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THE RACE IS RUN

Charles V. Stanton

Well, we've had our fun. The Pony Express versus Nightcrawler race is history. And what history! A few days ago I saw an item about an Italian railroad electric locomotive that took off by itself, stranding the engineer. He grabbed a bicycle and started in pursuit. He was unable to catch the runaway train but finally collected his wits and phoned ahead to have the power turned off.

He would have had little trouble overtaking the Nightcrawler. It has been interesting to observe the widespread interest aroused by what *The Oregonian* termed a "wag-gish" stunt.

The American people have a great sense of humor. Our newspapers are filled daily with serious and solemn news. We have much to keep us worried. When something light and humorous comes to our attention, it attracts more of our interest than does an event such as the conference of the leaders of top world powers.

The race was given nationwide publicity. It was publicized by radio and television. It is being given picture coverage by newspapers and magazine. Newsreels will carry the excitement into the country's theaters.

The publicity received by Southwestern Oregon couldn't have been purchased for millions of dollars.

Editors Have Holiday

Incidentally, the event has furnished a holiday for editors around the state. Nearly all newspapers have had some sort of comment.

The editor of the *Register-Guard*, Eugene, wasn't able to figure out why the Nightcrawler should carry 20 passengers northbound and only 18 southbound. He wants to know what became of the other two passengers.

The answer is easy; they were too disgusted with the service to return on the train.

Editor Charles A. Sprague, writing in the *Oregon Statesman*, Salem, suggests that if we're losing two people daily in this section of the state we'd better get rid of the Nightcrawler—but fast.

But another Salem editor, George Putnam, writing in the *Capital Journal*, takes a very dim view of the whole proceeding. His sense of humor must have been on vacation.

He describes the race as "a rather childish exhibition of spleen and offended pride." He also comments that there are not enough horses in Southern Oregon to compete for the whole distance from Eugene to Ashland, and that the 75 miles between Eugene and Roseburg was picked to miss "the steep mountain grades and many tunnels between Roseburg and Ashland."

Many Misconceptions

George certainly hasn't been attending many of Southern Oregon's rodeos or he would change his mind about the number of horses. Furthermore, he doesn't know his Southern Oregon terrain too well, despite the fact he used to live at Medford. The race south from Roseburg to Ashland would have given the ponies a great advantage. Furthermore, if it hadn't been for the fact that most of Southern Oregon's riding groups were booked for appearances at the Rogue River Rodeo at Medford Sunday, the ponies would have raced all the way from Eugene to Ashland.

There is considerable misconception concerning the race. Too many people believe we want the Nightcrawler continued in service.

We certainly have no desire or need for such a train. But it would seem that a section growing as rapidly as is Southern Oregon, an area in which the "Friendly" Southern Pacific is reaping huge profits in freight business, is entitled to better transportation facilities than a night train travelling at an average speed of less than 25 miles an hour.

There might be some reason for discontinuance of a passenger service had the "Friendly" Southern Pacific made some sort of an effort to supply the area with modern and usable type facilities—an effort to create rather than destroy passenger business—and then found its operation to be excessively unprofitable.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Hot enough, for you?

Millions of Americans, sweltering under heat waves that have gripped most of the nation, have been complaining they felt more like humid beings than people.

But it's really your own fault if you let rising temperatures get you down.

Why suffer from ready-made weather? Why not build your own climate? Any do-it-yourself fan should find it easy.

Here are a few hints on how anyone can breeze through a heat wave:

1. Quit using the English language. Learn to talk. Then everything will be "Cool, man, cool."

2. If you are bald and don't wear a hat, the some moistened grape leaves around your head—first being sure, of course, to remove the grapes. If you are afraid people will stare at you, put on some Bermuda shorts, too. Then they'll stare at your shorts, and never notice the grape leaves.

3. Think only cool thoughts, such as: "Shouldn't I be buying winter chains for my car?" or, "I wonder what Santa Claus is doing right this very minute—trying to keep warm?"

4. Whatever you do don't fall to brooding about red-haired girls or how many bills you owe. This only heats up the blood.

5. If you must quarrel with your wife, take off your shirt first. Then you can't get hot under the collar. Put Shoes in Refrigerator

6. Keep your shoes overnight in the refrigerator, and be sure to take two pairs to work. Ask the nearest restaurant owner to let you put one pair in his icebox. Then, every two hours, you slip down to the restaurant, take off the shoes

you're wearing, put on the cool ones, and slip the heated pair into the icebox.

7. If the restaurant owner adopts a snooty attitude toward this reasonable request, make up your mind each morning that before nightfall you're going to ask the boss to double your salary. This'll give you real cold feet.

8. Don't merely cut down on your food intake. Quit eating altogether. Soon it will be impossible for you to feel hot. All you'll feel is hungry.

Oh, yes again.

The White House says information obtained from the project will be available to all nations—including Russia.

Why is all this so important? Well, what is little tends in these days to become big and what is big tends to become bigger. These little melon-sized affairs could grow into balloon-sized affairs. Unmanned now, they might later be manned. With tiny instruments now, they might later carry big

four-leaf clovers, of course—what else?

The boss is sure to send you home for the day—perhaps even in an air-conditioned ambulance.

Heat waves? Anybody can whip 'em with a little gumption and a bit of that old Yankee ingenuity. Nobody'd ever get crazy with the heat if he'd even just do one thing. Keep cool!

We Get a Better View of Things From This Point



Bruce Bissat

By JAMES CROSSLEY For Bissat

Nobody should breathe a word about this. It could get in the foreign press, then get picked up by the Russian newspapers and plastered all over.

Would the cause of democracy gain any glory if they knew that the latest race in the U.S. is some thing called a googo-doll?

The counters that sell them are as busy as those which dispense Davy Crockett merchandise. Stores frequently sell out and the googo-dolls have to make several trips before the supply has caught up with the demand.

There's even an official song—Pravda should hear about that! Its title is "Close the Door; They're Coming in the Window." Presumably "they" are the little men in white coats, come with their nets for a final accounting with the googo-doll squeezers.

Silly putty has had its day and bounced down the corridors of time. There was some point in it. It was a type of gum chewing done with the hands and was supposed to be an ulcer preventative in that it relieved tensions.

At least it was silent. The googo, popularized by Steve Allen, emits a plaintive sound which is halfway between a Pomeranian's bark and the bleat of a French taxicab.

It relieves any tensions at all it must be those of a mother seal who, on hearing it, would presume that her baby was safe, though hungry.

So we'd better keep this quiet—but very. And if Moscow should get wind of it here's our answer: The googo-goo is a sign of progress. It's automation—something like the electric brain. Now we don't even have to remember the comedians' catch phrases like "Dirty bird" or "this guy's gotta go." We just buy and squeeze. Peep-a-peep.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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kind of news that gets spread all over the front pages under hazy headlines) has to be very bad news.

Among the professional Republicans, of course, a statement from Ike that he WONT RUN would be bad news of the first magnitude. But among the professional Democrats it would be hailed with joy almost uncontrollably.

So that was out.

It then occurred to us that maybe the Russians had accepted without reservation the dramatic Geneva proposal. But the teletype spoke that a little later with a bulletin to the effect that the "very important news" would not concern anything that took place at the Big Four session.

When it came, this was it: "President Eisenhower has approved plans for launching planned artificial earth satellites. These satellites will be unmanned globes designed for purely scientific purposes."

A little later the teletype came across with the word that the satellites will be about the size of basketballs. They will circle the earth once every 90 minutes—at a speed of 18,000 mph. They will carry ONLY instruments for collecting scientific information. No guns or bombs—YET. They might remain up for days or weeks, then disintegrate and fall back down. They are still in the planning stage, but government scientists say they think the first of the satellites can be launched in TWO years.

Oh, yes.

The project is expected to cost two billion dollars.

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Reader Opinions

Teen-Agers Encounter Sports Barrier At Forks

ROSEBURG Some juveniles of Roseburg had quite a stirring time last weekend—for the worst.

A group of about eleven teenagers at the Forks planned on a quiet afternoon of water skiing. But when they arrived at the beach on the north side of the Umpqua River, they found numerous "No Trespassing" signs. The signs hadn't been there in the weeks before.

When a few of the teen-agers sat on the beach the land owner and some of his friends started a fight. One of the teen-age boys had his hand broken.

Is this the way the people of Roseburg want to cope with the juvenile delinquency problem?

The Forks was the last place that people could go water skiing or boating. The area above Winchester Dam has been closed to the public for many years. Can't something be done about this attitude!

William Hosford
Roseburg, Ore.

Mine-Mill Union Under Reds' Rule Govt. Charges

WASHINGTON (AP)—Atty. Gen. Brownell here has filed a formal charge that the International Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Union, with headquarters at Denver, Colo., is under domination of Communists.

The complaint was brought before the Subversive Activities Control Board. It marked the first use of provisions of the 1954 Communist Control Act under which alleged Red-domination of unions or business organizations may be prosecuted before that board.

A finding by the board upholding Brownell's complaint would deprive the union of the services of the National Labor Relations Board and other rights under the Labor-Management Relations Act. Vital Materials Involved

The proceeding against the mine-mill union estimated its membership at between 60,000 and 80,000, including a substantial number in Canada, but said the union's precise strength has never been revealed.

However, the attorney general asserted that members are engaged in the mining and processing of such vital materials as manganese, bauxite and uranium—"all highly essential to the national defense of the United States."

The petition charged the union is and has been "under the domination and control of members of Communist organizations."

The union was expelled from the CIO in February, 1950, on grounds that its policies were consistently directed toward achieving the purposes of the Communist Party in the United States.

Uranium Output Increase Noted

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission has reported here that domestic uranium production climbed to "record levels" in the first six months of 1955.

It gave no figures on domestic production of uranium and concentrates, but said the output put the nation in the position of "one of the world's leading uranium producers." The statement came in AEC's semiannual report to Congress.

Much praise was given to "greatly accelerated exploration activity" by private industry.

"The first large deposit of ore in a contact-metamorphic geologic environment," the report continued, "was discovered in Stevens County, Eastern Washington."

The AEC listed the number of producing mines in the United States at about 850 in June compared with about 795 a year ago.

The increased production, the AEC reported, continued to exceed capacity of operating mills. However, it added, stockpiles of ore have been located at newly completed mills or at locations where new mills are under construction or are planned.

To speed the ore to the mills, AEC said, 17 ore-buying stations soon will be in operation.

Uranium Claim Holders Encouraged By Assays

LAKEVIEW (AP)—Holders of uranium claims near here reported Friday they were encouraged by recent assay reports on ore from their diggings.

Robert Adams Jr., one of four owners of the major claim, said a sample showed a 1.2 per cent uranium content when tested by radiometric analysis by the U.S. Bureau of Mines Laboratory at Albany. That is much higher than the minimum for commercial development.

Adams said he and his three partners plan to develop the claim themselves and have applied to the Atomic Energy Commission for a license to ship ore to the nearest smelter at Salt Lake City, Utah.

About 100 claims have been filed in an area 14 miles northwest of here since Adams and his partners announced the claim.

Jury Trial Established In Guam For First Time

GUAM (AP)—Gov. Ford Q. Elvidge signed into law Saturday the territorial legislature's bill establishing the jury trial in Guam for the first time.

The law provides for jury trial in felonies and in civil suits involving more than \$2,000.

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