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BASIN AND VALLEY DIFFERENCES Some days ago the Pendleton East Oregonian, in an editorial critical of the proposals to do away with the acreage limitation rule on the Central valley project, spoke with approval of the plan for the strict enforcement of the rule on the Columbia basin project. Well, we have secured a copy of the Columbia basin law—public law 8—78th congress—and we find that while the 160 acre limitation rule is included it is also provided that the United States may purchase lands in the project and resell them. That is an important difference.

Of course, when further comparisons are made between the basin and the valley one discovers, with respect to the latter, seriously complicating factors. The basin project lands are almost all wheat lands planted only every other year. There are no permanent plantings. Government purchase and subdivision would involve small, if any, loss. In the valley there are extensive plantings of various sorts and in many cases there would be economic destruction if there was a forced break down into smaller acreages.

THE KLAMATH USO USO service centers have done a fine job. This is accounted for, we suppose, by the fact that once established they are in charge of trained workers who are given help of every sort by volunteers from the community where they operate. On the other hand the headquarters management back in New York, or wherever the top hands have their offices, is about as stumbling and bumbling as anything could be.

Here in Bend the approval came and the job was done just in time to see Camp Abbot closed. Something of the same sort, as we remember, happened in Salem. As we congratulate Klamath on its success we offer the wish that the completion of the job there will not have the same accompaniment of a closed camp.

The people of America, we think, want and expect General MacArthur to continue in charge of the military effort against Japan and they visualize him as leading the American army into Tokyo when surrender comes. Accordingly, they do not understand—or, perhaps, it were better to say they do not like—the official attitude toward MacArthur. In a recent news conference Secretary Stimson declined to discuss the possibility of MacArthur's leading in the final drive and said that announcement of the selection of commanding officers in the field is only made public when security permits. How does that tie in with the recent announcement that Bradley had resumed the command that had been given to Montgomery when the battle of the bulge was on? Is Bradley any more secure than MacArthur?

Cigaret Shortage Due to Continue

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—The cigarette shortage will probably grow worse during 1945 and about the only thing that can be done about it is to see that available stocks are spread around. The federal trade commission arrived at that conclusion today after an extensive investigation. It reported its findings to Chairman Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., of the senate interstate commerce committee who requested the inquiry.

Others Say ...

KLAMATH'S LODGEPOLE PINE Klamath's extensive stands of lodgepole pine may become an important industrial asset as ponderosa pine harvest declines in volume after the war. With the exception of occasional cutting of larger trees intermingled with other species, the lowly jackpine has grown up and died without contributing to the industrial welfare of this area. But there is a tremendous amount of it, and whenever there has been talk of new uses of timber products in this area, the lodgepole has come into the discussion.

RUNAWAY GIRL, BENT? Plans of Nancy Smith, 16, of Portland, to come to Bend and launch upon a career as a waitress, were frustrated last night when officers removed her from a bus which arrived here shortly before midnight last night. The girl had been reported as a runaway by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith of Portland. Nancy told officers that she "liked Bend and wanted to get a

Mein Kampf's Unwritten Chapter



A SONG to REMEMBER by Willard Wiener

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THE STORY: In 1832 Poland is still under the Russian yoke, her peasants are chained to a vicious feudal system and any demonstration for freedom is immediately put down by the soldiers of the Czar. Frederic Chopin is 22, has gained distinction as a pianist in his home village of Zelazowa Wola and some celebrity as a composer, even in Warsaw. The night he is to play at Count Wodzinski's, Josef Elsner invents a pretext that will take him away from home a few hours before the event.

SECRET MEETING "What's this you're playing?" Josef Elsner said, coming into the room where Frederic was at the piano. "What idiot wrote that?" "Thank you, Professor. I am the idiot." "Tch, tch. Then I'll listen." Frederic continued his Mazurka in B-flat. "Not bad; not bad at all. Did I say, 'not bad'? Please, Elsner, where is your ear? Distinguished! That's what it is. Distinguished—Eh? Tch, tch—it's magnificent—magnificent!"

Frederic played until the final note. Then he came to the old man who took him to his arms, kissed him on each cheek. "Have you seen him?" "Shsh," Josef Elsner closed the door. "Have you seen him, Professor?" Josef Elsner nodded. "Will there be a meeting?" "Yes." "What about the Russian?" Josef Elsner spoke in a low voice. "Tonight. He's going to speak."

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Frederic was saying, "We, too, are ready. We, too, have our meetings. We talk, we understand, then we act. That is the way to do it. Our weapons first will be printing presses, later guns—and the money to buy them both. We must have money—and more money—and always more money—" "Let me tell you this: your meetings are important—this one and all the others that are being held throughout Poland. The Czar is very much troubled, and he has taken desperate measures to prevent what even he must know cannot be prevented. Unfortunately, one measure he has just taken can bring no one any happiness. He has sent you a new governor of Poland—" Boots scraped the floor. There were murmurs of "Ah." "His record is a bloody one. The Czar has picked the most ruthless hangman he could find—" Josef Elsner pulled out his watch. He held it in the dim light close to his face. He took Frederic by the arm. "This hangman will hunt down meetings such as this—" Frederic was on his feet. "Let him dare!" Josef Elsner tugged at him. "—Damn the hangman!" he cried, jerking himself free of Elsner's grasp. "Damn him, damn him!"

Washington Column

By Peter Edson (NEA Staff Correspondent) Washington, D. C.—The 122 standing and special committees of the U. S. senate and house of representatives pose one of the toughest problems which must be considered in studying the modernization of congress. In 1927 the number of congressional committees was reduced from 55 to 42 principally by merging into two committees the 11 which had previously considered expenditures for the executive departments. Since the early 19th century, however, the number of committees has grown like twin topsies. In the last session of congress there 47 standing and eight special committees in the house, 33 standing and 12 special committees in the senate, four joint committees, 18 commissions and boards.

Each of these committees is a little ministry in itself, with powers and privileges duly appreciated by the members thereof, who will see the merging or liquidation of their group effected only over their political dead bodies. Yet reform of the committee system must come if congress is to be made into a more efficient organization. So much of the work of congress has to be done in committees, yet the congressmen simply haven't the time to attend all the meetings of all the committees of which they are members.

It has been estimated that of the 122 committees in congress only 27 are really important—16 in the house and 11 in the senate. Many of the committees duplicate each other. Creation of more joint committees has been proposed as a rem-

edy for this. And instead of having one committee in congress to match every department or activity in the executive departments, it has been suggested that there be created only nine or 10 policy committees, each to deal with one broad field of public affairs. Far more vicious than the committee system itself, perhaps, is the unwritten seniority rule by which a member once assigned to a committee may stay with that committee during his career, advancing in rank in his committee as he is re-elected term after term until, being the oldest in point of service he is eligible to become its chairman regardless of his ability. Modification of congressional custom to permit the election of chairmen is opposed, however, on the ground that it would encourage log-rolling and deals among congressmen for votes on coveted chairmanships. One compromise to meet this objection would be to limit the number of years a congressman might hold a chairmanship.

Buy National War Bonds Now!

STAG LINE advertisement featuring three men smoking and a large pack of STAG LINE cigarettes. Text includes 'Pepsi-Cola Company, Long Island City, N. Y.' and 'Franchised Bottler: Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Bend.'

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Wiest

Three ministers officiated at funeral services for Mrs. L. D. Wiest, held yesterday in the Niswonger and Winslow chapel. Rev. Karl Faulkner of Portland, son of a pioneer dentist, Dr. Wilbur Faulkner; was in charge, assisted by Rev. R. E. Nichols, pastor of the Bend Westminster Orthodox church, and Rev. Elvin A. Fast, pastor of the First Baptist church in Redmond. Pall bearers were Norman Coleman, Ovid W. B. Riley, J. G. McGeuffie, George Freeman, A. E. Stevens and Robert McCallum. Mrs. Wiest, a native of Pennsylvania, is survived, in addition to two daughters and six grandchildren, by a sister, Mrs. Iva N. Rons of Spring Grove, Pa., and a brother, Edward Shunk, of Hanover, Pa. Gentle swans in public parks become savage during the breeding season and will attack persons approaching their nests.

OWL SPECIALS advertisement featuring two owls and a list of products and prices: 75c Bayer Aspirin, 59c Cooper Metal Razor, 49c 5 Blades, 18 Berkley Blades, 25c 65c Pinex, 54c \$1.25 Creomulsion, \$1.12 Ruex Compound, \$1 \$1.50 Creoterpin, \$1.16 75c Bengay, 59c 50c Vick's Nose Drops, 39c 35c Vick's Vapo Rub, 27c 30c Mentholatum, 27c 50c Albomist, 39c \$1.25 Petro-lagar, 89c 75c Listerine, 59c 60c Murine, 49c 50c Calox Tooth Powder, 43c 2 Tek Tooth Brushes, 51c 60c Alka Seltzer, 49c 60c Bromo Seltzer, 49c 75c Anacin, 59c \$1.00 Adlerika, 89c

Reliable advertisement for Bend's Yesterdays featuring an owl and the text 'The emblem pictured below is ours by right of attainment. It is the prized symbol of selected Prescription Pharmacies maintaining the highest ethical standards. Bring your next prescription here and learn that precise compounding costs no more—often less—than you would pay at other places.'

Clean between YOUR TEETH advertisement for Johnson & Johnson Dental Floss or Dentolaps, featuring an owl and a list of prices: 10c, 25c, 69c.

Farmer to Face Traffic Charges advertisement featuring an owl and the text 'Lee Roy Rouse, 39, a farmer residing at Rt. 1, Box 269, today faced a hearing in municipal court as a result of his arrest last night on a charge of reckless driving.'

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS advertisement featuring a cartoon strip with dialogue: 'IF THIS LITTLE DROOP TRIES TO BLACKMAIL US, DO YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE HIM? BUT DEFINITELY!', 'JIZZUZZ GIZZIVE HIZZIM ENOUGH RIZZUZZ AND HE'LL HIZZAZZ HIZZIMZIZZELF!', 'WHAT KIND OF LINGO IS THAT?', 'DON'T YOU REALLY SAVVY THE "IZZ" LINGO? DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT HILDA WAS SAYING TO ME?', 'NO!', 'IN THAT CASE I GUESS YOU AND I CAN SPEAK FREELY, WONDER WOMAN! PROCEED WITH THE PLAN!'.

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Buy War Bonds and Stamps advertisement for VANCE T. COYNER'S OWL PHARMACY, featuring an owl logo and the text 'A WISE PLACE TO TRADE' and 'PHONE 50'.