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Tired Doughboys Hope for Relief From Luzon Line

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WITH THE 25th DIVISION AT BALETE PASS, Luzon — (By Wireless) — I chinned a while with some of the men of company D, 35th infantry, and they decided I'd better take a look at the crest of Balete Pass, which was just around a bend in the highway.

There wasn't much there. One very dead Jap in the road. A ruined resthouse on the left.

Clouds obscured the view, but on a clear day you could look northward and downward toward the Villa Verde trail and Santa Fe. From here on it would be downhill for these tired troops, who hoped there was truth in the rumor that they would be relieved when Santa Fe was taken.

Jim Hutcherson came along and we returned to our jeep, which wasn't quite where we had left it. One of those Jap mortar shells had struck a hillside just above, showering dirt and rock on it, and our driver explained that "I took off."

As we left they were bringing two bodies down the hillside on litters — soldiers killed the day before.

On the way home we noticed a medical installation and stopped off. This turned out to be a portable surgical hospital attached to the 35th regiment. The commanding officer, Maj. Francis H. Burke, of Rockville, Conn., showed up through his neat tent unit, and said this was about its fifteenth location since Lingayen landing in January.

Once his unit had handled 20 major surgical cases between dusk and 10 the next morning. This was in a churchyard at Puncan near here.

Only one patient was there when I went through, but another was brought in presently, a California boy from the 27th regiment. A machine gun bullet had cradled his head and his ankle was hurting.

The major snipped off the bandages, talked to the boy in a friendly way, and called for this and that to be done.

Before this he had showed me a captured Jap operating table, and adjustable and collapsible job of stainless steel which he prized highly. Before getting that, all they had was a litter supported by two wooden horses.

When it was necessary to elevate a patient's head they had to do it with piled blankets. The Jap table had a panel which could be adjusted to tilt the head and shoulders.

The major invited us to mess. So we dined with him and his staff—Captains Sam Munger, of Greenwood, Miss., and Bill Robbins, of Houston, Tex., surgeons, and Capt. Lester M. Saidman, of Kingston, Pa., anesthetist.

They told us about one case where it took 50 men eight hours to bring in a wounded man from a ledge.

And Corp. Alvis T. Lemonds, of Kennett, Mo., drove in with the patient mentioned above, told of having just seen three Japs come down a hillside, waving white flags, up the road a piece, and surrender.

Lions Are Told of Plans For Army Show On June 15

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announced club activities for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending June 30th, will consist of election of officers at next Monday's meeting, installation on June 18, and visit of district governor Bob Lewis of Portland, June 25, the final club meeting until September 10.

Ralph E. Jones announced the special school election to be held on June 15th in which the school board is asking permission from the voters of the city to purchase some property adjacent to the present school campus, to round out their facilities.

Alfred Owsley, of the club's agricultural committee, announced that June 15 will mark the end of the registration period for folks competing for Lions club victory garden contest prizes, and urged all members and their friends to get contest entry blanks and register before that date. Entry blanks may be obtained at the Safeway store, Rosenbaum electric, or Hall's typewriter service.

Wilbur Smith and H. D. Wilson were named to the club's boys and girls work committee, and Carl G. Helm to the military affairs committee.

Guests were Foster Sims, Lawrence L. Welchko, Ralph Nelson, and C. J. Shorb. Carl G. Helm was introduced as a new member.

Youngsters' Stock Brings Good Prices At Union Show

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In most instances the prices were: "The market quotations in Portland were 18 cents for good to choice beef, whereas almost every steer sold at Union brought 20 cents or more," he said.

"The same situation was true of the hog sales. Current market quotations list hogs at \$15.75, and those at Union brought from 17 to 21 cents.

"Lamb also went well over the current market prices of \$13.75, cents a pound, and the grand 124-pound reserve champion, exhibited by the same 4-H clubber, respectively, brought 55 cents and 40 cents a pound."

The bulk of the animals were purchased by Safeway Stores, who paid 55 cents for Betty Jo Greener's 97-pound grand champion lamb and 40 cents for the 124-pound reserve champion, exhibited by the same 4-H clubber.

Steers Bring 28 Cents The grand champion 4-H steer, which weighed 847 pounds, also was bid in by Safeway at 28 cents a pound, and the champion FFA champion steer, weighing 808 pounds, brought the same price.

Vann's grand champion 4-H hog also went to Safeway at 20 cents, and Bill Brooks' grand champion FFA hog sold for 18 cents to the same buyer. The animals weighed 279 and 286 pounds, respectively.

Other purchasers of steers included the following: Eastern Oregon Meat company; Eastern Oregon Livestock association; Oregon Trail Lumber company; Union; La Grande Chamber of Commerce; Baker Packing company; Baker; Shank's cafe, Union; Peterson's, North Powder; People's Packing company, Condon; H. & M. Meat company, Union; C. C. Conrad, Imbler; Forrest Scroggin, Union and Condon Meat company, Condon.

Awards in the various classes were placed in the order named, exhibitor being identified by county of origin of the stock exhibited:

Light Herefords—Ronne Sands, Lorene Haynes, Baker; Bob Lewis, Umatilla; Orville Williams, Union and Eugene Counsell, Union.

Heavy Herefords—Wayne Locke, Wallawa; Marion Reppinger, Wallawa, and Bill Lanman, Union.

Aberdeen Angus—Elinor Corning, Baker; Bob Lewis, Umatilla, and Arlen Buroker, Umatilla.

Chester White hogs—Johnnie Vann, only exhibitor.

Duroc Jersey—Elinor Corning, Baker; Jack Corning, Baker.

Lambs—White face singles and pen of three, Wendell Hogg, Umatilla county.

Lambs, black face singles, Betty Jo Greener, Vann, Carl Smith, Keith Farrar, Gilliam county, and Gassett, Pen of three, Smith, Greener, Hallmark, and Virginia Urguid, Union county.

Beef showmanship—Locke; Marion Reppinger, Elinor Corning, Bob Lewis, and Bill Lanman.

Hog showmanship—Barrie Gassett, Johnnie Vann and Rod French, all Union county.

Sheep showmanship—Vann, Gassett, Betty Jo Greener, Carl Smith, and Keith Hallmark, Union county.

Livestock judging—Donald Sands, Union county, scored 510 out of possible 600.

Livestock demonstration contest—Vann and Rod French of Mt. Fannie pig club of Cove, demonstrated fitting hog for show, and the Gilliam county team took second place with a demonstration of rope tying.

State Department Urges Peacetime Military Training WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP)—The state department today endorsed universal peacetime military training as "an essential part of our share in the United Nations proposals for world security."

The department's unqualified endorsement was given by Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew in testimony before the house post-war military policy committee.

Grew, speaking against a personal background of 20 years of service in Germany and Japan before the outbreak of two wars, was the first witness as the long delayed hearings got under way. The issue of peacetime military training is expected to explode into one of the hottest fights of this session of congress.

Grew said the United States must be prepared to contribute its share to a United Nations military pool if it should be called upon to do so when other steps fail to preserve peace. "We should accept the judgment of our highest military authority. And that authority holds that unless a system of universal military training is put into effect, we shall not have available the reserve of trained men required to make our air and sea and land forces adequate to meet any possible future threats to our freedom."

Calendar of Coming Events

June 5—Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers, KP hall, 2 p. m.
June 5—Royal Arch Masons, Masonic temple, 7:30 p. m.
June 6—La Grande lodge AF & AM, Masonic temple, 7:30 p. m.

Pioneer La Grande Matron Succumbs

Jennie Isabelle Low, 76, 1008 Lake street died Saturday, June 2 at a local hospital following a long illness.

She was born July 24, 1868 in southern Oregon and had been a resident of La Grande for 45 years.

Survivors include two sons, D. W. Low of Willamina, and Arlie D. Low of the U. S. navy; six daughters, Mrs. Walter Thompson, Union, Mrs. Arthur Robinson, Ponderosa, Mrs. C. E. Comstock, and Mrs. P. E. Legore, La Grande, Mrs. H. B. Haynes, Grants Pass, and Mrs. Lawrence Hensley, Portland; two brothers, George and Jack Stanton of Idaho; two sisters, Mrs. Harry Cramer, Idaho, and Mrs. Affie Robinson, Los Angeles, 35 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Snodgrass funeral home, with Rev. Eugene Chamberlain officiating. Interment will be in Union cemetery.



CLOSING IN ON JAPAN—Front-by-front developments in the Pacific war show stepped-up tempo of allied advances in every theater against Japan's main defense lines.

Of every 10 letters sent by mail, one is put into a re-used envelope in England. The islands of Tobijima have moved 27 meters in six years, according to scientific discoveries.

Market Quotations

CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO, June 4 (UP)—Grain futures displayed an uneven trend on the board of trade today. Wheat showed relative weakness under hedge selling, rye ruled strong most of the session, reaching new season highs in all but July delivery, and new crop corn rose to season peaks with July firm at the ceiling. A late recession pared gains from best levels.

Prices declined further on the close with wheat finishing the day off 1/4 to 1 cent a bushel; corn off 1/4 to 1/2 cent; oats off 1/4 to 1/2 cent; rye off 1/4 to 1/2 cent, and barley unchanged to up 1/4.

Early profit-taking and evening-up accounted partly for the relative easiness. Grainmen looked for the army to resume aggressive flour buying later this week, however, and this checked the downturn.

PORTLAND DAIRY

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4 (UP)—Civilian supplies remained scarce on the Portland dairy market today with prices generally unchanged.

Butter—Cube, 93 score, 42 3/4c; 92 score, 42 1/4c; 90 score, 42c; 89

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, June 4 (UP)—Livestock:

Cattle, salable, 18.50; calves 350, market uneven, fed steers strong, five loads good to choice 18.00; few good loads 16.25-17.00; good to choice fed heifers 17.00; other cattle slow, steady to weak, common-medium steers 12-15.50, heifers 11-14.50, canner-cutter cows 7-9.50; medium-good beef cows 12-13.00; good beef bulls, 13-15.50; sausage bulls, slow at 12.00 down. Good-choice vealers 15.50-16.50, odd to 17.00.

Hogs salable 250, mostly steady, with feeder pigs unevenly higher, barrows and gilts 15.75, sows 15.00; stags 14.50, choice 84 pound feeder pigs 21.00.

Sheep salable 900, market active, steady; good-choice spring lambs mostly 13.75; common 49 pound feeders 9.00; good-choice No. 1 pelt lambs 13.25; good shorn ewes 6.50-6.75; woolled ewes up to 8.50.

Eggs—Prices to retailers: AA large, 44c; A, large, 42c; medium small, 35c dozen.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 27.2c; dairies, 27.7c; Oregon loaf, 27.9c. Jobbers pay 1/2c below quotations.

Stocks Advance on Bullish Market

NEW YORK, June 4 (UP)—Demand for steel shares turned the stock market irregularly higher today after an initial decline.

Wall Street quarters attributed the rise in steel shares to circulation of an investment council's prediction of "excellent" future domestic and foreign demand for steel tonnage.

General bullishness reflected a number of favorable news developments. Utilities rose to a new peak since March 31, 1937 on gains ranging to more than 2 points. Steels scored late gains ranging to a point or more. Rails replaced early losses with gains in most cases. Motors generally were steady. Merchantile shares improved fractionally, and copers were higher.

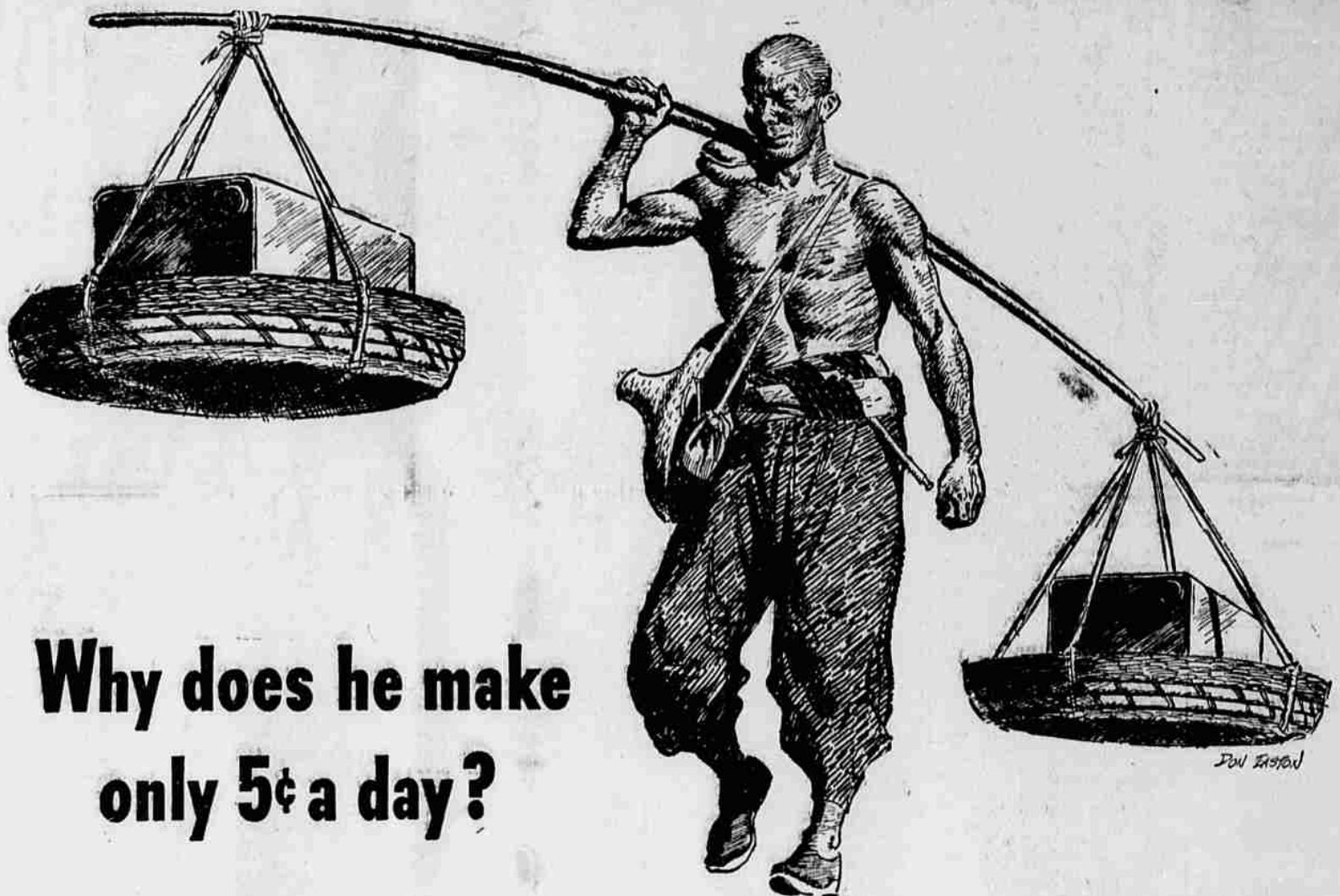
PORTLAND GRAIN

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4 (UP)—Wheat range—all blank.

Cash wheat: S white hd wh app 154 1/2; s white hd wh no rex 156 1/2; white club 157; western red 157; hard red winter ordinary 155; hard white baart ordinary—blank.

Cash grain: Oats No. 2 38 lbs. white 48.75. Barley No. 2 45 lbs. west 46.00.

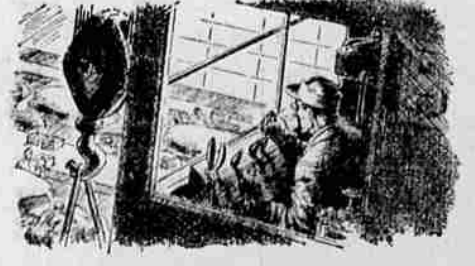
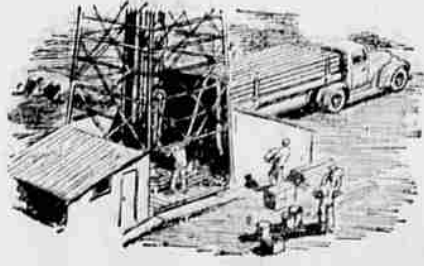
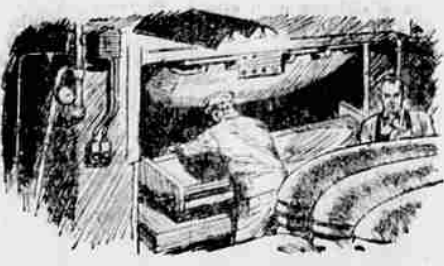
Defective sockets, which result in poor contact, cause bulbs to burn out frequently.



1. Transportation can create wealth just as surely as farming or manufacturing. For it increases the value of a product by taking it from where it exists in abundance to where it is scarce and needed. Therefore, the more product you can move, the more wealth you can create—and the more you can earn.

2. Both the Chinese coolie and our Union Oil truck drivers are transportation workers. Yet the coolie makes only 5c a day and our truck drivers average \$9.90. Why? Well, the coolie, with his equipment, can only transport 10 gallons of kerosene about 20 miles in a day.

3. But our trucker, with the machinery at his disposal, can transport 5,000 gallons 300 or 400 miles in a day. Consequently he can create many times as much wealth with his day's work. In other words, mechanization—not the popular fallacy that China is "overpopulated"—accounts for the difference.



4. The average American can't produce much more with his bare hands than the average Chinese—or European. But he has for more machinery at his disposal with which to multiply the labor of his hands. At Union, for example, there is \$43,525 in equipment—oil wells, trucks, etc.—for each employee.

5. This equipment is owned by 32,227 Union Oil stockholders. But who owns it isn't so important as the fact that it is available for use. For while the stockholders' dividends last year amounted to 3% on net capital invested in equipment, the employees were able to earn far more than that from the use of the equipment.

6. So the important point is not who owns the machinery of production but under what system will those machines be best and most plentiful. Our free, competitive American system isn't perfect yet, but it has just more and better machinery at our disposal than any other system known to man.

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