

Boyle's Column Texas Boomtown Romance, The Man Who Loved A Taxi

By MAL BOYLE HOUSTON, Tex., April 23 (AP)—There is an old vaudeville gag that the average man wants to go to heaven when he dies, but a Texan would prefer to ascend to Dallas. However, a lot of live Texans now—well as thousands of outland-ers—seem to want to go to Houston. It's one of the boom capitals and fastest growing large cities in America.



by "Butch"

Dr. Friedrich Bergius, Chemist, winner of the Nobel Prize, has come up with successfully produced artificial meat from wood. It has the same caloric value and the same fat and albumen content.

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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY LAST night's sales tax forum at Fremont auditorium, sponsored by the Klamath Oregon Education association unit, was especially interesting because of the responsiveness of the audience. While it was not large, it was composed of about 150 persons who displayed a genuine curiosity and interest in the important issue discussed, and the "question and answer period" was more sprightly than is customary for such features.

With the vote on the Oregon sales tax set for October, there is ample time for a thorough discussion of the question, and open-mindedness is probably advisable at this period. There are, of course, confirmed believers in the sales tax principle, and confirmed opponents to it, who will not be swayed by any of the discussion that is now getting under way.

It seems to us that it is the job of thoughtful citizens either to oppose extension of government activities that cost money, or to express ourselves as to the way we want those activities financed. We aren't acting responsibly when we demand service, on the one hand, and demand tax reduction, on the other.

NO name has been officially given the technical school at the Marine Barracks plant, but city planning commissioners have their own idea. They called it Oregon Polytechnic Institute in a communication to the council.

Southern Pacific employees heard of the death of Jerome W. Day, Jr., a native of California, was a retired machinist and former employee of the Dunsmuir railroad shops. He had been a resident of Dunsmuir for the past 31 years and had only recently returned from San Francisco where he had been undergoing treatment for a heart ailment at the Southern Pacific hospital.

A farewell dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. George M. Taylor was held at the Travelers hotel in Dunsmuir April 14 with members of the engineering office of SP sponsoring the event. Herb McIndler acted as master of ceremonies at the dinner, and called on all the guests to bid farewell to Taylor, who retired last month after 40 years of SP service.

Also mentioned in the foregoing magazine is the announcement of the promotion of G. A. Erickson to industrial agent with offices in San Francisco, succeeding J. W. O'Neil. Willard Barr jumped from district freight agent in Oakland into Erickson's previous spot as San Francisco district freight agent. Both men are well known in the Klamath basin, having held SP positions in Klamath Falls.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for WEDNESDAY EVE, APRIL 23, THURSDAY A. M., APRIL 24, and THURSDAY P. M., APRIL 24. Lists radio programs and times for various stations like KFLW, KFJI, and KJZZ.

WASHINGTON, April 23 — The peculiar thing about the big steel agreement for another round of wage increases, 15 cents an hour this time, is that neither side considered the primarily important public point of interest. The initial announcements at least said nothing about a price increase, but rather ominously avoided the subject.

The house and senate labor committees had been absorbed in promoting equal rights and opportunity for both sides in their dealing but forgot the third side. Most of the committeemen with whom I talked had assumed management would naturally protect the public against high wages and the unions would naturally protect the public against too low wages. They did not foresee the possibilities which arose first in the electrical workers settlement with General Motors (neither side mentioned price increases there either) that management might merely pass along increased costs to the public.

U. S. STEEL PRESIDENT FAIRLESS says his agreement will increase the labor costs to his company by \$75,000,000 a year. The CIO union says the cost will be \$42,000,000. Say they are both grinding their axes as usual, the average of their estimates would be an increase of \$59,000,000. This is only the beginning of the cost to the public. The electric-steel settlement was supposed to furnish a pattern for the auto industry. The big steel agreement is supposed to furnish the pattern for the nation. The ultimate cost to the public of the settlement therefore could be billions.

The strategy of big steel, I am told by certain insiders, is that the settlement is apt to be sufficiently unpopular to push the pending union reform legislation through congress. As a matter of fact, however, the legislation is well on its way to final enactment within a few weeks by majorities which assure its success over an expected presidential veto. Of the union strategy in the settlement, I am not sure. Steel is the chief ingredient in the manufacture of automobiles. If the steel price goes up and the union labor costs of the auto go up together, the effect upon the price of automobiles could be tremendous. Last year the workers in both industries got an 18 1/2 cents an hour increase and the price of cars went up I believe about \$75 each, according to announcements, although the price increase may have been more. At any rate the pattern settlement last year caused a general national increase of prices—the very condition upon which the unions are getting this new price increase.

WHAT cost wage increases? The answer is: Unfathomable. Mr. Truman said last week if prices increased again, further wage increases would be justified. Well, if these settlements result in another price increase, then the unions can follow Mr. Truman and demand another wage increase. Each step is another zooming push upward in an inflationary spiral, which diminishes all values toward the destruction point.

These developments may not prove as unhappy as their nature suggests. They may lead the republicans to strengthen their bill in time. Indeed Mr. Truman could well join any move to establish firmly the present economic line until full production restores the forces of competitive enterprise. They could both join in stopping any further price increases or wage increases until those forces become operative.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Kelly, now executive pilot for West-coast Air Lines, and N. Jimmy James, now Western Air v. p. in charge of operations, made the first scheduled flight between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles.

The Great Northern Goat for April announces that M. V. Schoonover, former traveling freight agent at Klamath Falls, has succeeded Walter C. Olin as chief clerk, refrigeration section, freight traffic department at St. Paul, Minn.

A messenger from Omaha, Neb., announced the other day that western railroads will boost their round trip fares approximately 12 per cent. The announcement was made by George F. Ashby, president of Union Pacific.

Modoc Point Coffee Shop To Open Soon

The opening of fishing season, Saturday, April 26, will also mark the opening of the coffee shop in the hotel at Modoc Point.

Classified Ads Bring Results.



"That's a woman for you—she's just been fighting tooth and nail with Johnny, and now her voice drips maple syrup!"

STATIC



We dug up the above likeness of songstress Peggy Lee as being in the groove both pulchritudinally and chronologically. Besides being easy on the eyes, she vocals over the two boys attempt to broadcast a show which features two old rural characters, but they decide they live so close to the center of the town that it is difficult to immitate a country dialect.

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These two countries are in the path of the communist advance all right and are in danger. But there isn't the slightest sign that Russia plans to intervene militarily. To do so would be to precipitate another world war, and that's the last thing which Moscow wants at this time.

Communism is boring from within in Greece, trying to create a rebellion which will overthrow the monarchy and permit establishment of a Soviet republic. The Greek government charges that rebellion is being fostered and aided by neighboring Albania, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia, all satellites of Moscow.

The aid which America proposes to give Athens is to enable the Greek government to defend itself against this aggressive communism. And where does Turkey come into the picture? The answer is one word: Greece. The volcanic ash of Greece is the strategic bastion that guards the Turkish flank, including that all-important Dardanelles Strait. If Greece should fall, then Turkey would be trebly vulnerable.

So, to repeat, American aid would be calculated to equip Greece and Turkey to resist the aid of Russia by themselves, without active help from outside. That will be a hard fight, for communism will continue its fifth-column activities from within and its pressure from the red countries on the north. There will be no quarter.

Speeders Put Up Bail Funds

Arrests for speeding cluttered the city police file for the past 24 hours. Five persons posting bail for the offense of violating the basic traffic rule in town.

SOAP PRICED

JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 23 (AP) Colgate-Palmolive-Peet, company today cut the price of bulk soap 10 per cent, following a drop of 7 cents in the price of tallow in New York to 20 cents a pound.

Advertisement for Johnny Olsen, featuring a cartoon character and text: 'HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS! HOLD ON TO YOUR SEATS! WHEN JOHNNY OLSEN SAYS LADIES BE SEATED! MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 3:00 - 3:30 P. M. Enjoy an ABC LAFFTERNOON KFLW - ABC American Broadcasting Company'

Advertisement for Inman Motor Co. featuring a cartoon character and text: 'FLOOR BOARD BARNEY by Glen Inman. SAY! THIS AUTO ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY YA SOLD ME 'S A FAKE! IT AIN'T NO PROTECTION! CAUSE I HAD IT TIED RIGHT ON TH' FRONT 'O' MUH CAR BUT HAD A WRECK ANYWAY! DON'T DRIVE A WRECK! SEE US FOR A COMPLETE TUNE-UP. REASONABLE RATES. FAST SERVICE. EXPERT WORKMANSHIP. ESTIMATES? GLADLY! INMAN MOTOR CO. LINCOLN-MERCURY SALES & SERVICE. 424 SO. SIXTH ST. Klamath Falls, Oregon. PHONE 6437'

Advertisement for Ladies' Jeans: 'Ladies' Jeans Blue Denim Side Opening Oregon Woolen Store'