

FRANK JENKINS MALCOLM EPLEY
Editor Managing Editor
A consolidation of the Evening Herald and the Klamath News...

Entered as second class matter at the postoffice of Klamath Falls, Ore., on August 30, 1904, under act of congress, March 3, 1879.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
Outside Klamath, Lake, Modoc, Siskiyou counties... year \$7.00
By carrier... month 75c By mail... 4 months \$1.25

Member Associated Press Member Audit Bureau Circulation

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
COUNTY grand jurors gave local authorities a puzzler yesterday when they advised a policy with respect to gambling law enforcement...



Grand juries cannot change the law or change the sworn duties of public officials. If that's to be done, it's a job for the legislature or the people through direct legislative channels.

However one may feel personally about gambling, friendly or professional, that seems to us a clear statement of the situation as it confronts the authorities.

Legislative Efforts

AS to legislation on gambling law changes, every so often some realistic fellow in the legislature proposes that something be done to capitalize for the public coffers upon the obvious determination of American people to take chances with their cash.

Usually, such ideas emanate from a legislator from some place east of the mountains (which may explain that topography business mentioned by the jury) but thus far, they haven't gotten anywhere in the august legislative halls.

We are quite certain that state-owned and operated slot machines would go a long way towards eliminating state and local taxes. The same gent who yowls like a stuck pig about paying taxes will fight to get up to a slot machine to lose the same amount of cash, or more.

That Dice Game

SPeAKING of gambling, several people have asked this department whether it believes there was no foundation for the wild dice game story that went the rounds here until the marine who was the alleged winner of thousands came out with a flat declaration there was nothing to it.

We only know what we have heard or seen. Nearly all of Klamath's 16,497 inhabitants (1940 census) must have told the dice game story in varied versions. A lot of them told it to us, and we told it to a lot of people. But not one of the tellers we met up with saw the game, or really knew anything about it.

Candidate Problem

OVER in the first congressional district they're having quite a time getting candidates lined up to run for the position left vacant by the death of Jim Mott.

Republicans got together committeemen from the 10 counties involved and endorsed Walter Norblad, Astoria, with 12 votes. Democrats tried to find a nominating convention for Bruce Spaulding, Salem, but couldn't get out the legal quorum of 20.

Norblad now must hold a nominating meeting, and he has slated one at Astoria Dec. 26. He will have to have 250 at the meeting, or he will be in the same spot Spaulding is in. Having seen the debacle that occurred when the democratic leadership fell down, Norblad is probably taking no chances at getting out enough people to make himself a legal candidate.

Rev. D. J. Ferguson of Merrill, former Presbyterian pastor at Astoria and an old friend of the Norblad family, will nominate Norblad at the meeting. An eloquent speaker, he should do a good job of it.

Today's Bible Reading

From Psalm 1
BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the

river of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Christmas spirit runs strong today. A local crippled messenger boy, whose bike was stolen, wasn't long without a wheel. A local business man offered him another, which he took. Meanwhile, another business man made a similar offer, and employees of a department store were eager to take up a collection to buy a bike for the lad.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Things are not what they seem on labor legislation. The Truman fact-finding formula for strike settlements has been thrown over by congress until after the holidays as the unions wanted, although he insisted on getting it before Christmas.

These developments have greatly cheered the union politicians and created a public impression that they are apt to continue in command of the legislative situation. This is simply not true. The house saved its conscience in an extremely minor manner by passing the Hobbs bill applying the anti-racketeering laws to unions as well as other people.

Always heretofore the measure has died in the senate, where the union politicians have less numerical strength than in the house, but are aided by the loose senate rules in preventing action on nearly anything they want to block anyway. The Hobbs bill affects only one union, the teamsters, who have operated embargoes on truck shipping.

Compensating Trick

BUT there was a deep and compensating trick about the defeat of the other bill — the anti-politics and contract-breaking measure. Leaders for the measure committed a gross blunder in even pressing it to a vote.

This bill happened to come out of the military affairs committee, which had no real right to handle labor legislation in peacetime, and was pressed to a vote on the very day the labor committee was taking up the same question in connection with the Truman fact-finding proposal. It was an affront to the labor committee. This point alone swayed or excused enough votes to furnish the 18-vote majority for defeat of the measure.

The very same proposals which were defeated in that measure are confidentially expected by most house leaders to be adopted in the Truman bill when it comes up in January. Canvasses show house members are more aroused on the question of union political activity than on the Truman anti-strike proposition. The strikes would not directly affect their re-election next year. But CIO-PAC threatens to.

Congress Passed Law

LAST year congress passed a law preventing unions from making political contributions to campaigns. But the justice department misinterpreted it the way Mr. Roosevelt desired at that time, and arranged legal escapes which permitted CIO-PAC to operate effectively in politics. For these reasons legislation to hinder CIO-PAC further is considered to be almost certainly a part of the coming fact-finding bill.

The measure also is likely to include some restraint on strikes in violation of contracts. Other steps to establish union responsibility are possible. It may even include some restraints upon the organization of foremen, as the congressmen are visibly aroused over the unionization of plant managers.

It will certainly not go as far as the open shop, but may put legal restraints on violence and coercion. A proposal for compulsory arbitration on strikes in public utilities will be considered, but is not likely to be adopted because both management and labor are against it. It will also, of course, contain the fact-finding and cooling-off plan of Mr. Truman, implemented perhaps stronger than he wished.

It is not likely to include the broad basic suggestions that the unions sue and be sued, or be made subject to the anti-trust laws, or that union finances be submitted to income taxation (these recommendations have strong support, but not yet apparently a majority).

These prospects can be rather definitely stated as far as the house is concerned. But what will happen later in the senate is not so certain. Issues can be forced to a vote in the house, as I said, but death by circumvention and delay is a peculiar and effective senate technique.

You will have to wait until you see the final form of the house bill before any worthwhile guess can be made as to the final form of the coming labor legislation. The CIO's full employment bill, backed by Mr. Truman, has been watered down by the house to the point where it means nothing. The president can already do everything proposed even in the original senate bill.

SIDE GLANCES



"What I like in a movie is romance—you didn't have to spoil the picture, muttering every five minutes how different it was from the book!"

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP World Traveler

LONDON, Dec. 21 — I have just had my first private conversation with the head of Britain's new labor (socialist) government, Prime Minister Attlee — and I like him.

Now of course this is a wholly unorthodox way of beginning our article, but it's deliberate. Naturally it doesn't matter a pot of small beans whether I like Mr. Attlee—except for one reason—an interviewer's first and most important task is to size up his personage. During the instant between crossing the threshold and shaking of hands, the reporter must have determined the character of his man. It's partly training but mostly intuition.

I like Attlee because he looks honest. The prime minister received me in his office at number ten Downing street — not the first time I've interviewed a premier there, by the way. There's the same rather Victorian setting of rich old mahogany and red plush, but the surroundings are blackened out by your interest in the quiet, almost retiring man who is the leader of England's leftist swing. Bald, bespectacled, the paleness of his face accentuated by a black moustache, he looks like an intellectual — and is one.

Mr. Attlee responded thoughtfully but freely to blunt questions. Because he has made it a rule not to give interviews for publication, I can't quote him here. However, it is permitted for me to give my understanding of the government's attitude on some major issues. So I'm going to mention briefly a few points in which readers of this column have expressed special interest.

The labor party has come out categorically against any form of totalitarian government. But what about regimentation of the workers under the nationalization of industry such as is being inaugurated?

Well, I believe Mr. Attlee has



MacKENZIE

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 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.

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

If you have a grey haired mother In the old home far away Sit down and write the letter You put off day by day.

Don't wait 'til her tired steps Reach heaven's pearly gate But show her that you think of her Before it is too late.

If you've a tender message Or a loving word to say Don't wait 'til you forget it But whisper it today.

Who knows what bitter memories May haunt you if you wait? So make your loved ones happy Before it is too late.

We live but in the present The future is unknown, Tomorrow is a mystery Today is all our own.

The chance that fortune leads to us May vanish while you wait, So spend your life's rich pleasure Before it is too late.

The tender word unspoken The letters never sent, The long forgotten messages The wealth of love unspent,...

For these same hearts are breaking us For these same loved ones wait, So show them that you care for them Before it is too late.

ALICE HAMILTON, 1601 Wilford avenue, Klamath Falls.

THEATRE EAR-PHONES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—It seems to me something should be done to have the ear-phone section blocked off in the Esquire theatre. There is but one row in which ear-phones can be used but it is always filled with people not using the phones. It is very embarrassing to have someone moved and with more veterans returning with impaired hearing they will want to be able to hear the shows to enjoy them. The Esquire is the only theatre in town offering ear-phone service, so why don't they block off their single ear-phone row to be used for this service only? Ear-phone User.

Parents: Sun Life's new Junior Adjustable policy is a complete Life Insurance program in itself — investigate — call Paul Lee at 7777 for details.

Friendly Helpfulness To Every Creed and Purse Ward's Klamath Funeral Home Marguerite M. Ward and Sons 925 High Phone 3334

DANCE Saturday Night K. C. HALL Sponsored by Townsend Club Modern and Old Time Dancing—8:00 'til 1:00 Men—50c Ladies—50c

CHRISTMAS DANCE December 25th MALIN Music by PAPPY GORDON And His Oregon Hillbillies

Undecided...? A Whytal's Christmas GIFT ORDER your gift her selection from the store she prefers Whytal's Distinctive Apparel Phone 8222 - 901 Main

Farmers Attention! We kill, dress and chill your hogs—3/4c per pound. We cure and smoke your ham and bacon—5c per pound. We have the best facilities. Our work is guaranteed. WHY PAY MORE? JOHNSON PACKING CO. THE HOME OF QUALITY MEATS PHONE 5323

Klamath's Yesterdays From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago.

HOME APPLIANCE SERVICE 2000 So. 6th Formerly Klamath Refrigeration Service SERVICING: Oil Heating Equipment All Electrical Appliances PHONE 7038 or 8246 (nights) WARD ARNOLD

Christmas Cards 5c to 1.00 Box Assortment 59c to 1.89 Christmas Wrapping Paper 10c For the FOTO FAN... GE Exposure Meters Tanks Trays Paper and Chemicals Albums Oil Coloring Sets Film Packs in Stock Super XX—520 (2 1/4 x 3 1/4) 518 (3 1/4 x 4 1/4) 523 (4x5) BUD'S 1031 Main Phone 3586

Christmas Cards 5c to 1.00 Box Assortment 59c to 1.89 Christmas Wrapping Paper 10c For the FOTO FAN... GE Exposure Meters Tanks Trays Paper and Chemicals Albums Oil Coloring Sets Film Packs in Stock Super XX—520 (2 1/4 x 3 1/4) 518 (3 1/4 x 4 1/4) 523 (4x5) BUD'S 1031 Main Phone 3586

said in effect on the floor of the house of commons that there will be no regimentation — that labor will be free to pick and choose its jobs without dictation by the government. In fact, should the government attempt to dictate, the trade unions would block it. That is the attitude of the moderate socialist group headed by Mr. Attlee. I should be stating only a partial truth, however, if I didn't report that there are a few influential socialist leaders who are so much to the left that they might welcome an experiment in totalitarian government. They are a very small minority and the moderate ma-

County Taxes Being Collected Rapidly

In a month and five days approximately 85 per cent of the taxes due the county for the 1945-46 period have been collected by the county tax office, it was announced today. Collections have been going on since November 15. The total amount to be collected is \$2,083,968.02.

Radio Programs KFJI Mutual-Don Lee 1240 kc.

Table of radio programs for Friday and Saturday, Dec 22, 1945. Includes programs like 'The Light T-101', 'The Light T-101', 'The Light T-101'.

Order NOW for Christmas Flowers

Avoid the last minute rush! Open 8 a. m. until 9 p. m. until Christmas—including Sunday, Dec. 23.

Open until 2 p. m. Christmas Day.

Still time to Telegraph Flowers out of town!

Klamath Flower Shop

1211 Main Phone 4139 Charlie Mack Sanford Rose

Repay at ANY TIME without penalty

REAL ESTATE LOANS

★ ATTRACTIVE INTEREST RATES ★ First National charges NO brokerage—NO commission

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND

Do Your Christmas Shopping EARLY!

SHEPHERD MUSIC CO.

- Song Flutes Banjo Tambourines Records Ocarinas Record Albums Castanets Drum Sets Billfolds Saxophones Coin Purses Instrument Cases Music Carrying Cases Model Planes Brief Cases Plastic Pipes Discharge Paper Bugles Folders Toy Marimbas Humantones Sax Stands Violins Trumpet and Mandolins Trombone Mutes Guitars Power Amplifiers Pianos Twirling Batons 500 other items

Shepherd Music Co. 348 East Main Phone 7189