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BOOKS WILL BURN—BUT THOUGHTS ENDURE

It is almost like going back into the middle ages to read of Germany's attempt to put the torch to all books which do not conform to the notions of Adolf Hitler.

These bonfires, dotting public squares from one end of Germany to the other, may have seemed to the Nazis like the beacon fires of a new day, a day in which everything "non-German" is to be destroyed.

It has been tried before, over and over again. Roman emperors and Spanish inquisitors have tried it, Russian czars and French kings, courts civil and religious—and it has never worked.

Books have been burned and their authors have been burned, all of the resources of great kingdoms have been enlisted to stamp out ideas that rulers did not like; and nothing of permanence has ever been accomplished.

When a man gives a book to the world—provided that his book has real meat in it and not just a tale told to amuse idle minds—he contributes something which his fellows will use as long as it contains anything of value for them.

To be sure, you can take the book and burn it. You can take the author and burn him too, if you like; you can send soldiers into homes and dispossess any people you find reading the book or talking about it.

And the thing you fought against will go on working, as long as there is any work for it to do. Your bonfires will die down and their ashes will grow cold; but the flame that was the book itself will keep on burning as long as men anywhere need its light.

THE ISSUE AT LONDON

The French, and certain European countries, are bringing all the pressure to bear possible at the London economic conference to force America to stabilize the value of the dollar.

President Roosevelt has refused to agree to any definite program in this regard. His domestic policy in America is primarily based upon a rise in commodity prices as a necessary preliminary to a return of prosperity.

A fact which many do not realize is that France and those nations seeking to maintain the gold standard and stabilize currencies are seeking to improve present conditions by the same old methods with which the world has been familiar.

Old methods have failed to end the depression. Old methods have periodically produced the cycle of prosperity and depression. It would appear wise for the world to try new methods.

Now that Brisbane has advised the navy how to officer airships, some bright naval officer ought to tell Arthur how to write editorials.

TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND BREAD PRICE UP PORTLAND, Ore., July 15 (AP)—The Wholesale Bakers' association of Portland today announced an increase of one cent a pound on standard brands of bread, with a minimum of a cent a pound on retail on so-called "secondary" brands.

SALEM TO VOTE ON BEER SALEM, July 14 (AP)—The question, "to beer or not to beer" will be decided by the voters here at the July 15 special election.

GRANTS PASS, July 15 (AP)—Narrating the fight and sound of the shot that killed State Representative Mrs. Bannan in a note so long that the electric fan in the waiting courtroom had to be killed as she could be heard, Mrs. J. E. Elphing of the Greenback mine gave her eyewitness account of Bannan's slaying by John Barker and Harry Bowles without identifying positively which of the two fired the fatal bullet.

U. S. TO MATCH FUNDS CORVALLIS, Ore., July 14 (AP)—Agreement has been reached whereby the federal government will make funds for an agricultural and engineering survey to supply supplemental water for the Baker and Bogard reclamation projects according to a telegram received here from Senator Steiwer by Dr. W. L. Powers, secretary of the Oregon reclamation company.

URGENT UMATILLA RAPIDS DAM PENDOLATO, Ore., July 15 (AP)—Whistleblowers of the Island Empire through A. E. Stonaway, of Melton, president of the North Pacific Grain

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Miss Fisher is a scene from "Pick-Up" at the Liberty Sunday.

The story of a couple of youngsters who meet without benefit of introduction in "Vina Delora's" "Pick-Up," staged by E. P. Schaubert for Paramount in which Sylvia Sydney and George Raft are co-starring, and which is to open Sunday at the Liberty theatre.

Sylvia is the girl. Raft the boy. Sylvia, engaged from prison to whom she has been sent when her husband, a criminal, "finishes" her, is destined to the city. Child, broke and swatting wet she takes shelter on a rainy night in an empty cab. Raft, the driver, orders her out, but when he is convinced of the genuineness of her story helps her.

But they are deeply in love, though they cannot be married. Raft's wife is a play girl, and she makes a play for Raft, and he falls for her. Sylvia becomes married, and listens to a lawyer. He informs her that she can easily secure an annulment of her marriage to her present husband, and be free to marry Raft.

But the very day the papers come through, the husband appears on the scene, fresh from a jail break in which he has killed a guard, and temporarily incensed on revenge, jumps out upon Sylvia, but, on Raft's aid, she reaches a breathless climax in her attempt to save the life of the man she loves.

EAGLES PICNIC IS TOMORROW

The Eagles picnic will be held tomorrow at Cove and all who wish transportation are asked to meet at the hall at 9 o'clock. The lodge will furnish coffee, cream, sugar and the cream while the members will furnish their own lunch.

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START PROGRAM OF EDUCATION IN FOREST CAMPS

BAKER (Special) - A program of vocational education for members of the civilian conservation corps, employed by the government on the Whitman forest has been launched by the local forest service, Otto E. Koenig, educational and training director for the three camps, situated on Camp Baker.

The topics to be studied are: forest management, range management, fish and game, ranger's work, identification of native trees and shrubs, woodcraft, fire control, maps and surveys, research, communication and possibly some other activities in which the youths are interested.

Instruction will be conducted by members of the forest service staff, but the forest officials also plan to bring available experienced men outside the service.

The young men were greatly interested in the work at Camp Baker. A schedule for instruction had not been arranged, but it was announced that the study of the various topics will be done largely on the men's own time.

The instruction will be carried on in the form of discussions and lectures and so far as possible by practical demonstration. Emphasis will be placed on the various activities in which the men are actually engaged at the present time, although some instruction will be given in all phases of forestry.

The purpose of the vocational education program is to give the young men a better understanding of their work and forest work in general. The educational work is voluntary on the part of the men, who are given an opportunity to designate the type of study they are interested in.

The forest service is establishing a library, containing about 200 volumes on forestry and nature study, at Camp Baker. A similar library will be established in each of the other two camps. A camp educational and training director will be appointed in each camp. He will have charge of the library and other matters relating to the educational program. Otto E. Koenig, an enrolled man from Vain has been appointed as camp educational director at Baker.

Farmers Boosting Pay of Hired Hands

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—Farmers more optimistic with the rise in farm prices, are boosting the pay of their hired hands.

The bureau of agricultural economics said wages for farm labor have been increased approximately 5 per cent in the last three months. Wages for "day" workers, based on July 1 ranged from 55 cents in South Carolina to \$2.35 in Rhode Island.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

To Portland—Mrs. Floyd Sherwood is in Portland where she is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Nellie Prater. She plans to return to her home here Tuesday evening.

Guest—Eggar Perry of Portland has been spending the past week in La Grande with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wagner. He will return to Portland this weekend.

Returns Home—Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Hamilton left today for their home in Portland after a vacation spent in La Grande visiting Mrs. J. H. Millering, mother of the former, and at Summerville with Mrs. Clair Hamilton, mother of Mr. Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton was formerly Miss Louise Millering of this city.

At Weston—Mr. A. J. Starnes was a recent visitor in Weston and was one of the guests at a meeting of the Women's Missionary society there on Thursday.

Injured Finger—Tom Tines is suffering from an infected finger which is of such a serious nature that he is being treated in a hospital while having it encased in a finger stall at a local drug store.

To Burns—Legionnaires accompanying the American Legion junior baseball team to Burns this afternoon are Raymond O. Williams, coach; Otis Palmer, Dr. Frank Eames, John H. Gandy and Harry Orens.

Visiting Here—Mrs. Charles of Chehalis, Wash. is here visiting Charles Pyle and Billy Caldwell. He and Mr. Pyle drove to Wallawa lake this weekend to spend a few days.

Bank Clears Up Big Debt in Six Months (Continued from Page One)

and top industries have been picking up materially of late, and Wallawa

La Grande Hotel Dining Room and Coffee Shop SUNDAY DINNER 65c

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