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La Grande Crime Rate Very Low

La Grande people may not know it, but their city ranks at the bottom of the "crime heap" in population percentage estimates for the state of Oregon and is way below the national average for towns of this size.

When J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, released his national statistics covering all types of crime several days ago, La Grande residents should have patted themselves with pride.

According to Police Chief Oliver Reeve, crime is just about nil in this city. And when asked about juvenile problems, he said the younger set gave his police force little trouble.

This is, indeed, something for all civic-minded citizens of this area to be proud of.

The Show That Just Didn't Go Over

Oregon's Centennial observance at Portland ends its hundred-day run soon, plagued to the end. The Labor Day weekend, which should have been a big one, was bothered by bad weather, no help at all to a show which has failed to click from the start.

The Centennial celebration at the start was somewhat of a gimmick to put a new roof on the PI building. At the end it seems it has accomplished not too much more than that.

This is in spite of a lot of hard work by members of the Centennial commission, who have spent time and money of their own in large amounts to put over the show.

It's hard to assess all the reasons a show of this type fails.

It was a pretty good exposition, all things considered.

Of course, it was no World's Fair in the San Francisco, Chicago or New York style of the late Thirties. And once this fact became apparent, people stayed away in droves.

Part of the blame must attach to the Portland newspapers, which blew up the show as something fit for the Second Coming. The show didn't live up to the advance billing it got. And there's nothing like this comment to kill an exposition.

"Well, I heard it was going to be pretty good, but after seeing it I'm not impressed."

It was not lack of hard work on the part of the Commission that made the show fail. It was just that indefinable something which makes promoters guess wrong on their packages fairly regularly.

Round-Up A Real Community Job

A handout from the Pendleton Round-Up Association is the reminder that Oregon's biggest rodeo is about to go into action again. Round-Up activities this year begin Sept. 16.

We've heard that no one of the directors receives any pay for working on the Pendleton show—truly one of rodeo's major league events.

If this is true, and there's no reason to doubt it, the performance is all the more remarkable.

Of all the big-time shows, Pendleton has one distinction—the city is the smallest to put on a rodeo of this caliber.

The Round-Up is a real community show, and the results are well worth all the effort that goes into it.

How To Gain Access To Public Lands

Prodding by Oregon Sen. Richard L. Neuberger has led to a scheduled hearing in Portland next month by a Senate Interior subcommittee on how to make more public land accessible to more of the public.

Sen. Neuberger will conduct the hearings during which several pertinent questions will be raised. These should, and probably will be, on such topics as to why hunters, fishermen, and nature lovers, in many instances, find public designated land areas "off limits" by no-tres-

passing signs. The pattern of land ownership in the Western states, where government and private holding in large block often are intermingled, pose serious questions of public access, according to the junior senator.

He also pointed out that in some cases the lack of access results in the virtual locking up of resources on the public-held land and makes proper management of the forest, land and wildlife assets most difficult.

Range Fires Set At Vale

VALE (UPI)—Two range fires about four miles apart near here burned 500 to 600 acres late Wednesday and early Thursday. A Bu-

reau of Land Management official said both were deliberately set.

Max Olson, BLM fire control officer here, said the fires were in the Tub Mountain area about 15 miles from Vale. The flames were extinguished about 2:40 a.m. "There's no doubt about it," he said. "They were set."

The first blaze was reported at 5:02 p.m. Wednesday. Olson sighted the second fire from the air as he flew over the first blaze in a scouting plane.

Two other fires in the same general area within the past few days also were believed of incendiary origin.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Who's In Charge Of Labor Affairs? Cabinet Wonders

(Editors Note: While Drew Pearson is on a "work and play vacation," his column is being written by his associate, Jack Anderson.)

WASHINGTON. — The backstage tugging and tussling over labor reform legislation has brought to a head a feud inside the President's official family between Secretary of Labor Jim Mitchell and Postmaster General Art Summerfield.

Long annoyed over Summerfield's obsession with labor matters, Mitchell finally threw up his hands in despair when the postmaster general took over the lobbying campaign to pass the Landrum-Griffin bill.

This is a labor bill which has nothing to do with the post office. It was up to Mitchell, not Summerfield, to decide how to decide to steer it through congress. Except for setting forth the administration's views in a letter to Congressman George Wallhauser (R. N.J.), Mitchell left the lobbying to the legislative experts from the White House and labor department.

But Summerfield marched up to Capitol Hill, set up a command post in Illinois, Congressman Les Arends' office close by the House floor and summoned wavering Republicans into his presence.

He put on the heat with the skill of a housewife cooking Sunday dinner. On some he used threats to cut off their post office patronage. To others, he simply pleaded: "The President wants this bill badly. He's depending on you. Please don't let him down."

Pressure Cooker Among those who stuck their heads in Summerfield's pressure cooker were Congressmen Bill Cahill and Frank Osmers of New Jersey, Bob Corbett and John Saylor of Pennsylvania, Arch Ward of West Virginia, Bill Bray of Indiana and Fred Schwegel of Iowa. All voted exactly opposite to the way Summerfield instructed them.

The reason the postmaster general temporarily dropped his campaign against smutty literature to lead the fight for labor reform was to appease the Republican bosses in his home state of Michigan. He has been on the defensive with them over many Eisenhower policies, but they stand on the labor issue happily coincided.

Knowing the GOP powers in Michigan are more interested in cracking down on labor unions than cleaning up the mails, Summerfield leaped into the middle of the labor reform battle. By this he hopes to gain their support for the vice presidential nomination, a prize Mitchell also is known to covet.

But the labor secretary wishes Summerfield would campaign for the vice presidency in his own department. At a recent cabinet meeting, Mitchell offered not to interfere with the mails if Summerfield would keep his nose out of the labor department.

Lobbyists' Tactics An attempt by the trucking lobby to bring congressional pressure on the Interstate Commerce Commission has backfired like a truck with a bad engine.

The truckers helped prepare a letter which Sen. George Smathers, Florida Democrat, unwittingly signed. When he found out how the letter had been used, however, he fired off a second letter withdrawing the first.

The issue: The truckers hoped to influence the ICC's decision on piggy-back service, the name

given to the railroads' practice of hauling trailers on flatcars for less than trucks can pull them over the highways. Those in the trucking business understandably would like to outlaw the practice.

To give political emphasis to their arguments before the ICC, their lobbyists slipped around to see Senator Smathers who, as chairman of the Senate's surface transportation subcommittee, is a big power in this field.

Without taking sides, Smathers agreed to investigate their complaints and asked Frank Barton of the subcommittee staff to draft a letter to the ICC for his signature.

Loaded Letter

The letter was supposed to invite the commissioners simply to participate in an informal discussion. But Barton permitted the trucking lobbyists to help compose it.

They twisted the letter into a propaganda document for the truckers. Sample: "Some of the rates being published for performance of piggy-back service are destructively low and violate the established principles of transportation rate-making."

Barton delivered the finished composition to Smathers as he was about to board a plane. With only a quick glance at it, he scrawled his signature across the bottom.

Next day he learned that his letter had been written to influence the ICC's decision on the piggy-back cases. He hastily dictated another letter, declaring: "It has long been my personal view that the commission was in the best position to decide problems of this type and certainly it was not my wish to be pictured as an advocate of being on either one side or the other of an active litigation going on. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the commission ignore in toto my (previous) letter."

Two big guns in the Republican party — Kentucky's Sen. Thruston Morton, GOP national chairman, and Pennsylvania's Congressman Dick Simpson, GOP congressional campaign chairman, recently flew to Kansas City together. Browsing through a news magazine, Simpson came upon a report that he was the Republican congressman he dislikes most.

"I wonder who the hell put this out," snorted Simpson, pointing out the passage to his seatmate. Morton discreetly didn't mention that the passage was based upon his own remarks to newsmen at an off-the-record dinner . . . President Eisenhower, before his European departure, tried to make up with Simpson by phoning him and thanking him warmly for his help in pushing the Landrum-Griffin labor reform bill through the House.

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower, describing in a nationwide radio-TV address his hopes for his forthcoming exchange of visits with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev:

"It is my profound hope that some real progress will be forthcoming, even though no one would be so bold as to predict such an outcome."

NEW YORK — Rookie Patrolman Richard Ware, 22, who had several bottles, sticks and stones thrown at him by a hostile crowd when he arrested two teen-age

REMEMBER WHEN

. . . 25 years ago a large delegation of Portland Chamber of Commerce people visited the La Grande area; three men enlisted in Company E, 188th Infantry of the National Guard here. They were Clifford Houten, Claude Whiteside and Richard F. Houston.

The La Grande civic band left for Pendleton to again serve as the official Roundup and Happy Canyon Band; the Second Ward Mutual of the LDS Church had 200 people in attendance at the opening fall social of the church.

S. F. Andrews, president of the men's organization, presided. Miss Helen Hendrickson was the star soloist.

Three cases of scarlet fever were reported in Union County by county health officials as quarantine posters went up.

. . . 15 years ago Luxembourg fell to advancing American fighting men, and the vaunted Siegfried Line was being pounded by Yank artillery fire.

A La Grande man, 1st Lt. Lyle E. Moorehead, 23, P138 pilot, met death in Italy, according to a telegram received by his wife, Melba. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moorehead of this city.

Special tribute was paid to WASP Georgia Belle Gehring of 2604 North Birch Street. She was wife of Lt. Fred Gehring who was serving overseas. She was local college graduate and taught in La Grande school system before joining the service.

Wall Street Eyes 'Foundation' Of Bull Market Sans Inflation

NEW YORK (UPI) — Wall Street is asking if the bull market, reputedly built on an inflation premise, can exist without inflation.

This question comes up at a time when the prime interest rate—rate for the best credit rating borrowings—is at 5 per cent with talk of an eventual per cent.

High money rates could bring deflation eventually, the experts point out. Also it is noted that so far the administration has kept a firm hand on the budget which many had thought would be out of whack.

High money, a balanced budget fairly steady prices, prospect of a non-inflationary steel settlement, and talk of a possible cut-back in defense spending all spell deflation.

Many experts refuse to go along with the idea that inflation has been licked. And some experts hold that we can have a rising market without the aid of inflation.

An advocate of the latter—a rising market without inflation—is the big mutual fund sponsor, Distributors Group, Inc. It has this to say on the subject:

"If we accept inflation as virtually the only reason for investing in common stocks—and the idea that the stock market will rise in proportion to the decline in the value of the dollar—we find a sizable increase in common stock prices still unaccounted for."

Stock Prices Tripled "According to this idea, the stock market, during the past 20 years, should have doubled to offset the halving of the dollar's buying power and no more. But the price of common stocks has nearly tripled. Why the additional appreciation?"

"This is significant 'additional' appreciation and is due to the inherent dynamic qualities of common stock."

The firm notes a steady rise in expenditures for new plant and equipment and for research, and believes this is a sound reason for investment in common stocks today entirely aside

from inflation. "Also," it adds, "it is a positive reason, and a more thoughtful one than the purely negative desire to 'flee the dollar' by holding only minimum reserves in such sound investments as bonds and savings deposits where inflation erodes the buying power of principal faster than interest can add to it."

Now for a look at the other side of the coin to answer the question if inflation has been licked.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank points that the current situation which forces the Treasury to issue nothing but short term issues is inflationary. "As the debt shortens, ownership tends to shift from 'savings-type' investors to investors who hold government issues as a 'money substitute,'" says the bank.

Puts Funds Into Active Use "Thus the Treasury, in effect, borrows funds that would otherwise be idle and releases longer term funds that flow into active use."

Incidentally higher rates of interest being paid by the Treasury will add to government outlays. Barron's estimates the increase in interest payments on the national debt this year will boost the budget figure by a half billion dollars.

Barron's also sees other additions to the expenditure side that will throw the budget out of whack—upward momentum of such programs as the development loan fund, soil bank, space activities, veterans' pensions and public housing and work is figured at \$1.5 billion.

Other additions include \$350 million to the postal deficit because of failure to raise postal rates; \$100 million for medical research.

Barron's looks for a \$79 billion expenditure in this fiscal year, against an estimated \$77 billion. And it sees another \$2 billion added for fiscal 1960.

OBITS

United Press International NEW YORK — Mrs. Jessie Taylor Corbett, widow of James J. (Gentleman Jim) Corbett, world's heavyweight boxing champion from 1892 to 1897, died Thursday. She was in her eighties.

RIVERSIDE, Conn. — Frederick S. Mallette, 53, an expert on air pollution control, died Thursday after being in poor health for two years.

DARIEN, Conn. — Alexander R. M. Boyle, 71, former treasurer and director of the Lehn and Fink Products Corp., died Thursday.

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