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CONGRESS ON THE UMPQUA

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We once knew a man who owned a gold mine. He had opened surface cuts and undercuts until he had uncovered \$750,000 worth of ore. But he died a poor man because his mine was so inaccessible he couldn't get machinery in to develop and operate the property.

Whether you realize it or not, you, personally and individually, are in the same predicament as that miner.

You are a part owner of the nation's public domain. The public domain includes the Umpqua National forest. "Green Gold" from the Umpqua forest is being "mined." But some of it is so inaccessible that it cannot be placed on the market.

Just as a starter, we can look at 70,000,000 board feet of timber that could be sold annually. Placing on this timber the most conservative stumpage value of \$10 per thousand (and it probably wouldn't bring less than \$15), we are losing income to federal, state and county governments of \$700,000 annually which could be used, at least in part, to offset some of the high taxes you are paying. In addition, that volume of timber would furnish employment to several hundred men, thus creating more income tax benefits, local business, and improved prosperity.

But, with proper access roads, we probably could pick up more than 70,000,000 feet each year, particularly for a period of several years.

In the first place we find 24,000,000 feet of timber going from Diamond lake area to Klamath Falls. The hauling distance is about the same between Diamond lake and Roseburg as between Diamond lake and Klamath Falls. The haul to Roseburg would be downhill. Trucks must climb upgrade to make the Klamath Falls delivery. Roseburg mills would be in a better position than Klamath Falls mills to bid for the timber if it could be reached.

Then there is the matter of salvage. Millions of feet of logs are on the ground along Copco's transmission line between the forest boundary at Toketee Falls. Some of these logs are being brought out now. Others are being cut at Copco's Toketee mill. They could all be brought to Roseburg if we had a good road up the Umpqua. Too, we could salvage some of the windfalls and other trees which now are a total loss.

Congress Is Negligent

Your part ownership in the Umpqua National forest is entrusted to the Congress of the United States. It is administered by the U. S. Forest Service, an agency of the department of Agriculture. The Forest Service is solely dependent upon Congress for the money it can spend. Congress is extremely negligent in discharging its responsibility as trustee of the public domain. Not only is this true with respect to timber, but it is equally true concerning grazing lands, watersheds, and other public resources.

This negligence stems principally from ignorance—failure to understand the problems involved.

How is a congressman, who knows trees only as he has seen them on a golf course or a city park, to understand the management problems of the Pacific Northwest's vast timber lands. Unless a person has seen the timbered areas of the Far West, and has gone into the woods to inspect logging operations, access roads don't seem important.

Congress, for the most part, looks upon appropriations for access roads as a part of the "pork barrel." Money to improve our forests is handled in the same manner as allotments for rivers and harbors, roads, etc. We have grown into the habit of judging our congressmen by the amount of pork barrel money they can obtain for their respective districts. If one gets more than the rest the others are very unhappy. Congressmen from eastern states don't want western states to get more pork barrel appropriations than their own districts. When the western congressman stands up and tells about the crisis in the timber belt of the Pacific coast, his colleagues from the eastern states, who know nothing about trees, think he is trying to get a deeper dig in the pork barrel and they turn thumbs down on his plea.

Until Congress alters its thinking and puts management of the public domain on a businesslike plane, we will go on losing money from our part ownership.

The quickest cure we can think of is for Congress to move to Big Camas ranger station for a couple of weeks and hold its sessions at that beautiful spot. All the congressmen would enjoy it—might even want to make it the summer capital—and we would have access roads in a hurry.

Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vinnett Martin

Quotation from a letter from Mrs. Ruth Wooten of Melrose route has been delayed because the letter disappeared and just turned up during the current upheaval in assembling everything connected with The Mending Basket and other writing in the "glory hole" upstairs, where things will not get mislaid—I hope!

Mrs. Wooten was commenting on something in this column, and told a little story to illustrate her point, about encouraging children to read, and how much an understanding and helpful daddy can aid the mother in this endeavor.

The Wootens' young daughter, Dixie, was browsing in the family book shelves. She drew out "Shakespeare's Complete Works," glanced through it, and said: "I will never read that old book!" She sat down with Riley's poems and began to read them. Mr. Wooten happened to be right on hand, and exclaimed, "Oh, you'll learn to enjoy Shakespeare, I'm sure." He opened the book at random to Julius Caesar, and casually said, "Listen to this," Mrs. Wooten's letter continues:

Dixie listened politely, the poems still open in her lap. After a time Daddy stopped reading and closed the book. "Aren't you going to read the will, Daddy? What was

in Julius Caesar's will? Read some more, Daddy, please." Daddy and Mother exchanged glances. Daddy read on. . . At twenty-five minutes to ten he was still reading and Dixie was still listening with interest—long past her bedtime!

Mrs. Wooten added: "Don't you think this is a natural example of continuing the teaching of reading-readiness after the child has learned to read? I think that this is what many a slow-reading child needs."

I do indeed, Mrs. Wooten! And also I think that Dixie will remember many years from now her delightful introduction to "that old book" she was never going to read! How fortunate for her that her daddy seized the opportunity in just the way he did. Many a child becomes antagonistic to good books because they are presented less skillfully, and are looked upon as burdensome reading. Thank you for your letter.

Colorado chose the white and lavender columbine as its state flower in 1899 because—according to local authorities—the blue represents western skies; the white, snowy mountain ranges; and gold, the mineral which first attracted settlers in 1858.

Uncle?



PEACE
OVERTURES
CHINESE
CASUALTIES

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—There was a little nostalgia in noting the fact recently that George "Machine Gun" Kelly had been moved from Alcatraz to Leavenworth penitentiary.

Kelly is the Oklahoma gunman who master-minded the kidnaping, on the night of July 22, 1933, of Charles F. Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma City oilman. Kelly collected \$200,000 ransom, some \$70,000 of which has never been recovered. He was sent to Alcatraz for life.

Kelly was of that breed of men in the 30's—like Dillinger, Karpis, etc.—who challenged the federal bureau of investigation but failed to match the courage or marksmanship of the G-men. And his name in the news again recalled the excitement of those gangland days. It was short lived, however.

I think I know now why Kelly was moved from Alcatraz. No one has ever been paroled from "the rock." And this is apparently what someone has in mind for the Oklahoma gunman, despite the fact that the U. S. bureau of prisons terms the transfer routine.

Before any parole board acts on releasing Kelly I think there are a few facts of life they should become acquainted with. Kelly is a boastful, skilled criminal and gun man. He never forgets. He hates squealers and when apprehended for the Urschel kidnaping he stated that never again would he allow one of his victims to "come back alive."

Albert Bates, who planned the Urschel kidnaping with Kelly, died in prison. He was a burglar, bank robber and jailbreaker. Other pals of Kelly were Frank Nash, who died by gunfire during the Kansas City massacre in 1933; and gunmen Verne Miller, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti, who participated in the massacre.

There are gang links, too, between Kelly and the Egan and Shelton gangs of east St. Louis and Chicago, which are farm from inactive at the moment.

At the time Kelly and Bates held Urschel hostage until the \$200,000 ransom payment was made, they rifled his pockets of \$37. A friend of Urschel's who was with Urschel when he was taken from his home at gunpoint, was robbed of \$50.

In persuading authorities to remove him from Alcatraz with a parole in mind, Kelly might have overlooked these two acts of armed robbery. Both are still on the books in Oklahoma City in the county attorney's office. On the surface they don't sound like

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And 9:15 P.M.

Internal Revenue Man's Discharge Plan Of Truman

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman has acted to strip James W. Johnson of his job as collector of internal revenue for the Third district of New York. Johnson has spurned demands for his resignation.

Mr. Truman has nominated Monroe Davis Dowling of New York, a Labor department analyst, for the tax collector's post. The White House said Dowling would succeed Johnson automatically if the nomination is approved by the Senate. The Treasury has called for Johnson's resignation on the grounds of inefficiency but Johnson has refused to quit. He has said he hasn't done anything wrong and doesn't want to give anybody the impression that he has.

Both Dowling and Johnson are Negroes. The Third district covers part of New York City.

BRITAIN'S WAR COST

LONDON—(AP)—The direct cost to Britain of the first year's fighting in Korea was about 10,000,000 pounds or \$28,000,000. The others were Johnson, who was appointed in 1943, and Charles W. Anderson, who held the post from 1923 to 1934.

Johnson defended himself vigorously and denied charges of incompetence when he testified before the senate finance committee last March. He insisted that since he was a Presidential appointee only the President had power to remove him.

Johnson, 54, plans to return to private law practice. As collector his salary is \$11,000 a year.

Congress Chat

By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.,
Fourth District, Oregon

Since this session of Congress began everyone, including of course the majority leadership, has known that the price and wage control law passed last fall would expire at the end of June. Many people and especially the administration forces which control the Congress, were anxious to have the control law extended and made even sharper. They really want controls. But somehow they just haven't been able to get the extension legislation ready. Finally the bill was reported—and what a bill! It comes to the floor of the House with some 57 amendments to be offered by the committee. It reached the floor Wednesday afternoon with the expiration deadline Saturday night. Everyone finally conceded that the 37 committee amendments, plus such amendments as may be offered on the floor, could not be debated and the bill passed by the deadline. You see, when a bill is read for amendment under what is called the five-minute rule, any number of members may be recognized by the Speaker to talk for five minutes on each amendment. Sometimes the time is limited by action of the House but even so each amendment would require not less than ten minutes. In addition, consideration of the bill began with five whole hours of general debate.

Well anyway, after fussing and fuming over the control bill for weeks and months, it was finally necessary to pass an emergency temporary extension of the old law. What will happen to the hedge-podge bill reported by the committee remains to be seen.

In a recent letter I mentioned also what has been happening to the regular appropriations bills. These bills have been delayed longer this year than in any previous year in recent history. The spenders have a reason for this—and they control the committee on appropriations. The reason is, as mentioned briefly in my letter last week, that for every month the passage of the new bills for the coming fiscal year can be delayed, the departments and agencies can spend more money. The reason is that they can spend at last year's rate of appropriation. In most instances the money allowed for the coming fiscal year is less.

Speaking of spending, latest figures show that there are 2,409,121 employees on the payroll of the federal government—which grew during the twelve months since April 1950 at the rate of 6,973 per week. The trend is continuing. At present the civilian payroll of the federal government is 81.3 billions a year—equaling the peak payroll during World War II when 13 million men were under arms and the United States was engaged in an all-out war effort.

Of course we want our Chief Executive to have the best in facilities and luxuries. He has a position which involves terrific mental and physical strain. I find no fault with the idea of our President having a private yacht at his disposal which he may use for trips and for rest and relaxation. However, we are doing that job on a pretty grand basis. A member of the house appropriations committee looked into the matter not long ago and made the following report in his letter to his district:

"A couple of weeks ago I pointed out the pull that the yacht, Williamsburg, has. My committee work deals with the cost of operating the Navy—I got curious. I found that the Navy keeps 100 officers and one hundred and fifty enlisted men on duty to keep the yacht ready to go. That costs you taxpayers \$450,000 a year. Supplies, fuel and ordinary repairs run about \$50,000. With a few other minor items, you will find it costs Uncle Sam's taxpayers over one-half million dollars to provide President Truman his weekend relaxation on the Potomac."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued from Page 1)

of Mao Tse-tung for a real armament aid AND TO AVOID BUILDING UP CHINA AS A FUTURE COMPETITOR FOR JAPAN AND ASIA."

Remember, back in the big old days of racketeering in Chicago, a guy named Capone?

He was hot stuff until his stooges got envious of him.

Have you been reading about the Shelton gang back in Illinois and thereabouts? The Sheltons ran the roost in their parts until RIVAL GANGSTERS began to get cagey.

Now most of them are dead.

What White is suggesting is that Mao may be GETTING IDEAS. Running all of Asia would be a nice job. Especially if he could grab Japan too. It might easily occur to him that if he could induce Stalin to equip a vast Chinese army with which to LICK THE AMERICANS he might then be able to grab supreme power in Asia instead of letting Stalin grab it.

Stalin wouldn't like that.

This is the point:

When thieves fall out, honest men can come into their own. Thieves tend to fall out with each other over division of the loot—which includes POWER. It is possible (let's not go so far as to say probable) that Mao and Stalin are beginning to eye each other with suspicion.

If that should turn out to be

the case, it would be wonderful. Let's not fool ourselves about this truce—if it should come about. It can be ONLY A TRUCE. It won't settle anything. The Kremlin gangsters are just as determined as ever to conquer the world in the name of communism.

If they're pulling out of Korea, it is because Korea has been an unprofitable enterprise. They're not going to quit. They'll simply turn the heat on somewhere else. Where?

Well, watch Japan. And watch Germany. There is no peace treaty with Japan. There is no peace treaty with Germany. It is a good guess that Russia proposes to have a big finger in the Japanese peace pie and another big finger in the German peace pie.

Whatever we do let's not jump to the conclusion that PEACE is here. It isn't. We're just switching back (temporarily) from hot war to cold war.

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