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Comment in Brief

THE home-building program in this vicinity is little short of phenomenal when its extent is actually realized. In 1940, according to a careful survey made by the Federal Savings and Loan association, there were approximately 600 houses built in metropolitan Klamath Falls—the city and its suburbs. This figure includes every type of building housing a family, but for the most part, the houses counted are substantial, permanent residences.

At a meeting here this week a home loan bank official said that 1940 home construction in Klamath Falls proper was twice the national average for a city of this size. The record of this community must be even better than that, if the suburban construction is taken into consideration, as it should be. The reason our suburban construction doesn't get more recognition in the statistics is that there is no permit record kept in areas outside the corporate limits of cities.

Indications are that this home construction program is going to continue. Demand is great for loans for house building. People have a great deal of faith in Klamath Falls, and they are settling down here with the purpose of acquiring homes.

We sensed a definite lack of enthusiasm in the reports of Klamath's three legislative delegates concerning the 41st session just ended. They made guarded statements about "general satisfaction" and "no harm done" but on the whole they gave an impression, without saying it, that the session lasted a very long time for the amount of business it accomplished.

There really wasn't a lot for the legislators to do at this session, a fact widely commented upon before the assembly started. So it is not surprising that the legislature didn't do much. Trouble is, it took it so long to do so little.

If the legislators had transacted the same amount of business in 40 days, instead of 66, and come home for once without overtime, it would have been marked up as a remarkably successful session.

The parking meter question seems to be slumbering peacefully at the moment, and there is a possibility it may not be awakened.

The public reaction against meters was particularly significant in the country areas. A couple of enterprising Herald and News correspondents interviewed people generally in several outside communities, and received for the most part unfavorable comment on the proposed meter program. Everybody, on the other hand, is for parking lots.

An earnest effort is being made by the city administration to solve parking and traffic problems. Something constructive seems certain to come from it.

The season on public officials is always open, and critics keep up a pretty steady fire.

One reported comment that is wholly without justification is criticism of the recent life sentence imposed by Circuit Judge David Vandenberg on an Indian convicted of second degree murder. It is rumored the judge has been criticized for not making the sentence lighter.

This is an absurdity, for the reason that the judge had no choice. The law makes a life sentence mandatory in the case of a second degree conviction.

PRIORITY OF LOCAL HIGHWAY INDICATED

Chamber of commerce directors Wednesday heard the reading of a letter from W. H. Lynch, district engineer of the public roads administration, stating that The Dalles-California highway is a priority route among national defense roads.

The chamber had previously inquired of T-D highway's status. It was Director Elmer Belsiger's birthday, and his fellow board members celebrated the occasion with a birthday cake.

Among visitors at the luncheon was C. H. Reeves, new district agent of the Southern Pacific here. Reeves has been transferred to Klamath Falls from Redding.

Pranksters Move Concrete Mixer

A concrete mixer, used by C. W. Peterson, contractor, on the Beck's bakery job on South Sixth street, was moved approximately 100 yards by pranksters sometime over the weekend, city police were notified. It is thought to have been the work of boys. The distributor from the motor on the mixer was removed, Peterson told police, and the fan belt cut. The padlock was also pried from its place.

By the producers of "GRAPES OF WRATH"
TOBACCO ROAD
PINE TREE—SOON

BONANZA HIGH TO PRESENT COMEDY

On Friday, March 21, at 8 p. m. the class of '42 of Bonanza high school will present its annual play, entitled "The Nutt Family." It will be held in the Bonanza grade school gym.

Characters
Dr. P. Nutt (Phineas)—Cole Fitzhugh.
Meta Nutt—Iona Smith.
Iona Nutt—Viola Hicks.
Wall Nutt—David House.
Orestes—James Bradshaw.
Sylvia Gaylord—Jean Abraham.

Cerise—Ora Smith.
Bea Wise—Jean Smith.
Helene Shelton—Barbara Pool.
Larry Smart—David Harbison.
Vivian Tepper—Betty Mae Roberts.
Charlotte Neal—Ellen Romtvedt.
Lila—Hazel Cochran.

Montana, second largest of the wool states, produced 32,000,000 pounds in 1938.

NOW PLAYING
Packed with Fighting Punch and Power!
ZANE GREY'S
WESTERN UNION
Filled in Technicolor
with Robert YOUNG—Randolph SCOTT
PINE TREE

Trying Hard Not to Step on Anybody



Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

MAN AND NATURE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—How much better the world of men would be if more people were interested in birds and plants, rocks, clouds and stars. C. M. Goethe in his letter in this column a few days ago told about our older trees—the ha-bingers of spring, their blossoms and the unique and fascinating uses the Indians made of the tree and its products; struck a sympathetic chord in the heart of many readers.

So many of us dash through life thinking only of trying to get rich that we never really live. Instead we get high blood pressure in the rush of city life. We are always nervous and tense while the study of nature and her ways brings relaxation and adds years to life.

We need a wild flower club and a hobby club. We have a mineral club which shows the beauties of even a dull rock. Membership is open for a dollar a year. On our field trips for thunder eggs, dinosaur bones and minerals, we travel in the very heart of nature and her spirit of peace and the misdeeds of men seem far away and quite unimportant in the great scheme of things.

We like to think of nature's beauties; to admire her outward appearance of peacefulness and to set her as an example of human emulation, yet under her seeming calm, we know of the struggle of existence that is going on everywhere. Among man, the great war for economic reasons and for freedom and liberty to live, flashes through our mind, and we say God bless America. Among every living organism from the time of its birth until death, we see in every forest, in every meadow, in every stream, in every flower, starvation, pillage, murder, starvation and suffering. Yet when we see the adaptations of life to meet the chemistry of our environment we realize we are a brother to the bird and the beast of the fields and we can trace in nature the following and refining influence of truth.

One member of our mineral club, who is an amateur paleontologist, found near Dorris the bone of the Eohippus, the dawn animal of the modern horse. This warm blooded animal lived here after the cold blooded lizards disappeared, some thirty million years ago.

These mute bones are openings through which the curtains of time are drawn aside and we can see through them the vista of the ages.

A. A. Soule

PRAIRIE SCHOONER WANTED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—My dear Mr. Jenkins: You've probably been called upon to locate many things: lost children, heirs and relatives. May I call on you to locate an unusual item for me this time? Can you help me locate a wheel, or just the hub of an original prairie schooner of Oregon Trail days? It must be a genuine article, as they say, the real McCoy.

Your paper has been recommended to me as having excellent coverage in four counties in your area comprising two southern Oregon and two northern California counties. For that reason I've written you.

To locate a prairie schooner wheel or hub of a wheel isn't an easy assignment. I know. However, if there is such a thing in your locality, I'm sure readers of your paper's columns will find it.

Should any person possessing this odd piece care to dispose of it, I'm asking them to inform you. Would you then be so kind as to communicate with me about the matter?

As there was a lot of pioneer travel through this region in Oregon Trail days, I'm hoping some old timer in Klamath Falls region can locate this relic for me.

I enjoyed a pleasant visit in Klamath Falls and at Crater Lake recently and hope to be back again. I might mention that I enjoyed the beauties of Klamath lake as much as other natural wonders of this region.

Very truly yours,
RICHARD J. ISLER,
Pendleton, Ore.

Illinois wife asked for divorce because her husband talked in his sleep. May have been the only time he got a chance.

Tuberculosis death rate has been reduced 66 per cent in the last three decades.

TODAY
Last year's stage sensation!
This year's screen triumph!
Stage Door
Where hope meets heartbreak.
Katherine Hepburn—Glenn Hershman—Rogers
Adelpha Menjou
with GAIL PATRICK
Constance Collier, Andrea Leeds, Samuel S. Hinds, Lucille Ball
Directed by Gregory La Cava.
Produced by Pandro S. Berman.
From the play by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman. Screen play by Morris Ryskind and Anthony Veiller.
BIO-RADIO PICTURE
RAINBOW

NLRB INVESTIGATES KESTERSON BALLOT

An investigation Wednesday by Robert Davies, National Labor Relations board representative from Seattle, was under way into circumstances surrounding the board-ordered election to determine a bargaining agent for Kesterson Lumber company employees. An election was ordered in NLRB findings of a hearing held in Klamath Falls last month.

Arriving in the city at almost the same time was E. S. Neal, NLRB examiner from San Francisco, who will conduct an election Thursday, March 20, at the Tionesta mill of the Shaw Lumber company. Neal will also investigate a recent charge filed by the Klamath AFL claiming unfair labor practices in Weed and Dorris mills.

Mission Speaker At Presbyterian

Dr. Ruth Seabury, only member of the National Mission team to speak in Klamath Falls, was to appear at 8 o'clock Wednesday night in the First Presbyterian church at Sixth and Pine streets. Dr. Seabury spoke Wednesday afternoon as leader of a forum discussion. She is brought here by the Klamath Ministerial association.

Wednesday evening's subject by Dr. Seabury was to be, "The Christian Message to the Modern World."

The Old Mine Road, Warren county, N. J., is the oldest highway in North America. Built in 1650, it may still be seen there.

Thirty-five per cent of the 1939 world production of steel was produced in the United States.

TODAY
There are two kinds of love...
THE KIND THIS WOMAN HAD... and every woman wants!
CAROLE LOMBARD
CHARLES LAUGHTON
THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WANTED
SECOND FEATURE
DANCING ON A DIME
with GAIL GUILLAN
and CORNELL
IT'S A MUSICAL METEOR!
VOX
ALL SEATS (INC. TAX) 25¢ Children 10¢

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALON

WASHINGTON, March 19 — No one is expected to believe the official excuse that the American naval detachment was sent to New Zealand for "recreation." Frankly the trip is an official gesture of support to the English-speaking people of the far east, and not the last one. Further detachments of the fleet will soon seek "recreation" in other far eastern English-speaking resorts.

New Zealand is not as remote from far eastern trouble spots as the mileage from Singapore might lead you to believe. Foreign submarines and commerce raiders have been active in those waters.

NEW MASTER

The White House discovered a new associate master at handling congress in the lend-lease fracas. He is State Secretary Hull who developed an extreme proficiency in talking freely without telling anything until congressmen ultimately dropped their arguments from sheer exhaustion of listening.

A member of the house deficiency subcommittee staggered from an executive session with Mr. Hull one day to say: "I asked him four simple questions. He took 10 minutes to answer each one and he never came close to the point of any of them."

VOICE IDENTIFIED

The lone, unnamed senator mentioned in all dispatches as raising the single opposition voice to Mr. Roosevelt's \$7,000,000,000 British aid course at the White House conference, was Senator Alva Adams of Colorado. This does not mean that others among the few congressional leaders present did not share his apprehensions about the astronomical figures involved in domestic defense (now about \$32,000,000,000) and British aid.

FOOD DEALS

Britain is angling with the surplus marketing administration of the agriculture department on a half dozen or more specific food deals. They will need eggs, processed, powdered or dried (good news for the egg dealers who suffered such a decline in price the past few weeks that the government is now buying to hold up the market); hams (supposedly the largest food source for vitamin B1 except brewers yeast); evaporated milk; cottonseed and vegetable oils and lard; navy dried beans; fruit juices; dried fruit.

Amount of purchases this year will run nearer \$800,000,000 to \$700,000,000 than to \$1,000,000,000 as advertised.

Agriculture Secretary Wickard is interesting himself personally in the mechanics of arranging purchases.

VACANCIES

There may be two vacancies on the securities exchange commission. Senator Barkley's son-in-law, Max Truitt, has left the government for private law practice and cleared the way for SEC Commissioner Eicher to get the eighth circuit judgeship which both long have sought.

The judgeship nomination of SEC Chairman Jerome Frank is in no danger in the senate. It was held up by opponents who wanted to dust him off a bit.

SPECIALIST

Agriculture Secretary Wickard took a ragging from the boss for failing to answer questions about cabbage and farm prod-

SIDE GLANCES



"Let the speaker finish his statement before you shout 'Nonsense! Nonsense!'"

ucts in the "Information Please" broadcast. The president smilingly murmured something about an agriculture secretary who did not know agriculture. "I specialize in hogs," responded Wickard.

NEW TABLE

The senate banking committee has a shiny new diamond-shaped table, the personal gift of Commerce Secretary Jesse Jones, although he denies it because there seems to be a law or regulation against such hearty financial cooperation between different government agencies. Jones just got tired of sitting in the witness chair at the far end of a long table from the chairman. At the new one the chairman sits in the middle. (Guessed cost \$750).

NOW PLAYING

MOTHERS, FATHERS, SONS, DAUGHTERS, SWEETHEARTS
It's YOUR Picture!
IT'S
AMERICA ON THE SPOT!

THE FUSE IS LIT!

AND THE EXPLOSION
WILL ROCK THE NATION!

DYNAMITE DRAMA
THAT PULLS NO PUNCHES
—HIDES IN NO CORNERS—
SMASHING AT THE HEART OF EVERY
MOTHER, FATHER, SON & DAUGHTER!

A different kind of motion picture for this world we never knew before! More thrilling than any fiction... More exciting than any synthetic plot!

THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH

1st FULL LENGTH FEATURE PICTURE produced by Marsh of Time

2 BIG FEATURES

Trouble on the Barbary Coast!
The most exciting screen shock of the year... set in the world's most colorful port!

San Francisco Docks
with **BURGESS MEREDITH**
IRENE HERVEY
BARRY FITZGERALD

LATEST NEWS
POLICAN
ONE OF YOUR HOME CONTROLLED, HOME OPERATED THEATRES