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COSTS INCREASING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Although the News-Review has not yet been forced into a general circulation price increase, we are preparing to make a minor adjustment affecting paid-in-advance subscriptions handled by carriers. We have at present a paid-in-advance rate of \$10 per year. The regular carrier rate is \$1 per month. After Jan. 1 there will be no discount for paid-in-advance subscriptions. Because we are forced to pay our Little Merchant carriers for each paper delivered, the lower early rate works to our financial disadvantage.

We do not know how long we can continue our present subscription rate. The American Newspaper Publishers association reports price increases are general all over the United States. Rates for the most part advanced from 20 to 33 1/3 percent during the period from April to November.

Most of the newspapers increasing subscription rates, the ANPA reports, are those with smaller circulation, but the list also includes some metropolitans. Many of the big newspapers have raised the single copy price of their Sunday editions. Since 1945, the number of newspapers selling for two, three and four cents per copy at the newsstands has dropped from 702 to 290, the ANPA reports.

Big Business And High Costs

It seems peculiar to the uninitiated that the newspaper industry enjoying the greatest volume of advertising and readership in its history is, at the same time, experiencing mortality rate higher than ever before except in wartime, when paper and manpower shortages, coupled with high costs, usually eliminated many smaller publications. Recent months have seen the end of many of the country's oldest newspapers. Some of these were big metropolitan papers.

We read that here in Oregon the newspaper industry leads all other industries in hourly wage rate paid its employees. This does not necessarily reflect a vigorous financial condition. When compared with the current high newspaper mortality rate, it indicates rather that organized labor in the printing and publishing industry is destroying jobs because of excessive demands.

With wages rising steadily, the price of newsprint boosted, higher costs on all materials and services, the average newspaper today is hard-pressed to make both ends meet and still keep its services priced within the budgets of advertisers and readers.

FAMILY TRADITION MAINTAINED

Election of County Commissioner Lynn V. Beckley of Roseburg to the presidency of the Association of Oregon Counties brings to mind the fact that he is but following a path trod by three generations of his family.

Lynn's grandfather and two of his uncles were county commissioners and devoted much time to public service. Henry Beckley, Lynn's grandfather, was a native of Indiana. He came to Oregon from Missouri in 1853, locating at Yoncalla. He engaged in mining at Yoncalla, with considerable success, then, in 1864, following his marriage to Mary M. Woodson, started farming near Elktion. He added to his land holdings, operated a sawmill and flour mill, and engaged in other business enterprises.

He became county commissioner in 1870. Six years later he was elected as the county's representative in the state legislature and in 1892 was elected state senator, serving two terms.

He was the father of thirteen children—eight of them sons. Two sons, Charles and Clyde P. Beckley, served as county commissioners. Charles Beckley was a successful sheep rancher near Glide and Clyde farmed the old family home near Elktion.

Lynn is able maintaining family tradition of public and political service.

Experimenters from a wood products laboratory recently sampled "maple" syrup made from sawdust. The alcohol-from-wood-waste plant at Springfield sent out several thousand gallons of wood molasses to Northwest stockmen during the past summer. The stockmen reportedly are clamoring for more. Much interest currently is being centered on a new hardwood process. Wood waste utilization makes sense!



Scrape from the MENDING BASKET

My, my, how the men must have enjoyed looking at a picture in a recent issue of the Long Beach Independent. It was sent me by Mrs. Z. P., who thought it might be of interest to the Mending Basket. Thus I give further publicity to the doings of a woman driver—mercy, yes; wouldn't you just know it was woman driver!

It seems that Mrs. Jeannette Thorp's nice shiny sedan, equipped with all the latest gadgets, suddenly left the wide, thickly traveled American avenue and crossed the wide sidewalk on the picture of the crowd, not exactly started—and rolled on up the wide steps where it became a photographer's target. There is rain at both ends of the diagonally-resting car for the crowd to get in the picture, too. (Why not a plug for the make of car that time?)

Men, bless their hearts, do enjoy sounding off about "women drivers." That's a woman driver for you! Haven't you heard such remarks? Who hasn't? So when Mrs. Jeannette Thorp's sleek auto attracted hundreds of spectators from the front steps of the main post office building, just think of the pleasure her thoughtfulness gave to the (men) spectators! The L.

Well, They Had Fair Warning



Washington Report

By FULTON LEWIS, JR.

WASHINGTON—Mr. Truman's professed anguish over the future solvency of the nation, and his insistence that the reorganization plan be financed on a pay-as-you-go basis, carry a strong fragrance of overripe mackerel.

Against the backdrop of the world crisis which has evolved from his five years in power, it is far short of realistic not to recognize that business-as-usual is back in cold storage for some time to come. Government cutbacks in civilian production and increasingly strict control of critical raw materials prove that.

But if the little man at the White House could find time, between writing letters, to order some reeks taken in politics-as-usual, he could go a long way toward solving his problem, and at the same time ease very greatly the pinch on Mr. Blow, average American.

Or is that too much to ask? The normal approach of any administrator, faced with an immense national rearmament program, would be to apply the knife ruthlessly to every non-military activity of the government. Mr. Truman has full authority to do so. That leaves more money for defense spending, alleviates the pressure on manpower and materials, and greatly eases the danger of inflation.

But the record shows that his non-military agencies of government are spending an average of 20 percent more money at present than they were a year ago, and budget figures to be submitted in January will boost that figure to possibly another 20 percent.

The effect is to try to superimpose a war boom on an ever-increasing peace boom—an endeavor that constitutes a reasonable facsimile of economic suicide.

Inasmuch as the President and his budget boys show no inclination to reverse the process, the rest of last report is congress. A check of the congressional record shows that there, too, "economic at every turn," but the words for the reporting parts are "yes, but."

Mr. Truman's own representative, Clarence Cannon, of Missouri, is chairman of the House appropriations committee, where the spending bills originate. On April 13, 1950, he said:

"If there are items in this bill which are to be reduced without reducing provisions or any service below the minimum actually required it should be reduced. But I do make issue emphatically, however, with all proposals for blanket cuts."

Rep. Otto Passman (D., La.) said on May 8:

"Mr. chairman, we are all in favor of greater economy in all agencies of the federal government. My record will indicate that I have worked to effect greater economy. I am on record as having voted against many appropriation bills, but there are certain public improvement expenditures that are absolutely necessary."

Rep. Homer Angell (R., Ore.) on May 3 said:

"There is a saying that we can be penny wise and pound foolish. If you gentlemen are sincere in your statements that you want to save money for this country, then certainly you do not want to be accused of being penny wise and pound foolish; but I can assure you that that is what you will be if you continue to curtail operation money for the Bonneville dam agency."

On April 25, Rep. Joseph Bryson (D., S. C.) avoided using the "but," saying:

"Mr. Chairman, surely there is not a member of this house who is not convinced that the time has

Worldwide Bible Reading

DAILY READING Thanksgiving to Christmas Dec. 15 Romans 12

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Camp White May Be Reactivated In Current Crisis

MEDFORD, Ore. — (AP) — Reopening of the huge Camp White military training center northeast of here is believed to be in the preliminary planning stage.

One group of men from the corps of engineers was here Wednesday. Another was due late this week. None of them would comment, but at Portland a spokesman for the engineers said the camp—where as many as 35,000 men were stationed at one time during World War II—was being looked over to determine the amount of rehabilitation needed if there should be any order to re-open the camp.

The study is believed a follow-up to a survey made some time ago of both Camp White and Camp Adair, the latter near Corvallis. Since more of the facilities remain here, it is believed Camp White would be the logical choice, if either were to be re-activated.

The Veterans administration is using the old Camp White hospital as a domiciliary for some 100 men. Nearly a dozen firms have built part of the camp into an industrial area, making use of various buildings. Included is a large sawmill and various remanufacturing installations.

A 25-building housing development is nearing completion there. St. Col. Lynn sheets of Fort Ord was one of the men here this week. Others included five civil engineers from the Portland corps of engineers. None of them would comment. However, it was noted that they looked over the sewage disposal system and the warehouses.

The men still expected are from the engineers' land bureau.

Douglas Timber Corp. Damage Suit Defendant

Douglas S. Thornton has filed suit in circuit court against the Douglas Timber Corp. for \$50,000 general damages and \$208 special damages.

The plaintiff has asked this amount for physical injuries allegedly received while working as an employee of the defendant company. According to the complaint, a tractor reportedly caused tree to be thrown against the plaintiff's leg and body.

As a result, an operation and two months hospitalization were allegedly necessary.

A suit was filed by Perry E. Goodridge against Henry Metzger for \$500 allegedly still due for materials and machinery delivered to the defendant.

Worthless Check Charge Jails Myrtle Creek Man

Roy M. Plummer, 40, of Myrtle Creek is being held in the county jail on \$1,000 bail on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, according to Canyonville Justice of Peace Nina P. Zold.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS (Continued From Page One)

and four million more that can be brought into action against us if they are needed.

A quarter of a million men (supposed to be about the size of our forces in Korea) can't argue much with FIVE MILLION MEN.

How did we come to go into Korea in the first place? As the story has been told to us, it was to show the communists, Chinese and Russian, that they couldn't get away with aggression. Well, they GOT AWAY WITH IT.

All they've proved is that at the present time, the military preparedness we can't stop them. If communists are human (which hasn't yet been proved) they must be feeling pretty chummy about this time. When bruisers like Stalin and Mao Tse Tung get to feeling chummy, there can be no telling what they'll do in the way of throwing their weight around.

We'll just have to wait and see. What could happen? I wouldn't know. As a result of the demonstration of our present weakness that has been provided by Korea, Stalin might decide that THIS IS THE TIME. In that event, he might move EVERYWHERE AT ONCE.

He has a lot of strength to move with. He might decide that it's better to move now than to wait while we build up our strength.

At any rate, let's not kid ourselves as to the gravity of the emergency we face. If you have any doubts on that point, read this brief dispatch which has just come over the wires from Washington:

"Republican congressional leaders gave President Truman their full support today for a swift build up of armed strength and said they

agree A DANGEROUS EMERGENCY EXISTS. Don't think the Republicans wouldn't like to take full political advantage of the mistakes the Truman administration has made. They'd like nothing better. But there are times SO GRAVE that even political considerations have to be forgotten by political leaders. This is one of those times.

Heider To Play For Firemen's Dance Dec. 25

Volley Heider and his 10-piece orchestra will play for the 68th annual firemen's ball Monday night, Dec. 25, at the Roseburg Armory.

Heider will come to Roseburg after a successful engagement in the Peacock room of the Mark Hopkins hotel in San Francisco.

The annual ball is the only firemen's dance in the city during the year. The local firemen, according to Chief W. E. Mills, believe Heider's orchestra will give the public the best dancing music possible.

The famous orchestra features a girl vocalist. Proceeds from the dance will be used by the local firemen for social activities. Tickets can be purchased from any firemen or at the fire department in the city hall.

Compensation Suit Dismissed

The case of the State Unemployment Compensation commission vs. Buckhorn Lumber Co. has been dismissed as settled by Circuit Judge Carl W. Wimberly. The case was filed by the plaintiff for \$100, allegedly still due for employee contributions.

Another dismissal order was issued by Judge Wimberly on a case filed by the same plaintiff against Glenn W. Jennings. It was ruled that the defendant, living in Eugene, is not within the jurisdiction of this court.

A default judgment has been issued in circuit court against J. J. Lynch and in favor of the plaintiff. It is allegedly due for merchandise recovered by the defendant. A similar judgment was handed down in favor of Nordling Parts, Inc., against A. W. Paulson for \$275.17. This amount is allegedly due for goods.

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