

COMMENTS OF THE WEEK

IRON DEPOSIT INVESTIGATIONS MAY PROVE VALUABLE

WITH AN announcement by the State Department of Geology that surveys are to be conducted in Columbia county in respect to iron deposits especially and also to include coal and refractory clays comes the thought that some use may be found for coal deposits in this region. The deposits exist in the information given by a number of people but the value of those deposits for commercial use seems to be a debatable point.

Conjecture has frequently flared as to the extent of coal-bearing strata in this region and the future which might be anticipated should Nehalem Valley coal be a commercial possibility. As yet there is apparently little dependable information on the subject other than that coal does exist.

However, that information should be available, both as to extent and commercial use, following surveys of the Geology Department this summer. When that Department has completed its work, then will it be known definitely what may be expected from coal in this area.

ON THE SUBJECT OF A LIGHTED FIELD

SOME TIME ago, in fact over a year ago, considerable comment was heard on the subject of lights for evening softball games and for football games which would be played on the city park field. After that time little was heard on the "lighted field" subject.

However, the idea for lights had not been forgotten by one person who has shown much interest in sporting activities in Vernonia and of recent years in softball. Lights were again mentioned this week at a time when the softball season is approaching.

As one might expect, the most common and perhaps the most serious drawback to such a project is that of finances. That question usually arises first and requires the most serious planning and that will be the situation in obtaining lights for Vernonia's field. Estimates of cost have been made, giving a figure approximating \$800 for lights which would serve two sports—softball and football. That figure may be too little or it

may be too large. An exact amount could be determined easily should the proposition reach the possible stage through assurance of partial finance.

Suggestions have been made but none has been tried. A small group of sports-minded citizens could develop a plan that would make the lighted field a reality.

JUST ONE AMONG THE MANY

IT WAS just one among the many—the measure introduced by Multnomah County Senator Lew Wallace to regulate the season steelhead may be taken from any Oregon coastal stream south of the Columbia r. r. The bill revives the old controversy between the sportsman and the commercial fisherman, a fight that has raged at the last several legislative sessions.

That portion of the measure which deals with the Nehalem river reads as follows:

Sec. 83-561. (a) It shall be lawful to take, catch or fish for salmon, shad, striped bass, sturgeon or other anadromous or food fish in the waters of Nehalem river or its tributaries at any time with hook and line, commonly called angling; it shall be lawful to take, catch or fish for salmon, or other food fish aforesaid with driftnets in the waters of said Nehalem river or its tributaries from 6 p. m. on the first day of June to 6 a. m. on the thirtieth day of November, below the bridge across said Nehalem river known as the "Mohler bridge"; provided, however, that it shall be unlawful to so take, catch or fish for salmon or other food fish aforesaid with driftnets between 6 a. m. Saturday and 6 p. m. Sunday of each week.

(b) Every driftnet, used for taking, catching or fishing for salmon or other food fish aforesaid during the month of August during each open season shall have a mesh not less than eight inches.

The fight will no doubt continue, for the commercial interests will be there to see that the measure does not become a law and sportsmen will be there to present the opposite viewpoint seeking enactment.

To consider from another standpoint it seems apparent that sportsmen have received little cooperation from the Fish and Game Commission in seeking to protect the steelhead for sportsmen and tourists. On the other hand the sale of hunting and fishing licenses in this area materially aids that commission's work. Take for example these figures on the sale of licenses up to Monday evening: Hunting, 2; Combination, 93; Resident Angler, 78; and Juvenile, 9. Those numbers are totals for the year 1941 with the first month not yet completed. What will those figures be by the end of the year—quite a sizeable number and they will comprise quite a sizeable sum of money.

Of course it is impossible, but perhaps one manner in which immediate action to conserve the steelhead could be obtained would be that all sportsmen unite and refuse to purchase a single license.

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

The astounding scope of the lend-lease plan may have taken some people's breath, but it certainly should make clear to the nation what it means for America to be the arsenal for democracy.

It means that this country is going to supply arms and munitions for nations all over the globe—not only the British Isles—to fight against dictatorship.

For the present at least this does not call for man-power in uniform, but in overalls running machines in plants and factories. And if these men are to give their all to producing defense goods, naturally some of them must stop working on things they have been making.

That industry recognizes the size of the job is apparent. Auto makers, for instance, have been working three months on plans to turn out airplane parts. Now they are talking about abandoning their annual automobile show. Even if they had to go a step farther and not develop new models for next year, that wouldn't be so bad. Some nations in the war aren't producing any automobiles at all for general sale.

It is a tremendous task for the people and for the industry. Last June industry, through the National Association of Manufacturers, made clear that it would take 18 months to two years to produce goods needed "even to approximate the requirements of reasonable national defense."

Now, however, we are to supply all democracies. So the job is bigger, but if it proceeds at its present pace it might even be done in the same time.

One manufacturer, for example, reports that since the end of 1938 he has increased production of defense goods 600 per cent. On the basis of the new appeal, he now has submitted a proposition to the government to increase it 300 per cent more, making his total increase 900 per cent.

This manufacturer knows that he already can turn out more of his particular kind of goods than the country ever would need in peace. But he is going ahead just the same.

This is but one of the many cases that have been cited to Washington and is not reported because it is the exception but because it promises to become the rule.

Since it takes time to build new plants, efforts are being made from all sides to bring into play the small shops which are not big enough to get a contract from the government themselves. Manufacturers who do get contracts from the government are farming them out to these small shops.

In this particular field considerable attention was attracted in Washington to a survey of these smaller establishments being made by the National Industrial Council. When this is completed this month, productive resources in every nook and cranny of the land should be available for use.

While all emphasis is on defense, however, people shouldn't lose sight of other problems. It is being proposed in Washington that unemployment benefits under the Social Security Act be boosted to \$25 a week.

That is, first, a lot more money than many working people make; and second, it would bring the unemployed into the income-tax paying brackets.

That would be funny, wouldn't it? Taxing people to pay unemployment insurance and then taxing the payments.

Here is a bit of bad news for readers of small newspapers, many of which already have been hit hard by taxes.

Rep. Cannon of Missouri proposes that the Wage-Hour law be extended to more of them. In H. R. 64, introduced the first day of the session, he would limit exemption from the law to weeklies or semi-weeklies with circulation of less than 3,000, the major portion of which readership must be in the county of publication.

Under present law, even some dailies are exempt if their circulation does not exceed 5,000 and if most of their circulation is within 25 miles of the place of publication.

This is bad news for readers because some of their papers might be forced to suspend publication if this bill becomes law.

Book Talk . . .

By EDNA ENGEN

"A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever."
Martin Tupper.

"Mr. Littlejohn" by Martin Flavin.

Mr. Littlejohn, the middle-aged head of Rosydent Company, finds his firm in difficulties with the government, the unions and everyone else.

His detractors say that he is a cheat, a crook and an exploiter of the working class. His supporters maintain that he is a public benefactor and a brilliant business man.

Mr. Littlejohn feels he is neither. He has been forced all his life to be a business man. Pulled this way and that by his wealth and position, he feels that he has never had time to be himself.

His family as far as he can determine has no opinion about him at all. In fact he suspects that they are scarcely aware of his existence.

One day, Mr. Littlejohn puts on his hat and walks out, leaving his business, family and everything. With the aid of a false mustache, that enables him to change his mild cherubic expression to somewhat resemble "Blackbeard", current public enemy, he escapes recognition and sets out to rub elbows with life.

His adventures carry him clear across the United States and involve him in many situations, some humorous, some sad.

During the winter months there is greatly increased demand upon the car battery and its condition should be carefully watched, suggests the Oregon State Motor Association. Greater use of headlights and prolonged use of the starter on cold motors place a severe load on the battery in winter. The correct specific gravity of a fully charged battery is from 1280 to 1300.

LODGES

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First and Third Mondays

Leaders Go to Scappoose Sat.

KEASEY—(Special to The Eagle)—The 4-H Club leaders met in Scappoose Saturday.

Mrs. John Krinnick visited Mrs. Herb Counts Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and Mrs. W. J. Lindsley and son, Joe, visited Mr. Lindsley at the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Counts visited at Camp McGregor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McDonald spent Sunday at the Frank Morris home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Linsley, Joe and Claribel Linsley and Lois McDon'd made a trip to Huber Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Counts and daughter, Betty, and Mrs. Jack Bardsley visited Mrs. Alma Sitts Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kreiger and daughter and Bill Kreiger of Portland visited at the Albert Kreiger home Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Luther and son, Jimmie, visited in Portland Sunday.

Miss Anna Mae Ramey spent the week-end at Independence.

Mrs. G. A. White and Mrs. John Krinnick visited at the W. J. Lindsley home Monday.

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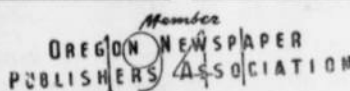
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COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens--

COURT PLANS WORK ON TWO ROADS--

Improvement of much of the Chapman-Pittsburg and Rainier-Apiary roads, WPA-constructed, is planned by the county court which intends to have crushed rock, size three-quarter inch and less, put on over the base rock. Both roads are much traveled and the added improvements will be welcomed.

A county crusher located about seven miles south of Vernonia is to be moved to the Rainier-Apiary road and set up at a place about four miles from where the road joins the Nehalem highway near Oak Creek ranch. It is understood that the county has purchased several acres where there is a quantity of rock suitable for crushing.

LABOR SHORTAGE RESULTS FROM CREW TRANSFER--

A shortage of immediately available labor on some county WPA projects has been the result of the transfer of 75 workers from works projects jobs to the Bonneville transmission line crew. J. S. Groo, WPA division operating superintendent for Columbia county, said last week.

Of the 75 men given employment on the better-paying Bonneville work, about two-thirds came from the Fifth and West Sts. improvement project and the Cater road force. A few replacements have been made, Mr. Groo said, but since practically all available men are placed he does not look for substitute labor to be immediately ready.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS PLAN DINNER, DANCE--

February 12, birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln, will be the occasion for a Young Republican club dinner and dance, Lyle Baker,

president of the Columbia county club, announced last week.

Invited speakers for the banquet include David W. Hazen, staff writer on the Oregonian, and Frank Loneragan, republican representative in the Oregon legislature from Multnomah county.

Clatskanie--

TRAIN WANTED, MANY PROTEST--

Ormond R. Bean, Oregon public utilities commissioner, held a hearing at Seaside last Monday, following protests from most of the towns and communities of Clatsop and Columbia counties against the suspension of the one passenger train each way per day by the S. P. and S. between Seaside and Portland.

The commissioner took the matter under advisement and after an examination of the various exhibits and testimony, will render his decision.

All of the communities in this section, including the town of Clatskanie, joined in the protest.

Rainier--

1941 BIRTHDAY BALL HERE FEBRUARY 1--

There will be a birthday ball for infantile paralysis benefit given at Clatskanie on Saturday, January 25, and one at Rainier on Saturday, February 1. This arrangement has been made so that those wishing to attend at both places may do so. Eddie Burke's orchestra of Portland will furnish the music.

Engaging the starter while the motor is running may cause a bent starter shaft or broken teeth on the flywheel, making the starter jam when it is next used.

Eagle Items Of Past Years

ONE YEAR AGO--

The Vernonia 5 and 10, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cline, opened its doors to business.

Fred Lumm was named Business Agent for Local No. 5-37 to serve the remainder of the term after the resignation of Lyman Wax.

Over \$60 was contributed by Vernonia for the benefit of infantile paralysis as a result of the President's Birthday Ball.

FIVE YEARS AGO--

A total of 340 men were at work on the Scappoose-Vernonia and Apiary-Nehalem road projects.

Dr. R. D. Eby issued a notice prohibiting children of grammar school age or under from attending any public function or social gathering. The order was issued due to the prevalence of contagious diseases.



By EARL SNELL, Secretary of them

Seventy-five percent of the non-resident motor vehicles registered in Oregon during the year 1940 came from the three western states, Idaho, Washington and California. It was announced today by Earl Snell, secretary of state.

California led the list with 70,754 cars, while Washington sent 20,949 and Idaho contributed 4,500.

Total non-resident registration for the year was 127,941 vehicles, the lowest registration since 1936. In 1939, the registration totaled 149,502 vehicles, but the registration for 1940 is believed to have amounted to not quite half of the out-of-state cars actually visiting Oregon during the year.