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Commendable Cooperation

KLAMATH'S law enforcement agencies—the sheriff's office, city police and local division of the state police—are cooperating closely and commendably in their investigation of the Buffalo lunch killing case.

The case has many difficult angles, and all the resources of these agencies will be needed to solve it. They need, also, the cooperation of the public.

Local law enforcement agencies have been building a good reputation for this county in suppressing and punishing violent crime. Because of the seriousness and sensationalism of this case, it affects that reputation. Let those who may be inclined to commit crime of that nature know that it's not healthy to try it in Klamath county.

Agreeably Surprised

ON their visit in Klamath Falls this week, several members of the Portland party with Queen Dorothy Gast and her "court" of the Oregon Winter Sports association, spoke with both surprise and admiration at the sort of a city they found this to be as well as its relationship with Crater Lake national park.

Like many Portlanders, these folks thought of Klamath Falls as a lumber camp of some sort rather than a modern city. They didn't know just where it was located. They didn't know its highway connections. They were agreeably surprised, and this city should receive some favorable mouth-to-ear publicity from the visit of these young people.

The job of educating Portlanders and others of the lower Willamette valley on the characteristics of the Klamath section has been long and tedious. There is still much to be done. The Willamette highway is certainly going to help, and here's hoping that more of the downstate people use this superior route when they travel south the next time.

Local people have on occasion asked us what the press of Portland has to do with the lack of enlightenment in the metropolis concerning some of the upstate areas. Certainly the Portland newspapers are generous with their use of news from this area, and we can make no complaint on that score. It is possible, however, that there is a policy of eliminating some of the upstate news from the city editions of the Portland papers, which are the editions that Portlanders read. Constructive news is not usually sensational news, and it may get left out of the later editions while sensational, but none too favorable items, are retained. If Portland city readers had opportunity to read more of the favorable community news about this district, which the Portland papers print generously in their early editions, Portlanders might know more of the truth about us. It's an idea.

Salem Incident

HIGHLY embarrassed are the good people of Salem over the disgraceful performance of a group of Salem youths who nearly mobbed the Astoria basketball team last Saturday night after Astoria defeated Salem for the state hoop championship. There is the usual talk of investigation and possible breaking of athletic relationships, and the Salem newspapers have been doing a good job of depicting the occurrence.

The Capital-Journal calls the actions of the Salem youths a "disgraceful exhibition of hoodlumism" and the Salem Statesman calls the mobsters "spoiled brats who couldn't take it." The incident was particularly embarrassing because Salem is the host city to the basketball tournament, and there has been some effort to have the event transferred to some other city—a movement that will probably gain force as a result of the rowdiness of last weekend.

The unfortunate Statesman not only found itself in the unpleasant job of berating young citizens of its own community, but in a news story it mentioned a national guardsman arrested in the affair and said he came from "Fort Stevens, Wash." Inasmuch as Fort Stevens is in Clatsop county near Astoria, the Statesman unwittingly added insult to injury and Clatsop people didn't ignore the error.

The whole thing will probably blow over and it is hoped the lesson to Salem's younger generation is such that nothing of the kind ever happens again. We are interested because, had the tournament gone a little differently, Klamath Falls might have been directly concerned.

Why Not Try It?

A NEWS item tells us that the Central Labor council has appointed certain of its members to attend city council meetings every Monday night and thus keep in touch with city affairs.

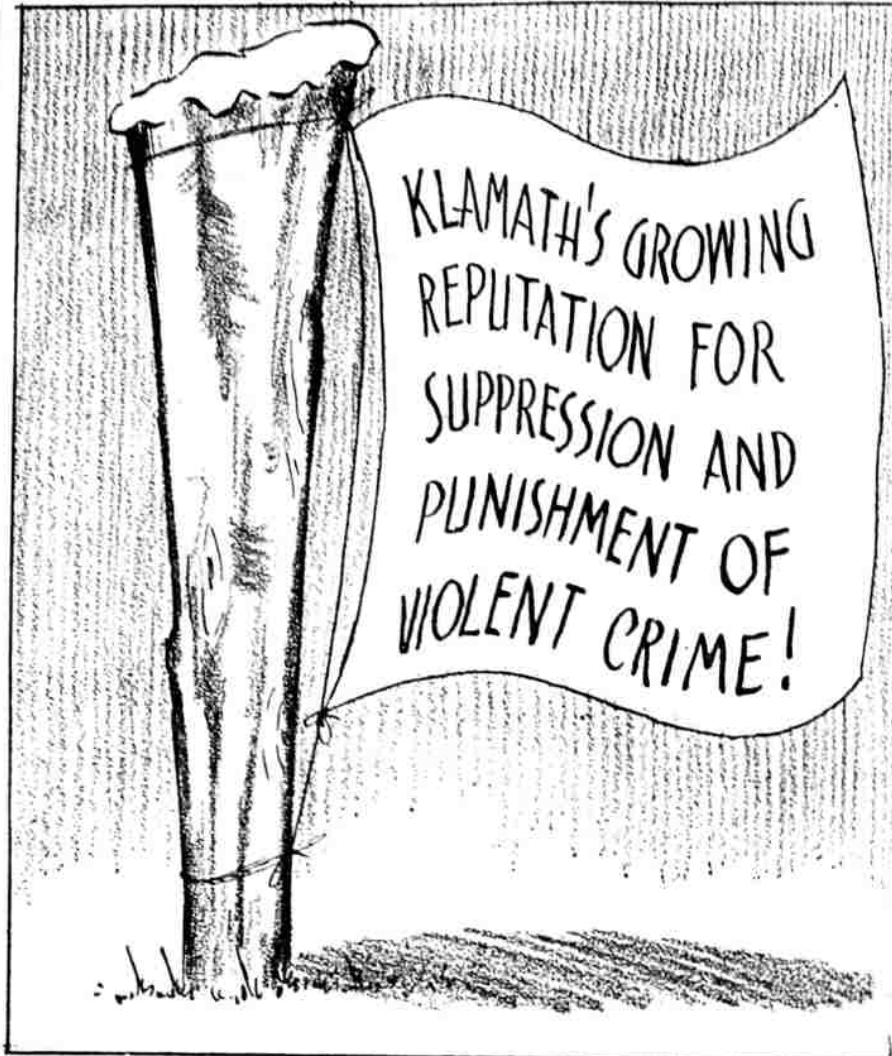
The idea is a good one and others might well follow it. Unless there is some controversial matter scheduled for consideration, the council chamber spectators' section is usually occupied by less than half a dozen citizens.

More people should attend these sessions. They are the clearing house for municipal activities of all sorts, and opportunity is always given for members of the public to enter into any of the discussions in which they are interested.

A good way to know more about city government and local problems is to go at least occasionally to council meetings.

Federal gasoline taxes (at the higher rate imposed for national defense purposes) will total \$350,000,000 during 1941. It is estimated that during 1941, American motor vehicle owners will pay a state gasoline tax bill of about \$900,000,000.

At Stake



Vronsky-Babin 2-Piano Music Here Unusual

By ARTHUR BREMER

Vitya Vronsky and Victor Babin, two pianists who play as one but manage to cover practically the scope of a whole orchestra in their music, gave Klamath Falls one of its rarer treats last night at the Pelican theatre.

Two-piano music is a rather unusual form of interpretation, and Vronsky and Babin must be listed among its best interpreters; for loud or soft, in measured chords or in pyrotechnical passages, their accord was perfect. Either played the dominant theme or the added accompaniment with equal skill.

Whole Keyboard Babin, tall and dark, appeared to be able to cover the whole keyboard at once, and his ability to get the most in tone from his huge concert grand seemed the better of the two; but Vronsky, his wife in private life—displayed unrivalled technique in rapid passages, her hands seeming to float along the keys.

The concert opened with a Bach sonata, a fitting selection to introduce the technical and melodic skill of the performers. A short piece, "Melodie," by Gluck, followed and brought again that unexplainable thrill produced when the last notes of a song grow softer and softer and finally die away in silence.

A Mozart theme, transcribed by Busoni, the great Italian pianist, closed the group in Mozart's characteristic rippling style.

The artists traded pianos for the second group which consisted entirely of Rachmaninoff's "Fantasia." Bell-like chords and modernistic harmonies highlighted the four movements, the first a rhythmic barcarolle and the finale representing Easter bells.

In the latter, Babin presented the bells in thunderous bass chords.

Colorful The colorful piece of the evening was "Scaramouche" by Mil-

haud. Made up of little themes passed back and forth between the two players, the three movements grew successively more lively until the last, entitled "Brazilera," reached the tempo of a modern dance. Vronsky and Babin repeated the last movement as their encore for a well-pleased audience.

A waltz by Arensky, which opened the last group, was followed by one of Babin's own compositions, number three of a group of twelve etudes. The piece was a riot of chromatic runs played at high velocity, giving the melody a turbulent setting. Babin also arranged the "Rosenkavalier" Waltz by Strauss which followed.

A Spanish dance was played by the pair as the first encore, immediately followed by the well-known "Flight of the Bumblebee" which appeared at its buzzing best when played on two pianos.

The polka from the opera, "Schwanda," was presented as still a third encore, after which the audience was content to go home.

Courthouse Records

WEDNESDAY

Divorce Decrees

Doris Merkel versus John Merkel. Plaintiff's maiden name, Doris Steinseifer, restored.

L. J. Watts versus Juanita Watts. Minor child awarded to defendant during nine school months; to plaintiff during three vacation months.

Complaints Filed

Butte Valley State Bank versus R. L. Davidson. Suit to recover note and mortgage. Plaintiff asks sale of real property, proceeds of which to be applied on judgment of \$1320 and \$470 with eight per cent interest.

Harry D. Bolvin, attorney for plaintiff.

Floy O. Clark versus Markley H. Clark. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Olene, Ore., September 29, 1933. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks restoration of maiden name, Floy Bronson.

Maynard Wilson, attorney for plaintiff.

Dismissal

Farmers Automobile Inter-

insurance Exchange versus Raymond Hampton. Cash settlement out of court.

Justice Court

Harold W. Sylva and Alfred O. Strange, alias Robert Hamilton, fugitives from state of California. Sacramento district attorney refused to extradite. Released.

HELP WANTED

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—Uncle Sam is looking for a chap who can blow his own horn—long and loud.

The army recruiting station has sent out a call for a b-flat double bass horn player for the 12th infantry band at Arlington, Va.

The successful applicant will have a chance for plenty of tooting. He must enlist for three years.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 20 —

From under the blanket of enthusiastic defense publicity, troublesome cries are coming in increasing volume. More reorganization obviously cannot be long delayed. The Bernard Baruch statement demanding attention to economic phases, price fixing on industrial products and food, and freezing of wages, was only a mild indirect disclosure of difficulties encountered.

The annoyed groups in the trenches around defense headquarters are talking now of the necessity of immediate coordination of economic effects (Mr. Baruch's first point). Some nickel plants, they say, are on the verge of going out of business because they have insufficient raw material. The priorities board tells them, in a hypothetical case, three-fifths of their production must go to defense industries, which means they must lose three-fifths of their old private business. With only two-fifths production left to supply this whole outside market, they must ration their finished product among old customers. They could charge an price they wanted to ask.

Manufacturers of aluminum pots and pans are not far away from the same predicament, and motor manufacturers are only six months or so away if steel priorities come by July 1 as expected (Mr. Roosevelt's Gano Dunn report to the contrary notwithstanding).

CONTROL BOARD CALLED FOR

Some sort of economics control board is called for by these developing facts. Unless some governing agency takes hold of the effects of the vast expenditures, the spiral of increasing prices, the spiral of increasing wages, then increasing wages to take care of increasing prices, and then more prices, more wages, will soon reach a threatening altitude. The symptoms of increased food prices and union demands for higher wages have already appeared.

Greatest sufferer will be the salaried employee and small businesses comprising the great bulk of the unorganized people of the country.

The weak spot in Hitler's armor still is Italy. The British know it, but cannot get at it.

Unclosed avenues of subterranean information from Rome describe Mussolini as a broken man, forced into retirement by failures. Criticism of his conduct of the war is expressed openly on street corners, and goes unpunished. Yet the chances of revolution or a separate peace with Britain seem to be out of the current question.

Italy cannot break away from Berlin because her economic sustenance is now coming from Germany. Hitler is still feeding in a million tons of coal a month and practically all gasoline and oil used in Italy now comes from Germany. If she cut away from the axis now, Italy would face economic starvation.

ITALIAN REVOLT UNLIKELY

No encouraging evidences of Italian revolt can yet be seen. The fascist party clique (always working closely with Germany) is indulging itself in no apparent plotting against Il Duce, although letting him be the public goat. Instead it is welcoming nazis into daily expanding positions of power. Hitler's men are in the army as advisers, in the police headquarters, in all the ministries. Uniformed German soldiers can now be seen daily on the streets of the larger cities.

The fall of Mussolini, therefore, represents so far only another secret conquest by Hitler. If the nazis can not close both ends of the Mediterranean against the British, they can save their weak and fallen sister from the natural consequences of her war collapse.

In case of a national emergency the United States govern-

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