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SHIPPERS ORGANIZE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Western Oregon lumber shippers have organized Shippers Car Supply committee, Inc., for the purpose of combating periodic car shortages on the lines of the "Friendly" Southern Pacific. These car shortages, occurring regularly each fall, cost the lumber industry many thousands of dollars, shippers assert. It is believed the shortages could be prevented by a few changes in rules.

Sidney Leiken of Roseburg is a director in the new organization.

One of the regulations proposed by the committee would permit shippers, when the railroad company is unable to furnish cars, to order from a competing line. The cars, after loading, would be returned to the competitor at the nearest transfer point.

If this rule is obtained it will furnish a most effective method to stop losses to the timber industry.

Normally, when the Southern (Friendly) Pacific is experiencing a car shortage, competing lines in Washington have cars available. If local shippers could order those cars, the "Friendly" Southern Pacific would be required to return them to the northern lines at Portland. The "F" S. P. in such cases would lose the long haul and, therefore, would put forth special effort to provide its own cars for shippers.

It would seem to us that little argument can be advanced against the proposed regulation. It would impose no hardship upon the Southern (Friendly) Pacific, if that company were able to supply the cars needed by its shippers. On the other hand, the rule would protect shippers against financial losses through failure of the railroad company to give adequate service.

Six Percent Tax Limitation Outmoded

City Recorder William Bollman has been doing a little figuring on the city budget. He reports it would take 19 years, adding the six percent permitted each year under the law, to bring Roseburg's tax base to the level of this year's anticipated budget.

The same figuring on the school district budget probably would show about 75 to 100 years to bring the tax base up to current requirements.

Both the City of Roseburg and the school district still operate on the pre-war tax base. The state law permits only six percent to be added annually in dollars. The fact that the city's assessed valuation has more than doubled means nothing. If our pre-war budget was \$100,000 it can be increased only \$6,000 per year, regardless of increased valuation, increased population, added expense, etc.

The six percent limitation can be exceeded only through a vote by the people. Thus it will be necessary for the city and the school district to hold budget elections year after year, unless the people of Oregon authorize a change in the six percent constitutional amendment. An attempt to change the law failed in the 1948 election.

The six percent limitation was a good law when population was more or less static. It has proven, however, a very critical handicap during periods of expansion. It works a hardship on the people of a community, who must vote annually on local budgets. It contains the elements of disaster, for should voters through some quirk of circumstances reject budgets and force a return to the limited tax base, functions of government would be dangerously impaired.

Suppose, for instance, that the City of Roseburg, with its present population, increased wealth and activity, demands for police and fire protection, traffic control, street lighting and other services should be compelled to return to the pre-war budget level. Or consider the same possibility in our school system. Yet this danger exists when budget elections must be held each year.

It is to be hoped that the next legislature will give some serious thought to methods of permitting growing communities to adjust the tax base in proportion to expansion.

Slayer Of Twin Sister Defiant At Court Hearing

FRESNO, Calif., March 21.—(AP)—Sally Richard, 14, will be buried today. A little later, psychiatrists will be court appointed to ask her twin, Alice, why she shot Sally in a fit of hatred.

Alice told officers she has no desire to attend her sister's funeral. She said she had hated Sally for years and "I would kill her again."

Clothed in a plain cotton dress and with no makeup, Alice was arraigned before Justice Leonard J. Myers yesterday.

She was defiant as she heard the charge: that she willfully and with malice shot Sally early Sunday.

A high school sophomore, she had the air of a pupil called before a principal for some infraction of the rules.

She seemed to have a notion of the gravity of the crime—but no worry as to its consequences. Asked if she realized what might happen to her, she shrugged.

"I guess they'll put me in an institution for a while and then execute me."

Under California law she is too young for execution but could be sent to a girl's school of correction or a mental institution.

Roosevelt-Gigi Rift Denied By Her Mother

PITTSBURGH, March 21.—(AP)—A New York columnist says the latest romance of Elliott Roosevelt is on the rocks. But the mother of the reported bride-to-be says it's not so.

Daily Mirror columnist Lee Mortimer asserted the late president's son's love affair with showgirl Georgianna (Gigi) Durston has fizzled.

Countered Mrs. G. W. Durston: "Gigi has a ring and there has been no change in their feelings toward each other. Elliott said he'll try to come to Pittsburgh during the week to visit Gigi."

The attractive entertainer is appearing at a Pittsburgh night club.

The sentence "the Marines have landed and have the situation well in hand" is thought to have been coined by Richard Harding Davis.

She shows absolutely no remorse. She ate big meals yesterday and told him she had her "best night's sleep in six years."

Alice has said she hated her sister because "she was stupid and acted like a nut."

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richard, said neither twin had been favored over the other. The Richards have six other children ranging in age from 1 to 17.

"Don't Tell Me—Let Me Guess"



In the Day's News

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bread and mustard greens, and less breaded pork chop fried in bacon grease—that's what Harry needs.

CORRESPONDENTS: Is that all, sir?

GRAHAM: Well, you might add that a broiled steak and a few vegetables boiled, not fried in butter, wouldn't hurt him any.

(Business of correspondents dashing frantically for the nearest telephone.)

YOU understand, I presume, what it's all about.

Harry isn't much of a fisherman, and it has been a basic tenet of the American political faith that nobody but a fisherman can be re-elected President. In Harry's case, they're having to scratch around for a substitute.

His WEIGHT looks like it might be it. Everybody in lush and abundant America is worried about his (or HER) weight. We all worry about extra pounds. HARRY WORRIES ABOUT EXTRA POUNDS.

So, you see, a bond is established between the President and us common people. Without a bond between the chief executive and us heavy-voting common folk, the jig would be up.

PERSONALLY, I'm not so sure that Harry needs all this worried-about-his-weight stuff. In his give-'em-hell tour around the country in the fall of 1948, he displayed a talent for getting close to us common people and then he was still letting it be known that he could get into his old uniform without pulling in his tummy too much.

If his ideas about national finance were as sound as his instinct for getting votes, I think I'd be throwing up my hat for him myself. You just can't help liking the little guy.

Russians Won't Officially Reply To Acheson Blast

MOSCOW, March 21.—(AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson's recent conditions for better relations between America and the Soviet union are getting a flat turn-down from the Russians.

Soviet press commentators over the weekend, attacking Acheson's recent speech at Berkeley, Calif., made it clear that the Soviets feel it contained no concrete proposition for fostering peace.

It is not likely there will even be an official reply to the secretary of state's speech.

In his speech Acheson said better Soviet-American relations would be possible if the Russians, among other things, would cease "obstruction" in the United Nations, agree to a realistic atom control plan, and permit Germany, Japan and Austria to become free countries.

There is probably no time since the war when mutual relations are as bad as they are now. Not only are there numerous problems dividing the two countries but they seem to be multiplying.

The Soviets evidently think war is possible but not probable. They show no outward signs of being convinced that it is coming soon, if at all.

The Russians appear as convinced as ever that the economic conditions in capitalistic United States and Britain are heading those countries for a crisis.

St. Roch was most frequently called upon among the saints to relieve plague in Europe during the Middle Ages.

Scrape from the MENDING BASKET

By Vincent S. Martin

Thirty-eight anniversary of the Girl Scouts the past week. What a fine group of girls belong to the Scouts! Although I had no daughters, I was not unaware of the Girl Scout activity. Our young neighbors kept me informed. Then, too, one friend, who had been a teacher, found in the work with Girl Scouts the outlet she needed for her talent as a teacher, and her love of such work; and also, since she had never had children of her own, she simply mothered her whole group of scouts. What good times they had!

Mrs. H. was a busy clubwoman, but "my girls" came first with her. Her friends teased her a little, but admired her devotion to them. The girls had a cabin near the river where they often spent a weekend under the safe chaperonage of Mrs. H. And what a lot of good work that group of girls did accomplish!

But that group was only a "sample" of hundreds of girls all over the country who work and play in the pretty uniforms the Girl Scouts have. I do wish I might have had some such activity

when I was an adolescent. But perhaps it is because I did not have that I can appreciate so much more the opportunity available to girls who give earnest heed to what scouting has to offer.

The 4-H clubs, too, are making us aware of what young people can accomplish when they set their minds to it, and have wise leadership. Amazing, really! The only thing that limits the Girl Scouts, and the 4-H is the lack of more leadership!

Right now it is "Fill a School bag for a Friend"—a wonderful idea! Over here our children take for granted apparently unlimited supply of school needs. But even here it was not always so! Read the other day how a teacher in an early school made a sand table, and taught the little folk their letters, and to write, by using small sticks, and then erasing by rubbing out the "writing."

Wasn't it Abraham who learned to write on the back of a hand-made shovel with a piece of charcoal? Our school children could well have a course in gratitude—not to persons, of course, but to the Giver of all good gifts.

Morse Scored By Primary Opponent

EUGENE, March 21.—(AP)—Lane county dairyman Dave Hoover opened his campaign for the Republican nomination for U.S. senator last night with an attack on incumbent Wayne L. Morse.

"Morse should not run as a Republican; not as a Democrat; but as a member of the 'Morse Party,'" Hoover told an audience of about 120 at the high school auditorium.

"We suspect Morse for the friends he has made," Hoover declared. "No Socialist will ever say of me that I am his favorite Republican." This referred to a recent statement by Norman Thomas, the Socialist party's perennial candidate for President.

Hoover said Senator Morse's motto—"principle above politics"—was a "prefabricated escape hatch." He said the great men of history did not have mottoes and added that the Republican party theme—Liberty against Socialism—was good enough for him.

New Medal Planned For Service Men, Women

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—An elaborate new medal will soon be available for service men and women who show outstanding characteristics in their basic military training.

The Defense department announced today it has accepted the offer of the citizens committee for the Army and Navy, Inc., to provide the medal, beginning July 1.

The bronze decoration will carry the words "American Spirit Honor Medal," and "For High Example To Comrades In Arms."

Vets Insurance Refunds Reach 10 Million Mark

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Insurance refund payments to World War II veterans are now at the 10,000,000 mark.

Treasury department officials say the total amount paid out so far is almost \$1,800,000,000, with about \$1,000,000,000 more to go to about 6,000,000 veterans.

There are 1,500,000 veterans who still haven't applied for their dividend payment.

Surplus Crops Of Potatoes And Corn This Year Loom

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Another oversize potato crop this year was indicated today.

The Agriculture department said a survey of farmers' 1950 crop plans showed that the potato acreage may be considerably larger than the government had recommended under a program designed to prevent production of too large a crop.

A crop of 389,000,000 bushels is possible, the department said, on the prospective acreage. The government had recommended a crop of only 335,000,000 bushels.

Potato surpluses during the past six years have cost the government nearly \$500,000,000 in price support operations.

The report also indicated that farmers will not reduce corn plantings as much as the department had recommended under an acreage allotment program.

Great farmers, on the other hand, indicate they plan to plant well within the government's program designed to prevent new surpluses of the bread grain.

The department said the survey indicated that farmers will plant more acres to spring crops than a year ago.

The survey will be matched against department programs designed to get producers to trim acreages on such surplus crops as wheat, corn, rice, peanuts, potatoes, and dry beans.

The planting report might have an influence in future farm legislation. With price support programs under sharp attack in some quarters, farm state lawmakers are weighing proposals to tighten production controls and government outlays for price supports.

The department has asked for the following cuts in acreages this year: cotton 26 per cent, wheat 12, corn 12.9 commercial potatoes, 7, dry beans 20, and rice 13.7.

With the costly potato support program in the congressional spotlight at the moment, officials were particularly anxious to analyze the prospective planting figures for this crop to determine whether there is a possibility of another big surplus this year.

Potato price supports have cost the government about \$500,000,000 during the past five years.

Also in the government inventory of surpluses are \$1,000,000,000 each of wheat and cotton.

Acreages indicated

The indicated acreage for corn was reported at 82,765,000 acres compared with the government's goal of about 76,000,000. Last year's corn acreage was 87,910,000 compared with the ten year (1939-48) average of 89,825,000.

The spring wheat acreage was forecast at 19,727,000 acres compared with a government goal of about 18,000,000 acres; with last year's plantings of 22,500,000 and with the ten year average of 18,072,000.

Such an acreage would produce a spring wheat crop of about 300,000,000 bushels at a recent five-year average acre yield. Last year's spring wheat crop turned out to be 244,795,000 compared with the ten-year average of 265,397,000.

The department had previously reported 53,023,000 acres were planted to the fall-sown winter wheat crop, compared with a goal of about 55,000,000 acres and with last year's acreage of 62,372,000 acres. The winter wheat crop was forecast at 884,658,000 bushels compared with last year's production of 901,668,000 bushels and with the ten-year average of 726,555,000.

The combined winter and spring wheat acreage would be 72,750,000 acres.

In reporting results of its survey of farmers' crop plans, the department emphasized that acreage actually planted may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated, by reason of various conditions.

Plague was regarded by many in medieval Europe as a manifestation of divine wrath.

Yellow Fever Toll Halted By American Project

LA PAZ, Bolivia, March 21.—(AP)—Yellow fever, the deadly disease spread by mosquitoes, has killed 230 persons in Bolivia in recent weeks.

More than 1,000 residents in an isolated section of the country were stricken. Health officials said the disease had been checked with the aid of the Rockefeller foundation and the Pan-American sanitary office.

FLOORED BY SAUCER

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—(AP)—Not only has S. K. Bennett seen a flying saucer, but he's also been floored by one.

A staff member of Angelus Temple, Bennett was helping set the stage there yesterday for an illustrated sermon on "flying saucers and men from Mars."

A stage prop "saucer" got out of control, slid down a wire too fast and knocked Bennett down. He was treated for a gashed leg.

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 The Board of Directors of Investors Selective Fund has declared a quarterly dividend of eight cents per share payable on March 21, 1950, to shareholders on record as of February 28, 1950.
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Incorrect Fees Delay Renewal Of Motor Licenses

Incorrect fees accompanying requests for a renewed driver's license are delaying renewal service, Secretary of State Newbury says.

In most cases, the incorrect amounts result from failure to use an application form, the secretary said. The renewal fee is \$1.25 in all cases and the application form on the back of your license card may be used when applying for renewal. In the event your license has no such form one can be picked up at any police station, sheriff's office, obtained from any driver license clerk or examiner, or from the secretary of state's office.

Renewing your driver's license is an individual matter under the state's new "staggered" system, Newbury reminded. Instead of all licenses falling due for renewal at the same time, each driver's license now expires every other year on the birthdate of the holder. He advised all drivers to check the expiration date on the face of their license card to make sure they are not operating on an invalid permit.

Thirty Squads Vie At Sunday Shoot

Thirty squads participated in practice shooting at the Roseburg Rod and Gun club grounds at Winchester Sunday.

H. M. Shirliff, Henry Shirliff Jr., and Forrest Solomon each scored 25 straight targets. Other top shooters were: Rodney Hague, Perry Thiele, Geo. Voytella, Chas. Klingler, Jack Culver, Kelly Brosi, Ivan Pickens, Jim Miller, 24 each; Earl Duncan, D. Waincott, H. H. Hannon, Dallas Bennett, Tom Minor, C. J. Moody, K. L. Gilkeson, 23; G. R. Mardin, Nick Andrieff, Virden Boucock, Jim Rice, Scot Goodman, Roy Medley, Dr. Dean Bubar, 22; E. C. Chapman, Jim Boucock, 21.

Next Sunday the club will hold its first PITA registered shoot for the season. Shooters from all over the state are expected to be present for this event.

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