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An Earned Vacation

Senator Charles L. McNary has returned to his picturesque Salem farm home for a much needed and well earned vacation. When congress adjourned he remained on the job looking after Oregon affairs despite the sweltering heat of the capital, and by so doing protected the state's interests in the public works and other programs.

As republican leader of the upper house, Senator McNary has become a national figure, and the tactical skill he displayed in cooperating with President Roosevelt has earned him the gratitude of the nation and the friendship of the executive, for he has taken the stand that patriotism is the highest type of partisanship and adjourned politics during the national emergency.

Among the accomplishments of Senator McNary since adjournment, have been his persistent and successful effort to commit the president to Columbia river improvement, and get the project underway; the saving of the Chemawa Indian school after its closure had been decreed; the apportionment of forest highway funds for Oregon projects; the federal loans for coast highway bridges and other public works and a multitude of minor activities concerning the welfare of the commonwealth.

Oregon is fortunate in having such a representative at the national capital for Charlie McNary has a knack of getting things done, rare even in Washington.

Cleanin' 'em Up

Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody has effectively and efficiently cleaned up the Jackson county political mess growing out of the turmoil and "revolution" that so long distracted the valley of the Rogue as a result of the machinations of Llewellyn A. Banks and County Judge Earl H. Fehl. Out of six trials held, there were five convictions and one acquittal, which speaks for the thoroughness of the prosecution.

Fehl was really the instigator of the "revolution" for he has been actively and persistently crusading for it for over 20 years. Ignorance, illiteracy and effrontery were in his case blended with cunning, suspicion and crookedness and he has been proven guilty of all the crimes he so long accused practically all public officials of. His four years prison sentence is mild punishment, considering that through his machinations there have been two homicides, numerous assaults, ballot robberies and a near civil war.

Banks has been convicted of murder in the second degree for slaying a peace officer attempting to serve summons on him and will be sentenced to life imprisonment this week. Though the organizer and leader of the "revolution", he was but a catspaw in Fehl's hands and plainly a victim of acute paranoia. His messianic complex secured a large morbid following of dupes.

Both Fehl and Banks secured their following through publishing newspapers. Neither had any training in newspaper work or knew anything about the craft they discredited, yet like many others whose only qualification is vilification and character assassination, they are styled "editors". Placing them in the penitentiary aids in the purification of the press.

Up In Canada

Ratification of prohibition repeal by the Oregon constitutional convention directs attention to the form of liquor regulation and control to be adopted after repeal has become an actuality. In this connection, the British Columbian plan is interesting.

Sale and distribution of liquor is a government monopoly. Whiskies, brandies, cordials, wine, etc., are sold only in package form through government stores. These stores open for a few hours only any day and the hours vary. Most of them open late and close early, and in some instances remain closed certain week days.

A permit is necessary to purchase liquor. Permits formerly cost \$2.00 a year. They are now reduced to 25 cents. Prices are high. Standard brands of whiskey cost from \$4.50 to over \$5 a quart and wines from \$1.50 up, other liquors in proportion. The government reaps the revenue. In this country the moonshiner would get it at such prices.

Beer, both bottled and draft, is sold in licensed parlors. No bars are permitted and customers must seat themselves at tables, where the bartender or barmaid serves them. Draft beer is 10 cents a large glass, bottled beer up to 25 cents a pint. Beer parlors open at 10 o'clock a. m., and close at 11 p. m. Regulations are strict, and sale to drunks, minors or Indians banned.

There is one thing hard to understand. The percentage of alcohol in B. C. beer must not exceed 8 percent and most of it approximates this figure, hence there is a kick in Canadian beer that our 3.2 does not possess. Another thing is the absurd regulation that beer cannot be served with meals and that beer parlors cannot supply a lunch of any kind with beer. Yet food should always be eaten with beer. The high alcoholic content of the beer and the ban on luncheons are plainly not in the interest of temperance.

SCHIFFERER'S HOME OPENED FOR GROUP

Central Howell—A number of local people, members of the Ladies Aid society of the Memorial church of Pratum, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schifferer and family near Turner. A potluck dinner was served at noon and the day was spent socially.

Those attending included Mrs. Elwin Herr, Mrs. W. C. Rutschman, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Steffen, Mrs. Andy Clark, Mrs. W. E. Nafziger, Mrs. W. A. Roth, the Misses Edna Herr, Evelyn Plunkett and Lucile Roth. Others were Mrs. J. B. Lehmann of Hazel Green; Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Beutler, Mrs. Walter Beutler, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Franz, Mrs. E. J. Welty, Mrs. Claud Ramsden, Mrs.

B. J. Krehbill, Mrs. Nick Gerig and Miss Martha Gerig, of Pratum; Mrs. Homer Ledy, Mrs. John Roth Sr., Mrs. Frank Wedel, Mrs. P. Thew, Mrs. Fred Muller and Miss Emma Schifferer, all of Salem, Miss Frieda Franz of Los Angeles, Miss Frieda Schifferer, Mrs. Fred Schifferer and daughters Mabel and Edith of Turner.

OHIO PEOPLE GATHER
Mill City—Those from Mill City who attended the Ohio reunion picnic at the municipal auto park in Salem Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mason, George Arthur and R. A. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cline and daughter Roberta, and Mrs. Nell Wachter and son Joseph.

Mehama—Misses Harriet Leach and Mary Beth Mooney, school teachers in the Mehama grade school this coming year were visitors here Sunday.

HEAR PROTESTS ON WYOMING DAM PROJECT

Washington, Aug. 8 (UP)—Controversy over the Casper-Alcova dam and reclamation project on the North Platte river in Wyoming is the first significant dispute in carrying out the \$3,300,000,000 public works program.

It was to be argued in hearings today before the public works board headed by Secretary of Interior Ickes.

President Roosevelt became a supporter of the project through the enthusiasm of Senator Kendrick of Wyoming who wished to obtain this \$22,700,000 public works project for his state. President Roosevelt regarded it as an opportunity to develop his land utilization policy. The dam would permit reclamation of 66,000 acres of fertile land to which farmers could be moved from inferior land not capable of supporting them.

There was opposition to the project in the interior department. It was considered by the public works board and no action was taken. Then President Roosevelt advised the board he had approved the project. This is said to be the first instance under the public works program where a project was approved by the White House before sanctioned by the public works board.

When Colorado state officials protested against the project today's hearing was ordered. Governor Leslie A. Miller of Wyoming and state officials of Colorado asked to appear.

Arguments raised against the project include the assertion that the reclamation will cost \$300 an acre. It is asserted a farmer could not support this overhead and that good land is available not so far away at \$75 to \$100 an acre.

The Colorado contention is that this makes the project uneconomical.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
BY PAUL MALLON

Washington, Aug. 8—Even some who are very close to the throne could not understand why President Roosevelt chose Walter Teagle on the new N.R.A. labor mediation board. Only a week ago administration bow men were shooting at the Standard Oil chief with pointed publicity arrows. Some shafts came from very near the White House. The Moffett resignation was the cause.

A lot has happened backstage since then. It is important because it discloses the general co-operative spirit which is taking hold inside industry and the N.R.A. industrialists are coming closer daily to the necessities of the situation. The Johnson crowd is finding it can use molasses as well as vinegar.

Team play is the thing they are striving for—and getting. What happened in the Teagle case was this: General Johnson received a note from Teagle after the publicity of the Moffett resignation. No one will say exactly what was in it. The gist was that Teagle's resignation from the advisory board was available. Apparently Teagle's advisors felt that he was being very poorly rewarded for giving up his summer salmon fishing and working along here in the N.R.A.

It was costing his firm considerable money. All they were getting out of it was bad publicity. Also there seemed to be considerable doubt as to whether they were wholeheartedly in sympathy with what was being done.

To stop that impression, they joined the blanket code without waiting for the specific oil code to be finished. Also they started an advertising campaign to prove their good faith. Johnson had no intention of letting an experienced man like Teagle get away from him. Teagle ran the share-the-work campaign for Hoover and knows what it is all about.

So the general laughed off the proposed resignation. He sent word back to the Standard Oil crowd that no one questioned their good faith. He and Teagle became considerably closer friends.

To prove the confidence of the government in Teagle's services along came the announcement a few days later from Hyde Park that he was honored with the labor council appointment. Of course, Johnson arranged it.

Now all is forgiven and forgotten. The arrows have been dropped by both sides. They are handing around the peace pipe.

Pay-off—The secret of Machado's domination in Cuba is supposed to be the Cuban lottery. At least, that is the explanation offered by certain confidential men who recently investigated the situation there for our officials. They say Machado appoints district representatives for the big cash prize sweepstakes. These representatives receive a substantial allowance on each ticket sold.

For these jobs, Machado invariably chooses members of the Cuban congress.

Down underneath all the current jockeying about Cuba is the firm conviction high in the Roosevelt administration that intervention must be avoided at all costs.

We have the treaty right to send troops there, but we won't. Such a step would make our Manchurian policy look ridiculous. Also it would arouse the Latin-Americans just at a time when we are trying to make them forget about our tariffs.

Council Again Snarled Over Puzzling Issue Of Buying Water Plant

The city council has reached another one of its periodical snarls on the water question, and what the next step will be no one can even guess. Alderman S. A. Hughes, chairman of the utilities committee, moved last night for reconsideration of the question, and got it. But as soon as he got it the council got all tangled up over the question, then went into star chamber session to avoid publicity and got tangled up still more.

At the closed session, according to information that leaked out, there was such a divergence of opinion that no agreement could be reached, so the boys called it a night and went home.

When the council met last night it had the formal rejection by the Oregon-Washington Water Service company of the city's offer of \$705,000 for the plant which the company asks \$1,000,000 for.

Alderman Dave O'Hara attempted to soothe the ruffled aldermen by suggesting that the council ought to have a special informal meeting in a week or so to get all available information. He said he knew Alderman Hughes had a lot of it that he had never divulged.

The council liked O'Hara's suggestion so well that it voted to have the special meeting forthwith, so, as soon as adjournment had been voted, the aldermen went to the city engineer's office.

Alderman Hendricks offered what looked like a very practical suggestion. He considered it so practical that he put it in the form of a motion. It was that a new special committee be created with plenty of power to act, including authority to make an offer to the water company and then come back and tell the council what was going to be done.

On this committee Hendricks wanted Vandevort and Wilkinson because, while flatly opposed to each other, both admitted they knew something about the trading business. For the third member he wanted Mayor McKay. The motion got no second.

Except that the talk was mainly about the water problem and that no conclusions were reached nothing has leaked out about the closed meeting. Newspapersmen were told that they couldn't go in for the reason that some of the boys wanted to talk without being quoted.

NEW PARK POPULAR

Mill City—A group of Mill City people picnicked at the new Silver Falls state park near Silverton Sunday. Those driving over were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ladd, Miss Alma Sarpola, Mr. and Mrs. John Daves and children, Virginia and Bobby, and Henry Schmidbauer.

Aumsville—Miss Eleanor Nelson of Portland has been visiting with Miss Alice Jensen the past week.

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An unique variation of the eternal triangle, picturing the selfish woman who intervenes between her son and his wife with her abnormal maternal love, is the dramatic theme of "The Silver Cord," starring Irene Dunne at the Elsinore theater Wednesday and Thursday.

The dominating Mrs. Phelps is the mother who is substantially the "other woman" because her devotion to her two sons wrecks a marriage. When David Phelps brought his wife Christina to his mother's household, both immediately had to contend with Mrs. Phelps' selfish regard for David. Christina not bearing Mrs. Phelps' overwrought

sentiment promptly leaves David, willing to face the future alone with a forthcoming baby, thus bringing on a crisis.

Clingman, Johnson Wrestle to a Draw
Portland, Ore., Aug. 8 (UP)—Otis Clingman, 151, of Oklahoma City, and Gust Johnson, 162, of Minneapolis, were given a draw in their one-hour main event on last night's wrestling card.

Bulldog Jackson, 158, of Klamath Falls, took two out of three to win the semi-windup from Young Albert, 162, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Mickey McGuire, 157, West Salem, defeated Dorry Delton, 156, Salt Lake City, taking two falls out of three.

BROOKS VISIT ENDS
Brooks—Miss Letta Wallace has returned to her home near Salem after spending the past week at Brooks visiting old friends. Miss Wallace was a former teacher in the Brooks grade school and is now employed as teacher in the Coquille city schools.

Brooks—Mr. and Mrs. Chris Otto have returned from Iowa where they spent the past winter with relatives. They are now with their daughters at Independence.



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