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Weekend Roundup

REMINISCENT of several Klamath county grand jury reports is a denunciation by the Lane county jury of jail conditions in the neighboring community of Eugene. The Lane jury's report differs in that it is the county jail that is under fire there, while here it is the city jail which regularly receives the brunt of jury criticism. Also, the Lane jury goes a step farther than local juries have chosen to go, when it recommends that a combined city and county jail be established.

The latter suggestion is a good one for Klamath to consider, also. Klamath has a good county jail, and a logical solution of the city jail problem would be to expand the institution already in operation at the rear of the courthouse. This would eliminate duplications, increase the efficiency and economy of jail administration, and bring county and city law enforcement officers into closer coordination. In this connection, the Lane jury suggested that the proposed combination jail at Eugene be used as headquarters for the city police department.

Klamath voters have on at least one occasion emphatically refused to bond the city extensively for a new city jail. They might, however, be attracted more favorably by a combination project with economy and efficiency to recommend it. City and county law enforcement work has become more closely diffused than ever with heavy development of the suburbs, and joint use of a physical plant might well be beneficial to the entire community in promoting coordinated work.

A couple of Klamath Falls men, who insist they did not "burn up" the road, drove to Portland the other day in just about five hours over the new Willamette highway. They rolled along on the open road but took it easy in traffic and in the cities and towns.

It is still hard to realize that Portland has been brought so close, along with the rest of the Willamette valley. The Willamette highway still needs attention, particularly on the Eugene end where a re-location is in order, but even so it ranks as the fastest and best way for Willamette valley folk to get into the Klamath country and into all parts of California.

This is to be the first full travel season for the Willamette highway. Individuals can do a lot, by word of mouth, to promote recognition of this road. It should make a material difference in traffic through here this summer.

New techniques mean new phrases, and the newest, to us, is "Civilized Competition." A large firm, now under indictment charged with unlawful combination and conspiracy in restraint of trade, describes its methods as those of "Civilized Competition."

It's an attractive phrase, suggesting all the benefits and advantages of the competitive system, with none of the evils of unrestrained, "cut-throat competition." Whether it is warranted in this particular case, we don't pretend to know, but it sounds like an effort to reach some kind of a working synthesis between extremes, maintaining the advantages of both and the disadvantages of neither.

We only hope that the practice can be made as happy as the phrase.

It's a long time until Christmas, but some one has been doing some thinking about community Christmas projects. The junior chamber of commerce this week took over the Christmas lighting program, which has been sponsored for a number of years by the Lions club. The Lions felt their club had "spread out" too far and should concentrate on fewer activities.

It's good news that the junior chamber has agreed to keep the lighting program alive.

Both city and country readers of this column are supposed to feel the call of the wild. It calls the country folk to the city and the city folks to the country.

Beauty contest season is on and, win or lose, a lot of girls will be sitting pretty.

South Sixth street's unhappy nickname, Death Alley, came to it because of the many traffic deaths there. Recently a couple of gunmen widened its sinister significance.

In a crisis caused by the long delay in installing Klamath's stop and go signals, you'll be safest if you assume the stop light is on.

Hoover Says U. S. Driving Toward 'Psychosis of War'

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 29 (U.P.)—Herbert Hoover said in a speech last night that United States, "in a fog of emotions and appeals," is "fast driving into the psychosis of war."

"Whether we take the final fateful step or not," he told the 75th annual dinner of the New Haven YMCA, "we have already made three positive appointments with destiny."

"One is that we will sit at the world's peace table. Another is that we face the problems of war emotions and war psychosis. The other is that we shall meet the financial, economic and social aftermath of a war."

Hoover asserted the United States "joined in an exactly parallel war 25 years ago for the same purposes and under the same impulses."

"Even with victory," he added, "we failed to get either military, economic, or spiritual peace."

Describing the World war as "the first total war of modern history," the former republican president said "such war can apparently end only by exhaustion or revolution on one side or the other."

"And the victor in this race of exhaustion," he continued, "is only one lap behind the vanquished."

Despite "soft phrases" to cover government coercion of industry in the last war, Hoover said,

The Real Push



Huge Report Prepared For Bridges Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29 (U.P.)—An encyclopedic, 2500-page report, supposedly detailing Harry Bridges' activities over a 21-year period, will be presented by the government at Bridges' second deportation trial starting here Monday, it was disclosed today.

The Bridges defense committee announced Bridges, California CIO director, will receive a pledge of "unity and support" from more than 500 representatives of CIO union locals here tomorrow afternoon.

Bridges Feted
 The committee said Bridges will be guest of honor at a luncheon sponsored by the San Francisco Industrial Union council less than 48 hours before the opening session of the deportation hearing in the U. S. district court.

The government will attempt to deport Bridges to his native Australia on grounds he is or was a member of an organization advocating overthrow of the government by force. Bridges in 1939 was absolved of a charge he was a member of the communist party at the time of his original arrest in proceedings before Dean James Landis of the Harvard law school.

FBI Report
 The huge, single-spaced report on Bridges was prepared by agents of the federal bureau of investigation at the request of Attorney General Robert Jackson and J. Edgar Hoover. It reportedly traces Bridges' career since he arrived here from Melbourne in 1920. Nothing of the contents of the report has been made public.

DIES IN COURT

PORTLAND, March 29 (U.P.)—Mrs. Edna Ellinger, 67, collapsed and died in District Judge Lowell Mundorff's court while awaiting trial of a small claims case yesterday in which she was the plaintiff.

"the cold fact was that government in business was socialism, and government dictation to private owners was fascism."

"Tragic Jeopardy"
 "Is it to be the tragic jeopardy of democracy," he asked, "that if it would go to war it must adopt the very systems which we abhor?"

He attributed the failure of the Versailles peace to the vengeful demands of victorious peoples pressing upon statesmen who were "not free agents."

"I recollect," Hoover said, "having had the temerity a few days after the surrender of the Germans at the armistice to say we must at once take down the food blockade on their women and children. You would perhaps be surprised if you read the universal condemnation I received, not only in the allied countries, but in America. They demanded more starvation after the war was over. Starvation is the mother of generations of hate."

"Also remember Sherman's march to the sea. It has bred hate in our own southern states for 80 years."

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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 welcome.

DISCUSSES LABOR SITUATION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—I am writing this letter to the working men and women of the Klamath basin. To any of you who did not read the article in the Evening Herald, March 27, in reference to the Kalpine strike, I want to ask you to do so, and then with these facts do some thinking for yourselves. You will note that Mike Pavolka made a clean-cut statement of fact. The CIO statement reeks with personalities. Any cause that is just does not need to stoop to such tactics in its defense, and only when the true facts would be detrimental to their cause, does anyone stoop to such methods. A majority of the workers at the Kalpine have stated they did not vote to strike. In other words, a minority in that operation has shut down the plant, thrown 70 men out of work, causing a loss in wages and no doubt working a hardship on many of these workers.

The public will find when all the true facts are brought out, as they will be, that there never was any real reason for a strike and that all the disputes could have been settled peacefully if the CIO had had any competent leadership.

I ask you workers to follow this case as it develops and see if I am not telling you true. It comes right down to this, folks, are we going to be led by a bunch of irresponsibles or are we going to do our own thinking and lead ourselves?

I know that if the true facts that exist in the CIO were known to the workers of this district, there wouldn't be any CIO, and I say to you that I am going to do everything in my power to see that you do know them. No one has ever heard me condemn any of the rank and file members of the CIO, but you have heard me condemn its leadership, and if you have kept track of the articles I have written, you know that not one charge I have made has ever been answered or denied by any leader of the CIO.

Joe Boyd is a minister of the gospel, and has a leave of absence from his church to do the work he is doing. There is nothing in the Gospel that condemns anyone for striving to save our bodies or helping them, in fact, if our bodies are properly fed and clothed, I believe that our souls will take care of themselves. There has never been any direct proof we have a soul, but there is some reason to believe we have bodies.

Joe Boyd is doing more good by making the fight to better our conditions and save us from rabble rousers, than he or anyone else could ever do from the pulpit. If there were more preachers like Joe Boyd, there would be more people going to church.

W. YEOMAN

UNIDENTIFIED BODY

BAKER, March 29 (U.P.)—Coroner A. L. Schroeder said the body of an unidentified man was taken from the Snake river near Oxbow tunnel yesterday.

Strange Story Told of 'Dead' Girl's Return

HARRAH, Wash., March 29 (U.P.)—A story seldom if ever equalled in fiction was unfolded Friday when Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rathburn learned that their daughter, whom they believed had died at birth 25 years ago, was alive and happily married.

The missing daughter, Mrs. Jack Stewart of Seattle, will be reunited with her parents today.

Mrs. Rathburn explained that she bore the child in Seattle and became critically ill. On recovering, the nurse who attended the birth told the mother that her child had died. The couple grieved over the "death" but in subsequent years four sons were born.

About two weeks ago, the graying couple learned that someone in Seattle was attempting to arrange a meeting with Mrs. Rathburn. On replying, the parents obtained this explanation from the child's foster-mother:

The nurse who told the mother of the child's death confessed on her death-bed recently that she had falsified both to the mother and to the foster-parents, whom she told that the baby's mother had died. No motive could be learned for the falsehoods.

Far from embittered over their experience, Mr. and Mrs. Rathburn were joyous today as they told of seeing their daughter for the first time earlier this week in Seattle.

Courthouse Records

FRIDAY

Complaints Filed

Estelle Watson versus Homer Watson. Suit for divorce. Couple married September 21, 1923. Plaintiff charges husband deserted her at Pueblo, Colo., August 6, 1932. Custody of two minor children asked by plaintiff. A. W. Schupp, attorney for plaintiff.

A. C. Howell versus Lenora Howell. Suit for divorce. Couple married Klamath Falls September 20, 1938. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment. A. W. Schupp, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court

Lloyd David Vail, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50. Carl Steele, assault and battery, dismissed on motion of district attorney.

Tex Williams, larceny, dismissed on motion of district attorney.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 29—The strategic importance of the Vardar valley approach to Greece is the underlying inspiration for Hitler's desperate efforts to control Yugoslavia. He must have this valley. If he cannot get it by treaty, he will have to take it by force.

There are two simple indisputable military reasons. In the first place he cannot rescue Mussolini in Albania without it. In the second, the flanks of his forces in Rumania and Bulgaria are exposed dangerously at the Yugoslav frontier. He cannot move into Greece until he clears this valley.

These simple military deductions convinced all authorities here from the start that the innocuous treaty wrung from the repudiated Yugoslav government at Vienna would necessarily have to lead up to German occupation. They are now further convinced Hitler cannot back down and must invade.

MAY TAKE TIME

The Yugoslav army is not highly regarded, but neither was that of the Greeks. The best our people can now expect is that the Germans will be required to spend at least 30 days in the conquest, which would give the British time to bring up their forces in Greece.

The Germans have spread some fancy tales about their strength in Rumania and Bulgaria but no one here believes they have anything like half a million men ready to fight there. Trustworthy checks indicate 10 to 12 divisions are now in Bulgaria, but they average probably only 12,000 men each. Some elements were detached before the Bulgarian occupation. No heavy tanks were included, although 2 of the divisions are light Panzer units. As a matter of fact there is room for only 4 to 5 divisions to operate at once in the Sturma valley region. Probably 1000 planes have been sent in but the airfield facilities will not permit the utmost concentration of German air power.

Against this force the British have only a few hundred planes and less than 100,000 troops in Greece (not including those stationed in Crete). Clearly the Germans will have superiority both in the air and on the ground.

Yet our people are not despondent about British chances. The limited fighting area in deep valleys will probably permit them to put as much power in the front line as the Germans can muster at any point.

LITTLE HELP

No one is expecting much from the Russian non-aggression treaty with Turkey. The Russians had a non-aggression treaty with Poland, reaffirmed as late before the invasion as November 27, 1938. This ironical red affirmation pledged "relations be-

SIDE GLANCES



"I'm sorry, but that's the price—if I had that many kids myself, they'd have to go barefooted."

ARMY MEN DIE IN DEND CRASH

BEND, Ore., March 29 (U.P.)—A light army truck overturned 27 miles south of here yesterday, killing Privates James E. Hoar, 25, San Francisco, and Russell L. Rawson, 20, Berkeley.

The truck slipped from the highway when it hit a slippery spot caused by a light rain, turning a complete summersault and landing right side up. Both men were instantly killed.

State police, Deschutes county officials and an army officer investigating the accident indicated a coroner's inquest might be held.

Rawson carried an identification card in his pocket which asked that Mrs. Olga Rawson, 2538 Fulton street, Berkeley, Calif., be notified.

The truck was reported by state police last night to be one of the 30th infantry's huge convoy which paused in Klamath Falls Friday. State officers escorted the column as far north as the Klamath county line, where police stationed in Deschutes county were to take over.

While millions of trained and heavily-armed young men have hardly heard a shot fired, short-sighted, middle-aged men with a perpetual cough and flat feet earn medals for valor. —J. B. Priestly, British man-of-letters, on this peculiar war.

Traffic authorities report that 12,500 pedestrians were killed and 290,400 were injured during 1940.

WE SHALL ALL MAKE SACRIFICES!

It will be a privilege as true-blooded Americans to aid our country's financial defense program!

It will be easier for those who have learned the value of saving a dollar and preparing for the future—to help our government—our British fellowmen and our homes.

We have learned in recent history—that tomorrow was too late!

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