Coxcomb Hill Slide Stopped; Winter Rains Expected to Renew Movement

Astoria, Ore., May 4 — (U.P.) — Engineers in this Columbia river city reported today that the costly Coxcomb hill slide has stopped and appears to be settling until next winter's rains arrive, possibly to start the 300 by 1200-foot slide on its way again.

A report was on file with the city council from Lewis Scott, state highway department geologist, who was loaned to the city during the height of the slide because of his technical knowledge of earth flows.

Corrections Recommended

Scott recommended that potential slide areas on Coxcomb hill and in other threatened areas be corrected at the same time when money and conditions permit.

Scott said if one side of earth flow is worked on, the opposite side also should get attention in order to save doing double work and preventing aggravation of a nearby danger area.

To correct potential earth flows, Scott suggested:

"Excavate a deep trench, or system of trenches that reaches below the slippage area and drain the sub-surface water."

He said sub-surface drainage coupled with extensive surface drainage can hold the moisture of the surface layer of earth within the limits of safety.

Varied Treatments

Scott pointed out that some potential slide area would require varied corrective treatments for water drainage.

The slide began four months ago when heavy snow and rainfall soaked 30 feet below the surface to a layer of clay shale. When wet the clay shale acted as a greased roller for the Irving avenue district, and 18 homes had to be moved while four were destroyed.

The city council has authorized purchase of 700 feet of 16-inch sewer pipe at a cost of $2600 to replace damaged sewers in the slide section. Installation costs are expected to bring the replacement job to $3600, they figured.

Oregon Second in Population Boost In Northwest Area

Seattle, Wash., May 4—(U.P.)—Alaska, Oregon and Washington stand one-two-three in percentage population increase since 1940, Pacific Northwest Census Supervisor Gene H. Harris said today as the 1950 roll call reached its 90 per cent completed mark.

Incomplete returns gave the northwest and Alaska a total of 4,557,329—an all-time high.

Washington Gains Most

Washington state showed the greatest numerical gain in the northwest for the decade on the basis of incomplete returns. Alaska's count was expected to top the 100,000 mark for the first time, while Washington's will be over the 2,000,000 figure. The five areas combined have gained 14.4 per cent in population, according to the incomplete 1950 census.

Multnomah Gains

Meanwhile, Multnomah county, Ore., District Census Supervisor Carl J. Gilson said the county's incomplete returns showed a population of 538,000, or a gain of nearly 203,000 from the 1940 census total of 355,099. The county's percentage gain so far is approximately 57.2 per cent.

Gilson said no more census statistics would be released until later this month when they would be nearly 100 per cent complete.

Montana's 13.8 per cent loss was believed exaggerated because heavy winter snows and rugged country have slowed enumerators.

THAT'S TOUGH SKIING

Pinkham Notch, N. H.—(U.P.)—One of the world's most gruelling downhill tests is the Inferno ski race, which drops four miles from the top of Mt. Washington to Sherburne Trail in Pinkham Notch. The toughest part is the Headwall, which has a vertical drop of more than 1,700 feet with gradients near 48 degrees.

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PROPOSES TIGHTER LAWS— Wayne Coy, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, shown as he asked the Senate Commerce Subcommittee, in Washington, for a tighter law than the one proposed by the Justice Department to outlaw interstate transmission of gambling information.

Boyle Congratulates Democrats in Oregon

Portland, Ore., May 4—(U.P.) William M. Boyle Jr., chairman of the democratic national committee today telegraphed congratulations to " all the people in state headquarters and to county chairmen and precinct committeemen" in Oregon for "upsetting the traditional republican domination of Oregon."

An official registration count of Oregon voters earlier this week showed that democrats led republicans for the first time in Oregon's 45 years of recorded party history.

The telegram was addressed to the state's two national committeemen, Monroe Sweetland and Nancy Honeyman Robinson.

Boyle said the registration figures should prove to be an "inspiration to democrats all over the nation."

WEATHER

By United Press

Northern California—Fair today and tonight. Partly cloudy Friday with light rain from Ukiah and Red Bluff north. Rising temperatures. Northwesterly winds 15-25 mph, becoming southwesterly from Point Arena north Friday.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words

Morse a Republican?

To the Editor: That Senator Morse is not, nor ever has been a republican, has been glaringly apparent to many people who have observed his political antics, particularly his 71 per cent vote with the democrats in the senate, but now we have it from his own lips that he never joined the republican party. At a recent meeting of a number of senators and others who were gathered for the purpose of suggesting how the republican party should be re-made to suit the ideas of certain so-called liberals, Senator Morse said,

"I have been known as a maverick for some time and have taken pride in that. Now I am going to brag about it."

And just what is a maverick? Webster says a maverick in the western United States is "an unbranded animal, especially a motherless calf, formerly customarily claimed by the one first branding it." Mr. Morse calls himself a maverick and therefore is unbranded. Is this not an admission that he is not branded as a republican? And brags about it, to boot. Then what he is doing in the republican party and by what right is he there? And why does he use the republican party as an instrumentality to get him into the senate? Obviously because he figured he would have a better chance of election as a republican than as a democrat, or as an independent. He certainly has never acted as a republican.

Here is a further admission by him that he never was a republican. At that same meeting above referred to, one of the men present expressed his fears to Morse that by subscribing to the new "liberal" plan suggested, he would be excommunicated from the party "for having such heretical views" and then asked Morse, "What about you?"

"Oh," laughed Morse, "they can't excommunicate me. You see, I never joined. As I said, I'm a maverick."

"I never joined," therefore he can't be kicked out of the republican party. His meaning is plain. At this point it would be fair to ask, just what procedure did he go through when he registered as a republican? Certain questions must be answered under oath and among them, political party affiliation. Did he say he was a republican and have his fingers crossed and make mental reservations that are not on his registration card? Here is the oath which was required at the time he first registered in Oregon as a republican:

"I, having been first duly sworn, say upon oath:

"That I am a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector over 21 years of age, and the statements herein entered as to my qualifications as an elector are true and that I am in good faith a member of the party with which I have registered."

Voters can have no confidence in, and should not support, a man who takes such a cynical and contemptuous view of our election system and who has so small a regard for his solemn oath. To join a party merely for expediency and not conviction is the lowest form of politics. "The end justifies the means," where have we heard that before?

Fred E. Robinson

Portland Industry to Make Articles of Wood

Another small industry making use of wood products was reported today by the Portland Oregonian. The company, owned by Thomas F. Smith, Portland, will produce wood novelties which can be assembled at home without nails, screws or glue.

Smith, who owns basic patents on the articles, said such items as magazine stands, wall brackets and what-nots will be turned out. They will come knocked down and unfinished, and will be simple enough that children can assemble them. Pieces are cut to interlock, some being held together by dowels or strips of wood.

Japanese Textile Leaders Discuss Cotton Production

Tokyo, May 4—(U.P.)—Japanese officials and textile industry leaders discussed proposals today to expand Japan's cotton production, apparently with the aim of spiking reports that an Anglo-American cotton textile trade mission will try to restrict Japanese competition.

The mission arrives here Sunday under permission from Gen. Douglas MacArthur to visit Japan in a "private capacity."

To Check Competition

Japanese and occupation sources said they expected the mission would seek restrictive agreements with the Japanese to divide up world markets and to check the threat of Japanese competition with American and British textile industries.

One American official said occupation headquarters would firmly oppose such a scheme.

Meanwhile, Trade Minister Sotaro Takase and Osaka textile manufacturers proposed increasing the number of cotton spindles by 50 to 100 per cent.

More Spindles Needed

Takase said he believed Japan will have to operate 6 million spindles, 50 per cent more than are now in use, if textiles are to help do their part in expanding Japan's exports.

Industry leaders estimate they will eventually require 8,400,000 spindles.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m for following day; 10 a.m Monday noon Saturday for Sunday a.m

Footlighters Tell Plans for Growth And Own Building

The Footlighters, local little theater group, has inaugurated a new plan in its effort to acquire a "place of its own." The group of valley thespians is looking for a barn, a warehouse or practically "any old thing," in which to hold meetings, store costumes, drops and eventually erect a stage on which to produce their plays, members said.

Similar groups all over the country have proceeded from the same struggle to success. Among them are such outstanding groups as the Pasadena playhouse, Portland's Civic theater and the Eugene Very Little theater.

Plan Sponsors

The Footlighters' present plan, it was reported, is to offer a yearly sponsoring membership to people in the Rogue River valley who are interested in amateur theatricals and interested in seeing the group grow and succeed. They are at present compiling a list of sponsors to appear on the program of "The Torch Bearers," to be produced by the group May 11 and 12 in the Medford senior high school.

Due to the limitation of time before the production, the group has not been able to contact all people they feel would be interested. Anyone who would like to be a member of the group, either active or sponsoring, may contact Mrs. James B. Keeble, phone Medford 2-7507.

Jet Fighters Leave After Airport Stay

The four F-86 "Sabre" jet fighter planes which have been at the Medford airport since last week-end, departed for the north yesterday afternoon. Three of the fast ships took off, but one returned for a later take-off with the fourth, which at first had difficulty getting its engine started.

The jets have attracted much attention during their stay here.

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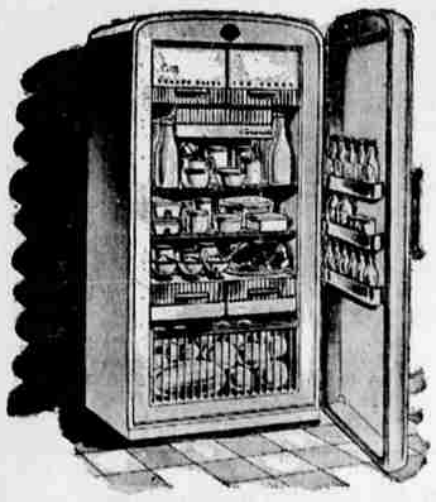

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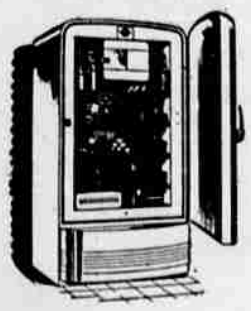

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