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## A Reputation We Want

DISCLOSURE by Sheriff Low that he has strong evidences pointing to identification of at least one of the Buffalo lunch killers boosts the stock of Klamath's law enforcement agencies and indicates a relentless investigation of this flagrant case.

If the present developments lead to final solution of the case, and the whole story can be told, it should equal the best of the "who dunnit?" thrillers that are having such a vogue in the pulps.

This case presented many difficult problems to the officers of the law. It was cloaked in mystery that could be pierced only by the most painstaking sifting of every possible clue. It was work of that sort that made it possible for the sheriff to throw the first light on the probable identity of the bandit-slayers, which may be the basis of further and conclusive developments.

Klamath needs a reputation for strong and determined law enforcement. When a community is tough along that line, it doesn't take the news long to make the rounds via grapevine among the lawless elements that range the country and infest the jungles and hobo camps. They learn to tread lightly in such towns, if not to avoid them entirely.

This is an industrial community, on important transportation lines. In certain times of the year, a heavy influx of transient agricultural workers occurs here. These conditions heighten the probability of frequent visits by lawless wanderers, and it is well that they be informed that it's not a healthy town for trouble-making.

## Sprague Road Plea

COUNTY court members left for Portland and a state highway commission meeting Thursday, stating they would ask the highway commission to consider taking into the secondary system the stretch of the Sprague River road from the Lakeview highway to the town of Sprague River.

Some time ago the state commission rejected a request from several Klamath and Lake county groups and agencies that the entire Sprague River road, from Lakeview highway to Chiloquin, be accepted as a state secondary highway. It was stated at that time it would take \$600,000 to bring this entire road up to standards acceptable as secondary highway.

The modified request now being made is reasonable and deserves the sympathetic consideration of the highway commission. We do not believe that every time a request is made for local work on this road it should be sidestepped by referring to the state or federal government; but in this instance, according to our understanding, the county is prepared to proceed with considerable improvement on the stretch in question to bring it up to or near the standards of a good secondary highway. With this show of good faith by the county, the state commission should be in a sympathetic and receptive mood when Klamath's suggestions are made.

Eugene, of all towns, is annoyed by smells from its garbage dump. It's a matter of interest to the whole state that the university city solve this problem, at least by the time next fall's football schedule starts.

## Election Ordered For Weyerhaeuser By Labor Board

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—The labor board today ordered three separate elections within 30 days among employees of Klamath Falls branch of Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Klamath Falls, Ore., to determine collective bargaining representatives. The elections will be among conductors and brakemen in one group, firemen, engineers and hostlers in another, and electricians and machine shop workers in a third.

## Courthouse Records

### THURSDAY

#### Complaints Filed

J. W. Copeland Yards versus Robert L. Weeks and Harry E. Evans. Suit to collect for labor and materials. Plaintiff asks judgment of \$228.31, \$469.80 and \$140 on three causes of action. Henry E. Perkins, attorney for plaintiff.

#### Divorce Decree

Esther Abner versus Joseph Abner. Final divorce granted on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Maiden name of plaintiff, Esther Lee, restored. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

#### Dismissal

Carlton Wheeler Haynes, dismissed after jury failed to find sufficient evidence for conviction.

#### Justice Court

Leo Joseph Kent, parking on sidewalk. Committed to county jail for 10 days.

John Henry Staub, reckless driving. Fined \$25 and costs.

Robert Lee Miller, found guilty of unlawful selling of alcoholic liquor. Fined \$50.

John Ison Urbach, no PUC permit. Fined \$10.

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The above-mentioned elections order is a result of a hot three-cornered NLRB hearing here early in February. Trainmen through brotherhood locals, which are not affiliated with either the AFL or CIO, petitioned for the hearing but both the CIO and AFL intervened and presented their case for recognition. It was believed here Thursday that all three disputants would appear on the ballot.

## OBITUARY

### BOBBIE ROBINSON WRIGHT

Bobbie Robinson Wright, a life-time resident of Klamath county, passed away in Tucson, Ariz., on Tuesday, April 1, at 12:30 p. m. The deceased was a native of Chiloquin, Ore., and was aged 18 years, nine months and 26 days when called. She is survived by her husband, Harry Leslie Robinson of Beatty, Ore.; two sisters, Olivia Nelson of Modoc Point, Ore. and Loretta Hart of Chiloquin, Ore.; four sons, Ore., Jane Lawver, Angie Crume and Ellen Heocets, all of Sprague River, Ore.; one uncle, Cane Schonchin, also of Sprague River, Ore.; four nieces and one nephew, all residing on the Klamath reservation. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Falls home, 925 High street, where friends may call. Notice of funeral arrangements will be announced later.



## Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 250 words in length, must be written on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

### CONFUSED?

#### MODOC POINT, Ore. (To the Editor)

I am writing this article in a humble endeavor to help, if possible, those people who are puzzled to know what is their Christian duty in view of the conditions that confront our nation and the world when conscience and necessity seem at odds, and duty seems to be pulling in opposite directions.

The Divine law plainly says "Thou shalt not kill," and the same law says "Thou shalt kill," mentioning some sixteen crimes. I believe, for which capital punishment is prescribed. This apparent contradiction is explained by the fact that the law provided for a civil government as well as for personal conduct, and the executions were to be carried out by a legal process.

In New Testament times there was no civil government connected with the church, or under its control, so its teachings are addressed to individuals as private members of society and not to officials. Christ seldom mentions officers or their duties. However please notice these facts. 1. The soldiers who came to John the Baptist were told to do justly and "be content with your wages." 2. The centurions mentioned, were never told to get out of the army. 3. "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword," was addressed to Peter when he started to fight the officers of the law and he would speedily have perished if Christ had not intervened. It is always true in such cases.

The Apostle Paul, however (in Romans 13) speaks of the matter in a little different way. Though speaking of the duties of the government, he is still addressing the individual Christian. He says "For he (the govt. or "power") is a minister of God to thee for good: but if you do that which is evil, be afraid, for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil."

We knew, of course, that there are many things that it would be wrong for the private citizen to do, that may and SHOULD be done by the officers of the law; such as levying and collecting taxes, arresting, trying and punishing evil doers, making and enforcing laws, etc. But this does not mean that everything the state does is right. The state, too, is bound by the laws of righteousness and justice, and each act must be judged on its own merits. The first duty of civil government is to protect the law-abiding citizens in their rights, liberties and general welfare, and this necessitates the use of force, as there is a class of people who will recognize nothing else.

This is not intended to settle the question dogmatically for any one, but to point out a way that has SEEMED TO ME to be a clear, logical and reasonable way to harmonize the principle of meekness and forbearance in our every day lines, and yet serve the government in the exercise of the strong hand of power in dealing with those who

## Italian Students Attempt to Reach American Embassy

ROME, April 3 (AP)—Students attempted to reach the United States embassy and the Yugoslav legation for demonstrations today but were turned back by cordons of troops who blocked the approaches to both buildings.

Several score students paraded through the streets, carrying large Italian and German flags after cheering Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka on his way to the station. They first went to the Palazzo Borghese but troops prevented them from getting near the Yugoslav legation. The students then marched a mile to the Via Vittorio Veneto, where the United States embassy is situated, but again their approach was blocked.

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## Bicycle Recovery Delayed by Mumps

City police were advised Thursday by the owner of a bicycle found in a service station Tuesday, that the machine would be recovered by the owner as soon as he was over the mumps.

## OBITUARY

### WILLIAM LEROY WELCH

William Leroy Welch, for the last 56 years a resident of Klamath county, Ore., passed away in this city Thursday, April 3, 1941, at 3:10 p. m. following an illness of four months. He was a native of Indiana and at the time of his death was aged 82 years, five months and 26 days. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Marvin Michael and Mrs. Ursula Chandler of Hildebrand, Ore. and Mrs. H. P. Thew of Long Beach, Calif.; two sons, Byron and Clifford Welch of Sprague River, Ore.; two brothers, Oakley of San Jose, Calif. and Elmer Welch of Evansville, Ind.; one sister, Miss A. A. Welch of San Jose, Calif.; also ten grandchildren. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced later.

## FUNERAL

Funeral services for little Wayne Allen Hole, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence I. Hole of this city, will be held in Linkville cemetery on Saturday, April 5, 1941, at 2 p. m. with commitment services and interment following. Arrangements are under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home of this city. Friends are invited.

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## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 3—The Stettinius priorities division is ranking over the Henderson proposal to establish a civilian economics control division in the defense regime. Certain priorities people insist such a move would absorb their entire work, and also that of Miss Harriet Elliott's consumers division. They could not regulate the industrial end of aluminum, for instance, and let Henderson independently manage priorities, rationing and prices of the consumers end. The line between them is too indistinct. Other complaints are heard that such a control might break the efficiency of all that has been done to date.

Henderson's personal assistant, John E. Hamm, is the man who is writing the proposed draft of legislation carrying out the idea, but no one yet knows where it is going.

## BAROMETER

You can usually find out what John L. Lewis and the coal operators are going to do in their biennial chats by looking up the amount of surplus coal on hand. The duration of negotiations and strikes in the past has depended on how long the consumers can continue to get coal without the pinch that would rouse a public clamor. When the pinch comes both sides get agreeable.

Mr. Roosevelt's estimators may have told him, although it has not been officially announced, that today the unprecedented supply on hand would serve the nation 43 to 45 days. (Conflicting figures currently being published refer to March 1.) Last year at this time stocks would supply only 27 days. Even two years ago when a strike was imminent, the built-up supply was only enough for 37 days.

Mr. Roosevelt apparently decided 43 to 45 days is too long to wait for the boys to start talking seriously and applied the pinch arbitrarily from the top. But in view of the supply of officialdom generally has not been inclined to regard the situation with the seriousness you might expect.

## FACTORY DRAFT

It was Mr. Roosevelt himself who prompted the senate democratic leadership (Barkley, Byrnes, George) to float the idea of amending section 9 of the draft act to draft factories in cases of strikes. Certain senators whose word is not to be doubted say they received the original notion from the White House.

Usually the president has kept quiet during strikes and congress has agitated action, but in this case it seems the senate leadership was also responsible for postponing action. They were in a tight technical situation. If they merely opened the question, they opened the whole labor issue, not only for this amendment but others which congressmen want. They thought of pasting this one point hurriedly on another bill from the floor, but decided not to run that danger unless absolutely necessary.

As the sponsors tell it, the amendment would be purely technical. All Roosevelt would do in taking over a plant would be to send a sergeant or a colonel around to sit in the office—so they say. But the unexplored legal possibilities were so expensive, both from the interests of management and labor, that all congress was uncomfortable at the suggestion.

## ERRAND BOY

Mayor LaGuardia, who is working nights digging a third term pit so he may fall into it in a way that has been done before, has offered associates the following thrilling account of why he is not in the Roosevelt defense program:

The president called his New York friend in some time ago, drew out a pencil and pad and started drawing boxes. His conversation ran a long line that he had long wanted to get LaGuardia into some sort of federal position, and he thought he had one.

The pad showed 3 boxes in a slanting line from the top to the bottom of the page, connected by single lines. "Now," said the president, pointing to the lowest box, "that's the defense commission." Raising his pencil to the

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## SIDE GLANCES



Here she comes now—just for excitement, let's snub her cold!

## Italians Prepared For More Bad News From African War

ROME, April 3 (AP)—Mario Appellius fascist military commentator, prepared Italians today for news of "further painful losses" in what appears to be a virtual admission of the loss of Ethiopia through imminent fall of Addis Ababa and Dessie. Dessie is some 160 miles northwest of Addis Ababa, the capital, where British and native forces have been reporting considerable gains.

## TRAVEL TALK

It may sound impossible that difficulty could be encountered promoting talk in the senate, but the administration leaders were at their wits end devising stalls to save the Argentine beef amendment. Numerous democratic senators were out of town for Jackson day speeches. During their absence the senate put a full ban on Argentine beef. To kill time until their votes returned, the leaders even induced Senator Reynolds to make another one of his speeches on the beauties of the world as he saw them in his recent travels. Reynolds is good for anywhere from 2 to 24 hours anytime on scenery. Fortunately the administration this time needed only about 2 hours.

## OBITUARY

### RAMON CARRILLO

Ramon Carrillo, a resident of Klamath county for the past 15 years, passed away in this city Thursday, March 27. The deceased was a native of Mexico and was aged 38 years, six months and 27 days when called. He is survived by his mother, Librada Delgado of Zacatecas, Mexico; also brothers and sisters in Mexico. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Falls home, 925 High street. Notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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