

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

These words are written at Placerville, in the western foothills of the Sierra. Placerville is some eight or ten miles south of Colusa where on that memorable January day in 1848 James W. W. Marshall, lately down from Oregon, paused from his labors in a mill race ditch to wipe the sweat from his brow. As he leaned on his shovel and rested his weary muscles, his eye fell on an oddly shaped flake of metal that glistened in the sunlight. He picked it up to examine it more closely. It was a nugget of pure gold.

I suppose that in time we'd have gone from the Atlantic to the Pacific anyway. It was our manifest destiny. But Marshall's discovery HASTENED the realization of our destiny. It started a stampede the like of which had never been seen before, and when the excitement finally subsided, decades later, America had spread from ocean to ocean.

This odd and interesting seat of El Dorado county went in its time by a variety of names. It was first called Old Dry Diggins. Then a part of it was Shift Tail Bend. For a while after that it was Ravine City.

There came then the event that gave it its best-known name. There was a period, all oak tree, in the early days of the gold rush, when the men who poured into California were of an amazingly high type. Honesty was taken for granted. Miners left a king's ransom in gold dust in their tents and it was as safe as if it had been in a bank vault. Nearly all the early writers comment on this period and its strangeness. But it passed all too soon, and gangs of outlaws appeared, preying on the hard working miners. It was tolerated for a while, because everybody was too busy digging gold to bother with anything else. But the outlaws got too bold, as thieves will, and the miners rose in their wrath. There was a handy old oak tree in about the center of the camp, and on the branches of this tree they kept hanging the desperadoes until honesty again became the general rule.

From that event came that name Hangtown, by which the camp was known until it began to offend the sensibilities of the populace and was changed to Placerville.

It was at Hangtown that the delivery known for generations as a Hangtown Fry originated. A miner struck it rich in the gulch and hit Main street loaded down with nuggets, strode into the historic Old Carey House and demanded the costliest meal the cook could produce. He was told that oysters and eggs filled that bill to a "T." "All right," he said, "try me plenty of both and throw in some bacon for good measure." The cook did so, and the name Hangtown Fry spread from there to half the restaurants in the United States. I suppose there are places yet where a Hangtown Fry can be found on the bill of fare. Among Placerville's famous former citizens are John Studebaker, who hit Hangtown in 1853. He didn't do so good digging gold, and switched to making wheelbarrows for the miners. Out of this he made a fortune of \$40,000, which he took back to South Bend, Indiana, and used to found the Studebaker wagon and carriage works which later became the present Studebaker automobile plant.

Another famous Hangtown was Edwin Markham, the poet, who wrote "The Man with the Hoe" which was made more famous still by Millet's painting. Markham started as a teacher in Coloma in 1850 and went on to be El Dorado county's first superintendent of schools.

The trouble with these old Mother Lode towns is that they give the rest of the world a wrong idea of their fascinating lore and writing books about it. Those were great days in our country's history, and they fairly drip with romance.

Gem Benefit Feast Tonight

One hundred and fifty luscious tenderloin steaks, set on ice for the \$50 a couple Klamath Gems benefit dinner tonight at the Willard hotel.

Chef Paul Malone has that many tender morsels on hand and 50 more in reserve if need be. Baseball weekend got off to a flying start last night with a full hour show at the armory put on by Mel Venter and his MBS "Breakfast Gang." An enthusiastic crowd of some 500 fans welcomed the gang to Klamath Falls for the eventful two-day program.

Dick Maguire, KFJL manager, said 100 reservations for tonight's dinner have been picked up and 50 more are expected to be taken.

The dinner will start with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. at the Willard.

Half of last night's show at the Armory was broadcast nationwide over the MBS hookup this morning as the regular Breakfast Gang show.

Tonight, after the dinner, the Armory will be site of a baseball dance from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m., with Venter's musical aggregation providing the music. There will also be a full scale floor show.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California. Clear through tomorrow and a little warmer. Low tonight 35, high tomorrow 60.

High Friday 49
Low Friday 28
Precip. Oct. 26 0
Precip. since Oct. 1 2.09

(Additional Weather on Page 3.)



MRS. HUGH RADSPINNER AND CHARLENE

Last Ditch Fight Planned for Baby

A last-ditch chance to save the life of Charlene Radspinner, six-month-old baby born without a bile duct, possibly will be taken at the Stanford university hospital in San Francisco.

The baby's mother, Mrs. Hugh Radspinner, 3104 Blisbee, said this morning she and her husband would take the baby to San Francisco tomorrow morning by train. She was informed that a physician there might be able to do something for the child.

But the hope is a meager one. Doctors here hold out almost no chance of survival and give the little girl only a couple of months to live.

POISON
The absence of the duct has caused poison to spread into the bright-eyed tot's system so that her complexion has a markedly yellow cast.

But she apparently feels no pain and is remarkably alert for her six months.

The verdict, that Charlene probably will not live out the year, was given the Radspinnners last weekend, and this week they set up and decorated a Christmas tree in the living room of their home. A few little presents came to the tot and she is fascinated by the colored bubble lights on the tree.

NAMESAKE
Charlene was named before birth for Charlene Dover, Klamath Falls girl who died of cancer last summer shortly after her third birthday.

Mrs. Radspinner said today that although she and her husband are resigned to losing Charlene, she cannot abandon hope until everything possible is done; hence the trip to San Francisco.

High Flyers Irk Hunters
All night restaurants reported "standing room only" at early hours this morning at hunters prepared for their first morning shooting of the year on the California side of the state line.

However, hunters out yesterday afternoon, the opening day of the season, reported weather was too good for hunting.

"Ducks were there," one hunter said, "but were flying at 40,000 feet—with oxygen, of course."



A SAMPLE OF TONIGHT'S DINNER is shown to an appreciative audience by Willard chef Paul Malone as the big \$50 per couple dinner goes into final preparation. Admiring the luscious steak are (left to right) Polly, of the Mel Venter show, Sheriff Jack Franey, Lee Scarlett, Amy, another of the Venter group striking one as her boss, Mel Venter, looks on and hostess Elaine Miller, "Miss Gems" for the affair. Tickets for the public dinner may be obtained at the hotel.

Mining Claims Tie Up Valuable Forest Land

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Washington Car Wrecks Kill Twelve

By The Associated Press

Twelve persons were killed in Washington state traffic accidents yesterday.

The state patrol at Olympia called it the blackest day in its books.

The previous high one-day total of traffic fatalities was nine—on June 24, 1946, in the Spokane baseball club bus crash, and on April 7, 1947.

INFANT
A newborn infant apparently born in the death car and an eight-month-old child were among the dozen fatalities.

Here's the state patrol list: Willie B. Croley, 36, Tacoma, the driver; Baby Johnson, Emmabell Johnson, 37, Ann Croley, 52, Joe Barnes, James P. Marshall, 40, and Robert Proby, 30, all of Tacoma; killed in sedan which speeded into end of the Puyallup river bridge at Tacoma enroute to an intersection for Mrs. Johnson and her prematurely born child.

Harold R. Punnett, 77, and his wife Kathleen Punnett, 70, both of Vancouver, B.C., killed near Toppenish yesterday morning when Punnett failed to stop for a stop sign and another machine hit his car.

CHILD
Gus Caze Jr., eight months old, West Wenatchee, thrown under rear wheels of another car yesterday afternoon.

Robert E. McMahon, 22, Fort Worth, passenger in a speeding car which failed to negotiate a curve at Port Townsend early yesterday.

Bert Barber, Olympia milk truck driver whose truck was overturned in an accident at an intersection pinning him beneath it. He died at 3:30 a.m. today from effects of the accident, which occurred at 11:05 a.m. yesterday.

Park Meters Shattered
Three city parking meters are out of commission this morning and police are looking for the culprit who laid them low.

About 3:30 this morning a patrolling patrol car discovered three of the nickel-gobblers lying shattered on the north side of Klamath avenue between 9th and 11th.

Two time clocks from the machines were found among the remains, but one is still missing.

Police warn the culprit, if found, is liable to do a little time, for destroying city property.

Also found among the wreckage was the remains of a car headlight.

RUSS DELEGATE
MOSCOW, (U-P)—Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky is slated to head the Soviet delegation to the United Nations general assembly in Paris.

Churchill Forms New Government

LONDON, (U-P)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill appointed himself Britain's defense minister today and assigned to dapper Anthony Eden the job of foreign secretary, deputy prime minister and leader of the house of commons.

In so doing, Churchill restored the leadership which piloted Britain through world war two. The defense ministry will run the nation's three-year \$12,000,000,000 defense program and thus is of the utmost importance to Churchill.

Ailing King George VI approved eight appointments by the new prime minister this morning at a special session of the privy council at Buckingham palace. More appointments will be made later, probably early next week.

CRISIS
Downing street sources said Churchill named the men to his key posts only a few hours after taking over as prime minister because "of the critical foreign and economic situation."

The new government, elected by a minority vote, faces many critical situations, including the persistent failure of the nation to pay its way in the world trade by which it lives, the threat of Communism and the defiant tweaking of the British lion's tail by segments of the declining empire.

The sharp division which splits the nation as Churchill takes over was demonstrated by the fact that although his conservative party got more parliamentary seats in Thursday's election than the Laborites, they did so on less of the popular vote. In 200,000 votes more people—some Conservative, but not in the right places.

AGES
In addition to handsome, 54-year-old Eden, today's appointments include three peers, two businessmen and two lawyers. The average age of the eight and Churchill is 60.19 years. Clement Attlee's Labor government cabinet averaged 59.7.

A short time after the announcement Eden walked into the foreign office which he headed during the war years until the socialist swept into power in the July, 1945, general elections.

To deal with Britain's grave economic problems, Churchill named Richard Austen Butler, Butler is a former education and labor minister. A 49-year-old businessman, he has been one of the prime writers of Conservative policy in recent years.

Britain's wartime food minister, Lord Woolton, was appointed lord president of the council and given special supervision over the ministries of food and agriculture. Woolton, a wealthy businessman, is chairman of the Conservative party. He organized the last two conservative election campaigns and is generally credited with building the Tory vote-getting machine.

BLUEBLOOD
Churchill pulled one of the country's bluebloods into the job of lord privy seal and leader of the house of lords. He is the Marquess of Salisbury, 58, descendant of a 350-year-old line. The lord privy seal usually is used by the prime minister as a trouble shooter. The job carries few formal duties.

A former prosecutor at the Nuernberg war crimes trials, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, was given two jobs. He was named home secretary, an office responsible for the internal security and policing of the country. The 51-year-old former attorney general also was chosen as minister for Welsh affairs.

Churchill's wartime chief of general staff, became secretary for commonwealth relations. Churchill is seeking closer trade and political ties with the British commonwealth of nations. Within a few minutes after his appointment was announced, Lord Ismay, in bowler hat and dark overcoat walked into the commonwealth relations office.

TICKLISH
The ticklish job of heading the labor ministry went to Sir Walter Monckton, 60. Monckton acted for the Duke of Windsor when he abdicated from his throne as King Edward VIII in 1936 to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson.

Monckton was solicitor general in the "caretaker" government in 1945 and is considered one of the country's best attorneys.

Oliver Lytton, 58, is the new colonial secretary. A businessman, he has wide experience in trade, finance and industry, and has served as president of the board of trade.

In addition to their cabinet posts Lord Ismay and Monckton were named to the privy council, Britain's highest court of appeal.

SPORTS BULLETIN
MEYER REHIRED
DELAND, Fla., (U-P)—Billy Meyer today was reappointed manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates for the 1952 season.

Gen. Mr. Branch Rickey said Meyer was given a one-year contract.

Football Scores

Army 14

Columbia 9

Penn 14

Navy 0

Yale 27

Colgate 7

Penn State 13

W. Va. 7

Kentucky 14

Florida 6

Ohio State 47

Iowa 21

Dartmouth 26

Harvard 20

Michigan 54

Minnesota 27

Princeton 53

Cornell 15

Holy Cross 41

Brown 6

Child Killed, Three Injured

Janette Ann Smith, 7, was killed yesterday afternoon, her mother and two other children injured when the family station wagon overturned on US 97 six miles north of Weed.

Janette was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James (Snidley) Smith, former Klamath Falls residents who only recently moved to Richmond, Calif.

Mrs. Smith, 27, and other two children, James Ray, 1, and Cynthia, 3, are in the Weed hospital. The hospital reported their injuries as serious but not critical.

Mrs. Smith had been in Klamath Falls arranging to have their furniture moved to Richmond, and started back for the California city yesterday afternoon.

Her husband, for several years a gemologist with Rickys jewelry store here recently accepted the management of a jewelry business at Richmond, and was in Richmond yesterday.

California highway patrolmen investigated the accident. Mrs. Smith's station wagon went out of control on the highway and overturned.

Mrs. Smith and the youngsters may be brought here today.

Funeral services for Janette will be conducted Monday, 9:30 a.m., from Sacred Heart church here, with interment at Richmond, Calif. Reclamation of the body will be held Sunday, 8 p.m. at Ward's chapel.

Rude Visitor Crashes Home
LOUISVILLE, Ky., (U-P)—A young couple had a rude awakening early today when an automobile crashed into their bedroom.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smyser, both 24, awoke to the roar of splintered wood and flying plaster to gaze into the glaring headlights of the car. It was within arms' reach of their bed.

Then the flabbergasted couple watched as the auto backed out and vanished—leaving a gaping hole in the wall of their apartment.

9 O'clock Special
A claim is 20 acres, but eight persons can band together and file on 800 acres in an association claim. The law apparently does not limit the number of claims a person or association can have.

In the Chemult area, for instance, George E. Hampton of Seattle recently filed proof of labor on 80 claims. L. G. Dawson of Thornton, Calif., reported completion of assessment work on 32 claims and staked on five more.

The Volcote Co., Richmond, Calif., filed proof of labor forms on a total of 44 claims. H. W. Christy, Sweet Home, filed proof of labor on six.

ATTRACTION
Crawford said it was his opinion that in many cases the "recreational and commercial" aspects of the land was more attractive to the claimants than what might lie under the ground. At the junction of U.S. 97 and Oregon 58 (Willamette junction) the claims are several deep. It would be a good spot for a service station or some other roadside business.

In many cases, Crawford said, the claims overlap and of a claimant has overlapped himself. There was a 23-acre fire on the Deschutes this summer and to get clearance to sell the damaged timber the forest had to work through 17 claims owned by 14 different persons on that 23 acres.

The claims have held up Bonneville right-of-way work in the Chemult area to where it may be put a year behind schedule. The highway department, Crawford said, probably will run into trouble in relocating U.S. 97 above the Willamette junction.

WAGE HIKE
PORTLAND, (U-P)—An egg and poultry workers' union has won a 12.2 percent wage increase, Shirley Barker, union secretary, reports. The new scale, which will establish a minimum wage of \$1.32 an hour, will be retroactive to September 12.

Bonneville, U.S. Road Threatened

By HALE SCARBROUGH

About 28,000 acres of Deschutes national forest land—including a considerable amount of lodgepole and some valuable timber—is now tied up by placer mining claims, and the claims have at least temporarily stymied right-of-way clearing work for a Bonneville power transmission line in the Chemult area.

They also may throw a block in front of construction of a new section of U.S. 97 from the Willamette junction north.

The claims, for pumice, are akin to claims for other ad more precious minerals which have tied up between 60,000 and 80,000 acres of Rogue River national forest land and an estimated billion feet of virgin timber in the Union creek area of Jackson, Douglas and Klamath counties.

LOOPHOLE
A loophole in the 79-year-old federal mining law quite probably is more responsible for the welter of mining claims filed on Rogue River and Deschutes forest lands than the possible value of any minerals underneath.

If the mining claimants can eventually prove up their claims and get patents, they'll get the whole works, including the timber. Dist. Ranger Bob Cooper of the Rogue River forest said that claims in the Union creek area have tied up possibly a billion feet of good timber so that the forest service cannot sell it and can't do any development work without permission of the claimants. Neither can the mining claimants sell the timber until they get their patents, but they can use what they need of it in any mining operation.

HOMESTES
The Union creek claims also threaten a good many summer homes where cabins and homes are built on land leased from the forest service.

That area is north of Prospect and west of Crater Lake national park, lapping over into Klamath county.

The Deschutes area, where no claim of precious metals has been put forward, lies roughly in a 10-mile stretch starting below Chemult and extending on north to above the Willamette highway junction with U.S. 97.

Ralph Crawford, Deschutes supervisor, said that although hundreds of claims are staked on the area and 28,000 acres of forest service land bottled up, only one mine is producing anything.

That one is the old Crystaline mine located north of Chemult where, Crawford said, "an occasional truckload of pumice is taken out."

Omer W. Wisby is the owner of record on the mine.

Records at the courthouse here show that on August 24 Thomas Phillips of the Western Pumice Sand Co., Klamath Falls, on his affidavit of labor on a Chemult area claim reported removal of about 1200 cubic yards of pumice, plus construction of a cabin, a utility shed, elevator and screening system.

EXPENSE
Other affidavits of labor filed here recently tell of money and time spent in cabin-building, exploration, surveying, opening cuts and the like. The federal law required \$100 work a year to keep a claim alive. For a number of years even that amount of assessment work was waived, but it was not this past year.

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WAITING FOR A BUS at the corner of Applegate and East Main this morning were Mrs. Mary Gale (left) of 2024 Reclamation, and Mrs. Audrey Standefur, 2144 Applegate.