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Today's Roundup

After several years of writing and talking about the "inside route" between Klamath Falls and Southern California, we took it. We traveled it twice, once each way, during last Thursday and yesterday at dinner time and yesterday—Tuesday—at dinner time. And we spent two full days in Southern California. That gives some idea of the kind of a route it is for time saving.

This, briefly, is the route: Go to Alturas, get on US 395, and follow 395 to Reno, Carson City, Bishop, Mono Lake and the Owens valley. At the lower end of Owens valley, you can swing a little west on US 6 to Mojave and Los Angeles, or you can stay right on 395 into San Bernardino—depending on your destination in Southern California.

There is a lot of high speed desert road on this route. There is also some of the grandest scenery anywhere, through the high valleys of the Sierras south of Carson City. Here the road passes the back doors of Yosemite, Grand Canyon and Sequoia National parks, and skirts the west side of Death Valley. The mountain views in that section are superb. Those towering Sierras are the kind of mountains you see in paintings. The road passes in the shadow of Mt. Whitney, highest point in the United States.

Interesting points along the route include Reno and Carson City; the Owens valley, scene of the great Los Angeles water fight; Manzanar and Tulelake WRA centers.

Contributing to speed is a lack of traffic throughout the route. Travel is extremely light right now, but it could be relatively dense and still make no trouble to the hastening motorist on this route.

Not all of the route is high standard highway. There are some sections that are oiled desert roads, notably between Alturas and Susanville, a stretch familiar to most Klamath travelers. (A determined effort is now being made to get improvement for the section from Ravensdale to Secret valley.) But it is still fast going.

We left here at dinner time, reached Reno about 1 a. m., left Reno at 9 a. m., and were in San Bernardino at 6:30 p. m. That gives an idea what we mean by fast road.

Significance

In the long-range picture of highway travel through Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Alturas—this inside route to Southern California has vast importance. It has tremendous potentialities as a carrier of fast traffic from Portland and Seattle to Los Angeles and San Diego.

It must be developed, of course, both in physical road standards and in public interest. But it has the advantages that make it worth developing, and in connection with this project, we invite the interest of our good friends at Bend. The route through Bend, especially when Warm Springs cut-off is completed, ties in beautifully with this speedy way from the north to the south coast areas.

We suggest that our readers get out their maps. They may not realize that the southern coast bends eastward, and that Los Angeles is far east of Klamath Falls, and also is east of Reno.

Always The Booster

One little incident on our trip may be worth recounting. At Bishop, we got into a conversation with a friendly service station operator.

"It gets pretty cold here in the winter," we remarked. "Oh no," he guffawed. "Those mountains may look cold, but Bishop has a mild climate. Incidentally, you get a lot of rain at Klamath Falls, don't you?"

"Oh no," he guffawed. "Don't let that Oregon mist propaganda fool you. Klamath's east of the mountains, and we have lots of winter sunshine and maybe a little snow. You get a lot of snow at Bishop, don't you?"

"Oh no," he guffawed. "Very little snow at Bishop. There's snow in the mountains out there, of course, but here on the floor of the valley we don't have it. Say, you have a lot of big mosquitoes at Klamath, don't you? I saw clouds of 'em when I rode through there once."

"Oh no," he guffawed. "Those aren't mosquitoes. They are midges. They don't bite. And they are on their way out."

We eyed each other and grinned. Each could see chamber of commerce written all over the other.

News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, March 27—The mud is getting thicker all the time. Up rose the dubious democrat, Commerce Secretary Wallace, to demand a commission of party leaders to discard nonconformists. This added a fresh toplayer of mire to the slippery democratic condition, in a novel and surprising way, because Wallace made such a career out of being a nonconformist himself that the party would not have him again for vice president with Roosevelt, but chose Mr. Truman in his place. His proposal sounded as if the detached fact of the party had announced itself as the head and proposed to sever the body.

The matter got up to its knees in mud when Party Chairman Hannegan added his portion

to the Wallace layer—by denouncing "a minority of dissident democrats." This came so soon after the Pauley fray, some interpreters thought the denunciation meant Hannegan wanted to purge the party of the supra-party forces which defeated his and Truman's man for the under-secretaryship of navy—namely the Ickes-CIO-Pepper group which lives, acts and speaks above the party, sometimes with Wallace joining in (as when several of them opposed a democrat and favored a labor party candidate in the congressional election in New York City, six weeks back.) These supra-democrats have uniformly been "dissident," so naturally, some people thought Wallace and Hannegan wanted to purge the regime of these obstructionists.

New Pipe Lines Laid At Merrill

MERRILL, March 27—Two thousand feet of 6-inch cast-iron pipe is being laid this week as an extension to the city water system. The new lines will serve from 2nd street north to the Merrill mill and also a distance down the main highway to the Dale West residence. The improvement is the start of a distribution expansion program that is planned by the city.

Pipe now being used is all wood and it is hoped to replace this unsatisfactory line with cast-iron. The project is being financed from the city water fund, according to Paul Lewis, councilman in charge of water for the city, which is served from a 60,000-gallon wooden storage tank. The next council meeting is scheduled for April 4.

Tulelake Police Arrest Transient

TULELAKE, March 27—Charles Dennington, 38, transient who passed three checks, two for \$10 and one for \$20 here without benefit of funds in the bank, was picked up Sunday night by Chief of Police Frank Rhodes and held for investigation. No charge had been filed against him at noon Monday.

HILLSBORO, March 27 (AP)—The North Willamette district conference of Business and Professional Women's clubs will be held here Sunday. Representatives will come from Portland, Salem, McMinnville, Oregon City, Astoria and Gresham.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Deduction Not Correct

UNFORTUNATELY this natural deduction is not correct. This reasonable assumption must fall before an investigation of the motives. An unreasonable explanation is the proper answer. Mr. Wallace wants to kick out of the party the democratic majority in both houses because it has failed to enact the CIO program, which is also a part of the Truman program, including unemployment compensation, minimum wage and such ventures. Mr. Hannegan was speaking against the southern and other democratic legislators who have held back this program of the Ickes-CIO-Wallace clique.

Into this mudpile, which had been prepared for slinging, rushed President Truman to smooth it over. He renounced purges of the Wallace fashion, and eschewed denunciation of the Hannegan order, saying he was not in favor of disciplining bolters. He appealed for voluntary support for his program. Thereupon Mr. Hannegan presented to the Jackson Day diners the new policy of "the even hand," urged that the bogged legislation be enacted and concluded: "That way, for our party, lies victory in 1946."

CIO Less Popular

THIS, the belabored congressmen, do not believe. No great popular demand for these legislative items has been evident to them. They are inclined to believe CIO is less popular this year than last. The strikes and their inconclusive settlements have strengthened their conviction that Hannegan and Wallace are not only operating in the CIO lion's mouth but sharpening its teeth, which indeed, have already been used to bite Mr. Truman here and there.

These democratic confusions have inspired the comment you hear frequently these days that the republicans are approaching the threshold of victory. I think the time has not yet arrived for such a final expectation. If Truman can get the economic system working by fall, the democrats will be able to strengthen their case. The pending Truman-CIO legislation is of little genuine importance, because it does not touch the vital question of the nation's economic welfare this year.

The question is: can Truman get the country going? And from the answer which events will furnish to that question in the next eight months, the election result will be drawn.

South Road Story

Editor's Note: Continuing the Lindsay Applegate story of the South Road expedition of 1946.

By ELIZABETH BUTLER LOOSLEY
JULY 16th, continued to go along this granite ridge; found quartz. Here the ridge stopped and ahead of us lay a vast, boundless desert. Heat pressed down like a heavy weight, alkali dust settled in our eyes, caked on our lips, in the sweat on our faces. Our tongues swelled, lips cracked and bled. Our horses lagged. Someone shouted, 'Water! See!' and, sure enough, we saw a great lake of water. We hurried the fagged beasts but still ahead, always ahead, was the lake that shimmered and beckoned. We had to admit it was a mirage after hours of staggering towards it. This was the time the sun was hotter than any fire!



L. Applegate

"Then we did see a clump of willows. Hastening to it, we found a pile of black rocks; very much discouraged we made a dry camp. It was pretty trying; there wasn't even a sound, nothing crawled or winged or trod; just hot soil, burning atmosphere like a furnace blast, and a deep blue above lighted by stars that looked like the tips of red hot flames as they lick up into the air, the white heat of intense fury that seers and ruins. "The dense clouds of smoke hid any view to the east. We searched for water and that means we looked for any indication. We found none but did come to a ledge of rocks and threw ourselves exhausted in its shade. Robert Smith was overcome, was in severe pain. In desperation, we mounted the ledge and were sure we saw a green spot. We had seen so much that was illusion we were skeptical of even this. We started for it, leaving Smith to follow when he felt better. "Weren't you afraid to leave him?" Frank asked.

"I can only answer that, Frank, by saying we were hardy men, used to taking our work seriously and knew we could not sacrifice all our lives for one. We would return for him later, but he needed the rest and we were staggering ourselves. "We sighted an object; it was black, it moved. It was a horseman. It was John Jones hunting for us as he had found water, found it at the spot we were headed for. I'll never forget how he looked as he rode through that haze of heat toward us. He melted into oblivion, then was real again, then went into waves that made him a monster. "My! That water was the best, tasting of anything that ever passed my lips. Two returned with water in a powder horn for Smith but they met him holding onto the saddle, with his horse following our tracks. (To Be Continued)

SIDE GLANCES



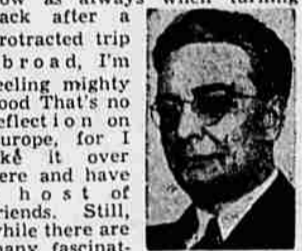
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The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP World Traveler

PARIS, March 27—This is by way of checking out of Europe, because your correspondent is about to emplane for that sweet place, the like of which does not exist.

In short, I'm flying home. And now as always when turning back after a protracted trip abroad, I'm feeling mighty good. That's no reflection on Europe, for I like it over here and have a host of friends.



MacKENZIE

Still, while there are many fascinating places and thrilling adventures on this side of the Atlantic, there's no place which suits this traveler like his native land.

We've had the privilege on this trip of seeing epochal history in the making, for Europe is in the midst of the greatest crisis it has known. Our observations have appeared daily in this column, but there remains one outstanding impression to be recorded—the on the run, as it were, before I hurry away to catch my plane—and it is this:

Uncle Sam Tops

There is no way of life over here—social, economic, political, so good as that which our Uncle Sam has evolved. We can learn some things from Europe, but they're mostly things not to be done rather than those which should be adopted.

The greenest fields always are those far away, and folk who are looking to Europe for guidance are chasing illusions. The fact is that the old world is pursuing all sorts of "isms" for the precise purpose of arriving at the state of well-being which exists in America. I've talked with people of all classes in many countries during this trip, and all of them are aiming at the life of the new

world. As a matter of fact, untold thousands would give their right arms to be able to emigrate to the United States.

No Democracy

The trouble with Europe is that, broadly speaking, it never has achieved even a smattering of the democracy which America has established. This continent now is undergoing a great metamorphosis which is calculated to improve the position of the underprivileged and achieve some of the advantages which Uncle Sam long has known. The ideal is perfect, but my observation is that in many instances countries are going about the transformation through the application of theories which may raise the standard of living somewhat in the long run but which at the same time are depriving the man in the street of personal privileges and the right of private initiative.

Shipments Of Lumber Drop

SEATTLE, March 27 (AP)—The Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, Inc., reported that Pacific northwest lumber shipments, decreasing more than 13,500,000 board feet compared to January, amounted to 121,015,698 board feet in February.

Most of the decrease was in foreign shipments, the report said. British Columbia, however, exported 57,008,789 board feet in February, compared to 58,208,944 the previous month.

Of February's foreign shipments from Puget sound, 1,138,533 board feet went to Belgium and 2,182,936 board feet in small quantities to Australia, China, France, South America, Norway and Sweden, Mexico and Africa.

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Payrolls Of Industries Show Drop

SALEM, March 27 (AP)—Payrolls in industries covered by the state unemployment compensation law during the last half of 1945 were about \$100,000,000 less than during the corresponding periods of 1944 and 1943, the unemployment compensation commission said today.

About \$85,000,000 of the decrease was caused by closing down shipyards and aircraft plants, while most of the remaining loss was caused by the lumber strike last fall. Manufacturing payrolls in 1945 were down \$120,000,000 from the record figure of \$521,798,000 in 1944. Construction payrolls, which had totaled \$39,741,723, were down \$8,000,000 last year.

Slight Increase However, the trade, service, financial and related lines showed increases of 5 to 10 per cent last year.

The record quarterly payroll for all industries was \$206,311,935 in the last quarter of 1944. It dropped steadily from then on, until the last quarter of 1945 had a payroll of only \$142,281,210. Payrolls by industries for last year:

Total all industries, \$607,709,121; shipbuilding, \$178,299,881; wholesale and retail, \$135,232,939; lumbering, \$109,423,812; other manufacturing, \$76,615,242; transportation and utilities, \$53,092,715; service industries, \$44,174,151; food products, \$36,784,412; construction, \$31,861,929; financial, insurance and real estate, \$18,162,562; mining, \$1,927,063; agriculture, forestry and fishing, \$1,565,781.

Car Reported Stolen From Balsiger Lot

A black 1938 Lincoln sedan was reported to police by the Balsiger Motor company as stolen some time last night from where it was parked in the used car lot at Main and Esplanade. The legal owner of the car is Fred Duke of Klamath Falls.

The report said that the license plate for the machine was in the car and not attached on the rear, and that the key may have been left in the switch. The car was for sale.

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