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RUSSIANS TIGHTEN BERLIN STRANGLEHOLD

END OF GLAMOROUS CAREER—The body of Screen Star Carole Landis sprawled on the bathroom floor of her home where it was found by Actor Rex Harrison and the actress' maid, Los Angeles Dispatch. Capt. Bennett Jones said it was "definitely" a suicide, presumably from an overdose of sleeping tablets. A note addressed to Miss Landis' mother was found, police said. (AP Wirephoto)

The Weather
Mostly cloudy today, with rain Friday.

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Ike Counted Out of Race; Civil Rights Plank Urged

General Cites Previous 'No' To N. Y. Crowd

Jimmy Roosevelt, Some Other Leaders Refuse To Abandon Eisenhower

By JACK BELL

PHILADELPHIA, July 8—(AP)—President Truman's aides counted Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower definitely and finally out of the Democratic presidential race today.

They did this, a Truman spokesman told a reporter, after receiving private assurances from two close personal friends of the general.

The word they took to the White House was that Eisenhower himself believes he left no loophole for a draft movement in his statement that he couldn't take any party's nomination.

The wartime European commander gave some public support to this view when he told a crowd of 5,000 gathered before his New York City home last night to chant "We want Ike" that "All I have to say I said in a letter the other night."

This was the statement in which the Columbia University president declared he "could not accept nomination for any public office."

Democratic Chairman J. Howard McGrath put the "definite and final" label on Eisenhower's draft renunciation at a news conference here yesterday, adding:

"I couldn't conceive that the Democratic convention would exercise such poor judgment as not to take General Eisenhower at

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Gen. Eisenhower In Wax Stolen From Museum

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 8.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower—in full uniform as general of the armies and in wax—was missing today from his accustomed niche in the Steel Pier Museum.

The life-size wax figure disappeared during Tuesday morning's fire on the pier. Some youngsters had been seen in the area with stencilled "We want Ike" signs on their polo shirts.

Police wondered if the "general" would show up at Philadelphia Monday.

Fresh Strike Hits Sawmill

ALBANY, Ore., July 8—(AP)—The Willamette National Lumber Company sawmill east of here was idle again today in a dispute with the CIO-IWA involving some 325 workers.

Ed McSorley, business agent for the IWA local No. 5265, reported the workers were laid off yesterday after Union pickets appeared at the mill located at Foster. He said the union has asked a wage adjustment for high climbers and power saw mechanics. The Union has also complained of the food at the mill-operated eating lodge.

A company spokesman reported there appeared no prospect of early settlement. He said the issue involving the cooking stems from a jurisdiction fight. He said the cook is an AFL union member.

The mill is one of the largest in the South Santiam River area some 35 miles east of here. George Gerlinger is president.

Negro Groups Demand That 'Deceit' End

Democratic Party Faces Reckoning Day, Framers Of Platform Warned

PHILADELPHIA, July 8—(AP)—Outright endorsement of President Truman's civil rights program was demanded at Democratic platform hearings today.

More than a score of Negro organizations called for a plank embodying Mr. Truman's program, including anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and Fair Employment (FEPC) legislation.

One organization, the National Negro Council, asked the platform writers to endorse an immediate call of the 80th Congress into special session to enact civil rights legislation.

Before the flareup of the race issue which has rifted the Democratic party, the Congress of Industrial Organizations called for adoption of a "Roosevelt platform" and denounced the Republican platform as "one of deceit."

James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer, also asked for civil rights, demanded repeal of the Taft-Hartley act and extension of "new deal" social laws. Responding to a platform committee member's question, Carey stated:

"There is nothing in the Republican platform that attracts the interest of labor."

Negroes Urge Action

Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, submitted a statement

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Infantile Paralysis Cases In North Carolina Total 408 In Threat to Equal State Record

RALEIGH, N. C., July 8.—(AP)—Infantile paralysis edged relentlessly today toward its record severity of 1944 in North Carolina.

Four of the state's 100 counties were regarded as epidemic areas as the number of cases for this year reached 408 yesterday, the worst on record for this time of year.

Thirty-seven cases were reported yesterday but this high figure was attributed to a three-day backlog of reports caused by health departments closing over the Fourth of July weekend.

No quarantines have been imposed on swimming pools and theaters, as was the case back in 1944, when a record 878 cases were reported. Parents have been cautioned, however, to keep children away from crowds.

The greatest severity of outbreaks has been noted in the populous central portion of the state.

The medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at Chicago "guessed" today that infantile paralysis may be heavier in the Atlantic seaboard states this summer.

Writing in Hygeia, health magazine of the American Medical Association, Dr. Hart E. Van Riper of New York said:

"From studying the visitations of previous epidemics, it is evi-

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Reedsport Dates Vote On Community Building

Reedsport citizens will vote July 13 on the question of levying taxes for the purpose of financing the construction of a community building to be used for young people's activities and as a place for community meetings and civic functions.

Plans for the building, which would cost $25,000, have not been completed. Need for the building was declared to be an "emergency" at a special meeting of the Reedsport City Council June 28, when a resolution calling for the election was adopted.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE United States demands that the Soviet government lift the blockade of Berlin. (Note that it is a demand, not an ultimatum. In diplomacy, there is a wide difference. A demand can be backed away from. An ultimatum means business.)

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FOLLOWING the demand, the Russians TIGHTEN their blockade, stopping trucks entering our part of Berlin from anywhere. They stop GERMAN trucks coming in from any part of Russian Germany, confiscating any foodstuffs, scrap, building materials or telephone equipment that may be found.

(Remember that this is a poker game stiffer than any PRIVATE poker game ever was or ever will be.)

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FRENCH diplomatic "sources" report that the Kremlin has ordered German Communists to stir up enough trouble in Berlin to give the Red army an excuse to occupy all of the city.

Watch it. It's a hot situation. It will probably work something like this:

A small boy, in town, lights a

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Grants Pass Boy Loses Legs Under Freight Train

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 8—(AP)—Gaylen Keagey, 10, suffered the loss of both legs above the knees when he was run over by a Southern Pacific freight car during switching operations in the local yard late yesterday.

The victim and an 8-year-old brother were attempting to crawl under the car when "slack action" moved the unit, Chief of Police Carl Dallas said.

The boy's legs were amputated at a hospital shortly after the accident. Gaylen is expected to recover.

Albany Hotel Clerk Assaulted, Till Tapped

ALBANY, Ore., July 8—(AP)—A hotel night clerk, left lying in a pool of blood by a robber who netted $23 from the hotel till, was being treated for a skull fracture today.

William Albecke was assaulted during the pre-dawn hours while he was on duty at the Albany Hotel yesterday. Albecke refused a gunman's demand for cash, and the gunman struck him with a pistol butt.

Police hoped to obtain a description of the attacker as soon as Albecke recovered sufficiently to answer questions.

Welfare Checks On Way To Oregon Recipients

PORTLAND, July 8—(AP)—Oregon welfare checks were on their way today to some 33,000 recipients after a delay since July 1 because of a Multnomah County budget snarl.

Checks were mailed yesterday after the Federal Social Security Board authorized use of funds already in the State Welfare Commission treasury and sufficient to cover the Multnomah share.

The delay stemmed from failure of the county to pay its share of the state allotment. County officials had held up certification of the county budget until after a July 9 election on a special $1,707,353 tax levy. The money could not be transferred to the state until the budget was certified.

County Sells Timber In Tiller Region

The Douglas County Court has completed the sale of 2618.31 acres of timber land in the Tiller region to the Pickett Butte Lumber Co., Ore. Ltd., it was announced Wednesday.

Price for this timber, based on $8 per thousand for sugar pine; $4.00 per thousand for all other timber, and 2 cents per lineal foot for poles and piling, totaled $132,274.

The company, which has operations in the Tiller area, paid 10 per cent down, and the balance on a 20-year contract is to be paid in 19 annual installments.

The tract covered both the Jackson Creek and Tiller sustained-yield units.

NERVY LARCENY

DETROIT, Mich., July 8—(AP)—Arthur Chrzan, 26, was under suspended sentence today on a petty larceny charge. He stole a watchdog.

Second Price Ceiling Suit Faces Danebo Lumber Co.

PORTLAND, July 8—(AP)—Another suit charging violation of price ceilings while OPA was in effect was on file today against the Danebo Lumber Co., Inc., Eugene.

Eight Nebraska plaintiffs said in a complaint filed in District Court that they agreed to buy lumber from the Danebo firm at $10 per thousand board feet above the ceiling price.

They asked Federal Court to cancel the contract and order a refund of the $40,000 they said they paid for a "pretended option to purchase stock" in Danebo Lumber Company. They contended they never received the lumber.

This is the second such suit filed against the Danebo firm.

Five Japs Face Gallows For Murder of Americans

YOKOHAMA, July 8—(AP)—Five Japanese today were sentenced to be hanged for the murder of 65 American airmen prisoners.

Forty-eight of the Americans burned to death in a cell block when the Tokyo military prison burned in an air raid in May, 1945. The other 17 were cut down with swords by guards as they attempted to escape their burning cells.

The U. S. Eighth Army military commission sentenced to the gallows Prison Warden Toshio Tashiro, Chief Jailer Masao Koshikawa, and Guards Hatsuaki Kambe, Keiji Kamimoto and Matalsha Okubo.

Jurisdiction Disclaimed In Nomination Contest

SALEM, Ore., July 8—(AP)—Circuit Judge E. M. Page dismissed today a suit contesting the nomination of John F. Steelhammer, Salem, as Republican candidate for the state representative from Marion County.

Judge Page said he had no jurisdiction in the case.

Steelhammer got 6,000 votes, and H. R. Jones, Salem, got 5,999 votes. Supporters of Jones claimed there was a one-vote mistake in a Salem precinct, and that the actual outcome was a tie, with each candidate getting 5,999 votes.

Planes Used Trying To Save Rich Cherry Crop

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 8—(AP)—Airplanes have been roaring at tree top level over Hood River Valley orchards in an attempt to save the rain-pelted cherry crop.

Growers hope the air blast from the plane propellers will dry off the crop before splitting is extensive.

At stake is a $600,000 cherry crop, the first prospective good cherry crop in three years. Damage has already ranged—on scattered orchards—from 10 to 90 percent. Crops of two previous years were ruined by heavy rains and hail storms.

GOP Senator Mum On Nomination of Dewey

SPOKANE, July 8—(AP)—Sen. William Langer, North Dakota Republican, thinks President Truman is a "friend of the common people" and has no comment on his own party's presidential candidate, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, New York.

Langer said in an interview, however, that he thinks Dewey's running mate, Gov. Earl Warren of California, is a "top-notch leader."

Langer is inspecting federal prisons and post offices in the Pacific Northwest. He said he had found conditions in one federal prison he had visited so bad that "the place ought to be closed and the warden fired." He declined to name it at this time.

Settlement Looms In Railway Wage Dispute

WASHINGTON, July 8—(AP)—There were signs today that a settlement may be near in the long wage dispute between three railroad brotherhoods and the major railroads.

In advance of a union-management conference, one union leader said an announcement from the White House probably could be expected "today or tomorrow." Asked whether the announcement would be "good," he said, "Yes."

The conferences are being held at the White House. Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman has been trying to bring about a break in the deadlock.

NO DEVIL, NO HELL

Sunday School Teacher Says So, Issues Challenge

ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 8.—(AP)—Alexander W. Andrews, who taught a Methodist Church Sunday School class for 30 years, says he can prove in ten minutes that there is no devil and no hell.

He challenged "any three Protestant clergymen in Anne Arundel County" to a one-hour radio debate on it.

"They can have 50 minutes," he said. "I'll take ten."

Andrews' challenge was made in a quarter-page paid advertisement in the Annapolis Evening Capital. It also was signed by Edwin R. Mowbray, general manager of Radio Station WASL, who agreed to sell Andrews the time.

"I've thought it out quite a bit," Andrews said, "and come to the conclusion there is no devil.

"There are many so-called religious movements springing up which are nothing more or less than religious rackets.

"What I object to are the so-called soul-savers that make great use of the scare method."

Andrews, who is 64, operates a little hotel and dabbles in real estate.

His challenge had no immediate takers.

His proof that there is no devil?

"Wait," said Andrews, "until the debate."

Bear Steals Little Child, Slays Her

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., July 8—(AP)—A black bear lumbered out of Michigan's north woods yesterday, carried off the little daughter of a forest ranger and left her mangled body beside a forest stream.

Minutes after the body of three-year-old Carol Ann Pomrankey was found a quarter-mile from her parents' isolated cabin, an angered posse shot and killed the animal.

The searching party had been frantically called by Carol Ann's mother, 28-year-old Mrs. Arthur Pomrankey, who saw the bear carry off her daughter. Another child, six-year-old Allen, was playing in the cellar.

The scene of the tragedy was the Pomrankey's lonely cabin at the Mission Hill fire tower in the Marquette National Forest, 30 miles northwest of here. Pomrankey is a towerman.

Henry Wallace Quits As Magazine Contributor

NEW YORK, July 8—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace has resigned as contributing editor of the New Republic Magazine.

The third party presidential candidate said in a final article for the weekly:

"The strenuous three months ahead will require my full energies."

"Moreover," he added, "the New Republic editors should be completely free to support, without any embarrassment whatsoever, the candidate and party which most appeal to them."

Wallace became contributing editor of the magazine after he resigned its editorship to enter the presidential race.

PLAGUE BESETS CHINA

SHANGHAI, July 8—(AP)—A dispatch to the newspaper Ta Kung Pao from Kunming said today bubonic plague was spreading in Western Yunan Province. Several hundred persons were reported to have died.

Peace Try Flop In Palestine Renews War

CAIRO, July 8—(AP)—Israel's high command announced today that Egyptian forces opened an offensive south of Tel Aviv in the waning hours of the Palestine truce.

Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator, said at Rhodes that the Arabs rejected his plea to extend the four-week truce, although the Jews had accepted the proposal.

Renewed Arab-Jewish war on a full scale was expected tomorrow. The Jewish high command said the Egyptians already were throwing air, artillery and armored car attacks at Beer Tuvia, 23 miles south of the Jewish capital.

"The war is on," a Jewish spokesman said.

Bernadotte announced that the Arabs apparently turned down even a three-day extension, but "all necessary steps are being taken immediately for safe evacuation of United Nations observers, personnel and their equipment."

The United States, France and Belgium each have 21 military observers in the Holy Land, supervised by a small staff of Swedish officers. In addition the United Nations recently sent about 50 armed guards to aid in the truce job, along with communications and staff personnel.

Jews Now Well Armed

A dispatch from Jerusalem told of persistent reports among officers of Trans-Jordan's Arab Legion that the Jews had heavily increased their armaments in the Holy City.

The legion sources said the Jews now had modern medium and heavy bombers, principally from U. S. war surplus, and attacks against Damascus, Syria and Amman, Trans-Jordan, could be expected. These two cities were struck by minor raids before the truce.

The four-week armistice runs out at 11 p.m. (PDT) tonight.

While the truce waned, Jewish forces were on a spy hunt in Jerusalem.

Reliable sources there said the Israeli army convicted a Palestine Jew, who formerly had served as major in the British army, of spying for the Arabs. He was allowed to kill himself to escape public execution.

The extremist Stern group announced it had executed a pretty Jewish woman named Rosa Beiser after she was convicted on charges of supplying military information to a British intelli-

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State Capitol Picketed By Vanport Folk

SALEM, Ore., July 8—(AP)—The State Capitol was picketed late yesterday afternoon by a group of Vanport flood evacuees protesting refusal of Gov. John H. Hall to hear their pleas for cash aid and housing.

Hall previously had announced he believed the group is dominated by Communists.

About sixty persons traveled from Portland in 22 automobiles plastered with protest signs. These later were carried by the men and women as they circled the capitol.

Before the demonstration began, Thomas Moore, secretary of the Wallace for President Committee, and Nels Peterson, leader in the Progressive Citizens of America, appeared at the executive office and asked for Governor Hall. They were told the governor was not available.

Prior to the arrival of the caravan, Governor Hall had said he would welcome any "legitimate group of persons interested in the welfare of Vanport evacuees at any time, but I do not want to talk to the group here this afternoon."

The committee left a petition at the governor's office asking cash aid, requisition of housing, a state public works agency to give them jobs and establishment of a Columbia Valley authority.

Marriage, Divorce Suit Occur in 110 Minutes

EUGENE, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—This is believed to be a local record for a short-time marriage. At least it's unusual.

The marriage of Alfred Lane Hatfield, 22, his first, and Marcile T. Runey, 25, her third, was headed for divorce 110 minutes after the wedding ceremony here July 3.

The couple was married at 2:30 p.m., and at 4:30 p.m., according to Hatfield in a suit filed in Lane County Circuit Court today, the bride announced that she didn't intend to go through with the contract. They were still with the wedding party at the time, Hatfield charges cruel and inhuman treatment.

Mrs. Hatfield was divorced from her second husband in Portland, November 8, 1947.

Cuts Increased In Use of Gas, Electricity

Unemployment Among Germans Grows; Coal Rations to Be Reduced

BERLIN, July 8—(AP)—The Russians' economic strangulation of Western Berlin today forced drastic new cuts in the use of electricity and gas.

Cuts brought about this situation:

The elevated railway will be shut down completely in the western sectors effective at midnight tomorrow, to reduce by a third its consumption of coal used to generate electricity.

Street cars and the subway will run only between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m. and daytime street car service will be shaved.

Electricity for homes will be supplied for two hours in the morning and two hours at night. Certain small industries will be ordered to stop using power. Use of electricity by occupation authorities will be limited to two daily periods from 6 to 8:30 a. m. and from 6 to 11 p. m. with a one-hour extension Saturday nights. Street lighting will be cut 75 per cent.

Hospitals, telephone exchanges and important offices will use power generating apparatus.

The power cuts interfered with operations of the western military governments. Many offices were darkened. Some teleprinter lines were dead. Only the most important offices had daylight power. The headquarters of Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor, used its own auxiliary power plant.

U. S. officials estimated the public utilities in the western sectors normally use a minimum of 5,000 tons of coal daily. The U. S. Air Force flew in 210 tons yesterday when it began "flying coalman" operations, but these flights were expected to be stepped up.

Air Aid Sets Record

Meanwhile, unemployment grew among the 2,000,000 Germans in the blockaded American,

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700,000 Join Strike Series Of Italy Reds

ROME, July 8—(AP)—About 700,000 metal-industry workers laid down their tools at noon today to back Italian labor's demands for more pay.

Their half-day strike was the latest in a series planned by the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor (CGIL). The strikes aim to force industry to give skilled workers wage rises proportionate to those already won for unskilled. Today's walkout came a few hours after police riot squads hurled tear gas bombs while coping with labor unrest in Milan.

Tomorrow employes of the glass, ceramic and saccharine industries will have their turn to strike. Officials of the CGIL, which claims 6,000,000 members, say the individual strikes will involve at least 3,000,000 workers. They announced today that if these strikes fail to bring results, organized labor will be called out next week in a nationwide strike.

Life Term Handed To Klamath Wife Slayer

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 8—(AP)—Homer Valentine Franklin, 55, was sentenced to life imprisonment in Circuit Court here today for the second degree murder of his wife, Marie.

Franklin stood calmly before Circuit Judge David R. Vanzenberg as the sentence was pronounced. He asked to be taken immediately to the state prison, and sheriff's officers will move him to Salem tomorrow. He will be eligible for parole in seven years.

Franklin was arrested for his wife's murder when officers dug her body up from the rear of their house near here last January.

Home Freezer Outracing Electric Refrigerator

CHICAGO, July 8—(AP)—The electric home freezer is sweeping the country faster than the electric refrigerator did two decades ago.

W. C. Conley, sales manager of the Coolerator Co., Duluth, Minn., said today that 800,000 home freezing units will be produced this year—the third year of production.

Refrigerators, he added, were being produced at the annual rate of 660,000 units in 1929—their fourth year of production.

"Except for television, I know of no major appliance since the war that has developed as fast as the electric freezer," he said.

Municipal Incorporation Sought by Elkton Community, Settled Almost 100 Years Ago

The Elkton community, one of the oldest in Douglas County, laid out and named in August 1850, will become the City of Elkton, if an election soon to be called by the Douglas County Court is successful.

A petition bearing 55 names of residents in the Elkton vicinity who would be included within the proposed corporate city limits, has been filed with the county court.

The court has accepted the petition and will direct an election to be held not earlier than 30 days nor later than 50 days after filing of the petition. This would place the election, according to County Clerk Roy Agee, between August 6 and August 26.

The statute requires, according to Agee, that 150 persons reside in a community before it can be incorporated. At least 20 per cent of the legal voters must sign the petition. While the exact number of voters of the Elkton community is not available without an official count, the county court is satisfied that the 55 names are sufficient, said Agee. He said he estimates the population of Elkton at around 250 persons.

First Post Office in 1863

Records show, according to Lewis A. McArthur's Oregon Geographic Names, that while Elkton was laid out and named in 1850 the community did not have a post office until March 5, 1863. Levi Kent was first postmaster. Elkton received its name because it was located at the junction of Elk Creek and the Umpqua River. At one time the Hudson's Bay Company maintained an establishment known as Fort Umpqua very close to the present site of Elkton. John Work visited the Umpqua River in 1834 and Fort Umpqua, which was on the south side of the Umpqua River at the mouth of Elk Creek, apparently did not exist at the time of Work's visit. He mentions "Umpqua Old Fort," which appears to have been established in 1832 near Calapooia Creek. There was of course, later on, Umpqua City, near the mouth of the river, which had nothing to do with the Hudson's Bay Company forts.

Boundaries Described

The area proposed for incorporation, would be bounded on the east by Elk Creek and on the south by the Umpqua River, the city limits extending to the cen-

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Saw Timber Will Vanish In 30 Years at Present Cutting Rate, Forest Service Warns

WASHINGTON, July 8—(AP)—The Forest Service said today that the nation's "saw" timber will be exhausted in about 30 years at the present rate of cutting unless private owners take steps to conserve, replant and reforest.

An official of the department told a reporter that if the forests are handled properly, however, the danger of exhausting the "saw" timber—which can be cut for lumber and other forest products—would be over in a few years and there would be enough lumber for everyone.

"Cutting of saw timber is about 50 per cent greater now than the amount we are growing," the official said.

"It is estimated that 38,000,000,000 board feet of lumber will be cut this year from American forests—as much as in peak war years."

The Forest Service is hoping to impress upon private owners the value of proper cutting of forests and of keeping trees growing.

About 90 per cent of the timber is cut from private forests, it said.

The official said recent surveys show that about 64 per cent of the cutting of trees is still done in the "old style" with no planning for preservation of the forests. Twenty-eight per cent is "fair" and only eight per cent is said by the foresters making the survey to be of the kind that would build up the forests.

About 75,000,000 acres of forest lands in this country are "poorly stocked," the service said, and probably will have to be planted over again if they produce commercial lumber.

In the last 25 years an estimated 6,000,000 acres have been planted in trees. The government has appropriated funds to help states finance forest nurseries and the service hopes plantings this year will be on about 200,000 acres, compared with about 100,000 last year.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Tourist shortage has one compensation: It gives Oregonians a better chance to catch a few of the dozen or more game fish left in some of the state streams.