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Sprinkler Irrigation

Overhead irrigation, which got its start in western Oregon, is being installed in eastern Oregon, with satisfactory results. Here it was necessary because of the irregular contour of the ground and the nature of the soil. The fields would not stand leveling for ditch irrigation and the soil was not porous enough to soak up the water flowing in small rills. Movable pipes with overhead sprinklers could be laid on top of the ground and the regularly spaced sprays gave even distribution of the water over the field. When light-weight pipe was made available with quick coupling devices this form of irrigation became standard practice in western Oregon.

In eastern Oregon the volcanic ash soil is more porous and rill irrigation is more successful. Fields too can be easily and safely leveled. But there we note from the Hood River News, sprinkler irrigation is gaining. The News reports there are 8,000 acres under overhead irrigation in the Hood River valley now, with additions promised next year. Orchardists report that the big advantage of this method is the uniformity of water supply to each area. — The whole area under the sprinkling system is thoroughly irrigated. At The Dalles this system is recommended for a proposed pumping project to serve cherry orchards.

As water becomes more and more precious, economy in use becomes more important. Pipe irrigation is less wasteful and so seems to have a great future. The early experimenting of western Oregon dairymen with sprinkling their pastures in summer time is thus leading to important developments even in the regions long accustomed to the ditch method of irrigating.

Inflation and the Price of Gold

The Bend Bulletin raises the point that if the administration wants to correct inflation it might reverse the inflationary move of the Roosevelt administration and lower the value of gold. In 1934 the gold price was raised from the former figure of a little over \$20 an ounce, the price finally being fixed at \$35 an ounce. The object was to reverse the deflationary trend and start prices moving upward. The medicine was slow to work; but certainly now we have price inflation, and if the former theory was correct a proper procedure would be to devalue gold. That remedy may be counted out, however. Not only would it scale down the value of the government's gold stock but if it really worked it would cause heavy inventory losses and precipitate bankruptcies.

In foreign countries currency devaluation is clearly needed, and conceivably our inflation might become fantastic too. The prospect is however that it will not; that without devaluation of gold in relation to the dollar and without scaling down of currency our inflationary cycle will come to an end.

Requests on Willamette Project

Congress will be asked for over \$36,000,000 for work on various portions of the Willamette valley project. The listed items are as follows:

- Meridian Dam, \$15,000,000
- Pudding River, \$36,000
- Detroit Dam, \$11,500,000
- Amazon Creek, \$79,000
- Dorena Dam, \$6,147,000
- Fern Ridge, \$375,000
- Oregon City Locks, \$3,000,000
- Cottage Grove, \$130,000

Work on the Oregon City locks has been on the program for several years, but funds have not been available. Rebuilding of the locks is needed to accommodate larger log rafts. Dorena dam on Bow river is under construction now and this sum is needed to complete it. Preliminary work has been done on Detroit and Meridian dams, and if sums in the size requested are made available the real work will get started. The request includes allowance for bank protection work on the Willamette and for channel straightening and flood relief on Pudding river and Amazon creek.

Recent years have seen costly floods in this basin which prove the urgency of the need for these improvements.

France now has its seventh cabinet since V-E day. Weak central government has been the bane of the several French republics. That with political fragmentation prevents stable and effective government to operate there. The new premier, Robert Schuman, is credited with being a fairly strong moderate. He has served as finance minister and so ought to know some of the answers to French economic questions. If he can end the present wave of strikes and weld a strong middle-of-the-road coalition he may prove a savior of postwar France.

"Ma" Kennedy outlived her glamorous daughter, Aimee Semple McPherson, but she was not without her claim to publicity in matters matrimonial. Her surprise marriage to Guy (Whataman) Hudson soon followed by an annulment gave her headlines for a brief space. She is dead now at the age of 78.

Among other shortages the British suffer from one in long woolen underwear, which the British people have worn as a substitute for central heating. That must be the short and long of austerity.

We have reached the period in the sports calendar when athletic boards roll out the gangplanks for losing coaches. Washington and Iowa are doing the first shoving.

Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries

CORN AND CULTURE UNDER PERON

Whether the Peron Government in Argentina is preparing to abate its policy of charging exorbitant prices for the surplus grains so desperately needed by a hungry world seems a little uncertain. On Friday it sold the United States three shiploads of corn at a price about a dollar a bushel above the prevalent rate in this country, and since this includes delivery at the Buenos Aires docks it is thought to be fairly reasonable. In the future, our negotiators were assured, we could buy at the "world price," provided we would sell Argentina oil and fuel at what Senator Peron considered a fair rate. Possibly we are arriving at a workable economic understanding and possibly we are not.

But whatever may be his external policies Senator Peron is still following internal strongly reminiscent of Mussolini's Italy and in some respects similar to those of Franco's Spain. On Friday night he received the degree of "Doctor Honoris Causa" from six of the national universities which he last year took under his control. His way of earning this distinction was indicated in a speech delivered on Thursday. He was aware, he said, of "the forces of evil that work in the cultural field." To overcome these forces, he said, "we have to discipline ourselves a little." The disciplining will be done by a new "cultural agency," probably under a secretariat of education. Academic freedom in Argentina has been in jeopardy ever since Peron took office. Its prospects will not be improved when Peron "forces of good" are officially organized.

We can hardly extend our distaste for Peron to his corn and wheat. If Argentina will sell at a reasonable price we will have to buy, and if she will buy, at a reasonable price, goods we can spare we will have to sell. But these transactions need not carry with them moral approval of Peron's cold-blooded campaign to root out the remnant of Argentina's democracy. — New York Times.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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"fed up" with serving in the legislature.

It isn't often that a man with so long and fine a record of political service retires voluntarily and in doing so suggests a need for "new blood." That Snyder is sincere I can testify to from my own conversations with him. He is tired of the long weeks of politicking and is ready to pass the honors and the labors to others.

Statehouses and White houses and capitals and county seats need occasional transfusions of new blood to keep them healthy and vigorous. But men of the quality of Burt Snyder are not easily obtained for public office. In the legislature in particular there is need of men with the background of knowledge of state affairs which comes from long experience. There are some veteran legislators whose retirement would be a blessing; but there are others, and Snyder was in the group, whom the state depends on to keep its legislation and its finances on a sound basis. I hope Snyder's decision does not prove infectious with others of his stamp.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Florence L. Taylor vs. James A. Taylor: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Married Dec. 31, 1946, at Salem. Beatrice Simeral vs. Robert Simeral: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Married Oct. 3, 1940, at Camas, Wash.

Clarence A. Johnson and others vs. John W. Eoff and others: Suit to quiet title to real property.

DISTRICT COURT

William Napoleon Bradley, Sweet Home, violation of the basic rule, fined \$10 and costs.

Grover C. Weaver, 735 N. Commercial st., charged with non-support, bound over to grand jury following plea of innocent; held in lieu of \$500 bail.

Virgil Lloyd Sloan, 1290 McCoy st., violation of the basic rule, continued to November 25 for plea.

Clara Agnes Quisenberry, 170 N. Leffelle st., failure to stop at a stop sign, \$5 fine suspended on payment of costs.

David Owen Wilson, Portland, violation of the basic rule, fined \$10 and costs.

Robert L. Everetts, Scio, charged with non-support, case dismissed.

PROBATE COURT

Elsie Reeser estate: Order authorizing sale of real property.

Larry Vaughn Collins estate: Order closes estate.

Lizzie M. Bomhoff estate: Order appoints Anna E. Gustafson administratrix and J. F. Sauvain, Fred Kinns and Emol Nelson as appraisers.

Rex M. Hagenauer estate: Estate appraised at \$9,726.

Erma Marie Hamilton Trask guardianship estate: Guardianship dismissed.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Victor Knuth, 790 N. Church st., and Jesse Smart, 609 Locust st., charged with disorderly conduct, each pleaded innocent and posted \$50 bail; trials set for December 4 at 1:30 p. m.

Herman J. Dinges, 1813 N. Emerson st., Portland, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Robert K. Lunt, 1364 N. Liberty st., excessive speed through and intersection and passing on the wrong side, posted \$10 bail.

Robert P. Forester, Salem route 1, box 150, improper use of horn, posted \$5 bail.

Robert Neil Merten, St. Paul, charged with reckless driving, posted \$100 bail.

Raymond John Hendrie, St. Paul, charged with reckless driving, posted \$100 bail.

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

Robert A. Valencourt, 26, bookkeeper, and Madlyn J. Fayton, 23, clerk, both of Astoria.

Rex O. Wikstrom, 41, dentist, and Lois M. Baisden, 35, dental nurse, 1170 Fairmount ave., both of Salem.

A. G. Dillabough, 23, tube-bender, 642 N. Liberty st., and Winona J. Jones, 18, state office employe, 132 Carlton Way, both of Salem.

Edward C. LeShane, 31, station agent, and Elva A. Singdon, 39, secretary, both of Medford.

POLK COUNTY RECORDS

Circuit Court
DALLAS—Zale A. Bancroft vs. Betty J. Bancroft. Suit for divorce, cruel and inhuman treatment is charged.

George W. Cooper and Ruth T. Cooper vs. city of Monmouth. Plaintiffs ask defendant's pretended proceedings in eminent domain to condemn land for the street extension be declared null and void.

Sears Roebuck & Co. vs. Vernon J. Evans. Judgment in the sum of \$9,448.40 and costs asked to reimburse unpaid portion of goods delivered to defendant.

County Court

Estate of Robert James Armstrong, Merton C. Bissell, administrator. Notice of administrator's sale given.

Louis Rosenau has been appointed administrator of the estate of Frederick A. Rosenau, deceased.

Notice final settlement estate of Frank Douglas, deceased, filed by Ethel M. Arnhart, administratrix.

Leland R. Sackett, administrator estate of Tressa Ray, deceased, final account filed.

R. S. Kreson, administrator estate of James Isaiah Murry, deceased, final account filed.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"We refer to heavy withdrawals as 'business slumps'—'Panics' are when the bank examiners arrive suddenly!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop and Stewart Alsop

Headquarters: Washington, D. C.

VICTORY OF WHOLEGOGGERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 — Round two of the price battle is now getting under way on Capitol Hill. The battle can be expected to rage with intermittent fury at least until November, 1948.

It is thus worth knowing something of the history of the battle's first round, which was fought out quietly and diplomatically within the administration itself.

In part, perhaps, because President Truman, with his newly acquired sense of surmises, made it clear that nothing of the sort would be tolerated, there was no table-thumping row, no public washing of dirty linen.

Yet the internal differences of opinion in the administration on the price issue were none the less exceedingly sharp.

One group of the president's advisors, who might be called for convenience the halfwaysites, believed that measures short of price control and rationing would do the job. They believed that credit, allocations, export, and other controls would suffice to keep prices in line, and, moreover,

that only by proposing such half-way measures could the administration avoid an all-out, eye-gouging, shiv-sticking political free-for-all at this time of crisis. The leaders of the halfwaysites were, not unexpectedly, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson and Treasury Secretary John Snyder. They were generally supported by Commerce Secretary Averell Harriman and Presidential Adviser John Steelman.

Another group — call them the wholehoggers — argued cogently that half measures would almost certainly fail, and that selective price controls and rationing were absolutely essential if a really disastrous inflation, particularly in food prices, was to be avoided.

Chief protagonists of the wholehoggers were Clark Clifford, the White House counsel, and Under Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, substituting for Interior Secretary Julius Krug, who was ill.

Economists Favorable
The wholehoggers were backed by most of the government economists, including Dr. Edwin Nourse's Council of Economic Advisors; the council's vice-chairman, Dr. Leon Keyserling, was particularly persuasive. Postmaster General Robert Hannegan also inclined to the wholehoggers' position. The Democratic National committee bigwigs, Senator Howard McGrath and Gael Sullivan, were known to favor going the whole way, although on this occasion the president did not ask their views.

The wholehoggers argued that most effective, if sinister, support from the winter wheat belt, where the long dry spell was clearly bringing the nightmare of five dollar wheat and a spring meat famine daily closer to grim reality. The wholehoggers argued that sharply increased food prices in the winter and spring would make big new wage demands wholly inevitable. This in turn might set off an inflationary spiral which would threaten the American foreign policy and the domestic economy with disaster.

Wholehoggers Supported
Less than a week before his Monday message to the special session of congress, the president had still not fully decided between the positions of the halfwaysites and the wholehoggers. His mind was made up towards the middle of the week, however, when he conducted a sort of poll among a number of his advisors. He asked them whether measures short of price control and rationing could be expected to do the job of holding prices in line with a reasonable assurance of success. By a large majority, the answer was no. Then the president plumped unconditionally for the wholehoggers.

Enthusiasm Lacking
He announced his decision at the Friday cabinet meeting, where it was met with a marked lack of enthusiasm from the Snyder-Anderson camp. For the halfwaysites remained wholly unpermeated. They made their last stand at a White House meeting on Sunday, the day before the president was to deliver his message to congress. But the presidential mind was made up. The next day he tossed his bombshell into the laps of the congressional republicans, who reacted with startled fury. The fat was in the fire.

It is interesting that at one point, before the president had decided to go the whole hog, a compromise suggestion was offered by the former O. P. A. executives, James Brownlee, Henry Hart and Richard Fields whom Commerce Secretary Harriman had invited

to Washington to give their views.

They proposed that the President ask for the rationing of meat only, a suggestion which such moderate republicans as Senator Ralph Flanders and Raymond Baldwin already had advanced.

They urged further that the president should not ask for the immediate imposition of price controls. Rather, he should propose a non-partisan investigating body, which would get at the facts behind the price situation.

Price Problem Remains
Since so much of price control administration is a matter of getting information, this body could immediately form the nucleus of a price control agency, if the price situation threatened to get out of hand. Thus, if real economic catastrophe threatened, the barn door could be slammed shut before the horse was stolen.

Nothing is more clear than that the republicans will not go the whole way with the president's proposals. Yet this compromise suggestion would seem well worth pondering by the republican moderates. For behind all the political fury which the president's bombshell has aroused, the ominous price problem still exists. It must be dealt with by more effective means than furious denunciation of the president's political motives.

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Bend Woman Visits in Pedee with Her Brother

PEDEE—Mrs. Precious Kinney of Bend visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Anson Price last week. Saturday they went to Newport to visit their mother, Mrs. Fred Price.

Ralph Howard of Salem spent Friday night with his nephew, Sidney Howard, and family. Saturday they went to Lebanon to visit Sidney's father, S. L. Howard, who is ill.

Mrs. Rufus Dodge was in Monmouth Thursday and visited Mrs. Riley Matheny and was initiated in the Rebekah lodge.

From London, Weavers Arrive to Make Home

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Emmons, 1775 N. Front st., Monday welcomed Mrs. Emmons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weaver of London, England, who arrived here by plane to make their permanent home.

Mrs. Emmons said her parents were delighted by their long plane ride and are highly pleased with Salem and its abundance of good food. The Weavers told their daughter their meals in Salem were the first good ones they had eaten for seven years.

Chemeketans Work On Cabin and Trail

Fourteen Chemeketans who traveled to the club's cabin on Whitewater creek near Idanha for a work-hike trip over the weekend returned to Salem late Sunday night.

Robert Becroft, trip leader, said the group spent Saturday working on the cabin and Sunday scouting the old Whitewater trail which runs from the Santiam highway up Whitewater creek to Jefferson park. Becroft said that most of the trail had been obliterated by past logging operations.

Passenger ships are often built relatively unstable so that long gentle rolls promote passenger comfort, but naval architects find such ships hard to adapt to use as fighting ships because naval action presupposes some damage and a ship safe enough for civilian use might capsize when partially flooded.

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The 1947 quota for this area is \$750. The campaign will continue until Christmas day. Those who do not receive seals through the

mail may obtain them from Mrs. Connell, 185 Second st., the Woodburn pharmacy or Beers drug store.

CURRENCY FLUCTUATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The Canadian dollar (free rate) fluctuated sharply today in heavy dealings and sold at 1 1/4 per cent discount or 88.50 U. S. cents, the lowest level since December 3, 1943 when it sold at a discount of 1 1/4 per cent.

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