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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Occasional light rain to night and Friday.

Highest temp. for any March... 85. Lowest temp. for any March... 18. Highest temp. yesterday... 59. Lowest temp. last night... 38.

In the Day's News

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—by Russians, who were then our allies. HAVING made that disclosure, whose gravity can not be over-estimated, King proceeds to draw a distinction between the Russian agents who did the spying in Canada and Stalin—of whom he speaks with carefully measured kindness.

What he knows of Stalin or has learned of him from those associated with him during the war, he says, "causes me to believe he would not countenance action of this kind on the part of his country."

He then adds: "I believe that when these facts are known to him (Stalin) and to others in positions of full responsibility we shall find that a change will come that will make a vast difference indeed."

FROM what we know of Russia's governmental system, it is very difficult indeed for us to believe that anything of this sort could go on WITHOUT STALIN'S KNOWLEDGE.

So we may assume that Premier King's words are carefully chosen in order to provide a face-saving outlet for Russia in the event that the shape of events to come should make such an outlet acceptable to her.

THE SUGAR COATING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The OPA tells us it is "holding the line" on prices. It attempts to create fear of inflation in our minds, to preserve its embrace upon the country.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics index of wholesale prices, for the period from 1939 to 1945, shows the following price increases: Metal and metal products 12 per cent; fuel and lighting materials, 16 per cent; house furnishing goods, 21 per cent; hides and leather products, 24 per cent; chemicals and allied products, 25 per cent; building materials, 32 per cent; textile products, 45 per cent; foods, 54 per cent; farm products, 101 per cent. Is this "holding the line"?

It is interesting to note that foods and farm products, items upon which the public is most reluctant to release controls, have advanced most in price.

Considering claims that prices are not as uniformly high as in the inflationary period following the first World War, we must heed the fact that OPA pricing policies have crowded thousands of low-cost items, particularly in manufactured goods, off the market, thus forcing purchasers to buy more expensive items.

Even now we are in the midst of inflation, but it has been sugar coated and disguised to tempt us into swallowing it without realizing we're being doped.

The percentage of dollars in circulation in 1945 was 191.86 per capita, as compared with 51.38 per capita in 1920. Thus we have nearly four times as many dollars to play with as we did in the last inflation.

One reason production is down is because of OPA price juggling. Hundreds upon hundreds of manufactured items are not being produced today because it is more profitable to produce something else. Women, for instance, have much difficulty in finding cheap house dresses, because the manufacturer cannot make a profit on such items and turns to a more expensive line where he can afford to produce.

We have been made to fear the possible effect of removal of OPA controls. But there are two sides to the fear.

A recent poll of Roseburg merchants showed a majority to be favorable to continuation of price controls. Certainly they were not of that opinion because they love the OPA. They know that if controls are removed prices will go down, not up.

Immediate removal of OPA control doubtless would cause prices on some items, particularly those most scarce, to rise temporarily. But, on the other hand, we would more quickly return to a wider variety of merchandise, including many of the now extinct low-cost items.

We hear it said that the American public, with a huge backlog of savings, would go on a spending spree if price controls were removed. This might be true to some extent, but we doubt if it would be as great as some would have us believe.

Talk, for instance, to people planning to buy new automobiles. Aside from those desperately in need of transportation, you will find the majority plan to wait a year or two to get a look at promised new models. All available money is not going to leap out of pocketbooks the moment price controls are lifted.

Let's not succumb to the doctrine of fear being so earnestly preached by administration propagandists. Let's lick some of the sugar coating off the inflationary soporific and analyze the contents before we let it be rammed down our throats.

Spring Bows Tomorrow NEW YORK, March 20. (AP)—Spring will arrive officially for most of the United States tonight and for the East Coast early tomorrow morning.

Those green buds and flowers will become official 9:33 P. M., Pacific Standard Time.

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

U. S. Army Leader

HORIZONTAL 1 Girls, 2 U. S. Army, 3 Jester, Maj.-Gen., 4 Stone (suffix), 5 Exists, 6 Engrave, 7 Troy weight, 8 Anent, 9 Work, 10 Outlet, 11 Involve, 12 Tempests, 13 Preposition, 14 Without, 15 In, 16 Final (music), 17 On account (ab.), 18 Doctor (ab.), 19 Recent, 20 Perceive, 21 Half an em, 22 Am (contr.), 23 Meaning, 24 Even (contr.), 25 Boy, 26 Cut, 27 Attire, 28 Near, 29 Diminutive suffix, 30 Entry, 31 He supervised development of the atomic, 32 Point of land, 33 Fence, 34 Poker stake, 35 Wears away, 36 Ejected, 37 Abandon, 38 Wrenches.

Crossword puzzle grid with a portrait of a man in the center.

Washington News From an Inside View

Argument, Sentiment, Comment

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, Congressman, Fourth Oregon District

Atomic Bomb Test Elaborate preparations to make a test of the effect of atomic bombs on naval craft have been under way for some time. All of the plans and specifications had previously been worked out.

Magicians in Congress I was reminded by the announcement by Congressman Fritz Latham of Texas that he would not seek reelection and would retire from Congress that we have at least two excellent magicians in the House of Representatives.

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Skipper Ready to Bet Ship Will Survive A-Bomb

BREMERTON, Wash., March 20. (AP)—The skipper of the battleship Pennsylvania said yesterday he would "offer a 50-50 bet" to take the Pennsylvania back to Bikini to her berth at the Philadelphia Navy yard.

The big battleship is in harbor here, loading tanks, trucks and lashed-down airplanes, set to sail Sunday for a spot she'll occupy as one of the target ships in the atom bomb test in the Pacific.

Back Pay Pledge Doesn't Cancel Call for Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20. (AP)—The CIO Longshoremen's Union won a formal pledge of payment of \$8,000,000 in back wages yesterday, but announced that a coastwide strike still is scheduled for April 1.

Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, said that members of the negotiating committee would leave this week to take up posts along the coast and get strike machinery going.

will cover recent developments on such subjects as animal breeding, nutrition, plant breeding and diseases, soil, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, and kindred subjects. The new book will go to the printer late this year and will be ready for distribution some time in 1947.

Bonded Collection Service 327 W. Cass Street Room 4—Second Floor (Parkinson Building) Lillian W. Compton Manager Licensed and Bonded No Collection—No Charge

Russ-Swiss Ties Renewed BERN, March 20. (AP)—Switzerland and Soviet Russia have agreed to resume diplomatic relations after a lapse of 22 years.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh Shaking Heads and Human Liberties

It's a funny thing. Now that the war's over, there's a lot of head-shaking in our town. People say: "What's the younger generation coming to?" "How can we end these strikes?" "The country's going to the dogs!" "There ought to be a law!" etc.

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