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WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

The Inside Story From The Capital
 By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The snappiest piece of legislative speeding exhibited in congress lately was performed on the pending Robinson-Patman business regulation bill. It was a complete answer to everyone who has been complaining about congressional red tape.

Few senators had even heard of the bill, except by hearsay, until they half-awoke a few days ago and found it proposing something vaguely reminiscent of NRA, and ready for passage. No one knew exactly how it got up front like that. Probably no one will ever find out for sure, but enough can be discovered to indicate the progress that has lately been made in lawmaking.

Congress is developing a technique for streamlining bills in conformity to the rest of the streamlined world.

AMPLIFICATION

A bill generally like this one was proposed last May by Democratic Floor Leader Robinson and Representative Patman jointly. It was framed to hit chain stores by letting the federal trade commission clamp down on their trade practices which cheapen prices.

Exactly where the original draft came from is a matter of speculation. But if you lay one finger on a certain group of wholesalers who represent about 15 per cent of the industry, and the other on the federal trade commission, you will not be far wrong.

That bill snored without hearings in the senate judiciary committee for eight months. It emerged February 3, with the whole original bill stuck out and a completely new bill inserted.

Then senators sat up and took notice that it would regulate, not only chain stores, but apparently "any person engaged in commerce" in the United States, which would include all business men and all who think they are business men.

SIRE

The new draft had been composed in private by Senator Marvel Logan. Logan reported it was a sound measure and should not be delayed to hear what others might think of it. Investigations of the same subject (but not of this bill) had been conducted by the house, and others.

Doubtful senators reached for their congressional directories and notified that Senator Logan's biography indicated his business experience had been gained as chairman of the board of trustees of Brownville, which, apparently, is a town in Kentucky. Also he had been grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge of the independent order of Odd Fellows, as well as a noted Kentucky judge.

If it had been a point of law, the senate would have followed him blindly. But, as all new dealers contend, even six members of the supreme court were recently wrong on AAA, so you have to be careful these days.

Objecting Republican senators prevented the passage of the bill to form an independent personal opinion about how much business it would regulate.

TELEPHONE VOTING

The doubters became even more dubious when they heard a cloak-room story about how the bill was voted out of the Senate judicial committee. At that particular committee meeting, only two or three senators were present. You know how busy legislators always are.

The sires of the bill needed at least nine votes to take action, so they got on the telephone. They collected enough telephonic proxies to accumulate twelve favorable votes on a bill which may be the best ever written, but which would regulate "any person engaged in commerce."

Unquestionably, if this new modernization method prevails, congress need not assemble at all, but can vote by telephone. Unfortunately, it probably will not prevail. There are always people standing in the path of progress.

SEEDS

You may have noticed that congress has made less progress toward discontinuing seed loans. That phase of farm relief started in the drought of 1930. There is no drought this year, but congress is currently providing \$50,000,000 for seed loans anyway.

Agriculture Secretary Wallace is quietly against it. Also a lot of congressmen promised last year that they would never do it again. It does not fit in with the crop curtailment theory they are promoting.

However, this is a campaign year.

NOTES

Smiles are generally outlawed in the supreme court, but a few days ago, an official one slipped in unnoticed. The justices were having a hard time developing

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Now I will explain why you shouldn't bet on more than half the horses in one race."

the argument of an attorney. They asked question after question without understanding any more than they knew before, whereupon dear Justice McReynolds observed:

"This case seems to be a secret."

Congressman Bierman of Iowa has gathered figures indicating that the taxpayers next year will have to pay more than \$4,000,000,000,000 for the cost of past and future wars, which is more than was spent for the entire relief program this year.

Three press gallery observers went to eye and ear specialists after noting democratic laudations of Lincoln on the floor of the senate Wednesday.

President Roosevelt has privately told congressional callers that he personally asked several CCC boys from the city how they liked life in the country CCC camps and that they approved it enthusiastically. He promised that the spending curtailment program would not interfere with their enjoyment.

It cannot be true, but at least one person will testify that he saw John Raskob, the pursued object of Mr. Morgenthau's tax disaffections, coming out of the White House the other afternoon.

Adolph's Observations

IN my mail this morning there was a letter from a lady whom I do not know, in which she asks for a little advice. I'm always ready to dribble out anything that don't cost much, so here goes.

My friend says that her husband stays out till early morning once or twice each week and comes home staggering. She says he is home-loving, don't care for drinks or parties and as her old man has only done this for the last two years, she wonders how she could break him of it.

Yours is a problem, lady. He likes parties and booze and you like your home and kids. It's pretty hard to change folks when they reach a certain age, but you might give him a dose of his own stuff if you want to experiment.

Some night, when he is sober, go out on a tear yourself. Come home about 4 in the morning and hang your hat on the linoleum. If that don't cure him nothing will.

Oh, say, before I overlook it, don't forget to leave the key out for the kids.

SHIP NEARS SOAST

PORTLAND, Feb. 14, (AP)—The British freighter Trollick, damaged by a gale 240 miles offshore, messaged Portland agents today she would reach the Columbia river lightship about 9 o'clock tonight.

Now Playing
 A Gun Fightin' Fool!
 He challenges the lawless with lead and fights to the finish for the girl he loves!

Buck JONES
 Sunset & Power

Leon Erroll
 Comedy Novelty Act

V25¢ X
 KIDDIES 10¢

NEW BOOKS

The following is a list of books received recently at the Klamath county library:

Goellin—Rich Man, Poor man. In simple text and graphic illustrations the authors point out how our economic system has broken down, and show how government ownership by means of production and distribution would give to all enough food, shelter, clothing, education and leisure for the cultivation of the good things in life.

Chase—The Tragedy of Waste. In conjunction with the labor bureau, the author presents the four main channels of waste in economy, namely, waste in consumption, idle man-power, wastes in the technique of production and distribution, and waste of natural resources.

Ashley—The Constitution Today. Beginning with the historical development of the constitution before 1787, this book deals with the story of the constitution through the years.

The story, the meaning and the use of the constitution.

Corwin—The Twilight of the Supreme Court. In four lectures the author, McCormick, professor of jurisprudence in Princeton university, discusses the history of constitutional theory and questions which the new deal has raised concerning constitutional power.

Getteli—The Constitution of the United States. A study of the fundamental ideals, principles and institutions of the American government.

Guitierrez—The Constitution of the United States. The origin, meaning and application of the constitution.

Musatti—Constitutionalism. Presenting a short and simple statement of the origin of the basic principles of the constitution of the United States.

Hedges—Henry Villard and the Railways of the Northwest. Neither making this a biography nor a history of transportation, the author tells the story of Henry Villard, who was sent to Oregon in 1874 to investigate one railroad in particular, and of the factors which influenced the growth of the railroads of the great northwest.

Millikan—Evolution in Science and Religion. Contains three lectures delivered at Yale university on the Terry foundation in which a physicist discusses the relations of religion to science.

Weyer—The Eskimos. Describes the Eskimos habitat and the life of the people as revealed through their customs and beliefs.

Hesser—Parade of the Animal Kingdom. With over 700 illustrations this book deals with the animal kingdom from the first classification, the protozoa, to the last classification, the primates.

Nichols and Others—How Does Your Garden Grow? Series of articles on gardening by four English writers. Beverly Nichols, Compton Mackenzie, Marion Cran, and V. Sackville-West.

Anderson—How to Draw Cartoons Successfully. Many practical suggestions, written simply and fully illustrated. Author is the creator of the well-known "Henry" cartoons.

Wells—Bernuda in Three Colors. After acquainting his readers with a general history of Bermuda, the author conducts the traveler round about over all of the Bermuda's 300 and more islands, going by train, bicycle, carriage, boat and on foot, pointing out many interesting spots in an amusing manner.

Enslow—Schoolhouse in the Forest. The account of a plucky young school teacher, taking over the "problem school" of Shady Cove. The poverty, illiteracy, and independence of the people are described with pathos and humor.

La Varre—Gold, Diamonds and Orchids. This book is a record of the longest expedition the author has ever taken, lasting a year, during which he traveled through unknown parts of British Guiana and northern Brazil.

Linn—Jane Addams. The authorized biography of

Telling the Editor

HOBBO PROBLEMS

Klamath Falls, Ore.—(To the Editor): California is "herd-minded" while Oregon is not. Especially our "Floater's Haven" (Klamath Falls) where everything and everyone roams at large, dogs run in droves, transients come in with their livestock and their children and always a couple of many half-starved dogs, take residence in Mills addition in one of the many vermin infested two-by-four unpainted shacks that squat in the jumbo mud, that only Klamath Falls can apologize for. Then they lose their livestock and rejoice in the fact that there is no herd law. Their several chickens and their cats and dogs and unkempt kids roam over the whole neighborhood. By the time the relief authorities are tired of supporting them and hunting new jobs for the same person, then these floaters collect their gypsy band and move on only to come back to Klamath Falls after they find no other place will tolerate them. So it is possible California got tired of this sort of thing. Sent out its cops like a cluck to gather her brood under her wings. However, it is un-American, sounds more like Russia; for instance, the state says, "Ye shall not pass without the cash!" Oh, well, California never did impress me as typical American. Maybe this Foreign Legion stuff is JUST AN OLD SPANISH CUSTOM!

Respectfully,
 PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH.

Oregon Liquor Sales Increase

SALEM, Feb. 14, (AP)—Sale of liquor in Oregon during the past year doubled that of the first year of repeal, and during the two years of licensed alcoholic business, the Oregon state liquor control commission has taken in the sum of \$10,422,468.

Arthur K. McMahon, chairman of the state liquor control commission since February, 1935, reported in an exclusive interview to the Associated Press, that not only had the business doubled during the past year, but the inventory losses had been reduced by approximately 70 per cent under the previous 12 months.

Third and fourth generation Americans always have darker hair coloring than their ancestors.

Coming Sunday

GENE HOWARD
 WORLD'S CHAMPION COWBOY
 BULL WHIP ARTIST
 YODELER AND MUSICIAN
 and His

RIO GRANDE RIDERS

YOU'VE HEARD THEM OVER
 KNX • KSL • KOA
 WESTERN STAR ENTERTAINERS
 ON THE SCREEN
 LUGOSI and KARLOFF
 "THE INVISIBLE RAY"

BORAH FOLLOWERS WILL FORM CLUB

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14, (AP)—A public meeting to organize a Borah for President club in Oregon will be called soon, probably next week, Colonel Thomas R. Hamer, one of the Idaho senator's supporters, said today.

"We will hold an open meeting with all of Senator Borah's supporters invited to attend and help organize a Borah for President club in Oregon," Colonel Hamer, a former national congressman from Idaho, said.

"We believe in an open organization rather than a secret set-up. There will be no put-up job. We will carry out Borah's square deal platform. We want the people to come out and express themselves."

MAN BURIED ALIVE IN YREKA DISTRICT

YREKA, Calif., Feb. 14, (AP)—Ed Miller, 49, ranch owner, trapper, tourist guide and former hotel owner at Seattle, was buried alive Thursday at the Williams hydraulic mine, when a rock slide, loosened by wash and heavy rains suddenly avalanched upon him.

The few men at the mine called for volunteers, who came by the dozen and worked frantically for eight hours, hoping to recover him alive. His body, however, had been crushed almost beyond recognition.

Rotarians Hear Park Naturalist

John Doerr, chief naturalist for Crater Lake national park, presented an interesting address before the Rotary club Friday noon.

The naturalist talked on Hallowall and described eruptions of the various volcanoes, including the recent Maunaloa volcano over which he flew before coming to Klamath Falls to make his headquarters.

T. B. Watters, vice president of Rotary, presided at the meeting, and Dick Reeder was the chairman of the day.

BORAH MAY RETAIN JOB

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14, (AP)—Senator Borah (R., Idaho) declined to comment today on the announcement of Ralph E. Whitten of Idaho that he contemplated running for the republican nomination for the senate in that state.

LAST DAY! MILLIONS IN THE AIR

TOMORROW
 BILL
 BOYD
 "BURNING GOLD"
 RAINBOW

LAST TIMES TODAY
 FRANK McHUGH
 IS A PANIC!

TOMORROW
 One Day Only
 LONE WOLF
 Returns!
 Melvyn Douglas
 Gail Patrick
 Arthur Hohl

ADDED
 "Primitive Pitcairn"
 "Primitive Pitcairn" the Butterflys
 "Choose Your Partners"
 All Star Comedy
 SHOWS 2-7-9

PELICAN

Long and Bitter

THE 1936 national political campaign, at this stage of the game, is unique in that it started early and has been gaining headway steadily since its unseasonal beginning.

President Roosevelt's address to congress on the state of the union, which had many of the aspects of a political speech, added additional impetus. Mr. Hoover's early activities, the Al Smith speech, the jockeying about by various aspirants for the republican nomination, have all served to stir public interest to an unusual degree for this early in the year.

Then there have been the supreme court decisions voiding some of the new deal legislation, and such movements as the Townsend plan, which have served to stimulate public feeling and to complicate the situation by cutting across party lines.

Here it is, almost five months before the conventions, and it is safe to presume that the intensive part of the campaign is still many months away. If it continues to gain momentum, the 1936 political campaign should go down as one of the bitterest, longest and most confused in the history of the nation.

And its safe to predict that in the coming months John Voter is going to have plenty of trouble keeping the issues clear in mind amid the ranting of the politicians.

Bad Weather--Elsewhere

WEATHER has "made" the big headline of this newspaper for several days, but it is notable that these headlines have topped telegraphic stories, rather than local ones.

Klamath Falls, indeed, has enjoyed some very excellent, spring-like weather while other parts of Oregon have fought silver thaws and snowstorms, and the northwest and middle west and parts of the east have suffered in severe cold and struggled with deep drifts.

In those areas, it seems that the winter has equalled in severity some of those terrible seasons old-timers like to talk about. It began in November, and since that time there has been a round of floods, cold winds, blocked highways, fuel and food shortage, and other things that must surely make it almost as bad as some of the old-time winters.

The Klamath country, of course, has not escaped winter weather entirely. There has been an average run of it. We were in the path of the November storms, and altogether we have had a lot of precipitation that is warmly welcomed in these parts.

But compared with the weather described in the news dispatches from other regions, we are now in the midst of a fine summer.

Trick Tests Banned

EVEN a bureaucracy can get wise to itself, in time. It is announced in Washington that government officials examining applicants for citizenship must hereafter ask sensible questions. The trick questions of the past are out; and when you look at some of them you can only wonder what some of our foreign-born citizens must have thought of the wisdom of Uncle Sam.

In the past, for instance, aliens have been asked such questions as these: How high is the Bunker Hill monument? How many stars are there on a quarter? What has Ireland been fighting for? Can Congress make a law to put me in jail for 40 years?

About all that the examiners forgot seems to have been to ask the boys, How old is Ann? How anyone in his senses could have expected to gauge a man's fitness for citizenship by his answers to such questions is beyond understanding. It is good to learn that examinations henceforth will be more sensible.

Ten Years Ago
 In Klamath

THE God of Love still reigns, in Klamath Falls at least, and local postoffice employees are laboring incessantly to handle the heavy load of mail.

"It's the biggest mail that we have ever had on Valentine's day," Postmaster John McCall said. "Of course we always expect a heavy mail, but this year it is particularly large, not only in the mail department, but also the parcel post division."

So despite the fact that some people say this is an age of realism and that life is moving too fast for such a thing as romance, the fact is that all, young

Always 2 Features
 Always 15 Cents

Ken Maynard
 in
 "Fargo Express"
 —Also—
 Benita Hume in
 "High Treason"
 —Plus—
 Chapter No. 5
 Tom Mix and Tony Jr.
 in
 "The Miracle Rider"

Positively Ends Saturday

James LAGNEY
 Pat O'BRIEN
 in
 "CEILING ZERO"
 PINE TREE