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Al Serena Hearing

Hearings are to open today in Washington on the Al Serena case. This time the McDonalds who own the mining claims involved in this controversy will be given a chance to testify. When the Interior subcommittee held hearings in this state recently the Al Serena case was not considered until the windup of the hearings at Portland and then the Mc-Donalds had no chance to testify. When the subcommittee met at Medford, close to the location of the tract in question, the subject was not mentioned.

Senator Scott of the subcommittee has been quoted as saying that testimony taken in Portland "very strongly indicates the Department of the Interior concocted a scheme to deal from the bottom of the deck and pass under the table about one-half million dollars' worth of publicly owned timber to a private company."

This hardly sounds like the North Caro-Ina senator, and we wonder if this language wasn't written for him by some one much closer to Oregon politics. After some initial publicity Scott was quoted as saying he did not think the Department had acted "illegally" but the inference from the statement of "concocting a scheme" certainly is one of defrauding the government.

We are quite confident that a full disclosure will remove any imputation of fraudulent action on the part of the Department of the Interior. The lands were originally filed on as mining claims, very substantial sums spent in developing the mineral values with a brief period of production during the war. The only question before the Depart-ment was whether the mineral were of suf-ficient value to make mining practical. So-licitor Clarence Davis concluded they were. Now he will have a chance to defend his findings before the investigating committee. At last the issue which was fanned in the 1954 campaign will be discussed under oath before a congressional committee.

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The Windsors have gone literary. Arriving in New York the Duke reported on his new hobby of gardening at his country estate south of Paris and said he had written an article on the subject to be printed by Life magazine this spring. As for the Duchess, who has been writing her autobiography .-that, she said, will start as a magazine serial in March and be published in September. She is doing it without the aid of Cleveland Amory, American author, who said he couldn't dress the narrative to match facts with her desires. Meantime Elsa Maxwell has done a scalpel job on the Duchess in her own writings. We would offer only this, that gardening and literary composition must help the Windsors to pass time that surely hangs heavy on their hands,

Brogan to Map Meteor Flights -

Phil F. Brogan, associate editor of the Bend Bulletin, and well-known authority on Oregon geology, has been named to succeed the late J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon astronomer, as the one to record and plat the course of meteors across the Northwest. Thus, when you see a meteor flash and you think it hit just behind the red barn a few miles south of Scio, you report it to Phil. He will compare your reading with other reports and may come up with the determination that the meteor probably landed somewhere east of Lakeview-or maybe didn't strike the earth at all.

Brogan writes regularly on topics dealing with Oregon geology and paleontology. He lives in a country where geology strikes one in the face wherever he looks: Broken Top, Newberry Crater, Lava Butte, and not far from the John Day country, Recently, reading in a nature magazine how a flea hitchhiking a ride on a dinosaur in the Baltic fell off and was drowned in amber, Brogan advised the eminent doctors on the editorial consulting board:

'Those doctors should ride herd more closely on their dinosaurs. Saurians wandering from their Mesozoic pastures might get trapped in those Baltic ambers."

This gives us great confidence that the Northwest's meteors will have their routes accurately mapped by Brogan. When the intercontinental missiles start flying through the air, he may have to devote full time to this new assignment. Our only request is that he keep both falling somewhere in the deserts of Nevada.

Opened Mouth Once Too Often

Fulton Lewis Jr. shot off his mouth once too often, and now is threatened with a libel suit from no less a personage than Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, superintendent of public instruction for Washington. He had her tagged as some sort of a Red in a recent broadcast, getting her mixed up with another woman. He soon found out his mistake and wired apologies and promise of retraction; but Pearl isn't satisfied with that. She says she will sue him for libel.

It is time some one put the sting on Junior who is one of the most reckless broadcasters in the business. He's the Joe McCarthy of the air. Mrs. Wanamaker has proven herself a self-reliant fighter in the politics of Washington state, and Junior picked the wrong victim when he tried to smear her.

One thing the Armed Services committee is going to take a hard look at is the new re-serve plan. Adopted last year and initiated in August with the expectation it would attract 100,000 young men a year, the enlistment the first three months totaled only 1,224. At that rate it will be long after the 1960 target date before the U.S. has a ready reserve of 2,-900,000 men. The situation seems to be that youth prefer to take their chance with selective service, than to sign up for the long reserve enlistment.

Though third in size among American cities Philadelphia ranks well down the list in the volume of publicity it receives. It suffers from proximity to New York, the financapital, and Washington, the political cial capital, of the country. Now the City of Brotherly Love basks in new-found glory, without a rival. It is Grace Kelly's home!



By Lichty

GRIN AND BEAR IT.

... And in conclusion, let me say that if all we clubwomen raise our voices for peace, no one could hear anything else!"



Have we waterlogged Oregon peasants been taken up the flooded creek recently by those sunny weather reports from Calfiornia? Well, Louis du Buy and family of Salem were

> traveling through the Los Angeles area the other day. It was cold and cars which had stood on the streets all night were ice-covered. So a hot-breathed radio announcer came on with a weather report from L.A. That's right; he said the lowest temperature the night before was "about 45 degrees." Maybe it freezes higher on the thermometer in California

> > And the weather isn't all they're foggy

Cal-USC basketball game from Berkeley over TV Saturday, you were probably wondering, along with the rest of us, what really happened. . The first time Al (Pennies From Heaven) Lightner got hit in the eye with a Lincoln-head, announcer Tom Harmon mumbled something about "Referee Lightner apparently got something in his eye." . . And even though the local public-address announcer warned fans against heaving the coppers, not a word of this leaked to the TV audience. After all, maybe WE wanted to throw pennies, too . . .

And still no pennies were mentioned after the game was over, although Harmon did say something about Lightner getting struck with an "object." Anyway, you'd think anyone old enough to watch a basketball game on TV ought to be old enough to be told about those naughty penny-pitching students . . . And Lightner told us how he cleverly made himself unavailable for contact after the game. He simply stayed at his sister's house in Salinas, instead of at a hotel . . Incidentally, this was the first time in the 34-year basketball history of the PCC a game was ever forfeited . . .

And speaking of weather . . . A reader informs us that this is the time of year when the criminal charge of "larceny

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of excessive production from

acreage diverted from surplus crops Third, lands poorly suited to tillage, now producing unneeded crops and subject to excessive

wind and water erosion, must be retired from cultivation."

The solution he proposes is retirement of additional acres now devoted to the basic crops, wheat, cotton, corn, rice. This would be a voluntary acreage reserve and would be left idle. Farmers would be compensated Mt. Angel.

therefor. Acreage reduction in The board empowered Sid wheat should be about 12 million Schlesinger, central committee acres and in cotton three million. chairman, to secure office space This reserve would be continued in the next few months for perfor three or four years until manent quarters for the commitpresent surplus commodities are tee. The board voted to hold reduced to normal carryover dimeetings regularly on the first mensions. Monday of each month and also

The second soil bank the Presi- called attention to a \$100 per dent recommends is much larger plate GOP luncheon in Portland -some 25 million acres. This on Jan. 20.

would not be idle but could be used for forage (grazing), for treegrowing or for water storage. Cooperation would be voluntary and the government would agree to compensate the farmer annually for the length of, time re quired to establish the land in its new use. The owner would be required to carry out good soil conservation practices.

There are a number of other proposals in the President's farm program but these are the heart of his plan to curb excess production.

I will not attempt after a hurried reading of the President's message to offer my appraisal of his recommendations. I recognize the fact that agriculture has not shared in the current prosperity in the degree to which it is entitled as a most essential industry. The President also has made a bold attack at the root of the problem: too much production for the market to absorb at prices growers regard as com-

er whose acres are too few for

There is this further question whether the billion plus will not become a permanent increment of the budget, extending well beyond the time when the ailment for which it was prescribed has been cured.

County GOP | Convict Asks **Board Names** For New Trial Smith, Rodin Millard R. Williams, 19, re cently convicted by a jury of escaping from the State Peniten-

Two new leaders were pamed fonday right by the executive pard of the Marion County Retiary, asked Monday in Marion County Circuit Court that the publican Central Committee at a verdict be invalidated. His atneeting at the Senator Hotel. torneys motioned for a new trial. Eight new finance committee members also were picked.

his claim that he is unlawfully Elmer Smith was named treasconfined in the penitentiary. He urer replacing the resigned Ward alleged that the original crime R. Davis, who filled the spot for with which he was charged, takfive years. Picked to succeed ing a calf without authority, was the resigned George A. Jones as not tried in the county where it chairman of the finance commitwas committed. He pointed out tee was Pat Rodin, Salem. that the crime occurred in Jef-Named to the finance commit-

ferson County in February 1954 tee were the following: John and was tried in Deschutes Carkin, Harry V. Collins, William County E. Healy, Dr. Don Sanders, all Williams' motion further claimof Salem; R. A. Fish, Silverton; ed that his original sentence of Walter Bell, Stavton; John Hunt, 30 months was in excess of statu-Woodburn; and Leonard Fischer,

ory provisions. The inmate had been convicted in December of escaping from a prison work crew last July. He was within four months of parole at time of the flight.

The convict based the action on

Skunks sometimes share a burrow with a rabbit or a woodchuck.



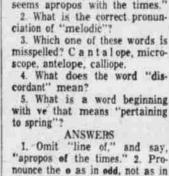
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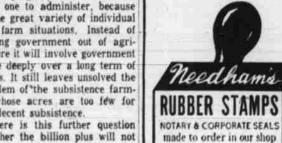
. . about in the Southland. If you watched that

pensatory. The program will not be an easy one to administer, because of the great variety of individual and farm situations. Instead of getting government out of agriculture it will involve government more deeply over a long term of years. It still leaves unsolved the problem of the subsistence farm-

his decent subsistence.

At least President Eisenhower has given Congress and the country a definite program, constructive in the way it tackles the problem which has vexed the

load. 3. Canaloupe. 4. Not in harmony. "Discordant thoughts are not conducive to happiness." 5. Vernal.



One answer to the question of what to do with surplus acres assigned to the soil bank would be to give them back to the Indians. The Indians never overproduced or damaged the soil.

Whatever one may say about Marilyn Monroe, the fact remains she must be a good businesswoman as well as actress. After a year's holdout she has signed a contract with Twentieth Century-Fox which carries an estimated \$8 million dollar price tag. She figures her figure in high figures.

by bailee," refers to a man caught stealing his neighbor's base ment pump

And even Charles Ireland, Statesman valley editor, had his spot of trouble over the weekend. Seems that Charlie re- German Advertising of ceived a bill for \$14 from the ABC Window Cleaners. So **Cameras** on Increase Charlie, who regularly pays his wife for cleaning the windows at his house, figured something was wrong. He called, ABC and asked what that bill was for. "Why," said the ABC man, "for cleaning windows at the governor's house." Turned out the bill should have been sent to E. J. Ireland, secretary of the state board of control . . .

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Loyalty Board Reverses Itself; New Verdict **Clears William Henry Taylor of Red Charge**

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON-The Japanese internment camp in Hongkong was a fairly disagreeable place, in which public spirit was less common than the spirit of "devil take the hindmost," A small minority did the work of the community. The rest played the blackmarket, or

hope.



In these circumstances, the small, determined, beaver-like man, to be seen busily Samph Aleop

trotting about on every work detail, was a not inconspicuous figure. He appeared to be, as indeed he was, dedicated to the public service. He was one of the real workers among the three hundred-odd Americans who were locked up in Stanley Camp along with more than three thousand Britishers-the human refuse of a collapsed

colonial society. At the dreary little internment camp discussion group (which met in a patch of scrub, under theshelterol the low pines, to elude Japanese eyes) this brisk -

Stewart Alsop little man spoke up for a rather New Deal view of the world. But he also showed far more sympathy for the prob-lems of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek than the British colonial officials. And it was understandable, since he was an ex-pert on the staff of the Generalissimo's Chinese Stabalization Board, on loan from the U. S. Treasury.

Such was William Henry Taylor when one of these reporters first encauntered him in the grim win-ter of 1942. In Stanley Camp we had had eur Communist agents --Hitle, hlack-avised Inte Epsteln the black-avised inthe Epstein the Sarge ring and his tall, ade English misiress. Elsie simendeley, who might have a very beautiful if she had

ever washed. But they had escaped very early and with great bravery, one had to admit.

Furthermore, Epstein had taken two or three more rather irrelevant people with him hence it was a fair deduction that if our camp harbored another really important member of the world Communist conspiracy, he would have been included in their wellmade a hobby planned escape.

of envy, or sim-ply lost faith But poor Taylor stayed with the work detail until the Americans were exchanged. So when Taylor and abandoned re-entered the reporter's life some years ago, telephoning to ask for a letter to a loyalty board, it was easy to comply with his requestion who was The reporter wrote that as far as he knew Mr. Taylor, the proceeding against him was a disgrace, not to Taylor, but to the government of the United States.

> It had been Taylor's bad luck to work in Harry Dexter White's Department of the Treasury, For this reason he had been denounced by Miss Elizabeth Bentley as a Communist agent. Originally, in answer to a question about the persons who passed Treasury documents to her, Miss Bentley declared that sometimes "it was William Taylor." Later, she revised, or at least diluted, her testimony to read that she had merely heard from Nathan Gregory Silvermaster that Taylor was a member of the Communist underground in the U.S. govern-

Because of Miss Bentley, Taylor was first visited by the FBI in 1947. Thereafter, he was called before four successive grand juries. He made three appearances before Congressional committees (twice McCarthy and once Mc-Carran). In the end, in 1953, his case was taken up by the international organization's loy alty board.

He went before this rather special board because, in 1946, he had left the Treasury for a job with the International Monetary Fund, Two successive Secretaries of the Treasury, John Snyder and George M. Humphrey, urged the Director of the Fund, Jvar Rooth, to fire Taylor without further quibbling. But Dr. Rooth had an

old-fashioned Scandinavian sense of fairness. He awaited the board's verdict;

Having began hearings in the autumn of 1953, and having "closed the case" in December of that year, the loyalty board rather oddly waited until the spring of 1955 to hand down its first verdict. The board then advised Dr. Rooth that Taylor had been an active Communist spy. But in order to convince Dr. Rooth, the board had to be much more specific about the charges against

Taylor than the regulations had allowed when Taylor was on trial. The board chairman, Henry S. Waldman, of Elizabeth, N. J., admitted as much to one of these reporters. Waldman explained that the first verdict against Taylor had revealed to Taylor's cour-

ageous lawyer, Byron Scott, what aight he needed to prove Taylor's innocence. Taylor immediately applied for a re-hearing. His request was granted. And now only a little more than half a year after the first terrible verdict that he was an active and conscientious Communist spy, the same international organization's loyalty beard has held that there "is no reasonable doubt" as to the loyalty of William Henry Taylor.

The courage and fairness of the loyalty board, in thus admitting its own hideous error, cannot be over-praised, but what about the testimony of Miss Bentley, who started the whole business? What about the government preparation of the case against Taylor. which was a mass of smears and poison pen letters, by the loyalty

board's own final verdict? And what about Attorney General Herbert Brownell, who had the responsibility for the preparation of the government case?

Brownell publicly denounced Taylor as a spy on the basis, apparently, of the cheap, trumped up stuff that the loyalty board has now decisively thrown out of court. What has he to say now? These are questions that have to be answered, M American justice means anything at all.

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Jan. 10, 1946 Leaving for Portland to make their home are Mrs. Robert Coffev and her daughter, Carolie and Sharon. Dr. Coffey is already in Portland where he has opened his offices.

Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower disclosed he has banned any further GI demonstrations but ordered inspectors to "every camp and post" to see that his latest demobilization order is followed.

The Salem Elks lodge will conduct a ritualistic funeral service for Dr. Thomas C. Smith, former Salem resident who was one of two surviving charter FRIGID TESTS DUE . members of the local lodge, No. OTTAWA (The Arm 336.

cold weather tests will be resumed this month at Fort Churchill (Manitoba) on nike, the U.S. Army

"Operation Frost Jet," is to see in normal times have a cut of what extreme low temperatures about 2,000,000 feet daily, have do to complex parts of the nike been operating on light schedules weapon system. Fort Churchill in recent months, Senator Jay proving ground is used by the Canadian and U.S. armies.

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Salem guests during the session of legislature. Mr. Moe is well known throughout the country for his golf. Both young men at tended the University of Oregon and are members of Beta Theta Pi

The present time is not feasible for effort to put the North Santiam highway on the state highway map, the county court informed Rep. James W. Mott in a letter mailed as a result of the representative's consultation with the court on the matter.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 10, 1916

At Baker while crowds watched in a driving snowstorm, more than fifteen hundred gallons of beer was poured into a sewer in main street. The beer kept in storage which was controlled by a Portland brewery saw the representative touring through Orestorage. (Oregon went dry.) Capt. George F. Blair, commander of the Oregon Naval militia, was notified that the cruiser Marblehead, now at San Francisco, has been ordered turned over to the Oregon Naval militia and will be stationed in Portland. 'The Revenge of Shari Hot Su. ' a Japanese romantic play, was given by the Snikpoh dramatic society of the high school. In the cast were: Oral Lemmon. Ethel McGilchrist, Vivian Beck, Blanch Drake, Frank Rose-braugh, Victor Taylor and Alice Baker. OTTAWA UP-The Army reports

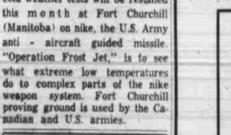
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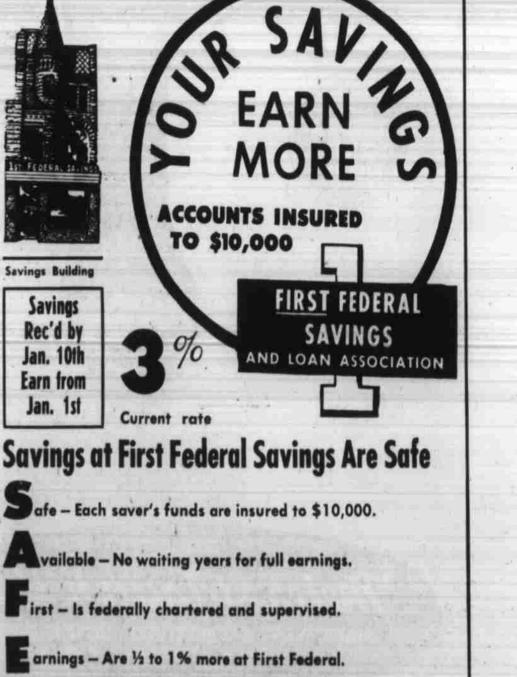
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