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Came the Dawn of the Ninth Year of War



EVENING OBSERVER'S PROGRESS PROGRAM

IRRIGATION—Complete the Grande Ronde Valley irrigation project.
LA GRANDE — A city of 10,000 — Extend the city limits.

Water—Agricultural and Industrial Expansion

Expansion and development of the natural resources of any area involves creation and application of material resources necessary to that development. Many forward minded farmers and business men in northeastern Oregon and with particular reference to the Grande Ronde valley have urged the erection and operation of canneries in the valley.

Several important factors, however, are operative which are not conducive to the interesting of capital for this purpose.

Primarily — there is no guarantee to any operator of a cannery here that a sufficient amount of the kind of crops necessary to his operation will be grown in the area.

Secondarily — we can group a number of factors, including site, labor supply, transportation, and the most important of a number of other, available water supply for operation.

The city of La Grande has adequate water supply for the businesses now in operation and for domestic use. Survey made by bureau of reclamation officials last week indicates, however, that very little additional water is available for industrial expansion. A cannery uses a great deal of water during its operative season. Nearly every type of manufacturing concern uses water in comparatively large amounts. This area now is in no position to supply this

necessary water. Considering the streams flowing through all watersheds in this section of the state and the bountiful supply with which nature has endowed the area, this fact is ironical.

This entire matter deserves much more consideration from all communities of the area and active farm and business organizations than it is getting.

Throughout the entire northwest communities, farming and industrial areas are actively working for their future development and the creation and acquisition of adequate water to supply that development is the FIRST CONSIDERATION in plans and programs now being carried out.

We are doing relatively little. We have available to us, and we will get it only by strong political insistence, a complete report on the Grande Ronde irrigation possibilities. This report, first completed on a tentative basis in 1941, has been allowed to kick around with comparatively little community and area interest manifested.

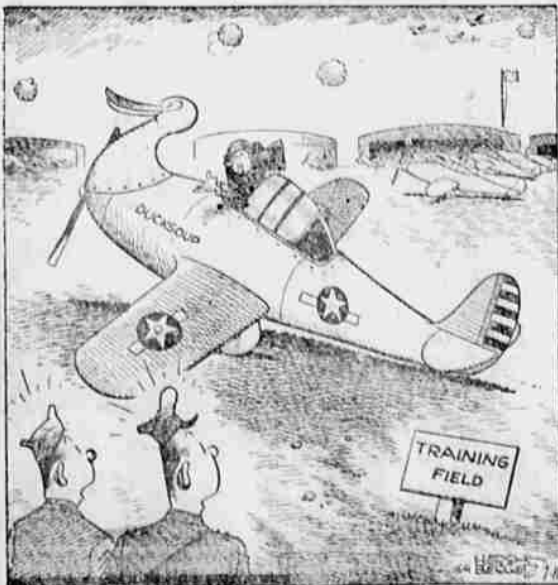
Erection of a cannery in this area is a natural. Many cannery concerns have actively investigated the possibilities of so doing, but to date nothing has been done.

One cannery which wanted to come in here is now located in Lewiston. Another is operating in Malheur county. This area had first choice and first consideration—BUT WE DID NOT GET THEM. Why not?

No one will erect an expensive barn on the mere possibility that a horse can be acquired in the indefinite future. No one will erect the barn in an area which has no feed or water for the horse. This is a homely parallel, perhaps, but somewhat illustrative.

Let's find out about the feed and water. Let's get the Grande Ronde irrigation report made public.

Funny Business



"I think it'll fool the enemy, if I don't run into a bunch of duck hunters!"

SO THEY SAY

Within the next 10 years you will see the face of American poetry, and English, change completely.
 —J. Donald Adams, New York City.

Jails, at best, are schools of crime for juveniles.
 —Grace Matheson, secretary W. C. T. U.

The general trade attitude is strongly opposed to any cancellation, even temporarily, of butter ration point values.
 —Garden Urner, independent market reporter.

The charter by itself is nothing if it fails to rally the loyalty of the major powers who alone can give it body and life.
 —London Times.

American employers have neither the desire nor the intention to deny returning veterans all possible consideration.
 —U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—As President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes prepare for the Big 3 conference, significant light can now be thrown on one extremely important phase of our snarled relations with Soviet Russia, which still remain the most important question facing the USA at the Berlin parley.

One of the chief criticisms we have made of the Russians is that they have not lived up to the Yalta agreement.

Among other things U. S. and British diplomats have claimed that the Russians established the Renner government in Austria without notifying their allies. Under the Yalta agreement it was specified that the Big Three should consult with each other regarding new governments, such as that in Austria, to be established in the liberated areas. So certain British and American diplomats, in the course of feeding out anti-Soviet stories at San Francisco, dropped word to the press that the Russians had taken the bit in their teeth and set up Karl Renner, former Socialist leader, as the new chancellor of Austria—without consulting us.

However, this columnist is now able to give the text of a note from the British foreign office which states just the opposite. The note, for the information of different parts of the British empire and its allies, is dated April 29—at the very start of the San Francisco conference. It shows the Russians did notify the United States and Britain regarding the proposal to establish the Renner government. Furthermore, the British note states:

"From what we know of Renner so far we have no particular objection to him."

The Nine Old Men

Resignation of Justice Owen D. Roberts from the supreme court has aroused speculation among court insiders as to its effect upon Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone.

Ever since the retirement of Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, these two—Stone and Roberts—have been the sole surviving republicans, surrounded by younger democrats. And gradually over the years, they have grown closer to each other. Perhaps also the fact that they sit together on the bench cements this friendship. During court session, Roberts, a forceful and charming conversationalist, frequently leans over and whispers to the chief justice, on whose right

he sits. Court insiders believe this close relationship has had its effect upon Stone's opinions, which in recent years have veered to the right.

During early days on the court, Stone was influenced by the powerful legal minds of Justices Brandeis, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Cardozo—all liberals. Those were the days when his opinions had a liberal ring—despite the fact that he was appointed to the bench by Calvin Coolidge and was the medicine-ball partner of Herbert Hoover.

But under the Roberts influence, Stone's opinions have changed. The chief justice sees much less of the democratic justices, even though Justice William O. Douglas was once his student at Columbia. With the retirement of Roberts, however, legal observers are wondering whether the chief justice's opinions will revert to his old liberal days—or whether he will retire from the court shortly himself—the last lone survivor of the hectic days when Roosevelt and congress battled over "the nine old men."

Capitol Chaff

Congratulations to the St. Louis Star-Times on its expose of the fascist-minded "Eleventh Hour" which claimed that German atrocity pictures were fakes. The Star-Times expose put the "Eleventh Hour" out of business, and forced its editor, Lawrence Reilly, off the air as a commentator for the Lutheran hour. . . . Credit the Zanesville, O. News with inspiring the idea of P. O. W. clubs—organizations of U. S. service men captured in Germany. The idea is being taken up by veterans all over the country. . . . When Senator Bilbo filibustered against the FEPC he had on his desk a book, "What the Negro Wants," by Dr. Rayford Logan, professor at Howard (Negro) university. . . . For a long time the Russians held up U. S. ambassador Laurence Steinhardt from going to his new post in Czechoslovakia. (Steinhardt used to be ambassador to Moscow and is very anti-Soviet.) When Steinhardt was about to take off recently, he got word from Prague that the air field was under Russian control and he would have to get Soviet permission to land. Steinhardt cabled back that he was leaving anyway. Shortly thereafter, the Russian commandant in Prague sent a cable that Steinhardt could land anywhere in Czechoslovakia. So maybe relations with Moscow are improving.

Side Glances



"I think Dorothy has fallen in love with that marine—if it keeps up we'll be able to save enough points for a steak pretty soon!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WM. E. MCKENNEY, America's Card Authority

DOUBLE SPOTS ACES, SO SLAM IS MADE

To be a winner at rubber bridge you have to catch your opponents for good penalties. Over a period of time, the cards average out about the same, but when your opponents get out on a limb, you must realize it and double them. But seldom will you find a good rubber player doubling a slam contract. If you

tract, East marked himself with the two missing aces so, at this point, the king of spades was led; naturally, East refused to cover and declarer discarded a small heart and made his contract. If East had not doubled, the declarer would not have been able to locate the ace of spades and could have easily gone down on the hand.

IN FORMER YEARS

30 Years Ago

Claude C. Cate, county agriculturist, discovered the Colorado beetle near Elgin in several gardens yesterday. Effort is being made to isolate the patches, for it seems none have yet gotten into the fields of that locality.

Dr. D. W. McMillan and family will leave today for a couple of weeks visit in Portland. The doctor will take in the Shriners conclave in Seattle next week.

15 Years Ago

Mrs. Alvin Norby and son Lynn are leaving on tonight's train for Spokane where they will visit for three weeks with relatives.

Miss Judy Moore and Miss Lucille Millering returned home from a weekend trip to Portland.

The Union Pacific aquatic team took first in the swimming meet last night at the Crystal plunge with the state highway shops placing second and Mt. Emily Lumber company third. Events were free style, back stroke and breast stroke races for 30 yards, and diving.

10 Years Ago

Three children have been cast in roles in "A Doll's House," the play to be given Friday night at the Eastern Oregon Normal school auditorium. They are Hildegard Rettig, eight-year-old daughter of Mrs. Miriam Rettig, Jack Witty, young son of M. H. Witty and Marilyn Skeen, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Skeen of the Normal school faculty. Each of the youngsters has an important part.

The city commission unanimously adopted an ordinance granting a 20-year franchise to the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, to take effect when the present 20-year franchise shall expire.

Questions & Answers

Q—How many first-round knockouts has Joe Louis to his credit?
 A—Ten.

Q—Who was the first chief justice of the U. S. supreme court?
 A—John Jay, 1789-95.

Q—What state is the cockade state?
 A—Maryland.

Q—What military service is being given the United States by prisoners at San Quentin prison in California?
 A—They are keeping watches for Japanese balloons being launched over the west coast.

This Curious World



THE WORLD'S ANCIENT WATER ANIMALS LEARNED TO LIVE ON LAND WHILE SEARCHING FOR MORE WATER.

WHEN SOME SOLDIERS THROW DOWN THEIR ARMS, THEY THROW THEM UP!
 DONALD W. NEEDHAM
 Sells, Wiscon.

THE NORTH STAR, POLARIS, WAS BELIEVED BY ANCIENT MARINERS TO ATTRACT THE NEEDLE OF THE COMPASS TO THE NORTH.

NEXT: Cold weather problem for hot days.

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

Ever since war shortages first began to cramp the living style of Americans we've had a horrible fear—what if we should get caught without any of this or that soon-to-be-scarce article?

And so without feeling in the least like hoarders we've put away a little supply of this and a little supply of that and bought things before we actually needed them or just because some salesman let drop the hint, "These are the last we'll be getting."

That fear of being caught without any extra shoes on our shelves, liquor in the cabinet, or canned goods in the basement has haunted us enough to make us fork over cash for things we wanted at the moment—only because we might not be able to get them at some later date.

But now there's a little story that ought to give us a new fear to replace the fear of being caught short.

A Michigan man recently died and in his

house were found a thousand cases of canned goods, sacks of sugar, a refrigerator full of meats, cases of beer and ale, and in the yard drums of gasoline and two brand-new tires.

So the new fear ought to be that instead of being caught short some of us might be caught with too many things stored away.

How would you like to be caught with 20 pairs of shoes in your closet—with 40 pounds of sugar in the storeroom, with canned goods in cases, with cartons of cigars?

Now we can think before we rush out to buy a supply of a soon-to-be-scarce commodity. "Would I want to be caught dead with these?" instead of the old worry, "What if I'm caught without any of this or that?"

We can rationalize and defend our stocking up on scarce commodities when we're alive—but you have to be alive to try to convince people it's anything but just plain hoarding.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 10—Edward R. Stettinius, jr., may have the last laugh yet. Critics demanded that he be removed as secretary of state because they didn't want a man who has never been elected to public office first in line for the presidency, should anything happen to President Truman. They got their wish. Stettinius was therefore "kicked upstairs" to the job of head man for the U. S. delegation to the united nations organization. As such, Stettinius stands a good chance of becoming president of either the UNO security council or president of the general assembly. The irony of that development would be that a man who was never elected to any public office and wasn't considered good enough to be president of the United States might still be considered able enough to head up the united nations organization to maintain the peace and security of the entire world.

Opponents of the Burton-Ball-Hatch bill to force settlement of labor disputes are trying to kill off this "B-two-H-one" idea with a phrase. They say the bill is, "two parts bull to one part booby."

When the new secretary of labor, Lewis B. Schwellenbach held his first press conference the day he took office, he announced that in the future he was going to hold some two-way press conferences. What he had in mind was calling in some of the reporters who regularly cover the labor department and labor affairs to get the advice of these experts on what to do about some of the tougher labor problems.

"That," cracked one reporter, "would get you completely confused."

Fair employment policy committee—The anti-filibuster put on by Senators Theodore G. Bilbo and James O. Eastland of Mississippi was too much in the nature of a flagpole-sitting contest to be a good show, but there were a couple of laughs in it at that. At one point in the proceedings, flagpole-sitter Bilbo referred to FEPC champion