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Today's Roundup By MALCOLM EPLEY

KLAMATH county has an excellent opportunity to place a member on the state highway commission within the next month.

The term of Herman Oliver of Canyon City expires in the near future, and it is generally understood that Governor Earl Snell plans to appoint a man from Klamath.

No Klamath county man has ever served on the highway commission. This county, by virtue of its great importance in the state and coastal highway set-up, has long deserved at least one appointment on the commission, but for various reasons, none has ever come our way.

High Tradition

IT IS important, in this connection, that there be community unity in backing the man selected for the appointment. Governor Snell is well acquainted with many of the citizens of this county, and we believe his judgment in making the final selection can be relied upon for soundness and good sense.

It appears likely that a complete change in the makeup of the highway commission will be accomplished before long. One change has already been made, in the appointment of T. H. Banfield, Portland industrialist, to succeed Henry F. Cabell as chairman.

The state highway commission has a tradition of loyal, public-spirited service by men of outstanding ability. All through the years, the commission has been made up of exceptional men, and that they have discharged well their great responsibilities is proved in the development of a fine highway system in a state whose long distances have brought many problems to highway development.

We do not doubt that Governor Snell's appointments will maintain these high traditions in the highway commission. We are sure the Klamath appointment, if it comes, will fit into that picture.

Dream Fulfillment

A DREAM that came true a couple of years ago will meet even greater fulfillment this Saturday, when the Klamath Falls Boys' club will be opened in the fine building of the Salvation Army at Fourth and Klamath.

For many years, there was talk of a need in this city of a place where youngsters could find recreation downtown in wholesome surroundings. Only a few years ago did this talk materialize into action.

At that time, a boys' clubroom was opened in the old Herald and News office under Dick Reeder's store. It met with instantaneous success.

Better quarters were found in the Pelican theatre building on Klamath avenue, where the clubrooms have operated for the past year or more. Attendance at the rooms has been large, indicating that they are fulfilling a real need in the community.

Recently, the availability of the Salvation Army building for the clubrooms came to the attention of the club committee and the city recreation committee. Arrangements were completed between these committees and the advisory board of the Army, and this week work has been going ahead in preparing the new quarters.

At the rear of the Army hall is a large gymnasium room, already fitted with a good floor, basketball goals, and other equipment. In the basement is ample room for other games and a reading room. Altogether, it is an ideal set-up, amidst the most wholesome surroundings, and in the new quarters the clubrooms are expected to render greater service than ever to the youth of the community.

The rooms will be operated under the direction of the city recreation committee, with the Salvation Army cooperating.

A grand opening is set for Saturday afternoon. Local citizens will find it worth while to visit the clubrooms at that time.

Tax Plan

IN THE state legislature, the tax on juke boxes and other mechanical devices has been revived by the senate after a previous defeat. The reason seems to be a desire to raise funds for financing increases in old age pensions.

We were present when the measure was defeated in the previous vote. Dean Walker, head of the taxation committee, made a statement at that time to the effect that the measure represented an invasion of a source of revenue that belongs primarily to the cities.

That is the attitude that had been taken by the Klamath Falls city council. A compromise plan, that would save this revenue for the cities and at the same time raise a large sum for the state, would provide for the state licensing of all machines outside municipalities, or at least a return to the cities of the licenses collected on machines operating within cities.

This would be a fair plan and it will be unfortunate if the legislature acts without first altering the bill to give the cities their just share of this revenue.

News Behind the News By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 4 — The way the senate New Dealers let the Bankhead bill slide through the other day (78 to 2) is another indication that the plaster on the farm price ceilings is quietly falling with reluctant administration consent.

All the New Dealers voted for it, even though it revoked a main part of Mr. Roosevelt's executive order, and will boost farm prices by prohibiting benefit payments from being figured as part of farm income in computing price ceilings.

Nevertheless, some down-town administration price statisticians have prepared official figures which will be devastating to the current farm price argument if they are officially issued. These are based on the official data of the department of agriculture and claim that farm prices have already increased much more than the cost of farm operations since the war began.

According to these tables, the cotton price was up 109 per cent from January, 1941 to January, 1943, while the cost of producing it was 28 per cent higher; hog prices up 113 per cent, cost up 25 per cent; beef cattle price up 48 per cent, cost up 26 per cent; eggs up 69 per cent, cost up 40 per cent.

For all farm commodities, the prices are supposed to be up 76 per cent, and the cost of producing them up only one-third as much, or 24 per cent.

And still no one has assured the farmer what he really needs—help, machinery, fertilizer, and gasoline—but legislative proposals continue to center on buying higher production with further price increases.

It is not to the interest of the farmer or the worker to bring greater price inflation. From any common-sense standpoint, you would think their opposing group price-wage claims would cancel each other out, because a farm price increase will necessitate another wage increase, and so on.

But, apparently, the political leaders of labor and farmer see only a temporary advantage at hand, and are unable to take the long range view.

A well managed national economy (the kind ardent New Dealers have longed for) seems to have been proved impossible again by these experiences. The theory of running everything from Washington has run into the uncalculated human aspect that a democratic government, obligated to maintain its popularity, can never put prices down or wages down, but must continually put them up and up.

What was proved theoretically possible in the classrooms has been proved politically impossible in experience.

Bureaucrats On Spot

FEAR of congress among bureaucrats has spread to great extremes. After Deputy Manpower Director Harper Fowler, had held a press conference and told the world that congress would have to take the responsibility of wrecking the McNutt program because it cut his appropriations, he apparently suffered a change of heart.

About 20 minutes later, he called in some of the newsmen and wanted to have the statement cancelled. Unable to do this, he made it plain that he was speaking on his own responsibility and not on Mr. McNutt's.

Mr. Fowler's apprehensions contrast sharply with the attitude of congressmen toward Mr. McNutt, whom they have called just about everything they can think of, both publicly and privately.

11,000,000-Man Army

CONGRESSIONAL drive to limit the size of the army is dwindling, as expected, and it now seems certain nothing along that line will be adopted. Congress dare not put its military judgment up against the chief of staff. The army will be 11,000,000. Heavy drafting will proceed.

Tax Forecast Followed

THE house ways and means committee has followed the forecast in this column of February 22, and adopted a 20 per cent withholding tax (we said 15 per cent) delaying indefinitely the various plans for another general increase. The committee action betrays the growing belief here that the government will do well to collect the taxes it has already enacted without imposing any more.

This program can be put through the house under a gag rule (preventing amendments) but what the senate will do to it is not yet clear. Certainly the Ruml plan will be more heartily pushed on the floor of both houses than it was in the committee.

Crusading Republicans

ASSENTIMENT of democrats from the house floor is causing Speaker Rayburn trouble. His slim majority of eight votes is daily endangered by the number of men in the party who are ducking roll calls, or for other reasons are not particularly interested in being present.

The republicans, on the other hand, have a crusading spirit, especially the new ones. This is true in the senate also, where they are pressing Leader McNary for more aggressive anti-Roosevelt action.

Rayburn has gone to the extent of refusing to let committees hold meetings in the afternoon while the house is in session, because he cannot spare the votes from the floor.

SIDE GLANCES



"Oh, yes, Ed's very diplomatic! When the cook threatened to leave, he persuaded her to stay and gave her a raise equal to her Victory tax!"

STOCKMEN BUY COAST CATTLE

The Farm Security announced today that they received 21 head of Jerseys and Guernseys from the Tillamook area yesterday, and 24 more today.

Lloyd Ross, Williamson River, purchased 14 head and William Jinnette of Merrill bought six head. John Kerns Jr., bought one. Elmer Smith, also of Williamson River, bought 14 head.

Ten head left are already sold to Ivery Clark of Sprague River. They are exceptionally fine calves and came from good producers, the Farm Security announced. In order to purchase any of these cattle, a person must have his application in ahead of time, it was pointed out. Eighty-eight head have been received to date.

OBITUARIES

MARY JANE LYON

Mary Jane Lyon, for the last 35 years a resident of the Merrill district, passed away at her late residence seven miles south of Merrill, Ore., Wednesday, March 3, 1943, at 4:20 a. m., following a brief illness. She was a native of Covington, O., and at the time of her death was aged 86 years 3 months and 29 days. Surviving are her husband, Nathaniel B. Lyon, one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Dixon of Plush, Ore.; her grandson, Albert Schmidt of Malin, Ore.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock funeral home, Pine street at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced at this time.

MARY JANE METLER

Mary Jane Metler, a resident of this city for the last seven years, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 1943 at 4:30 p. m. The deceased was a native of Spokane, Wash., and was aged 19 years 11 months and 3 days when called. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Metler; two brothers, Harold and Jimmie; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Metler, all residents of Klamath Falls; seven uncles and two aunts. The deceased was a charter member of Klamath Commando Unit No. 1, Daughters of Job, Bethel No. 6, and Altamont Presbyterian church. She was a graduate of KUHS and a former member of the Pep Peppers. The remains rest at Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, where friends may call after 2 p. m. Friday. Notice of funeral arrangements will be announced Friday.

EVA JENKS OLSON

Eva Jenks Olson, for the last 11 years a resident of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away at the home of her son, Robert S. Olson, 530 North Fifth street, Wednesday, March 3, 1943 at 6:45 p. m., following a brief illness. She was a native of Lancaster, Wis., and at the time of her death was aged 94 years and 2 months. Surviving are her son, Robert S. Olson of this city and

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Telling The Editor

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LUMBER AND WAR

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Quite a few people have wondered about the 48-hour week for two industries of which the lumber industry is one, covering the entire nation, coming, as it has, when from the sources they have looked to for information have led them to believe lumber production was in good shape. Those who have been doing their duty as union members in the IWA-CIO have been trying to inform every one in general and workers in the lumber industry in particular that the industry is in a bad way insofar as the amount being produced relative to the nation's needs are concerned. They have been trying to get the needed combination of all concerned that will best utilize all our knowledge and energy to remedy this disgraceful situation.

On October 6, 1942 at the Spokane convention of the International Woodworkers of America, Colonel Charles Kerwood of the United States army representing Undersecretary of War Patterson included the following: "The truth is that war is wood. You can't fight a war without it. It is positively an impossibility to win a war without wood; consequently, this meeting of you members of the International Woodworkers of America here in Spokane is neither a labor conference nor a genial get-together of CIO men; it is a council of war. And the one matter that thus occupies our minds at this gathering is the question, what can we do to sock 'the enemy'?"

It is a hollow promise that these people (in occupied countries) will receive food after the war is over. It means little to a mother who sets her table only to watch her children wilt.—Herbert Hoover.

the army for a suggestion on how fast to sock the enemy, the army's answer would be this, and this goes for employers, management, alike. Pick up the six billion board feet of lumber that is lacking for America's war requirements. The nation needs 28 billion board feet this year and we are running six billion short. Make that six billion feet up fast and from now on keep the lumber supply adequate right to the finish of this war. That is the army's answer. If labor will do that the army promises you will finish the war entirely satisfactorily with nazis, Japs and Italians howling for mercy once you give us the materials and the sinews of warfare, and that means wood, then some of us can fix up a job for Reich Forester Goering, just like the kaiser had after the last war, a job chopping and sawing wood somewhere in exile, Adolph and Tojo can spell him on the other end of the cross-cut saw. Maybe we'll let Mussolini carry water for the boys." We have tried to reach the people with this message ever since.

Due to the fact that most people, who have never investigated the facts themselves, have been led to believe we are but a group of moronic, uninformed radicals, who do nothing but lie, we have not had the success our efforts have justified.

I suggest to these people they investigate and review the evidence carefully as to who has sought to learn the facts and pass them on to those needing the information. Also that they aid us in getting a hearing for those army men now touring the country seeking to bring to people that information which their position has placed them in the know on, one or more of who will be in Klamath Falls some time in a not very distant future, we expect.

I only wish to add that, if ever the opportunity permits, I wish to point out to Colonel Kerwood

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican March 5, 1903 S. Ogle and wife were down from Klamath Agency this week.

H. M. Ackley arrived from New York City Monday.

This town needs fewer cats. The supply greatly exceeds the demand.

A. L. Leavitt has purchased the residence and lots of E. I. Applegate on Conger avenue. We understand the consideration was \$2000.

From The Klamath News March 4, 1933

President Roosevelt was inaugurated today, and Klamath county democrats held a banquet at the Pelican grille in honor of the event which ends a long period of bourbon unhappiness.

Sergeant Carl Cook of the city police department today received a telegram from the national safety council informing him that Klamath Falls has received honorable mention in a national contest for accident reduction.

The American public means business, and will have little patience with any political party which puts national welfare above national welfare.—Vice President Henry Wallace.

that we in the woods who use the saws have no one to spell us off or to pack our water. O. O. WOMACK.

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