

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — A century ago Congress was in recess. President Franklin Pierce wrote friends that he was "cooling off" in his New England retreat.



There were indications that the capital was going through a hot spell in July, 1855, just like the one we had here 100 years later.

But the papers leave us to guess at this late date what the temperature might have been. Neither was there any forecast for the morrow.

Hints of the weather came in the form of advertisements. George W. Blackston plugged his pavilion, away from the heat and bustle. The proprietor's table, George said, "will be supplied with the delicacies abounding in the acres adjacent to Blackston's Islands." One week or more, \$1.25 a day, including everything. Less than a week, the price was \$1.50 per day per person.

Mountain Retreat
Capon Springs, Va., advertised as a delightful summer place the "Mountain House" at "this popular watering place."

The owners suggested that one take the stage at Baltimore at 4 1/4 a.m. and connect with a steamer at Alexandria, "with breakfast and board, free." Once at the "Mountain House," room and board ran as low as \$40 for 28 days with "children and colored servants half price."

The managers of Clagett, Newton, May & Co. were happy people. They inserted a card of thanks in the newspaper Intelligence thanking the four customers who "had the kindness to settle their accounts rendered the 3rd of last month. All who have not settled will oblige us very much by so doing."

A correspondent for the New York Times reported from Washington that one Roger A. Pryor, Esq., had been "selected by a grateful administration to perform a secret service in Europe." That was the end of the item.

News About Drunks
Getting away from Washington, the New York Times let it be known that it was continuing what it called the weekly "toper list." Apparently in the interest of shaming those who drank too much.

The column started off with the notation: "We give you today our free list of arrests." The paper named names and interesting quotations from those in trouble. Richard Curry confessed that he had not had a drop of hard liquor in three months and that

unaccustomed as he was to the custom at the time it upset him considerably. The court ruled that it certainly had.

Peter Coffield said that what he drank, he drank in the privacy of his own hotel. He blamed his wife, who "brought it home to me."

Charles Castles, under questioning, said "I live nowhere, and sometimes everywhere." He told the judge that he didn't keep a diary so how did he know how he got into such a mess. He also said something about having an innate dislike for jailhouses.

Small Bomb Explodes In Pro-Peron Office

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — A small bomb exploded in the plant of a pro-government magazine Thursday in this city already tense with new "rumors" of a rebellion against President Juan D. Peron's government.

The Argentine National Radio said reports of an uprising against Peron were merely "rumors."

In Santiago, Chile, the Foreign Ministry and the Argentine Embassy denied reports that Peron has asked the Chilean government for permission to enter Chile after abandoning power in Argentina.

The bomb shattered glass in doors and windows in the building of the Peronista party magazine Mundo. There also is a secondary Peronista party school in the building.

Toadstool Poisoning Goats Hinder AVMA

Chicago — (U.P.) — The "inherent curiosity" of dairy goats has made toadstool poisoning a problem in the livestock industry, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The association said curiosity drives the goats to graze in areas favorable to toadstool growth, where they apparently become stricken.

Toadstool poisoning has "often-times been considered only a human problem," the AVMA says.

Strange Object Seen By La Grande Reporter

La Grande — (U.P.) — Steve Loy of the La Grande Evening Observer reported Thursday that he had observed what appeared to be a "tear-shaped balloon" hanging dead in the sky west of La Grande at 4:45 a.m. today.

Loy said he took pictures of the object but that he doubted if they would reveal much. He said it was floating so high over the city that he used binoculars to determine its shape.

Shady Cove - Trail News

Shady Cove-Trail—A group of friends held a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. A. Myklebye. Trail, at the Myklebye's home on the evening of July 15 on their 47th wedding anniversary. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hubbell, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lillywhite, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brill and Mr. and Mrs. Reed McKay, all of Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pfeifer and son, Jack, Shady Cove, have returned from a month's vacation trip to Michigan where they visited relatives. Both have several brothers and sisters there. They came back by way of Banff and Lake Louise, Canada. Jack is now working for five weeks at Florence, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Preston, San Diego, Calif., are visiting with Mrs. Preston's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, Shady Cove.

Newcomers to this area are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Buchwald, Redondo Beach, Calif., who have bought the old Ragsdale ranch about 10 miles from Trail on the Tiller-Trail highway.

Reports indicate the condition of Mrs. Hornseth, mother of Ole Hornseth, Shady Cove, is much improved. Ole Hornseth flew to Spokane to be with his mother during her illness recently but has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pfluke (the former Mary Segessenman, Shady Cove) had located an apartment in Berkeley where he was employed by Western Electric when he was advised of a transfer to Reno, Nev., so they will make their home there.

Mrs. Mary Chapman, Long Beach, Calif., has purchased property next to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Collins, Shady Cove, from O. L. Williams, and plans to build on her return from Long Beach. Mrs. Chapman is an old friend of the Collinses.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Trusty and family, Klamath Falls, have been visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Trusty, Elk Creek-Trail. Their grandson, W. R. Trusty, who works for the Herald and News in Klamath Falls, stayed over to spend a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Trusty visited their friends, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Willson, in Eagle Point recently.

Mrs. Jesse Walker, Shady Cove, with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hodge and baby daughter, Trail, made a trip to Grants Pass Sunday where they attended a picnic and reunion of old-time residents of the Beagle community. Mrs. Walker has had her four grandchildren, Lena, Johnna, Jesse and Lorraine Van Meter, Malin, with her for about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry McGinnis of the Rainbow Auto motel have had their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier and baby daughter, Roseburg, and their niece, Gloria Edgren, Bethel, Ore., visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Galvin, Atherton, Calif., are visiting with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wyles Berry, Trail. Also visiting the Berrys are Mrs. Galvin's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKinley, Burbank, Calif.

The show attraction for Monday night, July 25th, at the VFW hall will be "Bodyhold" starring Lola Albright and Willard Parker.

Mrs. Harris Flowers and Mrs. Art Flowers, Shady Cove, were joint hostesses at a bridal shower given last week at the Art Flowers home in Shady Cove, honoring their granddaughter and daughter, Miss Myrtle Flowers. She will be married on Aug. 3 at a lawn wedding at the home of her grandparents to Dee Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman, Eagle Point. Both Miss Flowers and Mr. Coleman are 1955 graduates of Eagle Point High school. Guests present at the shower were the Mesdames Claude Hunt, Johnny Minor and Claude Myers, Shady Cove; Jack Myers, Elk Creek-Trail; Roy Schnurr, Medford; Jim Welch, Grants Pass and the Misses Raedean and Renage Hicks and Marion Flowers, sister of Myrtle, Shady Cove, and Patsy and Betty Myers, Elk Creek-Trail. Gifts were received from Mrs. Frank Briggs, Mrs. Arthur Engel and Mrs. Frank Proctor who were unable to attend. Refreshments were served following the opening of the gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Proctor

Poor Luck Is Offset By Mechanical Hands

Bennett, Ia. — (U.P.) — When Charles DeWulf lost both hands in a cornpicker accident in 1942, he didn't think his luck could be much worse.

Four years later his farm home burned to the ground and then his son, Darrell, 14, contracted rheumatic fever.

But now DeWulf farms more than 100 acres of land by himself, feeds and cares for 50 head of cattle and 150 head of hogs. With the aid of artificial hands he can drive a tractor, haul bales of hay and carry baskets of feed.

He said much of his machinery has extra devices so he can operate it with his artificial hands.

Those attending were Mrs. Alma Mallery and Mrs. Roy Vaughn, Trail, Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker and Mrs. Lyle Ditsworth, Portland, Mrs. Ernest Segessenman, Shady Cove, and Mrs. Jennie Hutchinson, Medford.

The Bad lands area in South Dakota extends for about 5,200 square miles.

Dog Rounds Up Illegally Shot Ducks; Man Fined

Roseville, Calif. — (U.P.) — California game wardens have credited a dog with aiding in the arrest of a rancher who shot ducks out of season from an airplane.

The wardens said Edgar Ernest 41, Rio Linda, Calif., was spotted shooting ducks from his airplane. The wardens, working in separate cars, followed the plane by keeping close radio contact and found it at a ranch landing strip.

Their dog then rounded up the dead birds for evidence. Ernest paid a \$200 fine.

John Day Girl Drowns in Pool

John Day, Ore. — (U.P.) — Mary North, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett North, died, presumably by drowning, Wednesday while swimming in the Joaquin Miller resort pool 12 miles south of here.

The county coroner said exact cause of death could not be determined unless an autopsy were ordered.

The girl's parents, who live in John Day, were visiting in Portland and she had gone to the resort with friends.

Firm Boosts Output From 'Lazy' Machines

Schenectady, N. Y. — (U.P.) — A General Electric Company auditor has found a way to stop mechanical "goldbricking."

Suspicious that automatic office machines might, like some humans, be looking busy when they were not, John Vavasour decided to find out. He borrowed a laboratory recording instrument and hooked it to power lines feeding various tabulating machines.

Telltale graphs promptly showed that machines which seemed to be busy all the time were really idle for long periods, he discovered. Also, the "goldbricking" was most apparent when several different kinds of machines were performing different work. Some finished the job quickly, then rested while others caught up.

Until his experiment, the best possible human observation was that the machines were working 100 per cent, and more were needed. Now, operators no longer have to watch the mechanical culprits, and scientific re-scheduling work has boosted output without new machines, the company said.

Geneva — (U.P.) — The Soviets let newsmen and photographers into the garden of their villa Wednesday to take pictures of the Soviet chieftains sipping cool drinks.

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