EDITORIAL PAGE

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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"-Byron. RILEY ALLEN, publisher

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Blame Yourself Not The Butcher

Turkey prices apparently will be ten to twelve cents per pound more during the Christmas season than during recent Thanksgiving holidays. But don't blame the grocer or butcher. It's your own fault.

Believe it or not, a scarcity of turkeys is developing, just prior to the biggest turkey-eating day of the entire year.

Well, turkeys have become popular the year round.

Price is one reason. A better, meatier bird sells for considerably less this year than it did at the end of World War II.

So many young birds were sold in the summer and fall seasons, which didn't used to be thought of as turkey-eating time at all, that a shortage of the birds has developed.

So, you who like turkeys in the summer and fall, don't blame the grocer or butcher for the higher prices now. Blame yourselves.

Touly Killing A Reminder Of Gangsterism

Why does the slaying of Roger Touly attract so much attention? Because it is a startling reminder that gangsterism is still very much alive in this country.

Too many tend to associate organized racketeering with the prohibition era and to assume that it died when Al Capone went to prison. No such thing. Touhy was a Chicago gangster and a foe of Capone. He had been in prison for 25 years and was only out three weeks when gunmen-believed to be old fees-shot him down.

gang killings in the Chicago area alone since Capone left the scene total more than 900. And of that shocking number only 17 murderers were brought to justice.

Only a few of these killings get national attention. One was Albert Anastasia, who was shot down in a New York barber shop. He was believed to be the head of Murder Inc., which specialized in gang killings.

Police believe the Mafia, that ancient order of outlaws which originated in Sicily, is behind most of the organized crime and most of the killings, despite the indignant protests of an organization of Italian born Americans that there is no such thing as the Mafia anymore. It seems more than coincidence that Latin names predominate among those Those who keep count report that . involved in the rackets as well as the

Crime investigators believe that until they can find the key to Mafia, and what perpetuates it, there will continue to be mysterious murders and crime syndicates that operate on a nationwide

Newspaper Plan Probably Won't Work

The plans of a group of Portland coins to start a new newspaper in that. city, now still in the discussion stage, would prove to be expensive and most probably unsuccessful,

The proposal is not a new one. The International Typographical Union in the last 13 or 14 years, has spent some \$30 million trying just the same thing. The plan has been tried in a number of U.S. cities, and with one or two exceptions, where the final answer has not yet been written, the plan has not worked.

Basic fault of the union-operated papers has been that their respective managements have misunderstood the desires and needs of their readers, even union members. There just are not enough militant unionists in most towns for the type of newspaper which has been produced to succeed.

But we'll give the brethren a tip, for

(Like most free advice, it's probably worth about what they'll pay for it.) Down in Coos Bay, the publisher of the Coos Bay World (nee Times) has

made noises a number of times about

publishing a new newspaper. A few years ago, he was making noises about

Portland. In more recent times he has talked about a Virginia town and a couple in California.

If you'll get in touch with him, he'll probably be able to either help you start a new newspaper, or just how difficult it would be. In either case, the answers ought to be interesting.

Other than the man in Coos Bay, we're hard put to think of an experienced newspaper man who would want to take a chance on starting a new paper in

The job is just too tough, and the prospects all too slim.

Barbs

You're folish to expect to find in your office the sleep you lost the night before.

When a store has a sale it's the women, not the men, who go out to see.

People are entitled to their own opin-ions, so why don't they keep them?

Being paged in a hotel kinda makes you feel more important than you never DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Hardest Sales Job By Ike Was Conference In Paris

PARIS— President Eisenhower rights, here faced the toughest part of Pina before have seen a president of the United States was over. The es and disruptions of trying to join a part of Germany which is are of the past. Ike has entered completely socialized in trade hat, where they have seen sever- highly prosperous West Germany? al presidents of the United States and where they welcomed him Foster Dulles, no great champion down the Champs Elysee no less remains of a United Germany—than three months ago. He also except Chancellor Adenauer and had to sit down opposite some his newfound friend De Geule of the toughest, shrewdist diplo- Both are stubborn men. They matie bargainers in diplomacy. In that bargaining he faced ing Eisenhower and Macmillan chiefly the question of the fu-

tio, and much more important Berlin are two key factors:

the conference table and will masseat to call the shots.

terially affect the question of The interesting thing to watch risking war to protect a Berlin is whether the persuasive argu-whose products are competing ments of the president's and on a highway.

The plane's wing struck a mail-

industry has so many orders they are 23 per cent untilled. It faces The public will know the ans exporting capital to build fac-tories outside Germany. By 1962-63 manpower shortage will be worse as a result of the lower d birth rate during the war. Lufthansa, the German airline

s a typical illustration of Germany's comeback. After the war, European airlines sprang up ev-crywhere—too many of them. They got a long start ahead of dermany and nobody really expected Lufthansa to rise from he ashes of defeat. But it has, And through just a little more efort at efficiency and courtesy it s taking customers away from old entrenched lines.

With this German resursence. newever, the British, the Norweians, the Danes, the Dutch-all NATO nations-are asking whether history is going to repeat all over again. As long as Adenauer is in power they aren't worried. They also have confi-dence in the man he's reported grooming as his successor, Franz Strauss, minister of defense But after that—there's a big question mark.

Outside NATO there is an even bigger question mark regarding a strong united Germany. The Poles are worried over German ed portions of East Prussia. A nited Germany would be in position to do more than agitate.

In Vienna last May a huge mass neeting of Sudeten Germans den anded that the Sudetenland be Czechoslovakia. sunded like history repeating all er again; for it was Hitler narch into Czechoslovakia to take the Sudetenland in 1938 take the which made World War II almost certain.

Polish and Czeck fears are an important reason why Premier Kbrushchev has to show that he a strong protector of satellite

REMEMBER WHEN

25 years ago, W. C. Wilkins rominent La Grande business man, announced the purchase of the Strite Motor Co., at Enterprise. He also received the as signment of Ford Motor Co., rights in Wallowa county.

W. J. Hallmark was elected director of Cove schools. Other Cove candidates were R. J. Allen and L. R. Comstock.

Western Oregon was facing serious flood threats following a day and night of heavy rains Pransportation was at a virtual

... 15 years ago, an area ser-viceman, Almie Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Rt. 2, was reportedly killed in action somewhere in the Pacific. He was serving with the Navy. He was a graduate of Union and North Powier schools.

The situation in Luxembourg and Belgium was deemed critical as the huge German winter offensive showed no signs of slack-The German boast of "Paris by Christmas" were view-ed with alarm by American Army field commanders.

Two new cases of undulant fever were reported in Union coun-ty. There was also an increase of measles, scarlet fever and chicken pox.



Pinally, there's a lot of quiet his trip. The tumult and the sentiment among West Germans shouting of countries which never themselves to let well enough part of Europe where he is old and industry to a free enterprise,

will make a strange team in orgure of Berlin. But behind Ber- Berlin. Ike's Triumph

secause they influence the fate of No matter how vogorously they Berlin are two key factors:

Factor No. 1-will find Western card is in Eisenhower's hand. In Europe split—just as Ike found case of war, the defense of Eu-the Mediterranean countries and r.pe would fall upon the United Asia split over his talks with States. France, which has pulled Khrushchev, and over relaxing most of its divisions out of Eurohe cold war. He finds Chancel pe to police Algeria, is no posfor Adenauer of Germany and tion to defend anying. Nor is President DeGaulle of France West Germany, at the moment, ined up on one side against re-laxation. with a small newly-trained army.

Factor No. 2-Is the economic the nation which bears the burprogress of Germany and Euro- den of war must call the shots in decisions which may lead to war. This worry was hanging over Sc Eisenhower is in the driver's

with ailied products all over Eu-ope. Greece, Pakistan, Iran and to some extent Italy against relax-The phenomenon of Europe to- ing the cold war, may have unday is the manner in which a de- laxed him. Eisenhower made the feated country, its cities demoiling trip to their countries to ished, its industries removed and sell these leaders on his talks ts people dispirited should stage with Khrushchev. But were they such a comeback. Today German able to sell him on reversing his

the problem of either importing wer from the results of Paris. All Local Church Plans labor to help fill the orders or that can be said at this point is exporting capital to build fac- that they sure tried.

Mission Fund Drive that they sure tried.

TO VISIT CHILDREN

NEW YORK (UPI) — Musical correctly gathering funds for support of their missionary entropy star Ethel Merman and her estranged husband, Robert F. Six, president of Continental Air Lines, left New York Sunday night to spend the holidays together with their two teenage children in Jamaica. Miss Merman said they were making the trip so as not to disappoint their children.

Ventist church membership is currently gathering funds for support of their missionary entropy of their m



- President Eisenhower waves to cheering crowds as his motorcade moves from the Quai d'Honneur to the railway station in Toulon, France. Eisenhower, given an enthusiastic reception by Toulon residents, boarded a train for Paris and the Western summit meeting.

See Hope Of Wheat Surplus Build Up' Ending Next Year

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The timated that the 1960 winter wheat government's latest crop forecast gave hope today that the long, expensive build up of the federal and II per cent above average, but wheat surplus might halt next about equal to consumer demand

The Agriculture Department es-

Tots Horrified When Santa's Plane Crashes

BLOOMFIELD, N. M. (UPI) About 1 000 youngsters watched in horror Sunday when a plane

box, throwing the craft off the highway and into a tree. Santa, otherwise unidentified, got out of the demolished plane, straightened his hat, (and whiskers) and went on his appointed rounds to distribute candy. "It wouldn't have happened if one youngster said.

La Grande's Seventh Day Adventist church membership is

the fifth highest on record

The winter wheat crop was planted this fall for harvest next spring. The Agriculture Depart ment made its forecast yesterday It cautioned that weather conditions between Dec. 1 and harvest time would play a big part in de termining the actual size of the

If the 1960 spring wheat crop matched this year's harvest of 204,702,000 bushels, total wheat production next year would be 1,130,-475,000 bushels, close to the overall 1959 figure.

Most Agriculture Department experts expect the 1960 wheat crop to add 80,000,000 to 100,000,000 bushels to the government's cost ly surplus.

But other officials are more hopeful. They expect U.S. wheat exports to pick up in 1960 under President Eisenhower's "food for peace" program for shipping surplus crops overseas.

If the "food for peace" program

We wish to express our thanks to all who make up the fire dopartment of the city of La Grande able circumstances, no reduction

To the Editor:

ing the fire.

work of the

Very often we are prone to no

glect praise when it is deserved. The handling of the fire at our

store Saturday night was mod

efficient. It meant much to us

Our property was protected

department was

from any entry except by author-ized personnel, and the whole

methodical and well organized.

that the proper decision was made as to the method of combat

appeared likely in the surplus which will climb to a record 1,369,000,000 bushels. By next July \$3,500,000,000. The government will have to

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