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UNCERTAINTIES

These are days of uncertainties when the average individual would like to know what to believe, more especially with reference to the world situation and the outlook for peace.

Viewing the outlook from all angles, it seems part of the American press is trying to build up a war hysteria, which if carried far enough might plunge us into a war regardless of the necessity of such action.

The army brass hat element can be just as much of a dictator as any bureaucrat and this in our mind is the worst thing about any sort of military preparedness—the fact that the boys might reach a point where they would want to show their authority.

We are not sure but that the international situation is much like the American lawyers, who often like to resort to name calling in a court trial and leave the impression that they are ready to spring at each other's throat.

At least the situation has most of us guessing regardless of the fact we would like to know the truth.

A JOB FOR YOU

This spring, the State foresters and the forest service of the Department of Agriculture are conducting a nationwide program to reduce forest fire losses.

Fortunately some progress has been made in dealing with the forest fire menace. In previous years, we averaged 210,000 acres in our forests, woods and range lands.

What causes forest fires? The experts have the answer to that, based on years of correlated experience. Only one in a hundred is the result of explosions, sparks from machinery.

During the campaign, these and many other facts will be made available. Forest fire prevention — like any other kind of fire prevention — isn't a job for the "other fellow."

NO OIL SHORTAGE

Oil users may find some comfort in the recent statement of Don E. Gilman of the Western Oil and Gas Association, made last March.

There is considerable misunderstanding of the so-called oil shortage according to Mr. Gilman. The so-called shortage was dislocation rather than lack.

John L. Lewis is said to be a great student of Shakespeare, and he frequently quotes from the latter's plays. Maybe that is where he gets his instinct for the dramatic.

C. G. Rod and Gun Club Presents

"FROM OUT OF THESE MOUNTAINS" COLOR FILM OF YUKON

Diane Theatre 7 P. M., 9 P. M.

Tuesday, April 13th

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Letters to the Editor

In a hurriedly written statement regarding the closing of the Blackbutte post office, which appeared in our issue of April 1st, Mrs. Lillian Stimmel wishes a correction.

To the Editor, and Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public: Are you the gullible kind who believes any and all gossip or rumors that you hear?

There seems to be a great deal of mud slinging and to my knowledge a lot of false rumors in circulation both the pro and con on the question of the abolishment of our present City-Manager-Council type of government.

According to authoritative sources there is now on file with the city recorder a petition to abolish the charter amendment which established our present form of government, and to return to the old Mayor-Council and elective City Recorder.

Rumors travel far and fast against anything new that this city ever has tried to do that spells progress. However can sane and sensible people expect one man or group of men to rectify, in just six months, the mistakes or mismanagement of the past 35 or 40 years.

Can the present government be expected to rebuild the water system in 6 months when the past administrations failed to get the job done.

Can they repair and rebuild the streets overnight, when they have been allowed to fall into a deplorable condition for the past several years. The former limited budget alone would tie their hands on much of this work.

Can this present government be blamed for someone's mistake of laying light cable right in the open ground only to rot off the covering in a few short years. Then to require a complete rebuilding of our Main Street lighting system at a much greater cost.

Would you close your business or backslide in your system if your management did not seem satisfactory?

Weigh the facts and figures not the opinions or rumors before you decide on this all important issue. I tell you in all sincerity it is very important to the welfare of this community and the health and future of everyone concerned, that progressive government be continued.

Think carefully, choose wisely, don't be swayed by personal prejudice or rumored opinions. Yours Respectfully, L. D. Kent.

Glancing Backward

Editor's note: Happenings of former years has never been a regular feature of the Sentinel in the past ten years because of crowded quarters, however, now that we are in our new location, we hope to make this a weekly feature, that is if the public likes this column.

Sentinel Files 1928 Scott Lyons announced this week that he would be a republican candidate for county commissioner.

One of the best and most fertile ranches in this section is the 160 acre ranch of Finley Whippis, situated seven miles up Mosby Creek. This year Mr. Whippis has a fine stand of clover growing on about half of his lower field.

The cinabar mines at Blackbutte is being operated to the fullest capacity possible with the present equipment. Two shifts are being employed at the mines and three shifts at the furnace.

The Lions club silver loving cup, a gift of the Huntington club in California was taken to Eugene Wednesday afternoon and presented to that club. It was accompanied by Pres. Earl Hill, H. W. Lombard and C. A. Bartell.

Harry L. Brown has filed notice of his candidacy for the democratic nomination for sheriff.

A tentative route for the city's auxiliary pipe line, which is to be extended south to the remanufacturing plant of the W. A. Woodard Lumber Co., was adopted at Monday night's meeting of the city council.

From the Files of the Sentinel April 8, 1938

Orlo Bagley and Pete Anlauf tied for first place with a net 27 in the inch tournament at the local golf course Sunday. They won over a field of 18.

The district meeting of the 4-H leaders association will hold their regular monthly meeting in Cottage Grove next Tuesday evening. S. T. Rose, chairman will be in charge of the meeting.

A pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross," will be presented by the young people of the Methodist church Sunday. This is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Passion Week.

The Sentinel's motion picture cooking school, "Star of My Kitchen" will be presented for three days at the Diane Theatre, starting Monday, April 11th.

The Rev. E. L. Kechley, the new pastor of the First Christian church and Mrs. Kechley, have moved into the church parsonage. He was pastor of the First Church at Wenatchee, Washington for twenty years before coming here.

THOUGHTLETS

By Earl B. Baleh

A burley, Idaho, newspaper editor suggests that the senior senator of that state should be recalled by his constituents. That does not sound advisable. Senator Glenn Taylor can't do his state much harm for the next two years and if the voters should throw him out he could then pose as a martyr.

Senator Taft is pushing a measure through the Senate to appropriate three hundred million dollars for Federal aid to schools. It is refreshing to see the prospect of an appropriation for something that will really benefit others than the military. Senator Lester Hill of Alabama calls it the "Marshall plan of America."

It is with real relief that the measure known as the "Marshall Plan" was finally passed without including Spain in the European nations to receive funds. To have included that Fascist government would have helped communism largely and lowered our prestige very much in the eyes of western Europe.

To show that all measures passed by Congress are not political, the educational bill passed by the Senate which was drawn by, and pushed through by Senator Taft, received the support of many democrats in that body.

Because the economy of this nation is so closely bound with the needs of the whole world, there are four major industries that should be prevented from strikes by the unions and shut down by the employers. These are coal, oil, transportation and steel.

The State Department has set a precedent by refusing a passport to Congressman Leo Isaacson, left wing member from the Bronx and for whom Henry A. Wallace actively campaigned. Never before has a congressman been refused a passport, but he wished to attend a gathering in a country in Europe which is actively aiding the guerillas of Greece.

Secretary of State Newby in releasing the figures on motor fatalities in Oregon for February, states that one of ten fatalities were due to drink. We wish to commend Mr. Newby for making this statement. Too often officials repress, or at least fail to reveal, the truth in these things.

It may seem a paradox, but the best realist is also an idealist. The fact that Russia has backed down somewhat, when the United States refused to give in to the Soviet government in the Berlin incident, is plenty of evidence that Stalin is not ready for immediate war.

Two men, employees in a hop yard, were recently engaged in a drunken brawl. One man stabbed the other over the possession of a bottle of wine. This is another one of the blessings of being a devotee of John Barleycorn.

Our Timber State About one-sixth of the total standing timber in the United States is in Washington state.

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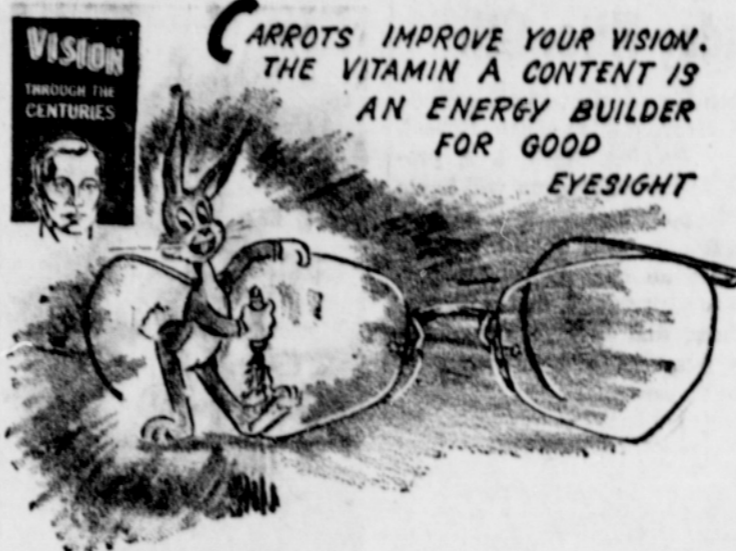
OREGON OLD AGE PENSION ACT

(Elmer J. Kent)

A statewide group of pension minded people propose this act to be placed on the November ballot if possible. Instead of the case worker plan as we now have it, with the relatives dependent clause, they propose to establish \$50 monthly for all men over 65 and women over 60 whose income is less than that amount, plus emergency medical care etc. This compares with about a \$39 average at present with many being compelled to exist on less than

\$25. The residential requirements would be the same. Method of raising the funds to be left up to the legislature.

While the measure is being sponsored by Townsend clubs, it carries none of the features of the former Townsend bills. This writer has been appointed to manage the petitions in southern Lane Co. and would like volunteers from every district to circulate them. It requires about 20,000 registered voters to place it upon the ballot. Copies of the act may be seen at Kent's Market.



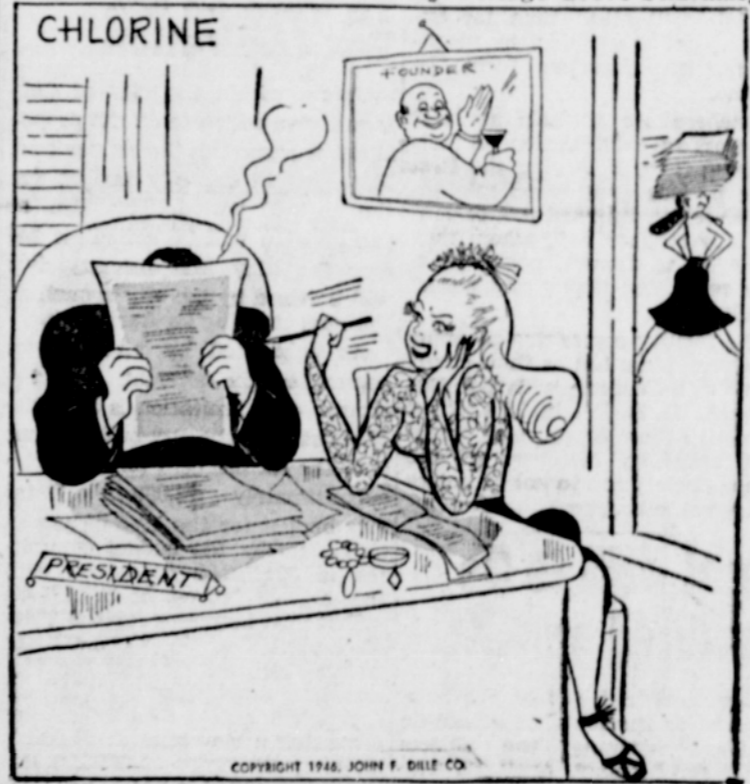
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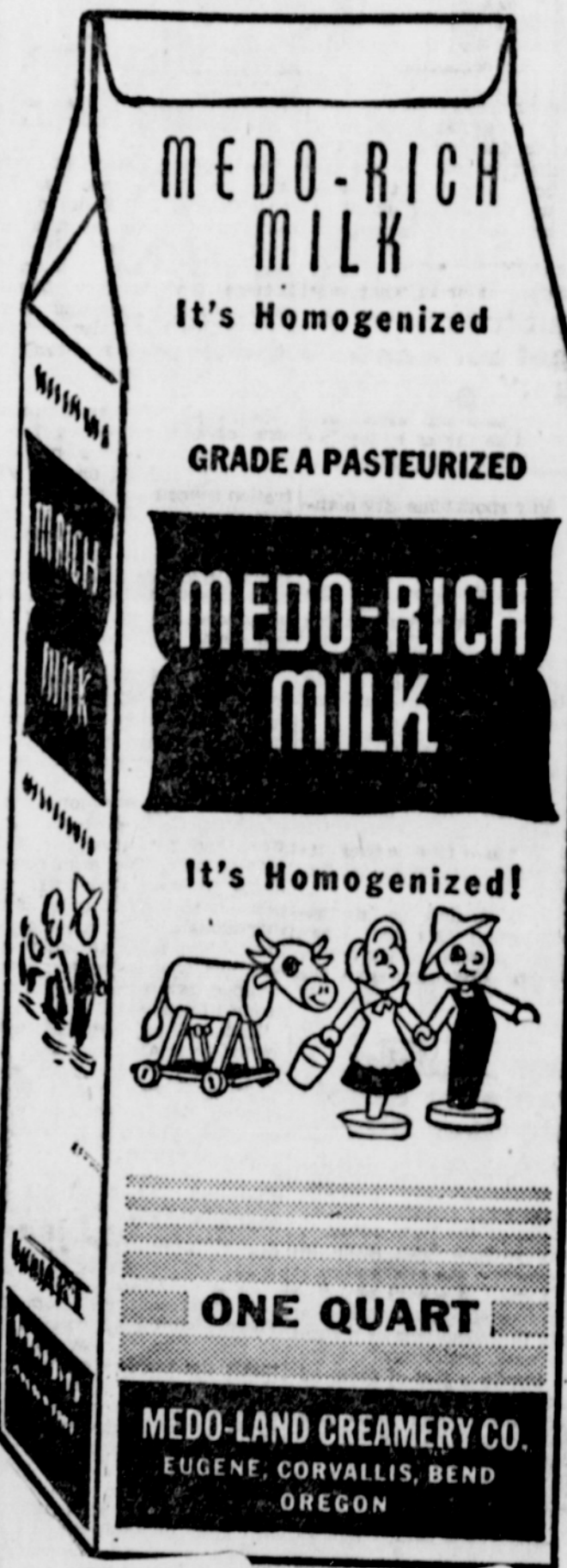
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