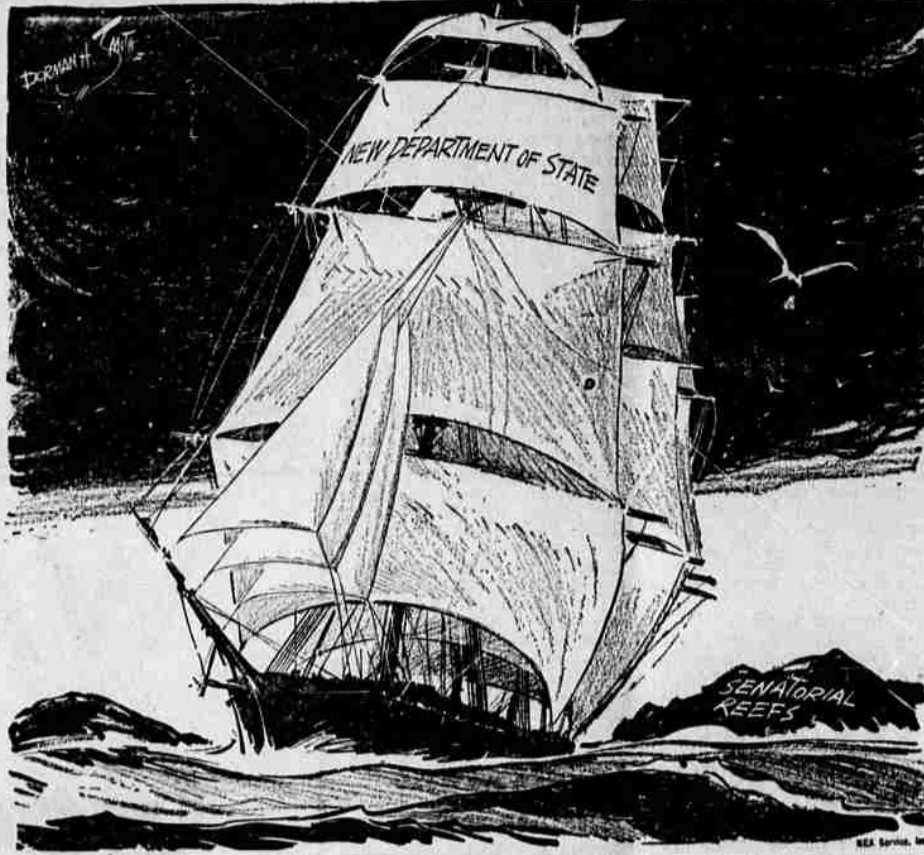


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Now Then, Sail On, Oh Ship of State



Washington Column

By Peter Edson (NEA Staff Correspondent)
The senate foreign relations committee combined greater three ring third degree sideshow and investigation of President Roosevelt's six nominations for assistant secretaries of state couldn't have turned out better from the department of state standpoint if it had been arranged by one of the department's own press agents—pardon—current information specialists.

Bend's Yesterdays

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 29, 1919)
(From The Bulletin Files)
Members of the Long Desert club plan a dance tomorrow night in Tumalo hall.

obtain a testing apparatus to determine "poison" contents of so-called present day whisky.
Dr. Grant Skinner returns to Bend after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Portland.

Five Day Forecast

Five day forecast ending Tuesday night:
Oregon and Washington west of Cascades: recurring rains beginning Sunday. Normal temperatures, rising slightly Sunday and Monday.

TAX TURNOVER MADE
Madras, Dec. 30 (Special)—The turn-over of current taxes for Jefferson county taxes for 1944-45 is \$67,996.18, according to a recent report from the office of Sheriff H. A. Dussault.

THE KLAMATH ISSUES

The Klamath county court's attitude toward the proposed Shevlin-Hixon timber land exchange and that presented in the Epley column in the Klamath Herald and News are, we think we have shown here, based on a misunderstanding of this particular transaction and a lack of knowledge of various background facts.

Epley has said, as quoted in this column yesterday, that "The Klamath action (the county court's protest) will have the effect of forcing the issue to the front and should help bring about an understanding and, eventually, action that will help solve the problems involved."

In these discussions in this column we have quoted extensively from the Klamath paper for the purpose of showing the obvious misunderstanding that surrounded this particular exchange situation and, also, to develop as well as we could the exact issues involved.

The latter is a problem that vexes every state in the union but western states in particular because it is in them that there are such large areas of public domain, national forest and other federal land ownerships.

There is no point in undertaking here and now a discussion of forest management policies so far as the present case is concerned because it involves such unusual circumstances (with respect to the intermingling of ownership) that it becomes differentiated from ordinary cases that can be covered by a general rule.

The Klamath court's protest has gone to the general land office. We do not know what the considerations are on which the office acts but, certainly, it has knowledge of the errors that now must be apparent to the court.

The news is being enriched these days with striking phrases. Last week from France came the statement that "activity was quiet" and just now we have read that Budapest was "reported swamped by one of the most violent holocausts of the war."

As we understand it major league baseball will be carried on next year, if at all, by the minors.

Others Say . . .

BUILDER OF THE WEST

(Salem Statesman)
One of the great builders of the west is Frank A. Banks, director for region No. 1 of the U. S. reclamation bureau.

greatest engineering job of its kind in the history of mankind. That in itself might be regarded as a monument to Frank Banks; but he doubtless finds more gratification in the contribution it makes to power, and will make through irrigation, for the welfare of mankind than he does in the dam as a massive work of masonry.

Lodgemen Hold Yuletide Party

Highlight of the party given at L.O.O.F. hall on Dec. 22 for Rebeccas, Odd Fellows and their families was a program directed by Mrs. Howell Rice, assisted by Mrs. Ora Allmeyer and Mrs. Elliott Singleton. Santa Claus, it was reported today, appeared following the program with treats for those present.

THE WAY OUR PEOPLE LIVED by W.E. Woodward

A PURITAN VILLAGE IN 1690
On his return from his morning walk about the farm on this April morning, Captain Walling went briskly up the narrow, uncarpeted stairs of the salt-box house.

Next day was a Thursday, and every Thursday in Puritan Massachusetts was known as Lecture Day. On that day all work, except what was absolutely necessary, was suspended and the people, after listening to an edifying lecture, or sermon, in the morning, turned to the enjoyment of sports, games and gossip for the rest of the day.

Most of these activities took place on the village green, where the stocks, pillory and whipping post were also placed. This conjunction of pleasure and punishment had a benign purpose. People who became too boisterous, or who were drinking too much, or who were attempting to inveigle a maiden, or who were spreading scandalous stories about their neighbors, had only to turn their eyes toward the southern end of the village green and there they would see, sitting miserably in the stocks, those who had failed to behave with piety and decorum on some previous occasion.

Harshness was a characteristic of the Puritan mind, and the harshness had a sadistic streak. Therefore, it was natural and quite in keeping with the essential order of things, according to the Puritan way of thinking, that the stocks should stand on the village green, to remind the pleasure-seekers that all is not beer and skittles in this world of sin and temptation.

When her father knocked at her door she hastily put the pan of milk under the bed, and stood up to receive him. He did not sit down but stood smiling and said rather gallantly, "I have a prince for my young princess." Harriet said gravely, "What do you mean, Father?" Just as if Oliver Hillman had not already told her of his interview. Her father replied that he had consented to the young man's request, but he would not have done so if he had not thought it would please her.

Harriet stood, as if in quiet reflection, for a moment and then said solemnly, "It's all right, Father. If it pleases you I shall be satisfied. He seems to be a devout and serious young man. I hope I may grow to care for him." She might have added that she had been meeting him quietly and secretly for a month or more in various out-of-the-way places, but she said nothing, because she concluded, after a brief consideration, "I do not want to force you to do anything," he assured her.

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liquor, or beer or cider—and that really means everybody from ministers and magistrates down to nursemaids and 2-year-old babies.
If a prohibitionist had appeared anywhere in the colonies he would have been considered a crackpot. (To Be Continued)

War Briefs - - -

Western Front—American first and third armies drive into north and south flanks of German salient to within 15 miles of juncture that threatens to trap thousands of Germans in Ardennes pocket.
Eastern Front—Two red armies advance on Vienna along 90-mile front as Berlin reports hundreds of soviet guns and planes have opened bombardment of Budapest.
Pacific—Japanese communique reports 30 American transports sailing west through Surigao straits in Philippines, possibly to launch new invasion.

The syrup made from sweet sorghum contains twice as much iron as sugar cane molasses.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 1945

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



By comparison with performances of the six nominees, performances of the senators themselves were nothing to shout about.

Get the picture. The foreign relations committee is perhaps the most important committee in the senate. In the days ahead its responsibilities for shaping the future of the world will be tremendous.

As such, it should have the best minds in the senate. But the Q's were far outshone by the A's. It was good cross-examination when Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania asked former Ambassador Grew if he favored leaving Hirohito in power after defeat of Japan.

But consider the spectacle of Sen. Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota asking Secretary Stettinius "to explain what our foreign policy is?" and asking Grew to "Give us your definition of diplomacy."

Sen. Bennett Champ Clark, of Missouri, introducing an utterly frivolous autobiographical sketch of Archibald MacLish, merely defeated his own end by cheapening the whole performance.

An investigation of the senate foreign relations committee by the proposed secretariat in the department of state would have been interesting.

dentil production in Mexico is dependent almost entirely on pasture; grain feeding is very little practiced.



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