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## Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

HOLD still for this one:

In Harper's magazine for this month, one C. Hartley Grattan has an article on the Northwest in which, after a brief blurb for Medford, he says:

EPLEY

"Over the mountains is Klamath Falls, a rough and ready town, which illustrates to perfection the American capacity for achieving delapidation without achieving antiquity."

Now wait a minute! Before we load up the old .45 and start after Brother Grattan, let's look at this: He probably has ordinary intelligence. He probably has ordinary eyesight. He visited Klamath Falls a few months ago, and it can hardly be denied that he must have gotten the impression he put down in the Harper's piece.

Of course, that statement also demonstrates to perfection C. Hartley Grattan's capacity (and many other writer's) for sweeping, superficial conclusions based on fleeting glimpses that are likely to do either flattering or libelous injustices to any subject and can miss the whole point of a good story.

In this case, the latter has happened, and his whole article, seeking to give clever word pictures of the towns he visited in the northwest, is no doubt filled with examples of the same fault. As for Klamath, the interesting story is that it is only about 25 years out of the sagebrush, that it came out of the sagebrush with a glorious boom which, like all booms, made money but not construction beauty and permanence in the locale of its occurrence.

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### Let's Look At Ourselves

WE have been steadily, but too slowly, shedding the undesirable physical consequences of that boom. Every town we have ever seen has a certain amount of delapidation, and Klamath has its share. Its public buildings, banks, theatres, and larger business buildings compare favorably with those of most cities of similar size in this region, and some of them are outstanding. But on the edges of the business district, and on the edges of the residential district, are evidences of the sort of thing that inspired C. Hartley Grattan's verbal gymnastics. Furthermore, because the general level of property improvement and maintenance has advanced slowly, many of us have been guilty of minor neglect and carelessness that add to unfavorable impressions caused by the horrible examples.

So, taking Grattan's comment at face value, there's a real moral in it for those of us who love the town, believe in its future, and want to see it develop in public respect and in attractive surroundings for those who live here. If we can make it, physically, equal to the grand people who reside in and around it, we will have done a job.

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### It Inspires Loyalty

THERE'S a certain something about Klamath (that Grattan knows nothing about and might not understand) which makes it attractive to real people. It was after reading Grattan's remark and we were walking down the street, thinking about it, that a young marine officer honked his horn at us and picked us up for a ride to the office. The talk turned to the weather, and the town, and the surrounding country, and he said:

"I've been here for a while now, and it's got me. I'm sold. I was talking to the wife just last night about it. When this thing is over, we would like to come here for good. You'll be seeing me around."

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### 'Long, Boring and Uninteresting'

C. HARTLEY GRATTAN is an easterner (need we say that?) who came through the northwest on a lecture tour a few months ago. He was brought to Klamath under auspices of the Rotary club, and lectured on Australia to the high school students in assembly and to a handful of townspeople who turned out in the evening. His evening lecture to a volunteer audience was given largely to empty seats in the high school auditorium, while the students, of course, had no choice. That probably soured his memory of the place.

We were among the absent. We asked a well qualified adult today what he remembered about Grattan's lecture.

"He talked down to his audience, which probably equaled or bettered his intellectual level," was the answer.

We asked a high school student.

"Yeh, I remember him," said the student. "His talk was long, and boring, and uninteresting."

(Sorry, Mr. Grattan. We cannot deny you got your published impression of Klamath Falls. You can't deny these folks got these impressions of your lecture.)

## News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 12—If you pull the curtains behind Senator Vandenberg, you will find a republican party concealed in a haze from which there emanates varied-colored, timid, bright lights.

The Michigan senator is earnestly attempting to present cooperative and constructive improvements to the administration world peace program. The prominence he has attained doing it has elevated him to the pedestal of front-page spokesman of the minority party on this subject.

But the news behind the news of it is, he is not. There has been no agreement among the party leaders on a course of action.

For example, the points of the Vandenberg program of amendments are similar to two of the seven points made by ex-President Hoover. But my information insists Vandenberg did not get them from Hoover, who indeed wants to go much further and create a regional subdivision of the new world order.

Senator Taft is an old League of Nations man who appears not greatly impressed by anything that is now happening in the postwar peace line.

Ex-Governor Stassen, who is being groomed for the next republican presidential candidacy by the New Dealers at least, has talked with some of the other republican big men, but he left them with the impression that he has an ideal rather than a program.

Indeed, his career has not put him into close contact with foreign affairs developments.

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### Dewey Lurks Quietly

DEWEY is keeping as quiet as a hidden cat in a field of mice. His man, John Foster Dulles, refused or failed to go to San Francisco as Vandenberg's assistant, but is now going on his own as an observer. Dulles sees Vandenberg frequently, but I do not believe there is agreement between them on a program or a party position.

The Vandenberg leadership, therefore, only reflects his own skilled initiative toward the establishment of a position for the party.

Frankly a great many republicans think the Roosevelt project is in the shoals already, will have to be changed, or may run aground. Sagely they are awaiting a clearer opportunity to commit themselves. They have heard, for instance, that Stalin's direct quotes repeatedly offered at the Livadia conference were:

"I am not going to consult Albania and Ecuador" about what is to be done or have them interfere with Russian purposes.

Also they have heard rumors that Manchuria was given to Stalin at Livadia (personally I do not believe this to be true, but the rumors have created a clamor in Chungking).

As a result most republican spokesmen are now rising to defend the American position in favor of the rights of small powers, and searching to ascertain if there are any more secret understandings, such as the agreement to give Russia three votes in the assembly to one each for the smaller powers.

Most of the top republicans are internationalist, yet there are a few isolationist senators left. These, too, are biding their time, expecting that developing events will say what they would like to say now on the administration program.

But they are not yet certain whether they will vote against a treaty coming out of San Francisco, and are inclined to resolve all doubts in favor of it, if possible.

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### Little Opposition

THEREFORE, it may said, the administration is practically without opposition on the peace matter as it was in the war. Any domestic politics involved is purely longsighted, and not in any way an impediment to Mr. Roosevelt.

He has won a victory over all opposition on the matter of international cooperation, but the question now is what can he do with it.

This search into the politics behind foreign affairs and into the republican position certainly has developed further evidence, urging the administration to delay further peace action (and the San Francisco meeting) until conditions have settled.

There is no reason why they, too, should not wait until they see what the postwar condition is and what its troubles are in Asia before attempting to sign, seal and deliver an unamendable formula for handling both.

They may wish after the war to move far differently than they want to now. In the strictest truth, their formula now proposes to guarantee, forever,—and without change—the unknown.

## SIDE GLANCES

"Every time it's the same—they get my favorite hero in an awful mess, then sing about soap! Is it any wonder I get all my homework wrong?"

## Wife's Picture Rescued From Rubble by Soldier

(Editor's Note: Mary Jane Jenkins, former news editor of The Klamath Herald and News, is now in France, serving with the Red Cross.)

By MARY JANE JENKINS

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE—This is a story I shouldn't write, because I lost the name of the fellow who is its hero. He told it to me one coal-black night as we waited for a truck to pick us up. I scribbled his name and outfit on a slip of paper and stuck it into my bag, and then managed to lose the bag. All I remember is that he is from Texas, and he married a girl from Texas.

He is a PFC and he's done a lot of fighting since he hit France. He has lost his gear—duffle bag, bed-roll and all—at least twice, but through it all he hung onto a big picture of his bride, a full-length picture of her in her white satin wedding dress. Every place he was billeted, the picture went up on the wall at the head of his bed, and that made it seem like home.

So on the night he was telling me about, on New Year's Eve, he was out on patrol with his squad when the Germans shelled the town where they were billeted. Some time later, orders came through for the Americans to move up, under fire. They moved up, dug in, and then the boy from Texas remembered his picture.

He not only wanted it, but he wasn't going to abandon it in a town they might never see again. So he began timing the artillery barrages and finally started crawling backwards. For two hours he worked his way through the mud, back into the town, crawling all the way, and never too sure where the line was. In town, he found what had been the house where he lived. A shell had gone through the roof. There was not much left but rubble. So he started digging until he found what he was after. The shell had torn up the picture pretty badly, but the head was still intact.

He showed me the picture, just big enough now to fit inside a package of cigarettes. And she was quite lovely enough to pay for the trip he had made that night.

Leonardo da Vinci was one of the first in history to believe that an image must be created in the eye.

## Market Quotations

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP)—Spots of strength persisted in today's stock market, particularly for peace-rated issues, but profit cashing restricted advances for most leaders.

Closing quotations:

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| Am Car & Fdy | 43¾ |
| Am Tel & Tel | 162⅛ |
| Anaconda | 32 |
| Calif Packing | 31¾ |
| Cat Tractor | 57 |
| Commonwealth & Sou | ¾ |
| Curtis-Wright | 3⅝ |
| General Electric | 41¾ |
| General Motors | 66⅛ |
| Gt Nor Ry pfd | 52⅛ |
| Illinois Central | 28 |
| Int Harvester | 78⅛ |
| Kennecott | 51¼ |
| Lockheed | 10¾ |
| Long-Bell "A" | 17⅛ |
| Montgomery Ward | 56¼ |
| Nash-Kelv | 17⅛ |
| N Y Central | 23½ |
| Northern Pacific | 22⅛ |
| Pac Gas & El | 35¼ |
| Packard Motor | 6¼ |
| Penna R R | 30⅛ |
| Republic Steel | 22⅛ |
| Richfield Oil | 12⅜ |
| Safeway Stores | 65 |
| Sears Roebuck | 104⅛ |
| Southern Pacific | 42⅝ |
| Standard Brands | 11 |
| Sunshine Mining | 13⅜ |
| Trans-America | 10⅜ |
| Union Oil Calif | 23⅛ |
| Union Pacific | 124 |
| U S Steel | 64⅛ |
| Warner Pictures | 13¼ |

## Potatoes

CHICAGO, April 12 (AP)—Potatoes: arrivals 51, on track 160, total shipment 314.

Old stocks: supplies light, for best stocks demand moderate, market firm at ceiling.

New stocks: supplies light, demand very good, market firm. Maine Round White, commercial, $3.50; Minnesota-North Dakota Bliss Triumphs, U. S. No. 1, $3.22; Cobblers, seed stocks, $3.25; Canada Green Mountains, Canada No. 1, $3.50; Texas 50-lb. sacks of Bliss Triumphs, U. S. No. 1, $3.27-3.33; Florida 50-lb. bags Bliss Triumphs, U. S. No. 1, $2.64-2.82.

## WAR CASUALTY TOTAL NEARS 900 THOUSAND

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) American combat casualties since Pearl Harbor have now reached 899,390.

Secretary of War Stimson today reported army casualties of 802,685 while the navy set its losses at 96,705.

The increase over last week's figure, 6481, was one of the smallest weekly rises in months.

Stimson said the army figures reflected casualties reported through March 31 and covered operations on the war fronts through the middle of March.

A breakdown of army casualties and similar figures for the preceding week:

Killed, 159,267 and 156,471; wounded, 489,256 and 486,929; missing, 86,648 and 68,755; prisoners, 67,514 and 66,228. Of the wounded, 250,192 have returned to duty.

Similar figures for the navy: Killed, 37,402 and 36,649; wounded, 44,444 and 42,988; missing, 10,605 and 10,623; prisoners, 5254 and 4266.

## AMMUNITION DEPOT WORKERS NEEDED

James W. Campbell arrived in Klamath Falls Tuesday to recruit workers for the largest ammunition depot in the world.

Campbell, recruiting officer for the naval ammunition depot at Hawthorne, Nev., will be at the United States employment office until Thursday night.

The recruiter is interested in interviewing ammunition handlers and those interested in training for this work.

The production of TNT explosives is highly remunerative and interesting work, Campbell states. He will be available for interviews regarding positions in Hawthorne.

April 13 and 14, Campbell will be in Medford for interviews: April 16, 17 and 18 in Grants Pass; 19, 20 and 21 in Roseburg; 23, 24 and 25 in Eugene; 26, 27 and 28 in Salem.

## French Officers Freed by 9th Army

PARIS, April 12 (AP) — Four thousand French officers held in German prison camps for five years were liberated by the U. S. ninth army April 6, when its infantry overran their barracks near Soest, in the east end of the Ruhr.

With the French were about 200 Russian enlisted men prisoners who were used by the Germans for heavy work around the camp.

### Rodeo Announcer

Lynn Roycroft has been selected as announcer for the Buckaroo Days celebration to be held here July 4, 5 and 6. Roycroft's continuous interest in sports and the Buckaroo celebration made him a natural as announcer, when the war cut off the supply of trained professionals, Pat Ivory, publicity chairman, announced.

## Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican April 20, 1905

Sisson, Calif.—Some powerful internal disturbances occurred on a vacant lot at this place. Great jagged cracks have opened, from which constant streams of dark-colored, oily mud are flowing in great quantities. Many people think Mt. Shasta may be on the verge of an upheaval. It is reported the mesa above the town is sinking in several places.

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From the Klamath Herald April 12, 1935

Congressman Walter M. Pierce has recommended Burt E. Hawkins for Klamath Falls postmaster.

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A lawn development program has been started at the county courthouse.

## 439 Portland City Workers On Leave

PORTLAND, April 12 (AP)—Portland had 439 city employes on leaves of absence, most of them in the armed forces, in 1944, the annual civil service board report showed today.

There are 2562 employes, a net gain of 20. Twenty-six died in 1944, 57 were pensioned, 37 resigned and three were discharged.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

## TWO TANKERS COLLIDE; 34 MEN MISSIN

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP) The war shipping administration disclosed today that 34 men are missing and two are known dead as the result of a collision between two tankers on Monday about 700 miles from New York.

The WSA said the tanker Nashbulk and the St. Mihel were in a convoy when the accident occurred about 7 p.m. (EWT).

The St. Mihel took fire, the WSA said, it was brought under control after abandon ship orders had been given. Both ships have returned to New York.

All except one of the dead or missing were crew members of the St. Mihel, the WSA reported.

Most of the missing men were lost when they jumped into the sea, although some were trapped on the burning vessel.

Survivors from the St. Mihel were picked up by the Nashbulk. After the blaze aboard the St. Mihel was extinguished, returning crew members boarded her and returned her, with the Nashbulk, to New York.

The master of the St. Mihel is believed to have perished in the fire, the WSA said.

Names of the victims and survivors were not available immediately.

Exact location of the accident was not revealed.

## Over 3 Million Now In Naval Service

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) The navy had 3,269,670 officers and enlisted men and women as of February 28.

This total included nurses but did not account for the marine and coast guard. As of December 31, 1944, the figure was 3,211,273.

On the earlier date, New York led the states with 250,484, followed by California with 250,934. Other state totals: Idaho, 13,474; Montana, 11,8[illegible]; Nevada, 4130; Oregon, 41,8[illegible]; Washington, 58,328.

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## LIVESTOCK

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, April 12 (AP-WFA)—Cattle: salable 50. Slow; about steady, medium to good steers, heifers, and range cows absent; few common cows $10.00-50, bulk canners and cutters $6.50-9.00; common to good sausage bulls $10.00-12.00. Calves: none; nominal. Good and choice vealers quoted $15.00-50.

Hogs: salable 100. Firm; package good 200-250 lb. barrows and gilts $15.75, medium to good sows $14.00-15.00.

Sheep: salable none. Nominal: good and choice spring lambs $15.00-50; medium to good wooled ewes quoted 7.50-9.50.

PORTLAND, April 12 (AP-WFA)—Salable cattle 100, total 125; calves salable and total 25; market active, strong in all classes; few good fed steers 900 lb. $16.00; medium grades $13.00-15.00; common-medium heifers $11.00-13.50; canner-cutter cows largely $7.25-10.00; bull down to $6.50; fat dairy type cows $10.00-11.00; good beef bulls $13.50-14.00; common-medium bulls $10.00-12.50; good-choice vealers $15.00-16.00; common-medium grades $11.00-13.00.

Salable hogs 100, total 400; market active, steady; weights above 160 lb. $15.75, good sows $15.00; good stags 13.50-14.00; one 350 lb. stag $12.00; choice feeder pigs quotable at Wednesday top of $15.00.

Salable and total sheep 50; market active, steady on kinds available; no spring lambs; top Wednesday $18.00; good weighty yearlings $12.50; good wooled ewes $9.00; shorn ewes No. 3 pelts salable $6.75 down.

CHICAGO, April 12 (AP-WFA)—Salable hogs, 4000; total, 9000; active, fully steady, good and choice barrows and gilts 140 lbs. up at $14.75 ceiling; good and choice sows at $14.00; complete clearance.

Salable cattle, 5000; total, 5000; salable calves 800, total 800; all grades and medium weight and weighty steers steady; top $17.65; yearlings and light steers 25 cents lower; choice yearling $17.35; bulk steers and yearlings $15.00-17.00; several loads weighty steers $16.50-17.60; heifers steady, best $17.00; cows very active, fully steady with recent sharp advance; bulls steady to 25 cents lower; vealers 25 to 50 cents higher at $17.50 down; stock cattle active at $12.50-14.50.

Salable sheep, 10,000; total, 12,000; active, steady; numerous loads good and choice fed wooled western lambs $18.60-19.35, several loads held slight higher; load lot largely good lambs $16.50, load medium and good 88 lb. weight $16.25, sorted 25 head average 77 lb. at $15.25, the lot going for shearing and feeding purposes; load good and choice 91 lb fed clipped lamb No. 1 and No. 2 pelts $15.75, these do not show week's decline on wooled lambs; odd lots wooled native ewes $9.50 down, most common to good kind $8.00-9.25.

## WHEAT

CHICAGO, April 12 (AP)— Wheat futures soared nearly five cents a bushel, the limit for one day's trading, all deliveries of rye established new highs for the crop, and other grains were strong today.

Markets in other cities were sharply higher. At Minneapolis and Kansas City all wheat deliveries established new seasonal peaks, and rye was at new highs at Winnipeg.

On the Chicago board May and July wheat were at new high levels, the former bringing the best price in 29 years and within little more than a cent of the ceiling.

Factors behind the general advances are the large open interest in May contracts, the heavy demands for grain for the army and European relief, and the shortage of freight cars.

At the finish wheat was ¾ to 4¼c higher than yesterday's close. May $1.75⅝. Corn was up ½ to 1¼c, May $1.15½. Oats were 1¼ to 1⅝c higher, May 67¼c. Rye was ⅞ to 2¼c higher, May $1.33¼-1.33. Barley was off 1c to up 1¼c, May $1.09⅛.


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[1] The name is *Prince Albert*
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