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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

THIS is a free country, and under our primary election system in Oregon, anybody can run for office who can legally qualify...



Looking back into the history of local politics, we recall an interesting situation in the circuit judge election in 1934...

The total of votes cast was 6145. Duncan and Ashurst were nominated, but neither of them got a majority of the votes cast...

Subsequent events indicated that the circuit judge election in 1934 was not a very satisfactory affair. The winner was rejected on ending his first term...

Guest Editorial

By CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH (Fourth District, Oregon)

FOR nearly two years, government buying of wheat, coarse grains, fats and oils, and other food commodities has forced steep advances in the prices of food...

Rockies Hit By Winter

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 (AP)—A new cold wave blew spring's brief preview off the weather map over the Northern Rockies and Northern Plains states today...

Temperatures in some points in Montana fell as much as 60 degrees as the fast-moving mass of cold air and snow roared into the mountain region from Northwestern Canada...

Blizzard conditions prevailed in the Dakotas and in parts of Eastern Minnesota. Minot, N. D., reported 10 below this morning...

Elsewhere across most sections of the country temperatures continued mild. Many cities reported record high readings for the date yesterday, including Cincinnati, 74...

Leap Year Proves Fizzle So Far PORTLAND, Feb. 19 (AP)—Scratch Leap Year 1948 off as a fizzle—at least in Multnomah county...

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RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for radio stations and program titles. Includes KFLW-1450 kc. and KFJL-1240 kc. for Thursday eve, Feb. 19. Also includes programs for Friday a.m., Feb. 20.

to pay higher wages in most industries, so the general price levels advanced. Since July 1, 1946, when the heavy government purchasing began, prices have advanced so alarmingly that the condition appeared to be one of inflation.

Last fall, the president called congress into session, and demanded of the republican congress that we do something to bring down high prices. Surely Mr. Truman must have enjoyed a cynical chuckle as he prepared his measure in which he demanded that the congress give him blanket power to institute a new OPA. He knew, of course, he was safe in making the request as the congress would do no such thing. At the same time, however, it was a perfectly logical political hammer with which to beat the republicans over the head.

But what looked like a beautiful election year scheme recently began to fall apart. Wheat and other basic food prices dropped, and in spite of an announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson that the government was about to buy another 50 million bushels of grain, the decline in price continued.

How It Went AS nearly as I can put the events together in their proper order, here is about what happened the week the market broke. On Tuesday and Wednesday of that week, one or more large speculators placed orders with their brokers to sell a total of more than a million bushels of grain. Commodity prices began to sag, and on Thursday, when the secretary of agriculture ordered the government buying of wheat stopped, the bottom fell out of the market. On Sunday, at the end of the week (February 8), the "Washington Star" said in a front page news story: "Secretary of Agriculture Anderson disclosed last night that information on government grain procurement and allocation plans reached grain markets in advance of his public announcement Thursday. The grain trade, Mr. Anderson said, then was faced with a realization that we were about through with heavy purchases. Reports of what we were going to announce got out," he told a reporter.

The simple fact is that, when the government was buying under President Truman's orders as carried out by Secretary Anderson, price advanced sharply. That advance in prices has been going on for many months. When the government stopped buying, prices of commodities went down. The buying programs could have been handled in a way to have avoided sharp market increases, but down through the months, government buying has been in heavy quantities, and sharp price increases have generally followed each government buying order.

In view of recent events, it seems as if the cost of living price spiral upward, which the president called us into session to control, was not only substantially caused by his own buying procedure, but could have been checked by him. I say it could have been, because the market tumbled quickly and sharply the instant it became known that government buying was to be curtailed.

We had just returned from a Sunday afternoon automobile ride. It was sort of an inspection; a test of roads which that morning were blanketed by a foot of snow. We found many bare, all passable. "Pleasant ride," said Fanny; "too pleasant, too easy, too like life today."

I knew what she meant and shared her thoughts. She was thinking of genuinely snowbound Sunday afternoons of the 90s, when we were boy and girl sweethearts. All along the route of our ride we saw the difference.

We passed just one sleigh; that a resurrected cutter, drawn by a dismayed horse that seemed to be wondering what it was all about, as he wound his way among crowding cars with gaping occupants, many of whom never saw a cutter before.

Along a populated street with a temporary grade road a group of kids, pondering who and how to enjoy their bright new Christmas sleds, the hill had been cindered, also the next, and the next.

Down those same hills, before an automobile was a heard of, jolly crowds of youngsters coasted all day long. I felt like stopping to clear away the cinders, as my gang would have had there been such an outrage a century ago. Those were our hills then...

Hopping hobs once was a pastime of the venturesome. It entailed risk of limb, was frowned upon by parents and policemen. When sleighs moved fast, as many did, it was a lucky lad who escaped with whole clothing and no scars. Occasionally a heavy sleigh crushed the foot of a youngster who misjudged his step.

The real thrill of bob-hopping was the adventure of a long ride out of town on the runners of a home-bound sleigh. Probably that was the origin of hitch-hiking, only it was less certain than now.

Getting way off in the sticks was relatively easy once a good natured farmer came along. Getting back was not so simple. City-bound sleighs were not numerous, accommodating drivers fewer and horse-

To make it realistic I recited some specific events of my courting career. Braggadocio let it slip—the truth about an incident that hasn't been popular at our house for 40 years. It was out at last. Fanny grinned and snapped: "So you did take her out that night after all."

With that she got up and went to the kitchen, leaving me kicking myself around the room. When the usually welcome call to the festive board of Sunday night surprises sounded, I sheepishly repaired to a stinky one dish affair. "What's that?" I asked. "One of your good old-fashioned Sunday night banquets," gloated Fanny. It was a bowl of bread and milk.

SIDE GLANCES



"May I remind you that this is the fourth girl you've had in two years that you would marry in a minute if you could find a place to live?"

Triplets Ask Citizenship

PORTLAND, Feb. 19 (AP)—Evelyn, Marian and Amelia Diamant, triplet sisters who look as American as pie, a la mode, appeared today in federal court as applicants for citizenship.

The 20-year-old girls, who came to Portland eight years ago, were born in Austria, but were citizens of Czechoslovakia and lived for several years in France.

All are as talented as they are pretty. They graduated together at the honor roll at Grant high school with the class of 1944.

Evelyn, oldest by 20 minutes, wants to follow her father's profession. She is the only woman student at the University of Oregon dental college. Marian is a stenotypist. She was official reporter for several public hearings before going to work for a law firm. Amelia is junior at the University of Oregon, a major in language and a member of Pi Delta Phi, scholastic honor society.

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NUERNBERG, Germany, Feb. 19 (AP)—Field Marshal Wilhelm List, a grim-lipped Prussian of the old German officer school, was convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity today by an American tribunal.

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US, Britain Demand Military Inspection BERLIN, Feb. 19 (AP)—The United States and Britain demanded the right today to inspect all phases of demilitarization in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany.

The demand was in answer to Russian insistence on the right to examine naval bases in the British zone.

The demands were made at a meeting of the allied control council's coordinating committee. The Russians charged the western allies were frustrating demilitarization. No agreement was reached.

The British-American stand was that inspection of British zone naval bases should be tied up with an overall study of the progress of demilitarization in Germany. The question still is being argued on the next higher level of allied control authority machinery.

Little Ads get Big Results—Use the Herald and News Want-Ads!

DON'T MISS KFLW's Big THURSDAY Shows TONITE!

Table listing radio programs for Thursday evening, Feb. 19, and Friday evening, Feb. 20. Includes programs like 'Sports Lineup', 'Ellery Queen', 'President Truman', etc.

Courtesy Cards For Out-Of-Town Traffic Violators Get Approval Of Most Drivers

The boys riding the three-wheelers around town peering at parking meters and writing out 50-cent overtime tickets are getting polite these days. Not that they haven't always said "Yes sir" and "No sir." Mostly "No sir."

Now they're varying the yellow ticket routine with little white courtesy cards, printed in blue and with a Crater lake picture on the back, which go only to visiting motorists whose violation of traffic rules may be completely innocent.

The card reads: "You have violated traffic regulations; we appreciate your presence in our city and ask your cooperation. Kindly assist us." Tourists getting these cards are not cited into court and fined, as are ordinary violators who live here and should know better.

It seems that the late Frank Hamm instituted the courtesy card method of telling the transient motorist about traffic law violations when he was chief before the war. Recently, the motorcycle boys were complaining more than somewhat about the verbal beatings they take from motorists who apparently fail to comprehend parking meters, so Chief Orville Hamilton dug out one of the old cards, had it revised a little and

the present-day traffic violation courtesy card came into being. Whistling Johnny Matthews, senior man on the side-car detail, thinks it's a fine idea, and says it's surprising how many out-of-state motorists drive around to the police station after receiving one. In the past, out-of-staters have had a way of throwing regular parking tickets away. In addition to the mild finger-shaking on the face of the tourist tickets, the reverse side features a stock photo of Crater lake and a note, chamber of commerce style, in which the police department expresses hope that the visitors have a pleasant stay in our town.

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Secretary of State Marshall says that so far as he knows there's nothing in reports that the Russians have been putting out peace feelers in Berlin for a settlement of the "cold war" with the U. S. A.

Well, if the general doesn't know about them it's a safe bet there haven't been any, because he would be about the first man informed of any such momentous development. As a matter of fact it's hard to see what possible basis there could be for thinking Moscow was making peace overtures.

Why should Russia want peace? By waiting a carefully planned "cold war" of aggression (and sometimes not so cold, at that) she has brought virtually all of Eastern Europe and part of Central Europe under Soviet domination. At the same time she has extended her influence over Manchuria and a great section of Northern China, and just now has virtually annexed Northern Korea.

Meantime in other countries, not excluding the United States, Soviet agents and native adherents to the cult of the clenched fist have been giving demonstrations of what communistic intemperance organization can do. So, taking it the world around, the bolshewists would seem to have done fairly well for themselves—on paper. Why, then, should they suddenly sue for peace?

In answering this question we must remind ourselves again that the cold war wasn't of spontaneous origin. As this column has pointed out before, it is a part of bolshewism's thirty-year-old program of world revolution for the establishment of communism. It is a project which never will cease until either (1) communism succeeds in over-running the world, or (2) the red advance is halted by a material barrier—like the Marshall plan, for example.

It is true that in Europe the communist drive has slowed down to a crawl. However, this is due to the fact that Moscow already has taken over all the countries in which it had armed forces and thus is in complete control.

No, I don't believe Moscow is suing for peace. It might well be that the Soviet Union will reach a point where, for a change, it will be willing to make a concession here and there. However, such concessions won't be for altruistic reasons but to provide easement for Russia in some situation that is worrying her.

Communism is out to destroy "capitalism" and establish totalitarianism everywhere—period.

Former Klamath Couple Die Word was received this week of the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott, former Klamath Falls residents, in Spokane, Wash. Mr. Scott died January 25 and his wife, January 31. Both had been in poor health for some time.

Services and interment were held at Cour d'Alene, Ida. The Scotts lived in Klamath Falls at 1923 Auburn for many years before moving to Spokane to make their home with Mrs. Scott's mother four years ago.

Longshoremen To Talk Over Contract SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Harry Bridges, CIO Longshore leader, today summoned Pacific coast longshoremen here March 19 and 20 to caucus on a proposed new contract with the Waterfront Employers' association.

Bridges already has served notice the CIO union will strike to retain present controls in the hiring hall setup. The contract expires June 15.

Boyle's Column

Gratitude Proves Fleeting Things In Too Many Cases

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—Today we have a little short story revolving around Cain's sullen and timeless query: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The story came in a letter from a correspondent and he says it is true. He said he believes it should be titled "gratitude."

The names of the characters have been changed, but otherwise the facts are on the line: Jim was something of a town character in the community where he lived just after the first World War. He was palmy waddy with a fellow called Red.

They were the kind who spent their days in the poolrooms and had a grudge against life because they thought they had been born behind the 8-ball. Both were small-time offenders—the breed who clutter up police blotters and keep precinct captains busy getting them out of their troubles.

Planned Theft Finally they decided to pool their talents. Together they planned a big job, but it was too big for them. They bungled it, and a citizen who surprised them was shot to death.

When they came to trial, blinking at their new motley, Red thought it all over and decided his own skin meant more to him than the traditional honor among thieves. He turned state's evidence and named Jim as the actual killer.

Red's award for squealing was a short term in the pen. Jim's relatives shipped in and hired a good lawyer. But feeling was high in the community over the cold-blooded nature of the murder. The attorney was lucky to save Jim from the chair and get him a life sentence.

Long after Red was free Jim was still in the place where they make little ones out of big ones. His family stuck by him, particularly his brother Frank, and helped him in every way they could.

After a dozen years or more Frank began a campaign to get his brother a pardon.

Pardon Fought The bitterness still hadn't died down. The district attorney who had sent Jim up fought the pardon and it was refused.

Year after year Frank kept on fighting to win his brother's freedom. Year after year the pardon board turned his request down.

But Frank's selfless effort finally began to win sympathy. A lawyer who had been a member of the parole board when it first considered the case consented to join in the appeal. He volunteered to handle the legal aspects without charge.

He and Frank went before the board together and won the parole. After nearly twenty years behind bars Jim was free.

That was a number of years ago, Jim had learned something in prison. When he came out he went to work and today he is prosperous.

Frank, who stuck faithfully by him, is now a hopeless cripple. And Jim?

"Jim hasn't visited his brother in two years," said the man who wrote me this tale. "Last week I met the lawyer who made the appeal which won him his liberty. He last saw Jim the day the pardon was granted."

"I forgot to tell that the victim of the killing was shot—through the back."

MILK AGREEMENT PARIS, Feb. 19 (AP)—An agreement signed today provides a six-month milk quota for 240,000 children and 62,000 mothers in France.

Alfred E. Davidson, European director, said the international children's emergency fund will provide 245 tons of milk. The first contingent has reached Le Havre by ship.

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Advertisement for a house for sale by owner. Text: 'FOR SALE BY OWNER NEW, TWO BEDROOM HOME'. Includes details about the property: 'Concrete foundation... oil floor furnace... hardwood floors... insulated... utility room... attached garage... electric water heater.' Also includes contact info: 'Phone 8710 afternoons or evenings for appointment.'