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A Traffic Check

WHAT appears to be the most extensive traffic check ever attempted here was being made Thursday by the state highway department. The checkers were active on all major thoroughfares and they were seeking more information than is usually asked in such surveys.

The apparent significance is a happy one, for it promises improvements in the highway set-up here. It is evident that the highway department wants to know the general character of traffic in the city and on the approaches—whether it is local or transient, what the purposes of the travelers are, and so on. What is learned in this and possibly other checks will be used in formulating an improvement program.

Facilities on the highway approaches to the city and the business district are not adequate in view of the volume of traffic and the growing importance of Klamath Falls. This is particularly true on South Sixth street and on the north entrance route on North Ninth, Prospect and Upham streets. There is need for improvement.

Klamath Falls not only has a busy and fairly large surrounding population, but it also occupies a unique position from the standpoint of through traffic. This city stands by itself, distant from other comparable stopping points. It is not like Willamette valley cities which are closely placed and are also near to the large center at Portland. It is a city at which most through travelers will want to stop. Furthermore, it occupies a location about half way between Portland and San Francisco, a convenient day's drive from either place and an ideal stopping point on a trip between these larger centers.

These all are matters which make it advisable to give Klamath Falls good highway facilities, not only on through connections, but also near and inside its boundaries.

The State of Siskiyou

(Salem Capital Journal)

THE effort of Curry county citizens to secede from Oregon and join California is reminiscent of the proposal nearly three decades ago of the counties of southern Oregon and northern California to secede and form a new state to be called Siskiyou, because of the neglect of their area by both Oregon and California.

In those days this region was suffering from railroad rate discrimination that throttled development. Railroad regulation was in its infancy and the people had a real grievance because all their efforts before the railroad commissions and the interstate commerce commission for equalization were fought by the commercial and industrial interests of Portland and San Francisco as well as the railroads. The exasperation in southern Oregon manifested itself in an initiative bill for flat mileage rates, which though passed by the people in 1912 was promptly invalidated by the federal courts.

Another contributing cause for discontent was the constitutional inhibition against state highway appropriations. The Oregon legislature in 1909 passed a bill for the building of a Crater Lake highway, jointly by the state and counties, which was promptly invalidated by the supreme court. In the following years the constitution was amended and the state highway program initiated.

As a publicity stunt the threatened secession was a great success. The promoters called a convention at Yreka at the same time the Elks lodge district convention was in session and the delegates were photographed along with Elks and made an imposing array. Enterprising feature writers got pages in the New York papers, with maps showing the new state, description of the resources and photos of the scenery. The name of Siskiyou seemed to be a God-send to newspapers, paragraphers and rhymers throughout the country. But the unique proposal materially aided in securing the recognition from both states and that was what it was intended for.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. To what extent can inflation be prevented by the sale of Defense Savings Bonds?

A. To the extent they are purchased in volume sufficient to divert buying pressure from consumer goods, which tends to make prices go up. That is, if enough Americans save enough money by lending it to their government, instead of spending all they earn, further price rises tending to reduce the purchasing

power of the dollar will be retarded.

Q. Are federal employees buying Defense Savings Bonds?

A. A great majority of all federal workers have voluntarily subscribed to regular buying plans whereby they use part of their earnings every pay period to purchase bonds.

Note—To buy Defense Bonds and stamps, go to the nearest postoffice, bank or savings and loan association; or write to the treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also stamps are on sale at retail stores.

This is one time when we can recommend that you be a "yes" man. Don't say no to the Red Cross.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The peculiar type of sea war in which this country is involved with the nazis is unsatisfactory to many naval authorities whose positions require them to keep their mouths shut. Losses thus far suggest the cost is to be heavy in lives and ships. Rumors are being passed around that the navy has sunk 10 German subs without announcement, but officials smile freely at this suggestion. They would probably be glad to announce the sinking of one, in order to popularly justify their policy, even though they say they would not.

German sub tactics show conclusively that the nazis have information on the routes of convoys. The incidents of the Greer, Kearny and Reuben James all occurred on night convoy duty. In each case German subs knew where to lie in wait, with engines stilled, so their presence could not be detected. They are able to fire from submerged positions as their own detecting devices pick up the sound of the passing convoy. Operating between Greenland and Iceland in packs, they are thus able to maintain a very serious advantage over our destroyers.

When the neutrality act is repealed and conveying to Britain is started, their opportunities will be increased as our ships move into the German air patrol radius of 1000 miles (good weather) from the French coast. Our plane patrol service apparently is not effective against night submarine operations.

FLUFF

The official fluff about Russia's "excellent" military position is thoroughly deflated in a current analysis by a high American military leader. Masked by the pseudonym "Strategicus," this army authority has laid down the bare facts in an article published for the military profession in the Army and Navy Journal (Nov. 1).

The reds have lost 70 per cent of their coal, 60 per cent of their iron and 50 per cent of their steel capacity in the Ukraine. Cooped up in the Leningrad is 18 per cent of their manufacturing plants. Threatened or lost around Moscow are 70 per cent of her airplane factories.

All in all, Russia stands to lose more than two-thirds of her industrial machinery before winter. This cannot permit her to supply a sufficient army to hold out beyond next summer.

She could possibly supply about 100 divisions herself but must get equipment for 75 more from Britain and the United States if she is to hang on. It is practically impossible to expect the allies to equip anything like that number of men (approximately 1,125,000). We haven't even yet equipped our own army which is only a little over a million and a half.

The masked "Strategicus" therefore seems to expect Hitler to drive beyond the Urals next spring and complete the defeat of Russia—a prospect which can hardly be avoided.

TIME BOMB

Only time-bomb threatening to sabotage the defense program is the closed-shop issue, lit by John Lewis. The administration, industry and labor all realize it. Inner dealings over the coal strike settlement therefore have been hectic.

Big Steel's Myron Taylor went to the length of offering Lewis a closed-shop in Captive mines if John would promise not to seek the same strangle-hold on the steel factories. This may yet be the basis of the final settlement even though it means giving Lewis complete possession of every steel miner's job.

Even Mr. Roosevelt has exhibited no eagerness to deliver all industry to this control by labor. Strangely, his record seems to contain no spoken word on the subject. It is true he ordered Madam Perkins to help Lewis get the United Mine Workers

SIDE GLANCES



"Mother! You remember that neighbor boy I used to give the brush-off? Come quick and see how handsome he is in a uniform!"

contract two years ago along that line. His national labor relations act (Sec. 8) says "union membership may be made a condition of employment." But his national defense mediation board has a surprising record on the subject.

Of ninety-one cases heard by the board so far, forty have involved a serious demand for some form of "a union security shop," which is really a closed shop with several variations. In twenty cases, the closed shop resulted. In 10 of these, the board specifically directed a closed shop clause to be put in the contract.

Thus the board is batting 500 on the closed-shop issue to date. Board members are supposed to favor personally that form of complete union leader domination. But they are aware that many of labor's best friends consider such union totalitarianism to be detrimental to the best interest of the worker whose job no longer is his own, when it is thus delivered to the union leader. In the World War, the war labor policy board refused to permit strikes on the closed-shop issue.

The administration probably will daily along with the problem and try to avoid meeting it head on as long as possible.

ELKS FETE LEGION MEMBERS TONIGHT

Tonight is American Legion night at the Elks club when the local lodge No. 1247 will entertain Legionnaires and ex-service men. Captain Alfred P. Kelly, past state commander of the American Legion of Oregon now stationed at the Portland air base, will be the guest speaker. Capt. Kelly was called back into the service last year and obtained a short leave of absence to fill out his term as state commander of the American Legion. He is well known over the state as an outstanding speaker, Legionnaire and officer, and his message will be of interest to both ex-service men and Elks alike.

A short musical program will be held in connection with Capt. Kelly's talk. All ex-service men are requested to wear their caps. The program will start about 9 o'clock.

HIT BY TRAIN

SALEM, Nov. 6 (P)—A. E. Brinkman, 54, Salem, received a fractured shoulder last night when his car was struck by a Southern Pacific train at Twelfth and Court streets.

We must never underwrite the error of the democracies—too little and too late.—Rear Admiral Harvey G. Bowen.

Courthouse Records

Complaints Filed

Emmett Eugene Croy versus Mildred Janice Croy. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Klamath Falls, August 31, 1935. Plaintiff charges desertion. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

Decrees

May Norton Taylor versus George Pendleton Taylor. Plaintiff granted divorce and custody of two children and \$50 a month alimony. John Ebinger, attorney for plaintiff; Henry E. Perkins, attorney for defendant.

Opal Barbour versus Henry C. Barbour. Plaintiff granted divorce and restoration of her former name, Opal Treadwell. E. E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff. Divorce granted on grounds of desertion.

Marie Benson versus David R. Benson. Divorce granted plaintiff on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff's maiden name, Marie Sewell, restored. Edwin E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.

George Bennett versus Blanche Bennett. Defendant granted divorce on cross-complaint. Defendant also granted custody of two minors and \$30 a month support. D. E. Van Vactor, attorney for defendant. William Kuykendall, attorney for plaintiff.

Marriage Licenses

SAUNDERS-THRASHER. Max Altman Saunders, 26, Alvadore, Ore., accountant, native of Oregon. Evlio Blanche Thrasher, 25, Klamath Falls, deputy tax collector, native of Oregon.

Justice Court

Homer Lewis Yocum, improper hunting license. Fined \$25 and costs, \$20 suspended.

William Lewis Franklin Arnold, no lights on car. Fined \$5.50, suspended.

Leroy Raymond Munsen, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.

Everett Francis Brining, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.

Edwin James Townsend, void foreign license. Fined \$5.50, suspended.

Doyle Cline Lilly, no driver's license. Fined \$5.50.

Guy Schonchin, reckless driving. Pledged not guilty. Bond of \$25 posted.

Eddie John Stillman, improper hunting license. Fined \$25 and costs, \$20 suspended.

CALIFORNIA IN FAVOR OF SHIP BILL, CLAIM

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (P)—Senator Downey (D-Calif.) told the senate Wednesday he had been "very much surprised" to learn that 75 to 80 per cent of the people in California favored neutrality act revision, and his republican colleague, Senator Hiram Johnson immediately disputed him.

"Take it from me," Johnson shouted in debate, "I am in touch with the state of California."

Johnson argued that to revise the act to permit the arming of ships and their travel to belligerent ports would surely mean war. He added:

"Take your people into war if you want to, but remember when the casualty lists come rolling in, California, no less than any other state, was against war."

Downey, who previously had been associated with the senate's so-called "non-intervention" bloc, told his colleagues that he had talked with a representative cross section of California citizens in arriving at his percentages.

The Downey-Johnson exchange came shortly after senate leaders reported that President Roosevelt voiced the view at a White House conference that congress should enact pending legislation without tacking on amendments designed to curtail defense strikes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (P)—Administration legislative leaders reported after a White House conference Wednesday that President Roosevelt believes congress should enact the pending neutrality revision measure in its present form rather than delay it by tacking on amendments designed to curtail defense strikes.

The Capitol Hill leaders said they had assured the chief executive that the senate would act Thursday or Friday on the legislation, which would eliminate the present neutrality law provisions preventing American merchants from carrying arms and entering belligerent ports or combat zones.

House leaders, it was said, advised the chief executive a substantial majority of their chamber would favor the measure provided it was limited to the issue of revising the neutrality law and did not contain extraneous amendments regarding labor.

The chief executive was said to believe that any labor legislation should be considered separately. One of those who attended the conference said he emphasized that the grave international situation made haste necessary in order that all the world might know as soon as possible the foreign policy course which the United States will pursue.

OSC Dads Hit 'Discrimination'

PORTLAND, Nov. 6 (P)—The Oregon State Dad's club struck at "discrimination against the institution serving our children," last night and said the school of commerce should be restored to Oregon State college.

Will E. Gibson, club president, said restoration of major science work at the University of Oregon by the state board of higher education entitled OSC to the commerce school.

Read the Classified page.

Sam Browne Belts Continue To Heckle Young Officers

By SAM LOVE
WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (UP)—The Sam Browne belt is still tangling up young officers in the new streamlined army.

Give ear to the woes of a shavetail. He must buy his own Sam Browne. If he purchases a light khaki one from a reputable military outfitter, it sets him back \$5. A dark cordovan nicks him double. He'd better buy both, because he may have one commanding officer today and another tomorrow and some prescribe lights, others darks.

During the first World War, officers were allowed strikers—personal servants from enlisted personnel known to their comrades-in-arms as dog-robbers. Such luxuries are now taboo. To their sorrow, officers discover that it takes almost exactly 21 minutes of the meanest kind of rubbing daily to polish up a Sam Browne.

An indignant (anonymous) correspondent of the infantry journal pointed out in his letter to the editor:

"It's bulky, uncomfortable, unpackable; it catches on door-knobs and evening gowns; it digs grooves in the furniture; it doesn't even hold up a stomach—just dents it in."

After that, this officer's wrath peters out a trifle but he points

out ominously that he has 110,000 fellows on duty and in reserve and that collectively they wear about 55,000 pounds of high grade leather and 25,000 pounds of brass, to no purpose. Better to put it into shoes, saddles and field glass cases, he says.

An investigation diligently conducted by bracing individual officers in the war department revealed to the United Press that many of them didn't know what some of the gadgets on the belt are for. All agreed that a length of chain looped over a piece of metal was for a saber or sword (no longer required) but three little brass-eyleted leather loops stumped them.

It was hazarded that you could probably hang a pistol on them if you had the right sized pistol.

More definite information came from war department information files. Sir Sam'l James Browne, perpetrator of the harness, was a British general who was born in 1824 and who died in 1901. He lost an arm in the second Afghan war of 1878. He invented a kind of belt supported over his right shoulder to hang things on so that he could reach them with one hand.

Unification Asked In Defense Effort By Kiwanis Official

CHICAGO, Nov. 6 (P)—Americans cannot permit interference in the orderly processes of preparing for complete defense, James P. Neal of Olympia, Wash., chairman of the public affairs committee of Kiwanis International, said today.

Neal spoke at the annual council meeting of the organization being attended by 90 Kiwanis officials representing all parts of the United States and Canada.

He said the same type of assault which caused the fall of other nations was being directed against the United States and urged club officials planning activities for 1942 to center the efforts on trying to bring about "unification of labor, industry and agriculture."

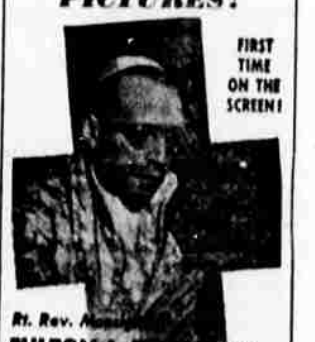
Harold M. Diggon of Victoria, B. C., newly-elected public affairs chairman of Canada, said there was no doubt in Canada as to the ultimate triumph of the "forces of freedom over those of tyranny."

"Our guide should be, however," he said, "the oft-quoted Canadian dictum: To the victor belongs not the spoils, but the responsibility for good government."

MURDER TRIAL

DALLAS, Nov. 6 (P)—Dewey Jackson, Grande Ronde, charged with slaying Joe McCoy, Indian, went on trial yesterday for first degree murder. The jury was chosen yesterday and the first evidence was heard today.

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