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Today's Roundup

WELCOME, little raindrops! No he-man farmer of the Klamath country ever gave vent to his feelings by such an expression, but chances are a lot of them felt a poetic urge when the skies began dripping late yesterday to break a protracted and damaging dry spell.



Or maybe they just said: "Doggone, it's raining, and we can sure as heck use some of that stuff." Anyhow, it was a rain whose value can be counted in tens of thousands of dollars at today's inflated prices.

It brought improvement to pastures and range lands, gave the willing dry-land grain a lift, and otherwise distributed benefits in the agricultural community as well as in town.

Salem Moves Up SALEM has joined the growing list of cities with city manager governments. Voters of the state capital gave their approval to a council-administrator program, which is another name for council-manager government such as is rather widely adopted among Oregon's progressive cities.

The administrator will be appointed by Salem's mayor and seven aldermen after the November election. The aldermen will adopt the city's legislation and establish policy as the elected representatives of the people.

That's interesting in Klamath Falls, where a city manager plan was defeated 15 or 20 years ago and is still regarded by some retrospective souls as certain indication that such a plan would be disapproved if brought up in this more enlightened age.

Visitors A group of good-will junketeers from Portland arrived on a morning train, and today gave the city and many of its business and industrial establishments an interested inspection.

The idea for this visit originated in Portland, itself, and is indicative of a growing Portland interest in the huge northwest area of which it is the metropolis.

It has now been about 20 years since Klamath "came into Oregon" with the completion of the Southern Pacific's main line over the Cascades. This city still faces partially to the south, and it has ties with California that will never be broken.

Fire Precutions Urged By Chief Despite last night's downpour which thoroughly saturated the country, there is more warm weather forthcoming and the city fire department today again urged residents to watch children and matches and the careless tossing of cigarettes from cars.

Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose today reported a grass fire which sent the trucks out at 3:22 p. m. Monday to Eldorado and Painter streets. Cause was listed as children and matches, a combination which the chief observed results in many costly

WASHINGTON, May 21—The White House figured from the beginning it could seize the railroads, and the men would work. All that it would have to do is to put a man in the head offices and keep him there until a settlement was reached. The roads would operate and no material damage would be done. You can do business with the railroad brotherhoods, said the top layer of officialdom. All they want is a settlement.

But John Lewis was considered another proposition. The common inside government description of what happened to him is that he "blew his top," a new phrase beyond precise description but meaning at the very least he had misplaced his equilibrium. He lost control of the negotiations and his men this time was not fully observed; and probably kicked himself out of the prospect of becoming the big man of all union labor in this nation.

A preponderant number of influential people had been hoping Lewis would assume the directing power of AFL, and then absorb the best part of CIO, establishing a sound national union leadership, leaving the radicals, destructionists and communists without union influence. True enough, he brought the sit-down strike to the country, an implement of destruction which not even a communist would advocate today. But he kept his industry going, and his word.

They're Off Him Now

NOW, frankly, none of his backers for this proposed leadership would vote for him for doorman of the smallest union—and for only one reason, namely his cold blooded hamstringing of the nation to get the power to tax the people for his own social scheme in a super government.

I have just heard from trustworthy authority the story of the origin of the bitterness between Lewis and President Roosevelt, which has been untold these many years, leaving in mystery the reason for their historic split. It is in line with his current search for power, and his refusal to discuss wages and hours or working conditions until he gets it.

After Lewis had advanced approximately half a million dollars to the second Roosevelt campaign, he entered the president's office before the third term run, and, according to the informant, requested that he be named on the ticket as the vice presidential candidate for the third term. That much has been hinted variously by New Dealers. But the story goes that Lewis became so angry at the president's refusal, he slammed the door with a terrific crash on his way out of the president's office.

No man has the right to tax another man. No group can tax another group. No one has the right to tax the people in any orderly government except the government. This is true even of Russia. The power to tax is the power to destroy, and it cannot be wielded without chaos, excepting by all the people as a whole in their governments.

Petrillo Got Away With It

THE only man who ever got away with it was Petrillo, the union caesar who collected tribute of a few cents a record. But Petrillo won the point in secret negotiations of a contract, and an act of congress has now been passed to deprive him of his sneak-tax. It is required for Lewis openly to demand such a right before even talking about the wage raise due his men, thus causing the coal strike.

If Lewis can tax a ton of coal or a payroll, the railroad brotherhoods can lay a 10 cent tax on everyone who rides a train or tax the railroads on their payroll. Employees of a drug store could tax every article sold. Department store employees could lay their own tax on every article. Delivery boys could tax a newspaper on every 100 papers sold. So could the editorial operators—each levying his own tax. Such sheer idiocy of everybody taxing everybody else would make less difference to the employers than to the public, because the people would have to pay these taxes upon taxes atop their government taxes. The employers would merely add them on the price.

I hear people here saying Lewis is always the bellwether of new labor techniques, and that a union taxing system is what the nation is coming to. I do not believe it. If the country does let the idea get started, Mr. Truman can cash in his chips, along with congress and the supreme court. If unions get the taxing power, all citizens can pack up and go fishing.

In my judgment as an editorial friend of Mr. Lewis, he has suffered a complete blowing of his top, whether or not he yet knows it. I suspect his enemies brought him somehow to this. Far from remaining a hope to save unionism from self destruction along with the nation, Lewis has become leader of the most audacious domestic assault upon human rights in our time, an assault which makes communism seem mild and benevolent by comparison.

Action Tomorrow On County Budget

A draft of the county's budget for the coming fiscal year has been prepared by the county commissioners and will be submitted to the budget committee for final action tomorrow, Judge U. E. Reeder said today.

The amount of money listed for use the next 12 months will not be announced until tomorrow. The budget must be approved, signed and published before going into effect July 1.

Of 227,000 industrial and commercial enterprises in prewar Poland, only 2700 employed more than 50 persons.



"Leave it to you to spread the good word to the bridge club about where we get our sugar—now everybody in town will crowd into that store!"

BOYLE'S NOTEBOOK

By HAL BOYLE

BERLIN, May 21 (AP)—Were-wolves eat doughnuts at dusk. At least the two who howl outside my front gate just before twilight do. They are German children—Manfred and Karin—but around the press camp they are known as "the little were-wolves."

They are probably the largest consumers of doughnuts and soft drinks per capita in what remains of the trench. Manfred is easily a five-doughnuts-a-day man and Karin is never more than one behind him.

Manfred calls me his "Onkel Amie," which is his own compression for "Uncle American." He is a thin, blue-eyed boy, blond as lemon pie and as active as a kitten with worms. He is one of the most affectionate kids I ever saw. When he sees you coming, he runs half a block to meet you. When he is about five feet away, he hurls himself through the air, completely confident you will catch him. Then he puts his skinny arms around your neck and gives you a hard, quick hug and looks up with a smile that seems to say he has been waiting all day just to say hello to you.

It is this little mannerism that has made him the pet of the press camp and the king of the black market in doughnuts among Berlin's younger set.

Stuffed At Press Club The first time Manfred gave me this "Onkel Amie" treatment I was so flattered I took him into the Press club lounge and stuffed him so full of doughnuts and soft drinks his little belly bulged like a pumpkin. The next day he showed up with his pal, Karin, who is chubby and red-cheeked and has brown hair. She is shyer than Manfred and hugs you only on specific invitation. I suspect Manfred likes her chiefly because she always lets him finish the last half of her second glass of soft drink.

They walked me home that first day, leaving me at the gate only after our hausfrau came out and gave them a stern look. Now each afternoon they wait outside the gate, and "the doughnut hour" has become a ritual. Both children dress neatly, but Manfred hasn't any shoelaces. He uses telephone wire. He always carries a small cardboard box. The German woman who works in the Press club cloakroom says he collects cigaret butts in the box and takes them home to his father.

Both children seem to spend the entire day roaming the streets. They know only a few words of English, such as "hello," "okay" and "bye, bye." Some days Manfred says he is three years old, other days he says he is four or five.

Tennis Ball Thief I think he must be five because he has started stealing tennis balls from the club court. As the Press club has only six tennis balls, Manfred is falling into some disfavor. It is something of a mystery why he wants them as he is so butterfingered even the Dodgers wouldn't offer him more than a one-year contract.

"Manfred, find us a tennis ball

Kent Resigns As YMCA Head

Glenn Kent, Klamath Falls businessman and for three years temporary chairman of the YMCA committee, today announced he had resigned from the committee and his place would be filled by Paul Lee, local insurance man.

Kent said that press of business made it impossible for him to carry on as temporary chairman but that he was greatly interested in the movement and would continue to serve with the group.

Members of the committee also resigned along with Kent, but said that this action was not to be interpreted that they were no longer interested. All expressed willingness to continue but under the permanent chairmanship of Paul Lee, it is expected that an enlarged committee would be named. Serving with Kent have been John Sandmeyer, E. H. Thompson, A. V. Moore, Martin Swanson, A. M. Collier, A. L. Gralapp, Bryant Williams and Rose M. Poole.

An active campaign, to put over the YMCA in Klamath county, will be started in June and within a short time, Lee is expected to announce detailed plans. Lee has long been interested in YMCA work, Kent said, and has had considerable experience with the organization. Lee's appointment was unanimously approved by all members of the committee.

Shrine Dance Set For June

The annual benefit dance for the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, Portland, is slated for the Klamath Falls armory Saturday night, June 1. It was announced today. The public is urged to participate in this event which ultimately serves crippled children throughout the northwest as well as those from Klamath county.

The Klamath Falls Shrine club will sponsor the local dance and Daughters of the Nile, through the Klamath Nile club, is actively participating through the sale of tickets and contacting persons interested in making a substantial contribution to the fund.

Madeline Keffeler, Bly, Ore. My grandfather could barely write his own name but with what native intelligence he had he never failed to appreciate the rights the people gained by that change.

Perhaps this is why I am so conscious of the many rights and benefits that other Americans take for granted. I never neglect to vote.

Biology teaches us we must "use or lose," which of course pertains to the various organs of the body, but which is just as true of rights. Suppose we were to lose our rights.

Let us make it our duty to vote on every election day so that our children and their children won't lose these hard-won rights of ours.

Resolved: On this "I Am An American Day" I resolve to defend my unalienable rights by never neglecting to vote on any election day.

MADLEINE KEFFELER, Bly, Ore.

Telling The Editor

LETTERS printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written on lightly lined paper, be signed only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

THEY FAIL TO VOTE BLY, Ore. (To The Editor)—I see by the paper that we are to celebrate "I Am An American Day."

We just passed an election day; with our privilege to vote being a natural birthright of all Americans.

On my way to the polls, a distance of perhaps two blocks, I stopped to inform people "This is election day. Don't forget to vote." Fourteen of these people had not even registered and some of them were school teachers. Now what ails our people? The home? The school? The church? The press? . . . I wonder.

I can not help but think of my grandfather born in 1822 in what is today the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. That was not so very long ago. At that time the "little man" could not vote, in fact he could not even own property. When they divided The Netherlands—making Belgium a nation about 1838, and Luxembourg a state—the "little man" was at last allowed to own property and to vote.

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FREMONT CREEK

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To The Editor)—As one who has resided in Klamath county for the past 34 years, I have been quite interested in your extracts from General Fremont's diary and your comments on the same.

You state it is not known whether Fremont camped on Cherry creek or on Seven Mile creek the night of May 7, 1846 and again on May 10.

In the interest of the accuracy of early Oregon history I would like to state that the exact spot of Fremont's camp on those dates has been very definitely located, not on Cherry creek nor yet on Seven Mile but on a small stream between these two, locally known as Fremont creek. The camp site was just south of where Nancy creek flowed at that time into Fremont. This is on the extreme southwest corner of Section 11, Tp 34 S. R 6E which was homesteaded by S. A. Brown and is now a part of my ranch.

In clearing Mr. Brown discovered the remains of the original Fremont camp and quite definitely verified the dates of its occupancy by the remains of trees cut at that time and trees grown on the spot since. He named the stream in honor of the distinguished visitor. The creek is not visible from the road.

Yours truly, F. G. BROWN

active part in my behalf. And I would again like to congratulate Judge Vandenberg upon his success.

Very truly yours, CLARENCE A. HUMBLE

ABOUT UNIONS KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To The Editor): I had the displeasure of reading a full page add in Saturday's Herald and News urging every citizen to write and demand legislation to control unions, which they say are threatening public health and welfare.

Any person, if they will only stop and think a moment, will realize what a mis-statement of facts that statement is.

The auto workers, steel workers, lumber workers and coal miners were asking and are still asking for what is rightfully theirs.

Let's take some figures: Since 1940, lumber prices have increased \$17.63 per thousand feet or 80 per cent, while wages have increased 371 cents per hour, or 56 per cent. If the operators were making a profit in 1940, then they are sure are making huge profits now.

As to the Klamath Automobile Dealers' association printing a full page add, it just shows they are sure because they can't get all the new cars they can sell, so as to make their share of the nation's profits. That is as it should be, but if the coal companies would give their workers a decent wage and so on with the steel companies and auto manufacturers, then there would be new cars for all who could afford them. And that is as it should be, but why do these large companies want to make all the profit and not pay the workers a decent living wage? When the automobile workers were on strike, would General Motors submit their books to the government for inspection? No! And why? Because they didn't want the public to know how much profits they were making. The car dealers have cars to sell; the grocery store has groceries to sell, and the clothing stores have clothes to sell; and the laboring man, who produces them all, has his or her labor to sell, so why shouldn't they get a fair profit for their labor also? They should, and if going on strike is the only way they can get it, then I say strike, and no crippling legislation should be made to stop them.

I could write a whole book or a full page add, but I don't make the profits from my commodity (labor) that the auto dealers' association does from theirs, so I will only say, "Be sure and write your senators and congressmen, but tell them not to pass any measure that will further cripple or handicap our unions of this nation."

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RADIO PROGRAMS

TUESDAY EVE., MAY 21 KFLW-1450 kc. 6:00 Music of Manhattan* 6:15 Salon Concert* 6:30 Wm. Green AFL ABC 6:45 The Flying Public ABC 6:55 Times Daily ABC 7:00 Ed Sullivan ABC 7:15 Musical Haird ABC 7:30 Malcolm Ed* 7:45 Howard Nelson Soc. Sec.* 7:55 Toastmaster's Topic* 8:00 Lum N' Abner ABC 8:15 Jumping Jacks* 8:30 Dark Venture ABC 8:45 Bob Wills & His Texas Play Boys ABC 9:15 9:30 News* 9:45 Boxing Matches* 10:15 10:30 Doctors Talk It Over ABC 10:45 Ambassador Orch ABC 11:15 11:30 Sign Off 11:55

WEDNESDAY A. M., MAY 22 KFLW-1450 kc. 9:15 9:30 Breakfast in Hollywood ABC 9:35 10:00 Kellag's Home Edit. ABC 10:05 Ted Malone ABC 10:20 My True Story ABC 10:25 10:55 News & Betty Crocker ABC 11:00 Memorable Music* 11:15 Ethel and Albert ABC 11:20 The Living End ABC 11:45 Sammy Kaye Orch.*

WEDNESDAY A. M., MAY 22 KFLW-1450 kc. 6:00 Dawn Patrol* 6:15 Farm Fare* 6:30 News, Breakfast Edition* 6:45 Sign and Go Show* 7:00 James Earl Ray ABC 7:15 Zeke Manners ABC 8:00 Breakfast Club ABC 8:15 Breakfast Club ABC 8:30 Breakfast Club ABC 8:45 Breakfast Club ABC 9:00 Glamour Manor ABC *KFLW Feature

WEDNESDAY P. M., MAY 22 KFLW-1450 kc. 12:00 News, Noon Edition* 12:15 Man on the Street* 12:30 Number Five* 12:45 Ladies Be Seated ABC 1:00 Jack Berch ABC 1:15 1:30 A to Z in Novelty* 1:35 The Feeling is Mutual MBS 1:45 News* 2:00 What's Doin' Ladies ABC 2:15 Norman Nesbitt ABC 2:30 1:30 Club* 2:35 A Bride and Groom ABC 2:50 Al Pearce ABC 3:15 4:00 Slim Brown* 4:05 Raymond Swing ABC 4:20 Requestfully Yours* 4:35 Hop Harrigan ABC 4:50 News and Features ABC 5:15 Dick Tracy ABC 5:30 Jack Armstrong ABC 5:45 Sports Lineup* *KFLW Feature

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