

Herald and News

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Today's Roundup

THE spotlight on the Klamath basin's burgeoning agricultural development shifts at the moment to the north.

Into the Wood River valley, ancient stronghold of big cattle operations, moves a group of highly successful crop farmers, whose acquisition of thousands of acres to be partially used for grain growing is told elsewhere in today's paper.

This development has been under way for two or three years, but is highlighted by today's disclosure of extensive additional purchase of old Fort Klamath Meadows land by two more of the aggressive bigger outfits whose operations have heretofore been generally connected with the south end of the basin.

This program will, to a considerable extent, change the character of the romantic Wood River valley, an area of lush grassland where great herds of cattle have fattened in summer months, and where livestock growing, rather than crop farming, has been the agricultural tradition.

The change will be regretted by some, but it is a milestone in the agricultural evolution of the basin that was, perhaps, inevitable. It means big development operations—extensive diking and other work is already under way—and substantial increases in the volume of production from the soil of the basin of crops that will go to expanding markets.

It is significant in another way. It shows successful operators of profitable agricultural enterprises in the basin, putting their profits back into the basin in new projects.

It is all part of a story that began long ago, when explorers and pioneers looked upon the great areas around the lakes of the Klamath country and foresaw a vast agricultural empire there. It has been a thrill to see that story unfold, chapter by chapter. It still goes on.

These Days

ADIES and gentlemen, I offer you the greatest show on earth, beating everything before and since. This is the most startling exhibition of all time, beating the white elephant and Tom Thumb and the two-headed lady. It provides us with the most exciting example of democracy at work, proving to one and all that here anything can happen.

As republican candidates we have Ike Eisenhower for president and Harold Stassen for vice president. For the third party, we have Henry Wallace for president and John L. Lewis for vice president. As for the democrats, we leave them strictly on their own with Harry Truman.

Do you think I've gone nuts? Hold your horses.

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 only and must be signed. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

WOOLEN MILL QUESTION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—WHAT HAS BECOME OF KLAMATH'S WOOLEN MILL? A meeting of governors of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Montana this month will consider further the possibilities of building woolen plants in their states. One meeting has already been held, and wool processing is high on the governors' agenda for industrialization of their respective states.

To the Klamath Falls people the building of a woolen mill has been seriously considered for several years, and justly so in face of many facts:

1. We need more payrolls, and a woolen mill now would provide the

gentle reader. Be not too harsh. Let's analyze the picture. No man in this country has worked so hard at getting the presidential nomination as Harold Stassen. He set out way back in 1944 to get 1948. It has been a long pull. As it stands now, there is little question but that he can make secretary of commerce should the republicans win. The biggest mistake he made was to get tied up with some of the Morgan partners. Republicans remember the Morgan influence behind Wilkie and want no more of it.

Maneuvered Out HOWEVER, should Eisenhower be nominated, he will need a vice president who is at least a republican. Stassen would do very well in those circumstances. Besides, Stassen could make Eisenhower's speeches for him. Stassen's fault is not that he does not know the subject; it is rather that he maneuvered himself out of the running. He has been an able governor and certainly has commented on every subject that has come before the public. It would be a good choice for Eisenhower, except that the public would wonder who is the candidate.

As for John L. Lewis, he must pursue his hates. Few men are as keen-minded as John L., but he is psychologically a hater. When crossed, he forgets everything but his grudges. Normally, he is a fine gentleman, a capitalist, and a republican. The trouble is that he does not stay normal long.

His present grudge is against Truman and the democrats for letting the Taft-Hartley bill through. After all, Truman vetoed the tax bills twice and twice the veto stuck; he vetoed the Taft-Hartley bill once and it was passed over the veto. Do you get it? The democrats could have killed the Taft-Hartley bill together with some immature republicans who managed to get into the senate. And Truman did not do it—so Truman must out.

No man in this country is more antagonistic to communists and communism than John L. Lewis, but he has used them when it served his private purposes. When he organized the CIO, he hired squads of them to found the new unions although he kept them out of his United Mine Workers. Then, when pursuing a grudge, he chose Wilkie against Roosevelt and passed out of the CIO; he then attacked the communists in it whom he, himself, had brought in. That's Lewis.

Go Where? NOW he is out of the CIO; out of the AF of L, out with Truman; against the republicans and democrats and rarin' to go. Go where? Apparently there is no place to go but with Henry Wallace and his Kremlin pals. (Judge Fuld will note that I am careful to live within the metes and bounds of his Solomon-like decision not to call anyone by his right name unless I can prove he has no other.)

Anyhow, that would be a magnificent ticket, Wallace and Lewis, if they could last through a campaign together. Lewis might go on strike, while Henry would continue to talk about the depression that is just around the corner.

Nevertheless, I look forward to a campaign of Eisenhower and Stassen versus Wallace and Lewis with Truman standing by to walk off with the gate. Just as an aside, I wonder if Eisenhower will continue to wear the army uniform after he gets the nomination. He looks so good in it. Maybe we can get all the candidates to wear some kind of uniform. Would Wallace's be a Cossack costume?

What a campaign! As Schnozzle Durante would say: "What a campaign!"

necessary payroll and a diversified economy for the whole Klamath basin.

2. We pay freight on 60% dirt in shipping our raw wool to the East for manufacture, and the wool growers receive only 43 cents a pound in the grease in the Eastern markets. If we processed the wool in the West the growers could receive three times that price.

3. Raw wool, virgin wool, is shipped East and returned to us in shoddy re-used and re-processed woolen garments, but never pure virgin wool—which never scratches and is as soft or softer than cotton—will stretch a mile but snap right back into shape—will never shine when pressed no matter how long the garment is worn.

4. Too much of the raw material in which the West abounds is carried East for processing and manufacture. In natural wealth the West is even more greatly endowed than the East. Most of the nation's undeveloped coal reserves are found in the West. It has much more oil, natural gas and above all, water power, and the industrialization of

the West would lift to new levels the living of more and more millions of underprivileged Americans referred to as the "submerged third" of our population.

5. Today all states, Canada, Mexico, Latin America, South Africa, are all in the market for 100% virgin wool products. Austria, Germany are entirely out of the woolen industry. France and Great Britain are in bad shape. Never before and perhaps never again will there be such an opportunity to process, manufacture and market woolen products.

Why don't more of the businessmen of our community get behind this project and hurry it up? Are we going to allow other states in the West to get ahead of us? LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Sincerely, CHARLES DOUGHERTY.

GREATEST READERS

Americans read more newspapers than the people of any other country, with more than 40 per cent of the population over 10 years old buying papers here.

SIDE GLANCES



"But I bought all the office girls the same gift one year—neon stockings! And remember the following year when they gave me 72 neckties?"

Boyle's Column

"Berlin Charley" Is Still Making Out In Old Germany

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—The following letter wasn't written by an ex-GI in Berlin to a former soldier now in America, but from what some of my returning friends tell me, it could have been.

"Well, wie geht's old pal? Sorry to hear you can't find a decent foxhole for rent in the old U. S. A.

"But didn't I say you was a jerk ever to leave Germany? When I got out of the army, I just moved over to another payroll for Uncle Sam.

"I'm working"—military government here in Berlin, and bunked up with two other guys in an eight-room house I nazil used to own. It costs us \$30 a month each, and that takes care of the furniture, a house-keeper and a fireman.

Many Stayed "A lot of other guys in our outfit stayed out too. Food's cheaper here generally than in the States—one buck for a steak dinner, pal. Whiskey is only two bits a shot, and the Frauieins still place a high regard on chocolate bars.

"All the guys who got out of uniform didn't get out of the black market, Joe. It ain't as crowded as it was, but there are still plenty of elbows between me and a fast dollar."

"Some of the elbows belong to American wives here. They bought up all the fine furniture, antiques and Meissen china in Berlin with cigarettes they shipped in before the army lowered the boom on that deal. They had more time on their hands than any buck private did, pal, and believe me, those buddies really plundered Berlin.

"Most everybody is still in the black market in a small way, but it ain't like the old days just after the war when we could peddle a carton of cigarettes for \$250 and send the dough home via the army post office.

"With the cigarette supply dried up, the officers' janes now are shipping all the coffee over here from Brazil, and so far the army C. I. D. (Cripes, I'm dumfounded) investigators must think everybody is using it for fuel.

"Anyway they haven't stopped it from coming in. The boys and girls get 300 marks a pound (\$30) for the coffee. But since it takes 20,000 to 40,000 marks to buy a good camera now you are more likely to get muscle bound carrying the coffee than you are to get rich. Because you have to lug the stuff over to the Fritzies operators yourself nowadays. They won't collect it f.o.b. anymore. Who won the war anyway, hey Joe?

Buying Diamonds "A lot of the boys are buying diamonds now—the last things left to the Kraut frau. Boy, do they hate to turn loose from their sparklers, but they need the grub more. A good karat of glitter costs us about 30,000 marks—100 pounds of coffee—but we ought to be able to get \$200 for it back home.

"A few of the American wives have worked out a neat scheme to get more better goods. They have their friends in the United States send food packages to German acquaintances. The wives let the German family keep one package, and they peddle the rest themselves on

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

There's nothing left to the imagination in President Truman's message to congress detailing the Marshall plan.

We get a stark picture of a war-shattered Europe which is struggling in an economic slough of despond from which it cannot escape without outside help. Meantime aggressive communism is threatening to overrun the distressed countries.

"The next few years," warns the president, "can determine whether the free countries of Europe will be able to preserve their heritage of freedom."

Forego Freedom If they can't, such a turn of events might well compel America to modify her own economic system and forego many of her freedoms and privileges. And the chief executive makes this grim point:

"The last two decades have taught us the bitter lesson that no economy, not even one so strong as our own, can remain healthy and prosperous in a world of poverty and want. Our deepest concern with European recovery, however, is that it is essential to the maintenance of the civilization in which the American way of life is rooted."

That's the big issue. Apart from any altruistic viewpoint on our part, the western hemisphere is threatened by the red tide. And what is the cost of helping Europe regain her feet and of maintaining our own way of life? Of this Mr. Truman says:

"The program of aid to Europe which I am recommending is well within our capacity to undertake. Its total cost, though large (about \$7,000,000,000) will be only about 5 per cent of the cost of our effort in the recent war."

Obviously the corollary is that it would be cheaper to head off a third world war than to fight it, and that's a point which this column has emphasized before. Seventeen billion dollars—or what will you—a powerful lot of money, and its expenditure brings small cheer to the hapless taxpayer, but to my mind this mountain of cash doesn't matter a tinker's damn as compared with another outlay which war would involve.

No Balance Found Did you ever stand beside one of those great military cemeteries which are the product of the last two World Wars? Thousands upon thousands of white crosses stretching off across the acres as far as the eye can reach. You can't balance the dollar sign against one of those emblems of sacrifice.

The world needs no further evidence of America's willingness to fight if necessary. We'll fight all right when the occasion demands. But we're not going to send your sons and mine across to fight again just to avoid paying taxes to avert another global conflict which likely would be so disastrous as to make the last one look insignificant. The cash investment would pay big dividends. Of this Mr. Truman says:

"As an investment toward the peace and security of the world and toward the realization of hope and confidence in a better way of life for the future, this cost is small indeed."

So far as concerns the threat from bolshevism, none need question that the consensus of impartial observers is that this constitutes the greatest menace which free nations have faced since the days of the great conquerors.

Santa's Business Falling Off

SANTA, Idaho, Dec. 20 (AP)—Letters to Santa Claus are becoming less and less the volume, and Postmaster Roland Walker thinks he knows the reason why only two such missives have been received here this season.

He believes the increasing number of store Santa Clauses has made it easier for children to address their pleas for gifts in person. But stamp collectors have boomed the business of securing postmarks from this little Northern Idaho town, Walker said Friday he already had received approximately 500 cards and letters for cancellation.

STATIC

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Only three more shopping days until Christmas, after today, and just about time for me to do my little Yale buying. No amount of "shop early and avoid the rush" warnings can push me off the beaten track by doing my Christmas shopping on December 24. I've been doing it that way for years and am too old to start now.

My little boy, aged two and a half, is looking forward to the advent of Santa Claus at our house with somewhat more than casual interest, and if Saint Nick packs in all the stuff little Scarbrough has on order he'll have to start early and get help.

As of breakfast-time this morning, the list included a tricycle, a car, a dump truck, football, basketball, a rocking chair and a few other items the wife and I are having trouble figuring out on account of he can't talk very plain yet.

But I imagine next Wednesday afternoon, late, I'll be seen lighting a tricycle, car, dump truck, football, basketball, a rocking chair and as

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The kid will have a good Christmas, this year and every year if I have anything to do about it. If it weren't for him, Christmas at our house would be just a day marked December 25 on the kitchen calendar.

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