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Protect the Public

(Medford Mail-Tribune)

WE note the "Oregonian Front Door Ballot Box" shows the people of that fair city strongly favor COMPULSORY auto liability insurance,—the vote being over three to one.

Such protection to both the motoring and non-motoring public in this state, has been advocated by the Mail-Tribune for some time.

If this poll is a fair index of Portland sentiment, then a compulsory insurance proposal if initiated, should easily pass.

For as Multnomah votes, so votes the state; and Portland determines Multnomah.

We trust someone will take appropriate action before it is too late. No one who can afford to drive a car, should be allowed to do so without being responsible for what harm or injury he or she may cause.

There is no more excuse for allowing motor cars to run without financial responsibility than without a license!

Mr. Ickes' Simile

(Salem Capital Journal)

FROM his vacation retreat in the wilds of the Olympic peninsula, Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes confides to an expectant public—this time through that eminent free-power propagandist, Richard Neuberger—that he has decided that all electric power systems in the northwest should be publicly owned and administered by a single dictator under his control.

There is no more sense to the proposal for a three-man commission—Senator Bone's plan—than there would be to having three presidents of the United States, the secretary argues.

The simile is hardly applicable as applied by Ickes, but when properly interpreted is apt.

As the chief executive and administrative officer of the federal government, the president holds the same position as regards congress that the general manager, or administrator of the Bone plan would bear toward the proposed three-man board. Congress and the board stand in the position of policy shaping bodies; the president and the administrator are charged with the administration of those policies.

Ickes' real objection to the Bone plan is that it would in a measure rob him of his dictatorship over the power realm, and give to the people of the northwest through the three commissioners a voice in the management of their own resources. It is the red flag of home rule that infuriates the secretary.

Ickes' gesture in lauding the power position of Senator Charles L. McNary is amusing, but an understandable political sop to republican Oregon, which has not fallen for the Ickes bunk. The nearest McNary has come to committing himself on the question of a power authority is to announce that he favors the Bone bill in principle.

Courthouse Records

WEDNESDAY

Marriage Applications

NEWSOM-JOHNSON. Donald Tom Newsom, 26, Klamath Falls, salesman, native of Oregon. Ruth Johnson, 24, Klamath Falls, cashier, native of Wisconsin.

Complaints Filed

Gertrude Vehn versus Ralph Vehn. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Reno, Nev., June 25, 1939. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks restoration of her former name, Gertrude Miller. George Chastain, attorney for plaintiff.

Elizabeth Coats Cochran versus Clyde D. Cochran. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Reno, Nev., June 1, 1940. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks restoration of her maiden name, Elizabeth Coats. Edwin E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court

Roy Ward Mustoe, failure to stop at highway intersection. Fined $5.50.

Clarence William Wesley, no operator's license. Fined $5.50.

Alice Guillermond, failure to stop at highway intersection. Fined $5.50.

Hoyle Liston Weir, violating basic rule. Fined $25, $10 suspended.

Film Star, Heiress Vacation in Mexico, Deny Wedding Plans

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 28 (AP) Cary Grant and Barbara Hutton who arrived here separately a few days ago, said Wednesday they were "vacationing in Mexico with friends," and emphasized that they had no marriage plans.

"Rumors that we will marry are untrue," said Miss Hutton, Woolworth heiress whose divorce from Count Cort Haugwitz-Reventlow of Denmark became final last March 1. "I plan to be here about three weeks, but no longer as I am already anxious to return to New York to see my baby."

Interviewed independently, the motion picture actor said the only reason he was in Mexico was for a vacation and added: "Honestly, on the square, there is nothing to reports that Miss Hutton and I may marry."

ORENGO BREAKS TOE

NEW YORK — Joe Orengo played shortstop for 17 innings of a doubleheader against the Dodgers without realizing that the big toe on his left foot was broken. The New York infielder fractured the digit with a foul in batting practice.

Oh! Very Possible!

'Stop-and-Go' Device Aids Running Rural Power Plant

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Aug. 28—A new automatic "stop-and-go" device that will improve electric power service in rural areas and cut down maintenance costs was described today by H. L. Rawlins, Westinghouse engineer, in an address to the Pacific Coast convention of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

The apparatus, known as an automatically reclosing circuit breaker, directs electrical traffic like a policeman at a street intersection. In the event of a short circuit, it stops the flow of electricity, preventing the trouble from reaching the power house. Five seconds later it restores the current to the power system. Because 80 per cent of all power faults are temporary, this brief period between the stop and go provides ample time for most troubles to correct themselves, Mr. Rawlins said.

He pointed out that most conventional fuses now in use on rural power systems burn out when trouble occurs on the line, resulting in loss of electric service until a new fuse is installed. If a tree limb falls across the wires, a short circuit is created and service is disrupted. Usually the limb falls to the ground a second or two later, eliminating the actual trouble. If the power system is equipped with the ordinary type fuse, electric service is restored only by replacing the fuse. Sometimes it takes hours for a "trouble shooter" to arrive and make the replacement.

But with the automatic "stop-and-go" device in operation, power is restored in five seconds. This new protective device was developed by Mr. Rawlins and another engineer, J. M. Wallace, at the East Pittsburgh, Pa., Works of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacting company and is now in production.

In his address today Mr. Rawlins said the principle on which the new "stop-and-go" switch operates is essentially the same as that used in big oil circuit breakers several hundred times as large, which Westinghouse has made for many years. The small breaker is about the size of a five-gallon ice cream can.

When a short circuit increases the flow of electricity, an electromagnet in the "stop-and-go" device opens the circuit. Electricity jumping from one part of the broken circuit to the other in the form of an electric arc is smothered in oil. A piston-like container full of oil regulates a set of springs which close the circuit five seconds after it is opened.

If the power fault fails to correct itself, the breaker opens and closes twice and then remains open when the third interruption breaks a specially designed mechanism. This means the trouble on the line is serious, requiring repairs by "trouble shooters."

Snell Power Ruled Down By Law Opinion

SALEM, Aug. 28 (AP) — The secretary of state has no power to question expense statements filed by sponsors of the referendum against the two-cent per package cigarette tax bill, the attorney general ruled today in an opinion for Secretary of State Earl Snell.

The referendum against the measure was successful, placing the bill on the ballot at the general election next year.

Sponsors of the bill had questioned the expense statements which were filed by the referendum sponsors, but the attorney general said that Snell "has no duty or power to investigate the facts behind a sponsor's statement."

REELECTION SOUGHT

SALEM, Aug. 28 (AP) — Rep. James W. Mott, republican who represents the first Oregon congressional district, announced last night that he would seek reelection.

Mott, now serving his fifth term, is acting ranking member of the house naval affairs committee.

STIFF NECK COSTLY

NEW YORK — Craning his neck to watch airplanes fly over Yankee stadium finally has taken its toll on Vernon Gomez. Lefty was scheduled to pitch against the Senators but missed his regular turn because of a stiff neck. The New Yorks won behind Marvin Breuer, 5-1.

Hitler cannot build. He can only destroy.—Dr. Otto Strasser, former associate of Hitler in Germany.

BOMB SHOW CARDED BY DEFENSE GROUP

SALEM, Aug. 28 (AP) — The state defense council will sponsor a demonstration in Bend September 16 of methods of extinguishing incendiary bombs, the show to be held in connection with the joint fire school and conference of the Oregon Fire Chiefs association and the Oregon State Association of Fire Fighters.

Jerrold Owen, state civilian defense coordinator, said every county defense council would be represented at the demonstration, which will be given by a representative of the army chemical warfare service.

Local Youth Enlists in Navy

Another local boy has been accepted into the navy through the local recruiting station, it was announced today.

The boy is Earl Dexter Emery, son of Mae E. Emery of 319 Washington street. He is 17 and will serve in the navy until he is 21.

Earl left Klamath Falls en route to Portland on August 26. He passed ihs physical exams on August 27. He is now on his way to the naval recruiting station in San Diego.

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—The big seven of southern California war-plane makers and their union chiefs were very quietly summoned to Washington a few days back to adopt a new labor formula.

Their summoner, Mr. Sidney Hillman, labor coordinator, laid the formula out before them at a conference, whereupon it was immediately recognized as the uniform agreement scheme which has worked so unwell in the maritime industry. In fact, the Kearny Shipbuilding strike was at that very moment again attesting the fact that it did not perform its announced purpose of preventing strikes.

The seven managers squirmed, looked over at the three union representatives (one CIO Auto Workers, one AFL Machinists and the Independent Aircraft Welders) whom they found also squirming. Both sides protested they were doing all right as they are, certainly better than the maritime unions and managers.

The UAWA man refused finally, after more meetings, even to talk uniformly with his competitors, so the peace suggestion was altered to provide that each of the three union groups talk separately with the conciliation service in the labor department, but they must all come out with uniform agreements as to wages, hours, etc.

Thus management and labor is apparently going to get the uniform formula for peace, like it or not, grumbling though it is about the government "solving a problem which does not exist."

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REVERSE

More readjustments are coming in OPM-war department relations. No less an authority than Assistant War Secretary Patterson has been irked by the determination of the generals to do everything the army way, instead of the defense way. The effort to coordinate tank production by putting the OPM tank division in with the war department ordnance division, was only the beginning and probably the reverse of what is coming.

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WHEELER

A showdown with the Wheeler group in congress may be sought shortly by the administration. Vague evidence is accumulating to suggest that the current period of relative quiet is the calm before a planned storm.

What form the move will take is not yet clearly indicated. Possibly the president would submit a legislative proposition to draw out another full debate and a vote. At least, far more aggressive publicity is being planned by both sides to start immediately after Labor day.

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PIPELINE

The much ado about gasoline on the eastern seaboard is apt to slow down now to a more realistic line nearer the needs of motorists. A shortage of some important proportions is likely to develop in 30 to 60 days unless something is done to bring more gas east. But with a fairly strong senate committee now investigating the facts, it seems certain something will be done. Railroads have told the American Automobile association here, for instance, that they could handle 250,000 gallons more a day—and the price has already been increased sufficiently perhaps to care for the higher transportation cost.

If any part of the pother was started to promote the building of a new pipeline (over railroad opposition) that part can stop now. The pipeline was finally authorized a few days back. Dealers are satisfied with the night closing which excludes a period of slim sales and fat operating cost. Of course the large companies (freed now apparently from anti-trust obstacles) have not yet obtained control of the independents, but they can also afford to be calmer for a while.

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CHUCKLE

Chuckle of the week in the state department was the injured outburst from Berlin about the British-red drive to open a line of supplies through occupation of Iran. Readjusting the old adage that the science of war is to get there the fustest with the mostest, an American diplomat recalled that up to now, in Norway, Greece and elsewhere, the British always got there last with the leastest.

London and Moscow concocted elegant and possibly sound reasons for their move, but neglected to mention the real one—control of the Iran railway by which the British can feed Russia from the head of the Persian gulf.

While officialdom here suspects popular support of Britain in this country will not be enhanced by the move, they agree Britain would be better off today if the same policy had been followed in Holland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark, Czechoslovakia and points east—and so would the United States.

GEORGIE LOSES THREE

ATHENS, Ga.—Three Georgia football players have been lost to the army. Center Tommy Witt volunteered for the air corps. Walter and Charley Maupin, sophomore brothers, were taken by the draft.

SIDE GLANCES

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