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Legislators Quit

IT IS usually a relief to the people of the state when the legislature adjourns. They probably feel that way over the finish of the 41st assembly in the wee hours of Sunday morning.

The session won distinction for the destruction of bills. That probably means it was marked for the introduction of large numbers of faulty or unsound bills. Although it had been expected ahead of the session that the volume of proposed legislation would be somewhat less than usual, it turned out differently. Altogether 970 bills were introduced.

The session was not particularly satisfactory to Klamath county. In addition to the defeat of the seventeenth senatorial district division bill, much desired here, the legislature failed to consider or turned down several other matters which had been initiated here.

Klamath county's wish to remain in the second congressional district, however, was respected by the lawmakers.

There should be general disappointment that the legislators failed to put through any program of legislative reapportionment. It seems that if anything is done on this problem, it will have to be by initiative. The legislators can't agree because they let the personal element enter into the situation, as they did with the perfectly justifiable Klamath bill.

In certain other respects, however, the legislative session turned out a sane program. It came to fair compromise on such controversial issues as the workmen's compensation law. It generally refrained from demanding more taxes from the people of the state, with the single exception of the cigarette tax, which has yet to pass the governor who has said he saw no need for added taxes.

Time to Clean Up

NOW is an excellent time for the people of this community, particularly those in the city and the suburbs, to start a program designed to improve general appearances for the benefit of all who live here and for the better impression on many visitors expected in the coming months.

A lot of unsightly places still exist along roadsides in or near Klamath Falls. There is an auto wrecking place or two that are nothing less than scenic horrors. The city has an ordinance that calls for screening such places with high fences, and it's time proper authorities were seeing to the enforcement of that rule.

The Oregon Roadside council, which has set March 23 to 29 as clean-up week in Oregon, makes some worth while suggestions along this line. It proposed surveys of the approaches of towns and cities; repair or removal of broken fences, gates and old buildings; removal of tin cans and rubbish from roadsides; raking and burning of brush and weeds along fence rows adjacent to highway rights-of-way; planting of trees and shrubbery on roadsides and on private property.

Four-H clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, Camp Fire girls and other civic and service groups could well enter into this program as a means of doing good deeds for their community. We hope that this year the junior chamber of commerce gives its vigorous leadership to this activity.

Klamath was for many years subjected to the indiscriminate dumping of rubbish by careless and thoughtless people. Fortunately, most of this sort of thing has stopped. There is a new spirit of civic consciousness abroad. There is a better chance that what improvements are made will be permitted to stand.

OBITUARY

CYRUS BURTON BROWN

Cyrus Burton Brown, for the last 201 years a resident of Bonanza, Ore., passed away in Grants Pass, Ore., on Saturday, March 15, 1941, at 10 a. m. following an illness of one year. He was a native of Woodburn, Ore., and at the time of his death was aged 77 years and 18 days. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruby M. Brown of Bonanza, Ore.; three sons, Burton of Clifton, Id., Dale and Frank Brown of Bonanza, Ore.; two daughters, Mrs. Wesley Dearborn of Bonanza, Ore. and Mrs. Herb Johnson of Bly, Ore.; his father, A. B. Brown of Grants Pass, Ore., and two sisters, Mrs. John McFall of Bonanza, Ore. and Mrs. Jack Cobel of Ellensburg, Wash.; also six grandchildren. The remains of Mr. Brown rest in the Earl Whitlock funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, where friends may call after 10 a. m. Monday.

Messages Sent To Rickenbacker

ATLANTA, March 17 (AP)—Eddie Rickenbacker once flew a plane against the winged fighters of Germany.

One of these was Ernst Udet, and he and Rickenbacker came to know of each other's prowess in the days of the first World war.

Rickenbacker today lies injured from the crash of one of his own commercial airline planes. Among the hundreds of messages wishing him well and awaiting his attention is one from — Udet.

SANDY, March 17 (AP)—The smelt here were running in the Sandy river today and hordes of dipnetters were making good catches. F. O. Haldeman, field representative of the state game department, said the smelt were "of a good size."

FUNERAL

JAMES SAMUEL HEMBLING
 The funeral service for the late James Samuel Hembling, who passed away in this city on Saturday, March 15, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Falls Funeral Home, 925 High street, on Tuesday, March 18, at 2:30 p. m., the Rev. Eugene V. Haynes of the Community Congregational church officiating. Commitment service and interment in the Linkville cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Why, What's the Matter, Boys?



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 17—

A well-placed government official of exceptional financial judgment figures this \$7,000,000,000 as only the first 25 per cent advance on aid to Britain. His reasoning: Britain is likely to win but will require about four years. The \$7,000,000,000 figure was a rough estimate to cover the first year of new British orders. Probably nowhere near that amount can be actually spent the next 12 months, but increasing production capacity will enable larger expenditures next year and thereafter, so the average is apt to be around \$7,000,000,000 annually.

This figuring would make the plausibly expected expenditure \$28,000,000,000. Our own contemplated three year defense program has already reached \$32,000,000,000. The two together could thus approximate \$60,000,000,000—twice the total of all government appropriations in the last war years of '17, '18, and '19.

A BILLION

A magazine, the American Investor, has figured a new way of trying to tell people how much a billion dollars is. Their system: If an unusually alert and industrious young man of 15 started counting one dollar bills at the rate of 100 a minute, he would be able to count a billion dollars by the time he was 96 years old (working 8 hours a day, five days a week).

BRITISH DEFEAT

A profound internal disturbance has been caused here by the arrival of the last London Economist showing Britain's financial predicament. The federal reserve board survey of periodicals is devoting extraordinary space to the economist article and financial officials are handing it around.

The gap between British revenue and spending will reach \$1,200,000,000 a month (on the basis of a \$4 pound) this coming fiscal year, beginning April, the article says. Only half can be raised by means now visible. The other half must come from inflation, compulsory savings or additional taxes (the limit of taxation already having been

approximated). Inference is inflation may have to come.

British national income for the coming year is estimated at \$36,000,000,000; government expenditures at more than half that, \$20,000,000,000. Automatic new revenue increases have already been provided in excess profits taxes and purchase taxes. (Government levy of cosmetics for instance is 35 per cent.) The deficit in spite of all this is estimated at \$13,000,000,000 for the year. Savings, foreign holdings, and sterling balances will be tapped for half this, but no one knows where the other half can be found.

What stirred our financial officials so much was the possibility that the British predicament is a foretaste of what we will have to face in some degree.

NOTE: A considerable inflation is already under way in Britain. Using the pre-war year 1935 as 100, note circulation has already increased to 153.

NUTTY NOTIONS

Let it not dismay you to note in your daily news or conversations increasing numbers of nutty notions. During the world excitement such ideas as "a concentration camp for Senator Wheeler," or institution of a general government wiretapping system for citizens are bound to come up, probably with increasing frequency from now on. Yet there is no indication that the great bulk of dominant government officials are being swayed in the slightest by the fury of an infinitesimal number of hot heads.

As for wiretapping, Mr. Roosevelt has already said he, with the late Justice Holmes, considers it a dirty and undemocratic business, and would tolerate its use by the government only in legitimate cases of espionage, sabotage, kidnapping and extortion. J. Edgar Hoover said about the same thing. Against their judgment, the mysterious force which is propagandizing for the Hobbs bill (tapping by all government departments for all suspected felonies) is likely to gain more attention than headway.

As for concentration camps, not even Interior Secretary Ickes has yet mentioned them and possibly he joins with every other official in considering the idea preposterous.

The wonder of most officials

Gems of Thought

ACTIONS

The actions of men are like the index of a book; they point out what is most remarkable in them.—David Thomas.

Thought is the essence of an act; and the stronger element of action; even as steam is more powerful than water, simply because it is more ethereal.—Mary Baker Eddy.

I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts.—Horace Mann.

Deliberate with caution, but act with decision; and yield with graciousness, or oppose with firmness.—Colton.

It is vain to expect any advantage from our profession of the truth if we be not sincerely just and honest in our actions.—James Sharpe.

The chief value of superior knowledge is that it leads to a performing manhood.—Bovee.

Explosives of Orange Peels Said Possible

LOS ANGELES, March 17 (AP)—Orange peel may become an important factor in the war.

Dr. Walter J. Fischel of the Hebrew university, Palestine, flew here from Australia and told newsmen the university was working with the British government to make explosives from the peel of oranges.

"It seems that orange peel contains yeast, alcohol, sugar and acetone and chemists on synthetics believe they have an explosive in the making," Dr. Fischel stated.

is not that bitter hatreds have gained root, but that the great bulk of the people, the 99 per cent, have so well kept their heads and feet after months of hot pressure.

F. R. DECLARES AID TO ALLIES WILL INCREASE

WASHINGTON, March 17 (UP)—President Roosevelt notified the world Saturday that democracy will be able to prove that dictators can't win and that material aid to Britain and her allies "will be increased—and yet again increased—until total victory has been won."

He gave unequivocal notice that America no longer would compromise with tyranny and the forces of oppression; that the day of appeasement has passed. From this day on, he said, the United States goes forward determined to move products from the assembly line to the battle lines of democracy—now. No longer is the world in doubt as to democracy's decision, the president said.

From America, "the unbeatable defenders of Britain" and their Grecian allies will not only be supplied but will get ships, food and the implements of war, Mr. Roosevelt said, and added that China, too, will get our help.

"And when the dictatorships disintegrate—and pray God that they will sooner than any of us now dares to hope—then our country must continue to play its part in the period of world reconstruction," Mr. Roosevelt said.

For Americans, he said frankly, this means sacrifice and toil and he told labor and management that they must cooperate "for unless we win there will be no freedom for either." He declared that the country, united in the present war aid program, would not tolerate "unnecessary strikes . . . sabotage . . . war profiteering . . . or short-sighted management."

"Let not dictators of Europe and Asia doubt our unanimity now," he said.

The president spoke from the annual dinner of the White House Correspondents association, an unprecedented background for the speech—his first address on the operation and objectives of the war-aid program which he launched with the signing of the lend-lease act on Tuesday.

The address was broadcast on the three major networks and prepared for short wave transmission throughout the world in 14 languages.

"For unless we win there will be no freedom for either management or labor," he said.

He called on Americans everywhere to work unsparingly to increase armament production. He said that "to all of you it will mean sacrifice in behalf of country and your liberties."

"You will have to be content with lower profits from business because obviously your taxes will be higher," he continued.

"You will have to work longer at your bench, or your plow, or your machine."

Paying tribute to the "plain people" of Britain and Greece in their resistance against aggression, he proceeded to outline the broad policies of his war-aid program.

"The British people and their Grecian allies need ships," he said. "From America they will get ships."

"They need planes. From America they will get planes."

"They need food. From America they will get food."

"They need tanks and guns and ammunition and supplies of all kinds. From America, they will get tanks and guns and ammunition and supplies of all kinds."

Apparently referring to recent Japanese reports that the United States was becoming increasingly reluctant to help China, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"China likewise expresses the magnificent will of millions of plain people to resist the dismemberment of their nation. China, through the generalis-

SIDE GLANCES



"The new minister is a little too young and optimistic—he doesn't pin people's ears back the way old Reverend Beetle used to!"

"Grandma" Flackus Passes After 54 Years Residence On Hildebrand Homestead

Mrs. Minnie Elizabeth Flackus, 96-year-old pioneer of the Hildebrand and Dairy sections of Klamath county, was buried Monday afternoon by the side of her husband, August Flackus, in IOOF cemetery at Bonanza. For the past 54 years "Grandma" Flackus, as she was known to hundreds of friends and neighbors throughout the basin, made her home in this district. Her death occurred Friday, March 14.

Mrs. Flackus was active up until December of this past year when she suffered a light stroke. Up until one year ago, "Grandma" Flackus was busy at her spinning wheel which she brought from her old home near Coblenz, Germany.

Born in Fruch, Germany, January 13, 1845, Mrs. Flackus was married to August Flackus in 1864. Both were born and reared in the little town not far from Coblenz. There were born their four sons, William, Charles, Theodore and Emil, and with them, the family left Germany in 1882 for Des Moines, Ia., where other relatives had settled.

William Flackus, the eldest son, first came to the west coast in 1886 and went directly to the government land office in Portland where he was advised to seek land in the Klamath basin. William was too young to file on a homestead but sent word to his parents and brothers to come west and August Flackus filed on 160 acres upon his arrival in 1887. The original land is still in the Flackus name.

August Flackus died in May, 1908, at the age of 66 years. He had suffered an injury while working on his ranch and death followed an operation. He is buried in the old IOOF cemetery at Bonanza. Following the

death of her husband, Mrs. Flackus lived in a small cottage on Theodore's ranch near Hildebrand on Four-Mile spring. For years Mrs. Flackus was an active member of the Hildebrand grange and up until this year the occasion of her birthday was observed by many of her friends and relatives.

Members of "Grandma" Flackus family recall she was an ardent gardener and could "make anything grow—flowers, vegetables, or fruit." In late years she spent many hours carding and spinning wool which she would knit into socks for her four sons and grandsons.

All residents of the Hildebrand country know "Grandma" Flackus, according to her sons, and one of the closest friends of the family was the late Captain Oliver C. Applegate, a frequent visitor at the Flackus home.

Six of "Grandma" Flackus' grandsons served as her pallbearers Monday afternoon. They were Walter Flackus of Ashland, Charles and Silas Kilgore of Langell Valley, and Ernest, Warren and Victor Flackus of Hildebrand. The service was read by Rev. Wilson of Bonanza and arrangements were under the direction of the Earl Whitlock funeral home.

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