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Siskiyou Killings

SISKIYOU county in the past few years has been cursed with a series of peace officer killings. Sunday's tragedy, when two deputy sheriffs and a marine pilot were shot to death by two prospectors, is a shocking addition to the list.

George Hall four or five years ago shot and killed a state traffic officer and an automobile salesman on a street in Yreka. Hall's case hung on for year after year, as his lawyers won delay after delay in the courts, until it became a scandal of justice that aroused Yreka citizenry to alarming action when the next shooting occurred.

This was about a year ago, when two men, one Johnson and one Miller, shot and killed Chief of Police Jack Daw of Dunsmuir when he sought to arrest them. It was a cold-blooded, needless killing, as was that perpetrated by Hall.

Johnson was caught and jailed at Yreka. In the night he was dragged from the jail and hanged to a pine tree. His companion in the killing, Miller, is still at large.

It apparently is merely by coincidence that mortality among peace officers runs so high in Siskiyou county. Two of the killing cases, those of Hall and of Johnson and Miller, were the work of transients, and might have happened in any other through highway communities. Sunday's killings were the first on the list perpetrated by residents of the county, and the Brite pair had lived there only a year or so.

The citizenry is again aroused, and on the streets of Yreka there is talk again of a lynching if the slayers are captured. This will probably be avoided, however, by the guns of the posse, if the fugitives are surrounded. They have already killed three men, and probably are prepared to shoot it out. It will be fortunate if others are not killed in aiding in the enforcement of the law.

Athletes Return

AMERICANS have reason to be proud of the Olympic athletes, who returned last weekend to home soil after making a fine showing at the games in Berlin.

American pride in their achievements is somewhat different from that in some countries, where it is felt that what the athletes do adds to the glamour and glory of all of their citizens. In America, if you can't run around the block or put a double load of slabwood in the basement, it really reflects little credit on you that you live in the same country with a man who can run 26 miles or pick up a horse.

It is nice to know that among us live men and women who can go abroad and compete on better than even terms with the best of other countries. Nevertheless, for what our Olympic athletes have done, the primary glory is theirs.

Winners or losers, they come home with honor. Welcome to them.

Not a Speedway

A WORD of caution to motorists who use Lakeshore drive is in order.

For years this road was rough and dusty and it was virtually impossible to make much speed there.

Recently, however, it has been oiled for five miles or so out, and it has a fine, smooth surface. Pleased at the change, the average motorist has a tendency to speed up.

But Lakeshore drive is not a speedway. There are still many rather difficult curves to be negotiated, and there are numerous houses nearby in which children live.

Those who recognize their responsibility as drivers will proceed cautiously, despite the new surface.

Ten Years Ago

In Klamath

FIRST tangible evidence of what the construction of the Cascade line means to local stockmen and others is seen in the announcement here yesterday that Tom Rogers, head cattle buyer for Swift and company, with headquarters in Portland, has just completed an inspection of approximately 10,000 head of cattle in the Fort Klamath district.

Until completion of the new line, local stockmen were restricted to Sacramento, San Francisco and other California markets.

The Black Butte cut-off was officially placed in service yesterday when mammoth circus trains of the Sells-Floto circus passed over it on the trip from Weed to Klamath Falls.

Gaily decorated streets and a profusion of badges and labels marked the gathering here today of delegates from every part of the state to the 24th annual convention of the state federation of labor. In addition to state representatives, numerous nationally known labor men from outside the state, were among those arriving here.

Attendance Mark May Fall at Lake

MEDFORD, Aug. 31 (AP)—Indications point to a new attendance record at Crater Lake National park, with registrations continuing

WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

The Inside Story From The Capital

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—

There seems to be a split in the union party. The great coalition is not coalescing.

First noticeable signs developed when the original joint barnstorming trip was quietly dropped. The coadjutors, the Reas and Mrs. Coughlin, Townsend, Smith and their presidential candidate, a congressman by the name of Lemke, were to have stormed the hinterlands from the same soap box.

Latest word from headquarters is that they may meet on two speaking occasions during the campaign, but no more. And some authorities around headquarters suspect that even those two occasions will never occur.

The main trouble seems to be that there are too many trumpets in the band.

DISSENSION

Associates of Father Coughlin report him currently running his fingers through his hair and wondering how he ever came to get tied up with the Rev. Gerald Smith. They picture the microphone maestro as a deeply serious and sincere man who does not favor the methods of Huey Long, old organizer. Some of Gerald's funny stories, particularly of the dignity of the federal reserve bank.

Gerald's pals, however, say it may be only a matter of professional jealousy. Smith's stories were enthusiastically received by Coughlin followers at his convention. In fact, more enthusiastically than Coughlin's economic dissertation.

Regardless of which explanation is right, the situation does not augur well for the unity of the unionists.

INDIVIDUALITY

Also for a time, recently, doubts were increasing among unionists as to whether Dr. Townsend had been unfairly treated. They think now that they have all that straightened out; that the real estate doctor is working hand in glove with Lemke and Smith. Yet some who are close to the situation still suspect Lemke and Smith will be left hand-in-hand, while Dr. Townsend will walk off with the glove.

Both the Dr. and his weekly were openly hesitant about Lemke until recently when the weekly came out with a more or less Lemke editorial. It endorsed Lemke, but offered the slogan: "A vote for Roosevelt is a vote against the Townsend plan." The slogan neglected to say what a vote for Landon would be.

STYLE NO. 2

The campaigning technique which Governor Landon is following has caused private debate among political technicians. His continuous underlying purpose, as they see it from the results of his first eastern trip, is primarily to establish a contrast with President Roosevelt. It was not fully apparent, but his West-Middlesex speech was written as a response to the president's acceptance speech at Philadelphia. Anyone who takes the trouble to compare the two texts will confirm the impression that Mr. Landon dictated with the Roosevelt text in his hand.

The second speech, in a more noticeable way, was intended to assert his independence. Nearly everyone caught the proper interpretation of his refusal to go along with William Randolph Hearst in the matter of teachers' oaths.

These first two speeches, likewise, were intended to lay the basis for the campaign. "The American way," etc.

The third speech was really the first of the series which Landon is planning on the different issues. It covers the fiscal aspect.

All in all, they denoted the Landon purpose to build up his contrast gradually, issue by issue, without personalities. Some of the Democrats privately concede the handling and the purpose showed shrewd political knowledge.

CONFIDENCE

Mr. Roosevelt has taken great care lately not to say anything in handling government business, which might be taken as an indication that he is confident of re-election.

At a press conference the other day, he was reading from a memo, saying there would have to be another appropriation next spring for seed loans. As that depends largely on who is in the White House next spring, a sharp newsgirl shot the question: "By whom?" The president did not even hesitate long enough to change the tone of his reading voice, as he shot back: "By congress."

Then he stopped reading, leaned back his head and roared, saying: "You nearly caught me there."

15 Stake Claims

at Nevada Strike

LAKEVIEW, Ore.—About 15 residents of Lakeview have staked out mining claims at Jungo, Nevada, the scene of the recently reported gold strike. Those who have filed claims to date include Neils Angelle, Charles Prentiss, Elmo Angelle, J. A. Angelle, Mark Maddock, W. D. Smith, Milton Hamerley, C. V. Vandiver, H. R. Bradley and Elmer Ahlstrom.

Several of the local prospectors claim that they were offered \$50,000 for their claims.

Black widow spiders are able to fly by stretching long threads of silk into the wind.

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Sue Ellen says such amusing things when we're here alone; but just let a young man come around and she just sits like a dumb nunny."

News of Oregon

MAKESHIELD, Ore., Aug. 31 (AP)—Three new fires blazed today in the Coos fire patrol territory after the fog which settled over the area on Thursday had disappeared.

The fires attacked 50 acres of Coos slushings in the Big Creek operations near Sunset Bay. Near McKinley, a three-acre brush fire broke out and a 40-acre fire developed in cut-over timber near Allegany on the Coos river.

ALBANY, Aug. 31 (AP)—Mrs. Melvin J. Buzzard, 44, Jordan, drowned when she fell into a spring near her home Sunday. She was believed to have fainted as she stooped to draw some milk from the spring. The widower and four daughters survive.

HILSBORO, Aug. 31 (AP)—Fire destroyed last night one of the landmarks of northwestern Oregon, the Tualatin hotel. Damage was estimated at \$3000. Four tenants escaped without injury. Firemen said the blaze apparently started in a hallway.

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 31 (AP)—A program of irrigation, flood control, erosion, mineral development, recreation and other activities in which Josephine, Jackson and Curry counties can work together will be developed by the state planning board as a result of a series of weekend conferences with officials of the counties.

PENDLETON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Five Minutes to Midnight is coming back to Pendleton early this month, which will probably be five minutes too long for some persons.

Five Minutes to Midnight is in range parlance a "buckin'" horse which ever loses loose from a chute. Seven years ago, the famous outlaw started his winning feud with cowboys and he has kept it up steadily since then, being ridden by only four men in 14 performances.

PORTLAND, Aug. 31 (AP)—A test of Oregon's agricultural marketing act should be sought in the courts by Solon T. White, state director of agriculture, Morton Tompkins, chairman of the legislative committee of the state senate, asserted today.

The act, passed to take the place of the Oregon AAA, declared unconstitutional, should be subjected to court review to definitely establish the rights of agriculture to get cost producing and any "shying away" from a test "cannot be condoned by the grange," Tompkins said.

SILVERTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—A fall into a mill pond here cost the life of six-year-old Richard Copple. A companion, Donald Jones, 7, tried to rescue him but was unable to pull his friend to safety.

BEND, Aug. 31 (AP)—Another relic of the ancient past was in the hands of amateur archeologists today—a 1000-year-old mortar found beneath the roots of a 300-year-old tree in the upper Deschutes basin not far from the place where the 10,000-year-old Willup stone knives were found.

A U. S. forest guard removing the stone came upon the mortar, which was fashioned from lava. It is believed it may be a relic of stone age inhabitants.

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dinner with the Kellars on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peppie are enjoying a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Langell of Klamath Falls were business visitors in the valley one day last week.

Mrs. Edith Hands of Bonanza visited with Mrs. Theresa Teare several days last week.

Howard Peppie is spending a few days visiting his parents and his sister and brother-in-law who are here from Chicago. He has been in a hospital at Roseburg for several weeks but is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thea of San Diego are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born on August 22. Mrs. The