News

more than they enlighten us because the whole picture is obscured by the clouds and the dust of censorship and silence.

THE "off-ag'in on ag'in" nature of the news from China is a good example of this situation.

For weeks it has seemed that the Chungking Nationalists and the Chinese communists might be getting closer together—possibly going even so far as to bury the personal ambitions of their leaders in the common purpose of getting together and building a great and prosperous China.

WHY did Russia pull out of Mukden so suddenly? That is something else that is hidden by the smoke and the dust. But it may be assumed rather safely that Russia HAD A REASON.

THE United States protests to Russia against the continued presence of Red Army troops in Manchuria and the removal of industrial machinery from that part of CHINA (to be taken home and used in Russia.)

It is becoming fairly obvious that the wartime unity of the three great Allies is being badly strained. We and the British are showing an increasing tendency to move over to one side of a line while the Russians move over to the OTHER side.

ON THE home front, a new government order slashes commercial building so that more new homes can be started. It is estimated in Washington that \$30,000,000 a week is being expended on non-residential building.

NON-RESIDENTIAL building is needed to provide people with JOBS. Residential building is needed to provide them with HOMES.

ONE thing this controversy DOES do. It illustrates strikingly the great NEED FOR PRODUCTION. We need BOTH business-structures and homes.

CITIES NEED TAX MONEY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The League of Oregon Cities is cooperating with the state legislative interim committee, engaged in a study of the state's tax system (or lack thereof) in an effort to place municipal financing on a more equitable basis.

Inflexibility of our existing tax laws is producing a tremendous barrier to progress, particularly in our municipalities. Primary cause of our difficulty is the 6 per cent limitation on budgets, imposed by constitutional amendment.

Every indication points to very rapid growth in all of Oregon's principal municipalities. The national trend of migration is westward—particularly to the Pacific coast.

Within a comparatively few months residential areas surrounding the City of Roseburg will be demanding annexation. Sanitary conditions will not permit continuation of present status for any great length of time.

We hope the interim committee will be able to formulate a less haphazard tax structure than exists in this state at present and that it will, in arriving at its conclusions, give consideration to the imperative needs of counties, school districts, municipalities and the lesser subdivisions which are dependent upon tax income to maintain adequate service.

Lynam, Hager to Team up Against Angelo and Ross

Tex Hager, the popular young grappler who is still planning to move to Roseburg in the near future, returns to the Pacific Northwest mat wars Saturday night when he hooks up here with Joe Lynam for a team match against a couple of rough and tough villains—Tony Ross and Bruno Angelo.

The feature is expected to attract another capacity crowd at the Roseburg Armory—equal to last Saturday's packed house that watched Paavo Kartana successfully defend his light-heavyweight championship against the challenge of Pierre LaBelle.

Matchmaker Don Owen is planning on an outstanding preliminary match in which Tony Martiniello meets Frankie Clemens, Indian newcomer from Oklahoma.

Although the clean-cut, clean-cut tandems usually find themselves fighting between themselves before the match closes, Lynam and Ross are deadly opponents. Following a series of mat engagements in which Lynam suffered physical beatings

Medford, Rainier Win Opening Tilts At Hoop Tourney

SALEM, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The Medford Hornado and Rainier Columbians copped first round victories in the 27th annual Class "A" Prep School Basketball Tournament here last night in two thrilling openers for the 1946 playoffs.

The two teams will take it easy on the Willamette gym sidelines until they meet in quarter finals Thursday, while twelve more schools battle it out in the preliminary rounds today.

Medford's 48-34 win over Rosevelt Roughriders of Portland last night came in a fourth period surge after the two teams fought through five tie-ups and swapped the lead seven times in the first three quarters. Medford led at all quarters, but was threatened seriously in the first and third.

As a round-up of thrills, little Rainier tossed aside the Bend Lava Bears 47 to 42 in a roaring second half of court play. Rainier led 26-13 at the half, but the central Oregon cagers came back fighting to tie it 39-all with four minutes of the final quarter left.

Grover Pelham scored for the Columbians to make it 41-39. As the seconds ticked off, the Bears grabbed a one point edge of 42-41 when Bill Sheffield, fouled as he dropped a goal, also made the gift throw.

Then, with less than a minute to go, big Herb Evans cut loose for the Columbians to end the game at 47-42.

Cossack Chorus Pleases Capacity Audience Here

Every seat in the Junior High School auditorium was filled last night when the General Platoff Don Cossack Chorus was presented by the Roseburg Community Concert Association.

The Cossacks' selections varied from the liturgical music of the Greek Orthodox Church to the Russian folk melodies and their own boisterous regimental Cossack songs.

The entire audience was delighted with G. Soloduhin's exciting exhibition of knife juggling in the Caucasian "Leskinka."

The chorus closed the program with the "Kosatchok," popular dance of the Don Cossacks.

The General Platoff Don Cossacks are a true "capella" chorus. Not all choruses without instrumental accompaniment are entitled to use the term "capella," which designates unaccompanied chorus singing conforming with the traditions of chapel choirs of Europe, where only male voices are used.

The director, Nicholas Kosrukoif, has trained every member himself.

offenders was turned in. A feminine complaint, it read: "Get some better looking patrolmen. If one of them would smile it would crack his face."

Non-Sense of Value: BEATRICE, Nebr., March 13.—(AP)—A short time after O. L. Clarke left a movie house he discovered he had lost his billfold which contained \$148.

The drone bee should be able to see everything that goes on. His eyes have from 6,000 to 7,000 lenses.

NOTICE Local 2949 Will Meet at The Pacific Building Wednesday, March 13 In the Basement

AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE Canyonville Saturday, March 16 9:30 P. M. UNTIL ? Music by MELODY MOUNTAIN BOYS Midnight Refreshments Proceeds go to build new home for World War II Legion

KRNR Mutual Broadcasting System 1490 Kilocycles.

- REMAINING HOURS TODAY: 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.

- THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1946: 6:00—Yvon Patrol.

- 11:30—Musical Interlude: 11:35—S. Recap of Sports, U. S. Tire Store.

Golda Wickham Confirmed As Women's Dean, U. of O.

Eugene, March 13.—(AP)—The University of Oregon, Eugene, March 13.—The appointment of Golda Parker Wickham (Mrs. J. Alan) as dean of women in the University of Oregon was confirmed Tuesday by the State Board of Higher Education at its regular meeting in Portland.

Mrs. Wickham's appointment becomes effective June 16. She has been acting dean of women since January, 1945.

House Votes Transfer Of Warships to China

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—The House passed yesterday and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing transfer of 271 small warships to China.

The measure authorizes the President to sell, lease or give to China vessels the size of a destroyer escort or smaller. They are intended to become the nucleus of a Chinese Navy.

Eating Equipment Too: SALT LAKE CITY, March 13.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff German Dean spent three hours tracking down the stolen lunch box of Andrew Bennion of Murray, Utah, after an urgent plea from Bennion that it contained his false teeth.

The box—and teeth—were finally found in possession of a 15-year-old boy. Dean said Bennion has his teeth back. The lunch was unrecoverable.

Washington News From an Inside View Argument, Sentiment, Comment

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Congressman, Fourth Oregon District

Under what was possibly the greatest barrage of -opaganda and the heaviest administration pressure it ever has experienced, the House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a bill called the veterans housing bill. The bill is not a veterans bill. Veterans are mentioned only in the general policy statements in the bill. The bill is not actually a housing bill, since it does not provide for the building of a house or any other structure. It is a bill creating a super-powerful bureau or agency with infinite power vested in one individual to be known as a housing expediter.

This super-power housing bill was debated for nearly two weeks. It was amended and considerably rewritten on the floor. The course and nature of the debate was badly reported and misrepresented in the press and on the radio. Those of us who could not tolerate giving any one man the power proposed in the bill were consistently branded as being opposed to expediting the construction of housing—particularly where we represented as being opposed to housing for veterans. No one, of course, was opposed to housing. Reporters and commentators said we voted "the heart out of the bill" by voting against the Monroney amendment which called for the payment of \$900,000,000 in subsidies. The subsidy provision was NOT in the bill as reported to the

floor, but was offered as an amendment later. What the people of the country have not been told is that Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt is already given by executive order, issued under the broad war powers act, all power reasonably necessary to speed up housing production. He has been on the job almost three months and has made good progress. A total of 39,000 dwellings were started in January, or several times the number started during that bad-weather month even in peak building years. The only needed power he lacks is the power to adjust material prices so as to increase production. That power lies still with Chester Bowles. Surely the two men can get together on the question of prices for building materials for the good of the country.

We have been hoping for the release of government controls over our lives. But a tired House of Representatives, having resisted pressures and propaganda for nearly two weeks, finally passed a bill which would place in the hands of one man more power and more control over us than ever given to any man or any agency or government before, either in, during a war, or in peacetime. Many House members reluctantly voted for the bill, hoping the Senate will clean it up and make a decent bill out of it—and they voted to thus get rid of it in its present form. I considered the bill an unusually bad piece of legislation as presented for final passage and so voted against it.

It's a Big Evening... Have a Coke ... time out for the friendly pause "Snacks at our house" always rings the bell. No matter what the hour—if there's a bit of home cooking in the cupboard—and Coca-Cola in the icebox—the gang can look forward to a treat. Have a Coke is a perfect way to climax a happy occasion and say, This has certainly been a date to remember. COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF ROSEBURG