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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
A LONG-TIME objective of Klamath road developers has been designation of the route from Klamath Falls to Hatfield as a federal aid road.

This is a major link on the important Klamath-Altares-Reno highway and it is vital to our successful road program that it be placed on the federal aid system. It not only carries traffic to more distant points—including Los Angeles by the short inland route—but it also carries the heavy traffic that passes back and forth between Klamath Falls and the Tulelake district.

After years of effort, it now appears that success is in definite prospect. At the chamber of commerce membership meeting Monday night, Tom Waters, roads chairman, reported that R. H. Baldock, Oregon highway engineer, has written California highway officials that Oregon is about to propose designation of the route for federal aid.

It was pointed out that the Oregon section of the road connects with a California section which, also, is as yet off the federal aid map. Mr. Baldock said that designation of the Oregon section would be more readily accomplished if the California section, from Hatfield to Canby, was also chosen for federal aid. He suggested California take the proper steps to bring that about.

The engineer's suggestion is logical and sound, and deserves the earnest consideration of California authorities as well as the public roads administration.

Traffic Volume

IN this connection, attention has been drawn to average traffic volume on the principal entrance roads into California from Oregon for the year 1941, the last year of normal traffic. Here is the daily average for that year:

- The Dalles-California at Dorris—1848.
- Pacific highway—1607.
- Klamath Falls-Alturas—1158.
- Redwood—818.
- Oregon coast—789.
- Lakeview-Alturas—554.

It will be readily seen from these figures that by far the largest volume of traffic normally enters California through the Klamath Falls gateways at Dorris and Tulelake.

Pinus Contorta

OUR friendly colleague, the editor of the Bend Bulletin, has done a little research since reading comment here a week or so ago on Webster's definitions of jackpine and lodgepole pine.

The Bulletin editor found, in Sudworth's "Forest Trees of the Pacific Slope," the following notes on the lodgepole:

"The pine described under this name is one of the most interesting of Pacific species on account of its variable characters and on account of its enormously wide range, which extends from sea level to nearly 11,000 feet elevation. For many years a fruitless effort has been made to keep the tree which inhabits the northern Pacific coast region, extending to Alaska over the western Cascades, and known as Pinus contorta, distinct from the tree of the high Sierras and Rocky Mountains plateaus, known as lodgepole pine (Pinus murrayana) ad

P. contorta murrayana). The distinction assembled to separate these trees are one after another broken down when the trees are carefully studied throughout their great range."

"In its Pacific habitat this pine is a low tree with a dense rounded or pyramidal crown, the large, much-forked branches often extending down to the ground. This form is the result of an open stand, which permits other pines to produce a similar form. In very close stands it develops a tall, clean, slender shaft with short, rounded, small-branched crown. This is its characteristic form in its more eastern range, and has there given the name of 'lodgepole pine.'"

The Bulletin mentions that the descriptive name, "contorta," was given because the appearance of the trees' lower branches turned downward under pressure by snow. Sudworth, incidentally, makes no mention of the name "jackpine" which is frequently applied in this area to the lodgepole pine.

The War Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

ONCE more we have a pointed reminder that the European conflict and the struggle in the Pacific aren't separate wars but are interdependent. For Berlin's panicky broadcast that the Oder river defenses are cracking complements MacArthur's jubilant cry of "On to Tokyo."

The main thing needed to implement MacArthur's slogan in a big way is release of amphibious landing equipment which has been held in Europe pending a German crack-up. Whether we shall have to await the complete collapse of Hitlerdom before sending part or all of this equipment to the Pacific remains to be seen. Some of it may have gone forward already.

As soon as this equipment is available, Lord Mountbatten's Southeast Asia command presumably will start reclaiming Sumatra, Java, Singapore and the rest of Indonesia. Hongkong, Canton and other points along the China coast will be vulnerable. Then we shall indeed be on the Tokyo turnpike.

Luzon Dominates Sea

THE full significance of MacArthur's slogan—which of course is based on the fall of Manila—becomes apparent with even a casual glance at a map of the Orient (and kindly don't tell me you haven't one handy). See how the giant island of Luzon, of which Manila is the capital, stretches its huge bulk—with its airfields and harbors—alongside the South China sea and dominates it.

The freedom of the South China sea is vital to Japan. This column more than once has pointed out—but it's so important as to be worth saying again and again—that without free passage of this sea she cannot indefinitely wage war. This is her lifeline to the vital supplies of Indonesia. It's the lifeline, too, between the mother country and her armies in Java, Sumatra, Malaya, Thailand, French Indo China and where not.

So mighty Luzon—not forgetting the help of other Philippine islands—now can control this lifeline. The mikado's conquest-swollen empire is in effect cut in two. Japan's navy, weakened by heavy losses and vastly inferior to the allied fleets, no longer can provide protection for supply ships through the South China sea.

Invasions Appear Imminent

WE may expect the Indonesian invasions to be under way at the earliest feasible moment, so important are they to the operations against Japan proper. Recapture of the East Indies, and landings on the China coast, will have the effect of forcing the Japanese armies in western China to move eastward to the coastal regions. Thus progressively the allies will push the enemy back, at the same time depriving him of supplies without which Japan's war machine cannot continue to run.

It's a stroke of rare good fortune that the Burma road (now renamed for General "Uncle Joe" Stilwell) should just now have been reopened, thereby once more giving China land communication with the outside world. Supply trains already are crawling along this serpentine highway through the primeval mountain regions to Chungking.

SIDE GLANCES



Our new volunteer orderly is a bank vice president, but he warned me not to tell the patients because he doesn't want to be contributing loans instead of backrubs!

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Market Quotations

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American Can	80 1/2
Am Car & Fwy	42 1/2
Am. & Motor	42 1/2
Anaconda	32 1/2
Calif. Packing	28 1/2
Cal. Tractor	28 1/2
Commonwealth & Sou.	28 1/2
Curtiss-Wright	28 1/2
General Electric	28 1/2
General Motors	28 1/2
Inland Empire	28 1/2
Int. Harvester	28 1/2
Kennecott	28 1/2
Montgomery Ward	28 1/2
Nash-Kelvin	28 1/2
North-Western Pacific	28 1/2
Pac Gas & El	28 1/2
Packard & Motor	28 1/2
Penna R R	28 1/2
Republic Steel	28 1/2
Safeway Stores	28 1/2
Sears Roebuck	28 1/2
Southern Pacific	28 1/2
Standard Brands	28 1/2
Sunbeam	28 1/2
Trans-America	28 1/2
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Union Pacific	28 1/2
U. S. Steel	28 1/2
Warner Pictures	28 1/2

Potatoes

CHICAGO, Feb. 7 (AP)—Potatoes arrived in a heavy volume today, with prices generally lower. Demand for new stock is light, but demand for old stock is steady. Offerings available for sale are heavy, and prices are generally lower.

LIVESTOCK

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7 (AP)—Cattle market steady. Quality rather plain. Medium to good steers, 100-1200 lbs., 11.00-11.50. Good to choice steers, 100-1200 lbs., 11.50-12.00. Good to choice heifers, 100-1200 lbs., 11.00-11.50. Good to choice cows, 100-1200 lbs., 10.50-11.00. Few light calves and cutters \$7.00-8.00. Common to good bulls \$10.00-12.00. Demand good. Calves: salable none. Nominal. Hogs: salable 100. Firm. Few good 120-270 lb. barrows and gilts \$13.75. Choice \$15.00. Demand good. Sheep: salable 250. Steady. Good to choice wooled lambs quoted \$18.00-18.50. About two decks good, 100-150 lb. ewes \$8.00, sorted 10 per cent at \$7.00.

Courthouse Records

HICKS-HENDERSON, Eugene Richard, 22, farehouse foreman, native of Oregon, Lola Gertrude Henderson, 27, housewife, native of Oklahoma, resident of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Feb. 5, 1945. WARD-SCHOTTEN, William P. & Betty, 22, 23, native of Mississippi, Betty, 18, native of Oregon, resident of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Feb. 5, 1945. HOWELL-ENGEL, Thomas A. Frank, 20, U.S. Navy, native of 1945, resident of Challis, Idaho, Edna Engel, 19, housewife, native of North Dakota, resident of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Feb. 5, 1945. GRACE B. Herron versus Hugh L. Herron, Suit for divorce, filed Feb. 5, 1945. GRACE B. Herron versus Hugh L. Herron, Suit for divorce, filed Feb. 5, 1945. GRACE B. Herron versus Hugh L. Herron, Suit for divorce, filed Feb. 5, 1945.

FUNERALS

MARGARET JANE BURNS, Funeral services for the late Margaret Jane Burns, wife of the late William Burns, will be held from the Sacred Heart Catholic church, 8th street, Klamath Falls, Oregon, at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1945. Rev. T. P. Casey officiating. Burial in the St. Calvary Memorial park. Mrs. Burns' Klamath Falls home, 925 High, is in charge of arrangements. Friends are respectfully invited to attend the services.

Airplanes, Engines Destroyed by Fire

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 7 (AP)—An estimated 200 airplanes, 15 engines and assorted tools were destroyed by fire at the Martin's airport in College Place shortly before midnight last night. The blaze, spread by a high wind through hundreds of gallons of gasoline, destroyed the hangar and two work shops. Herman L. Martin, airport owner, said he heard an explosion while sleeping in the administration building, and immediately sounded an alarm.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

STRAYS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Indeed, it is truly said that "One half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives." I was greatly shocked to learn that there are so many stray children or young folks in town. The "city dads" must indeed be asleep, as suggested by the letter from the KUHIS Crater, that they haven't noticed all these strays on the streets! I'd suggest that they have a census taken immediately, both on the streets to find out how many strays there are, and of the town, so places can be found for them to stay until the families can be located, or if they have no family left the orphans can be either adopted, put in private homes or a home could be organized in one of the hotels with the young folks doing the work under the direction of a housemother and a housemaid, too, so the boys wouldn't feel "assisted." I'm sure they would be glad to help with the work of keeping their home in order to have something to do besides roam the streets. It seems a pity that no one has noticed their plight before this, since, according to the letter, they were so anxious to get out of the stray status.

WHEAT

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VITAL STATISTICS

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At a Glance

By The Associated Press
The Western front: U. S. third army invaded Germany anew across Sure and Our rivers on 22-mile front, assaulting Siegfried line; other Americans closed in on Prum and on Schmidt, the latter guarding vital Roer river dams; Neufbrisch in Alsace near the Rhine was occupied.

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Oppose Legal Gambling

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—The editorials of February 2nd and 3rd in the Herald and News concerning Legalized Gambling were brought to the attention of the Klamath Falls Council of Church Women in their regular meeting held Monday, February 5. The matter was discussed and action taken that a letter be written to the editor expressing their disapproval of Legalized Gambling.

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Supply Service Commander Dies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Major G. C. Francis Joseph Kernan, 86, who organized and commanded the army service of supply in World War I, was buried in Arlington cemetery yesterday with full military honors.

It Can Happen Here

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—Someone in the Missouri state penitentiary is hiding a state check for \$175,000, probably a \$100,000 official salary, trusty.

Jackpot

SPOKANE, Wash. Feb. 7 (AP)—Joseph A. Foster, 47, Barbara, Calif., wounded an of the South Pacific command at an army hospital found it profitable to apply a military program.

No Half 'N' Half

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 7 (AP)—Drinking members of the Kinsburg Elks lodge are to have to have their membership dues located on the club's part in "wet" Elks and part in "dry" Elks. Judge L. Kenneth granted a license which permits the lodge to liquor only in that part of the building which lies in burgh.

The War At a Glance

By The Associated Press
The Russian front: Russians in Silesia shattered Germans' upper Oder line; nazis reported defenses cracking all along the river; Soviet forces astride broad super-highway leading 180 miles northwest to Berlin; Frankfurt-Kustrin sector, 30 to 40 miles from Berlin, under heavy pressure.

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From Other Editors

THE KLAMATH PURCHASE PLAN

From the Bend Bulletin
The Klamath and the Lake county courts, it will be remembered, set out seven grounds for their protest against the exchange by the Shevlin-Hixon company of land and timber for national forest land. One, in particular, asserted that the arrangement contemplated a tax-dodging device on the part of the company. The charge, made in ignorance, was a peddler's shown to be unfounded but, so far as we have been able to discover, has never been retracted by either court. Had the charge been true the company would have been open to severe criticism for participating in an unworthy act. Since it was not the company is entitled to clearance by the two courts and the long delay in withdrawing their charge the more prejudiced their position will become.

Five of the grounds of protest, as well, have been shown to be without validity. The single remaining one, relating to the lack of any 25 per cent return to the counties out of the transaction, is more particularly a protest against the general law under which the exchange has been arranged rather than one against this specific undertaking. We say this on the strength of statements in the Epley column in the Klamath Herald and News which have been quoted on this page.

In spite of this fact the Klamath court has recently been reported as endeavoring to create or bring about a situation under which the government will receive cash for its timber and the counties, then, the 25 per cent division. The method under consideration is for the county to purchase the Shevlin-Hixon timber included in the exchange transaction and for the forest service to sell its timber.

The details of the plan have not been announced and, indeed, they are probably still only tentative but the bounds within which it will operate are obvious and therefore not difficult of analysis. Analysis develops strange contradictions in the Klamath attitude.

Possibly the most striking fact in the Klamath plan is that if the contemplated purchase is made the Shevlin-Hixon lands will go off the tax roll just as surely as they would go off if the exchange goes through. And, it will be remembered, point one in the Klamath-Lake protest was that the exchange would put the title to the lands in "a tax-free agency."

And there is still more in this phase of the question. Let Klamath buy the company timber and the county has immediately involved itself in the expense of caring for it, managing it as a protection and so on. And it would be years before there was a crop to pay a return.

Perhaps it should be recalled at this point that two exchange transactions are involved in this controversy. On one the cutting is about finished. It has not begun on the other. So far as we are informed there has been a formal protest only against the former but the latter is expected to stand or fall with it. Neither from the news stories nor have we been able to discover whether the purchase would be of the company lands in the first or second exchange or both. A state forest representative says that the purchase contemplated would require almost \$170,000 but the acreage on which his figures are based does not fit either one. Let us, however, take that total of \$170,000 and do a little further analysis.

It is to be assumed that the proceeds of the government timber sale would equal this \$170,000 and of this sum 25 per cent return to the counties would be \$42,500. This would not all go to Klamath county, however, but would be divided among the counties in which was situated the national forest from which the timber came. If it came from the Deschutes the Klamath share of \$42,500 would be 23

per cent. If from the Fremont the share would be 31.4 per cent. Let us take the larger figure and in doing so we discover that the Klamath return would be \$13,450. In other words, Klamath considers spending \$170,000 to get an immediate return of \$13,450.

There would be further returns, of course, as the purchased timber was harvested but good forestry on a sustained yield program would mean no more harvest for some years. On the other hand, if the exchange went through, the national forest acreage in the county would be increased and, by the same token, the county's percentage share in such sales as were made. The future promises many sales.

The present exchange proposals are desirable as offering a means of blocking up the national forest acreage, giving a larger yield cutting and national forest protection, and providing logs for the war effort. The Klamath proposal, if effective, would equally remove the lands from the tax roll and give the county lands in a shot-gun pattern of ownership difficult to manage and offering only meagre returns.

We have said here before, and we now repeat, that we believe that the counties should have a return out of these exchange arrangements. The simplest arrangement would be for a payment of 75 per cent in exchange of land and timber and 25 per cent in cash that would go to the counties. Another method would give the counties an annual payment in lieu of taxes not based on forest receipts but on a regular acreage basis. Klamath, we believe, would be making a contribution to the solution of the problem if it would work as hard to get the law changed as it is working to recover that 25 per cent in the manner proposed. It would be contributing to the war effort, too.

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