

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Up in Salem the other day, Representative Clinton Haight of Baker county arose in his place in the room where the planning and development committee of the so-called lower house of the Oregon legislature was meeting and, with his tongue stowed carefully in his cheek, made what the legislative reporters describe as an IM-PASSIONED PLEA for his bill to establish lepus townsendi as Oregon's official animal and artemisia tridentata as Oregon's state flower.

It might be just as well to explain here that lepus townsendi is the scientific name of the jack-rabbit and artemisia tridentata is the Sunday name of the shrub that we know as sagebrush.

The beaver (castor canadensis) is Oregon's present unofficial animal, and the Oregon grape (which the books describe merely as one of the fruit-bearing flowers) is Oregon's official state flower.

Representative Haight told his colleagues that Oregon's unofficial animal "cuts up fields, gnaws down trees and dams streams." And, he added, "let me remind you that many beaver coats are made of the hide of lepus townsendi."

"Besides," he went on, "what other animal than the rabbit lays eggs on Easter?"

What of artemisia tridentata?

Over on this side of the mountains, at least, we'll agree that the sage is a wonderful shrub. Especially along toward evening, when the sun slants low along the horizon, casting its rays across the wide flats. The colors at that hour have to be seen to be believed. We have a warm spot in our hearts for the purple sage and the riders thereof.

Over this way, Clint, we're all for your idea of artemisia tridentata as our state flower.

But—

There's a road - block, I'm afraid, in the way of making artemisia tridentata the state flower of Oregon. Our neighbor state of Nevada is known as the Sagebrush State. Its official flower is the sagebrush. Two sprays of the grayish-green sagebrush are shown in the upper corner of the Nevada state flag.

One fears there might be an unholy ruckus if we tried to steal the sagebrush from Nevada.

A word here to Representative Haight.

He just MIGHT be spoofing. If so, he comes by it honestly.

Away back in 1908, his father, Clinton P. Haight, fresh out of the law school of the University of Oregon, landed in Canyon City with the idea in mind to hang out his shingle as a lawyer.

But, unfortunately for his design to become a legal eagle, a half interest in the Blue Mountain Eagle came up for sale about that time. He bought it. Later on, he bought the whole works. He had a talent for witty humor, and in the course of time he became one of the nation's best noted paragraphers.

There were times when about half the contents of the Reader's Digest would be extracts from the editorial column of the Blue Mountain Eagle. One suspects that the Digest's editor would have liked to fill up his whole pocket magazine with more of Editor Haight's stuff and call it a day—secure in the knowledge that in such an event he would make a hit with his readers.

Here's a thought, Clint:

Your father was also known as one of the nation's leading authorities on the coyote—which he professed to regard as the ugliest and perhaps the most intelligent of the animals. If you have trouble with the legislature over lepus townsendi, maybe you could induce the boys to switch to canis latrans, of the family of canidae.

But there's possible trouble in that quarter also. South Dakota is the Coyote State. One can't just go baring around stealing one's neighbors' emblems. That would lead to trouble, and, in one way or another, there are troubles enough in the world already.

Anyway—

This word in conclusion: If the sagebrush, for reasons already cited, is out of the question and you can't endure the Oregon Grape as the state flower of Oregon, how about the TUMBLE WEED?

Over on this side of the mountains, we could go for the tumble weed. Tumble weed and jackrabbits go together like ham and eggs.

Visits Canada

SALEM (UPI) — Rep. Juanita Orr, D-Lake Grove, will visit the legislative assembly at Victoria, B.C., Monday as the guest of the Honorable Margaret Hobbs, M. L. A., of Revelstoke, B.C.

Weather

High yesterday	46
Low yesterday	23
High year ago	39
Low year ago	24
High past 14 years	73 (1960)
Low past 14 years	21 (1951)
Precip. past 24 hours	.81
Since Jan. 1	2.47
Same period last year	6.19

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Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview — Partly cloudy and mild today; high near 55. Increasing cloudiness tonight and Monday with showers on Monday. Low tonight 36-35. High Monday near 50. Southerly winds gusty 8-18 m.p.h.



COOKING EXPERT — Mrs. Bev Lyons, home economist for COPCO Division of Pacific Power and Light Company will be coordinator and co-director of the Third Annual Herald and News Cooking School. She will work with Mrs. Ruth King, Herald and News food editor, on the three-day school, starting Tuesday, and will conduct the final work session Thursday. The school will be held at the fairgrounds Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Doors will be open at 12 noon, and there is no admission charge. Door prizes and awards will be given. Klamath Falls merchants and distributors will have displays.

Rails Bargain To Void Oregon Full Crew Law

SALEM (UPI) — Railroads promised to protect the jobs of all present brakemen here Friday if they can win repeal of Oregon's full crew law.

The railroads said they are willing to have such protection written into a new law.

The offer from the railroads was made at a meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Utilities. The committee is considering a railroad-sponsored bill to require only five crewmen on mainline freight trains over 40 cars instead of the present six crewmen.

Oglesby Young of the railroads handed the committee a proposed amendment containing the job protection clause.

Under the amendment the sixth crewman, or third brakeman, positions would be eliminated only by one whenever a present brakeman dies, retires, resigns, or is discharged for cause.

A railroad spokesman said it would be the only such addition provision written into a law in the nation. Most attrition agreements are reached through labor contracts.

At two lengthy hearings, the railroads have argued that a sixth crewman is costly and no longer needed for safety. The unions have replied the sixth crewman is necessary for safety, and

Swiss Fight Typhoid Tide

By United Press International
Health authorities in the United States and Switzerland tried Saturday to stem the spread of typhoid fever by isolating suspected victims and searching for more possible carriers of the sometimes fatal disease.

Swiss medical officers prepared to move 33 suspected typhoid cases from a temporary hospital in the Alpine village of Zermatt to facilities in the valley below.

This was the first step in eradicating an epidemic in the town which already has affected more than 100 persons. The moving operation should be over by Sunday, when the task begins of testing blood samples from about 3,000 villagers and foreign workers in Zermatt.

The New York City health department said one young woman was hospitalized at the Cornell University medical center with typhoid apparently contracted in Zermatt. A spokesman said the victim "is recuperating nicely."

Although the department did not identify her, she was believed to be Mrs. Henry Safran, 25, the wife of a New York investment broker and a finalist in the 1958 Miss Iowa contest. In Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Safran's father said she was stricken while skiing in Switzerland.

Janitor Held As San Jose Blast Suspect

JFK Paints Dire Picture If Tax Cut Not Passed

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter

CHICAGO (UPI) — President Kennedy took his call for a \$10 billion tax cut to the people Saturday and warned the alternative could be a decade of depression.

The President made a direct appeal to "the will of the people" to back his economic program in a speech before 1,400 civic and airline dignitaries. In effect he went over Congress' head in calling for action now to find jobs for the nation's "tide of manpower."

As is often his custom, the President eliminated large portions of his prepared address in actual delivery.

Among the deleted portions was the somber forecast warning that unless the manpower situation is solved "I must warn you this nation faces a decade of chronic troubles and recession — characterized by the economic waste and human tragedy of unemployment."

He said instead that the country faces "serious problems" because of the "tide of manpower which is going to be hitting our

labor market in the next five years."

When Kennedy alters his text in this fashion it is White House policy to stand behind the original text as well as the actually delivered version as long as there is no substantive change in meaning. There was no such substantive change Saturday.

The President left no doubt of his belief that even though there is no single magic solution to the nation's economic troubles the most important action the country can take now is to "release the brake of wartime tax rates which are now holding down growth at the very time we need more growth to create jobs."

"Ten billion dollars more in tax savings, in the hands of American consumers and investors, as I have proposed to the Congress, will be multiplied many times in new markets, new equipment, new jobs, new pay rolls, and then still more consumption and investments," he said.

The time for a tax cut, the President said, is now — when inflationary pressures at bay and there are no major international crises.

The President flew to Chicago ostensibly to dedicate the city's new O'Hare International Airport and also to give a political boost to his strong ally, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley. Daley, one of the nation's most powerful Democrats, is up for reelection April 2 and even though he is rated a shoo-in for a third term he was grateful for White House help.

Confetti, ticker tape, Boy Scout bands and Scottish bagpipers greeted the President and Daley on their trip into the Loop. It was an old-fashioned Chicago political rally and police estimated that more than 1 million persons — 750,000 along the route from the airport and 400,000 to 500,000 more lining downtown streets — saw the President.

Goulart Okays Commie Meet

RIO DE JANEIRO (UPI) — Jubilant sponsors Saturday said about 400 "foreign personalities" will attend an anti-United States Communist congress as the result of President Joao Goulart's go-ahead.

It was announced Friday that Goulart "will not interfere in any way" with the week-long hemisphere congress whose theme is "peace and freedom from world domination by Yankee imperialism."



BLAST SCENE — San Jose Mayor Robert Welch, second from left, talks with police after a boiler explosion at a store. Three persons were killed and 71 injured when the store's boiler blew up during the late afternoon rush hour Friday. By today, eight of the injured were reported in critical condition at local hospitals and five were in serious condition.

Anti-Red Cubans Form Underground Republic

MIAMI (UPI) — Delegates of 22 anti-Communist groups in Cuba set up an underground government and declared a state of war against the regime of Fidel Castro, according to information received here by private sources from Havana.

The report of the meeting and of Dr. Carlos Marquez Sterling's designation as president of the "republic of Cuba in arms" was confirmed by UPI Friday night in a telephone conversation with Marquez Sterling in New York.

Red Pull-Out Unconfirmed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States has no firm evidence as yet that Russia has pulled any of its estimated 5,000 combat troops out of Cuba, officials said Saturday.

Some may have been among the "approximately 3,000 Russian troops" which President Kennedy reported Thursday had been evacuated since Feb. 18, they said. On the other hand, those pulled out may have been drawn entirely from among the 12,000 military technicians and training personnel which Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had in the islands up to a month ago.

Officials said aerial reconnaissance shows that all installations of the four-battalion combat force has been using are still intact. And none of their heavy equipment has been removed.

They cautioned, however, that aerial intelligence would have to be supplemented by other information coming in by slower means, presumably from agents within the island, before a final determination can be made.

Three Die As Boiler Explodes

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI) — Police held a former J. C. Penney Company maintenance man for investigation of homicide today in connection with a deadly explosion that left Penney's downtown San Jose store a hollow shell.

Three persons were killed and 71 injured when the store's boiler blew up during the late afternoon rush hour Friday. By today, eight of the injured were reported in critical condition at local hospitals and five were in serious condition.

The blast, which occurred at 4:31 p.m. in a sub-basement, tore upward through the Thrifty Drug Store and Penney's Department Store, co-tenants of the four-story building at San Jose's major downtown intersection, First and Santa Clara streets.

Police Chief of Detectives Barton Collins identified the maintenance man as Ricardo Mello, 27, of San Jose.

Mello was informed at noon Friday that he was fired as of 4 p.m., Collins said. Officers were unable immediately to learn why he was fired.

Under questioning, Mello admitted he opened a vent on the boiler to "nurse" a defective burner and then forgot to close the vent, Collins said.

Mello took a lie detector test "and flunked part of it," Collins said. The parts he "flunked," according to Collins, concerned tampering with the boiler and whether he was angry at the company for firing him.

Collins said investigators found the thermometer on the boiler "frozen" at 270 degrees, the maximum reading.

Officers said no formal charges had been filed against Mello pending further interrogation.

The interior of the building was wrecked. Every window in every floor shattered, raining glass on the packed street and sidewalk below. The explosion threw store window manikins out into the street, many of them lying in puddles of shattered glass in a bizarre footnote to the tragedy.

The dead were identified as Vernon P. Hinton, 41, San Jose; Mrs. Marie Straight, 35, of suburban Campbell, a clerk in Penney's basement; and Mrs. Florence Caballero, 43, of San Jose, a shopper in Thrifty's whose body was pulled from the wreckage five hours after.

An eyewitness said the blast tore a hole 20 feet wide in the middle of the Thrifty Drug's main floor, and shattered the ceiling for 50 feet in all directions.

In the adjacent Penney's store, the concussion blew down a 30 foot section of a wall. Most of the merchandise in both stores was ruined, and the basement was flooded by water from broken mains.

Kenneth Dittich, relief manager of the Thrifty store, said he was thrown five feet against a wall by the force of the blast. He estimated that there were 30 people shopping in Thrifty's at the time.

But he said that had the explosion occurred a half hour later, his store would have been full of persons eating at the counter, part of which was demolished.

Immediately after the blast, all available ambulances from throughout Santa Clara County were rushed to the scene. The fire department sent out three alarms, although this was mostly a precautionary measure since there was practically no fire from the blast.

Toxic Tuna Can Found In Store

BERKELEY (UPI) — Conclusive results of tests on a can of tuna pulled off the shelf of a Saratoga, Calif., store will be available Monday, according to State Health director Malcolm H. Merrill.

He said Friday that preliminary tests on the swollen can indicated presence of a toxic substance which has the characteristics of botulism.

The canned tuna bears the same code as the contaminated tuna which apparently caused the death of two women in the Detroit area last week.



APRIL GOAL FOR WASHBURN WAY PROJECTS — Two bridge construction projects under way at the northern and southern limits of Washburn Way are expected to be completed before the end of April, according to information from Winston Kurth, assistant county engineer. In photo at left, workmen resume construction of a bridge which will provide a direct route to Kingsley Field by way of Alameda Avenue. The bridge, located at the northern extent of Washburn Way, is being



constructed by the Inter-City Construction Company of Eugene at a cost of \$29,504 and is scheduled for completion about the end of April. As workmen of the Eugene construction firm were driving pilings into place to support the Alameda Avenue bridge, employees of the county road department were laying dirt fill (photo at right) to build the second of two approaches to the overpass near Laverne Avenue at the southern end of Washburn Way. The approach work, slated for

completion in May, is proceeding ahead of schedule and will be finished and ready for traffic about the second week in April. The project of laying more than 18,000 truck loads of fill for the approaches to the overpass began about Dec. 15 and will be completed at a cost to the county of approximately \$150,000. Both projects were financed through federal, state and county matching funds.