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Weekend Roundup

AFTER the opening of the Willamette highway, benefits will begin piling up from the foresight of those in this community who began working long ago for important connecting routes south of Klamath Falls—particularly the Weed-Klamath highway. Without that road to complement the Willamette, the through highway feature would be of little importance. As it is, travelers who cross from western Oregon over the Willamette highway, or move from the south into Oregon to use the Willamette highway, will have at their disposal a fine, fast connection between Klamath Falls and Weed. There are those who have driven the 70 miles to Weed in 70 minutes without mishap, which indicates the kind of a road it is. A word of appreciation is due at this time to those who early began working for a real Klamath Falls-Weed highway, and to the highway departments of Oregon and California who made it a fact before the important Willamette connection to the north was completed.

Of growing importance in this connection is the development of the Canby-Hatfield highway, which connects through Alturas, Susanville and Reno. Construction plans are moving rapidly ahead on this route, already heavily traveled and promised increasing use in the future. Other construction plans that belong in the same picture are those for improvement of The Dalles-California highway, eventually to be re-routed from near Modoc point north to about Diamond Lake junction. All of these things point to the key place held by Klamath Falls in the developing road transportation scheme in the Pacific coast area. It is a pleasing picture.

SILAS OBENCHAIN'S death marks the passing of a solid, honest, lovable pioneer of the Klamath country. Mr. Obenchain farmed, operated a business establishment, served two terms as sheriff, one as county commissioner. He was widely known and respected for his sterling character, from the time he came to the Klamath area in 1886, until his death. He was loyal to the community and to his friends. In the past several years, Mr. Obenchain had been inactive and since the death of Mrs. Obenchain in 1937 he had hardly been out of the home of his niece, Mrs. Fred Flock. He was not known to the newer residents of the community, who were deprived of the acquaintance of a fine gentleman.

AT Mt. Vernon, Wash., leading politicians have offered themselves for a ducking device. They sit on a chair suspended above a water tank and persons who will pay for baseballs throw them at a target which, if hit, upsets the victim into the water. In the communities with which we are familiar, there would be danger the baseballs might be thrown directly at the politicians.

LONGVIEW DAILY NEWS makes the interesting observation that American people have become calloused to war news, citing the small prominence given the belated news of the sinking of the Lancastria, in which possibly 3000 persons, many of them women and children refugees, were lost. In ordinary times, or earlier in the war, such a disaster would have received the shocked and sustained attention of the world. As it is, it passes as just another bit of war news.

WESTERN TROOPS SET FOR PRACTICE

FORT LEWIS, Wash., July 27 (AP)—Faced with the necessity of organizing as rapidly as possible into a smooth-functioning, hard-hitting military machine, approximately 40,000 soldiers from eight far western states will move into southwest Washington next week for three weeks of rigorous training climaxed by a four-day "war" in which every man and every piece of equipment will face realistic action.

It will be the largest concentration of troops in this area since the World War when Fort Lewis was a major training encampment.

In 21 days regular army and national guard officers hope to convert an unwieldy, unsynchronized group of men into an efficient, cooperative military force.

Participating will be the 40th and 41st divisions of the national guard and the entire third division of the regular army plus anti-aircraft units and plane squadrons.

For national guardsmen, the concentration will give them their initial experience as segments of a full-fledged military force. Heretofore, their encampments have merely been state-wide affairs with many parts of the complete army pattern missing.

Concentration of troops will be completed August 4. Until August 13 they will undergo rigorous training to prepare themselves and perfect their or-

ganizations for the four-day "war" that will feature weapons shot without shell.

Twelve out of 15 New York burlesque houses have closed down, indicating the bare existence doesn't pay.

Thirty-seven of the most injurious pests in America are imported, not including fifth columnists and other foreign agents.

PINE TREE NOW
 Another TRIUMPH... FROM THE PRODUCERS OF "KENTUCKY"
"MARYLAND"
 WALTER BRENNAN - FAY BAINTER
 BRENDA JOYCE - JOHN PAYNE
 CHARLIE RUGGLES - HATTIE MCDANIEL
 MARJORIE WEAVER
 Photographed in TECHNICOLOR
 COLOR PARADE DISNEY CARTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, July 27—Some of my columnar colleagues have fallen into weeping over a tendency in journalism to predict the future. One of them has constantly described his "own inclination to see what's coming as a 'weakness.' Another has alliteratively alleged that "prediction, prophecy, and prognostication are phooey." There are only two of the most recent examples of a rising tendency to deride any journalistic efforts to calculate beyond the past and present tenses.

I think they are all wrong. Not a thinking person exists in the world today who is not making some preparation or precaution concerning tomorrow. There is not a business man, worthy to be called such, who is not trying to muster daily every bit of information and advice he can get concerning what is to be expected politically and economically. There is no statesman or politician in Washington who can afford to deal solely with the past and the present. His real measure of efficiency in public service may be based on his calculations of the future and what will be required then.

The fact that Mr. Roosevelt wisely anticipated the war did much to make this government and the country ready for the policies that had to be adopted swiftly when it broke. If he had also been given the wisdom to have suspected the French collapse, you can readily see how much better a national defense position this country would now have.

If prognosticating is a weakness so is thinking. If looking into the future is a sin, man's cranium has been misplaced and his face should have been faced sideways or looking backwards.

UNWANTED

I think the criers have fallen unwittingly into a mental pit dug for them by the politicians. Naturally a man in public life does not want a lot of public predictions made about what he may do, or about how what he is doing may turn out. Such predictions may arouse public pressure against his purpose, may cause him to change his decision, or at least annoy him. Mr. Roosevelt has frequently complained in press conferences against journalistic predictions. He calls it "going out on a limb." But he never has been heard to complain about a prediction which was satisfactory to his political purposes.

Naturally, the statesmen would like to have the newspapers deal only with their past acts although they themselves do not handle their own jobs that way. But I do not see why the reading public, which must plan for its own future, should be denied that one-third of reporting merely to keep politicians from being annoyed. I do not see what right politicians have anyway even to suggest new ideals and ethics for journalism. They are admittedly prejudiced witnesses under cross examination. Most of the bad political speculation that gets into print is due to bad prompting of reporters by the same politicians working for their own purposes.

NOT IMMUNE

My weeping colleagues would not think of requiring business expert columnists to restrain themselves from calculating the future. No suggestion has yet

SIDE GLANCES



"That's the little house we were evicted from when your father failed as a vacuum cleaner salesman"

been made or even will be made that a racing expert, sent to cover the Kentucky derby, be required not to express an opinion as to whom he thinks will win. Why should politics be immune?

If my friends contend that the business, racing and political writers too seldom predict the winner, I will agree without reservation. But that is not important to my way of thinking. If it means anything at all, it only means there should be better experts, but I doubt that it even means that. When a racing reporter goes to Louisville in advance of the derby and tells his readers he thinks "Hashed Thinking will win in a walk," he is giving his estimation of the calibre of the entries in the race to the best of his knowledge and ability. He is presenting his estimation in the simplest possible and most easily understandable manner. That is his duty and the public's right. If a long shot happens to win the race, I cannot see that it proves this type of journalism is a weakness.

All that the critics of prophecy are really saying, it seems to me, is that prophets are human.

SELLING PRESSURE HITS GRAIN PRICES

CHICAGO, July 27 (AP)—A drop of more than a cent a bushel in corn prices today measured the grain market's reaction to receipt of good rains in the heart of major producing belt.

With heaviest moisture apparently in Iowa but spreading also through surrounding big production areas as well as into much of the spring wheat zone, grain prices were under modest selling pressure from the opening bell. More precipitation was promised. Wheat, however, found support in mill buying. Corn closed 1-1/2¢ lower than yesterday, September 60-1/2¢, December 57-1/2¢; wheat unchanged to 1¢ off, September 74-1/2¢; December 75-1/2¢; oats unchanged to 1¢ down.

In spite of all its sufferings, Finland is still a free country. —Hjalmar J. Procopio, Finnish minister to the U. S.

ENDS "GIRLS OF THE ROAD" and TODAY "COVERED WAGON DAYS"

TOMORROW!
CONDEMNED ...by the Law!
WORSHIPPED ...by the Gang!
WAS SHE SAINT OR DEVIL?
 from I. EDGAR BOOVER'S "Persons in Hiding"
QUEEN OF THE MOB
 with RALPH BELLAMY
 BLANCHE YURKA
 J. CARROL NAISH
 JEAN CAGNEY
 WILLIAM HENRY
 A Paramount Picture
 COOL COMFORT VOX DIAL 5414

Telling The Editor

MORE FROM LONG

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—In one of the answers to my previous letters the man complained about my having called the CIO communistic and I sincerely felt sorry for the brother. I do not call all the members of the CIO communists and I know that many of them are not, but I know also that many of them are communists and I quoted the representative to show that there is no effort made by the CIO to keep the communists out of their organization, and further it is common knowledge that many communists held major offices in the CIO. Certainly not all CIO are communists and the brother who answered my letter very probably was not.

It is my contention that the policy of the CIO is set up by communists and others that do not have the best interests of America at heart. When the officials of an organization dictate all the policies of that organization and are known communists what can the result be but communistic? This brother also reminded me that the AF of L had had some racketeers in it and pointed out one or two such cases.

Now as to the question of asking the merchants and business men to get off the fence, I can't see for the life of me why a man should stay on the fence when it means the very business he is engaged in. The prosperity of this particular city depends on the outcome of the problems involved, if all our mills are drawn into troubles and work is closed down, who gets hurt the worst? Is it the floating elements that can pull up stakes and move or is it the man who has his life's savings invested in business or property? What difference does it make to the worker who has only to load up the suit case and drive away to new fields.

We have seen one such migration recently, although it was not due to labor troubles entire-

TODAY ONLY "JOHNNY MACK BROWN" "BAD MAN FROM RED BUTTE"

TOMORROW!
 The PICTURE HOLLYWOOD said could never be made!
 Hal Roach presents
"OF MICE AND MEN"
 by JOHN STEINBECK
 with JONAS WENDEL - BETTY FIELD - LAMAR CHANCE - J. CARROL NAISH
 Directed by JOHN H. AUSTIN
 ALWAYS 20c (NO WAR TAX)
RAINBOW
 Air Conditioned. Cool. Comfortable!

JAP PETROLEUM, IRON BAN HITS PACIFIC COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27 (AP)—Possibility was seen yesterday that huge shipments of Pacific coast scrap iron and petroleum destined for the Japanese war machine would be curtailed or suspended if those two commodities are included in President Roosevelt's newly announced export license restrictions.

Shipyards in California, Oregon and Washington were piled high with scrap iron intended for Japan's war industries. Japanese agents recently have been purchasing thousands of gallons of California aviation gasoline, it was reported. If the oil embargo goes into effect these purchases automatically could be rendered ineffective.

8 Million Barrels
 The Pacific coast edition of the Wall Street Journal reported Japan has shipped 8,935,000 barrels of oil from the Pacific coast in the first five months of 1940. The greater part of this exporting has been done on Japanese ships, and most of the oil originated in California.

San Francisco exported 39,998 tons of scrap metal to Japan in 1939, port records disclosed. Crude petroleum exports amounted to 889,478 tons, gasoline 2193 and fuel oil 405,439.

During the first five months of 1940, Japan was San Francisco's third best customer, with purchases totaling \$7,737,471, including 15,500 tons of scrap metal, Los Angeles, with 1939 exports of oil and scrap metal amounting to about \$26,000,000, was potentially the worst hit by the new import restrictions. Los Angeles during the first five months of 1940 were 6,000,000 barrels valued at \$7,446,285; natural gasoline 168,505 barrels, and aviation gasoline 17,600 barrels. Figures released here disclosed Los Angeles scrap shipments of 53,432 tons brought \$999,080.

The possible embargo would be a heavy blow to Japanese tramp steamer trade out of Portland. It was indicated by the Portland, Ore., merchants exchange. Portland shipments for the first six months of 1940 of scrap iron to Japan amounted to 146,645,752 pounds valued at \$1,300,000. Shipments in June alone totaled 14,672,000 pounds. Nearly all this raw material was carried in foreign craft, usually Japanese or Greek steamers.

Altamont

Mrs. Ralph Baker and son Don returned from Portland where they visited relatives and friends for the past few days. Lewis Stillwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stillwell, is home for a visit. Young Stillwell is in the navy and has been stationed in Hawaii.

Mrs. George Sanderson and daughter Peggy motored to Gilchrist to spend the weekend with Mr. Sanderson.

Among out-of-town visitors in Altamont the past few days included: Mr. and Mrs. C. Harris and son Charles of Silverton, Ore., and Mrs. C. Harris of Portland. They were visitors at the William Rutledge home on Altamont drive and are relatives of Mr. Rutledge.

Mrs. I. W. White of Blaine street has been a patient at Klamath Valley hospital.

A. J. Mansfield and Kenneth Mansfield of Redding, Calif., were Altamont and Klamath Falls visitors Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Dennis Deput of Altamont drive has been ill for the past week. Her friends will be glad to know she is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wage and daughter Betty Lou of Portland left for their home Thursday after a week spent in Altamont and vicinity. Mrs. Wage is a sister of William Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Arnold of 3442 Bristol avenue celebrated their nineteenth wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 20, with a dinner for a few close friends. Those enjoying the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were Mr. and Mrs. Wardell Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Quillen and Hershel Cullens. It was also the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Quillen.

Courthouse Records

FRIDAY

Complaints Filed
 Earl Whitlock versus Phillip Cole. Suit for \$254.17 with interest, attorney's fees, costs. Earl F. Bradfield, attorney for plaintiff.

State Industrial Accident commission versus William S. Metter, doing business as the Oregon Pine Manufacturing company. Suit for \$131.04 with interest on \$100.77, and costs. W. F. Brown, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court
 Douglas Jameson, defrauding an innkeeper. Pleaded not guilty. Released on \$100 cash bond. Case continued.

I am stunned and yet I am surprised at the ease with which I accept all this—Maurice Maerlinck, Belgian dramatist, now a penniless war refugee.

TODAY ONLY **"LEGION OF THE LAWLESS"** GEORGE O'BRIEN
TOMORROW!
 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
After a MILLION YEARS!
 YOU WILL SEE THE COLD, CRUEL DAWN OF TIME . . . WHEN MEN WERE ANIMALS, AND MONSTERS RULED THE EARTH!
 A Hal Roach Production
"ONE MILLION B.C."
 with Victor MATURE
 CAROLE LANDIS
 Lon CHANEY, Jr.
 "INFORMATION PLEASE" "GOING PLACES" COLOR CARTOON LATEST NEWS
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