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Dust From Lower Lake

DUSTY days such as Wednesday inspire wishful thinking of Lower Klamath lake re-flooding. Much of the dirt and grime that blows up when the wind is from that direction is from the dry lake bed, and re-flooding, from that angle alone, would certainly be welcome in much of the Klamath country. It also would restore a great bird sanctuary, and would correct an alleged mistake that has been used, justifiably or not, for years by critics of western reclamation.

The two major obstacles to Lower Lake re-flooding are the re-purchase of land in the basin now held in private hands, and the necessity of finding a water supply sufficient for flooding without shortening the supply for other necessary purposes.

A year or two ago a local committee made a careful study of this problem and developed some interesting suggestions as to water supply, including: (1) Purchase of drainage district and taking over its water rights, running around 60,000 or 70,000 acre feet; (2) Supply from Sheezy creek, which might be augmented by development of wells, and (3) the excess run-off from Upper Klamath lake, which would be quite heavy in wet years, such as the past one.

Most intriguing water supply suggestion of all, but one whose practicability is not fully determined, is the use of water from the Tule lake sump. This is the water that drains down into Tule lake from the irrigated farming districts south of here. It is now reaching such volumes that enlargement of the actual sump area appears a certainty, which means the sacrifice of rich farming land now under lease. As long as this threat exists, about 40,000 acres of Tule lake basin must be set aside for sump purposes, and what farming is done must be on a temporary lease basis. Only a ridge of hills divides the Tule lake basin, where this excess water supply is a problem, and the Lower lake basin, where water shortage is a problem if there is to be re-flooding. There has been some hope during years that the government has been throwing money right and left, that some feasible plan for boosting this Tule lake water into the Lower lake might be worked out and put into effect, without burdening Tulelake homesteaders. As yet, so far as we know, no thorough technical study has been made.

Some hope has been placed in the biological survey by local people who would like to see the Lower lake re-flooded. But the survey, whose officials have done a good deal of howling about the fact the lake was drained, doesn't seem to take any active interest in working out a fair, feasible re-flooding plan. Many letters sent from here about the matter have not even been answered.

At the beginning of a wet cycle is a good time to work for Lower lake re-flooding. We seem to be at such a place at this time. Only this week the Merrill service club, concerned about the dust plague, decided to do some more investigating of the re-flooding problems. Perhaps in some way or another, the right plan will be hit upon. There is still a possibility that Lower Klamath lake may be re-flooded.

The New Capitol

FIRST impression of Oregon's new capitol building, as shown in cuts of the architect's drawing, is one of severity. This is partly due to the lines of the building itself, and partly to the departure from the traditional dome, a feature that some of us will view with regret.

The Salem Capital-Journal, whose editor must "live with" the capitol, is nevertheless pleased. He says that printed illustrations do not do the building justice, for they lack the perspective with which the structure will be viewed. "It is really a beautiful design, in harmony with its surroundings, typical of the state, and will give Oregon one of the most distinctive of capitols," the Salem editor says.

It is said that the architect has gone far in providing maximum room in the capitol building, and that, of course, is of great importance. It will be remembered that Oregon decided not to go in for an enormous and ornamental structure, but rather decided that utility should come first. Simplicity, therefore, is to be expected, and that phase of the capitol building plans gets our hearty approval.

GARDENING

By Garden Scout

It's something to be just smiling with one particular flower, and each year grow and perfect it to your complete satisfaction, but when you're wrapped up in the cultivation of iris, and all the many things that go into a rock garden or an English dry wall, (we think that sounds awfully snooty and country squire-fied), and a border for a pool, well, that's a different story.

And that's the problem facing Mrs. E. D. Lamb, one of the most enthusiastic enthusiasts we found in Klamath Falls' garden growing. There is a lovely rock garden facing Cypress street in front of the Lamb residence, and to the side there is as fine a collection of iris as you will see in the city. There are many varieties, ranging from white, through the blues and purples to deep reds and bronzes. And a drive past them, even though iris are supposed to have been at their peak a week ago, will do you good.

One of the prettiest of the summer gardens we've seen takes up the back portion of the grounds, and there is a pool. The day we visited the garden, while scouting for the Klamath Falls Woman's Library club, which will sponsor a flower show on the 4th of June in Fremont school auditorium, several clumps of bright yellow tulips were reflected in the pool. Later in the season the garden will be a riot of color in the sunlight, as the perennials and annuals are coming along beautifully.

WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

The Inside Story From The Capital

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, May 28.—It is contrary to accepted public opinion, but technical radio engineers insist that:

President Roosevelt's radio voice is worse than that of any other modern president, except Coolidge. "He gets his effects in spite of his voice by draping his arm across the microphone and talking as if he had his elbow on the mantle-piece in your parlor."

Governor Landrum's radio voice and style are not the worst in politics by a long shot. Through the microphone he sounds (to the engineers) like "Pa."

The supreme republican orator, Senator Borah, is "very bad radio". He developed his speaking style before public address systems were widely in use, and cannot tune it down.

In the same category is Vandenberg of Michigan, the second best orator in the senate. His voice sounds "raspy, lacks oil."

LESSON

Postmaster General Farley will not soon again call Governor Landrum "the Prairie state candidate" or anything like that. In fact, he will probably not call Landrum anything, in the immediate future.

The next time he loads his gun for a shot at the republicans, he will use buckshot instead of single bullets. And he will aim particularly at republican candidates other than Landrum in an effort to "even it up". That much has been decided.

The truth is the New Deal strategists now unanimously agree that it was a mistake for Mr. Farley to single out Landrum at all, even without identifying him as a man of the soil. It really helped Landrum toward the nomination, and it may give the Kansas a good campaign cry.

Mr. Farley never makes the same mistake twice.

Note—The Farley speech was really written by Charles Michelson, greatest of political ghosts. Michelson was probably thinking of the fact that most of the democratic votes are in the cities.

DIG

A nudge for Doctor Tugwell seemed to be involved in the supreme court decision in the livestock case. No one caught it except perhaps the economic doctor and a few of the boys around the agriculture department.

What the court did was to reverse unanimously a lower court decision favoring the agriculture department order against fifty livestock commission men. The court said the lower judge erred in declining to consider paragraph 4 of the complaint. And paragraph 4 charged that the order was not considered by Agriculture Secretary Wallace but by one "R. G. Tugwell" and one "R. W. Dunlap."

The economic theory behind the order was that there are too many marketing agencies, too many salesmen and too much competition in the livestock business. At least this is what the livestock merchants charged. The theory itself was not considered by the court, which ruled only on the technical point of law.

But, as one New Dealer complained, upon hearing of it: "Someone is always picking on Rex."

Note—The case against the livestock men was really started in the Hoover administration. Testimony was concluded before Mr. Hoover left office. But the order was issued by Secretary Wallace shortly after he came in.

Ordinarily a president rushes forward with a lot of appointments in a campaign year, but Mr. Roosevelt is doing just the opposite. He is refraining from making appointments to vacancies which have existed in important federal offices for a long time.

For instance, months have passed without an appointment to fill the vacant farm chair on the federal reserve board.

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Obituary

CLARENCE ALBERT PAYNE

Clarence Albert Payne, age 63 years, 9 months, 6 days, passed away in this city May 28, at 4:30 a. m., following an extended illness. Mr. Payne was a native of West Virginia and is survived by one brother, George R. Payne and one daughter, Florence Ramey, both of Los Angeles, California. The remains rest at the Earl Whitlock funeral home. Announcement of the funeral arrangements will be made at a later date.

Funeral

MRS. SARAH VERA KIGER

Funeral services for the late Sarah Vera Kiger, wife of Estlin B. Kiger, 2310 Home avenue, will be held from the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Friday, May 29, at 3 p. m., with Dr. A. Theodore Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Committal services and interment will follow at Linkville cemetery. Friends are invited.

Puerto Rico produces approximately 30,000,000 gallons of molasses annually.

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Let's not start discussing what we'd do if we had a million. It always ends in a big disagreement."

clique, which includes all other members of the boards, likes Texas better than Washington.

DULLNESS

At this time last year you could not get a seat in the senate gallery. It was always packed and usually dozens were waiting outside in line. This year you can generally choose any one you like of the dozens of vacant seats.

The reason, they say, is Huey Long is no longer present.

LOADING

The republicans will have a plank in the platform proposing withdrawal of Russian recognition. It has been written.

ALGOMA NEWS

ALGOMA—Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thelen returned home from a week's vacation spent in Tacoma, Washington. While there they attended the graduation exercises of their niece, Miss Dorothy Moulton, who graduated from nurse's training.

Mrs. Mike Vognell spent several days visiting friends in Medford last week.

The bridge club met with Mrs. Coffey week before last. Those present were Mesdames Brown, Evans, Jones, Solie, Quillman, Gray, Gratton, Mouglin and the hostess, Mrs. Coffey.

High score went to Mrs. Mouglin, second high to Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Coffey served cake and coffee as refreshments. The meeting last week was with Mrs. Evans. Those present were Mesdames Mouglin, Solie, Jones, Gray, Evans, Quillman, Coffey and Thelma Evans.

High score went to Mrs. Jones, second to Mrs. Solie, and low to Mrs. Gray.

This week the club meets with Mrs. Jones in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffey have as their house guest, Mrs. Coffey's father, Mr. Lucas of Portland.

Mrs. Bernice Oswald has as her house guest, Mrs. Oswald's mother, Mrs. Long of Hamilton City, California.

Mrs. Allen Lloyd and baby daughter, Nettie Louise, returned home from the hospital last week. Nettie Louise was born in Klamath Falls, May 8.

Mrs. Dolly Seng visited at the Huck's last week. Mrs. Seng lives at Redding, California.

Mrs. Proctor's mother, Mrs. Archie Phelps, who has been visiting at the Proctor home the past month, has returned to her home in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Miss Annie Le Neers visited her mother and father at the Algoma hotel last week. Miss Le Neers is from Santa Cruz, Calif.

Winema, Calif.

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Eighth grade graduation exercises, which were held in the Tulelake gym, reflected much credit on the teachers who trained the children for the occasion; also on Mr. Wells, who piloted the eighth grade the last two years. Beside the operetta, the piano duet by Joanne Anderson and Marjorie Thacker, gained much favorable comment. Miss Morris and Champion returned to their homes in Alameda, Calif., directly after school closed. Miss Green, who is to succeed Miss Morris next year, was getting acquainted with the community last week. Miss Green is also from Alameda.

D. W. Turnbaugh and family spent the week-end with the Blanton in their camp at Beaver Flats. Blanton has completed a successful year as principal of the schools at Bly, Oregon.

The Gangers are remodeling their home.

Mr. Wolfe, who has been visiting a son in Kansas City, Mo., recently returned to Winema where he makes his home with his son, Ivo Wolfe.

Mrs. Boyd Thacker is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, of Centralia, Wash. The Schumachers are living on the Walt Storey ranch, recently purchased by John Kandra, Jr. Everett Durkee has a new automobile.

Mrs. Conkley and children spent Monday visiting at the Ziemleczuk home.

W. H. Anderson, at the last grange meeting at Tulelake, gave a talk on wood control. He showed specimens of white top and Russian rag weed, two of the most noxious pests that are found in the south end. He also displayed a few spuds infested with worms, which planters were warned to look for in seed.

The officers admitted the explosion was the result of their own carelessness. By the light of a lantern, they were destroying 18 of the 62 gallon barrels of mash and moonshine, and pouring kerosene onto the mash and barrels preparatory to setting them on fire. Suddenly the flames of the lantern ignited the gaseous fumes and a terrific explosion resulted.

Muddy waters of the main irrigation canal this morning gave forth the body of James Carr, itinerant logger who was drowned in the canal on May 18.

The constitution of Argentina requires that the president of that country be a Roman Catholic.

The United States leads in copper production and takes 60 per cent of the copper exported from Chile.

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