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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Cloudy with occasional rain tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature.

In the Day's News

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BINDING on the 15 national convention delegates to be chosen at the election. They can still go to the conventions and do as they please.

The Nebraska primary is only a glorified and official straw vote.

AS a matter of fact, our whole Presidential primary system is a lot of chaff. It was worked out originally to enable the politicians to retain their grip on the political conventions.

If we're going to depend on straw votes, the public opinion polls are much more reliable. These polls (which measured the rise of Stassen popularity well ahead of Wisconsin) can really be made into an efficient and valuable modern tool if we can only keep the politicians' hands off them.

A RATHER amusing bit of political sparring comes out of Nebraska election.

Taft, campaigning in Fremont (Neb.), tells an audience he wants a powerful air force. He is opposed, he said, to universal military training.

Wafted on the swift wings of teletype and radio, that statement reached the ears of Democratic National Chairman McGrath in Portland (Ore.).

"If Taft knew the facts," he told his hearers in Portland, "he certainly would be advocating rather than opposing such measures of American preparedness as universal military training."

IF Taft (along with the rest of us) doesn't know the facts about the threatening world situation, it must be because the administration hasn't told them to us or because we don't believe what the administration says.

Either way is bad. If we haven't been told the whole story, the administration (meaning the President, his cabinet, his advisers and his appointees in the various departments) has been negligent in its duty. If we don't believe what we have been told, it is a sign that we have no confidence in our leaders.

THERE is a dramatic incident in Europe. Twenty passengers aboard a Czech passenger plane en route from Prague to Bratislava (in Communist Slovakia) REVOLTED, overpowered the pilot, substitute a Czech flier and land the plane at an American base in Germany near Munich.

Why? Well, they felt they HAD to get out of the grip of the Communists. So they took all the risks involved in revolting and kidnapping the plane. That shows about as plainly as anything could the state of affairs in one-free, now slave, Czechoslovakia.

ONE FINED, TWO OUSTED. Three persons were arraigned in the Municipal Court Saturday morning. Orville G. Boyd, 26, was sentenced by Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle to pay a fine of \$30 and to serve 15 days in the jail for drunkenness.

WHAT IS AN EDITOR?

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The editorial day usually includes enjoyable visits with from one to a dozen callers each having some constructive idea or criticism. These calls not only break the dreary monotony of the work day, but are most educational and inspirational.

But some of our callers seem to believe the editor has supernatural powers in influencing public opinion. For instance, we had a visitor who wanted to know why we couldn't bring about immediate needed annexation of suburban areas; another who couldn't understand why we couldn't put across a state sales tax; another who seemed to think we had a magic wand to wave and substitute a completely adequate school system.

Naturally, it is flattering to have indicated even a limited confidence in editorial influence, but an editor knows that civic improvement moves slowly. Like many others, an editor becomes impatient with public tardiness in acceptance of requirements for progress, but, through long experience, knows that the needs eventually will be met, that resistance will be overcome, and that the final outcome in many cases will be better than the project originally proposed.

But, apparently, some people have the opinion that all an editor need do is call attention to existing circumstances and everyone will fall in line. Most editors, on the other hand, are easily convinced that whenever they voice an opinion everyone immediately takes the contrary view.

All of which leads us to the question, "What is an Editor?" and the answer given by the Greenville (S. C.) Daily News, commenting on a meeting of the National Conference of Editorial Writers, who discussed the technique of the editorial art or craft.

The Greenville Daily News says:

From the discussion two conclusions emerged: 1. There are no standards for editorials (which is all right with this editorial writer).

2. There are standards of editors. The standard editor, if you could find him, must have had some slight preparation for his job. He must have made Phi Beta Kappa in college and edited the Harvard (or at least Yale) Law Review.

He must have mastered all the "Great Books", including Aristotle and Aquinas, but he must not have lost his youthful ability to turn out a funny piece, say, on "the short view of the long skirt and the long view of the short skirt."

He need not have been a judge but he must have acquired a knowledge of law and court procedure which could come only from 10 years of general practice at the bar. It is not required that he should have been Secretary of State, but it is mandatory that he should have lived a total of not less than 150 years in India, Europe, South America, Russia, Palestine and China, with side trips to the Solomons and the Aleutians.

He must have served a term as city manager and it would help if he had served one in prison. It is not essential that he be a scientist, but it will be sufficient if he has a working knowledge of nuclear physics based on a thorough understanding of Einstein's general theory of relativity and the late Dr. Planck's quantum theory.

Politics, tariffs and taxation must hold no secrets for him. He must be able to watch the world making a fool of itself daily without having his faith shaken that he can change all that with a couple of hundred well-worn words tomorrow.

His mind must be able to reduce an extremely complicated set of facts to a simple, logical and entertaining conclusion. He must be a sentimental realist and a cynical crusader. He must have the mind of Machiavelli, the style of Swift, and the heart of a sweet girl graduate.

And finally he must have an uncontrollable hankering to trade his accomplishments for considerably less money than he could make at any other profession.

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- REMAINING HOURS TODAY: 4:50-Polton Lewis, Jr.; 4:55-Frank Hemingway, L. A. Soap; 5:00-Passing Parade; 5:05-Monday Meditations, Methodist; 5:10-Neighbor, Carstens Furniture; 5:15-Superman; 5:20-Captain Midnight, Wander Co.; 5:25-Tom Mix, Halston Fur; 5:30-Captain Midnight, Wander Co.; 5:35-The Sports Page, Barcus Sales and Service; 5:40-State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co.; 5:45-News America, Sing, Patterson's Bakery; 5:50-Musical Interlude; 5:55-Spotlight on a Star, Horro's; 6:00-What's News, Curkorn Motors; 6:05-The Circus Kid, Modern Furniture; 6:10-Ed George, Dr. H. Standard Oil; 6:15-Charlie Chap, Pharmacia, Inc.; 6:20-My Home, Picking Horses, H. B. Semler, Inc.; 6:25-Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs.; 6:30-Hospitality Time, Jara Yarns & Son; 6:35-Cosmo Star; 6:40-Henry J. Taylor, General Motors; 6:45-Fulton Lewis, Jr., Umpqua Auto and Implement; 6:50-News; 6:55-11:00-Wax Gallery, Miller's RCA Radio; 6:55-Music Hall; 6:55-Sleep Serenade; 6:55-Sign Off.

- TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1948: 6:50-Surreal Serenade; 6:55-Farm Bulletin Board; 6:55-Yarn Patrol; 6:55-The County Agent; 6:55-Roseburg Auction; 7:00-Frank Hemingway, L. A. Soap; 7:05-Ease and Shine, K. M. K. Center; 7:10-State and Local News, Dr. Bruce Turk; 7:20-The Beehive; 7:30-Rhapsody in Wax; 7:35-Haven of Rest, Good Ship George; 7:35-Walky, Walky, U. Time, Walby's Grocery; 7:45-Navy and Marine, Miller's Inc.; 7:45-Navy and Marine; 7:45-Victor H. Lindahl, Healthists; 7:45-Navy and Marine, J. J. and Lewis; 7:45-Musical Interlude; 7:50-Slopper's Casino, Barth's and Marshall-Wells; 7:55-Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs.; 7:55-News and Music; 7:55-Music and Music, Roseburg Color Center; 7:55-The Pastor's Call, Presbyterian Church.

LETTERS to the Editor

Rogue River Project Procedure Explained

PORTLAND—My attention has just been called to two editorials recently published in the NEWS-REVIEW. One entitled "The Rape of the Rogue" appeared in the issue of March 9, 1948, and the other entitled "Let's Go Whole Hog" appeared on March 19th.

I was sorry to learn upon reading the editorials that the writers must have misinterpreted the information available to them in the report of the Bureau of Reclamation, dated March 5, 1948, on the "Alternate Plans for Development of the Water Resources of the Rogue River Basin, Oregon," or else have been furnished quite erroneous information from some other source.

I refer, of course, to the statements to the effect that the Army Engineers developed the plans for the proposed dams and designated their locations. Such an assumption is far from the truth. The Portland District of the Corps of Engineers, in accordance with our usual cooperative procedure, furnished the Bureau of Reclamation data concerning past and probable future floods in the Rogue River Basin and probable flood control benefits which may be obtained from the reservoirs proposed by the Bureau.

The important point to note is that all of the dams and reservoirs in either Plan A or Plan B are structures proposed by the Bureau—not by the Corps of Engineers. The plan is a Bureau plan.

The editorials also state that the Corps of Engineers in its planning is unmindful of the wishes of the people of the region and unsympathetic to recreation and wildlife interests. This, too, is an unwarranted conclusion. As you know, the Corps of Engineers never studies a possible project until local interests, through their elected representatives in Washington, have caused the Congress to direct the Chief of Engineers to initiate such a study.

Public hearings are always held by the District Engineer in the local area affected and the views of all interests are obtained and considered in the preparation of the report. The written statements by local interests and stenographic record of the hearing are transmitted with the report to the Board of Engineers in Washington, and another opportunity is given by the Board for proponents or opponents to make their wishes known prior to the final consideration of a report by the Board and by the Chief of Engineers before he submits the report to Congress.

Later the Committee of the House and the Senate hold hearings before approving or disapproving the report. This is the customary American way in which the Corps conducts its investigations. Even after Congress has authorized a project, the Corps does not blindly go ahead with construction. It changes in local economic or social conditions indicate that some modification is desirable. Evidence of this flexibility in planning and of responsiveness to local desires are the recent substitution of more costly and less effective dams on tributaries of the McKenzie River and the South Santiam River, in lieu of the Congressional authorization of Quartz, Crook and Sweet Home dams on the main stems of these respective rivers.

This is a rather lengthy letter which perhaps repeats information already known to you, but I did wish to comment on the two editorials above referred to. Colonel O. E. Walsh expects to be in Roseburg on April 9th and will undoubtedly take advantage of the opportunity to call upon you and explain any further details of the work of the Corps of Engineers in this area which may be of interest to you. I, too, hope some day to visit Roseburg and have the privilege of discussing Army Engineer problems with you.

THOMAS D. WEAVER, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Division Engineer

Superiority Complex Of Racial Types Discussed

ROSEBURG — In discussing racial problems (equal opportunities for Negroes) people are prone to believe that laws or legislation will cure ills that have infected the human race for thousands of years.

Five or six thousand years ago it may have been a disgrace to have white skin and blue eyes. As of today the white race is in the ascendancy and there isn't much we can do about it. The blond white-skinned man, or woman, feels superior to the yellow, brown, dark, red or black race. They may deny it, but they are feeling only themselves or they are liars. They even feel superior to the darker Latin races. This blond Nordic may prefer to discuss a problem with an intelligent Negro rather than a timid white constituent of a Hill, but he would never invite this Negro into his home or dream of introducing him to his wife or daughters socially.

Again, this Nordic may be a good citizen, honest, broadminded, intelligent, but thousands of years of social thinking are bearing down on him. He still hopes his sons and daughters will marry Nordics. While there is no outstanding proof that the Nordics are superior they feel that way and that is that. The Nordic has no desire to have his laws made by colored men or to be policed by them. The American Negro has no pride of race. The so-called benefactors of his own color think more of getting him into Pullman berths or first class hotels than

they do of building up racial self regard. The few outstanding brilliant Negroes only make the average look worse. With proper education he may (after several hundred years) be too proud to marry a white or associate with him.

After a crackpot like Hitler, with his superior race, it would seem that those several hundred years may be reduced considerably. What is left of this so-called superior race seems determined to wipe itself off the face of the earth.

PLAITE OVERTON

To Prevent Crime, Prevent Criminals, Policy of Society

By HAL BOYLE NEW YORK — (AP) — When a gun-toting youth on a rampage shoots and kills a cop here, it costs the state about \$125,000 to send him through the courts to the electric chair.

"And if he gets a life term it eventually costs almost double that," says Edwin J. Lukas, executive director of the society for the prevention of crime. "But if one-tenth that amount had been spent on the same boy when he was a youngster, the crime would never have happened. The boy would still be free and the policeman alive."

"It is cheaper—much cheaper—to prevent crime than to punish criminals." The Society for the Prevention of Crime operated under a different theory when it was organized in 1878. The "do good" people had the idea that they could stop crime by sending gamblers and prostitutes to jail, tearing down Tammany Hall, and prosecuting corrupt cops they caught grabbing at graft.

Now the society has decided that trying to stop crime under its old program was like trying to cure stomach cancer by taking off a finger wart. "The way to prevent crime is to prevent the criminal," said Lukas, a divorcee lawyer who gave up a better-paying legal practice seven years ago to come to the society.

This past phrase sums up a program to abolish crime which Lukas feels is neither pasty nor visionary. "The criminal is a sick man," said Lukas, who spent 18 years himself as a criminal and civil attorney. "But this disease should have been detected and cured in early childhood. Jails and prisons don't stop crime."

"Insecurity of any kind is perhaps the beginning point of all antisocial behavior. Crime is always a symptom of a purely personal maladjustment in the life of the offender. I have talked to hundreds of adult criminals, and I don't know of one who felt that when he was a child he was loved and spoiled by his parents."

Parenthood Training Advised. How can you prevent the criminal? "Utopian way would be to train people for parenthood," said Lukas. "If we could do that—train them to be parents just as they are trained how to become cooks or lawyers or doctors or bus drivers—it would be the most significant step ever taken in the prevention of crime."

He said many parents who deeply love their children never manage to make the children aware of it. "If detected as danger symptoms in children; habitual lying, over aggressiveness, stammering, habitual setting of fires, exhibitionism, excessive shyness or extreme behavior of any kind.

The society believes city and state governments can best prevent crime by cutting down on the number of maladjusted children. It actively works for the creation of free public guidance clinics staffed by competent behavior scientists, separate children and youth courts for delinquents, shelters and vocational schools, public youth hostels, and hospitals for youngsters with mental disorders.

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Physical Ed. Class Plans Under Way

Meeting night for men wishing to participate in the physical education classes, sponsored by the University of Oregon extension division, has been changed to Mondays of each week, starting at 7 p. m. in the Junior High School gymnasium.

These were 21 present for the first class last Wednesday, but because of a misunderstanding as to where the classes were to be held, not too much was accomplished, said Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott.

Three-quarter hours of graduate or undergraduate credits at the university may be obtained. It is hoped to have a class of at least 30 for the spring term, and any men interested are urged to come tonight to register and participate. The class is under the direction of Vernon Sprague, and William Rhoda is the instructor.

Sexton's Pay Increased After 35 Years' Study

ENVILE, England — (AP) — For half a century, William Shepherd, 83, sexton, has helped marry and bury people of this parish.

Back in 1913, the Church Council gave him another graveyard to tend and began considering a pay boost for him. Then, 35 years later, he got the raise. It was eight shillings (about \$1.60 a week)—doubling his pay.

"These things take a bit of thinking out," said Shepherd, who is 78, "they mustn't be rushed."

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BIBLE QUIZ

Is Jesus your perfect example? Read John 15th chapter, verse 10. First John, Chapter 5, Verses 2 and 3. Luke 4th chapter, verses 16 and 31. Address your reply to Box 343, Sutherlin, Oregon, giving your name and address. Box 343 Sutherlin, Oregon

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REPLY TO BIBLE QUIZ

Question: Did you know that the meeting referred to in Acts 20th chapter and 7th verse was a Saturday night meeting by our present Gregorian calendar? Read Acts 20th chapter, 11th verse and Lev. 23rd chapter and verse 32.

Answer: Dear People. Are we going to let this person deceive us by using the Gregorian calendar instead of the Bible? Our Holy Bible is the True Word, and Bread of Life. Ps. 119: 160 and John 6:48.

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