

Herald and News

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Guest Editorial

IN striking contrast to the attitude of Oregon's recent governments toward every attempt to rid the state of slot machines, pinball games and other forms of "one-armed bandits" which they have always greeted with unconvincing pledges of cooperation, is the manner in which Governor Luther Wallace Youngdahl has cleaned up the state of Minnesota in a single-handed crusade all his own.

Although not elected—he was picked for the post by the State organization—as a crusader against vice, gambling and almost unrestricted liquor traffic, he has turned out to be the most vigorous and unrelenting enemy ever to wage war on these evils of society. His story is told by Rufus Jarman in the Saturday Evening Post of this week.

Of the new governor and the originality of his tactics and the impartiality with which he strikes, Jarman writes:

"Governor Youngdahl's law enforcement program—which puts the demon rum under strict regulations and abolishes all games of chance, from gambling halls to churches raffish off home-made quilts for the sake of sweet charity—has provoked one of the most violent disputes the session has seen since the farmers fell out with the railroad 70 years ago. In some resort sections where revenue from gambling has been an important part of the local economy, the Youngdahl program has caused almost as much alarm as the Sioux Indians did when they went on the warpath back in 1862."

YOUNGDAHL started from scratch as a result of the rights he saw one summer night while walking with his two sons through a typical summer resort such as dot the lakes region and make his state one

of the principal resort areas for the Midwest. He knew that gambling and particularly slot machines were illegal, and that they were being operated through the tolerance of local officials. He knew that former administrations had taken a liberal view toward these summer resort attractions, and he also knew that lack of enforcement of these laws bred lack of respect for all laws, that "it means crime, weakens the community's moral fabric and encourages foreign nations, such as Russia, to conclude that democracy is bursting at the seams."

Youngdahl says that if a "law is unpopular, it ought to be repealed, but until it is he intends to see that it is enforced, no matter who gets hurt."

After getting the laws amended to give him sufficient authority to do a good job, Youngdahl swept into action, warning all citizens that every form of gambling was to be driven out of the state, and cautioned churches and other organizations that he was talking to them as well as commercial gambling racketeers.

The fact that some of his most ardent supporters for election thought that Youngdahl was going too far and told him so did not deter the governor in his announced program. His first fight came in the legislature when old-line regulars refused to give him the tools with which to work until they became convinced from public reaction to feel that the people were with the governor. Then the lawmakers fell all over themselves in their anxiety to get on the bandwagon.

FROM there on Youngdahl has had things pretty much his own way, and the gambling fraternity has conceded his victory in driving slot machines out of Minnesota, despite the opposition of such influences as are represented by the membership of the exclusive Arlington club in downtown Winona. Elimination of slot machines from the club has reduced that private institution's monthly profit from \$2000 to \$150.

The same situation existed around the Winona country club, one of the oldest and best known in the state. Formerly the club showed a net profit of about \$3000 a year from liquor sales and slot machines but this year, despite a sharp rise in membership fees, it will show a net deficit of \$2000 or more.

Thus it goes with all private clubs and organizations such as are represented by the 410 American Legion clubs in the state. While these factions rant and rave in protest, the governor goes right ahead with the solid backing and full approval of a strong majority of the people.

The Doctor Says—

Blood Poisoned By Germs

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D. Written for NEA Service. Blood poisoning, or septicemia, means that an infection with germs has invaded the blood stream. The condition is also called septic poisoning. Germs are probably often present in the blood, but most of the time the blood's natural powers of resistance serve to eliminate them rapidly, so that blood poisoning is not present.

Prize Offered For Lights

A sweepstakes award of \$25 has been offered by The California-Oregon Power company in the annual outdoor Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce. Other awards will be announced soon. At Longue, contest chairman said today.

Copco Plans Yule Party

Klamath firms are planning Christmas parties this week-end. One of the largest slated for Saturday night is the California-Oregon Power company dance at Legion hall for members of Copco and their friends.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for WEDNESDAY EVE, DEC. 17 and THURSDAY A. M., DEC. 18. Lists radio stations and program titles.

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, and must be signed. Contributions followed these instructions warmly welcomed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (To The Editor)—

Recently I received a communication from Capt. Robert C. Townsend, son of Dr. Francis E. Townsend of pension fame, and treasurer of the Townsend National Recovery Plan, Inc. which contained the following paragraph:

"At the time the printing plant was purchased it was in fine condition and fully equipped and it still is, however, because of the growth of the organization and because it is our desire to become as influential in the printing business as is possible, we want to acquire new equipment, faster equipment and better equipment."

For whom is Capt. Townsend speaking when he states it is "our desire" to become as influential in the printing business as is possible?

Has he polled the Townsend clubs of America and obtained their permission to buy this additional and expensive machinery that he can speak with such authority? Did Capt. Townsend place this ambitious program before the delegates of our recent Townsend National Convention for their consideration and approval? Where is the money coming from to finance this great influential printing business, and finally, who will control this huge printing enterprise now that our Townsend National Council has no authority in the Townsend organization or over the Townsend Foundation?

MRS. EVA BRATT.

Ice Cause Of Wreck

MACDOEL, Dec. 17 — Ice pavement was blamed for an accident in which a young woman was injured just north of Macdoel this morning.

Girls May Soon Join Fire Crews

OLYMPIA, Dec. 17 (AP)—The cartoon gag which has its setting in a fireman's rescue of a beautiful lady may soon appear with reversed characters in Washington state.

Cemetery Report Due Thursday

Members of the city cemetery committee will hear a report from Mayor Ed Ostendorf on a cemetery meeting he attended in Portland Thursday.

Don't Miss ABC's

Table listing ABC radio programs for Wednesday and Thursday nights.

SIDE GLANCES



"When I told him she was a senior he said he knew it—I guess you can't do much for a guy who likes old women!"

STATIC

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Your children and mine, and us grown-ups, too, won't be seeing the life of the late and unlamented Al Capone portrayed on the screen.

Martin Mooney, a film producer, bought up the screen rights to the story of Scarface Al and was all set to begin casting when Erskine Johnson, a Hollywood screenwriter, wrote a column calling on Mooney to cancel his plans in favor of letting Capone be forgotten. And Mooney is doing just that.

He has the rights to the story, and the title "King of the Gangsters." But the producer, believing that public decency transcends even the making of money, is going to let his script collect dust.

Al Capone was born in Sicily, got to be a minor plus-ugly in Brooklyn, rose to the position of "car and chief-murderer of Chicago's underworld, spent seven years in Atlanta and Alcatraz, and died of a social disease in Miami.

Al Capone's life isn't a subject for the movies. It's a text-book story for birth control.

Ted Stephens, the SP brake combats "peep-hole" driving weather by dipping a cloth in antifreeze and wiping it over the windshield of his car. The frost and ice melts off hurriedly.

The same results can be had with a kettleful of hot water, except you're liable to crack the windshield. If you're going to that extreme you might as well put your foot through the pane and be done with the "peep-hole" menace forever.

The city's plan to make a park of the old Klamath County high school lot at 5th and Washington is going to take a lot of work just to make the place half-way safe for the kiddies. Before a single teeter-totter or swing is put up.

For years and years the lot has been a rendezvous for winds and consequently the ground is ankle deep in broken glass in some places. If you want your children to keep walking, don't let them play on the old KCHS location until those shattered wine and booze bottles are cleaned up.

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Light Snow Covers Basin

Klamath basins awoke to find a light coat of snow on the ground this morning, but rising temperatures soon turned the layer into slush. Precipitation was chalked up at 87 inches by the CAA weatherman, who reported a minimum of 33, warmest morning in several weeks.

Landry Gets City Policy

A comprehensive liability policy for the city has been granted by the Landry company, the only bidder by the city. The policy went into effect Tuesday.

Income Tax Figure Drops

TACOMA, Dec. 17 (AP)—Despite a \$24,000,000 increase in income tax collections, federal tax returns in the Washington-Alaska area have been \$17,000,000 less than for this year than during the corresponding period of 1946. Internal Revenue Collector Clark Squire said today.

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The collapse of the Big Four efforts in London to frame German and Austrian peace treaties has sent America, Britain and France into a huddle to devise ways and means for the economic consolidation of Western Germany, leaving the Russians in the hands of the Easterners who will use it as a base for their further offensive to defeat the Marshall plan and extend Soviet domination across Western Europe.

This may easily be the decisive European battle in the struggle between communism and the democracies. Certainly it gives an unwelcome picture of "two worlds" at loggerheads. However, on the brighter side is the fact that it finds the three major democracies finally united in this crisis, for France is standing solidly with Britain and the United States.

No Refereeing

As the Big Four conference was rushing to an abrupt close, French Foreign Minister Bidault was quoted by the newspaper Paris-Press as declaring that his country could not act any longer as referee between Russia and the U. S. A. He said "it becomes obvious that the U.S.S.R.'s efforts no longer are aimed at peace."

Bidault's statement might be extended. It is equally true that it is no longer possible for any country, or individual, to take a middle of the road course between communism and democracy. It's either one or the other. The two aims just don't mix.

Meanwhile in accordance with treaty obligations, the last of Uncle Sam's troops of occupation in Italy are about to be withdrawn. The British have folded their tents and departed that economically shattered and politically turbulent country whose government is fighting a life and death struggle against Moscow-directed communism.

At first glance this withdrawal might seem like yanking crutches from under a cripple—but not so. These military contingents had been reduced to a handful of men, mere token forces. And as the Americans sail away they are replaced by President Truman's blunt warning that, if Italy's sovereignty should be threatened, the United States would be obliged to consider what measures would be appropriate for the maintenance of peace and security.

That, I take it, is a promise—couched in the language of diplomacy—to safeguard Italy from aggression.

Seal Sale Falls Short

A request from the Klamath County Public Health association was made today for all those who received 1947 Christmas seals in the mail to please return their donations as soon as possible.

The sale is still short \$3000 of the \$11,000 quota for this year. Mrs. Thurza DeCew, executive secretary for the association said.

The Mutual network has provided a seal sale program with exceptional talent to be broadcast over KPJI Friday at 8 p. m. and is donating air time. Bing Crosby will head the list of notables on this program with

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