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SCOOP OF THE MONTH!

Always first with the worst, that's The Miner, and in this instance we scoop the journalistic fraternity by being the first to quote the birds most affected by President Roosevelt's moving ahead a week of this year's Thanksgiving date.

Seeing an unusual opportunity, a staff reporter was rushed to surrounding turkey ranches for the inside dope, which sounded more like advice for diners than criticism of the chief executive: "Gobble, gobble!" was their terse comment.

GIVE THE FORESTS A BREAK!

Many of Oregon's forest fires this summer are believed to have been set by incendiaries. Whether fired purposely or as the result of carelessness, they are costly in loss of timber, soil protection and scenery.

Apparently timbered states will have to suit punishment of careless smokers and firebugs to the situation rather than to the act. That it is easy for a thoughtless smoker to flip a cigaret from a car window without meaning harm to anything can not be considered as extenuating when we realize the terrific cost of carelessness.

Where fires are deliberately set as the result of spite or labor trouble, no punishment can be too severe. And should it develop that some of our timber blazes are the result of labor difficulties, workmen should be the most insistent that their unions be purged of all vicious tactics.

If it becomes necessary, in order to save our remaining timber, then measures taken to protect forests must be made more severe in application and punishment. Carelessness must be weeded out and strict enforcement of strong measures will help. As for firebugs, capital punishment would be none too good for them.

ANOTHER DAM WEEKLY!

While newspapers in the daily field have been suffering casualties, weeklies have been gaining, according to such good authority as our own Miner Staff Writer who scribes Of All Things. Well, folks, guess us once-a-weekers'll take a bow.

Among the new entries in the weekly field we note with interest is a colorful creation at Colbert, Okla., where The Dam Paper has been launched. Colbert is the nearest site to the proposed Red River dam project and this will be its first newspaper in 20 years. The paper's slogan has been selected: "We print all the dam news in the country."

Well, not only are the weeklies more than holding their own—even through depression years—but also they are adding the spice, the verve to journalism that big daily standardization has taken away.

WORK TOGETHER—OR NO WORK!

Big business—that group of financial leaders whose mouthpiece is the United States Chamber of Commerce—has been wailing and complaining that the administration was cramping its style and blocking recovery. They fear the White House, congress and the shadow of the American flag.

Now, with congress gone home after a do-nothing session, and with the President on a vacation boatripe, business will have its chance to show what it can do from the driver's seat. Let us hope past complaints have been something more than two-bit politics.

Unless business booms and family pots are stuffed with a chicken and two-car garages are filled by winter, then big business will have failed as completely as has the new deal. At least, business will have failed in as great a measure as did the administration.

It wasn't so very many years ago that business complained about cut-throat competition blocking recovery. While industrial leaders shouted an eager willingness to set things right, they blamed labor, competition, tariff rates, the weather and Europe for being

LIFE'S BYWAYS!



THE ABSENT MINDED ORCHESTRA LEADERS (OF A MUSICAL COMEDY PLAY) DECIDES TO VACATION AT THE SHORE FOR A CHANGE OF SCENERY—AND BIT OF DIVERSION!

unable to wave the magic wand that changes past-due notices into dollar bills.

When the administration took up the banner for business then the so-called industrial leadership of the nation, instead of cooperating to the fullest extent for their mutual benefit, turned obstructionist and said, in effect, "Let's do it, but NEVER that way!" And government has been thwarted in many of its sincere efforts to right an ailing economy.

As states, America is a united nation, but as social groups, we are at swords-point when we ought to be pulling together. We would do well to remember that economically, too, united we stand, divided we fall.

OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

RECENT comparative proximity of the earth and Mars gave rise to a couple of experiments to attempt to communicate with the other sphere but the scientists report no results. Our guess is that even if the signals were received the Martians would not care to answer as they must have some idea of the mess that things are in on this planet.

Now that by signing it the President has hatched the Hatch bill, we wonder what will become of the Ben Cohen-Tommy Corcoran combination. The Hatch bill prohibits political activity by certain government employees, exempting among others, presidential appointees who are subject to senate confirmation. Ostensibly the two bright boys just mentioned are the legal heads of a couple of the new deal agencies but at times they have been feverishly active in support of administration candidates and measures.

Two trillion board feet of timber still are standing in the US and the west, with 26 per cent of the commercial forest area, embraces 80 per cent of the saw timber and 90 per cent of the virgin timber in the country. And 42 per cent of the potential water power is contained in the Columbia river basin. Cascade Locks, Ore., is the first permanent customer for Bonneville power.

Three oil well fire specialists arrived in New York City from Texas by plane and took off for Arabia on the Atlantic Clipper, where they were called to work on a fire which has been burning for three weeks.

N. W. Ayer and Son, newspaper directory publishers, report that in the daily field there have been 32 casualties with eight new ones starting. The weeklies showed a gain of 25, 89 starting and 64 suspending publication and a net loss of 17 in the trade journal and magazine field. This leaves the country with 19,361 publications which still leaves an abundant "Letter to the Editor" field.

Things must be picking up and the foraging is better. Yellowstone National park officials report that there has been a drop from 84 to 23 people bitten by bears there this year.

STANDARDIZE PRESERVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special Public hearings will start Sept. 11 in Washington to establish standards for preserves under the auspices of the department of agriculture. The standards are planned to affect fruit jam, fruit jelly and fruit butter. All interested persons are invited to appear or send affidavits. Definitions and standards of identity were published in the Federal Register Aug. 11 and can be obtained from the superintendent of documents, government printing office, Washington, D. C.

What Other Editors Are Saying!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN HOT!

The heat over in Jackson county during the last few weeks must have been a whole lot worse than anyone realized. We've heard of it being so hot that a man thought he saw water that wasn't there, but when it gets to the point where a fishway running full of water looks absolutely dry, well—that IS hot. Of course, Medford's "millionaire" sportsmen have always been subject to some queer hallucinations, on the subject of fish, even in the winter.—Grants Pass Bulletin.

SENTIMENT IN 'PROGRESS'

During the few days of last week when the thermometer hovered around and above the 100 mark, the employees of the Mirror shop had cause to bless the master mind which was responsible for removing the shade tree which formerly stood in front of the building. Instead of receiving a partial protection from the sun as in previous years, the Mirror building windows danced in the full glare of the sun. The tree was removed last winter in the name of progress, or some such rot.

It took about 25 years for the Lord to produce that tree, but it required only a few minutes to cut it down. No town gets too big to have a few trees scattered around its streets, believe it or not. It is a pity that "progress" cannot be tempered with a little sentiment occasionally.—Zillah (Wash.) Mirror.

THE BATTLE RAGES ON!

Quoting Editor Leonard Hall in the Southern Oregon (Ashland) Miner: "Clark Wood maintains that he is Weston's leading editor. With that Oregon hamlet boasting but a filling station, a bar and Clark's so-called newspaper, he may be right for once. At least, he's got more lead than anybody else north of Pendleton."

Neither has this hamlet a jail—which is the reason why we haven't invited our esteemed Ashland brother to Weston. He would miss his usual accommodations.—Weston (Ore.) Leader.

WHAT ARE THE 'OAKIES' WORTH?

A California man telling about the "Okies" down in that state, related that they "make life hard" down there for the rubber tramps, as the battered car travelers are called. Many are from Oklahoma, hence the appellation of Okies applies to any emigrant who has little or no money and is coming into the state from the drought sections.

The federal government is giving special attention to these migrants, who have been found to be, in the main, very good citizens, seeking a new home but unfortunately without money. The Farm Securities administration also is giving attention to this class of needy citizens who as the California man indicated were having life made hard for them. Without money and looking for a job at any price, they are not exactly what any community would want. Yet, hasn't that been true of the "tramps" of all ages and time, pioneers and homeseekers? Much

Car Registration Here Topped by Cave City

Nonresident motor vehicle registration in Oregon during the month of July totaled 31,721, an increase of 3042 over the registration for the same month a year ago, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said this week.

Registration for the year to date totaled 84,735 cars, compared to 81,175 for the same period in 1938. The increase this July is approximately 10 per cent.

Cave City registered the largest number of visiting cars, reporting 5305. Ashland was second with 4305 and Brookings was third with 4187. Others in the first 10 were Grants Pass, 1881; Medford, 1600; Umatilla, 1521; Bend, 1224; Gold Beach, 1175; Klamath Falls, 1116, and Arlington, 964.

There were 14,981 California cars registered in the state during the month, to bring that state's total for the year to date to 40,016. Washington cars totaled 4876; Canada cars totaled 1203 and there was one each from China, Singapore, Central America, South America and the Dutch West Indies.

- Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wenter left for their home in Ross, Calif., Sunday following a visit here at the home of Mrs. W. C. Polk.
- Bill Jungwirth of Klamath Falls visited with friends and relatives here last week-end.
- Don and Tom Gettling of Melba, Ida, are visiting here with friends.
- Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Tilton returned recently from a vacation spent at Yachats.
- MacKenzie Roberson is spending several days at Lake o' the Woods.
- Irene Cuthbertson of Klamath Falls visited here last week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Dan Cuthbertson.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bowman and Mrs. Bud Gandee and son made a trip to Diamond and Crater Lakes Sunday.

as we might hate to admit it, we know that economic conditions have caused men and women to pack their few belongings and start on perilous treks to far lands. Did not the Israelites of old wander to far distant new lands and worse than the Okies, they "spied out the land" and went in and wrested it from those who already dwelt therein.

Perhaps the "tin can tramps" as they also have been called are not entirely worthless and a menace. True they may not have a piece of money that someone might be able to take away from them, but they may have much that is worth salvaging in energy, initiative and vision.

On the other hand, like pioneers of old, if they have energy and initiative, they need not long be broke and down at the heel. It is a heritage to come up from the shanty as well as the log cabin and what the pioneer of a hundred years ago contended with, without government help, probably was at the least consideration, 10 times as tough as the emigrant of today must face at its very worst.—Roseburg Chieftain.

Phone Office Installs Customer Deposit Box

According to Manager Harold Aikins, the Ashland office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has installed a deposit box for the convenience of customers at their Oak street entrance.

The deposit box, which may be used before and after regular office hours and during the noon hour, is supplemented by a box containing a supply of envelopes, into which remittances may be sealed and dropped into the deposit slot.

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