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Today's Roundup

PRICE ceiling is mainly responsible for the fact that Klamath potato shipments are running well ahead of last year...

At the close of the count on January 27, basin shipments as revealed in The Herald and News table totaled 4830 carloads, against 4608 on the same date a year ago.

The difference is even greater than that, for an interesting reason that not all may have realized.

This year, virtually all carloads of potatoes shipped from the basin contain 450 sacks, while a year ago most carloads contained 360 sacks.

Likewise, truck shipments are added at the end of the month. Hence, it is only at the first of the month that the comparisons with last year are actually true.

Mr. Aubrey at this time estimates that the actual shipment of 360-sack carloads from the Klamath basin totals 5000 cars. He thinks that the season total will run somewhere near 7500 carloads, an estimate which is somewhat higher than that offered by some other sources.

Last year, shipments totaled a little more than 7900 carloads.

Early Clean-Up

BECAUSE of the heavy early and mid-season shipments from the Klamath basin, it now appears that the potatoes here will be cleaned up about May 1, or a month or six weeks earlier than usual.

They are moving out pretty fast now. For instance, on January 16, some 89 carloads of potatoes were shipped from the basin, certainly one of the biggest shipping days in history.

About a fifth of December shipments was diverted to dehydrators, and shipments for that purpose are still running heavy.

Farmers make a considerable saving in handling costs when the spuds go for dehydration. No such exhaustive job of sorting is required as in the case of definite grading to No. 1's and No. 2's.

The price paid currently for dehydrator stock is \$1.75 to \$1.85, according to a reliable source. Dehydrated potatoes go almost exclusively to the armed forces.

The above paragraphs contain what seemed to us interesting news about our huge potato industry gleaned from various good sources. It is difficult for us to realize the extent of potato production here and the part it plays in supplying food for the civilian population of the Pacific coast and the country's armed forces.

Anonymous Letters

AN MAN recently returned from Salem reports that Klamath's legislators have received a number of anonymous letters concerning legislative matters of interest here.

The principle involved here is one reason we have a liking for the new style in which we are conducting this column. The gent who writes it has his name at the top, and there is no question in any one's mind as to who said what.

Here is a final appeal for our good readers to do their bit in the infantile paralysis fund campaign which reaches its climax in Saturday night's birthday ball for the president at the armory.

The infantile paralysis fund program calls for a return of half the money raised in any county to that county for its own infantile paralysis victims.

News Behind the News

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29—Yes sir, the government rationers are certainly proving daily that a centralized arbitrary government will never do for the United States.

By their inability to divide fairly and efficiently what stocks of non-military fuel oil and other things we have, they are convincing the Americans with bitter experience, that totalitarianism will not work here.

Take the experience of a small Connecticut medical supplies firm. It is slightly worse, but in all ways similar to the 600 or more letters from farmers, oil dealers, clerks, small business men, boarding house keepers and others, that lie on my desk.

This operator of a necessary business, delivering medical supplies to hospitals and physicians, is only one of four such firms in Connecticut. He occupied a new building last year with a new type central heating plant, using fuel oil, and not suitable for conversion.

By this time, he had used two-thirds of that amount, and knew he must do something. So he bought one of those three-legged, pot-bellied stoves for \$40, the kind that Sears-Roebuck used to sell for \$12.

He paid \$6 for a mason to make a hole in the chimney, and \$10 for pipes, a total of \$56, but then he could get no coal.

Finally he found one dealer who would sell coal if he would come for it. His office force got into their station wagon and went with paper bags to get 500 pounds of coal. The coal dealer refused at first to sell, because the bags were marked by a rival coal company, but, after some negotiation and a half day of effort by the whole staff, they got 500 pounds into the office.

Then the stove wouldn't work. It went out at night and occasionally during the day. An ad in the paper said the army was selling surplus stocks of good stoves, known by the enticing title of "Warm Morning."

Forms were furnished to him applying for it. No one in his position could honorably fill out such a form because it did not fit his circumstances and would require untruthful statements.

He explained the circumstances to the board, but an official told him there were only two forms and he would have to fill out one or the other, truthful or not.

The Last Straw

SIMULTANEOUSLY, the mail brought a post-card from the rationing board marked: "Second notice. Call at once and get your fuel oil ration coupons."

He did, and was awarded 650 gallons more for periods 3, 4, and 5, which would make his total allowance 1080 gallons as against a consumption of 2200 gallons last year.

Even so, this was manna from heaven until the same board wrote him the next day:

"It is necessary for you to return at once all your fuel rationing coupons. Please fill in the following information—total area—total area used for residential purposes—percentage of your total area used for residential purposes—bring this letter with you."

Attached to the notice was a lot of incomprehensible legal verbiage, the substance of which seemed to be that he was applying for a stove and therefore his fuel oil was being cut off.

He is going to hire a lawyer to at least find out where he is. He paid \$40 lawyer fees before getting gasoline rationing allowances for his necessary business.

The Farmer's Annoyed

OR, CONSIDER the situation of a Delaware farmer, who says he grows a little wheat and had to go 27 miles to the county seat to sign up for gas, to market it, losing one-half day's work and then had to return again for sugar, although his gas rationing allowance was four gallons a week, which he could use on the side to hunt for help when he didn't have to go to the rationing board.

"They made out the paper themselves," he complains, "but in three or four days they wrote me to come back and give more information as to where my market was. I drove in and told them that if it was so DUM they didn't know where Lincoln, Del. was when it was in sight of their office, I didn't propose to tell them."

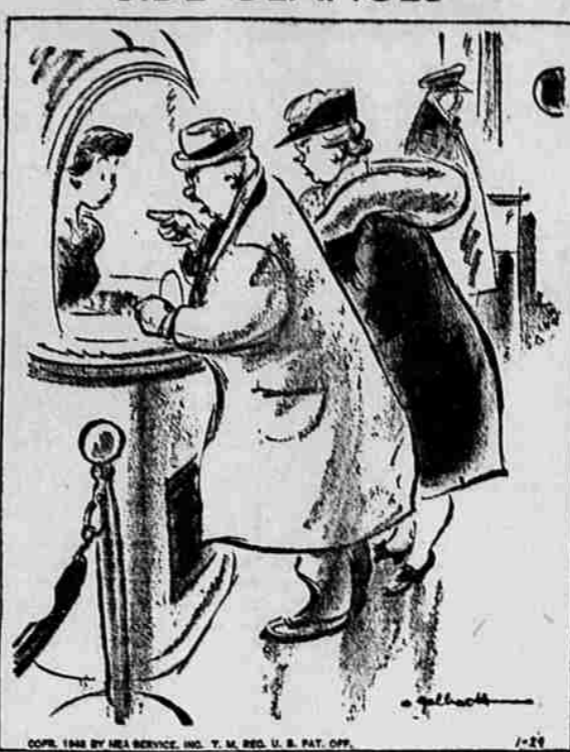
"They granted my request to take my wheat to market, but when I went back to get brown sugar to cure my hogs, they said they had word from Washington not to allow it. I demanded to see his papers to that effect, but the pile in his office looked worse than a busted bunch of corn fodder on a windy day."

This Tire Stuff

THE farmer appealed to his representative in Washington, who passed the buck to the state board in Wilmington, which gave him three choices—to use his table sugar, to turn his meat over to any packer who had a surplus, or to buy a commercial preparation.

"I went out and got brown sugar and DITEN give up my table sugar either," he says. "Then, here came this tire stuff. I had six

SIDE GLANCES



"I've got a son in the Navy, and if you people don't run more pictures about the war in the south Pacific I'm going to stop coming to this theater!"

"Ark" Builder Is Coming Back Via First Class Boat

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Jan. 29 (AP)—Paul Satko, who went to Alaska in a rickety home made "ark," is coming back first class.

Satko's was an argosy which brought back to life the independent spirit of the frontiersman. In order to stay off relief roles back in the days before war time industry he defied skeptics and the courts in trans-

porting his family north in the crude boat he had somehow hauled cross-country from Richmond, Va. A court forbade Satko from taking his minor children with him but he ignored the order, arrived safely and carved out a homestead 26 miles from Juneau.

Now he plans to head south in comparative style for his first look at the "outside" since 1939.

Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press. Portland Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin took away the gasoline rationing books of three motorists arrested for exceeding the 35-mile wartime speed limit.

Fire destroyed the 1800-volume Mark Schrock Memorial library at the Cascade Locks conscientious objectors' camp.

Mrs. Louise M. Holman, secretary for Multnomah county district judges at Portland, is the first officer candidate for the

SPARS, coast guard auxiliary, accepted in the 13th naval district. The Shaver Transportation company at Portland reported a fire caused \$20,000 damage to one of its river tugs.

Funeral services were held at Oregon City for Capt. Oscar F. Antonson, 66, veteran skipper of the fishing boat North King, which plied between Portland and Alaska.

A few hours after he received service of divorce papers, Portland Policeman F. C. Gaunt and Donald McKenzie found the body of Emil E. Lutz, 37, who apparently had taken his own life with a rifle.

Before drafting next year's budget, the Portland school board will study the salaries of all employees. Oregon OPA officials warned that sugar ration stamp No. 10 must be used before midnight, January 31.

Portland FBI headquarters expanded into four offices formerly used by the department of agriculture in the US courthouse.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 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.

SEES DISCIPLINE NEEDED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To The Editor)—Everyone has been thoroughly shocked by the revolting crime which was committed on the southbound Southern Pacific train the other night and while nothing can be done toward undoing it, there is apparently much that can be done toward preventing its repetition.

I refer to the restoration of old-time discipline on trains, which would never have allowed cooks, waiters and other unauthorized personnel to roam at will through sleeping cars at night, putting their heads between curtains and insulting and molesting women passengers.

I would like especially to know where both the Southern Pacific and the Pullman conductors were while all the various episodes related in your papers, including the murder, were going on.

Yours very truly, WILLIAM L. WALES

Two-Year-Old Girl Was Lucky

PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—Two-year-old Penelope Foster escaped with a fractured right leg yesterday in a slide down the family laundry chute to the basement floor 15 feet below.

tires, one wheel was out of line. I had it fixed with blow-out patches, but we had to give up all over five, so I turned in that one.

"I got 20 cents from the government for it, drove 30 miles turning it in, although it was never flat and worth \$4 or \$5. Some GIG made some money out of that tire—and more than 20 cents."

"From the way we HAF to run to these rating boards and keep them informed, we won't have time to due much farming."

There seems to be some millions of citizens who, in a more or less excruciating way, have come to the same conclusions as the Connecticut dealer in medical supplies and the Delaware farmer.

FEW, IF ANY TAX CHANGES SEEN FOR STATE

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—The house taxation and revenue committee completed its preliminary hearings today on Oregon's complicated tax problems, while Rep. Giles L. French, Moro, committee chairman, predicted that few, if any, tax changes would be made.

The committee wound up the hearings today with a discussion of proposals to collect state income taxes by deducting them from salary checks, and to adopt community property laws so that man and wife would own their property jointly.

No Pay Boost Sponsors of the withholding plan for paying income taxes believe it would enable the state to collect from war workers who might leave the state without paying up, but the state tax commission said the proposal would work a hardship on employers and that it is not necessary as the state would lose little revenue from war workers.

The commission, however, is favorable to payment of income taxes quarterly, instead of semi-annually. The house voted 31 to 29 today against increasing the pay of their employees \$1 a day, to conform with increases given senate employees. House stenographers get \$5 a day.

Rep. J. D. Perry, St. Helen's democrat, sponsor of the resolution, said the increase is necessary because employees can't live on their salaries, especially the 29 house employees whose husbands are in the army.

Milk Control Fight But Rep. Burt K. Snyder, Lakeview republican, said the people, who just increased the legislators' pay from \$3 to \$8 a day, wouldn't like the idea, since many representatives have relatives on the payroll.

The milk control fight was renewed today when Rep. John Steelhammer, Salem, and Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, introduced bills to abolish milk control. Mahoney withdrew his bill yesterday to keep milk control, but to let the department of agriculture enforce it instead of the milk control board.

SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—Sen. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, said today he would introduce a bill to repeal the 1941 law increasing the cost of drivers' licenses from \$1 to \$1.50 to create a fund to provide for care of indigent traffic accident victims.

Cornett said the extra 50 cents is unnecessary, since little of the fund has been used. He said he believes indigent accident victims should receive care through relief agencies.

SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—Two bills to increase money available to cities from highway and liquor funds were introduced in the house today by the cities and counties committee. The

SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—Small possibilities for establishment of a reserve fund for post-war employment and construction out of current surplus revenues were seen today by the house taxation and revenue committee.

Governor Earl Snell asked for such a reserve fund, but the law passed by the people last November gives all surplus income tax revenues to the schools.

Rep. Burt K. Snyder, Lakeview, said he saw no chance for setting up an actual reserve, but that "the best reserve fund we could possibly have is good credit for the state."

ENLISTMENTS OPEN IN ARMY RESERVE

According to information received by the local army recruiting office applications are now being accepted for enlistment in the army enlisted reserve corps.

"Young men who have attained their 17th birthday but who have not reached their 18th birthday are eligible for enlistment provided they are otherwise qualified," stated Sgt. Hu-hin, commander of the local office. "They must be able to obtain the consent of their parents. Applicants enlisted under this authority will not be ordered to active duty until they have attained their 18th birthday but in every instance will be ordered to active service within six months after becoming 18."

Sgt. Hu-hin also announced that "Applicants who are qualified for aviation cadet training under current standards may enlist for service in the air corps enlisted reserve."

Information and applications may be obtained without obligation at the army recruiting office, 219 Post Office building.

CRACK-DOWN ON LOAD LIMIT SEEN

County Commissioner Fred L. Pope said Friday that there is "considerable violation" of the load limits placed on various county roads and a stricter enforcement policy is being adopted by the county.

Roads are well signed as to their limits, the commissioner said, but apparently some drivers pay no attention to the signs.

World's Largest Volcano Mt. Kilauea, Hawaii, is the largest active volcano in the world. Its enormous crater is three miles across.

We have every confidence in General Eisenhower and General Anderson and the men of the allied forces.—Clement R. Atlee, British deputy prime minister.

LUMBER MEN URGED TO PLAN FOR EXPANSION

TACOMA, Jan. 29 (AP)—"Over and above the 48 to 60 hours of war work (per week) we have got to slip in extra hours to think about what we are going to do when this war is over," Orville R. Miller, president, warned the West Coast Lumbermen's association in a paper prepared for its convention luncheon meeting here today.

"An industry which is doing so much in the war certainly can be prepared to face the obligations of peace with that same determination."

Obligations Met "I am not suggesting a specific program, but it must include the fields of progressive forestry, research by industry and local institutions in forest products, and constructive work in public relations—all to the end of full employment under private enterprise."

President Miller said the west coast lumber industry carried out its war obligations by producing a weekly average last year of 1.3 per cent more than in 1941 and 20 per cent more than in 1940, and "with no time out for plant conversions, with no delays for government financing or federal defense plant construction when war was declared."

"Keep the logs coming. Keep the saws turning," he urged.

SKIPPER CLEARED OF SINKING BLAME

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29 (AP)—Capt. Henry Nelson, skipper of the liner President Coolidge which struck a mine and sank while being used as a troopship in the South Pacific, disclosed in an interview that he had been given a navy court-martial and cleared in connection with the ship's loss.

Captain Nelson, speaking at his home here yesterday, said that if the 22,000-ton ship had not been beached quickly "we would have lost at least 45 per cent of those aboard—the would have sunk in 20 minutes."

The vessel carried 4000 troops when it sank somewhere in the Solomon area and only four men were lost, according to announcements by the navy and Secretary Knox last December 15.

Captain Nelson said, however, that only two men, crew members, were found to have been lost when the final check-up was made. The captain said, too, that his ship struck a second mine and that this blast was even more terrific than the first a few moments earlier. Earlier navy announcements said merely that the ship "struck a mine."

The captain disclosed that he was placed in protective custody along with his officers after the sinking. The navy flew him to a South Pacific island, held the court-martial and acquitted him of all blame, he said.

Always read the classified ads.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Quite a discussion some of the boys were having down at lodge meeting last night, Judge...you know, in the anteroom before the election of officers."

"Sure was...and Herb was dead wrong. The alcoholic beverage industry does account for more taxes than any other industry. I checked the figures in my office this morning. Why the figure on alcoholic beverages is pretty close to a billion and a half dollars a year. Lucky thing we haven't got

prohibition or the government would have to make up the money some other way. And there's only one answer to that—more taxes. You know what that would add up to?... about \$25 more taxes a year for every man and woman in the country. In other words you and Sue would have to pay about \$50 more in some form of tax. I guess about the only ones who'd come out ahead on that deal would be the bootleggers and gangsters."

"Well, you'll have to," Crone insisted as court clerks stiffened in their chairs. "How is that?" snapped the jurist. "I'm going into the army on Saturday," the carpenter explained. "In that case there isn't anything else to do." The court smiled. "We wish you well."