

Herald and News

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Today's Roundup

OUR legislature was in its 69th day today, setting an all-time record for length.

Legislators are paid for only 50 days, and presumably sessions are not expected to last longer than that.



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The California plan of a split session, giving an interim period in which legislators may re-contact the people...

Eugene Merger

THE school district consolidation election at Eugene, mentioned here recently, ended favorably for the merger.

The school districts merged are Eugene and a number of suburban districts. Many cities have similar situations in their "metropolitan areas."

How to Go

KEEP to right—Golden Gate bridge. That instruction is emphatically emphasized in a big sign hung at the Goshen intersection of the Pacific highway and the Willamette highway.

It was put up, of course, by interests seeking to build travel down the Redwood highway from Grants Pass south.

It packs so much punch that this scribe, on his last trip south from Eugene, had trouble forcing himself to turn left on the Willamette highway, although he was bound for Klamath Falls and had no intention of going to the Golden Gate bridge.

At the last state highway commission meeting, the sign was ordered revised to eliminate its powerful implication that the only way to get to San Francisco was to keep to the right at Goshen.

Shortest and fastest way to get to San Francisco is to turn to the left at Goshen. That's fact, not implication.

Police Courtesy Works Two Ways

DISCUSSION of police public relations with members of the Klamath Falls police force was an interesting experience of the week for us.

A couple of weeks ago, we carried some comment here on the need for improved public

relations by the department. When Acting Chief Orville Hamilton saw the piece, he invited us to talk the matter over with the policemen in person.

The officers agreed with us that courteous treatment of the public is essential to good police work, but they indicated pretty strongly that they would like to see more exchange of courtesy between the department and the public.

Sympathetic understanding of the problems of an officer is unquestionably needed on the part of the general public.

One officer reported that he had used the police car to help get two other cars out of a mud-hole. The beneficiaries of his work pulled away without a word of thanks, and left him stuck in the mud-hole himself.

In this connection, one rather startling incident has been reported to us. Recently a couple of military policemen were having a struggle on the street with a man who was intoxicated. In the melee, all fell down on the sidewalk.

Two young women, apparently strangers to all concerned, came along. They stepped up and kicked the struggling military policemen with their sharp-toed shoes. They then walked away, as if kicking policemen were routine business with them.

The War Today

By DeWitt MacKenzie Associated Press War Analyst

SCIENTISTS have discovered that bombs and shells stretch to twice their original size before they actually burst to spread death in all directions.

That's a fair illustration of the state of the western allied front—and of the Russian front, for that matter—as this is written. Both are about ready to explode, and they're swelling rapidly to the bursting point with a mighty striking power which will be flung into the heart of northern Germany from both sides.

Germans Concerned

THE position on the western front is especially fascinating at the moment for allied onlookers—as a matter of concern for the Hitlerites, and they admit it. The Germans are especially worried over two new developments: (1) The steadily expanding U. S. first army bridgehead east of the Rhine at Remagen, and (2) The great squeeze-play being carried out against the Saarland and the Palatinate by the American third and seventh armies which respectively are driving into the northern and southern flanks of this rich industrial zone.

The Kohinor diamond in the allied crown is that amazing Remagen bridgehead, which the Germans say has swollen to 100,000 or more men and is mushrooming out through the hills east of the Rhine until it is on the trunk super-highway that runs near the river from Cologne to Wiesbaden. If you'll glance at your war-maps you will see the significance of this.

May Handicap Plans

ONCE our troops are firmly astride this six-lane military highway, they can strike northward towards the vital war industries of the Ruhr, or southward behind the Saar to help the squeeze play. As a matter of fact that Remagen force also is the nucleus for an army which could, and may, strike southeastward from the Rhine and raise hob with the Nazi scheme of holding up in Bavaria and Austria for a final stand.

No wonder the Nazis are fishing for peace terms. If the allies offered the Hitlerite leaders personal security in exchange for surrender, the Germans would trample one another in the rush to capitulate. Hitler, Himmler, Goebbels, Goering and the rest are sacrificing their fatherland to save their own hides. They will get no offers from the allies.

Evasive Planet Mercury To Be Visible for 10 Days

By J. HUGH PRUETT

Astronomer, General Extension Division, University of Oregon

Mercury, the evasive little planet which many star-students have never positively identified, will during the next 10 days be in the best position of the year for evening observation.

Mercury will be farthest east at sundown on March 25, when it will set one and three-quarters hours after the sun. However, due to constantly decreasing apparent luminosity, the best view may be obtained several evenings before this date.

The little planet will be more than twice as bright on March 18 as on March 25, and even on this earlier date will be above the horizon considerably more than an hour after sunset.

Decreasing brightness, although the planet is constantly getting nearer to us, is due principally to the changing amount of illuminated surface we see. Mercury goes through phases like our moon. Telescopically, it will appear as about a three-quarters moon, March 18; half moon, March 25; and fifth moon, or crescent, March 31.

In January, the sponsors of a Boston radio feature offered \$5 to the first person to whom they telephoned who could answer within one minute the question of the day, "Which planet is nearest the sun?" Any help obtainable was permitted. By Saturday no one had answered it, the award had reached \$100, and multitudes in Boston were talking about it.

That morning the mother of several school children declined the questioner's suggestion that she ask the help. "I let them sleep until 9:15 Saturdays and won't bother them on the slim chance that one might know the answer." The next person called responded correctly. "Mercury is the planet nearest the sun."

Also Mercury is the smallest regular planet and has a diameter of merely 3,000 miles compared with the earth's 8,000. It encircles the sun in only 88 days as compared with our year. In mythology, Mercury was the messenger of the gods and was pictured as an agile, thin-clad youth wearing winged sandals which carried him with swift motion through the clear air and clouds.

During its several evenings of visibility this month, Mercury

will be most easily located, for all this time it will be almost directly below Venus, the extremely brilliant planet now in the west. By the end of the month, the two will appear closer together than at present. This little world appears like a bright star, although greatly inferior to Venus, and may even twinkle a little when near the horizon, a rather unorthodox behavior for planets. There are no other bright objects in the lower western sky to cause confusion in identification. Look for Mercury in the deepening twilight or you may miss it.

Excess Loading Bill Passed Unanimously

SALEM, March 17 (AP)—The house sent to the governor today without discussion and by a unanimous vote a bill to permit log trucks to carry excess loads up to 2000 pounds or up to 500 pounds per axle without having the excess loads dumped by the state police.

The senate roads and highways earlier this week had voted to kill a bill to allow excesses up to 6000 pounds, and then the 2000-pound measure was introduced as a compromise between the loggers and the state highway commission.

Appropriation of \$28,088,354 Made

SALEM, March 17 (AP)—The legislature has appropriated \$28,088,354, compared with the \$26,912,524 recommended by the governor, the joint ways and means committee reported today.

However, revenue of \$968,269 from unexpected sources narrowed the net deficiency to \$207,560.

The cacao tree is a fruit-bearing evergreen which grows to heights of 20 to 40 feet.

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ECONOMIST SEES HUGE REPARATIONS

LONDON, March 17 (AP)—The Weekly Economist said today: "There is reason to believe that the Big Three are thinking in terms of exacting reparations (from Germany) to the tune of about 1,000,000,000 pounds (\$4,000,000,000) a year for 20 years, in addition to restitution of what has been stolen."

President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin announced at the Yalta conference that Germany would be required to make compensation "in kind" for damage caused to allied nations. A commission will be set up in Moscow to consider the extent and methods of compensation. "In kind" would indicate payment in goods and services.

The economist's statement was included in an article which discussed the advisability of creating an independent Ruhr-Rhine state, on the grounds that Germany "could not fight an aggressive war without control of the heavy industries" of that region. The economist held that an independent Rhineland policy should be adopted "only if it stands more than an even chance of working."

SALEM, March 16 (AP)—Fredrick W. Dorlier, Oakridge, was appointed by Governor Snell today as justice of the peace for the upper Willamette district of Lane county. He succeeds Charles S. Briscoe, resigned.

For Commercial Refrigeration SALES and SERVICE See Karl Urquhart

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SIDE GLANCES



"These old buses are getting so jolly that sometimes I almost think I'll try to finish dressing at home!"

Forty Victims of German Violence Pay Homage to Dead Fellow Prisoners

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER

COLOGNE, March 17 (AP)—Forty victims of gestapo violence staggered from their filthy, disease ridden prison here last Saturday and in their first minutes of freedom paid homage to fellow prisoners who had died.

They wavered to a mound in the prison square in memory of 10 of their comrades in misery, seven of whom the allied military government found dead and three who failed to respond to medical treatment.

They knelt at the graves in silent prayer and then one of them fashioned a rough cross with two sticks and some twine.

The prisoners, who had been accused of political offenses against the reich, included Dutch, Belgians, French, Polish, Russians, Italians and five Germans.

One of them, a Dutch woman, was seized January 26 for listening to a British broadcast.

"My husband, daughter and myself were arrested and brought here," she said. "My daughter could not swallow these last days, so she was hospitalized yesterday. Probably my husband is in a hospital, too."

Tough American soldiers could not tell her that her husband was one of the 10 dead.

Three Russian girls stood silent in a corner of the courtyard. When a Polish correspondent addressed them in their own tongue they beamed, then broke into a torrent of speech about maltreatment, beatings and undernourishment.

Lt. Col. Oswald F. Hedley of Newtonville, Mass., AMG health officer, said 29 of the worst sufferers of typhus and other diseases had been hospitalized from the prison but he said he feared that half the number might die.

Capt. James G. Van Col, Richmond, Va., said: "You ought to have seen this place when we entered. It was indescribable. Some of the prisoners were already so weak they were lying in their own filth. All were reeking with lice."

There were cells labelled "for unruly inmates." These were pitch dark and inside each was an additional cage of iron bars in which was a bed.

One room was marked "hearings." Outside it were discarded steel whips.

As the enfeebled victims stumbled into trucks waiting to take them to rehabilitation centers, American soldiers aided them and gave them cigarettes, candy and gum.

Nine Lost As Boat Upsets In Whirlpool

VICTORIA, B. C., March 17 (AP)—NINE persons lost when a 28-foot gasboat upset in a whirlpool in Seymour Narrows were being sought today. Two other members of the party, M. E. Wilson and Andrew Mohlan, both of Vancouver, were saved.

Missing were Gordon Boyde, Dr. Lyon, C. W. Hanson, D. Dimick, W. S. Elnanson, A. Tynes, Robert Blaine, John Sargumer and another unidentified man. Home towns of the missing men were not known.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Market Quotations

NEW YORK, March 17 (AP)—Selective strength continued in today's stock market although many leaders were unable to surmount profit taking and dealings were slow in about 100 issues.

Potatoes

CHICAGO, March 17 (AP)—Potatoes Arrivals for week 114, total U. S. supplies 1,190,000 bushels.

LIVESTOCK

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, March 17 (AP)—Cattle for five days 70c; calves 60c; hogs 10c; sheep 10c.

WEATHER

March 17, 1945. Max. Min. Precip. Eugene 48 38 0.00

FUNERAL

VALLETTA BALL The funeral service for the late Valletta Ball, who passed away at Chiloquino, Ore., March 14, 1945, will take place from the Mission of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Chiloquino, Ore., on Monday, March 19, 1945, with a requiem mass commencing at 9:30 a. m.

VITAL STATISTICS

TRACY — Born at Hillside hospital Klamath Falls, Ore. March 16, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Tracy, 3113 Cannon, a girl. Weights 7 pounds 4 ounces.

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KLAMATH BASIN Carload Potato Shipments

Table with columns: Day of Month, Season 1944-45, Season 1943-44. Rows show daily and monthly shipment data.

\$18.90, several loads mixed medium to choice \$16.50 and \$18.00, medium and good \$13.00-\$14.40; deck covered choice 103 lb. fed yearlings \$14.00; few potatoes at least slight improvement in the supply of freight cars on western route.

Courthouse Records

Complaint filed Melva Houston vs. Allen C. Houston. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Cause set for trial at 10:30 a. m., March 21, 1945, at Klamath Falls. Plaintiff seeks restoration of joint custody of minor child by name of maiden name, Melba Houston. Plaintiff asks for \$250.00 in costs. Just J. Truitt vs. Ann B. Truitt. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Cause set for trial at 10:30 a. m., March 21, 1945, at Klamath Falls. Plaintiff seeks restoration of joint custody of minor child by name of maiden name, Ann B. Truitt. Plaintiff asks for \$250.00 in costs. Just J. Truitt vs. Ann B. Truitt. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Cause set for trial at 10:30 a. m., March 21, 1945, at Klamath Falls. Plaintiff seeks restoration of joint custody of minor child by name of maiden name, Ann B. Truitt. Plaintiff asks for \$250.00 in costs.

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Have your cans in boxes on the curb by 9 a. m.

KEEP SAVING TIN STEP ON A CAN SMASH JAPAN

Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce

EAGLES THIS AND EVERY Saturday Dancing for Members And Their Ladies Music by Shepherd's Orchestra Admission Is Free, So Let Us All Turn Out For Good Times

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