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Those Sage-Brushers

KLAMATH seems certain now to remain in the second congressional district with the remainder of Oregon east of the Cascade mountains.

C. C. Chapman, former legislator and editor of the Oregon Voter, sums up the situation as he sees it with regard to Klamath county in the current issue of the Voter as follows:

> The interim committee, trying to equalize population, put Klamath county in with Jackson and the rest of southern Oregon, but the high altitude sage-brushers from the great open spaces wanted no truck with the low-altitude mossbacks west of the Cascades. The Klamath folk want to fraternize with their own kind of he people in eastern Oregon so that district probably will be left as is now.

That's putting the Klamath attitude toward the west of the mountains area a bit too harshly. It was common interests on this side of the mountains, rather than poor regard for our friends over the mountains, that developed the sentiment for remaining in an eastern Oregon congressional district. But there, it is evident, is where most Klamath people would like to stay.

The Voter editor does sense properly the feeling of fraternity that exists in the high country east of the mountains among the "sage-brushers" but it was practical considerations rather than sentiment that led to the feeling here concerning proposed changes in the congressional set-up.

Park Curfew

CURFEW hour at Moore park is 9 p. m., when the park caretaker locks the gates. Spooners and others who happen to be in the park after that hour find themselves locked in, and it has been a matter of annoyance to the caretaker that he has had frequently to go down to the gate and open up to let out these late visitors.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that it is necessary to close the park at night, if for no other reason than the view of the lake from points along the high road. On the other hand, night views of the lake can be had before 9 p. m., and experience has convinced the city park board that unless the park is closed, vandalism and other rough stuff is more than likely to occur within the boundaries of the park.

So the park gates are going to be closed on the dot at 9, with a warning signal from a siren to clear the park a few minutes before that hour. The cooperation of the public in making this system work, and in preventing vandalism in the city's largest park, is in order.

Out of a total of 44,113,147 births recorded by the census bureau in the past 23 years, male births exceed female births by 1,200,575.

Census records show 5005 cases of the birth of triplets in the U. S. in 23 years. Triplets occur only once in every 8800 times.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—Congressional deliberations on the British aid bill have been strictly a publicity show. It is an unpleasant duty to report no serious consideration of what the bill means and what it will do, has been contributed by either side.

The committee hearings, which usually produce such public evidence, developed this time into a contest in presenting big names, rather than enlightenment. The opposition got Lindbergh, Kennedy, et al, while the administration is even summoning Willkie back from London. Committeemen called that day lost which produced only Hanford MacNider and Norman Thomas. While these two names are heavy enough for most front pages, the conversational murmurs of committeemen noted they did not measure up to the otherwise all-star bill.

The big names in turn, talked about everything except the bill but chiefly about the war and aid to Britain, an issue upon which the administration and opposition differ only on methods and degrees.

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FACTS FEW

No real explanation of the bill was presented by anyone. House and senate committees have not been able to find anyone who could explain its legal significance. Nearest approach was made by War Secretary Stimson. He submitted a list of war department laws which he thought the new act would repeal. Naval Secretary Knox was unable to furnish even such a negative suggestion of the scope of the proposal on his department.

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau was asked to give a rough idea of the financial aspects. He pleaded he did not know details because he was not the author. When asked who the author was, he indicated President Roosevelt had taken the initial idea up with Speaker Rayburn and the final draft was "the product of many minds." None of these minds, however, has been called to the witness chair. At Mr. Morgenthau's elbow at the time was his general counsel, Edward Foley, who is presumed privately within congress to have contributed most of the legal draft in collaboration with Green Hackworth, legal adviser to the secretary of state, and men on the congressional drafting committee.

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DETAILS LATER

The congressional committees have not been able to find out anything vital the public does not know about. A secret session was called to hear State Secretary Hull but this developed only some added details concerning the plight of Britain and no added light on the legislation.

The administration's position has been to lay down a general policy in this bill without disclosing any details. After the policy is adopted, details will come along through requests for specific appropriations and executive acts. Whether the president intends to institute a corporation or do the job himself through the secretaries of navy and war, or let—as has been reported without confirmation—Mr. Morgenthau direct the aid through an inter-departmental committee, is not clear yet. The figure of $2,000,000,000 as an appropriation has been mentioned, but only by the opposition in a substitute proposal. Little has been said about the most important subject of collateral for the materials to be loaned or leased.

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NO JUSTIFICATION

At no time has the administration offered a justification for this particular legal text as against any other. The only convincing testimony on the subject was by Mr. Knudsen, the production director, who said the loose, all-powerful, vague setup was justifiable because the president wanted to coordinate production. Stimson hinted something along the same line when he said the measure would give the president control of the distribution of materials.

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IN THE DARK

The opposition has been squirming and squawking some because it cannot find out what the proposal is all about. Main protests along this line have come from Senators Hiram Johnson and Clark. But otherwise the opposition has hewed strictly to the same line of generalities, or conjured such wild prospects as the president giving away the navy. Not knowing what he is going to do, they do not know what to fight.

Big point stressed by the cabinet officers was that the British fleet may be captured and lay the United States open to invasion. They forgot State Secretary Hull last September 3 obtained from Prime Minister Churchill an official promise that the British fleet would never be surrendered. When this was called to Mr. Stimsons attention, he whittled his point down to the possibility that the British government might change and another prime minister might not carry out the promise. But this demolition of the point passed unnoticed, while the threats got the headlines. As a matter of fact headlines are about all the whole affair has yet produced. In the truest possible sense, congress is legislating in the dark—a dark full of weird noises of possible disaster to Britain and invasion of this hemisphere.

Only Mr. Roosevelt apparently knows what it all will mean. That appears to be enough for a strong majority of congress and perhaps of citizens. Maybe, they say, this is the best law ever written, maybe it offers the best way to aid Britain. The only thing sure up to now is that it is a unique case of legislating, unparalleled in the memory of the oldest capital observer.

SIDE GLANCES

"Here's this month's allowance—next time I try to borrow five bucks from you, don't go squawking to your mother about it!"

Courthouse Records

(WEDNESDAY)

Actions Filed

Pearl B. Hosking and Harry D. Boivin versus John E. McCulley and Elizabeth McCulley. Plaintiff demands judgment for $5000, plus $500 attorney fees. Hugh C. Gearin, attorney for plaintiff.

United States Rubber company, a corporation, versus T. S. Green. Plaintiff demands judgment for $251.93. Bert C. Thomas, attorney for plaintiff.

Divorce Suit Filed

Stella Clark versus Wilson Robert Clark. Charge, desertion. Couple married at Lakeview, Ore., August 4, 1924. A. W. Schaupp, attorney for plaintiff.

CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, Feb. 6 (AP)—Annual conference of the Methodist church in Oregon will be held June 18-22 at Eugene, Dr. J. Edgar Purdy, district superintendent, announced yesteday.

YOUNGSTERS GIVEN SLAYING SENTENCES

SHOSHONE, Idaho, Feb. 6 (AP)—Two brothers and a sister who pleaded guilty Wednesday to manslaughter charges in connection with the "exposure" slaying of their father near here last summer were sentenced to prison by District Judge Doran H. Sutphen.

Joe Sanders, 20, was given a five to 10-year sentence. His brother, George, 16, and his sister, Mrs. Flossie Phillips, 18, each were sentenced to serve from one to ten years.

The three were permitted to plead guilty to the manslaughter charges last Saturday in the midst of their trial for murder.

They were arrested last July, after the body of their father, Charles Sanders, 48-year-old Yale, Idaho, farmer, was found on a Lincoln county dessert.

The state charged he had been bound by clothesline rope and taken to the desert, where he was left to die of starvation and exposure.

Mrs. Phillips' husband, Chester, 22, who was arrested with the others in connection with the slaying, was later committed to a state mental hospital.

The young people testified that their father had "mistreated" them.

STALE CURRENCY

NORTH TARRYTOWN, N. Y., (AP)—Three old $50 bills were accepted by an automobile agency as down payment for a car.

Back from the Federal Reserve bank in New York came one of the bills with the notation, "N. G."

It was not only confederate money—dated 1863 and valueless—but counterfeit, to boot.

☆ Coming Saturday

PELICAN

LAST DAY * "MISBEHAVING HUSBANDS" * "RIO" * VOX

Tomorrow and Saturday!
Stocks and Blondes on the Mirth Market!

All Seats 28c Children 10c — VOX — DIAL 5414

LAST THRILLING DAY!
"FLIGHT COMMAND"

Tomorrow and Saturday
DOUBLE BARRELLED COMEDY AND THRILL PROGRAM

"Ride KELLY Ride" with EUGENE PALLETTE
MARVIN STEPHENS
RITA QUIGLEY
MARY HEALY
Companion Feature

PINE TREE
ONE OF YOUR HOME CONTROLLED, HOME OPERATED THEATRES

LAST DAY SONJA HENIE * "EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT NIGHT"

TOMORROW!
Alice FAYE
George MURPHY
Ken MURRAY
"You're A Sweetheart"
SPORT CARTOON — RAINBOW — LATEST NEWS

POSITIVELY ENDS TODAY
"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"
JACK BENNEY FRED ALLEN ROCHESTER

TOMORROW!
ONE DAY ONLY
Something to Crow About!
A BUMPER CROP OF SONGS AND DANCES ...AND FEUDIN' AND FUNNIN'!

ON OUR STAGE
Evening Only
McCOWN STUDIO DANCE REVUE

PELICAN
ONE OF YOUR HOME CONTROLLED, HOME OPERATED THEATRES