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NLRB Ruling Enigmatical

Insufficient information is contained in the news dispatches announcing the National Labor Relations board's ruling against lumber companies recognizing the Industrial Employees' union, to afford the public a clear picture of the situation and its merits. The NLRB rules that employers interfered with and dominated the creation of the IEU in 1937, in violation of the Wagner act, and on that basis orders certain lumber companies and the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators' association to rescind contracts with the IEU and to repay to employees the IEU dues deducted from their wages in the past two years.

In puzzling conflict with this finding, is the information received by IEU officials that the ruling at the same time recognizes their organization as a bona fide labor union "within the meaning of the (Wagner) act." If it is such a union, how can the NLRB invalidate its contracts? The order is subject to review in the courts and such a review will doubtless be invoked. In the meantime the reported recognition of the IEU possibly transcends in importance the ruling against the operators.

The IEU was organized as successor to the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen when it became apparent that the old organization created in wartime to stabilize labor relations in the lumber industry would not fit into the Wagner act picture. The fact that there was a sort of continuity between the two organizations subjected the new one to suspicion of company domination although such domination was denied in connection with the old organization.

Theoretically, at least, under the 4L employees were free to select representatives whom they could trust to uphold their interests, to sit around the table with the employer representatives and iron out labor relations issues. It is true that some employees always suspected the good faith of this arrangement; it is also true that the 4L raised standards of wages and working conditions in many cases and became powerful enough to force into line some Willamette valley operators who were disposed to maintain scandalously low wage scales.

When the IEU was organized there was a sincere desire on the part of many persons interested to comply with the Wagner act and to divorce the new organization from any employer influence. Whether they succeeded or not, no outsider can say positively. There are still employers who are unconvinced to the idea that workers should have a free hand in organizing for collective bargaining.

Supposing however that the IEU was created as a wholly independent bargaining agency, it was nevertheless inevitable that it should be attacked by both the AFL and the CIO, since it competed with them in a three-way struggle for domination of the labor relations field in the northwest lumber industry.

It was equally inevitable that the NLRB should be suspected of bias in favor of the CIO especially, and in favor of the AFL as against such an organization as the IEU whose fundamental philosophy of labor relations differs so markedly from the board members' views. This suspicion was enhanced by occurrences at the hearings and the attitude of some NLRB representatives, and is supported by the consistent complaint in AFL circles of bias in favor of the CIO. If the board could be biased, it is easy to see which way it would lean in this case.

The portion of the public which is disinterested except as it hopes for labor peace to promote general prosperity, will keep an open mind until the case is reviewed in the courts. If reports of the recognition of the IEU prove to be in error and if the NLRB findings of company domination are confirmed, this portion of the public will regret the failure of the experiment. The willingness of the IEU to accept responsibility—as evidenced by its incorporation—and its formula of settling labor relations issues by calm reasoning involving recognition of workers' and employers' joint interests, entitled it to a fair chance to prove that such a formula would work. If the NLRB ruling is upheld because employers did in fact interfere, they alone must accept the blame and the penalty.

Linn Rejects PUD

Resentment over the repeated invocation of the ballot on behalf of proposed creation of a people's utility district, with the attendant expense of holding elections, appears from here to have been an important factor in the decisive defeat of the third Linn county PUD proposal. It gained a bare majority in the rural territory but was snowed under in the towns.

Ex-Senator Cortis D. Stringer who has in the past strung along with most "liberal" movements including public power, was on the other side this time; he counseled defeat of the project on the ground that the new PUD law passed by the 1939 legislature was of doubtful merit. Ardent PUD advocates will blame this law for the adverse vote.

The taxation feature undoubtedly caused some urban residents favoring public power to vote against the district, with the thought that their towns may later go into the power business and avoid taxation—but town dwellers have consistently voted against districts in the past, before this discrepancy was created. Their earlier suspicion was that they would be forced to pay, under "blanket rates," for transmission of power to rural districts, and that will be a difficult thing to get around. The logical next step is an initiative bill to tax city-owned utilities the same as PUDs.

Chamberlain on Record

The Danzig problem comes pretty close to being a case of "put up or shut up," in the blunt language of the playground, now that Prime Minister Chamberlain has told the world just what England will do, if and when. He says England will assist if Poland is forced to fight for its independence, and explains that any attempt to change the status of Danzig or the Polish corridor would be recognized as a threat to Poland's independence. He also expressed awareness of the subtleties whereby the nazis might provoke a crisis which would provide excuse for invasion.

That doesn't seem to leave any leeway for misunderstanding on the part of Adolf Hitler, nor any avenue of retreat for England in case the nazis do start something. Nazi statements on international problems have been much less belligerent recently and there is a possibility that the bluff is "off" though nazi maneuvers in and around Danzig are not reassuring.

"Liberal" Is Misnomer

Editor Ingalls of the Corvallis Gazette-Times has revived discussion of the question "What is a liberal?" which engaged the attention of a number of Oregon editorial columns some months ago. Ingalls has a purpose; he is trying to drive home the point that so-called conservatives are more liberal than the self-styled liberals of today, in the fundamental matter of civil rights.

One exposition of the difference which we have encountered somewhere recently is that the conservative asks "why?" and the liberal asks "why not?" It just bears out our contention that the opposite of "conservative" is not "liberal" but "progressive."

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

7-13-39

John Minto, Oregon pioneer, a factor of history in its making; in the '44 immigration; an American of glorious choice;

(Continuing from yesterday:) "There is not much to tell of our boating experience. We were thinly clad to begin with. Our clothing with which we crossed the plains being worn out, I had thrown aside my remnant of a coat; and a three point blanket, got at Vancouver, by being doled over a string and that around the neck answered for coat during the day and was easily changed to a bed at night."

"We were wet such of the time, but as there was happily not much freezing weather we did not suffer from the cold. We were sometimes wind-bound, that is, stopped by the wind being so strong that we could not get the head against it. On one occasion of this kind we were without anything to eat, but were saved from serious suffering by one of the 'boys' getting a shot at a swan."

"They were excellent eating, and were at that date very plentiful on the waters of the Columbia, especially west of the Cascades. Tales were told of serious suffering by immigrants in 1843, in the vicinity of Cape Horn, but the most serious privations of food, in 1844, were endured by those who attempted to drive cattle across the mountains."

"Captain Morrison was leader of the party. They got near the head of Hood river when a heavy snow storm set in. They had just succeeded in driving the cattle across the stream when the snow commenced falling with blinding thickness. The storm and its consequences kept them confined in camp so long, and separated them from the cattle, that they had to kill and eat the only dog they had with them."

"After getting the cattle together and out of the snow, they started them back to The Dalles and most of them came down to the mouth of Hood river, where we found them camped on our way up (the second trip if I remember right). Of course, as it was part of the 'boys' world joke about it. The grease was still smeared on John Carrish's face, made conspicuous by the smirch on the campfire. The dog had been his, and he was fond of it."

"He had cried during the boating, which he had performed, but when asked if it was good he answered 'yes' with such solemn seriousness as to set the camp in a roar of laughter."

"On one other occasion as we pulled up stream near The Dalles we witnessed an Indian fight. The attacking party, who were only fighting for 'potlatch,' (blackmail) were posted behind rocks surrounding the wickup (or camp), and kept up a good deal of yelling, with an occasional shot. The guns used by the Indians in those days were a flint, a light musket sold to them by the Hudson's Bay company for furs or peltries. They were very nearly as dangerous to parties looking at a fight as to those at whom they were aimed, as I had reason to know when witnessing a fight between the Chinook and the Indian Bluebeard Chief Katata of Clatsop."

"There was very little trouble between the Indians and the whites around The Dalles that season. Stealing clothing, or driving of stock as a means of getting clothing as a reward for finding the stock, was the commonest form."

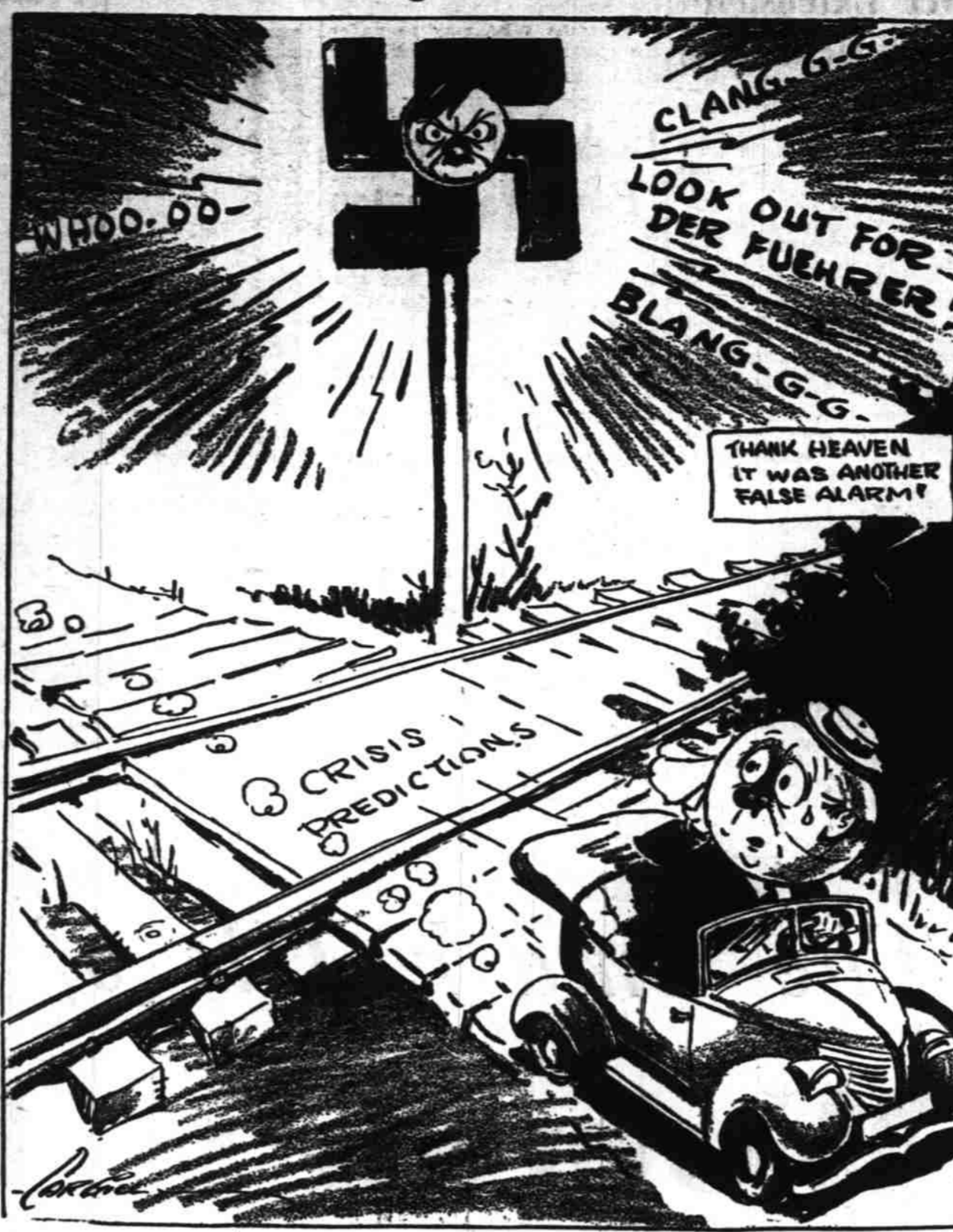
"One Indian was taken and brought in to The Dalles, bound, by some of the latest arriving immigrants. On the question of what should be done with him, the Rev. A. E. Waller, then in charge of the M.E. (Jason Lee) mission there, advised that he be soundly whipped and let go. I think it was good counsel, but believe shooting would have been the most agreeable method for the immigrants to have disposed of the matter, and that probably would have been the punishment but for Waller showing that it would be sure to lead to some white person being killed in accordance with Indian ideas of justice."

"I don't know how the matter ended, but I firmly believe Mr Waller's influence was great in holding in check the thievish propensities of the Indians that winter. As sample of the misadventure he had to deal with the following will illustrate:

"The leading chief of the Wascoaps sickened and died and was put away according to their customs in the dead-house on Memelose Island, where Hon. Vic. Trewitt, at his own request, was recently buried. A slave boy, a captive of war, being curiously bound and placed in the tomb with the dead body of his master in order to minister to his wants in Spirit Land."

"From the time he learned of the proposed burial of the living boy with the dead chief, Mr. Waller was incessant in his endeavors to persuade the succeed-

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Radio Programs

- KSLM—THURSDAY—1360 Kc.**
 - 6:30—Milkman's Serenade.
 - 7:30—News.
 - 7:45—Interlude.
 - 8:00—Morning Meditations.
 - 8:45—Laven of Rest.
 - 8:45—News.
 - 9:00—Pastor's Call.
 - 9:15—Trail Blazers.
 - 9:30—The Airline.
 - 9:45—BAM.
 - 10:00—Palmer Concert Orchestra.
 - 10:15—News.
 - 10:30—Morning Magazine.
 - 10:45—Women in the News.
 - 10:50—Hollywood Kibitzer.
 - 11:00—Palmer Concert Orchestra.
 - 11:15—The O'Keefe.
 - 11:30—Henry Warner Orchestra.
 - 11:45—Value Parade.
 - 12:15—The Johnson Family.
 - 12:30—Hillbilly Serenade.
 - 12:45—Novellette.
 - 1:00—Musical 2.
 - 1:00—George Hall's Orchestra.
 - 1:15—Interesting Facts.
 - 1:40—Henry Warner Orchestra.
 - 1:45—Rhapsody in Rhythm.
 - 2:00—Let's Play Bridge.
 - 2:15—The Johnson Family.
 - 2:30—News.
 - 2:45—Manhattan Mother.
 - 3:00—Dorothy Humphrey, Vocalist.
 - 3:00—Pulton Lewis, Jr.
 - 3:15—The Johnson Family.
 - 4:30—First Offender.
 - 5:00—Jack Teagarden Orchestra.
 - 5:15—The Johnson Family.
 - 5:30—Dinner Hour Melodies.
 - 6:00—The Green Hornet.
 - 6:00—Home.
 - 6:45—Tonight's Headlines.
 - 7:00—Rhapsody in Wax.
 - 7:45—Belle's Orchestra.
 - 8:00—News.
 - 8:15—Rumba Rhythms.
 - 8:30—Moonlight Melodies.
 - 8:45—Garwood Van's Orchestra.
 - 9:00—Newspaper of the Air.
- KGW—THURSDAY—620 Kc.**
 - 7:00—Viennese Ensamble.
 - 7:15—Trail Blazers.
 - 7:45—News.
 - 8:00—Orchestra.
 - 8:15—The O'Keefe.
 - 8:30—Stars of Today.
 - 8:50—Arlington Time Signal.
 - 9:00—Pianist.
 - 9:30—Meet Miss Julia.
 - 9:45—Dr. Kate.
 - 10:00—Betty and Bob.
 - 10:15—Grimm's Daughter.
 - 10:30—Valiant Lady.
 - 10:45—Betty Crocker.
 - 11:00—Story of Mary Martin.
 - 11:15—Ma Perkins.
 - 11:30—Popeye Young's Family.
 - 11:45—The Guiding Light.
 - 12:00—Backstage Wife.
 - 12:15—The Johnson Family.
 - 12:30—Vic and Sada.
 - 12:45—Midstream.
 - 1:00—Organist.
 - 1:15—Houseboat Hannah.
 - 1:30—Morin Sisters.
 - 1:45—Singer.
 - 2:00—Stars of Today.
 - 2:15—I Love a Mystery.
 - 2:30—Woman's Magazine of the Air.
 - 2:45—Mr. Keen.
 - 3:15—News.
 - 3:45—Stars of Today.
 - 4:00—Rudy Vallee.
 - 4:15—America's Lost Plays.
 - 4:30—Lustic Hall.
 - 4:45—Orchestra.
 - 5:00—Need College Institute.
 - 5:15—Symphony Hour.
 - 5:45—Arabian Nights.
 - 6:00—News.
 - 10:15—Midget Auto Races.
 - 10:30—Orchestra.
- KEX—THURSDAY—1180 Kc.**
 - 6:30—Musical Clock.
 - 7:00—Family Hour.
 - 7:45—Financial Service.
 - 8:15—Ranch Boys.
 - 7:55—Market Notations.
 - 7:57—Lost and Found Items.
 - 8:00—New.
 - 8:30—Dr. Brock.
 - 8:30—Patty Jean.
 - 8:45—Christian Science Program.
 - 10:00—Home Institute.
 - 10:15—Two Weeks to Go.
 - 10:45—Light Opera.
 - 11:00—Little Concert.
 - 11:30—Hoosier Hop.
 - 11:45—Between the Bookends.
 - 12:00—Smile Parade.
 - 12:45—Dept. Agriculture.
 - 1:00—Market Reports.
 - 1:05—The Quiet Hour.
 - 1:45—Orchestra.
 - 2:00—Carboston Quiz.
 - 2:15—Financial and Grain Reports.
 - 2:20—Musical Interlude.
 - 2:25—News.
 - 2:30—Orchestra.
 - 2:45—Portland on Parade.
 - 3:00—Orchestra.
 - 3:15—Pianist.
 - 3:30—Orchestra.
 - 4:00—Quartet.
 - 4:20—It's Up to You.
 - 5:00—Symphony Orchestra.
 - 6:00—1001 Wives.
 - 6:30—Concert Salon.
 - 7:00—Violinist.
 - 7:15—Orchestra.
 - 8:00—Sports Reporter.
 - 8:15—News.
 - 8:30—Baseball.
- KOAC—THURSDAY—550 Kc.**
 - 9:00—Today's Programs.
 - 9:05—Homemakers' Hour.
 - 10:00—Weather Forecast.
 - 10:30—Monitor Views the News.
 - 11:00—Variety.
 - 11:30—Music of the Masters.
 - 12:00—News Again.
 - 12:15—Farm Hour.
 - 6:00—Dinner Concert.
 - 6:15—News.
 - 6:30—Farm Hour.
 - 7:30—Becoming Hard of Hearing.
 - 7:45—Music of the Masters.
 - 8:00—ABC Round Table.
 - 9:30—Some Things in Life Are Free.
 - 9:45—Sidelights on Pharmacy.
- HOLLYWOOD FAMILY NIGHT**—TWO FEATURES 40c
 - Richard Dix in "Beauty for the Asking"
 - Lucille Ball in "Hours"
 - Sylvia Sydney in "One Third of a Nation"
 - George O'Brien in "Trouble in Sundown"

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New Welfare Unit Has Meeting Here

General operation of the state and county public welfare departments was discussed at the initial meeting yesterday of the new Marion county welfare commission but no important actions on policy matters taken. The commission was closed throughout the afternoon with Elmer R. Goudy, state welfare administrator, Victor D. Carlson, Goudy's field representative, and other staff members. All three new members appointed by Governor Charles A. Sprague early this month were present. They are LaMorne E. Clark, chairman; Chandler Brown and John D. Minto. Other members are County Commissioners Roy S. Nelson and Jim Smith, who also attended the meeting, and County Judge J. C. Siegmund and G. W. Potts, who were absent.

Trout Plans Are Pleasing to Club

Gratifying reports concerning the organization's project of releasing 25,000 rainbow trout in Mill creek in the fall were made at Wednesday night's meeting of the Salem Hunters and Anglers club at the chamber of commerce. The fish are now in the club's holding pond near Turner, described by a hatchery man as one of the finest such ponds in the state. It is expected that after their release in the fall, they will be big enough to catch when the season opens next spring. The pond, on property whose use is donated, is 275 feet long and 30 feet wide. A committee to investigate possibilities of developing a road into Marion lake and a fishing resort there was appointed, consisting of Walter Minier, Murray Wade and Roy W. Gard.

State Goes Into Mining Business

The state land board Wednesday decided to risk the expenditure of \$250, in hope of finding quicksilver ore on a 28-acre tract of state owned land adjoining the property of the Bonanza Mines, Inc., in Douglas county. Officials said a ditch would be sunk across the state land in an effort to find the quicksilver vein. The Bonanza Mines, Inc., has been operating for many years with an estimated gross return of \$1000 a day at the present time. The state-owned land previously was a part of a school section. State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson and Lewis Griffith, secretary of the state land board, recently inspected the state-owned tract and recommended the small expenditure in research work.

\$175,000 Contracts For Roads Coming

Contracts for three road projects to cost approximately \$175,000 will be opened at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland July 27. The projects: Hood River county—Grading, surfacing with luminous macadam, and construction of concrete bridge on 69 miles of Warren Creek section of Columbia River highway. Lane county—Improving 11.5 miles of roadside on Junction City.

Call Board

- STATE**
 - Today—James agency, Pat O'Brien, Ann Sheridan and the Dead End Kids in "Angels With Dirty Faces" and Dick Powell, Anita Louise and Louis Armstrong in "Going Places."
 - Saturday—Midnight show, Joan Crawford, James Stewart and Lew Ayres in "Ice Follies of 1939."
- ELSINORE**
 - Today—Double bill, "Naughty But Nice" with Dick Powell and Gale Page and "Nancy Drew, Trouble Shooter," with Bonita Granville and Frankie Thomas.
 - Saturday—Double bill, Irene Dunne and Fred MacMurray in "Invitation to a Happily Ever After" and "Code of the Secret Service" with Ronald Reagan and Roselle Towne.
 - Saturday—Mickey Mouse matinee, double feature program and chapter 4 of The Oregon Trail.
- CAPITOL**
 - Today—Double bill, "Build a Drummond's Bride" with John Howard and Heather Angel and "Wyoming Outlaws" with The Three Mesquiteers.
 - Saturday—Double bill, "Million Dollar Legs" with Betty Grable and "House of Fear" with William Gargan.
- HOLLYWOOD**
 - Today—Double bill, family night, Richard Dix in "Twelve Crowded Hours" and "Beauty for the Asking" with Lucille Ball and Donald Woods.
 - Friday—George O'Brien in "Trouble in Hiding" and Sylvia Sydney in "One Third of a Nation."
- GRAND**
 - Today—Louis Galento fight pictures blow by blow and "Mr. Moto Takes a Vacation."

Eugene section of Pacific highway. Multnomah county—Clearing 4.13 miles, grading .6 miles, and constructing embankment on 1.95 miles of east unit, Troutdale-Corbett section of Bridal Veil-Benson park section of Columbia River highway.

Telephone Worker Asks Added Wage

More than \$1600 in wages alleged to be due to comply with state welfare commission scales for women workers was demanded in a complaint filed in circuit court here yesterday by Kate Nickerson against the West Coast Telephone company. The plaintiff says she was employed continuously as night operator at the Tigard exchange from December 8, 1935, to December 2, 1938, working 11 hours a day, six days a week. She was paid \$1292.47 whereas by virtue of the welfare commission wage-hour orders she was entitled to \$1624.73 more, the complaint maintains.

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