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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County Hi-
stories from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 15, 1940
(It Was Monday)

F. E. Wahl, former cashier,
elected president of Farmers and
Fruitgrowers' bank.

Cornelius Collins and Fred
Hyde to be initiated into Elks
lodge this week.

District Attorney Frank J.
Newman to oppose Circuit Judge
H. D. Norton for judgeship in
Jackson-Josephine county dis-
trict.

John Wells Johnson, local
jeweler for 26 years, dies here.

Nearly 700 persons take part
in sports events at Crater Lake
park yesterday.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 15, 1930
(It Was Wednesday)

General offices of Standard
Oil company to open here soon.

Bill Morgan, Bill Bowerman
and Cliff Garnett, former Med-
ford basketball standouts, now
playing for University of Oregon
Frosh.

Assessor J. B. Coleman de-
scribes present snow worse than
big fall of 1890.

Delegations from valley ap-
pear before state highway com-
mission to urge Williams creek
cut-off road.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 15, 1916
(It Was Saturday)

Charles F. Young and Seely
Hall, distributors for Chevrolet
auto, to open sub-agency in Ash-
land soon.

M. L. Alford, W. I. Vawter and
Delroy Getchell elected presi-
dents of local banks.

Elevator in Garnett-Corey
building moved to West Main
street entrance from side entry.

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ADMIT LIES

Lawrence Rose
(above), Memphis, Tenn., trade
newspaper editor, admitted on the
witness stand in San Francisco
Federal Court at the trial of Harry
Bridges that he had lied about his
"origin, education, name, father's
occupation and his name."

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HOME—Easy chairs by the fireside mean home to Consul General
and Mrs. Angus Ward in his brother's home at Allegan, Mich. The
Wards recently returned from Mukden, Manchuria, where they were
held virtual prisoners of the Chinese Communists for 13 months.

Portland No Bed of Roses

Portland, city of roses, where life rolls serenely by and where the phlegmatic residents never get very excited even when they wake up enough to find they have elected a Mike Elliott for sheriff, is no bed of roses for those engaged in newspapering.

NOT so very long ago the city's two great newspapers, The Oregonian and Journal were laid flat on their respective backs by a pressmen's strike. For weeks not a wheel turned and the cash registers gave forth nary a jingle. This was a particularly bad situation coming as it did just after both papers had moved into new and very costly quarters.

NOW The Oregonian appears to be the target in a cold war launched by one of its largest advertisers, Meier and Frank department store.

The newspaper, whose somewhat attenuated appearance has been noted by readers in recent days, explained the situation Saturday in a front page statement by General Manager M. J. Frey, as follows:

So much public discussion has arisen as a result of a combination of events involving The Oregonian and one of its major advertisers some statement on the part of The Oregonian seems advisable.

Last week The Oregonian published an adequate and impartial account of the findings of a National Labor Relations Board examiner in a case in which the Meier & Frank company was charged with unfair labor practices.

Immediately Meier & Frank company canceled many pages of advertising already set in type in The Oregonian composing room and has, since then, reduced its advertising space to a fraction of the store's former use. Meier & Frank company has not directly informed The Oregonian of the reason for this sudden and drastic curtailment of advertising space.

As a matter of traditional policy, The Oregonian strives to report the news completely, impartially and without fear or favor. The Oregonian will continue to do so. We invite the patronage of those who approve this policy.

ACCORDING to former Governor Charles A. Sprague, writing in his "It Seems to Me" column in the Salem Oregon Statesman, this is not the first time the wealthy Portland store-owning family has attempted to tell The Oregonian what it should or should not print.

Sprague contends that the banishment to Washington of The Oregonian's political writer, Johnny Kelly, was by way of placating Julius Meier after the newspaper had incurred displeasure by staying with Phil Metschan, republican candidate for governor in 1930 while the Journal deserted the democratic candidate to support Meier.

MUCH as the cold war may hurt The Oregonian, it will undoubtedly hurt Meier and Frank also, and in more places than just the pocketbook. —E.C.F.

Tough Peckings

The robins and other migratory birds, which stayed on here last winter to their sorrow, apparently took no chances this year but went on south long before bad weather set in. People who notice such things say they have seen fewer robins in the Rogue valley this winter than ever before in their memory.

BECAUSE of the usually mild winters here a fairly large percentage of the friendly birds stay throughout the year. They are able to eke out a living without too much difficulty on the floor of the valley unless snow covers the ground for a protracted period.

It is no wonder the robins gave us the cold shoulder this year, however, for last winter was really rugged for them. Because of the unusual snow, the birds were forced down from the higher levels of the valley sides into the towns where they foraged for bits of apple, such berries as still clung to vines and were even reduced to taking a disgruntled peck at bread crusts and such grains and seeds as kind-hearted humans tossed out for birds in general.

Some managed to keep body and feathers together by eating berries off the postoffice holly, in fact this was one of the most popular sources of sustenance. The famished birds would perch on the shrubs and gorge away while postoffice patrons passed within arm's length.

PHEASANT, quail and the other smaller birds which always remain here the year around, had a tougher time. Many died of starvation and only the action of the Izaak Walton league, game wardens, Boy scouts and kind-hearted farmers and ranchers in putting out seed and grain enabled some to survive.

Pickings, or maybe we should say peckings, haven't been quite so bad for the birds so far this year but rural residents report that China pheasants and quail will be in a bad way again unless warmer weather comes soon to take away the snow. —E.C.F.



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Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"Any prizes or inducements with kids' haircuts in the joint?"

New Oil Recovery Method May Turn Abandoned Fields Into New Bonanzas

Chicago, Jan. 14—(U.P.)—A new oil recovery method may revolutionize the industry, turning abandoned fields into new bonanzas and dry holes into gushers, a Chicago firm said today.

The Gas Corporation of Chicago announced it had acquired exclusive patent rights to a process which penetrates oil-bearing strata on a horizontal plane instead of vertically or at an angle, as in conventional methods.

Frank G. Buffum, president of the corporation, predicted that the new process will bring up millions of barrels of oil which might otherwise remain in the earth forever.

It also will make available

known pools trapped beneath mountains, cities or bodies of water, he said.

Buffum said the process eventually should permit the "last drop" of oil to be "wrung from the earth."

He said the process will be used on a large scale for the first time in Canada, where the gas corporation recently closed a deal for development and operation of several hundred leases covering more than 100,000 acres of oil-bearing land.

Under conventional drilling methods, Buffum said, wells penetrate oil-bearing rock structures only in "spots." Frequently they miss oil concentrations entirely.

The new horizontal penetration process utilizes conventional vertical wells. A tube is inserted into the well and cemented so it will support high pressure.

Serves As Vent

The tube serves as a vent for oil produced, as a pneumatic hydraulic ram and seal and for the jet-propulsion of chemicals which send a pulsating pressure radiating horizontally in all directions from the well.

This tremendous pressure, according to Buffum, fractures rock and burrows through sand, creating channels through which oil may flow to the well and be pumped to the surface.

Military Justice To Be Meeting Subject

Maj. Gene L. Brown and Capt. Raymond C. Coulter, Grants Pass attorneys, will conduct a conference on military justice at the regular training meeting of the 6310th logistical division in the upper council room of the city hall, Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Captain Coulter, Grants Pass municipal judge and a member of the Oregon state legislature, will cover the changes made in the army courts martial manual by the 80th congress. Major Brown will cover the actual close similarity of the army system of jurisprudence to long-established standards of civil justice.

The meeting is open to any persons interested in the laws governing members of the armed forces.

SWEDEN APPROVES

Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 14—(U.P.)—Sweden recognized the Chinese communist government today and prepared to take up diplomatic relations immediately.

Key West, Florida, originally was called Cayo Hueso, or Bone Key, by the Spaniards because of the large number of Indian skeletons they found there. Early English sailors habitually mispronounced the two Spanish words "Key West" until that name stuck.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

More about the Flying Arrow: It was hit the other day by 40-odd shells fired by a Chinese Nationalist gunboat. The shells set fires in the hold. Water was poured in to put out the fires. The cargo consists largely of jute and baled cotton (along with some caustic soda) and the water is causing the jute and the cotton to swell up. It looks now like the ship might burst at any moment like an over-ripe melon or a pressure cooker loaded with too many dry beans.

The danger is so pressing that her captain has given up trying to get to Shanghai and says he is going to head for Tsingtao.

LET'S interject a word here about Tsingtao.

It lies up the Yellow Sea from Shanghai and across the Yellow Sea from Korea. Back in the days when we were talking glibly about protecting the liberties of the South Koreans against communist aggressions, our navy built up a big base there.

There was a lot of talk about what our navy might do if the communists stormed Tsingtao some cold raw day. There was speculation that in such an event we might fight.

Well, we didn't fight. We got out. Probably we were wise to get out while the getting was good. Anyway, the reds held Tsingtao and that is where the Flying Arrow is headed for at the moment to discharge her cargo.

TWO American destroyers are hovering in the Flying Arrow's vicinity, with orders to help if she blows up or sinks or something but to GET OUT OF HER VICINITY as soon as she is seaworthy.

A Nationalist Chinese gunboat is lurking in the offing ready to smack the Flying Arrow with more shells in case she does get seaworthy and doesn't blow up from internal pressure of her wet cargo or some other reason. To add to the general mess, the commander of the U. S. seventh naval task force, which is cruising around in the general vicinity of the ruckus, has ordered American ships PROTECTED from Nationalist gunboats WHILE ON THE HIGH SEAS.

But ... The orders from Washington are for U. S. naval craft to stay out of Chinese territorial waters—which are the waters inside the three-mile limit.

OUR navy, of course, could blow all gunboats and other vessels of the Nationalist Chinese navy out of the water in about seven minutes after the order to do so was given.

But ... That might start a ruckus that would drag the Russians in, and nobody wants that. The idea is to let sleeping dogs lie as long as they are willing to lie.

Meanwhile we mutter in our beards about indignities to American ships engaged in commerce on the high seas—just as other nations have been muttering in their beards for centuries under similar circumstances. Muttering in your beard costs nothing and seldom stings anybody up to the shooting point.

WHY are we getting the news about the Flying Arrow so promptly?

The answer to that is easy. Wayne Richardson, 50-year-old correspondent of the Associated Press, went aboard her at Hong Kong just to be there in case any news happened. He is still on board, dodging shells, keeping a wary eye on the swelling cotton and jute that might crack the ship open at any moment and in between these activities he is sending out his dispatches for us to read.

That's the way with these correspondents. The only rule they know is that the show must go on and the news must be told.

Emergency Power Restored At Roseburg

Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 14—(U.P.)—Emergency power was restored to the business district of Roseburg today after all electric supply was cut off for 24 hours. The surge helped to restore a lowering water level in the city's reservoir after electric pumps were rendered useless by the outage.

Firemen feared a flareup might burn uncontrolled as the city's water supply dwindled.

Mount Rainier, third highest mountain in the United States, covers 100 square miles.

Gemini, Classical Twins

By J. Hugh Pruett

Astronomer, Extension Division,
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In the long ago, so we are sometimes told, there lived twin brothers whose mighty deeds became so famous that at last they were changed into bright stars and placed side by side in the blue night heavens. After ages of time they are still there, and can easily be seen tonight and during the next few months whenever the sky is clear.

Around 7 p. m., face almost due east and look quite high in the sky. There they are, two prominent stars, fairly close together and one almost above the other. The upper one, the whiter in color, is Castor. His brother Pollux is slightly brighter and to normal eyes is decidedly orange. This indicates a lower temperature than that of Castor. Both are exceedingly far from the earth, Castor being the more distant.

Group of Stars

The twins, or Gemini, really constitute a considerable group of stars, with Castor and Pollux marking only the faces of the brothers. At our observing hour at this time of year, they are reclining with their feet toward the south. It is easy to trace their outlines. Starting with Castor, we find an irregular line of fainter stars extending toward the right and finally curving gently upward into the foot of this brother. Then tracing in the same direction from Pollux we find a similar line almost parallel to the first. The foot of Pollux, however, turns sharply downward with his heel at the square corner. When pictured, the twins are shown very close together. Late in the spring, they will be standing upright in the western evening sky.

The Gemini, the sons of Jupiter, are often mentioned in classical literature. Many were the exploits ascribed to them in ancient stories. The Romans were accustomed to decorate the prows of their ships with images of these great "Twin Brethren," who were thought to prevent wrecks in violent storms. The sailors often prayed to them for protection. It was said that as soon as they appeared on the tips of the masts—likely the electrical effect known as St. Elmo's fire—the violence of the storm abated. St. Paul sailed on a ship "whose sign was Castor and Pollux."

Castor a Double

Good telescopes break Castor

into two stars, a double. At a considerable distance from the double there is a fainter star which seems to belong to the same system. The spectroscopic indicates that every one of the three is also a double, but too close to be separated visually by any telescope.

Whenever the light profanity of "by Jiminy" escapes your lips, you are actually swearing by the sons of the great Jupiter, although your pronunciation may be quite faulty. This expression, so glibly used by many today, is a survival of the common oath of the Romans, "By Gemini!"

BIRTHS

DODGE—To Mr. and Mrs. Steven J., 12 Rose avenue, Jan. 14, 1950, a girl, 7 pounds, at Community hospital.

Weddings in Afghanistan often are held at 5 a. m. and always before noon. Guests are required to sit up the night before the ceremony, usually being entertained by concert music.

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