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Mistaken Judgment

Undertaking to interpret Senator McNary's recent statement that improvement of the Pacific highway to modern standards, as Oregon's link of the projected international motor artery, is the most important highway job in the state today, the Oregon Journal exempts to exempt the Wolk Creek shortcut from Portland to the sea from the senator's catalog of projects of lesser importance.

In defense of its pet project the Journal asserts that the state highway commission would be justified in concentrating all possible money and materials upon completion of the uncompleted 17 mile section of the Wolk creek road as a service and convenience to half a million people.

What the Journal does not say is that such a concentration of the state's highway building resources would be at the expense of the orderly development of the rest of the state, and discrimination against roads of far greater economic importance and abandonment of the highway commission's sound policy of allocating road monies in relation to actual and indicated traffic demands.

Except to provide a free means of transportation for logging operators who are already denuding the roadside along that portion of the road already built, the Wolk creek shortcut will serve no commercial end. It is purely a pleasure road to serve the convenience of Portland vacationists during four or five months of the year.

The reaction of the rest of the state to any attempt to divert more state highway funds to construction of the Wolk creek road at this time would probably convince the Journal that it is mistaken in its judgment of what constitutes justification for such an expenditure.

Welcome Stations

Instead of treating the automobile tourist as a suspected criminal and searching his baggage on entrance to the state, and confiscating any fruit in his possession under suspicion that he might import fruit pests as California does, Governor Martin has decided to welcome the visitors in the name of Oregon, give them any requested information on the state and its highways and supply them with literature regarding its scenic wonders.

Greeters at the state line will be state police officers, under direction of the highway commission and Chief of Police Pray. The tourists will be made to feel at home, shown every courtesy, and hospitably assisted by a hospitable state.

California's absurd inspection stations are a complete essay in futility. They were established during the scare some years ago, over the mythical Mediterranean fruit fly, which infests European citrus groves. A fake emergency was created. There has never been such a fly found in California, for they cannot live except in tropical or semi-tropical climates. As for other orchard or plant pests, California already has them all, and has stocked the entire country with them, having imported them from distant regions when the importing was good.

The inspection idea was seized upon by politicians to provide easy jobs for their rapidly growing bureaucracy, and supported by the fruit industry of southern California to protect its citrus fruit monopoly by excluding Florida and other oranges, grape fruit and lemons. If other states followed the same selfish and greedy policy and barred California products, where would the golden state find the markets for her fruit?

Irony of Fate

When Max Schmeling unexpectedly defeated Joe Louis in the ring, his victory was hailed by Herr Hitler as the crowning triumph of the Nordic and Aryan racial superiority, and he was saluted as a national nazi hero. All this in spite of the fact that Schmeling had received no word of encouragement before the battle, but had been censured for tackling the supposed invincible "Black Bomber" and thereby disgracing the nation.

So something of the irony of fate is seen in the fact that negro athletes head the American contestants at the Olympic games, which fact must shocker Fuehrer as badly as if displaced Jews won the Olympic finals. Perhaps it was the heat of a blazing summer sun that enabled some of these sons of the tropics to win the final tryouts against record holders, but whatever the cause, all of the victors have fairly won their laurels and been victors in many fields.

Of Jessie Owens' ability there can be no question, for he is a record holder in his own right and easily won the 100 and 200 meter runs as well as the broad-jump. Cornelius Johnson and Dave Albritton set a new record for the high jump. Archie Williams won the 400 meter test, John Woodruff the 800 meter artist. After 800 meters, the whites took over the racing events.

Whether the best American bets can do as well in the moister and cooler atmosphere of Germany as under the torrid sun of a New York drought spell, remains to be seen, but the chances are good for a humbling of absurd nazi pride.

HISTORY LEGENDS GO INTO JUNKPILE

London (UP)—One of the few remaining unchallenged British historical legends has been debunked at last.
The romantic story that Sir Charles Napier announced the conquest of the Indian province of Sind by sending a telegram to the governor-general containing the Latin word "Nepocum," which means "I have sinned," was debunked in the House of Lords.
The Marquis of Zetland, secretary for India, told his fellow peers that although he doubted to spoil a good story, investigation revealed there was no foundation for the Napier legend.
Debunkers discovered that Wellington did not give the famous

command, "Up, Guards and at 'em," at Waterloo, and that Nelson did not signal, "England expects every man to do his duty," at Trafalgar.
Cynical students of history, are expecting some meddlesome debunker to discover that Napoleon never said anything about an army marching on its stomach and that the Duke of Wellington never said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton.
VISITS IN GATES
Gates—Robert Willis, formerly of this section, was at the Oliver Farm, H. N. Wilson, Paul Ratsburg and Sam Donnell homes for several days visiting his old-time friends as he was returning to his work on the Grand Coulee dam in Washington.
Four bronze caskets containing priceless jeweled ornaments have been found by French archaeologists while excavating in an ancient Egyptian temple at Thebes.

Life's Little Tragedies



News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 13—The spirit of President Roosevelt's social democracy here has perked up considerably since the drought. Most of them seem to be actually gleeful on the side. They call it "one of those Roosevelt breaks of luck."
In their interpretation, the situation has provided Mr. Roosevelt with an opportunity to display his campaign wares in the best possible light.

For example, the rural resettlement administration of Prof. Tugwell was dying on its feet. It was being anti-pedaled to a considerable extent; its publicity force was recently dismantled; Tugwell was being kept in hiding from the public sight. Few of Mr. Roosevelt's social democrats were sufficiently social to want to defend it or Tugwell on their record of achievement.

Since the drought, Mr. Roosevelt has resuscitated both Tugwell and resettlement. Rushed them forward as one of the most important federal activities. He has carefully outlined at every opportunity the work they will do in removing afflicted farmers to water and more productive enterprise elsewhere.

The emergency has thus furnished justification and use for an enterprise which was being carried on the new deal books as a liability.

Note—Another buried bureau which the drought similarly brought forth from the grave is the commodity credit corporation.

Cheer—A contributing factor in the new glee is the Oklahoma primary results. The surprising showing of Congressman Lee in the senatorial race was gratifying because he went down the line for everything Mr. Roosevelt wanted in his congressional term.

No less pleasing were the results showing the Townsendite polled only a fraction of the total number of democratic votes and the votes cast in the republican primary were not comparable to the democratic total.

Grooming—Postmaster General Farley's selection of Representative Sam Rayburn as chairman of the democratic speakers bureau had more behind it than the choice of a speaker master who knows the ropes.

Democratic congressmen recognized it as a move to build up Mr. Rayburn in the event he decides to seek either the speakership or the majority leadership of the house at the next session. Vice President Garner is believed to have had something to do with it.

Mr. Rayburn, in his new party job, will be in close contact throughout the campaign with democratic candidates for congress who will elect the next speaker and floor leader. It is an excellent move for him because he has not been much in the public eye lately.

Jump—Four years ago Mr. Farley named Representative John McDuffie to an important post at democratic headquarters. McDuffie was then Garner's candidate for the speakership. McDuffie handled congressional phases of the campaign, more or less overlapping the activities of the regular congressional campaign committee appointed by the house leaders. The move, however, was not successful, as he lost the speakership contest.

Jump—The score on political prognostics is now: Democrats 84, republicans 5.
You can confirm the totals with the latest copies of the congressional record, an adding machine and a little patience.

It is customary at the end of congressional sessions for the politicians to pack that official transcript of house and senate proceedings with all kinds of speech making material. This year several supplements of the record have been issued since congress expired and debate necessarily closed. More are coming. But so far, 34 of the 80 published pages have been occupied with all those speeches delivered at the Philadelphia national convention, together with political statements by Senators Robinson and Hayden. Republicans slipped in five pages of their competing propaganda, while the other thirty pages went to small fry congressmen.

Political Leadership Of Oregon Muddled as Meeting Dates Near

Portland, July 13 (UP)—The drive for the chairmanships of the republican and democratic state central committees is in the home stretch this week with an abundance of candidates, predictions of victories and uncertainty for all.

The democratic committee meets first next Saturday afternoon, while the republicans go into a huddle a week from today.

In the race for democratic honors, five names were being mentioned for the post vacated by George Wilbur, of Hood River, and the owners of two of them were openly seeking the post, while the others were in a "receptive" mood.

The more-complicated republican race bore the earmarks of a battle, with Chairman Arthur Prialux, of Clatsop, announcing over the week-end that he would seek reelection over the desire of some influential Portlanders for a new leader.

The active democratic candidates are Fred Flak, Eugene, and Jack Caulfield, Tillamook, who said they hoped to win the job, while Dr. Joseph F. Wood, Portland, and Claude McCulloch, Klamath Falls, said they would serve if the party asked it. The fifth candidate reported was Floyd Bilyeu, Portland WPA official.

McCulloch said he believed the party organization "has degenerated into a cat-and-dog fight over jobs," with the situation centered "chiefly" in Multnomah county. He said a clean-up was needed.

In the republican picture besides Prialux, were Walter Toose, chairman of the recent Oregon national convention delegation and Portland lawyer, who said he would decide upon his attitude toward the campaign of his friends "if the necessity arises." Ben Dorris, Eugene, defeated in the primary race for national committeeman, said he would be "ready" if the party called. Lars Bladine, McMinnville publisher, was understood to be in a "receptive" mood.

A group of other republicans, T. H. Banfield, Portland business man, Charles Sprague, Salem publisher, C. E. Ingalls, Corvallis publisher, Lowell Paget, president of the Oregon republican clubs, A. D. Katz, Portland insurance executive, Wilber Henderson and Harold Warner, Portland lawyers, all said they were not candidates.

Century Plant Too Early by 92 Years
Greenfield, O. (UP)—A "century plant," member of the amaryllis family that derives its name from the supposition that it flowers bloom only once in 100 years, bloomed recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellenberger, but was 92 years ahead of schedule.

The plant, which has grown to a height of six feet in eight years, bore two white flowers which remained open about six hours.

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who published personal boosts for themselves and their causes. Only one congressman used the space for the laudable purpose of setting forth his full voting record on every important item of legislation since he was elected.
Note—The congressional record is so highly favored because reprints of it can be mailed free to all the 38,000,000 voters and their friends.

Thanks—The reason General Farley has such a kindly feeling toward Senator Borah is because Mr. Borah was one of the few republican senators who voted against Huey Long's resolution for an investigation of Farley last year.

TORTURER OF VICE WITNESS HELD KNOWN

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by police early Sunday after a telephone operator heard a weak call for help over the wire, was at the District of Columbia women's bureau today, suffering considerable pains from the cuts on her right thigh and abdomen.

Washington and New York detectives were checking every detail of her story that the killer entered her apartment early Sunday, felled her with a blow to the face, tore off her nightgown, cut her with a razor sharp instrument, then bound her and stalked out after turning on the gas.

The girl herself was the first to point out that the "C L" carved in letters four inches tall on her right thigh were the initials of Luciano, recently sentenced to 30 to 50 years in Sing Sing as the leader of organized vice in New York. She also called attention to the fact that "3-12" stands for the position of those initials in the alphabet.

The girl said that, some weeks ago, Luciano's representatives approached her in New York. She said they wanted her to sign her name to an article, intended for publication in a newspaper, picturing Luciano as a "pretty swell guy" and intimating that he had been "framed" in the recent sensational vice trial in New York. Luciano is seeking his freedom through an appeal.

MUSICIAN OF NOTE PLAYS FOR INSTITUTIONS

Bob Gooding, known throughout a large part of the world as "The Wandering Minstrel," and who devotes his talent and his means to making life brighter for the unfortunate, is in Salem for a series of appearances before state institutions and clubs.

Son of an English soldier, General Sir Robert Gooding, he was reared in a military atmosphere and was once a soldier of fortune. And he has seen service in many wars, among them the fighting on the Indian frontier in 1897, the Boer war, Boxer uprising, a campaign in Egypt, the Mexican border trouble in 1916 when he was in the American cavalry, and the World war.

Mr. Gooding is a musician, known as the world's foremost saxophone player, and once he was the highest paid soloist with Sousa's famous band. He served similarly with Victor Herbert, and has played before King George and Queen Mary of England.

Whatever he makes with his programs, a combination of musical entertainment and lecture, he gives away to the poor, the lame, the blind. It is estimated that he has given away more than \$1,000,000, for once he was in the "big money." Money is no lure to him personally, and now he thumbs his way about the country, going, as he says "from hospital cot to asylum."

Yesterday morning Mr. Gooding appeared at State Hospital for the Insane. In the afternoon he was at the state penitentiary and the Methodist Old Peoples home. Tonight at 7 o'clock he will be at the State Tuberculosis hospital at 8 o'clock Tuesday he will appear before the Kiwanis club at noon and at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Fair-

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view home, Wednesday night at 7:30 he will entertain the boys at the State Training school at Woodburn, and Thursday he will be guest speaker and entertainer at the Lions club. He is a graduate of the Royal College of Music in London and of the Royal Military School of Music.

PRINCE HOLDS HUNT RECORD

Paul, France (UP)—Frederick II, Prince of Brabant has completed his 25th year as master of foxhounds at Pau. He is considered one of the best in the trade in France.

He was named master in 1910 and his term of service has lasted longer than that of the 27 huntmen who preceded him as master at the Pau Hunt, which was founded in 1842. Only two Frenchmen have been presidents since that time, the others were either English or Americans.

Many well known personalities have attended these hunts, including Edward VII, King of England, who was then Prince of Wales. The Duke of Wellington, was the first to hunt fox there.

Red coats, green collars, pale yellow waistcoats and white breeches with turned-top hunting boots, are the regulation costume for hunters. Most of the hunting takes place over a tract of country, 30 miles in length, along the valley of the Gave de Pau, a fast flowing river in southern France. This region is rich in natural obstacles, and the Pau hunting entails much jumping.



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