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NEW TYPE DRESS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Editions of *The News-Review*, starting tomorrow, may present a somewhat spotty appearance for the next few days.

We are in the process of changing our body type—the type in which our news items are normally set.

We believe our readers will be pleased by this new type face which is especially designed to provide easy reading.

This new type has a more open face than the type we have been using. Because of its design it has fewer "ink traps," and thus provides a cleaner, sharper print.

Probably the average reader will find little visible difference between the two type faces, the old and the new, but, if measured in terms of eye strain and reading ease, the new type will be found far superior. The entire page also should have a higher degree of sharpness.

The type is a trifle more condensed than that previously used, thus giving a more compact appearance to the line and lessening the amount of spacing which, when excessive, is productive of eyestrain. The face of each letter also is a little bolder (blackier) than the type we have been using, which makes it easier to read.

Newspaper type comes in the form of brass matrices (mats), thin brass plates, on the front edge of which the type face has been impressed. Each mat carries a single letter, or character, in both light and bold face. The mats are placed in the magazines of line-casting machines. As keys are depressed on the linecaster keyboard, mats fall from their channels into a "stick," then move to position in front of molds. Melted metal poured into the molds fills the letter indentations in the mats and produces a slug which carries a line of type.

When it is realized that each linecasting machine requires 1305 mats to complete a font of type, we can be credited with speaking truthfully when we say that a complete change of a newspaper's body type is a considerable chore.

We are in the process of removing nearly 8,000 mats from magazines of six linecasters in which they now are in use and replacing them with a like number of new mats.

This brings us back to the reason why *The News-Review* will have a "spotty" appearance for a few days.

In making the change-over we will have a mixture of old and new type for a brief period as we cannot change all of our machines at once because of the amount of labor involved.

Probably if we had not mentioned it, you, as a reader, would not be aware of the change, other than an impression that the paper, for some reason, seemed a little different. But now that we have called it to your attention, the change will be more pronounced.

Anyway, we hope you like it.

No Discrimination Intended

Our attention has been called by *The Oregon Journal*, Portland, to what it claims was a discriminatory and incorrect statement appearing in this column recently.

In discussing the "foud" between Meier & Frank Co. and *The Oregonian*, which resulted in the large merchandising company drastically curtailing its advertising space in *The Oregonian*, presumably because of objection to news handling of charges of unfair labor practices made by the National Labor Relation Board, we reported that *The Oregonian* "broke" the story first.

The Journal claims it was first to use the story and that the item, in localized form, did not appear in *The Oregonian* until the next day. A following story missed an early edition of *The Journal*, we are informed, but was carried in later editions and up to the edition of origin the succeeding day.

The purpose of our discussion was to show the error in the apparent attempt by Meier & Frank Co. to intimidate a free press by economic reprisal. If any discrimination was shown it was purely unintentional and we offer our apology. The *Journal's* publication record is cited to correct any inaccuracy which our column might have contained.

Hold Your Breath If A-Bomb Falls, Suggestion

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—If atomic bombs ever fall in this country—brother, hold your breath.

Running around like crazy only makes it worse. Exertion adds to the supply of oxygen in your body and oxygen apparently intensifies the effect of the death-dealing rays thrown out in an atomic explosion.

That's the word from the Atomic Energy commission's West coast conference, now underway at the University of California at Los Angeles. It came in the form of a report yesterday by Dr. L. R. Bennett of UCLA.

Tests with plants, rats and mice disclosed protection resulting from cutting down the supply of oxygen.

Rats breathing 5 percent oxygen and 95 percent nitrogen survived twice as much radiation as those breathing the normal ratio of 20 percent oxygen and 80 percent nitrogen, the report said.

The trouble is, you can't live long in atmosphere that rare. It compares in oxygen content with the air 28,000 feet high. Flies without extra oxygen sources black out quickly at that altitude.

to a hearing of the case. After about three hours of testimony Justice of the Peace Will Nordean turned the whole crowd away, saying he would not try to untangle the evidence further, but would turn the problem over to the grand jury.

The case does not charge assault against the police chief as a law officer but as an individual.



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

"There is so much tragedy about us everywhere today that we surely don't want it in the books to which we turn when we are ill or unhappy, or can't go to sleep at night." My habit of reading with a pencil at hand, —not to mark a library book, Heaven forbid—but to capture a little of the essence of a book,—netted me several quotations from that delightful book, *Pilgrim Inn* by Elizabeth Goudge (Coward McCann, N. Y. 1948).

I'm surprised I haven't asked readers of this column, before this, if the book is one of their pleasant book-memories, too?

"I had some happy hours . . . when I was writing this book," says the author, "and I hope very much that perhaps a few readers may have them when they read it." Incidentally of all her books, *Pilgrim Inn* is the one the author herself likes best.

If you like lively children, woods, old houses, and a little touch of what shall I call it? I think I shall not try to call it anything, except to hope you will like it. About woods, Lucilla, the lovable grandmother, says: "A wood is the foreshadowing of the fact of paradise. The trees, the flowers, the birds, the animals, all seem at their happiness in a wood. . . ." (It occurs to me now that the English use 'wood' where we use 'woods').

A family faced with an economic crisis in London seeks refuge in an old Inn, by name *The Herb of Grace*. You, too, as you turn the 346 pages, live in the old Inn, and perhaps wish—as I did—to stay there a little longer?

Hillary, the clergyman, says to a man who thinks he has 'no faith any more': "Faith is what a man lives by. But, you know how in the black moments it's always the apparent failure of what you live by that gets you down. Only apparent, of course, for the mere fact that you're wretched because you think your faith is gone really means that you've got hold of it pretty firmly. If you had no faith, you wouldn't care one way or the other, would you?"

I enjoy asking friends if they have read *Herb of Grace*: if one has, so far I have noticed invariably that a smile accompanies the "Oh, yes. . ." (State Library book if not available locally).

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

OUR REMARKABLE JUNIOR SENATOR (Eugene Register-Guard) Once or twice in every century a state is privileged to have a memorable public character. Even those who do not like Senator Wayne L. Morse (and there are many such) must admit that he is in a fair way to becoming one of Oregon's most memorable political characters. His vacation from the ardors of one of the longest sessions in congressional history has been a whirlwind of speech-making, radio shows, and fence building. It has been a feat of physical, mental and nervous endurance almost without parallel.

"What's he worrying about? The old-line republicans can't find anybody who wants to stand up against Morse in the primary. The democrats may run 'Jebbie' Davidson against him in the fall, but Jebbie has nothing except his Louisiana drawl and his CVA crutch. How could Jebbie ever keep up with Morse in this marathon?"

In the last week we have been approached by old-guard scouts seeking advice on how to beat Morse in the primaries. The questions run something like this: "Could we build up Admiral Gatch or Lemar Tooz, or Bill Walsh? Could we trip Morse with a campaign of ridicule? Could we read him out of the party (before he reads us out of the party)? Can we show him up as a demagogue, or as a two-timer? . . . How long, O Lord!"

In many ways the career of our Wayne is like that of the eldest LaFollette, Bill Borah, Hiram Johnson, the historic rebels of yesteryear. Many who do not agree with all that he does and says accept him placidly as they do thunder and lightning, Canadian thistle, or poison oak. They speak of his "asset value" to the state merely because of the nationwide attention which he attracts. There are also herds of devoted disciples who follow him as an act of faith even if, as one of them said yesterday, "I never can remember exactly what he said last except that I know he meant it and had the

courage to say it." From writers and researchers we get inquiries. They are trying to analyze and interpret his meteoric career.

"Where can I get a complete collection of his speeches? The secret must be in the speeches that he makes."

That's an illusion, we think. Our Wayne is a spell-binder of note but he is also a good practical politician who does not neglect his home work. In his first campaign against Rufus Holman he copied after the late Earl Snell and built himself a personal organization down through every county seat and precinct and he does not neglect these parties on his flying visits. In his letter writing he has taken over some of Jim Farley's techniques.

"Is Morse really a great man? Is he really a statesman or merely a super-politician?" Morse is a complex, of seething ambition, passionate and sometimes incoherent ideals, horse-trader of practicalities, and shrewd instinct. In some ways he reminds us of another spectacular politician who once said, "Next to having a few good friends, the smart thing is to have all the right enemies."

Morse has a fine instinct for targets but there is no single or simple phrase to express the man or his success unless it would be: he works at it day and night. He is not invulnerable but he is certainly impervious to the slights and slurs and slanders and criticisms which cause most politicians to live in constant fear. Sometimes we have said that Morse's greatest weakness is "self-hypnosis," usually manifested in periods of overstrain and sheer fatigue. He is no Superman; neither is he a demon.

Morse is the most extraordinary actor who has ever walked upon the Oregon stage. He is playing HIMSELF in a drama which he is writing for himself. The happy ending we cannot even suggest.

Corn has been called the "most valuable plant in America."

Meier & Frank Ads Still Slim; Due To Weather?

PORTLAND, Feb. 6 (AP)—The advertising breach between the daily *Oregonian* and Portland's largest department store was without visible change today, a month after the start.

But the store, Meier & Frank, has slashed all of its advertising because unaccustomed cold weather has kept housewives at home.

A month ago, after the *Oregonian* printed details of an NLRB examiner's recommendations on an unfair labor charge against Meier & Frank, the store cut its advertising in the paper to one page daily. It had been running up to four and more pages on some days.

Then on Jan. 24 the store had two pages instead of one in the *Oregonian*. Jack Cohen, the firm's advertising manager, said it was because it looked like good shopping weather.

But the weather turned bad, stayed that way, and Meier & Frank not only held to one page—with a couple of minor exceptions—but slashed its advertising in the *Oregonian*.

Thursday—the week's big advertising day—the temperature was near zero. The *Journal* normally would have had six or seven pages from Meier & Frank. It had one. So did the *Oregonian*.

What will happen when warmer weather returns? Store executives today said that depended on too many factors to allow a statement. Aaron Frank, store president, said however, that the *Oregonian's* news or editorial policy was not one of them.

Soviet Already Has H-Bomb, Says British Prophet

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The British editor who correctly predicted the Soviet union would set off an atomic blast in 1949 today said the Soviets already have made and exploded a hydrogen super bomb.

The editor is 40-year-old Kenneth de Courcy, editor of the monthly "Intelligence Digest," who claims to have sources of information on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

"There is now evidence of Russia having already made an H-bomb," De Courcy asserted in a statement to the press.

"She has in fact made three and exploded one of them," the statement declared.

De Courcy did not say when or where the purported hydrogen bomb was tested.

De Courcy in January, 1949, predicted that Russia would attempt an atomic explosion in 1949. President Truman in September revealed there had been an atomic blast in Russia.

Last Jan. 5 De Courcy predicted the Russians would attempt a second explosion, either on Jan. 7 or Jan. 10, in blasting for an Asiatic irrigation project.

Later he said this explosion had occurred as predicted, but there has been no confirmation from any other source.

De Courcy, who claims to have an intelligence pipeline into Russia, said today the Soviet scientists will touch off a series of 11 more atomic blasts starting March 3. He did not specify whether these would be hydrogen or atomic bombs.

He placed the site of the blasts at latitude 40 degrees 20-30 minutes North, longitude 80 degrees 10-20 minutes East. This would be approximately at the border of the Soviet Asiatic republic of Kazakh and the Chinese province of Sinkiang.

Small amounts of alfalfa hay will protect cattle from deficiency of vitamin A.

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between 6 15 and 7 p. m., if you have not received your News-Review.

Ask for Harold Mobley

PP & L Sale To American P&L Given SEC Nod

By the Associated Press Public power leaders hailed today the Securities and Exchange commission's approval of the sale of the Pacific Power and Light company.

The commission gave its O. K. Friday for the American Power and Light company to accept an offer of \$16,125,000 cash for control of the company that operates in Oregon and Washington.

The offer was by a syndicate which has hinted it may resell part of the utility system to public power districts.

The syndicate is headed by A. C. Allyn and Co., and Bear, Stearns and Co., both of New York.

In Portland, Pacific Power and Light officials issued a statement that the sale will have no immediate effect on the firm's operations. They said the company's stock eventually will be put up for resale to the "investment public."

Phone Jam Planned During Strike, Unionist Says

PORTLAND, Feb. 4 (AP)—A union official says that Oregon and Washington phone lines would be jammed if the national telephone strike goes ahead.

"We are organized to legally jam the telephone system if the national telephone strike is called," said D. V. Harris, president of the Oregon-Washington unit of Telephone Installers.

That is in line with the CIO Communication Workers plan to have its members place so many calls that the automatic dial system will break down.

"I expect the strike will be called at 6 a.m. Wednesday, as scheduled, and we will picket," Harris said.

He said pickets would be placed by the installers around the exchanges in major Oregon and Washington cities first, with the smaller towns to be picketed later.

The installers and Western Electric sales employees in this area will join the strike. Other telephone employees in the Northwest are not expected to strike, but may be affected by the picket lines.

Escaped Convict Wounded, Caught; Hunt On For Pal

CHESTER, Ill., Feb. 6 (AP)—One fugitive from nearby Menard state prison was wounded and captured last night. Police and other armed men searched for his companion early today in a wooded ravine near Chester.

Oliver W. Martin, 27, Chicago Negro serving a 99-year term for murder, was captured by two Chester residents after he climbed into a car they were parking in a garage and threatened them with a butcher knife.

State police reported Homer Buck, who had joined in a search for the two fugitives, shot Martin through the shoulder with a 22-caliber rifle.

Ed Pointilke, swinging a wood plank, then knocked the fugitive unconscious with a blow on the head. Highway patrolmen arrived and returned Martin to Menard, in southwestern Illinois.

Buck is a son of Theodore Buck, whom two escaped prisoners held captive in his home for 12 hours yesterday. The elder Buck said the two men obtained clothes and a supply of food before leaving his house. They kept him tied to a chair.

About 150 police and other armed men joined in a search for Delbert Sizemore, 32, Muncie, Ind. The two prisoners escaped from the prison Saturday by sawing a bar on a window of the prison officers' kitchen where they had been assigned for cleaning chores. The kitchen is outside of 24-foot walls which surround most of the prison.

Sizemore was serving a term of one year to life for robbery.

Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems By KEN BAILEY



QUESTION: While on a fishing trip last fall, I was fly casting and accidentally snagged a friend in the back of the neck. The hook had to be cut out and though the wound was painful, it wasn't at first serious. Later, however, it became infected and as I insisted on footing the medical bills, I paid dearly for my carelessness. I've been told that there is a form of insurance which covers this sort of accident and I would like to learn just what it is and how expensive it is.

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