

Oregon's Best News Stories Of '38 Are Topped by 'Goon' Investigations and Strikes

Two Elections With Republican Comebacks; Fires, Floods and Storms; Completion of new Capitol Also Get Spotlight

- Oregon's Ten Outstanding News Stories of 1938
1. Labor terrorism investigation.
 2. Governor Martin's defeat in primary and strong swing to republicanism in general elections.
 3. Al E. Rosser convicted.
 4. Strikes and jurisdictional disputes.
 5. Pilot Rock flash flood.
 6. Bonneville dam sealock dedication; first deep-water ship to The Dalles.
 7. Varney-Gueffroy deaths in Mount Hood climbing accident.
 8. Ledford murder conviction at St. Helens.
 9. Weather—floods, forest fires, worst shipping tie-up in years.
 10. Completion and occupation of new state capital building.

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Infant 1939 will have a struggle providing Oregon news stories with as far-reaching effects or as varied an appearance as those tough old 1938 whistled up.

The major story, strongly affecting primary and general elections, was the state-wide drive against labor terrorism. It continued for months, seeing more than 100 men taken into custody. Nearly 50 men were convicted, including Al E. Rosser, former secretary of the Oregon joint council of A. F. L. Teamsters' unions. Rosser was sentenced to 12 years in the state penitentiary for complicity in the burning of the West Salem box factory.

Fleery Governor Loses
The primary elections saw fiery Governor Charles H. Martin, retired army major-general and moving spirit in the anti-racketeer campaign, defeated by Henry L. Hess, democratic attorney and lumberman from La Grande.

The changing tenor of Oregon thought and the influence of the labor racketeer drive were reflected in the general election when Charles A. Sprague, staunch republican and publisher of The Salem Statesman, ran up an overwhelming majority over Hess to win the governorship. Walter Pierce, congressman from Eastern Oregon, was the only major elective official in the state to stand the swing away from the new deal.

Many Strikes Felt
Strikes, which saw a bitter jurisdictional struggle between the A. F. L. and C. I. O. for control of the Portland sawmill industry, were highlighted by the walk-out of Portland printers which left the Oregon metropolis without a newspaper for five days—five days of rumors and public jitters.

Weather Is Varied
Other stories which interested or shocked the state, and occasionally the nation, included the flash flood which inundated Pilot Rock with a loss of more than \$100,000 on June 23, dedication of the Bonneville sealocks and the voyage of the Charles L. Wheeler, Jr., through two mountain ranges to the Dalles on July 3; conviction of Mrs. Agnes Joan Ledford on April 19 for the poison slaying of her step-daughters; final completion and official occupation of the new \$2,500,000 capital building on October 1; weather, always interesting, with its disastrous floods in the Willamette valley and on Sauvie's island, its forest fires which raged through southwestern Oregon, and its tie-up of shipping at the mouth of the Columbia in a gale on December 1, and the death in a blizzard on Mount Hood of Roy Varney on March 28. It wasn't until the next day that Russell Gueffroy, 29, Vancouver, Wash., a second climber, was missed. His body was found, frozen, in a second search.

Wheeler Writes Death Confession
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throat or tying a rope around her neck. He did not recall covering her up with sacks and soil in the shallow grave in which the body was discovered.

He said afterward he took a freight train to Seattle and returned to his old apartment at 2405 Third avenue, where he spent December 14. "Then I bumped my way to Vancouver, Wash., where I stayed about a week," he told officers. He said he remained at Salvation Army headquarters in Vancouver two nights, during which time another man occupying the same room was arrested by Vancouver police. He came to Portland Monday, he said, and immediately "hitched" a southbound Oregon Electric train to Harriburg, Ore. He said he spent Tuesday night there "as a guest of the police department. I went into the station to buy them for a two-bit meal ticket. The chief put me to work cleaning up grass and thistles. He gave me a meal and let me clean up and sleep in the jail." Wednesday he went to Eugene.

Cummings Vacates His Post Monday

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you, and know what you have done for them, will understand what I mean."

Replying, the president praised the "dedication" in a letter in which Cummings had conducted the justice department since the inception of the Roosevelt administration and said he was reserving "the right to call you back for frequent consultation and advice."

"I can only envy you the comparative freedom from very heavy duties which lies ahead of you," he wrote Cummings.

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'Love Slugging' Case Nazi Issue



Paul Joseph Goebbels' beating as a "love thief" by friends of the husband of Lida Barova, glamorous Czech star of German movies, may lead to a break between the Nazi propaganda minister and Chancellor Hitler, advisers from London stated recently. Reports in Germany persisted that Goebbels, below, has been confined to a hospital, suffering from grippe, but according to London newspapers the number 3 Nazi was carried to the nursing home after being severely beaten by associates of Gustav Froelich, German actor and husband of the lovely Lida. Froelich at present is in a Nazi concentration camp, held by order of Goebbels, London advisers said. Lida is pictured above as seen in a recent German film.

Books Are Moved Into New Library

Second Building of State Capitol Group Ready for Occupancy

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til books were stored in the basement, where dampness sometimes caused their deterioration, and in the attics.

Has Added Services Despite Handicaps
Although hampered by lack of space, the library, under the direction of Miss Harriett Long, has continued to add to its functions and helpfulness to the citizens of the state. One of its most fruitful activities is its reading courses, whereby the library will prescribe courses of reading in subjects ranging as widely as beekeeping to short story writing and then provide the books on a regular schedule.

In its new quarters, long sought by the library staff, the library will have on the first floor a model school library room in pine trim, a traveling library room, a mending room, shipping room and stacks. The department of education will also be located on this floor.

Entire Second Floor Occupied by Library
The second floor will be entirely occupied by the library. The main lobby and the public catalog room will be paneled in oak. The General and Oregon reference rooms, running through two floors in height, will also be oak paneled with rubber tile floors, ornamental plaster and ceilings. The Oregon room contains special Oregon material and collections.

The map and print room will have special metal cases and furniture. The librarian and board's room will have walls paneled in knotty pine with adjacent offices and reception rooms. There will be a cataloging room, a desk record room and a research and extension room also on this floor as well as a government room where special reference material for state departments and legislators will be kept.

The third floor will be occupied by the World War Veterans' state aid commission, the bureau of labor and other offices.

Dr. Glenn Frank Will Be Portland Speaker
PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Dr. Glenn Frank, chairman of the republican party's national program committee and former University of Wisconsin president, today accepted an invitation to speak before the Oregon Lincoln day banquet here Monday, Feb. 13.

First Family Has Quiet New Year's
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—President and Mrs. Roosevelt's quiet reception of the new year contrasted tonight with gay celebrations throughout the capital.

The White House program called for a movie after dinner and a family gathering at midnight in the present's studio. The youngest Roosevelt son, John, and his bride, Anne; Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Eusterman of Rochester, Minn., and the Eusterman children arrived today to attend.

The capital's famous "New Year's day reception, traditional for years at the White House, has been abandoned by President Roosevelt, along with the huge breakfast usually given afterward by the secretary of state at the Pan-American Union.

Bellingham, Wash. Claims First Babe
BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 1. (Sunday)—(AP)—This western Washington city laid claim today to having the first baby born in 1939 on the west coast.

St. Joseph's hospital attaches reported a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Francis St. Mary at three seconds past midnight.

No first 1939 baby was reported by Salem hospitals this morning. Final old year infant was a girl born to Mrs. Floyd Corbin, 2164 Maple, at 3:07 p. m.

Five Greet Year In City Bastille
Five saw the new year ushered in from the cells of the city jail, or perhaps that's doubtful.

Arrested and charged with drunkenness before midnight were: J. H. Cloyd, F. Hogan, Joe Lewis, and two boys from the Chemawa Indian school, being held for authorities there, Melvin Lorenz and Andrew Foster.

Rebels Claim New Victories

Important Supply Route From French Border Is Cut, Report

HENDAYE, France (At the Spanish Frontier), Dec. 31.—(AP)—Spanish insurgents announced two fresh successes today in the ninth day of their drive against Barcelona, the government capital.

The insurgents, estimated at more than 100,000 troops, reported they had cut in two places the strategic Lerida-Seo De Urgel highway leading to the French border after heavy fighting north-west of the Balaguer bridgehead.

Insurgent Generalissimo Francisco Franco's headquarters at Iran also announced the occupation of the village of Cubells, seven miles southwest of Artesa and on a main highway leading into that so-called "gateway to Catalonia."

Seek to Isolate Capital
The immediate objective of the campaign appeared to be to cut off Barcelona communications with the French frontier.

The insurgents possessed or had under heavy artillery fire 31 miles of the Lerida-Seo De Urgel route, which is part of the main road from Zaragoza to the frontier town of Zuerceda in the Pyrenees mountains.

Loss of the highway would leave government forces only one main route connecting with France—the Pyrenees to the Mediterranean coast skirts the Pyrenees mountains.

Forces operating in the Camarasa sector between Balaguer and the crossroads town of Artesa, also cut the highway, border dis-patches from the insurgent states.

Artesa's Fall Said Near
Artesa was said to be hard pressed and flanking movements made its fall "only a question of time," an insurgent report said.

From Artesa the insurgents would gain a principal route northeast through the Pyrenees to the frontier which is a Barcelona life-line for supplies.

Government dispatches said, however, that counter-attacks yesterday against the center of the insurgent army definitely had sided the offensive.

The government asserted that losses among Franco's crack Aragon and Navarre troops were unusually heavy, with some units "decimated."

Sub-Stratosphere Plane Is Tested

107-Foot Winged Craft Does Its Stuff for Seattle Residents

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The world's first plane designed for flying in the sub-stratosphere, the new Boeing Stratoliner, made a 42-minute first test flight in the rain over this area today and Pilot Edmund T. Allen reported it performed "admirably."

The big ship, with a wingspread of 107 feet, three inches, climbed to 6000 feet, the ceiling and limit of visibility from the earth, and cruised between here, Tacoma and Everett. Speed was held down to 175 miles an hour.

Pilot Likes Handling
"The control and stability and the way it handled were very nice. Allen said.

With him on the hop were Earl Ferguson, co-pilot, Julius Barr, Harry West and Arthur Gaylord, as engineers and observers.

Boeing officials who watched the take-off, made after a short run on Boeing field, and the landing were satisfied with the performance.

The 32-passenger ship, built to fly at altitudes of 20,000 feet, lifted twice from the ground on taxiing tests yesterday, a day after it left the factory, and was off the ground briefly three times this forenoon in more tests. The test flight was made this afternoon.

No more tests are planned until next week. The supercharging equipment for high altitude flights will be installed later.

New Trial Move Lost by Philips

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Motion for a new trial for Jesse Philips, convicted of second-degree murder two weeks ago, was denied today by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

It was his last official act as circuit judge. He leaves the bench after 30 years.

Russ Spy Suspects Arraigned



Pictured as they were arraigned before Federal Judge Ralph Jenney in Los Angeles recently are Hafis Salich, left, and Mikhail Gorin, Soviet spy suspects arrested on charges of transmitting secret naval intelligence department documents to Russia. Gorin and Salich are also accused of pilfering certain information held by the United States regarding Japanese military plans.—U.S. photo.

New Year Gets Noisy Greeting

Italy Calmer, Spaniards Fight Grimly on White - Nazis Hail Gains

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went boom—on the down beat. Jostling, horn-toting tens of thousands jammed Times Square at midnight; night clubs, theatre and hotels were packed, and between evening and dawn about a million merry-makers spent upwards of an estimated \$15,000,000.

This performance was duplicated, in varying degrees, in cities and hamlets all over the civilized world.

Up the Hudson river, in the "big house" at Sing Sing prison, Warden E. Lawes permitted 2763 prisoners to welcome the new year at midnight with cheers, singing and music. The prison band played in the corridors, and the convicts were allowed to rattle the cell doors and call out the year when they will be eligible for release.

Albany Teachers Hurt In Santiam Car Crash
ALBANY, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Three school teachers suffered minor injuries last night when their car crashed into two boulders on the North Santiam highway east of Detroit. They were Lucille Murphy, instructor in Portland schools, Donna Gill and George Gentemann, Albany teachers.

Full Gale Warnings up At Mouth of Columbia
PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A full gale may blow in with the new year at the mouth of the Columbia river and along the Washington coast, the federal weather bureau warned today. Whole gale

warnings were put up at 7 a. m. today. Southeast storm warnings fluttered along the Oregon coast to the south. Rain was forecast for tonight and Sunday, with snow in the mountains.

Five Persons Die In Maine Blaze
RUMFORD, Me., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Five persons perished tonight in a fire that burned the Falls View hotel to the ground.

Sam McLaughlin, clerk in the hotel, said he was "certain" five persons lost their lives as the three-story wooden building was leveled.

The list of dead furnished by McLaughlin:

Mrs. Vivian Maells, about 36, wife of Peter Maells, owner of the 30-room hotel.

Their three children, Virginia, 6, Mildred, 10, and Georgia 5.

Russ Rogers, about 45, of Upper Dam who was living at the hotel.

Firemen from Mexico and Rumford battled the blaze. Damage was estimated unofficially at \$20,000.

Historic Art Now on Walls

Murals Capture Spirit of Early Oregon and Correct in Detail

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background of Portland's hills—rest, they were there too. But the somber-looking Indians on the right are symbolic—reminders of the fact that was in store for the Whitman party.

"Great Wagon Train of 1842" Arrives
From the same second floor viewpoint we now scan the last of the large murals, Schwars's representation of the "Great Wagon Train of 1842." The scene is the "last encampment," some miles above the present site of Portland. It was a spot where the travelers rested and sought information about the land they had reached. There is a sort of evening council, such as was often held at the covered wagon pioneers halted for the night.

It would have been possible for Schwars to depict individual members of this immigration—there were plenty of portraits at hand. But he wanted to represent 900 people, the ancestors of many present Oregonians; so he did not include any actual persons. His material was obtained mostly from the recollections of Jesse Applegate.

The smaller murals are entirely symbolic and self-explanatory, though it might be mentioned that an actual scene in the Hood River valley is shown in the one exemplifying the fruit and grain industries.

There will be two more murals. Faulkner is preparing the one for the house chamber, depicting the historic Champeong scene; and Schwars's the one in the senate chamber, representing the bringing of the news of statehood to Salem.

Just a final word about the artists; they are unassuming, pleasant, conscientious men who have done painstaking work, with a high regard for Oregon's heritage of history and spirit, who through their outstanding craftsmanship have transferred that spirit to canvas as it has never been done before. What more can we ask?

Hunting Parties Are Entertained

RICKREALL—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Amos entertained the members of the deer and elk hunting parties and their families at their home Wednesday evening. Moving pictures taken by R. F. Grobner during the trips were shown to the group.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ora Lantz, Frances Lantz, Jean Oake, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Grobner, Patsy Walker, Jim Grobner, Jess and Elbert Ragsdale, Mrs. Lillie Larkin, John Larkin, Claude Larkin, Floyd Larkin and the hosts. Refreshments were served at a late hour.

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