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CABINET CHANGES
President Truman has, we think, strengthened the cabinet by the changes announced yesterday.

So far as the business of the country is concerned Madam Perkins was a total loss so that Schwellenbach, little as we regard him as a public figure, cannot but help being an improvement.

Most worthy of the three new cabinet members is the man named to be secretary of agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson.

While on this subject of resignations and replacements let us note that yesterday's banner front page head to the effect that Winston Churchill had quit as prime minister gave an entirely erroneous impression.

As we think of the magnificent leadership he has given Britain throughout the darkest days of the country's history we hope he will have the satisfaction of a vote of public approval.

MORE KLAMATH-LAKE PROTEST

In the earlier weeks of the controversy over the exchange of Shevlin-Hixon cut-over land in Lake and Klamath counties for national forest timber it was said by persons close to the situation in those two counties where the protests against the exchange had been made that their chief purpose was to draw attention to the situation with respect to payments in lieu of taxes on forest land.

Readers of this column will remember the misunderstanding and lack of knowledge evident in the original seven grounds of protest. They will remember our discussion of the asserted Klamath plan to bring the company lands in question into a state forest or other form of public ownership short of federal control.

WPB has testified to the importance of putting the exchange through as a means of insuring the production of lumber for the war effort.

Even while attention was being drawn by the original protest to the public land situation in Klamath county and to the objection to the long-standing arrangement for payments

in lieu of taxes on national forest lands a bill was in preparation to cure the latter difficulty. Klamath and Lake counties, as members of the group employing the attorney who was doing the work, knew the facts.

And even while the appeal from the land office rejection of the protest was being put together the bill, having been prepared and introduced, was pending in congress with every promise of favorable consideration.

The bill was prepared by Senator Cordon's former law partner, Frank S. Sever, in consultation with officials of the forest service in Washington, D. C. It was introduced in the house by Representative Colmer and in the senate by Senator Cordon.

Here, then, is another reason why the appeal should be withdrawn or, if prosecuted by the two counties, denied by the land office.

Washington Column

By Peter Edson

San Francisco, Calif.—With Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov gone from the San Francisco conference, the Soviet ambassador to Washington, Alexander A. Gromyko — pronounced Gro-mee-ko, with the accent on the Mee—becomes Mr. Big for the Russian delegation at the United Nations charter-writing and spelling bee.

He is younger than nearly all the other heads of missions here, being only 37. That would make him only nine years old at the time of the Bolshevik revolution in 1917, so he has grown up under communism.

As far as Washington society is concerned, his greatest material display of friendship comes at the annual October revolution anniversary receptions in the big limestone embassy formerly occupied by Czarist diplomats, four-and-a-half blocks up 16th street from the White House.

He was educated as an economist and for a time lectured at the Institute of Economics and the Academy of Science. Entering the government, at 30 he was in charge of the American section of the foreign office.

He knew practically no English when he arrived but has studied the language diligently, along with all the reports on manufac-

turing, economics, history and politics—the usual things expected of any career diplomat.

Today Gromyko has a good working knowledge of English and he gets about in the diplomatic set a bit more. But the Ambassador and Madam Gromyko are not, perhaps, as clubby with the White House and state department officials as were Maxim and Ivy Litvinov.

He was head of the Soviet delegation that helped draft Dumbarton Oaks proposals last fall and he has handled his government's affairs in Washington all through the difficult periods when second front, Polish, Finnish, Rumania, Yugoslav, and German occupation and reparations questions have been the big issues.

Bend's Yesterdays

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(May 24, 1920)
P. E. Holderman, former Prineville and Redmond resident, comes to Bend to launch a campaign to organize the "World Producers and Consumers League," with the avowed aim to crucify profiteers and back Woodrow Wilson for president.

E. D. Gilson and A. J. Moore return from a Woodmen of the World convention at Pendleton, and report that Bend has been chosen as the next meeting place of the organization.

Low wages have forced a large number of workers from Prineville and into Lakeview seeking jobs, according to a report from the latter town.

Two married men are to graduate from the Bend high school May 28, it becomes known here with the revelation that Merle Miller and Gladys Farnsworth and George Short and Madge Hunnell were recently married.

Mrs. George Jones returns from a visit with relatives and friends in Texas.

Frank Murphy of Silver Lake, spends the day in Bend.

Frank Peoples and Miss Ruby Davis recently obtained a marriage license from County Clerk J. H. Haner, it is reported today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davidson depart on a months trip through California and a length visit in Portland where Ellis and Davidson will attend the Shrine convention.

Others Say . . .

SLOVENLY LEGISLATION

(Salem Capitol Journal)
The suit filed in the circuit court to invalidate the local budget law which the last legislature presumed it had passed and which Governor Snell signed, demonstrates again the haphazard nature of the mechanics of legislation in Oregon—a system that permits the governor to sign and the

secretary of state to file a bill never passed by the legislature.

The records of the two houses show that the original bill originated in the house, passed by that body and went to the senate, which also approved it with certain amendments. Refusal by the house to accept the senate amendments sent the measure to a conference committee, which compromised the differences of the two houses and on the closing day of the session reported it back with a new set of amendments.

That the report of the conference committee was adopted by both the house and senate is also shown on the record, but the amendments were not embodied in the bill as it was delivered to the governor.

Inasmuch as the measure was a house bill, it was the business of the house enrolling committee to see to it that the amendments were written in proper form even before it went to the speaker for his signature.

House records reveal that the bill and the conference amendments went to the enrolling committee, and that the supposedly corrected bill was duly returned to the desk of the chief clerk and accepted for.

What actually happened to the amendments is one of those mysteries which develop out of every session because of the slipshod system of handling legislation to provide patronage jobs at the expense of efficiency.

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