

Today's Roundup

EVERYONE dug right in and plugged for action, and it seems highly probable now that the Hager crossing of the Oregon, California and Eastern railroad will soon be properly equipped with a modern traffic signal.

Highway Engineer Baldock told the press today that he is preparing a petition to the public utilities commissioner to order a signal in. PUC Flagg is the officer with the authority to handle the matter—a fact which was not quite clear at the inquest into the three-death accident at that crossing last Saturday night.

The recent tragedy had a stimulating effect on the public agencies involved, but it is well at this time to note that various Klamath groups were busy on this question long before this particular accident occurred. They have been trying to get something done at Hager for years.

Somebody remarked to us a day or two ago that each year a large number of accidents occur at the time of the first storms. These storms do not make the roads any slicker or more hazardous than those which come in later in the winter. But people evidently are caught off guard by late autumn's bad driving weather, and do not exercise the caution nor use the specialized driving techniques which are necessary for safe motoring on snowy, icy or wet surfaces.

This year, an added hazard exists in the fact that virtually all the cars on the roads are several years old.

Furthermore, a lot of people who have been forced to drive slowly for several years just aren't up to faster speeds. Regrettably, we might add that these people have grown older in these years of slow driving, and their reflexes, etc., may not be what they were in their days of pre-war motoring. It may take an accident to slow them down to their age, if it doesn't stop them entirely.

PORTLAND chamber of commerce directors have come through with support for Klamath's application for mainline air service. The directors took the favorable action after two of the Portland chamber's committees side-tracked the question.

It occurs to us that Portland's leadership would do well to look into the attitude of some of the chamber's groups toward this area of the state.

The Portland hesitation about the airline was little short of amazing. What kind of thinking is going on down there, that Portland would hesitate to support the efforts of any Oregon community for adequate airline service? The smug old metropolis needs a kick on the shin to wake it up.

Incidentally, we have received a note from Herb Grey, president of the Jackson County chamber of commerce at Medford, asking if there was anything they could do over there to help us out on the airline deal. Portland needs to take a leaf from the cooperation booklet of more progressive Oregon cities.

News Behind The News

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Democratic Chairman Hannegan announced the O'Dwyer mayoralty victory not only popularized the man in whom he is primarily interested, President Truman, but—mark this well—expressed: "The growing popular will to carry on the

Langell Valley

LANGELL VALLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Novotny spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Elliott House and family. The Thompson home burned to the ground last week, and everything was lost. Thompson was hit at the time and unable to save anything. He is now in a hospital in Klamath Falls. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jackson on their new baby boy born November 1. The young man is the second grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Teare. Mrs. Earl Kent and Mrs. Bill Burnett were luncheon guests of Mrs. Lester Leavitt on Wednesday. Afternoon visitors were Mrs. Homer Roberts, Mrs. Barney Brown and Mrs. Ed Jones. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ed Gowan and family

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policies and program of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

This inference that the government might have received what Mr. Roosevelt used to call "a mandate" to go CIO or New Dealing again, caused rather general surprise to the politicians in the know on what really happened in New York.

To them the election result meant exactly the opposite—without a shadow of a doubt or a loophole for argument. It expressed about the same popular system as was evident in Detroit, namely:

Without Mr. Roosevelt at the top of their tickets, the left-wingers, radicals, professional New Dealers and, indeed, the CIO-PAC itself, cannot pretend to the popular following he gave them. Indeed, far from having a fresh mandate, their future has been made doubtful.

Stretch Of Imagination

APRETZEL-LIKE stretch of the imagination would be required to reach any different conclusion. These two cities were the strongholds of leading advocates of the Roosevelt policy and program. If they cannot win in these two metropolitan centers they cannot win anywhere.

Yet in New York, they showed a sharply diminishing vote, forecasting an end to the public career of their leading politico, La Guardia, and the end of their fusionist, independent movements; while in Detroit their own man could not win, even backed with a democratic nomination.

Take New York. The radical and almost thoroughly communist American labor party polled far less than the normal communist vote of recent years.

Its reorganized, militant management showed less power than its former directorship which led the publicity of the fourth-term drive for Mr. Roosevelt. It rode the democratic party coat-tail again, but with such a less impressive clutch of strength as to relieve the victorious O'Dwyer from any serious future political consideration of ALP.

Next La Guardia and his "no deal," independent campaign showed itself to be nothing worth anyone worrying about. The little thistle is commonly reported to have ambitions toward the senatorship or governorship next, but he cannot hope to get either the republican or democratic nominations for either job.

His section of the local counterpart of "the Roosevelt program and policy" rallied insufficient following upon which to build an independent political movement.

O'Dwyer Popular Man

THE Tammany democrat, O'Dwyer, was a popular man and the great bulk of his vote—enough to win—was cast on the straight democratic ticket. The city majority then went democratic; it went Tammany; it did not go New Deal.

Any objective analysis I am firmly convinced will show it did so primarily because the people as a whole—the man and woman in the street—in general were so fed up with the reforms of La Guardia and that kind of New Deal bitterness they were even willing to take Tammany as a substitute.

The alternative offered by the republicans was weak. In fact he was a Tammany democrat himself, Judge Jonah Goldstein. The republican maneuver for the Jewish vote in largest concentration of Jewish population in America did not succeed.

Some Jews thought his election would promote anti-Semitism rather than ease it, while a great number just saw through the republican strategy (too plain a lure?) and voted for O'Dwyer.

No one could possibly get a genuine victory for "the policy and program" of Mr. Roosevelt out of this situation. Party? Yes. Tammany? Yes. Nothing else.

Now in Detroit, the CIO-PAC had a straight loss. Its unions there in the auto industry have greater strength and prestige than elsewhere. It had a rather popular candidate, Richard Frankenstein, running against a republican seeking a fourth term, Mayor Jeffries. The result was not close. Jeffries won by 57,000 votes.

There were the only important elections involving straight major tests of the political forces of this era. That Mr. Truman could have been much in mind of voters at the polls in either city I gravely doubt. That "the policy and program" of Mr. Roosevelt, concurred in earlier years to meet wholly different situations than those today, won a victory, is preposterous.

Instead, the majority showed that without the name of Mr. Roosevelt at the head of their tickets the future of his old extra-party crowd in politics is dark.

whose father passed away after a long illness.

Mrs. Scotty Ross, Mrs. Harry Frazier, Mrs. Mary Dearborn and Mrs. Lester Leavitt were Merrill visitors on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Godsey spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nork have received word from their son Ben Jr., a mechanic in the motor division, that his ship was on the way to Japan when it was hit by the big typhoon and put back 1800 miles by the storm.

Dick Pepple, SK 3/c, left for San Pedro on Monday after spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pepple. Dick was here to greet his uncle, Lloyd Pepple, who arrived last week after being a prisoner of the Japs. Mrs. Lloyd Pepple met her husband in San Francisco and they spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zick before coming to Klamath Falls. Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Richards and son spent the weekend at the Joe Roads home. They left Sunday for Oakland, Calif., where Ralph, who was recently discharged from the air force, will continue with his doctor's training.

The World Today

By DeWitt MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The pessimistic commuter was aboard my train again this morning and gloom poured from the corner of his stubborn mouth as he

reaffirmed his belief that the world is hell-bent for another war.

Your columnist didn't try to combat this argument, for after all there are grave dangers and it's well that we recognize them. It is only by recognition that we can meet these emergencies. The hunter who carelessly drags his gun behind him as he climbs a fence is likely to get shot—and serves him right for his stupidity.

If we are to see the position clearly we must start from the basic fact that the world hasn't yet reached the crisis—the turning point—of the epochal sickness which has been brought about by the war. Only when we have passed the peak of the illness can we foresee the exact end.

Things To Be Worse. Meaningful let none doubt that things are going to be a mighty sight worse before they get better. But the fact that a sick man hasn't yet passed his crisis doesn't mean that he is going to die.

The old world's sickness is pretty complicated. It's as badly off as Job would have been if in addition to his boils he had suffered half a dozen other diseases and a broken leg as well.

Only part of the trouble is political. We are faced with another terrible problem in both Europe and Asia, and that is due to the breakdown of the structure upon which many peoples have depended for the necessities of life. One aspect of this is rather grimly dealt with in a current commentary by Professor Vincent Harlow, the distinguished British historian who acted as official military commentator during the war.

"Europe is in imminent danger of collapse... what confronts us now is the rapid dissolution of the greater part of a civilized continent into a formless mass of humanity, drifting toward destruction by starvation and disease. Nothing like it has been seen before."

Harsh But True. Harsh, isn't it? But it's true. We are going to see terrible things in many countries before the winter is through. There will be not only suffering and wholesale death, but hunger breeds anarchy. The saving

grace here is that the United Nations are shipping necessities to the afflicted areas. The needs can't be met, but the suffering can be alleviated.

Hunger and other privations, however, are underground workers until they've achieved their devilish end. The spectacular aspects of the world metamorphosis are political, and of various types. The political upheavals are increasing rapidly, as can be confirmed by a glance at the headlines of your newspaper.

No smart part of the political difficulties is due to the maneuvering for spheres of influence, as remarked in previous columns. This is causing heartburnings among the great powers, and in some cases it is treading on the wishes of little nations. I'm afraid we must consider this as an inevitable part of the world's illness which can't be done away with until peace has worked a cure.

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

STATIONED IN CHINA. PFC. Randal J. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foster of 2925 Altamont drive, has recently written his parents that he is stationed in Tientsin, China, with the first marine division.

Foster has been serving with the marine corps for 26 months, 22 of which were spent in the Pacific where he took part in major campaigns of New Britain, New Guinea, Peleliu and Okinawa.

Randal's brother John P. Foster F 2/c, has recently returned to the naval training base in San Diego, for further training, after a short leave spent with his parents.

RETURNS. Sgt. Charles F. Snyder, 5506 Altamont drive, Klamath Falls, the son of Mrs. Edith Snyder, has served with the 141st ordnance company of the 77th ordnance battalion. He was 10 months overseas and took part in two campaigns. The company returned to the United States in July and is now assembled at Camp Swift, Tex.

Opium smoking began in China in the 17th century and by the 20th century it was estimated that 27 per cent of the adult males in China smoked opium.

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Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 200 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.

HALLOWEEN

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—What is the matter with parents? I do not claim any special merit for my father; but at any rate, he would not allow my brothers or myself out on Halloween night, even when we were nearly grown. My folks had a party and invited young people in and we had a good time, dinner and so forth.

In my own case, when I had sons at home, I took them to a show or two and they retired when I did.

My sons have done the same thing with their children and my grandson says he will do likewise with his children.

I can say truthfully my "tribe" are respectable people, none of us have ever been arrested or guilty of a crime or misdemeanor.

The pranks (crimes) of young men on this Halloween were terrible. They tore to pieces and ruined a valuable electric sign at the beauty parlor near my office. I am sorry for the beauty parlor lady, a nice woman.

Some acts committed on Halloween are crimes according to legal authority. A misdemeanor is an act that may not have been illegal at some time in society's history. But a crime is always evil. Common law makes murder, arson, cruelty, rape and wanton destruction of property, etc., always a crime. These acts were crimes even among some of the savages.

I have always fought for the young people in my youth; if not, the chances as in a majority of cases, it is the parents' fault. Parents should do their duty in enforcing law and order. The police are powerless to stop all damage. It would take 1000 or more police in Klamath Falls on Halloween to enforce law; then there would be disorder.

A man to whom I was criticizing acts that were crimes on Halloween, said, well, it was Halloween, therefore excusable. Shades of the God! What do you think of that? If you have it in for someone, wait until Halloween and burn his house down or otherwise damage him. (Signed) Dr. M. P. Taber, 4060 Shasta way.

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1944-45 Hop Season Best In 30 Years

PORTLAND, Nov. 9 (AP)—The 1944-45 hop season in America was the best in 30 years, the U. S. department of agriculture said today.

Domestic brewers used more American hops than at any time since 1916-17, and exports rose a third above the previous 10-year average. "Returns to growers," said the USDA hop market

Radio Programs

KFJ Mutual-Don Lee 1240 kc. Friday Eve., Nov. 9

6:00 p. m. Gabriel in a Lion's Skin

6:15 p. m. Dance

6:30 p. m. Klamath Billiards-Voice Report

7:00 p. m. Klamath Billiards-Voice Report

7:15 p. m. Evening Concert

7:30 p. m. Lone Ranger

8:00 p. m. News

8:15 p. m. Variety Show

8:30 p. m. News

8:45 p. m. News

9:00 p. m. News

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review, "averaged the highest since the 1919-20 season." Average return was 64.9 cents a pound.

Saturday, Nov. 10

6:30 a. m. Wake-Up Tunes

6:45 a. m. News

7:00 a. m. News

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