

'MYSTERY' METAL OF OREGON DRAWS MITCHELL'S SCORN

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"Have you seen any of the mysterious white metal found in Oregon?"

This question has been asked me dozens of times the last five years. On several occasions some ordinary volcanic rocks have been given me with the assurance that all I had to do to get the metal was to heat it in the stove. So far none of them have yielded anything.

The qualities of this hypothetical element are truly marvelous. It is soft enough to cut with a knife; yet it will scratch glass. A thin plate of it can be beaten into any shape with a small hammer; yet a high powered rifle cannot penetrate it. It is easily obtained; yet its reduction is a secret to only a few men. And more marvelous than anything else, it cannot be named! No one has been able to classify and name it. Talk about this mysterious metal is too ridiculous for a sane man to have to listen to; yet a great many men seem to believe it.

Undoubtedly there are elements yet to be found. It is not beyond possibility that new metals with unusual qualities will be found. Indeed, if any are, they will have unusual characteristics, too unusual for the average man to discover. Some metals go in groups like aluminum, thorium, yttrium, zirconium, cerium, terbium, cerium, lanthanum and didymium. It takes an unusual knowledge of chemistry and a completely equipped laboratory to separate and distinguish these metals. But as unusual as they were when found, they were named.

Since a name gives no real clue to the physical or chemical properties, anybody who makes a discovery may give it a name. Certainly any new element or group of elements will have an atomic weight that can be ascertained sufficiently to distinguish it from other metals. Its boiling point, hardness, resistance to acids and many other characteristics will also be ascertained and catalogued and they will make up its determination. Once all those characteristics are known and a name is given the metal, it will take its place in the long list of elements that are not any more mysterious than say lead or zinc.

On one occasion a friend of mine obtained a specimen of this mysterious metal. It turned out to be aluminum. It is too bad that so many persons go about wanting to be fooled. Mysticism and ignorance are natural companions.

For the average prospector gold, silver, lead, zinc, copper, chromium, manganese, tungsten and other well known elements form life "mysterious" combinations to keep him busy the rest of his life separating and making them marketable. The mysterious white metal of Oregon exists only in the imagination.

GRANGE BOX SOCIAL AT C. P. TOMORROW

Central Point, June 19.—(Spl.)—Central Point will have an old-fashioned box social Friday evening with pretty boxes full of good things to eat to be auctioned off and the winners eating lunch with the girls who brought the boxes.

Money raised is to be sent to the national grange as a contribution toward building the grange home in Washington, D. C.

This is the Grangers' diamond jubilee celebration and with the box social in the capable hands of Brother Ed Vincent and Sister Velma McCredie a good time is guaranteed.

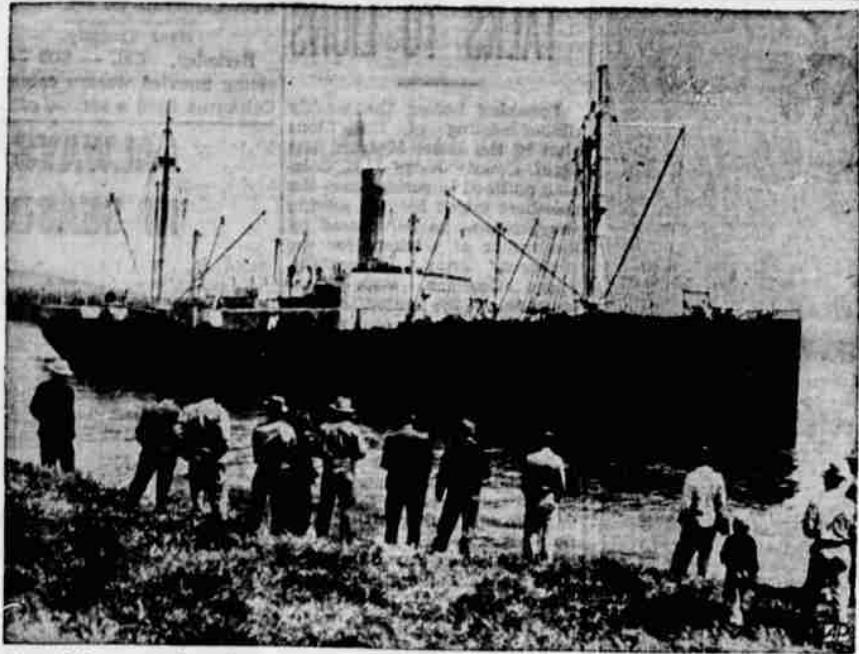
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Grounded on a reef a mile south of Point Conception, Calif., in a dense fog, the American Hawaiian line freighter Lowan resisted efforts by the coast guard to free her and is shown awaiting arrival of a salvage vessel. The 5,000-ton ship is loaded with defense materials.

APPLAGATE HOLDS MANY VIOLATING SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Big Applagate, June 19.—(Spl.)—Annual elections in the numerous school districts here occurred Monday with the following results:

Little Applagate: Cliff Dunnington was elected a new director, and Harold Crump re-elected clerk. Watkins: Mrs. Albert Collins and Mrs. Bert Harr re-elected director and clerk; Uniontown, Fred Straube and Louis Straube were re-elected director and clerk. Ruch: Sterling: Mrs. Grace Hall and Mrs. Harlan Cantrill were elected to the new offices of director and clerk. Applagate: Melvin Rowden and Mrs. Lee Wallis were newly elected as director and clerk. Beaver Creek: Louis Culy was elected new director and Ed Walker was re-elected clerk. This district will call a special meeting in the near future to discuss consolidation with Ruch.

ASHLAND GIRL AMONG TOP OREGON STUDENTS

Eugene, June 19.—(A)—"A" grades in all subjects were received last term by 22 University of Oregon students, Assistant Registrar C. L. Constance announced today.

Included in the list were: Walter Krause, Canby; Lolita Pierson, Ashland; Perry J. Powers, Salem; Clyde L. Rose, Corvallis, and Claretha Roselund, Roseburg.

Josephine Convicts Start Sentences

Grants Pass, June 19.—(A)—Carl Wood, Murphy road riding school operator sentenced to two years for livestock theft, and Harry Glenn Keithly, Cave Junction, sentenced to one year for involuntary manslaughter in a highway death, were scheduled to enter state prison today in custody of Sheriff A. Donley Barnes.

BLOWOUT BRINGS DEATH WHEN AUTO HITS TREE

Willows, Calif., June 19.—(A)—Walter B. White of Redmond, Ore., died today in Chico hospital of injuries suffered near Orland late yesterday when a tire on his car blew out and the machine crashed into a tree. Mrs. White and their two children were in the hospital suffering from internal injuries.

Weather

Northern California: Fair tonight and Friday, but considerable cloudiness in extreme north portion; moderate temperature; moderate northwest wind off the coast except variable north of Cape Mendocino.

The nation has about 8,500 draft boards.

Minnesota has 11,007 lakes.

Tired Kidneys Often Bring Sleepless Nights

Doctors say your kidneys contain 15 million of tiny tubes or filaments which help to purify the blood and keep you healthy. When they get tired and don't work right in the daytime, they may cause you to get up at night. Frequent urination during the night is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder. Don't neglect this condition and lose valuable, restful sleep. This condition may result in your blood, it may also cause nagging backache, rheumatism, uric acid, leg pains, loss of sex and energy, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headache and dizziness.

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ASTORIA, ORE., JUNE 19.—(A)—Failure of Oregon firms to keep proper records is resulting in wide-spread violations of the wages and hours law, delegates to the state AFL convention here were told yesterday.

Charles Elrey, Oregon wage-hour director, said that investigations had been followed by restitution to workers of more than \$150,000 in back pay.

At Eugene 75 per cent of 120 firms investigated were found to be violating the law, he said, and in the Coos Bay area violations were made by 171 out of 182 firms.

Radio Highlights

By the Associated Press
Time is Pacific Standard
Tonight, war schedule—4:30 MBS, 4:55 CBS, 5:30 NBC-blue, 6:00 MBS, 6:30 NBC-blue, 6:45 CBS, 8:00 NBC-CBS, 8:30 MBS, NBC-Red—6:30, Good Neighbors, Ecuador.
NBC-Blue—4, Stanford U. anniversary, symposium on "The University and the Future of America." MBS—4:15, Sky Over Britain.
Friday, war schedule—4 a. m., NBC-CBS, 4:55 NBC-blue, 6:00 NBC-blue, 7:00 MBS, 9:45 NBC, afternoon, 1:00 MBS.

WARNING ISSUED ON AUTO SAFETY FLARES

Salem.—(Spl.) Warning flares, placed on the highway to mark the presence of a stalled motor vehicle, are highly important to the safety of other motorists and should never be disturbed by unauthorized persons, the traffic safety division points out.

The statement was made after receipt of reports of the theft of several torch flares, placed on the highway in front and back of stalled vehicles.

Defense Parade

Portland, June 19.—(A)—A display of the city's potential defense strength will be made here tonight with some 1,200 men parading through the downtown district. Policemen, police reserves and veterans' organizations will be in the line of march.

Elk Population Less

Astoria, June 19.—(A)—Clatsop county's elk population has fallen to 1,805, Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor, said today. As a result, there will be no open season on elk in the county next fall for the first time in several years.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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EDWARD ASHURST RETURNS TO K.F. IN LAW PRACTICE

Klamath Falls, June 19.—(Spl.)—Edward B. Ashurst, former Klamath county circuit judge who was defeated for re-election last fall on an anti-vote platform, is continuing his crusade against gambling, though his latest move is something out of the ordinary.

As attorney for James C. Bowen, believed here to be a millworker at one of the local plants, Ashurst has filed suit for \$668 against the Klamath Billiard company from whom Bowen seeks to recover asserted gambling losses.

The complaint alleges Bowen was "induced and permitted" to play alleged gambling games in the Klamath Billiards company premises between last January 11 and February 25 and that he lost \$334. In addition to restoration of the asserted losses, the suit asks an additional \$334 penalty, quoting a section of Oregon law as authority for the request.

Mr. Ashurst returned to Klamath Falls a few weeks ago to practice law. After his election defeat he went to Tucson, Ariz., where it was expected that he would enter law practice with his brother, Henry F. Ashurst, former U. S. senator. The former Klamath judge, however, went to Medford to reside. After a few weeks there he went to Yreka, Cal., to practice law with an old friend. From Yreka he returned to Klamath Falls.

V.F.W. CONVENTION AWAITING LEADER

Bend, June 19.—(A)—Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars awaited their national commander, Joseph C. Menendez of New Orleans, expected to reach the state convention today.

The annual encampment opened last night with memorial services at which the Rev. Ervin F. Austin of Richmond, Calif., national chaplain, was speaker.

OREGONIANS HAVE MORE MOTORCARS

Salem.—(Spl.)—Oregon has one registered motor vehicle for every 2.7 persons residing in the state, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said in announcing a registration of 384,264 vehicles at the end of May.

Registration showed an increase of 8.8 percent above that for the same period last year.

Registration fees totaled \$2,873,379 compared with \$2,590,385 for the same period last year.

There were 323,911 private passenger vehicles registered in Oregon at the end of May, compared with 298,139 at the same time last year.

Registration of motor vehicles is expected to exceed the 400,000 mark in Oregon this year, Snell said. The 1940 registration was just 187 vehicles short of 400,000 and at the rate of increase shown to date it is expected this mark will be passed before the year is over.

NOT ALL SOLDIER PAY SPENT ON GOOD TIME

Camp Hunter Liggett, Cal.—(A)—Contrary to popular belief, soldiers don't spend all their pay for a good time.

Statistics kept by the 41st division postoffice here show that 10 per cent of the money paid out one week went for money orders which were sent to the troops' relatives. During one six-day period the army postoffice wrote out \$55,000 in money orders, most of which went back to Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

SOLDIERS TATTOOED BY CALIFORNIA SUN

Camp Hunter Liggett, Cal.—(A)—Biggest fad among the 35,000 Fort Lewis troops here on summer maneuvers is to have the hot sun tattoo them.

Most of the soldiers are getting a walnut-colored skin. By placing adhesive tape letters on their backs, they are brownning their skins around either their own names or the name of an acquaintance. Scores of men are tanning out their division insignia.

Air Express Increase

New York, June 19.—(Spl.)—Gross revenue from nation-wide air express in April, increased 41.81 per cent over April, 1940, the Air Express division of Railway Express agency reported today. Shipments for the month totaled 108,697, an increase of 33 per cent over April last year.

Use Mail Trib ne want ads.

OVER 250 BOYS SIGN FOR ATTENDANCE AT LEGION MODEL STATE

More than 250 boys between the ages of 16 and 19 will assemble at Oregon State college from all sections of Oregon Sunday for the annual Beaver Boys' State, according to the Boys' State commission of the American Legion, sponsoring organization.

The Boys' State is a program of education in democratic government and citizen leadership. On arrival the boys will be registered, given health examinations, and assigned to dormitories where they will become citizens of their designated cities and counties of the state. There will be 20 or more boys to a city.

Cities of the camp will elect officers Monday, counties will hold election Tuesday, the state primary election will be Wednesday.

A state police will be formed by the boys the first night of the camp, and a newspaper staff will be organized.

The camp will have a central postoffice and a bank for money and valuables.

The administrative staff includes R. R. Ebel of Medford, welfare and supplies. Advance registration for the camp shows Oregon localities represented including Ashland, five; Klamath Falls, four; Lakeview, two; Medford, 27, and Roseburg, 11.

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