

## Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

**A** PROJECT which, we are sure, Mary McComb would heartily approve, has been started since her unfortunate death.

What is proposed is that those who wish to pay a special tribute to the memory of this woman, who served competently as Klamath county librarian from 1934 until her death, should contribute to a memorial fund to purchase books for the library to go on a "Mary McComb shelf."



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The fund would be used to purchase books for the library which Miss McComb would have liked to obtain, but for which money was lacking.

This would make a most appropriate memorial, in keeping with the dignity and major interests of the woman whose memory is to be honored.

Those who wish to give to the fund may send their contribution to Miss Waldron, in care of the county library. We are sure there will be a hearty response to the suggestion.

The sheriff says he is going to try to provide some specials on Christmas for residents of the county jail, but that doesn't alter the fact that the county jail is a good place to stay out of—on Christmas and any other day. The city jail, which the grand jury has again denounced, is even a better place to stay out of, if you follow us.

It doesn't look as if we are going to have a white Christmas, but it certainly appears that the Klamath country is going to have Christmas weather that will justify plenty of conversation.

## Advertising

By DELBERT ADDISON  
Herald and News Advertising Manager

**T**HIS paper will be published the next two weeks in a radical manner... with just the one thought in mind of fulfilling an obligation to our subscribers.

This obligation is interpreted as "giving them the news." And that raises a question in this department of just what a subscriber does expect when he lays his subscription dollar on the line.



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Technically, the advertiser pays to get his message to the subscribers (and therein pays the lion's share of the cost of publishing the paper.) Technically, then, the subscriber pays only to get the news. It's our thought that after reading tonight's issue, the subscriber will not be quite satisfied... like after sitting down to a vegetable plate.

### WHAT THEY LIKE

**F**OLLOWING a trucker's strike in New York when papers went several days without advertising 1012 people were asked, "Do you like the newspapers without advertising?"

The least enthusiastic group was "men over 45." Only 64% of them would be unhappy if advertising were left out of papers. But the lack of support in this group was more than made up for by "women from 25 to 45." They gave advertising in newspapers a vote of better than 91 per cent. (Put this beside the fact that women do 85 per cent of all retail buying.)

Some of these women said: "I want to know what's for sale." "Papers look sick without advertisements." "The ads cheer up the paper." "Ads are more entertaining than the funnies." (We presume that this is a favorable comment.)

This morning's mail brings a card from "A Subscriber." Unsigned comments generally go in the waste basket, but let's read this one and then call it a day:

"Mr. Editor—How does one find the page number in your paper. The paper is getting worse all the time. No roseword, no nothing but ads.

A Subscriber."

## Mallon's Column

By PAUL MALLON

**W**ASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Numerous republican comments have leaned lightly, or not at all, on the prospect of labor legislation growing out of the prospective republican majority conference here December 30. While the avenues of public discussion in press and radio have concerned themselves particularly about legislation to curb the unions, the official republican sources have been notably quiet.

Programs of proposed action had been laid down by various groups, but the incoming senators who will do the job have not done much of the talking aloud.

This is not due either to lack of interest or evasion. Privately the best republican authorities concede that labor legislation is the No. 1 item of business on the calendar. In general they naturally take the position that correction of the situation which the country has gone through was the primary popular force which was behind their election.

The discussion, therefore, is likely to center upon methods—but not methods beginning the same old arguments all over again, which led, for instance, last session to the veto of the Case bill. The genuine prospects are for going at least as far as the Case bill and further.

### TWO PHASES

**T**HE people whose comment would matter most have indicated to me that the question may be broken up into two legislative packages. A repeal of the most popularly resented features of the Wagner act, might possibly come in the first package, these authorities say. There would not be much controversy, for instance, about repeal of the provision preventing an employer from speaking to an employee on the subject of labor, or other phases of that nature.

But the election result demanded much further action to prevent catastrophes to national methods of common, everyday living in simple, common justice and fairness. On this there will be some new ideas. One idea—I am citing this merely as an example, for it may or may not go through—is to find some legislative means to put strikes on a local or state-wide basis. This newly developed theory of industry-wide strikes which paralyze an entire nation have put a good many men in a position to tie up the country.

If strike action could be broken down to a state level, the unions might still well be able to obtain justice without ruining the entire national economy. Now the trouble about this may come not from the unions, but from the employers. If they are forced to meet certain conditions in one state of sad disadvantage to their business, they perhaps will not welcome the advancement of such an opportunity for legislation. But there will be new ideas along this line and the matter is certainly being subjected to serious study, not from the standpoint of punishing the unions or inflicting damages upon them, but of protecting the nation. The idea of drafting miners to work, for instance, might hardly be considered feasible or acceptable.

### TAX REDUCTION

**O**THER matters of secondary but major importance include next a substantial tax reduction on personal incomes, no matter what you have heard to the contrary. Of course, another round of strikes could prevent the government from obtaining the expected revenues and put the treasury in such a position that tax reductions would be impossible, but there is nevertheless talk that a tax reduction would inspire personal effort and be an incentive to encourage work and production. The republicans are also talking among themselves seriously about combing the federal bureaucrats and cutting them down to size, which will hardly be an unpopular idea of legislation except in Washington.

Little prospect apparently exists of any "tampering with the tariff." The world has moved so far in advance in systems of finance and trade that tariffs are a secondary question. Incidentally, some republicans tell me that it was the Taft administration which originated the idea of reciprocal tariffs which the Roosevelt administration later took up. In any event, the country is not threatened at the moment by imports. Every nation in the world seems to want our goods but is in no position to sell us any. Therefore, there seems to be no emergency about that subject.

So while the discussions have been conducted with large vacant spots—the fact of which may have been interpreted by some—the prospect of action is good, serious and sensible.

## SIDE GLANCES



"This is going to be a much nicer Christmas for Pop—he won't have any cardboard trains to put together!"

## Boyle's Column

### Bingo Proves To Be Good "Come-On" For Joints

By HAL BOYLE

**ACROSS THE RIVER FROM CINCINNATI, Dec. 23—(A)**—The little old lady in the black hat sat alone at the table.

She seemed out of place in this dimly lit "night club" that would have confused immeasurably one of the picturesque gamblers who "cut the kyards" on the old river steamers.

For in those halcyon days gambling was strictly a man's diversion. But the new illegal gambling emporiums clustered in northern Kentucky have cozy attractions designed to take dollars from every member of the family strong enough to work a slot machine lever. Women with walking children are welcome.

Here money-happy people from four states—Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois—gather to gamble or sin to their heart's desire. They have created a multi-million dollar "easy money" market for shrewd mobsters from Detroit, Chicago and Kansas City—hard-eyed men with silk voices and silk neckties who have turned a state and local crime into a big business operation.

Their "night clubs" and "country clubs" serve good

high-priced meals, they have top floor shows and dance bands to entertain the guests, long well-stocked bars, and batteries of nickel-to-fifty-cent slot machines.

And in a room off the bar dice games, roulette and blackjack run wide open. The chips go up to ten bucks.

The husband of the little old lady in the black hat was in this main "big money" room. But the thoughtful management of this department store-gambling den wasn't neglecting her. No, her turn was coming.

She waited patiently in the dining room, smiling vaguely when the audience roared at the comedian's off-color jokes—jokes she never understood.

When the lights came up, however, men passed through the room selling bingo boards. Her eyes lighted up. She pulled a dollar from her small black purse and bought a board.

This was what she had been waiting for, the game the owners thought up to pacify the wives.

A tall pleasant-voiced young man climbed to the stage and began rotating a wire cage and calling out the numbered markers as they came out.

The faded cheeks of the little old lady crimsoned as she earnestly covered the numbers on her board. Several \$25 prizes were won by others. Near the close of number-calling for the \$300 prize, she was close to winning. She became excited. Her black hat slid to one side of her white hair. She had only one number to make, when someone yelled "Bingo!"

The old lady sighed in disappointment. But she had had a good time. She sipped a little water, got up and went out to collect her husband, her sweet old face smiling with the memory of the money she had almost won. Armored in her last century innocence, she had no idea that she and the scores of other wives in the room were nothing more but "come-on girls" for the management.

"The house probably doesn't make a penny off the bingo," a Cincinnati friend told me, "but it keeps the ladies occupied while their husbands are betting their shirts off in the other room."

### Two Hurt In Highway Plunge

**HOOD RIVER, Dec. 23 (A)**—A driver and passenger were in a hospital here today with injuries received when their automobile plunged off the Columbia River highway near Oneonta tunnel but wedged between trees at the top of a steep slope. Police said Frank Reed, 26, Bonneville, suffered fractured ribs and Mrs. Lajuan Farmer, 21, Cascade Locks, head and back injuries.

## The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

When one looks over the current newspaper headlines it does seem difficult to reconcile them with the idealism of "On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men" which the Christmas season represents, and if your correspondent were an unregenerated scrooge he probably would try to rub in that misanthropic thought.

Strife and rumors of strife encircle the globe. There are half a dozen situations which could develop into another world war if given half a chance. Just get out your maps and take a look. High-ranking Chinese government and communist leaders in Peiping agree that all-out civil war is imminent. That easily could be, and with about a fifth of the world's population in an upheaval, the rest of the globe would be in terrible danger.

French troops are engaged in fierce battles with rebels in Indo-China. The situation in India between the rival Moslems and Hindus remains tense after much bloody communal conflict growing out of the search for a way of implementing Britain's offer of independence.

### Iran Revolt

The Iranian (Persian) government claims to have in hand the red revolt in Azerbaijan province on the Soviet Union border. But the situation remains tense and explosive. Palestine is aflame, and will remain so until the Jewish-Arab conflict is adjusted. Greece charges that Moscow-dominated Yugoslavia, Albania, and Bulgaria are planning to take away Greece Macedonia by force, and Athens welcomes the decision of the United Nations security council to send a commission to investigate.

Then, more dangerous than any of these other threats are the great differences lying between Russia and the western allies. There we have involved the Big Three upon whose shoulders rests the weight of world peace.

Still, while recognizing the very real dangers, I don't believe that black pessimism should be given the right-of-way.

In many respects we are getting echoes of the first World War. It would be foolish, of course, to over-simplify the situation by saying that history is merely repeating itself. There are new and mighty elements which didn't follow the previous war. However, the point to note is that trials and tribulations were bound to follow the end of the late conflict. Indeed, we are lucky that things are no worse.

### Russia Stumbling Block

Our worst fears arise from the differences between Russia and the western democracies. Three months ago Premier Stalin declared that he saw no real danger of a new war and expressed the belief that the Soviet Union and the western powers could live peacefully in the same world. This was in answer to a question by Alexander Werth, Moscow correspondent of the London Sunday Times.

In seeming support of this thesis we have seen a decided softening of the Russian attitude in the United Nations negotiations. (Not overlooking that Soviet "ultimatum" to a U. S. naval ship to get out of Dairen harbor.) President Truman has voiced a similar view and so have other allied statesmen, including British Foreign Minister Bevin.

### Founder Of Resort Town Passes

**NELSCOTT, Dec. 23 (A)**—Charles P. Nelson, 72, one of the 1926 founders of this coast resort town, died yesterday at his home here.

Nelson had cooperated with Dr. W. R. Scott of Portland in planning the townsite and later was active in development of the Oregon coast highway and the Salmon river route.

### Six High Schools Move Notch Ahead

**PORTLAND, Dec. 23—(A)**—Six additional Oregon high schools have moved into the "A" school classification for the state basketball play this season. Greater enrollments at Central Point, Reedsport, Newport, Willamina, Sherwood and Saeed Heart of Salem moved the schools into the above 150 student class which rates "A" rank.