

CROOKED RIVER JUMPS BANKS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS The Albany Democrat Herald

"Frank Jenkins in his Day's News column says he is immensely impressed with the statement of Senator Russell of Georgia (who he announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President) that he believes in the greatest practicable degree of local self-government.

"No wonder Frank is impressed. As he points out, Russell has put his finger on the thing that in the past couple of decades has led us farthest astray from the American way of life as the Founding Fathers envisioned it."

The Democrat-Herald adds: "Russell is a Democrat, from the Deep South, and probably Frank Jenkins as a Republican won't vote for him in November. But note the less Russell has given expression to a point of view that leaders in both parties can't afford to lose sight of. The New Deal has moved the government farther and farther from the people, with the rather hopeless acquiescence of the people. "More and more there is a tendency to turn to the national government for whatever we want done. State and local rights have atrophied. Big government at Washington has collected all the loose money until state and local governments are finding it harder and harder to get the cash to carry on adequately the regional and local phases of government."

I'm not so sure about the Democrat-Herald's statement that come November I won't vote for Senator Russell.

I MIGHT Maybe not this November. Tackling first things first, it seems improbable at this moment that Senator Russell, a Southerner, can be nominated by the Democratic party, which is DIVIDED SHARPLY on North-South lines. As of now, at least, the Northern wing of the party holds the edge in voting power.

IT COULD be that—facing loss of power to the Republicans—the Democrats at their convention might COMPROMISE on Senator Russell as a candidate, but it seems utterly impossible to me that they could go so far as to nominate Senator Russell on a STATES RIGHTS platform.

BUT IT DOES seem to me that bringing the bulk of our government back to the state houses, the court houses and the city halls is already THE BIGGEST ISSUE THAT FACES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

How else are we ever to have economy in government?

When government is immense and sprawling and far, far away, how are we ever to control it? But, if we can get it back so close that we can look over its shoulder and blow down its neck, we CAN control it.

Here in Oregon, we have a splendid example of what happens when the bulk of government is moved off into remote outer space.

In the 18 years from 1933 to 1951, the federal government COLLECTED in Oregon (in taxes) the astronomical sum of \$2,721,465,204.10 (approximately two and three-quarter billions of dollars.) In the same 18 years, it RETURNED to Oregon the sum of \$704,581,166.

That is to say, for each dollar we've sent to Washington in these 18 years, we've got two bits back.

I'm more than a little disappointed that SO FAR no Republican candidate for the presidential nomination has even mentioned this issue, which to me seems fundamental in the situation that faces us. I'm impressed by the fact a Southern Democrat has mentioned it prominently.

Let's look frankly in the face. Senator Russell has raised against the issue of states rights. But, as he has raised it, it isn't a SECTIONAL issue. It concerns us ALL—whether we live in the North or in the South. When Jefferson raised the issue of states rights he raised it not as a Southerner but as an American who wanted government kept close enough to the people to enable the people to CONTROL their gov-

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Steel Strike Issue Tense

Government On Fence; WSB Upset

By NORMAN WALKER WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Nathan P. Feinsinger of the Wage Stabilization Board told reporters "Hell no" Thursday when asked if Defense Mobilization Chief E. Wilson has asked the WSB to reduce the steel case.

He had just left a meeting with Wilson, who has said the WSB's settlement plan, calling for a 17 percent wage boost, was a serious threat to anti-inflation efforts.

Wilson also talked with Economic Stabilizer Roger Putnam and Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall.

PLAC STUNNED Wilson was trying to work out some plan to help settle the steel labor dispute. A strike of Philip Murray's more than 650,000 CIO Steelworkers in the basic steel industry is scheduled for April 3.

Arnall left Wilson's office 40 minutes after Feinsinger. As reporters followed him down the corridor, firing questions, he replied: "No comment. . . no comment."

Wilson declined a request of photographers that they be permitted to take pictures of the meetings. When the request was placed, the four-man meeting still was scheduled.

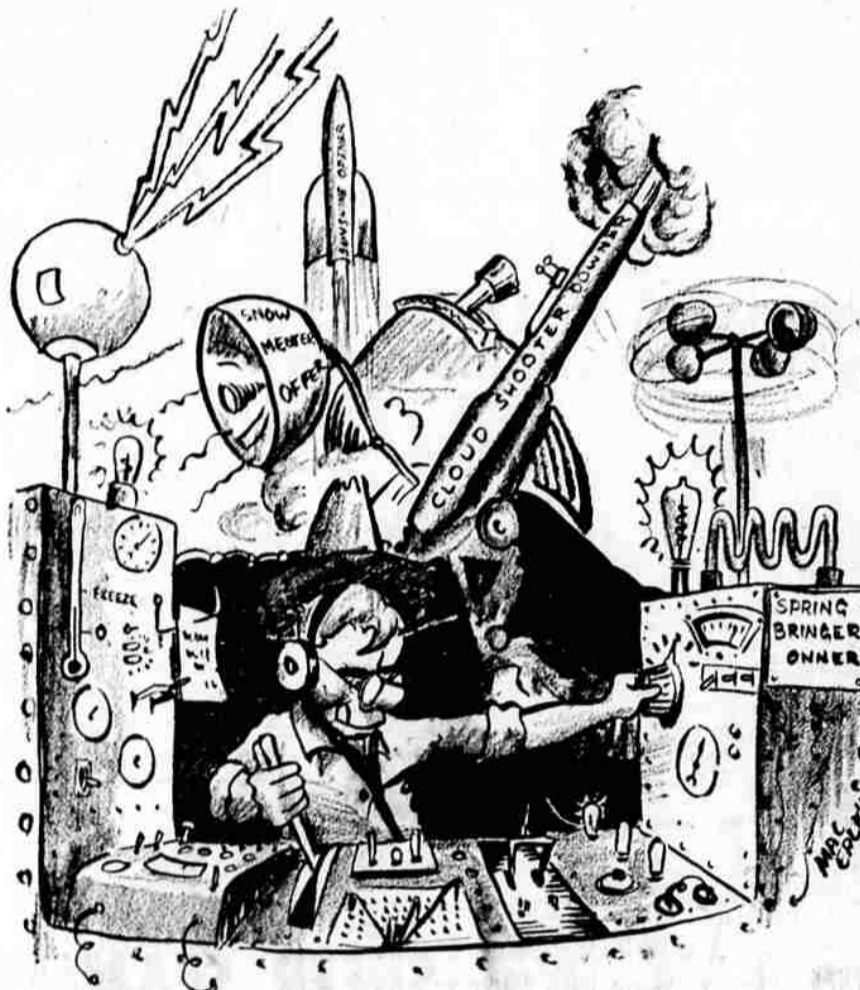
Wilson switched from the joint meeting plan to the series of separate individual talks.

A spokesman for Wilson's Office of Defense Mobilization refused to confirm or deny that he plans to keep hands off the steel wage dispute for the present in hopes of progress in union-management negotiations which started Wednesday in Pittsburgh, and resumed Thursday.

The situation was such that it given appeared possible that with President Truman due back from his Florida vacation late Thursday, someone in the mobilization hierarchy may quit soon.

One thing appeared certain: That the steelworkers union will get nowhere in negotiations with steel firms until the administration makes up its mind.

The companies said they'll need price boosts of \$12-a-ton if they price the WSB's recommended terms.



CARLOS YOWL, well known Klamath farmer inventor, has announced the invention of his new "Spring Bringer Onner". This contraption, says Yowl, can make the difference between a good farm year and a bad one. Determined that this one won't be a bad one, Carlos went to work last night. This morning he came up with the above machine. The "Yowl Spring Bringer Onner" is not dangerous to human beings — yet. Two dogs and a gray squirrel disappeared, though, shortly after being seen in the neighborhood.

Killer, 3 Companions Try Break

SALEM (AP)—John O. Pinson, the notorious killer and escape artist, failed to make it Wednesday night in another escape attempt with three other prisoners.

They ran into trouble sawing their way to the roof of the segregation ward at the Oregon prison, and at 8:45 p.m. check of cells caught them before they could get away.

Sirens sounded just as they broke through to the roof, and Pinson and two others ran meekly back to their cells. The fourth man, the also notorious Dupree Poe, was nabbed hiding on the roof.

Warden Virgil O'Malley said none ordered any violence. After investigation he told this story of the escape try:

Pinson, now 34; Poe, who is 54; Richard M. Moore, 46; and Allen D. Brunfield, 37, got a hacksaw blade and used it to cut a foot-long metal hasp from the door of each of the four cells. They made wooden blocks to look like the hasps and put them in place.

Some time in the evening they left their cells, sawed through two other doors to reach a corridor and there sawed through an overhead ventilator.

Just as they pushed Poe through to the roof, the sirens sounded. The check of cells had disclosed they were missing.

They had a number of sheets tied together with grapping bolts at one end for use in getting over the prison wall.

Pinson, Brunfield and Poe are convicted killers. They are serving life terms, as is Moore, who was convicted of being a habitual criminal after a series of armed robberies.

Pinson once escaped successfully. He and Poe have been involved in other tries at the prison.

No Moves In Madden Case

No new developments were reported by the district attorney's office today in the case of 19-year-old Jerry Oscar Madden, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property.

Madden was arrested Tuesday afternoon by City Police. His apprehension brought to light a series of burglaries and shoplifting cases said carried on by a group of youths aged 10 to 14 years.

In District Court Wednesday afternoon Madden waived preliminary hearing on the charge. He is held in the County Jail under \$2500 bail.

Weather

FORECAST — Increasing cloudiness tomorrow. Low tonight 28, high tomorrow 54. High yesterday 53. Low last night 24. Precip yesterday 0. Precip since Oct. 1 14.09. Same period last year 12.58. Normal for period 9.16.

Driver Smacks Guard Rail

That sharp curve at Main and Riversides Sts. caught another unwary motorist about 2 a.m. this morning and the City Street Department is fixing the guard rail again today.

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Radioactive Material May Aid In Crop Spraying Test

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Transamerica Gets The Axe

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve Board voted 3 to 2 Thursday to order a breakup of the Transamerica Corporation's big banking empire in five western states.

The majority found that the corporation which controls seven billion dollars in bank deposits and half the bank loans in California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington and Arizona — tends to "lessen competition and restrain commerce."

In a minority dissent, James K. Vardaman, Jr., said the record "falls to warrant or sustain" such a conclusion. Further, Vardaman charged, the board's hearing officer had interfered and hindered inspectors of the Liquor Commission.

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COMING HOME SEATTLE (AP)—Eight Washington State soldiers are among the 1,576 Army officers and men scheduled to arrive here from the Far East April 1 aboard the Navy Transport Pvt. Joe P. Martinez.

They include M-Sgt. Paul H. Hammons, Star Route, Brewster, and Sgt. Clarence H. Sebring, RR 1, Box 257, Port Angeles.

INCORPORATE SALEM (AP)—Articles of incorporation Thursday: Pass Creek Sawmill, Inc., Drain, \$25,000 capital stock. Incorporated by P. L. McMahon, P. Y. Wilmut and O. F. Vonderheit.



NO. 1 DREAM GIRL — Combat correspondents of the First Marine Air Wing in Korea, whose stories are often censored but whose dreams cannot be stultified, have voted Motion Picture Actress Mary Castle (above) their No. 1 Dream Girl.

Stores Draw Beer Rebukes

The alcoholic beverage licenses of two local grocery stores have been ordered suspended for short periods by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The license of Erma A. GeRue, operator of Fremont Grocery, 18 Nevada, is to be suspended for 30 days beginning April 1, for selling beer to a minor.

That suspension also is to remain in effect until a new license is okayed by the Liquor Commission bearing the names of all persons having a financial interest in the business.

The present license was in Mrs. GeRue's name only, but the Liquor Commission determined that her husband, Lee GeRue, also had a financial interest in the place. Last Monday the city council recommended to the Liquor Commission that a new license be granted the Fremont Grocery.

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Prineville Families Flee Homes

By The Associated Press Flood waters of the Crooked River receded temporarily Thursday after forcing 150 families in the Central Oregon town of Prineville to flee their homes.

But weather experts warned that continued warm weather could bring a peak even higher than the one Thursday when water four feet deep in places swirled into homes in three sections of the town.

Farther east at Vale, floodwaters dropped without causing major damage although at least two bridges were washed out.

Wheeler H. Rucker, district field engineer for the Army Engineers, arrived at Prineville from The Dalles to direct construction of dikes to confine the rampaging river to its banks.

500 EVACUATED The evacuation of an estimated 500 to 600 persons began late Wednesday afternoon as transfer and lumber companies and the U. S. Forest Service kept trucks working steadily until midnight.

The entire town turned out to help load the belongings of the flood refugees. The gymnasium of the old Crooked River school was converted into a storage depot and the flood victims were cared for in the homes of other residents.

Twenty pieces of equipment, including trucks, graders and levee driers, threw up a temporary levee after flood waters topped a sandbag dike. Work was halted when the water began to recede.

Rucker and Mayor Stuart Sheik made preparations Thursday to continue the levee building.

HOMES FLOODED About 70 of the flooded homes were in the new Riverside Village district at the southwest edge of town. On the northwest side, backwaters on Ochoco Creek, swollen by the heavy mountain snow melt, flooded about 65 other homes.

Although the river had dropped 10 inches Thursday, the staff of the Ochoco National Forest said continued warm weather could bring a heavy snow melt, which would that the mountain snow, which measured 40 inches in places, contained about double the usual water content.

RANCHES HIT The flooding river inundated ranch bottom lands along a 25 mile stretch to the south. Damage was not expected to be high, however, and stock had been moved out of danger.

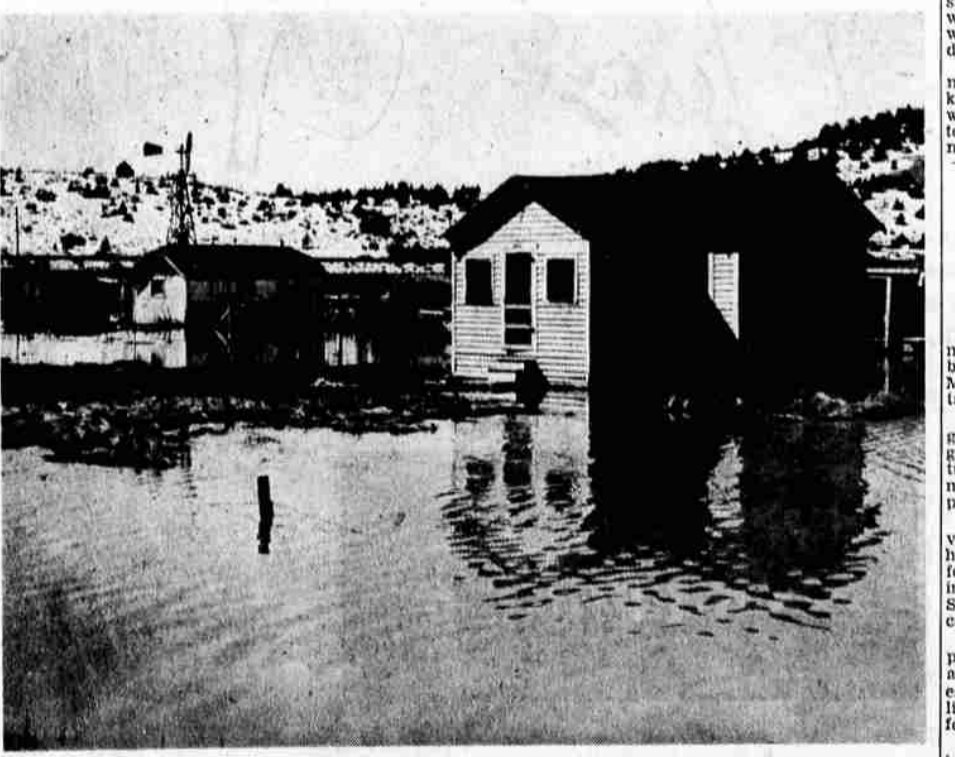
Oregon Highway 27 was still closed to the south of Prineville, halting mail service to the area. Nearly a dozen other roads were closed in Central and Eastern Oregon as other streams, fed by the snow runoff, rose rapidly Wednesday.

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WARM WEATHER the past few days brought flood conditions to the Wocus area. Above are homes almost surrounded by water from the quick snow thaw.

Neahkahnie, Mountain Of A Thousand Holes, Guards Mythical Spanish Gold

ASTORIA (AP)—A fortune estimated at more than \$250,000 has been poured into Neahkahnie Mountain, known as the "Mountain of a Thousand Holes."

Neahkahnie, legendary burying ground of Spanish gold, has never given up a peso to scores of fortune seekers who have riddled the mountain with holes in a 90-year period.

Three men — Milo Merrill, Harvey Tuttle and Charles Pike — have devoted their lives to hunting for bullion said to have been buried in the Pacific promontory after a Spanish galleon was sunk off the coast.

Barney Lucas of Gearhart, who purchased the mountain in 1946 for a possible real estate development, estimates that a quarter of a million dollars has been spent digging for gold there since the Civil War.

Lucas said that he had intended to keep treasure seekers out of the area when he bought it, but relented after Merrill's touching appeal.



9 O'Clock Special

SHARING A SHEET of news this morning were (l to r) Don Wells, operator of the Medical-Dental barber shop, and Dr. Earl Clanahan.