

What Goes on at The Statehouse

By JERRY HANNIFIN
SALEM, Ore. (AP)—A war production board order closing four of a group of 11 eastern aluminum production lines in a move to reduce the country's monthly output by 35,000,000 pounds does not mean abandonment of Oregon's alumina-from-clay pilot plant, post-war planning secretary John Kelly said.

"Oregon is building its future right now, and a post-war aluminum industry is part of it," Kelly said. "The process to be used in the Oregon plant is entirely new, and it's a cheap one in the northwest where we have plenty of the necessary clay and cheap electrical energy necessary."

It was reported the Aluminum Company of America has reduced aluminum production at plants in New York, North Carolina and Alcoa, Tenn., and cut down the output of alumina at plants at Baton Rouge, La., and St. Louis, Ill. The WPB said further shutdown orders would be influenced by coal shortages as 12 to 15 pounds of coal are consumed in processing one pound of aluminum.

"Oregon will derive its alumina

from ordinary alumina clays, not bauxite, and we'll use Bonneville power. We will get our aluminum under a new process, and we can't lose," Kelly said.

"The U. S. has gone to Canada to build plants for the Shipshaw project of the Canadian Aluminum company, and we're buying about 500,000,000 pounds of metal from them each year—taking bread and butter right out of this country."

"It has been a long-time federal policy to ignore the Pacific northwest, and the present administration is no exception. And at that 52.5 per cent of Oregon's land is under control of the federal government," Kelly said.

Meanwhile, representatives of Defense Plants corporation have yet to announce a site for the \$4,000,000 pilot plant which was awarded Oregon. The new plant will be constructed somewhere in the Salem area where access to Cottage Grove and Molalla clay deposits will be easy.

Penicillin Assured Civilians by June

CHICAGO (AP)—Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the American Medical Journal, said that penicillin, the outstanding medical discovery of the war, will be available for civilian needs next June. "Twenty-two companies are engaged currently in production of penicillin," Dr. Fishbein said, "and it is expected by June that it will be available in sufficient quantity for civilian needs."

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FLO ASH, blonde exotic fan dancer, billed as the "cutest little nudist," is currently featured in new floor show at The Holland. Appearing with her is Pietro Gentile, popular baritone.

Flo Ash Heads Holland Show

Flo Ash, widely publicized as the "cutest little nudist" is heading a new floor show being presented at The Holland all this week, twice nightly through Sunday. Miss Ash has been presented on the screen in numerous roles and has acted as a double for Carole Lombard. On the stage she appears as a fan dancer, and is bringing with her to The Holland many new and original dances.

Widely known throughout the United States and Canada, Miss

Ash has been a featured artist in a vast number of the best known night clubs and theaters.

Appearing with her at The Holland is Pietro Gentile, baritone. Billed as the "Latin troubadour," Pietro has appeared in MGM and Fox pictures and was featured in the juvenile lead in Ziegfeld's "Whoopie," with Eddie Cantor.

Pietro's voice has been acclaimed by critics for its color, brilliance, range and complete control. His repertoire is complete with the loveliest melodies of today and yesterday, both classical and modern.

Also featured for still another week at The Holland is Elaine

Negro Who Digs Graves For Heroes Hopes His Long Job Will End Soon

By JACK ROWLES
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WASHINGTON — (AP)—A 63-year-old Negro stood bent-backed beside a half-dug grave in Arlington cemetery and said if he could have one wish for 1944 it would be that his shovel would dig no more holes in the ground for heroes.

For 11 peacetime and two war years, Edward Newman has crossed the Potomac from his Washington home to spade the final rectangles for Americans who served to the limit. Five feet deep, three feet wide. Sometimes two a day. How many in all?

The gravedigger studied his leathery hands a moment. "A mess of 'em," he said. "But I can't imagine how many. At first I didn't mind it none, but now I get the misery thinkin' about it."

It was crisp and bright in the southeast corner of the national cemetery. Squirrels played at the base of a nearby oak.

A flock of crows flapped overhead, their wing sheen flashing in the sunlight.

"It's a beautiful morning," the gravedigger said. The ensign and the second lieutenant on either side of him said nothing. They were new in Arlington.

The gravedigger's shovel went into the damp earth a dozen times. Five down, three across. For whom was he digging?

"Blessed if I know. I never know 'who's comin'. Just boxes and boxes, and I'm diggin' yonder when the boxes come." He stared at the newly-turned earth. "No way of me knowin' but what

Dennis, diminutive pepper pot of song, and Rusty Colman, comedy singing and dancing master of ceremonies.

it might be for my own boy." Suddenly there was loud laughter in the cemetery. Three kids in knee pants came over the top of the slope, throwing and kicking a football. One of them scrambled past the gravedigger, shouting that he was "open" for a forward pass.

The ensign and the second lieutenant knew something about feinting through the defense to grab a forward pass, but they said nothing. The kids climbed over a bordering wall and ran down the road. This was not their war, and the dead were in their way.

Now the gravedigger resumed the rhythmic plunge, lift and swing of his spading. The sun played on the bleached headstones that reached in neat file toward the new marine barracks. All that the headlines promised for 1944—all except victory—was betokened in the white rows.

"A man of my age," the gravedigger said, "shouldn't be diggin' graves. It gets me 'tween the shoulders."

There are only about six-hundredths of an ounce of calcium in a gallon of sea water, but the oyster builds up its heavy shell of calcium, and corals form whole islands by collecting this element.

Lumberjacks Good Jungle Fighters

SPOKANE (AP)—Lumberjacks, says a veteran of the battle for Munda airfield, "are natural jungle fighters."

Sgt. Armond Pearson of Spokane, recuperating at Baxter general hospital from wounds received in the "battle of Hastings ridge," said he was thinking of Sgt. Leroy Norton of Bend, Ore., in making the statement.

He said Norton was twice decorated, once for saving the life of his company commander and again for single-handedly wiping out three or more Japanese pillboxes. Another Bend man, Sgt. Robert Chambers, broke through Japanese lines and worked on pillboxes until he ran out of grenades, Pearson recalled. He did not enlarge.

He said Capt. Charles Hastings of Walla Walla, for whom Hastings ridge was named, was wounded in the battle but has returned to action. Pearson and the captain were hurt when a Japanese grenade set off American

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rifle grenades near the post.

BAR EXAMINATIONS
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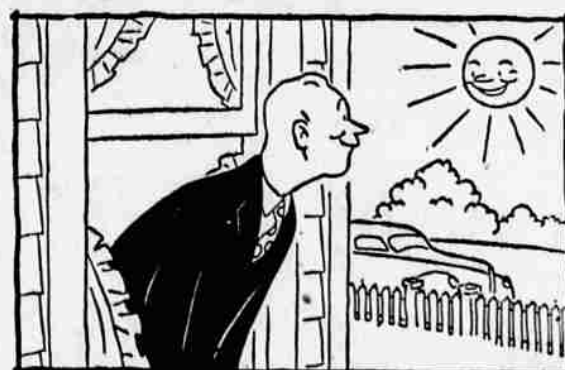
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