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Thoughts We've Been Thinking

Famous Bulldogger and Idol of Round-Up Pastors Will Spend Years of Life in Prison—Buffalo Vernon Couldn't Withstand Glamour of Public Adulation. At Last Congress Recognizes Merit of Thief Valley Reservoir and Will Build Irrigation Project—When Completed, Citizens Should Erect Monument to Name of Nick Sinnott.

By BRUCE DENNIS

"BUFFALO" Vernon, formerly of Pendleton, was sentenced to two life terms in prison for wrecking a railroad passenger train and robbing its passengers. Who is "Buffalo" Vernon? Those who visited the Pendleton Roundup a few years ago will remember him as the great attraction. He was one of the first to "bulldoze" a steer. In this classic role he contributed to the refinement of human nature. Steeped in egotism and ignorance this well-muscled and small brained gladiator furnished "entertainment" for the masses as he took them back to Roman days when bull strength was worshipped and applauded.

BUT the mighty Vernon failed to know that in such spotlight work where applause is as lavish as Columbia river sand on a windy day, the principal doing the performing can last but a very brief time. Public taste demands new faces in the arena to take a chance with death.

So, when "Buffalo" Vernon did his last steer roping from an automobile his star began to sink. He attended the Roundup but somehow younger men rode the bucking cayuses, younger men did the bull-dogging, and "Buffalo" was a has-been, just as John Spain became a has-been and Sundown Jackson found the curtain falling around him. All were stars of the quarter mile arena; all were swelled with bursting pride; all were pictured on the front pages—but not for long.

Then the world lost "Buffalo" Vernon. He could not hold his place in the sun. The great and muscular Vernon had to retire to the "attics" there to give exhibitions to the cowboys and to tell them how great he once was when he front-paged the Roundup special editions.

A DASTARDLY deed was committed in Southern California when spikes were pulled causing a train wreck by someone who robbed the passengers. The country was shocked at such cowardly work. Another similar happening occurred in Wooming, Sleuthhound Ed Wood, for the secret service man of the Union Pacific railroad, bung both crimes on "Buffalo" Vernon. Wood caught him in Oklahoma where Vernon was still "buck-rooping" in a small way. California claimed the prisoner. Why that state did not hang him for the crime, we do not know, but he has been put away for life in prison.

This closes the career of the rope whirler, the outlaw horse rider, the steer-bulldogger who for a brief time could not walk (Continued on Page Four)

I. C. C. RAIL PLAN GIVEN TO PUBLIC

All Railroads of Land Allocated Into 19 Major Systems.

GROUPING INCLUDES CANADIAN SYSTEMS

Burlington System Excluded from Western Group and Used as Basis of Separate System; Other Western Lines Head Individual Systems in Most Instances.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dow, Jones & Co., in a copyrighted despatch from its Washington bureau today, states that the interstate commerce commission's railroad consolidation plan has been completed, allocating the country's railway properties into 19 major systems, comprising five systems in the east, based upon the present four trunk line systems, and an additional system, the nucleus of which would be the Wabash. Official publication of the plan is expected within a few days.

Some Details Opposed WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The first congressional reaction to the plans of the interstate commerce commission on railroad consolidation came today in a declaration of opposition to details of the plan from two senators from the west.

Consolidation of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads as proposed in the plan would be a "great calamity" for the northwest, Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, asserted.

Presenting the commission's report for incorporation in the congressional record, Wheeler said that the two northwestern lines were competing roads and he added he would vigorously oppose any attempt to link them into a single system.

Senator Pittman, democrat, Nevada, also opposed the unification of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern saying it would afford no reduction in (Continued on Page Five)

Slick Pavement And Heavy Fog Bane To Drivers

Slippery pavement and fog, combined with fast driving, constitutes a bad combination. There were several minor accidents Friday night and this morning, including cars in ditches, cars that had skidded against curbs, and even cars that had turned over.

Accidents were reported from Altamont, with no one injured, and from Pelican City, as well as in the city limits.

Probably the most serious crash occurred this morning about 7:30. Gene Hazard, coming down the Ninth street hill toward Lincoln at high speed, attempted to stop the car at Lincoln street. It is said, when his car skidded. Another car behind Hazard's also skidded, with the result that both cars crashed into curbs on opposite sides of Ninth street. Hazard's car turned over, and was completely demolished. The other car, whose driver is unknown, suffered a broken wheel. Hazard was taken from under his car, unconscious, and removed to the Klamath Valley hospital, where it was discovered that he had sustained only superficial injuries and shock.

Hazard is employed by the Lorenz company.

Taylor Murder Mystery May Be Near Solution

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (AP)—The San Francisco Call-Bulletin today quoted former Governor Friend W. Richardson as saying that he had proof that a motion picture actress murdered William Desmond Taylor, one of Hollywood's most famous directors, mysteriously shot in 1922.

Oregon Rooster Travels De Luxe To Italian Port

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—A sheet of correspondence in the office of General Steamship Corporation here today has to do with the booking of a passage for one white Leghorn rooster from Corvallis, Ore., to Genoa, Italy. A special coop has been constructed for the Oregon fowl and a special supply of food has been stored so the rooster will not have to fall back on sailors' hardtack and ship's biscuit.

BUDD SPEAKS ON GROUP IDEA

Great Northern Head Says Line Will Be Benefitted.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 21 (AP)—Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railway, in a statement today on the interstate commerce commission's railroad grouping plan, said it "seems to foreshadow a decision in the unification application of the Great Northern-Northern Pacific railway which will impose as a condition that will facilitate the sale of the Burlington stock owned by the two northern lines."

Mr. Budd said the two northern lines own 97 per cent of the common stock of the Burlington railway. The northern lines have presented evidence at the interstate commerce commission hearing to show that a saving of \$10,000,000 in operating expenses would be effected under their plan. The unification, however, was opposed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Pacific railroad.

Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific, also believed the proposed consolidations foreshadowed an unfavorable decision on the northern lines' plan but he declined to comment further until seeing the text of the commission's report.

Miss Pebbles Is Bride of Dr. Lucas

Miss Georgia Pebbles became the bride of Dr. Clifford R. Lucas at a ceremony performed this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Paul Evans in the Evans apartments.

Georgia has been employed in the office of the Evening Herald and Klamath News for the past year in the circulation department and has made many friends in the office and throughout the city since she has been here. She has been in Klamath Falls for a little more than a year, coming here from California.

Dr. Lucas is a local chiropractor and has been here for a number of years, practicing for a while in the Woodward building and later moving to Dorris, Calif., where he resided for a short time. He recently sold his practice here to Dr. C. B. Cassel.

The young couple left immediately following the ceremony for Agnes, Oregon, where they will visit Dr. Lucas' mother, and then will return to Klamath Falls for a short time. Their plans for the future are indefinite.

Three Die When Fire Burns Home

ELKHORN, Wis., Dec. 21 (AP)—Three members of the Carey household were burned to death last night while three miles away, other members of the family joined in singing carols at a school house Christmas party.

Patry Carey, 3, and Mabel, 7, with their grandfather, Henry Snowberg, 63, were alone in the isolated farmhouse. The house was in flames when a neighbor spread the alarm.

The bodies were found amid debris in the basement into which they had been plunged when the floors burned away.

Wet Wash



If the laundry came home a little damp that day, housewives of Trehafo, England, could be thankful that they got it at all. For streets there as in many other British cities and towns ran deep with water when rivers, swollen from weeks of heavy rainfall, left their banks. This picture, showing a laundry cart struggling down an inundated thoroughfare, indicates the depth of the floods which swept Rhonda Valley communities, driving hundreds of families from their homes.

WHEAT TAKES SHARP UPTURN

Intervention of Grain Corporation Thought Responsible.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Wheat prices responded buoyantly today to the intervention of the Farmers National Grain Corporation in behalf of better price levels, and gained 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 a bushel above yesterday's finish. The big co-operative's bid of 1 1/4 above current cash prices after the market closed yesterday had an ameliorating effect on trading both here and abroad.

Final quotations today were: December wheat, \$1.21 1/4; March, \$1.27 1/4 to \$1.27 3/4; May, \$1.30 1/4 to \$1.30 3/4; and July, \$1.31 1/4 to \$1.31 3/4.

Gains Four Cents Gains of four cents were marked up at the outset, Liverpool having reacted favorably to the Grain corporation's announcements, and after a dull period at mid-session another rally brought prices at the finish to the top or near the top for the day. Closing yesterday about a cent below the farm board's loan level for wheat, the market ended today four cents over the fixed value.

FAIR SITE SELECTED

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—The first group of buildings for the 1933 Chicago world's fair will impose their majestic beauty along the shores of lake Michigan between 16th and 29th streets, the architectural commission has announced.

GRANGE HAS OBJECTIONS TO BUDGET

Fomona Council Enters Protest at Hearing Of Tax Board.

SAYS ESTABLISHING VALUES TOO COSTLY

Argue Against Bringing in State Tax Commission to Assist in Fixing Valuations, Claiming Such Action Sets Bad Precedent in Prolonging Unequal Valuations.

A protest on the county budget for 1930 was entered at the hearing held today at the office of the county court, by the Klamath county Fomona Grange Council, through R. E. High, the president of the organization, The protest, giving three reasons for the action, read as follows:

1. We object to any more county money being spent to value Klamath county property other than that spent in the ordinary course of business by the assessor's office, until the \$99,000 to \$100,000 spent in securing a proper timber cruise is returned of benefit to the taxpayers by the use of the trustee.

2. We do not believe that there is any need for bringing in the state tax commission into the county at the present time. We do believe that all the county needs is an assessor that will ascertain the true value of property without regard to who owns it or what class of property it is and then use the same ratio of tax value to ascertain value on all property.

The levying board will hear any protests which any taxpayer wishes to offer on the proposed budget for 1930, which has been drawn after more than a week's deliberation. The \$885,269.30 is the total tax that must be estimated by taxation after deducting retained balances on hand in all funds as of December 31, 1929. (Continued on Page Five)

Short Skirts For Health Advocated By Noted Doctor

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Short skirts for health, on no less authority than Dr. Hugh S. Cummings, head of the United States public health service, speaking here; and girls shouldn't diet. The mortality rate among young girls has increased sharply in recent years, Dr. Cummings said, and he attributed it to "the diet craze" which he called "both silly and dangerous."

As for skirts, they should not be worn lower than the knees, the surgeon general said.

SHIP CAPTAIN ACTED WISELY

Inspectors Exonerate Man Who Beached Burning Vessel.

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Captain Eric Strandquist of the steamer Skagway used good judgment in the beaching of his burning vessel near Cape Flattery last Monday. Steamboat Inspectors Donald S. Ames and Thomas Short said here today when making known the results of their investigation of the wreck. The inspectors exonerated the captain of the wrecked vessel from all blame for the accident in their decision.

The master of a ship is responsible for the property under his care and the lives of his officers and crew, and Captain Strandquist followed what he believed to be the safest course, the inspectors ruled.

Accusations that the captain ignored counsel of his officers and crew and headed for the rocks after being told he could make Neah bay, three miles away, were held groundless by Ames and Short. Skagway Total Loss The Skagway lies a total loss a short distance from Cape Flattery. With her cargo she was valued at approximately \$150,000. Because of the rocky shore and the heavy surf, as well as the flames which ate at her cargo for several days, it was impossible to salvage the freight or vessel.

Farm Boy Treated To Thrilling Ride

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 21 (AP)—Having been given an involuntary ride of ten miles hanging to the tail of an airplane, William Coumbe, 17-year-old farm hand, is in good condition to tell of his thrills. He was helping to hold down the tail when the engine was being warmed up, and he didn't let go when the lane soared. In fact he held on till the plane got to within five feet of the ground again. Then he rolled over and over so much he was sent to a hospital with a few bruises.

Victims' Families Helped By Friends

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 21 (AP)—The government of Mexico has come to the aid of destitute families of sixty-one miners, killed in a mine explosion at McAlester Tuesday, contributing \$10,000 toward the relief fund which, through the aid of the radio, already had reached national proportions.

The contribution from Mexico, announced by H. Valdez, Mexican consul here, brings the fund collected through various agencies to approximately \$50,000. The message to the consul here stipulated that fund-were to be applied toward relief for families of Mexicans killed in the disaster.

EXPENSIVE DOOZE PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—A. M. Service of Baker, was fined \$1000 in justice court here on a charge of possession, transportation of liquor on September 19. A large automobile belonging to Service was confiscated.

Spencer Says Road Will Fight Order to Build

The Union Pacific railroad will test the validity of the recent order of the interstate commerce commission requiring it to build a railroad across the state of Oregon from Crane to Crescent lakes. Arthur C. Spencer, solicitor for the Union Pacific system in Portland, made this statement yesterday. Such intimation had been previously given by Carl R. Gray, president of the railroad, while in Portland on the day the news of the commission's action was received, but Mr. Spencer's statement yesterday was first positive information.

CAR FLOAT RAMS FERRY IN HUDSON

700 Lives Endangered By Collision in New York Harbor.

RIVER BOATS RUSH TO AID OF VESSEL

Passengers, Somewhat Shaken And Frightened, Taken to Safety by Harbor Craft Answering Distress Signal; Tugs Prevent Ferry From Taking Water and Sinking.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Harbor craft rescued 700 Christmas shoppers, commuters and newly arrived immigrants from the ferry boat West Point last night after the ferry had been rammed and disabled by a car float. Three persons suffered minor injuries.

The ferry boat was crossing from the foot of West 42nd street, Manhattan, to Weehawken, N. J., directly across the Hudson river. Unlike the heavy fog which prevailed when the liner Fort Victoria was rammed by the Alouquin in the lower bay last Wednesday, the weather was clear and visibility good. The ferry boat was brilliantly lighted.

In midstream the car float, which was being towed by a tug lashed alongside of it, drove its prow into the port side of the ferry, tearing a hole through which water poured into the engine room.

Passengers Startled The passengers, startled by the impact, rushed from the cabins as the ferry boat's siren began to scream distress signals. Amid a bedlam of answering signals, tugs and other ferry boats converged upon the crippled craft. The towing tug held the prow of the car float in the west point, reducing the flow of water and preventing the ferry boat from listing.

As rapidly as they could be maneuvered into position, rescue craft were lashed alongside and passengers assisted off the West Point. The large electric ferry boat Grenville Kane took 250 persons over the stern of the West Point. A New York Central tug made fast and its crew helped men and women through the shattered windows of the disabled boat to safety.

Work Under Searchlights The rescue work was accomplished under searchlights. (Continued on Page Five)

2 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

JUST TWO DAYS LEFT HURRY SO YOU WON'T BE -

Aunt Het



"Aunt Het is pure minded, but any woman that always steps into a car with the same foot first is doin' it because her other ankle is the best one."

Advertisement for the Rotary Club featuring a portrait of a man and text about education and community support. Text includes: 'TRUTH, THE WEALTH OF A CITY IS MEN - 8 YEARS AGO, MR. HALL, WHEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ROTARY CLUB, FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF A BUSINESS AND EDUCATION BOSS - A LINE WIRE SECRETARY WAS HIRED AND SURE, IT HAS FUNCTIONED AS AN ORGANIZATION ADVANCING THE BETTERMENT OF KLAMATH FALLS - HE ALSO HELPED IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BUS HERE AND ALSO THE ROTARY CLUB -' and 'MR. HALL, PIONEER HOTEL MAN WELCOMES A GUEST WHO WILL BE A PERMANENT ONE AND A BIG HELP TO THE COMMUNITY -' and 'KNOWING THE VITAL NECESSITY FOR AN EDUCATION IN THESE DAYS OF KEEN COMPETITION AND KNOWING THERE ARE MANY SLENDER BOYS AND GIRLS WHO THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES CANNOT FINISH THEIR EDUCATION, HE, RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A STUDENT FUND WITHOUT STRONG PROMISING WORTHY BOYS AND GIRLS TO SECURE AN EDUCATION.'