

Herald and News

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

ON the rare occasions when there is an especially hard and sustained rain in the Klamath country, I call Laton Stephens of the reclamation bureau on the telephone and ask him: "Is this a Fort Bidwell year?"



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I did it this morning, and his answer was firmly negative. It's too late, he said, for a Fort Bidwell year.

What we call a Fort Bidwell year, if one ever occurs again, will be a year that sees 36 inches of rainfall or thereabouts in a five-month period.

That's what happened, approximately 80 years ago, when the only records that were kept in this region were at Fort Bidwell (about 100 miles southeast of here), where the army maintained a tiny frontier outpost.

What that much rainfall would do in this area—where the normal is about 13 inches—is something that has caused the reclamation bureau considerable concern.

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Did His Duty

AN angle of the Franklin murder case that deserves special attention was the admirable actions of Deputy Sheriff John Franklin of Multnomah county, on whom fell the difficult duty of placing his own brother under arrest for the alleged slaying of his wife.

Deputy Sheriff Franklin did his duty as an officer of the law immediately upon hearing the oral story from the lips of Homer Franklin. He took his brother into town and turned him over to the district attorney.

John Franklin has a fine reputation as a law enforcement officer in Portland after 22 years of service. What he did in this case, under very painful and unfortunate personal circumstances, did nothing to damage that reputation.

These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

THE Damon Runyan committee, which has been raising funds to fight cancer and has done it remarkably well, held a contest for a definition of communism as part of its program.

Boyle's Column

Being A Godfather Is Easy, But Does Have Drawbacks

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—Child guidance experts never bother to give advice to the people who need it most—godfathers.

Their books on the care and feeding of ordinary children have more rules than a modern landlord's lease. But they are all written for parents—the people who have children.

But a man will scan them in vain for the slightest hint on how to get along with his godchild. This is unfair and undemocratic and discriminates against a large and little appreciated class.

Take a family with four children, for example. They all have the same father—unless mama took a trip to Reno along the way—but each has a different godfather, four in all.

most of which are undoubtedly confused but give an index to American thinking on the subject. The prize-winning reply is as follows: "A communist is one who would like to divide everything, particularly these United States."

Division Under Capitalism

UNDER the capitalist system, wealth is individually held, more or less, according to earnings, savings, investment and inheritance.

Capitalism is then a system in which the results of productivity are divided, a great many individuals receiving a share either directly through wages, salaries, interest or indirectly through the distribution of the proceeds of taxes.

Under communism, the government owns and operates the means of production and distribution. Although wages of a varying scale are paid, profits and losses can be earned only by the government.

Snowball

THAT is why the Damon Runyan prize-winner, as so many others, is in error. Such persons have somehow gained the impression that communists wish to divide up privately-owned wealth.

That is one reason why many people are communists without knowing it. They would extend the powers of the state—for the general welfare, they say—until private wealth, private profit and private enterprise cease to exist.

Many capitalists in the democratic and republican parties are constantly advocating measures to limit the divisions under capitalism; the same men frown upon the logical consequences of their acts.

The infant took one look at me and let out a yell as if I had scalped him. He wept and screamed and got red in the face, and every time I even glanced his way he broke out in wild calls of terror.

That was a year ago. Every month or so I drop by to visit him. He sees "that nice man" and immediately crawls in a wailing Niagara of tears.

At the age of fourteen months he has only one word of greeting for me: "Ugh!"

The only thing I can figure out is that the child is allergic to higher education.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 7 (AP)—Joseph Daniels, 85-year-old publisher, former secretary of the navy and one-time ambassador to Mexico, was reported seriously ill with bronchitis at his home here today.

SIDE GLANCES



"My folks are getting particular too—last night Dad said if I sneaked into bed again without a bath, he was going to phone the city health department!"

Chamber Members Polled On Russian Trade Feeling

A poll of opinion of Klamath chamber of commerce members on questions of commerce with Russia has been started by the chamber office on request of one of the members of the national affairs committee.

Chamber members are balloting on the following questions: Do you favor unrestricted commerce with Russia? Do you favor a ban on all exports to Russia? Do you favor a ban on export of durable goods to Russia? Do you favor a ban on export of any goods to Russia that may be used for military purposes?

Chamber members are using ballots attached to Klamath Keynotes, chamber membership news sheet.

Results of the poll will be forwarded to members of the congressional delegation.

STATIC

By MALCOLM EPLEY

Deb Addison, who works in the advertising department and has time to listen to the radio on Saturday mornings, tells me that there is a kids' program on KFLW that should get the approval of the most cautious mother or finicky child welfare worker.

What do you do with old radio cabinets? I've got several in my attic, left over after the war.

Good old Gabe Heatter, whose voice is billed as "moving and authoritative" by Mutual, is changing the format of his Sunday evening programs, coming next Sunday at 7:00 over KFLW.

Vet Reemployment Plan Proposed

SALEM, Jan. 7 (AP)—Three state and federal agencies and county service officers will inaugurate a new plan next Saturday to guarantee reemployment rights of Oregon veterans.

Contract For Pumice Made

A contract covering the removal of pumice from state forest land in Klamath county has been entered into between the state forestry department and Alfred Castel, it was announced in the latest issue of The Forest Log.

Castel states that the contract is more or less on an experimental basis in order to determine whether the pumice is of a quality that will adapt itself to construction of buildings and blocks.

Interest in the state pumice was first evidenced last year when several applications were made for purchase, following exploratory work. State forestry employees made a survey of the Yawkey tract and set aside an area of approximately a mile and a half in length and from an eighth to a quarter of a mile wide for the purpose of mining pumice.

Moulding building blocks out of Klamath pumice was an industry that started some years ago. One of the early factories was located near Chemult. Since that time many other factories have started.

Idle Benefit Figure Drops

SALEM, Jan. 7 (AP)—Benefits paid by the state unemployment compensation commission totaled \$7,752,525 last year, compared with \$5,669,749 in 1946, the commission announced today.

Classified Ads Bring Results

NOTICE OF REMOVAL Groucho Marx is now located on Wednesday Nights AT 8:30 P. M. DIAL KFLW 1450

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

A generation ago the French income tax collectors held a conference which reached the conclusion that it was impossible to collect an income tax in France.

The most astonishing feature of this was that it seemed to be regarded as a natural phenomenon and few folk, excepting maybe the minister of finance, were greatly worried.

Night before last a harrassed French national assembly adopted what is perhaps the most drastic tax measure in the history of modern France. It is a heavy surtax aimed at those already paying taxes on profits—farmers, business men, doctors, lawyers and of course all persons in the upper brackets.

Five Times Tried Five times communists and other opponents of the government made efforts to amend the measure. Five times Schuman, with his own political life in his hands, dared the storm by making the vote one of confidence in his regime.

It was an epic exhibition of courage by the head of a shaky emergency government. So complicated is the political situation that some observers feel the downfall of the Schuman regime might even have been followed by the collapse of the fourth republic itself.

However, courage and wisdom do not necessarily go hand in hand. The proof of the plum duff is in the eating thereof, and we must now wait to see whether the Schuman plan will cure the inflation and other economic ills of his country.

It is encouraging to France's allies, though, to see that nation making this back-to-the-wall stand as the communists renew their assaults in an effort to overthrow the government.

With that thought I am looking back to the first world war, fought largely on the soil of France. All through the conflict we used to see the French farmers (that is, those beyond military age) and their women folk working their fields under gunfire in the forward zones.

Time and again the allied military tried to persuade these people to move back to safer areas, but they clung to the soil which was their birthright. The only way they could be moved was by adamant military order.

We mustn't mistake the present political chaos in France as typifying the stability of the nation. The country is in a state of near-revolution owing to the strong-arm communist efforts to overthrow the government and establish a red regime.

The program may not succeed in the face of stern adversity, but I take it to be concrete evidence of a determination to succeed and a willingness to make sacrifices to ensure success.

FIND OUT IN ADVANCE HOW YOU'LL HEAR! BEFORE YOU BUY ANY HEARING AID. Don't risk wrong fitting or learn too late that your hearing aid will not give you supreme comfort and rich listening pleasure.

Highlights Of Truman's State Of The Union Speech

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Here, briefly, are President Truman's recommendations on major issues in his state of the union message today:

TAXES Cut income taxes \$3,200,000,000 by granting a reduction of \$40 for each individual taxpayer and for each of the taxpayer's dependents.

FOREIGN AID Congress should promptly authorize an outlay of \$6,000,000,000 to start the Marshall plan for European recovery next April 1 and carry it on for the ensuing 15 months.

ANTI-INFLATION "We must deal effectively and at once with the high cost of living." Immediate enactment of the full 10-point anti-inflation program he proposed to the special session is "essential."

RENTS AND HOUSING Until the housing shortage is licked, rent control expiring February 29 must be extended and strengthened. Ultimately, "we must see that every American family has a decent home."

MILITARY TRAINING Congress should provide for universal training at "an early date" as the foundation for entire defense program. The action is "of world importance" and "vital" to the nation's security and leadership.

HEALTH AND SECURITY Unemployment compensation, old age benefits and survivors benefits should be increased and extended to "millions who are not now protected."

CIVIL RIGHTS "Effective federal action" is necessary to combat discrimination based on race, creed, color, or land of birth. He will send congress special recommendations on this subject.

The Doctor Says— Patients Aid In Medicine

By EDWIN F. JORDAN, M.D. Written for NEA Service. Everyone knows that scientists and research workers have helped enormously in producing sanitation and medical care which is possible today.

Red Store Raps Factory

MOSCOW, Jan. 7 (AP)—The commercial director of Moscow, Moscow's largest department store, criticized various Russian factories today for producing inferior products and demanded improvement in the quality and quantity of goods available to the Soviet consumer.

Kentucky Heroine

Another patient who served medical science was Mrs. Jane Todd Crawford, on whom Dr. Ephraim McDowell performed the first ovariectomy, which is an operation for the removal of a cyst or tumor of the ovary.

Pre-Inventory Specials

- Musical Powder Boxes Were \$5.00 and \$8.95 Now \$2.50 and \$4.95
3-Pc. Cigarette Sets Were \$11.50, \$7.95, \$4.95 Now \$5.95, \$3.95, \$2.50
Leather Picture Frames Were \$6.50 and \$3.50 Now \$3.25 and \$1.75
Gold on Crystal Vases, Bowls Formerly to \$5.95 Now \$1.00
Mirrors All One-Half Off
Chinese Pictures Formerly \$7.50 Now \$5.25
Wooden Trays, hand-painted Formerly \$3.25 Now \$1.95
Book-Ends Formerly \$7.95 and \$3.95 Now \$4.59 and \$2.35
Lamps, brass stove base Formerly \$110 Now \$69.95
Lamps, brass Planter as low as \$9.95
Desk Type Lamps Formerly \$3.75 Now \$2.95

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