

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

According to Clifford W. Ferguson, Oregon director of rail transportation, another freight car shortage is looming just beyond the horizon. The trouble lies, he says, with the Eastern railroads, which are not building enough new cars. They are depending instead on holding on their lines rolling equipment from the Western railroads. Mr. Ferguson says he has written officials of eight Western rail systems asking them to take steps to get their cars back from the Eastern lines.

He adds: "If business continues at a normal pace, there won't be enough cars in the West. If business INCREASES, there will be a drastic shortage of cars."

WHAT cooks?
Well, when one sees a trillium beside the road when one is out for a drive in the woods, one says SPRING IS ON THE WAY.

Similarly, when one begins to hear of impending car shortages, one says THE LUMBER MARKET IS LOOKING UP.

SO- If Mr. Ferguson is right—Happy days are here again—or, at least, just around the corner.

IT'S an odd world. We seem to be always in a state of feast or a state of famine. Never is everything just right. In the newspaper world, we have a phrase of our own for this feast-or-famine business. We shrug out shoulders and mutter cynically: "When we can get it we can't set it and when we can't set it we can't get it."

SEARCHING question: Is it the world that is wrong? Or is it PEOPLE that are wrong?

MORE of this weird modern world:
Down in Mill Valley, in Marin county, the other evening a fast-walking PEDESTRIAN was seriously injured when he collided with another fast-walking pedestrian.

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The dispatches tell us that Otto Lindskog was taken to Marin General hospital with a broken hip. The other party to the collision, Vincent L. Clemente, was not seriously injured.

It isn't enough that a jet plane, flying eastward with the wind, should make it from Los Angeles to Washington in three hours and 36 minutes and that the same plane, flying westward against the wind, should make it back from Washington to Los Angeles in four hours and 38 minutes.

PEDESTRIANS have to get into the speed whirl.

IN conclusion:
School officials in Memphis (Tennessee), concerned about continuing night-time mischief in and around school buildings, announce that they have decided to try out a jigger called the "tattler"—a device that transmits radar waves over a 50-foot radius. When movement occurs within the monitored area this gadget automatically:

1. Telephones the police.
2. Sets off a bright floodlight.
3. Triggers a siren.
4. TAKES A PHOTOGRAPH of the intruder.

Hmmmm. It looks like we're applying the principles of automation to crime detection.

It sounds like a good idea. If we could make it automatically CERTAIN that everybody who breaks the law would GET CAUGHT, there might be less law-breaking.

Chance To Avoid Draft Said Better

Washington—UPI—Mathematically, a young man's chances of avoiding military service are getting better every year.

Nevertheless if you're healthy and reasonably intelligent, the topheavy odds are that you'll spend part of your life in uniform.

These conclusions were reached today from statistics gathered during hearings by the House Armed Services committee on a bill to extend the draft act for four more years.

Currently 70 per cent of the men who reach the top draft age of 26 have been in military service. By mid-1963, this will have dropped to 55 per cent.

Washington—UPI—Walter Adams, a Michigan economist, has suggested that tariffs on foreign cars be abolished as a step to force U.S. firms to produce smaller and cheaper autos.

Labor Examiner Enforcing Power Said Essential

Salem—UPI—Elections held by the state labor examiner under a section of the anti-picketing bill passed in 1953, now threatened with repeal, would be a fine thing if the labor examiner were given enforcement powers.

This was testimony given by Labor Examiner Francis Reagan who said that, under the present law, he had no way in which to enforce his findings.

"But I think the labor elections procedure would be excellent if the Legislature would invest the examiner with some powers to enforce his findings," Reagan said.

Behind in Cases
He told the Senate Labor and Industries Committee, which is considering a bill to repeal the entire 1953 law, that his predecessor in office had 45 cases referred to him over a four-year period.

"And since Aug. 1, 1957, when I was appointed, to the present time I am a little behind him in the number of cases," Reagan said.

In reply to a question, George Brown, educational director for the state AFL-CIO, testified that he did not favor referring an anti-picketing law to a vote of the people.

"All you have to do is look at the experience of other states where so-called 'right-to-work' laws have been on the ballot and see the dissension such campaigns caused," Brown said.

Brown said, "If a bill such as you talk of is referred to the people, you would break down years of work done to build up good labor-management relations in Oregon."

James Marr, executive secretary of the Oregon AFL-CIO, said:

"Labor has made no attempt to influence the votes of this committee or the Legislature on this issue. We have not flooded the members' desks with letters urging repeal of the law. We feel it is up to this legislature to resolve the issue."
The Committee will consider the bill at its meeting Wednesday.

Lesser Sentences For Shoplifting Gets House Approval

Salem—UPI—The Oregon House has passed unanimously a bill providing lesser sentences for the crime of shoplifting.

Under present law, shoplifting outside of cities which have shoplifting ordinances is a felony punishable by a sentence of up to seven years in the state prison.

The bill provides for substitution of a county jail term instead of the prison sentence. Rep. George Van Hoomissen (D-Portland) said the bill corrected an "obvious inequity" in the law. He said that in the past, district attorneys had had to resort to subterfuge by having the shoplifter

West's Economy Said Threatened

Portland—UPI—The president of the National Association of Wool Growers declared today that a bill to preserve wilderness areas for recreation threatened the economy of the 11 western states.

Don Clyde, Heber City, Utah, told the 94th annual gathering of the sheep men that the wilderness bill was "special privilege" legislation which was not for benefit of the "whole people." He said proposed wilderness areas, without roads or modern facilities, would be reserved for "less than one per cent of our population."

He said the measure was a threat to food needs of a growing population and called upon the association to work against it. He said if it can't be defeated "then we must amend it."

Disc Jockey Enters 7th Sleepless Day

New York—UPI—Disc jockey Peter Tripp, 32, neared the end of his seventh day without sleep today with grim determination to stay awake for 200 hours—but he was weakening.

Dr. L. J. West, in charge of the scientific experiment in which Tripp is engaged, said the disc jockey was "having an extremely difficult time of it" this morning.

"I don't know whether he'll make it—I just don't want to say," West said. "But I want to assure the public that this experiment should cause no permanent injury to Tripp's health."

West said Tripp was "fading in and out of focus" as he passed his 163rd hour of wakefulness at 3:15 a.m. (pst).

Bills for Budgets

Five other bills for budgets of boards of barber examiners, chiropractic examiners, cosmetic therapy examiners and dental examiners and for a budget for the public employees' retirement system were approved.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) said no general fund appropriations were required for the retirement system as all agencies shared in paying its costs. He said it was a "minimum budget."

A package of nine bills was introduced at the request of the Department of Agriculture.

One bill would authorize brand inspections of livestock for prevention of disease as well as theft. It would authorize police officers or others not under the department to inspect brands.

Rep. Ben Evick (D-Madras) introduced a bill at the request of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association to include horses in regulations governing meat-food slaughtering.

Property Assessment
Barton and others introduced a bill providing for property assessment of motor carriers by the State Tax Commission in the same manner as some other utilities are now assessed.

The bill provides that the real property of the carriers would be on the county tax rolls and all other property taxed at the average tax rate on personal property in the state.

Revenue would be deposited in the state highway fund with 60 per cent apportioned to the counties and 40 per cent to cities for construction of roads and streets.

A resolution providing for a constitutional amendment to permit the state legislature by a two-thirds vote of both Houses, to submit a revision of the Oregon constitution to the people at the next primary election or at a special election, was introduced.

4-H Club News

The Happy Stitches Sewing Club

The meeting of the Happy Stitches Sewing club was held Saturday at the home of our leader, Mrs. Arthur Becker.

Nine girls attended the meeting. We worked on our overall boy applique quilt. Then our assistant leader, Mrs. Van Calhoun, showed us how to adjust the sewing machine for so many stitches per inch.

The announcement was made that our next meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 30, after school when we will make a visit to the Singer Sewing Machine company for a demonstration. After the meeting was adjourned, we had cookies, and our assistant leader, Mrs. Van Calhoun, took us home.

Cherylee Becker, Reporter.

Funeral Conducted For 'Alfalfa' Switzer

Hollywood—UPI—Carl (Alfalfa) Switzer, former child actor in the "Our Gang" movie series, will be buried today following a coroner's jury ruling that the man who shot him to death last week acted in justifiable self defense.

The jury's ruling Monday brought dismissal of a murder complaint against Moses Samuel (Bud) Stiltz, 38, who fatally wounded Switzer, 32, in an argument over a \$50 debt last Wednesday.

General Fund Budget Approval Predicted

Portland—UPI—The 1959 Oregon legislature will approve a state general fund budget of around \$310 to \$315 million, it was predicted Monday by Walter W. R. May, editor and publisher of the Oregon Voter.

May told the Chamber of Commerce he thought the figure would be reached without a state bond issue, and would include from \$10 to \$15 million in building funds.

Northern Oregon Rivers Said Rising

Portland—UPI—The weather bureau said today light flooding was expected in the lower Santiam river and in the Mary's river near Philomath because of continued rains.

Other streams will rise moderately to substantially in the next two days.

T.R.'s BUGLER DIES
San Diego, Calif.—UPI—Maj. Henry Frank Schroeder, 84-year-old veteran credited with sounding the bugle charge which sent Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders up San Juan Hill, was buried Monday with full military honors.

Lost Portlanders Make Way To Safety

Portland—UPI—Two 21-year-old youths feared lost in the Larch mountain area east of Portland during the week end walked out Monday afternoon and were picked up by a Multnomah county deputy sheriff. They were identified as Jim Swain and Mervin Balentine, both of northeast Portland.

SPY TRIAL STARTS
Warsaw—UPI—Leaders of an alleged spy ring went on trial Monday in the provincial court at Katowice, the Polish news agency PAP reported.

Coos Bay Pickets Appear at Klamath

Klamath Falls—UPI—Weyerhaeuser Timber company's Klamath Falls operations were shut down today when pickets from the Coos Bay area appeared at local points, company officials reported.

Last week pickets appeared at the North Bend plant of the firm because of a dispute over the discharge of a truck driver.

About 780 persons were idled in the Coos Bay area and

about 1100 were affected here. J. B. Bishop, branch manager for the firm here, said "there is no labor dispute at Klamath Falls operations." He added that the local plants are open for work.

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