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Today's Roundup

Best thing about those registration figures announced yesterday is that they show a substantial increase over the registration total at the last election—the general balloting in November, 1946.

Then, the figure was 18,104 for Klamath county. Clerk Delap's tentative figure yesterday (a slight revision might still show up) was 19,948.

In view of the heavy removal of dead wood from the poll books just before this registration, the recovery was remarkable.

But it is still far too low. Registration in Klamath county before the general election in 1936, ten years ago, was 19,710.

That was a presidential year. So is this. If there is registration activity before the general (presidential) election this fall, comparable to that which preceded the primary, Klamath's total should run up to 23,000 or better.

At least that many of our people ought to be registered. What's the matter with a man, anyhow, who would fail to take the simple steps necessary to qualify himself to vote?

Both republicans and democrats can find some cause for gratification in reading the registration statistics this time.

The democrats are still out front, but their lead has been reduced.

This table will show a comparison of party registration (excluding all of the miscellaneous registrants) in Klamath county in the last two years:

Table with 2 columns: Party, 1946 Figures, and Pct. of Total of 2 Parties. Rows include Republicans and Democrats for both 1946 and 1948 figures.

In the period between the November, 1946, general election, and the 1948 primary, the gains were:

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These figures indicate an approaching balance in this county between the two parties. For several years, there has been evidence that the democratic registration was not all "live."

Thoughts and experiences while walking to work on April 27 in a snowstorm: I forget to turn up my overcoat collar until a block from the house.

My shirt collar and tie are getting wet and that snow is cold on my neck. Nothing to do but brush off what I can and turn up my collar.

Brrrr, that was cold. Why can't a fellow remember to do that before he steps out into a blizzard.

I pass Les Offield, banker. He is in front of his house, brushing snow with a broom. I take a second look—he is brushing the blooming snow of blooming flowers.

A fine country, he remarks, intending a dig at the region in which he was born and has lived all his life. An April snow is certainly a loyalty test, huh?

Down on Main street the cars are rolling in from the suburban districts and residential areas, and traffic is heavy, even before 8 a. m.

Remarkable how many cars show enough snow to prove they sat out all night. Must not be many garages around here.

Lots of people have evidently brushed snow off the tops of their cars. I wonder why they do that?

As I approach the Winema hotel, I see quite a flutter of femininity on the streets. Oh yes, the PTA

convention... I find myself amused at the bubbles of conversation that snow in Klamath Falls on April 27 will blow up around Western Oregon bridge tables.

These Days

Even a part of Maurice M. Milligan's indictment of the president is true, Harry Truman has no moral right to be in the White House. He should resign.

For while the former United States district attorney for the western district of Missouri absolves Mr. Truman from personal complicity in the conspiracy to steal elections in Kansas City, he nonetheless puts him on the scene of the crime and produces in detail the coverup.

All this appears in a book which was originally called "Missouri Waits" but which was finally given the title: "The Inside Story of the Pendergast Machinery the Man Who Smashed It."

But that is not all. The book is terrific, not because it is the story of the Pendergast gang by the man who thought that he has smashed it, but because it tells the story of how the president of the United States resurrected it.

Frankly, I am little interested in Pendergast. The shame of our cities is the long tale of the association of politicians with crooked contractors, gamblers, prostitutes, brothel keepers, and murderers.

As long as Milligan deals with that, it is old shoe. But when he puts the president of the United States into this business, it becomes a matter of public concern.

At no time did the finger of suspicion ever point in the direction of Senator Truman.

In fact, Maurice Milligan himself questions the correctness of that statement by saying that subsequent events... make me wonder whether I was right in issuing a clean bill of health.

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SIDE GLANCES



"Yes, you can get your book—but you'd better cough and drop your pipe or something, so you won't frighten them!"

Boyle's Column

Wes Gallagher Is Still Covering World Crisis

NEW YORK, (AP)—Wes Gallagher lives in what he calls "the world's biggest air-conditioned prison."

The prisoner is Berlin, Germany. Gallagher believes that today it is the keystone of American prestige in Europe and that the Russians will exert renewed pressure to force the western allies out of the German capital before the October elections.

This man Gallagher, who flew here to address the annual membership meeting of The Associated Press, is a real "newspaperman's newspaperman."

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He has told the story of war and half-peace in 17 European countries, from the first foxholes to the latest conference table.

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The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The Palestine crisis has taken on fresh international importance as the result of Russia's sensational offer to join the United Nations trusteeship council after boycotting that body for 13 months.

The Moscow action apparently is an effort to further a double ambition: (1) to gain foothold in the militarily strategic and oil-rich Middle East, and (2) to prevent extension of American power in that vital area.

The development has a somewhat complicated background, but on thumbnail it is this: The UN political committee, comprising the entire membership of the peace organization, has for some time been considering an American plan for trusteeship over Palestine.

Russia has opposed any trusteeship, claiming that the U.S.A. is maneuvering for military bases and petroleum in the Middle East.

Set for action Well, now any trusteeship would have to be handled by the trusteeship council. The Soviet Union belongs to the council but has been maintaining a boycott until now, when the council has suddenly assumed unusual importance.

It is a tragedy that the sanguinary Jewish-Arab struggle over the Holy Land should be complicated by rivalry between Russia and the major western allies for domination of the Middle East.

However, we at least have the satisfaction of seeing the present phase of the big power competition confined largely to the United Nations. The hope naturally must be that it can be kept there.

The most important issue revolves about the question of sending an international force to Palestine to give their shirts to get a red army into the Middle East, thereby establishing a military grip which they could exploit as they have their hold on Eastern Germany.

Washington has made it clear that the United States is firmly opposed to an UN plan which would involve the sending of Russian troops to Palestine.

However, that's a ticklish position to maintain and observers anticipate that America will do all possible to avoid being maneuvered into a position of taking a former position on the matter in the United Nations.

Whether she will be able to avert a showdown is a matter of speculation, since the Palestine situation is fluid and the future is uncertain.

Don't Want War Allied diplomats there don't believe the Russians want war now, but they're afraid the Russians don't know how to stop short of war.

The Russians are still determined to get us out of Berlin. They probably want to have a free hand by the October elections, however, to be able to deal with the 2,000,000 Berliners who voted against communism last time.

If we let the Russians get out of town, our prestige in Europe will collapse. No European country would be willing to put up a fight.

How long could the present American garrison in Berlin hold out if some "incident" precipitated war? "Perhaps six hours," he said. "But they might be important hours."

Just before Wes took off on his return flight to Berlin I asked him if covering eight years of world struggle had taught him anything.

"Only that nothing is more important than human freedom," he said.

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TOONERVILLE FOLKS



LOCKING DOWN FROM THAT HIGH FILL ACROSS THE END OF THE LAKE, BIG FISH CAN OFTEN BE SPOTTED IN THE WATER.

Candidates Column

Campaign Statements From Candidates At The May 21 Primary Election

By FRANK STEELE Democratic Candidate For Sheriff In offering myself as a candidate on the democratic ticket for sheriff of Klamath county, I feel that you should know something of me and my background.

I am 46 years of age and should be in the very prime of my life. I have been a resident of Klamath county for 14 years, am married, have five children, three of whom are in Klamath Union high school, and I own my own home.

During all of my residence in Klamath county I have been employed as locomotive engineer by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company and for some eight years have been the general chairman of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers, Local 828, Klamath Falls branch.

I am a member of the executive committee of the Suburban League and am chairman of the Ward Medical park board. I am also a member of the Shasta View grange.

With my experience and background I feel that I will be competent to handle the great ministerial work incident to the sheriff's office and duties. Many people do not realize the magnitude of the work incident to a sheriff's duties and see only the duties incident to the apprehension of criminals.

I will welcome any inquiries which you may desire to make as to my mode and habits of life, and my training and ability to handle this most important position, and if you feel that I am competent and desirable for the position I will gladly welcome your support.

The sheriff's office is responsible for the tax collections for both the state and county in Klamath county and as such employs a large office force. It will be my sincere endeavor to do this as efficiently as possible and to keep harmony in the office.

Your sheriff is also responsible for the care and treatment of all prisoners brought in the circuit court of this county, and if elected I will see to it that this is done promptly and efficiently.

The sheriff is also responsible for the care and treatment of all prisoners in the county jail. The mere fact that a man is in jail does not mean at all that he is a criminal, as a large proportion are in there awaiting trial, and all people are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty, and I will always bear this in mind and see that the prisoners have as good treatment as will be in my power to give them.

Chemists for one of the big rubber companies have been experimenting with synthetics and discovered they could blend different chemicals and get almost any scent they wanted. Now they're producing scented bread-wrappers to make the bread smell just like the real thing.

Volunteer firemen were unable to quell the blaze that broke out about 8:30 p. m. No other buildings were damaged.

The market was purchased about six weeks ago by Donald Green, who moved here from California.

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Body Of Rancher Found

JOHN DAY, April 27 (AP)—The body of Earl Smith, 55, wealthy wheat rancher missing for 10 days, was recovered yesterday from the John Day river.

Acting District Attorney E. P. Truesdell said Smith's body, clad only in his underwear, was found snagged on a barbed wire fence

along the stream. It was discovered by James Cant Jr.

He said the body had floated several miles below the point where Smith's clothing was found April 17.

Search for the Wheeler county wheat and livestock man started April 16 when three men were arrested driving his truck toward John Day. Truesdell said they were jailed on charges of grand larceny.

He said they told of joining Smith at Dayville, of deciding to go for a swim, and of Smith disappearing after they left him in the truck at the river.

Sheriff I. B. Hazeltine announced he had called in a state criminologist to investigate.

Auto Accident Victim Dies

HEGON CITY, April 27 (AP)—James Samuel Johnson, 70, Salem, died here yesterday of injuries received in an automobile accident near Canby.

Johnson was a passenger in an automobile driven by Ben W. Battleson, Canby real estate man. The car was involved in a collision with another driven by Dale Chick, 26, Oregon City.

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STATIC

By JOY BIGGS Spring is a cupid without a suit. A quiver and bow on his shoulder slung.

Eyes on the move for a mark to shoot— A story untold and a song unsung.

Spring is being dribbled out to us a day at a time but that certain feeling creeps in between the chill hangover blasts from winter.

"The Dastardly Deed" should be seen by everyone connected with radio—it's a radio skit, one of eight vaudeville acts to be presented by a eighth grade of Alamosa Junior high school, at the school at 8 p. m. Thursday. The occasion is class fun night.

"Oh, to be in England, now that April's there"—Vox Poppers Parks Johnson and Warren Hull will broadcast the VP program from there Wednesday 6:30 p. m. PST, where they will distribute American food parcels to Britishers participating in the program.

The question, "Will the Third Party Bring Us Peace and Prosperity?" will be debated on Town Meeting tonight, Tuesday, by Senator Glen H. Taylor (D-Ida.) and James Stewart Martin with Dorothy Thompson and Dwight MacDonald.

This marks the beginning of the political season on the forum program.

An expense-free honeymoon is offered to bride and groomers on Wednesday afternoon's B and G program. The week is to be spent at Mountain View Ranch hotel in Santa Cruz. Something new must have been added to Santa Cruz since we left about three years ago—or maybe we didn't go to the right places. Anyway it's a nice place for honeymoons—or just moons for that matter.

We encountered the cream of diplomacy the other evening. A young matron did some light baby laundry in the ladies' room of a downtown restaurant. She left a note on the damp rectangles explaining they didn't belong to the restaurant.

Later she explained to the dining room hostess who said, "That's all right, it will lend a homelike atmosphere to the place."

If we were passing out orchids we would rate that an orchidous remark.

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Kiley To Head Trade Association

VICTORIA, B. C., April 27 (AP)—John P. Kiley, Seattle vice president of the Milwaukee road, is the new president of the Pacific Northwest Trade Association.

He was elected last night to succeed C. B. Lindeman, Seattle publisher.

Other officers named include: J. V. Johnson, Victoria, vice president; A. Waterman, Seattle, treasurer; D. C. Knapp, Seattle, executive secretary; and George I. Warren, Victoria, assistant secretary.

Regional vice presidents include: R. B. Baker, Vancouver, B. C.; H. M. Abbot, Walla Walla, 1. Pius Tacoma; Paul McKee, Portland.

Pattern Making Plants Closed

PORTLAND, April 27 (AP)—Twelve Portland foundries and pattern making shops were closed today by a strike of the AFL Pattern Makers association in a wage dispute.

Western Foundry, Columbia Steel Casting company, Phoenix Iron Works and Modern Pattern Works closed when pickets appeared. Thorfin Tolleson, union business agent, said eight pattern making shops also closed although they were not picketed.

The union wage demand was listed as 15 cents an hour and the employers' increase offer at 9 cents. The scale has been \$2.10.

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Senate OK's Harriman

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—The senate Monday approved President Truman's choice of W. Averell Harriman to be "roving ambassador" in nations taking part in the European recovery program.</