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WASHINGTON
NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
 The Inside Story From The Capital
 By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—That delayed announcement of U. S. neutrality toward Spain was never intended to become the fundamental statement of American doctrine it now is. It was written by Under-Secretary of State Phillips a week ago for an entirely different purpose.

Mr. Phillips learned through the devious channels, which only he knows, that certain consuls and diplomats in Spain (not ours) were becoming personally involved in the revolution. If their indiscreet efforts to aid the rebels ever gets out, it will cause their government some embarrassing moments, but there is little prospect of that now.

But Mr. Phillips decided to take his pen in hand to warn our boys over there, particularly consuls, who are not expected to know much anyway, that they should not become involved in the revolution on one side or the other. He sent his warning as a general confidential memo.



"If you don't stop squinting, this minute, I'll ask your father to get a switch, and then maybe you'll smile."

Klamath Quiz
 Check Your Answers with Table on Classified Page

- The assessed valuation represented in the city of Klamath Falls is (a) \$31,472,312.13; (b) \$35,100,413.92; (c) \$9,008,464.75; (d) \$15,911,012.43.
- The combined tax rate paid for a Klamath Falls property owner is (a) 63.6; (b) 47.9; (c) 78.9; (d) 24.1.
- The assessed valuations of utilities inside the city of Klamath Falls is (a) \$8,432,112.16; (b) \$14,006,012.12; (c) \$769,989.87; (d) \$2,032,394.75.
- Dr. George H. Adler is a candidate for coroner for his (a) third (b) second (c) fourth (d) fifth term.
- The area of Klamath Falls in square miles is approximately (a) five (b) 12 (c) 25 (d) 31.

Old Amphitheater

HORIZONTAL

1 Colossal ancient building.
 9 It was built by Veaspin and —
 14 Olive shrub.
 15 Document.
 17 Box.
 18 Cravats.
 19 To concur.
 20 To unclose.
 21 Classified.
 23 Kindled.
 24 Sluggish.
 25 Curled.
 28 Marble figure.
 32 To rectify.
 33 Capable of being read.
 39 Insanely.
 40 Soon.
 41 Affirmative.
 42 Organ of hearing.
 43 Coloring matter.
 44 Pair of saws.
 48 Measure of cloth.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1 Colossal ancient building. **AMPHITHEATER**
 9 It was built by Veaspin and — **ANDRONEUS**
 14 Olive shrub. **OLIVE**
 15 Document. **DEED**
 17 Box. **BOX**
 18 Cravats. **CRAVATS**
 19 To concur. **CONCUR**
 20 To unclose. **UNZIP**
 21 Classified. **CLASSIFIED**
 23 Kindled. **KINDLED**
 24 Sluggish. **SLUGGISH**
 25 Curled. **CURLED**
 28 Marble figure. **STATUE**
 32 To rectify. **RECTIFY**
 33 Capable of being read. **READABLE**
 39 Insanely. **INSANELY**
 40 Soon. **SOON**
 41 Affirmative. **AFFIRMATIVE**
 42 Organ of hearing. **EARS**
 43 Coloring matter. **DYE**
 44 Pair of saws. **SAWS**
 48 Measure of cloth. **YARDS**

VERTICAL

2 Hodgepodge.
 3 To sneer.
 4 Hops kiln.
 5 Mineral spring.
 6 Bird of prey.
 7 To get up.
 8 Encounters.
 10 Portrait statue.
 11 Woven string.
 12 Consumer.
 13 Delivered.
 16 Musical note.
 22 Check end.
 24 Day in Roman month.
 26 To rebroadcast.
 27 Before.
 28 — did the work on it.
 29 X.
 30 Since.
 31 Baking dish.
 33 Musical note.
 34 Unit.
 35 Inlet.
 36 Its seats are —
 38 Eye proper.
 43 Doctor.
 45 Foolish bird.
 46 To smear with grease.
 47 Sea eagle.
 48 Narrative poem.
 49 Italian coin.
 51 Motkey.
 52 Day.
 56 Note in scale.
 57 Spain.
 58 Tonic B.

Game Question Up

OUT of the marble game situation at Salem may come a test of the legality of these devices.

Ralph Moody, the assistant attorney general serving as special prosecutor in Marion county, has instructed the sheriff to close down all pin ball games and similar devices. The sheriff promptly began notifying operators that they had five days to get the games out of operation.

Immediately the old row developed on the question as to whether the recently enacted "game of skill" statute validates pin ball games, or whether they are invalidated under the constitutional prohibition of lotteries. Marion county pin ball operators intimated strongly that they would resist the effort to close them up, giving Moody a chance to make arrests, or otherwise starting court procedure that would put the test to the devices.

In the meantime, there is talk among city councilmen here of increasing the fees charged for pin and ball devices. A survey made by the League of Oregon cities shows that charges here are much lower than in most cities, and it indicates, also, that the take is pretty big. If the pin and ball games survive legal attacks, it seems to us they ought to contribute a generous fee to the public coffers. The council is on the right track when it talks of raising the fees.

OPPORTUNISM

President Roosevelt returned from Hyde Park a few days later and began looking over the files showing what Phillips had done during his absence.

At that moment the French were threatening to make the situation embarrassing for us. Reports were coming from Paris that they were going to invite us to join a neutrality pact. Newsmen here started putting the heat on the state department for a statement.

Until then, the U. S. had managed to say nothing very well. It had not officially recognized it had a rebellion, and thus had been avoided calling the rebels "revolutionists," a phrase which might bounce back hard if the rebels win.

When the president came upon Phillips' confidential instructions to the consuls, he noted the general terms, then the date. It was August 7, before the French pressure started, and therefore could not be considered a rebuff to the French feelers. Always thankful for manna, Mr. Roosevelt seized this tidbit from above, had it issued indirectly, as the statement of American position, thereby sliding out from under innumerable diplomatic complications.

FOUND

A government official with extraordinary sources guessed among friends the other day that the missing heir apparent in 1940 (in case Mr. Roosevelt is re-elected) will be Harry Hopkins. The speaker was not Mr. Hopkins.

Portland Chamber of Commerce

R. H. Kipp, manager of the land and development department of the chamber, said "each day many families arrive with only a few dollars and of necessity are forced to apply for relief within a few days."

He commented that "it has become necessary to attempt to get the facts before the middle-western public."

Kipp also said his office has received "heavy inquiry from prospective settlers with means to buy farm lands and become settled before winter."

He'll Do a Good Job

EUGENE is fortunate in the selection of Dr. James D. Barnett of the University of Oregon department of political science as a member of the city civil service commission. Dr. Barnett is remembered by every student who studied political science at Oregon as "Stiffy." We never knew exactly why, but we suspected, for good reason, that it was because of the things he required of his students and the kind of quizzes he gave. Stiff as were his classes, they were always intensely interesting to the serious, for they were taught by a man who knew what he was talking about.

A couple of years ago when drastic changes were proposed in the civil service set-up here, this writer dropped a line to Dr. Barnett, explaining the proposed measures and asking his opinion of them. His reply was quick, and pointed the way to the good judgment later shown by the voters of the city when the measures came before them at the polls. It stressed the importance of merit in the selection and advancement of personnel in municipal departments.

Eugene is just embarking on a civil service program. This city's experience of a few years ago would indicate that difficult problems arise at such a time. The Willamette valley city should make a good start, with Dr. Barnett as one of its civil service commissioners.

TAX MAGIC

The artful Alberta scheme of conjuring money has attracted attention from the political scientists here who wonder why, with all the rare notions now prevalent among Americans, no American thought of that one.

The nub of it is this: The provincial government issues a dollar bill, and any person who holds it longer than two weeks must put a one-cent tax stamp on it. When the dollar has accumulated stamp taxes amounting to \$1.04, the provincial government will cash it for one good dollar.

Offhand it appears to be as good as anything Houdini ever did, but as in all Houdini tricks, the rabbit must come from somewhere. The dollar must get its value somewhere. The provincial government has no gold, no reserves, nothing except a reputation, which can easily be lost if its obligations exceed its ability to collect taxes.

The only value the dollar has, therefore, is the expectation that some day it will have collected enough taxes to pay for it, and the tax of course, is to come from the people. But this particular tax is not only futuristic but voluntary. Consequently no one wants the dollar. The fear of being unable to pass it on is great and no one wants to pay the cumulative one-cent tax which would ultimately give it a real value.

Thus, it still appears to be impossible to make something out of nothing.

News of Oregon

MEACHAM, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—This little blue mountain town in eastern Oregon, usually on winter weather tables as one of the west's cold spots, ignored such mundane things as thermometer readings today.

Instead the topic was coyotes and the problems of birth control.

Both were attacked in discussions held by two-score government trappers of Oregon and Washington who opened a two-day session today. Also in attendance were game, forest, national park and county officials.

"Coyotes are getting fat since sheep came into this country, and the well-fed females are becoming more fertile," W. W. Luning, of the U. S. biological survey said.

"Formerly coyotes delivered litters of four to five pups, but we know of one coyote which recently gave birth to 17 and two others which brought 14 hungry pups each."

"Their increasing fertility, together with the withdrawal of considerable financial aid by counties to combat predatory animals, has greatly increased the coyote menace."

Forest officials said cougars and other members of the wild cat family reap a huge toll of domestic and wild life but that coyotes offer by far the greatest problem.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 13 (AP)—A marriage license was issued here yesterday to Percy I. Fism, 35, and Rena M. Ryan, 31, both of Klamath Falls, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—New evidence of business gains came to light today in the form of a survey which showed lumber production in Oregon and Washington last year increased 21 per cent as compared with 1934 and about 41 per cent as compared with 1932.

The figures: 1932 — 3,864,581,000 board feet; 1934 — 5,443,912,000 board feet; 1935 — 6,599,237,000 board feet.

The survey was made public by the Pacific northwest forest experiment station.

Washington, with a cut of 3,459,951,000 board feet, and Oregon, which produced 3,139,286,000 ranked first and second respectively in the nation last year.

The survey showed 1122 lumber and shingle mills operated in Oregon and Washington at least a part of 1935.

Species production included: Douglas fir, Oregon, 1,553,421,000 board feet, Washington, 2,717,390,000 board feet.
 Ponderosa pine, Oregon, 1,024,017,000, Washington, 281,451,000.
 Western hemlock, Oregon, 64,104,000, Washington, 184,911,000.
 Spruce, Oregon, 72,504,000, Washington, 55,464,000.
 Cedar, Oregon, 19,941,000, Washington, 89,731,000.

Other woods cut in the two states included: Idaho pine 81,285,000, Port Orford cedar 32,519,000, sugar pine 31,599,000, white fir 24,290,000, larch 17,842,000, hardwoods 48,560,000.

Too Old to Work at 45?

THE tendency toward lower age limits for positions under civil service, and in business and industry generally, appears to be meeting with increasing disfavor.

A recent instance is that in Cleveland, O., where the city's civil service commission has abandoned its general age limit of 45 years in holding examinations.

City officials agreed that it's obviously absurd to consider that a person reaching 45 automatically becomes less competent to fill a post than one a year or so younger, or to assume that every man or woman at 45 is ready for the shelf.

The ability of a person to perform the duties of an office is not a matter of years, but of training, education, and physical condition. Any arbitrary age limit, such as 45, therefore is utterly without justification.

REPARTEE

Sharpest campaign debate to date was conducted sotto voce at the recent Lotus club dinner to Charles Michelson in New York. About 250 were present to honor the great political ghost, many of them republicans.

Charles Francis Coe, president of the club, presided. In introducing democratic national chairman, Jim Farley, Mr. Coe referred to him as the postmaster general.

Mr. Farley, standing nearby, stage-whispered, "Not now, not now," and Coe, still remarked back: "Yes, you still are." Farley hesitated a moment, then insisted: "Well, I'm off the pay

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Lemmy King, 63, carpenter and painter, fell 35 feet to his death while he was shingling a barn on the McMinnville-Dayton road.

BEND, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Surfacing of the mile-long road to 500-foot Butte peak gave motorists easy access to the state park at the top of the ancient volcanic cone today. A highway department crew completed the surfacing in four days.

CASCADE

is a former Cascade Summit resident.

Mrs. Thomas Godley is assisting at Summit lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reynolds and daughter and Mrs. Reynolds' sister, Mrs. Rush of Alameda, spent a few days at Summit lodge. They went to Diamond lake from here and will return to their home in California. Reynolds owns a meat market in Alameda and Mrs. Rush is a school teacher there.

Miss Evelyn Gibson of Oakridge is working in the restaurant at Crescent Lake. She is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Raymond Porter.

Fishing in Lake Odell is very good at present.

The entire state of Louisiana is threaded and dotted with bayous, lakes and small streams. Much of the land that borders on these navigable waters is marsh area, which furnishes an ideal home for the state's millions of muskrats.

Discovery of the relation between the moon and tides of the sea is credited to the Phoenicians.

VALE, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Between 40 to 50 cars of potatoes, valued at approximately \$25,000, rolled out of Vale this week to markets described by growers as "the best in years."

It was estimated last year's shipment of 315 cars would be doubled in 1936. Prices quoted here ranged from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a bushel.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—The increasing influx of residents from drought-stricken areas, who were led to believe employment was plentiful in the northwest, presented a new problem to the

Governor Urges More Fleet Visits

SALEM, Aug. 13 (AP)—In a letter commending the officers and men of the U. S. navy upon their visit in Portland a week ago, Governor Martin personally appealed to the secretary of the navy to arrange an annual fleet week for Oregon.

"Oregon's first fleet week will be a long-remembered celebration in our history," the governor wrote. "Unquestionably the visit of the fleet was of the greatest advantage in acquainting the people of Oregon and southwest Washington with the fine body of men who are serving their country in the United States navy."

Blind flying first was tried about 1918.

Popeye Club

Little Stories About Klamath Boys and Girls

Dear Club Reporter:
 I am having a good time with a pal of mine, Jack Dale. We go round and get labels and tops off bottles to win a bike or the Ford. My pal has a canary and she is setting this morning. She laid an egg. I enjoy the Popeye club very much.
 Yours truly, GENE MCKAY.
 1032 Prescott.

"I am only four years old," says Darylene Price, "but I like to go to Popeye shows. My brother takes me. I have a little pup called Snuffy."

Dear Jimmy:
 You remember I told you about my trip to Mexico last winter. Well, one of the men who went down with us made another trip down there later with three others. One day when they came in from fishing the tide was away out, and one of them saw something bright sticking out of the sand. He picked it up and it was a Mexican dollar, a lot like our silver dollars. They dug around and found a whole pile of Mexican money. It had been wrapped in canvas, but it had all rotted away and only bits of it remained. They brought the money all home with

Martin Unable to Attend Convention

SALEM, Aug. 13 (AP)—Governor Martin, Resignated Major General George A. White of the national guard to represent him at the state American Legion convention at Roseburg this week. White will be accompanied by Brigadier-General Thomas E. Rife.

Governor Martin said he had hoped to postpone several conferences in Portland tomorrow so he might attend the convention, but found they were of such importance he could not delay them. He would not state the nature of the conferences.

Several Connecticut cities have made aerial surveys to search for land which wasn't being taxed.

TODAY

BILL BOYS

RACING LUCK

RAINBOW

Now Playing

The Return of SOPHIE LANG

GERTRUDE MICHAEL
 SIR GUY STANDING
 Ray Milland
 Colin Tapley

Act, News
 Cartoon

ENDS TODAY—JAMES STEWART IN "SPEED"

TOMORROW

Jack PERRIN
"Desert Justice"
 with **Warren HYMER**

PELICAN

Coming Saturday

HE BLUNDERS HIS WAY TO SUCCESS!

Joe E. BROWN
Earthworm TRACTORS
 JUNE TRAVIS
 GUY KIBBEE

PELICAN

ENDS TODAY

"The CRIME of DR. FORBES"
 WITH GLORIA STUART
 ROBERT KENT

TOMORROW SHOWS DAILY AT 2 P. M.—7 P. M.—9 P. M.

THE ROMANTIC DRAMA OF A LOVE-STARVED MOUNTAIN GIRL!

ANNE SHIRLEY JOHN BEAL
 and **BRET HARTE'S**
"MISS"
 GUY KIBBEE
 Moroni OLSEN

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 COLORED MICKEY MOUSE
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