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TOMPKINS WRONG AGAIN

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Morton Tompkins, state grange master, has attacked the Oregon Game commission because it objects to the rape of the Rogue river by the Bureau of Reclamation. In the current issue of the *Oregon Grange Bulletin* Tompkins charges misuse of public funds, because an article by Cole Rivers, field agent for the commission, telling of the damage the reclamation bureau's project would cause the Rogue river sports fishery, was printed in the commission's monthly publication.

The grange master accuses the game commission of "getting out of its field" in matters of policy.

Mr. Tompkins, it would seem to us, should be the last man in the world to talk about getting out of line in the matter of policies and politics.

As grange master, he used his position to sell the Oregon State Grange down the river as a Socialist-Democrat political organization, although the grange fundamentally is non-political. For a long period of time, he drew compensation from the Bonneville Power administration, apparently for no other service than the use of his influence in selling the political aspects of public power to the organization he headed, leaving the federal payroll only when forced to do so by exposure of his quite vulnerable position. Thus it would seem he is hardly in a position to be critical of the game commission.

Game Commission Duties

Tompkins claims that the game commission had no right to use public funds to circulate the article opposing the Rogue river project. Game Commissioner J. H. Van Winkle, Oregon City, replying to Tompkins' charges, points out that the game commission bulletin is not published at public expense, but is paid for with funds contributed by anglers and hunters through license fees.

While Commissioner Van Winkle technically is correct, there might be some dispute whether money collected by a state agency is not to be considered a part of the public fund, even though specifically earmarked as to its use.

But let's examine into the commission's action from another angle, to determine whether it got "out of its field."

The state law provides that the game commission shall "disburse all funds acquired for the protection and propagation of game and nongame birds, animals and fish, the enforcement of the laws of the state for the protection and propagation of game and nongame birds, animals and fish." (Page 34, Oregon Blue Book, 1949-50)

Note that word "protection."

Findings Justify Action

The game commission conducted extensive investigation of the Bureau of Reclamation's proposals for development of the Rogue river. Studies were made cooperatively with the State Fish commission and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service. Findings were conclusive that dams and other water uses proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation would seriously damage the already dwindling Rogue river sports fishery. These facts were published by the commission in a report and officially submitted at a farcical public hearing where the Bureau of Reclamation acted as witness, judge and jury, and where the verdict quite apparently was predetermined before the public was called in for the show.

The game commission is charged by law with the PROTECTION of game and nongame birds, animals and fish. It, then, would be neglecting its responsibility if it failed to proclaim publicly its opposition to a project damaging a world famous sports fishery. Our personal feeling is that the game commission has been negligent in not giving the Rogue river project more aggressive opposition.

The game commission not only is legally right but morally right, in voicing strenuous opposition to an extravagant project holding threat of most serious damage to a resource the commission is charged by law to protect.

Mr. Tompkins, in our opinion, is the one who is far off base in this issue. He has proven himself a master in the art of spreading propaganda, but seems to object to a lawful and ethical method of telling the truth to the people of Oregon, who will pay in taxes for many years to come the wasteful costs of the Rogue project.

Re-Upholstering Made Easy With OSC Picture Aid

An illustrated booklet describing how to re-upholster an over-stuffed chair at home is now available from OSC. Its 46 pages contain 112 photographs.

Written expressly for women without previous upholstery experience, the booklet, number 608, is entitled "Re-upholstering a Chair at Home." The author is Mrs. Myrtle Carter, OSC extension service home furnishings specialist.

As with other college publications, copies of the new booklet are available free from county extension offices or direct from the college.

Without attempting to show methods used by professional upholsterers, the author shows by photographs and a minimum of reading material the step-by-step process of renovating an overstuffed chair. With added experience in this type of work, most anyone can adapt the basic upholstery principles in-

cluded to other types of chairs and davenport which may require re-upholstering or repair, Mrs. Carter believes.

Equipment and materials required are described at length and many of the items are also pictured. The booklet is considered so basic and easy to follow that 18 other state extension services have ordered copies for distribution in their states.

Re-upholstery steps described include replacing webbing, sewing springs to the webbing base, spring tying, placing burlap over the springs, padding and covering the chair with fabric. A considerable descriptive material with drawings and photographs is included on how to make edge rolls.

Tools required to do re-upholstery work, according to the booklet, include a light weight hammer, webbing stretcher, needles, upholstery pins or skewers, rippers, tapes, shears, pliers, screw driver, tacks, dressmakers chalk and a china marking or wax pencil. A cording tool attachment for a sewing machine is required in making cord trim.

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Scissors from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

"Who knows but that the poorest among us—" Godey's Lady Book was assuring its thousands of readers eight years ago, "may in a few years 'walk in silk attire' and oak-velvets and allanths-sans may be as common as merinos and muslins."

Ye editor's enthusiasm had been aroused by a report from Dr. J. Q. A. Warren, who had just returned from England where he has seen 18,000 silkworms at work under a netting covering hundreds of allanths trees. The silk-factory was on the estate of Lady Dorothy Nevill.

"A beautiful sight indeed," said Dr. Warren, reporting to the Farm Institute of America, and duly printed in the N. Y. Tribune, "to see those magnificent silk-worms from one to three inches long, of an intense emerald green color, with the tubercles tipped with a gorgeous marine blue. They seemed to care naught for wind or rain..." (Are you listening, Oregonians?)

"... their feet having great adhesive power, they cling to the leaves with a peculiar strength—their bodies being covered with fine down, seem to turn the rain like the leaf of a cabbage."

"Some were eating, some dormant, others commencing to spin like weavers, and many had made their cocoons and were stowed away in the leaves. Lady Neville said they are cultivated at little expense, and the allanths glandulosa easy to raise..." Oak leaves the report stated, were equally useful.

Editor Godey was always on the lookout for anything of value to his feminine readers. Don't you imagine masculine eyes had a good look through its pages, too? He seized upon the possibilities of sericulture here. "They should do well here," he says, meaning silkworms, of course, "where the climate is so nearly like China and Japan..." an agreeable and useful industry will be opened here, especially to our country-women, which their quickness and ingenuity, we may hope, will carry far beyond the point it has reached in the countries of its origin."

Did your grandmother raise silkworms? It wasn't the fault of Godey's Lady Book if she didn't! Well, I've wound silk off a cocoon, but—think of eighteen thousand of them! Mercy!

In the Day's News

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way toward making their story stick.

Put yourself in the other fellow's place. Suppose a Russian warplane came zooming in from the north and when courteously challenged by our air force sentinels cut loose with its guns.

You'd be fighting mad, wouldn't you?

THIS is the point: When people are fighting mad, they can be handled to a queen's taste by some schemer who wants to handle them for his own purposes. The big boys in the Kremlin are designing schemers. They want AND NEED to handle their countless millions of dupes. Paste this in your hat: No despot ever lived who wasn't secretly afraid of the masses of the people. History leaves no doubt of that.

These master minds in the Kremlin are no exception to that rule. They need to handle the Russian masses. If they can convince their people that wicked America is all cocked and primed, waiting with finger on trigger for the auspicious moment to ATTACK RUSSIA, it follows that these swarming millions at the bottom of the Russian heap, who certainly must be beginning to realize that the big shots at the top are grabbing the gravy and leaving them the slop, will be inclined to forget their personal grievances and JOIN HANDS AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY.

That trick has been tried by every despot who ever ruled and exploited millions of people, and history records the fact that SELDOM, IF EVER, has it failed to work.

THIS is a guess.

You can take it or leave it.

Doukhobors Raze Several Houses In New Fire Raid

BRILLIANT, B. C., April 15 — (CP) — The Sons of Freedom, Doukhobor radicals, were on the march Friday, staging a fire-raid which destroyed several houses here.

Police moved in fast as the hymn-singing Doukhobors milled around the scene of the fires. Thirty-six of the men were herded into cars and taken to Nelson, 25 miles south for questioning. No charges have yet been laid.

Flames destroyed the 40-year-old home of John J. Verigin, grandson of Peter (the Lordly) Verigin, spiritual leader of the orthodox Doukhobors who came from Russia at the turn of the century.

Police said Verigin, suave, university-educated secretary of the orthodox Doukhobors, was dragged from his bed after his housekeeper and her husband were seized.

Gasoline was sprinkled over the house and the torch applied as the raiders smashed windows to help spread the flames.

Soon, several smaller houses nearby were in flames, and all were destroyed. The occupants escaped injury.

As the flames took hold of the building, Verigin was released by the members of the raiding party who started to pray and chant.

The housekeeper eluded her captors shortly before 8 a.m., and sounded the alarm.

Police reported the men were members of the Sons of Freedom, held responsible for many acts of terrorism in the Kootenays in defiance of man-made laws.

The Verigin home, built by Peter the Lordly, who died in a train bomb blast in 1924, was regarded as a shrine by the orthodox members of the strange religious sect.

The raiders were men, mostly young, and unlike previous raids, no women were present at the fire.

Peace has reigned in the strifetorn Kootenays, 250 miles east of Vancouver, since December when presence of a combined force of federal-provincial police halted a series of dynamite bombings of rail lines.

Movie, Quartet Scheduled For Evening Service

The Sunday evening service at the North Roseburg church will feature a 16 mm. colored movie of the Evangelical United Brethren summer camp grounds located at Jennings lodge. The camp, located on the east bank of the Willamette river, three miles north of Oregon City, is operated as a family camp, with activities for all ages.

The pictures were filmed by Arthur B. French, head of the photography department at the University of Oregon. French won high distinction for his movies of the University of Oregon football games this season, when his filming was judged the best inter-collegiate films in nation-wide competition. French, a member of the E. V. a g e l i c a l United Brethren church in Eugene, spent his vacation last summer filming the activities at the Jennings lodge summer camp.

In addition to the moving pictures, a male quartet from Eugene will sing during the evening service. The quartet is composed of Dean Macy, a member of "The University Singers," Lee Doerkson, a printer, and two school teachers, Gordon Corner and L. J. Eglst. This quartet was heard at the North Roseburg church four weeks ago, and is being returned by popular request.

The North Roseburg church, located at 2043 Vine street, had scheduled evening services during the Lenten season, and originally intended to conclude them at Easter. However, the response was so gratifying, and the requests for continuance so numerous, that the evening services will be continued indefinitely it was announced.

Bill Livermore Takes New Position In City

Bill Livermore announced that he has resigned, effective today, as the manager of the Roseburg office of the Oregon Nevada California Fast Freight, Inc.

Livermore said he has accepted employment with Buckley Bell and will handle the sale of various types of pipe.

He said that no one had yet been appointed to take his place with the freight company, but expected that a new manager would be announced shortly.

FASTER TIME GETS NOD

REDMOND, April 15 — (AP) — Redmond will go on daylight saving time April 30, along with scores of other Oregon towns.

The city council voted for fast time after hearing arguments that many areas would be on daylight time, "islands" of daylight saving would prove inconvenient.

"It looks like I'll have to die," LaMarr said later, a smile on his face.

Justice William H. Munson said: "No other verdict would have been acceptable to this court."

The jury did not recommend leniency. Munson, therefore, is required under state law to pronounce the death penalty when LaMarr comes up for sentencing Monday.

Don't You Believe It

CROCKETT, Texas, April 15 — (AP) — Maria Jones told the census taker she is 115 years old, but reporters and historians expressed belief today she isn't a day over 111.

The chief source of information is the Negro woman's 80-year-old daughter.

Maria was born in slavery in Georgia and came to Texas at about the time of the close of the Civil war. She had 12 other children.

Assassination Of Abe Lincoln In Ford's Theater Followed By 2nd Tragedy In Same Place

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, April 15 — (AP) — Some buildings, like some people, seem destined for tragedy. Certainly Ford's Theater, in downtown Washington, has had its share of troubles.

Here, 85 years ago Thursday night, a fanatic drew his derringer and fired the ball that laid low Abraham Lincoln.

The next morning, April 15, 1865, Lincoln died.

The Lincoln story, of course, is well known. Not so well known is the story of the theater where he was shot.

An old theater had been destroyed by fire, and the new Ford's — one of the fanciest theaters in the country — opened on Aug. 27, 1863. Seating 1,700, it attracted the best actors, including the young and highly successful (\$25,000 a year) John Wilkes Booth.

There was rejoicing 85 years ago today in Washington. The long, dreadful war was over. The time had come, as Lincoln said, to bind the nation's wounds.

It was in the relaxed mood of the day that the Lincolns and their guests, Miss Clara Harris and Maj. Henry Reed Rathbone, went to the theater. The play, "Our American Cousin," starring Laura Keane.

During the third act, Booth, who was not a member of the cast that night, crept along the hallway. He entered the presidential box, shot Lincoln in the head, wounded Maj. Rathbone with a bowie knife, jumped to the stage and escaped.

Never again was a play put on at Ford's. The shot that killed Lincoln killed the theater, too.

Laura Keane and the other members of the cast were tossed into jail pending an inquiry. Performances were suspended.

Second Tragedy Strikes
When Ford attempted to reopen his theater, in July, such a howl went up the idea was abandoned. The government took it over, and changed it into an office building.

Then tragedy struck again. On June 9, 1893, three floors collapsed, killing 22 clerks and injuring 68 others.

In 1932, Ford's was renovated. Now it and the house across the street where Lincoln died — are a museum.

The theater has some choice Lincoln items for the 100,000 tourists who go through it each year.

Here are the gun and the knife Booth used to kill and to wound. Here is the flag he tripped over as he hurtled to the stage. Here are the boots Lincoln wore, and a book Booth wrote — the one that had to be cut off him because he broke a leg in the fall.

It's fitting that the old place should have this silent testimony of a national tragedy. For it, too, is a part of that testimony.

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