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Comment in Brief

THE home-building program in this vicinity is little short of phenomenal when its extent is actually realized. In 1940, according to a careful survey made by the Federal Savings and Loan association, there were approximately 600 houses built in metropolitan Klamath Falls—the city and its suburbs. This figure includes every type of building housing a family, but for the most part, the houses counted are substantial, permanent residences.

At a meeting here this week a home loan bank official said that 1940 home construction in Klamath Falls proper was twice the national average for a city of this size. The record of this community must be even better than that, if the suburban construction is taken into consideration, as it should be. The reason our suburban construction doesn't get more recognition in the statistics is that there is no permit record kept in areas outside the corporate limits of cities.

Indications are that this home construction program is going to continue. Demand is great for loans for house building. People have a great deal of faith in Klamath Falls, and they are settling down here with the purpose of acquiring homes.

We sensed a definite lack of enthusiasm in the reports of Klamath's three legislative delegates concerning the 41st session just ended. They made guarded statements about "general satisfaction" and "no harm done" but on the whole they gave an impression, without saying it, that the session lasted a very long time for the amount of business it accomplished.

There really wasn't a lot for the legislators to do at this session, a fact widely commented upon before the assembly started. So it is not surprising that the legislature didn't do much. Trouble is, it took it so long to do so little.

If the legislators had transacted the same amount of business in 40 days, instead of 66, and come home for once without overtime, it would have been marked up as a remarkably successful session.

The parking meter question seems to be slumbering peacefully at the moment, and there is a possibility it may not be awakened.

The public reaction against meters was particularly significant in the country areas. A couple of enterprising Herald and News correspondents interviewed people generally in several outside communities, and received for the most part unfavorable comment on the proposed meter program. Everybody, on the other hand, is for parking lots.

An earnest effort is being made by the city administration to solve parking and traffic problems. Something constructive seems certain to come from it.

The season on public officials is always open, and critics keep up a pretty steady fire.

One reported comment that is wholly without justification is criticism of the recent life sentence imposed by Circuit Judge David Vandenberg on an Indian convicted of second degree murder. It is rumored the judge has been criticized for not making the sentence lighter.

This is an absurdity, for the reason that the judge had no choice. The law makes a life sentence mandatory in the case of a second degree conviction.

Salem 'Riot' Probe Started

SALEM, March 19 (UP)—Police today began an investigation of a small town "riot" which occurred after Astoria high school won the state basketball championship here.

The Astoria team and their coach were taken from a downtown cafe under police escort after a crowd of more than 100 gathered outside, threatening the players. Several windows were broken.

The investigation was ordered by the city council.

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY
Complaints Filed
 Lilliamae Marland versus Preston Marland, Suit for divorce. Couple married Parsons, Kas., October 22, 1914. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment. F. O. Small, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court
 Robert William Thill, trespass. Pleading not guilty.

Harold Walter Sylva, fugitive from state of California, issuing fictitious checks. Waived hearing and extradition.

Alfred O. Strange, alias Robert Hamilton, fugitive from state of California, issuing fictitious checks. Waived hearing and extradition.

State of Oregon versus J. D. Hamilton, assault armed with a dangerous weapon. Dismissed on affidavit by complaining witness.

By the producers of "GRAPES OF WRATH"
TOBACCO ROAD
 PINE TREE—SOON

Trying Hard Not to Step on Anybody



Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 200 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

MAN AND NATURE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—How much better the world of men would be if more people were interested in birds and plants, rocks, clouds and stars. C. M. Goethe in his letter in this column a few days ago told about our older trees—the harbingers of spring, their blossoms and the unique and fascinating uses the Indians made of the tree and its products; struck a sympathetic chord in the heart of many readers.

So many of us dash through life thinking only of trying to get rich that we never really live. Instead we get high blood pressure in the rush of city life. We are always nervous and tense while the study of nature and her ways brings relaxation and adds years to life.

We need a wild flower club and a hobby club. We have a mineral club which shows the beauties of even a dull rock. Membership is open for a dollar a year. On our field trips for thunder eggs, dinosaur bones and minerals, we travel in the very heart of nature and her spirit of peace and the misdeeds of men seem far away and quite unimportant in the great scheme of things.

We like to think of nature's beauties; to admire her outward appearance of peacefulness and to set her as an example of human emulation, yet under her seeming calm, we know of the struggle of existence that is going on everywhere. Among man, the great war for economic reasons and for freedom and liberty to live, flashes through our mind, and we say God bless America. Among every living organism from the time of its birth until death, we see in every pool, in every meadow, in every forest, in every mountain, starvation and suffering. Yet when we see the adaptations of life to meet the chemistry of our environment we realize we are a brother to the bird and the beast of the fields and we can trace in nature the hallowing and refining influence of truth.

One member of our mineral club, who is an amateur paleontologist, found near Dorris the bone of the Eohippus, the dawn animal of the modern horse. This warm blooded animal lived here after the cold blooded lizards disappeared, some thirty million years ago.

These mute bones are openings through which the curtains of time are drawn aside and we can see through them the vista of the ages.

A. A. Soule

Senate Okays Anti-Sabotage In California

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 19 (UP)—The state senate last night smothered the objections of organized labor and passed, 34 to 5, an unamended model anti-sabotage bill. The measure now goes to the assembly.

Senator John Shelley led labor's fight to amend the bill to specifically protect the rights of labor to strike, picket, and distribute pamphlets on roads, which under the bill, could be closed in areas surrounding industrial plants working on national defense orders.

His amendment was defeated, 32 to 7.

Felony
 The bill would make sabotage or attempt to sabotage a felony. Attorney General Earl Warren, who urged passage of the bill, said sabotage without loss of life presently could be prosecuted only as malicious mischief. The bill would impose terms as high as 10 years and fines up to \$10,000 for conviction of sabotage or attempt to sabotage.

Those who voted against the anti-sabotage bill were Senators Oliver Carter, John Foley, Robert Kenny, John Shelley and John Swan.

Foley closed labor's floor arguments with the plea senators defeat the bill in its existing form because it "would destroy the unity and cooperation that is needed today—more than at any time in history—between labor and industry."

The Old Mine Road, Warren county, N. J., is the oldest highway in North America. Built in 1650, it may still be seen there.

Thirty-five per cent of the 1939 world production of steel was produced in the United States.

Watch the Classified Page!

TODAY

Last year's screen sensation! This year's screen triumph!

Stage Door
 Where hope meets heartbreak.
 Katharine Hepburn - ROBERT MCGUIRE
 with GAIL PATRICK
 Constance Collier, Andrea Leeds, Samuel S. Hinds, Lucille Ball

Directed by Gregory La Cava.
 Produced by Pandro S. Berman.
 From the play by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman. Screen play by Morris Ryskind and Anthony Veiller.

RAINBOW

TODAY

There are two kinds of love...

CAROLE LOMBARD
CHARLES LAUGHTON

THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WANTED

SECOND FEATURE

DANCING ON A DIME

IT'S A MUSICAL METEOR!
 with DALE GUILIAN
 and CORNELL

VOX ALL SEATS (INC. TAX) 25¢ Children 10¢

SIDE GLANCES



"Let the speaker finish his statement before you shout 'Nonsense! Nonsense!'"

acts in the "Information Please" broadcast. The president smilingly murmured something about an agriculture secretary who did not know agriculture. "I specialize in hogs," responded Wickard.

NEW TABLE

The senate banking committee has a shiny new diamond-shaped table, the personal gift of Commerce Secretary Jesse Jones, although he denies it because there seems to be a law or regulation against such heavy financial cooperation between different government agencies. Jones just got tired of sitting in the witness chair at the far end of a long table from the chairman. At the new one the chairman sits in the middle. (Guessed cost \$750).

TOMORROW

MOTHERS, FATHERS, SONS, DAUGHTERS, SWEETHEARTS
 It's YOUR Picture!
 IT'S AMERICA ON THE SPOT!

THE FUSE IS LIT!

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DYNAMITE DRAMA THAT PULLS NO PUNCHES—HIDES IN NO CORNERS—SMASHING AT THE HEART OF EVERY MOTHER, FATHER, SON & DAUGHTER!

A different kind of motion picture for this world we never knew before! More thrilling than any fiction... More exciting than any synthetic plot!

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San Francisco Docks
 with BURGESS MEREDITH
 IRENE HERVEY
 BARRY FITZGERALD

LATEST NEWS

PELICAN

ONE OF YOUR HOME CONTROLLED, HOME OPERATED THEATRES