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Bird Cage on Streamliner

In The Statesman several days ago appeared the story of an American flag of considerable historical significance which was offered to the state, possibly with the thought ragged and saucy. (The reader that it might be placed on display in the new capitol. The offer was regretfully declined. It probably is not generally and his brother, Dan.) known, but state officials have found it necessary to say "no" to a number of requests and offers to place historical tains and through very heavy timmaterial or commemorative plaques in the new capitol.

Oregon's old, homelike statehouse was a veritable ed up in the mountains and I had museum, with glass cases along its corridors containing old to leave him. However, I swapped guns used in wars of the United States, relics of the pioneer a cow for another pony and days, an exposition of Oregon bird life and other articles; he ran off or was stolen. Then in the rotunda were some larger items of similar character I had a pony left and have him which would not fit into glass cases. They did not look out yet that I swapped a saddle for on of place in the old capitol.

Now let us not be accused of comparing honored relics of the past to bird cages. All of us have proper respect for the agency, which is an old misantiquity and for the reminders of notable achievements in stonary station 90 miles on the the past. But it is true that a bird cage or even a bed spring bly the Whitman station?). We does not look out of place strapped on the side of or atop a had a pretty hard time till we got battered old automobile of 1924 vintage. It may even be to the Cascades. The Dalles is so "artistic" though a better word is "picturesque." But tie such an article to one of the 1939 streamlined cars that are just now making their appearance, and you have violated some unwritten law of the fitness of things.

The same principle may be applied to the new capitol. Outside and inside, it was designed as an artistic unit. And it is, just as it stands, a thing of beauty. The architects de- deep river. It has been sounded signed not only the lines and details of the structure, but 900 feet in one or two places and designated what its decorations should be, right down to the no bottom found. Many of the doorknobs. Anything added or taken away would detract from the impression of unity.

Although it might not be a serious matter for one bronze it rains nearly every day. Every plaque, or a small glass case containing an American flag, thing has a rather gloomy appearto be placed in some inconspicuous spot in the new state- ance. The earth is almost covered to be placed in some inconspicuous spot in the new states with water. The green grass is house, permission for such an installation would virtually starting, and all the vegetation, as mean disaster to the artistry of the building, for once the if it were spring. There is a conbars were let down, the applications for similar permission siderable portion of level prairie would come pouring in and there would be no justification in the Willamette valley, and, to for a refusal. Before long the new capitol would be a museum it is an excellent valley of land like the old one was, but with each museum piece sticking out and well adapted to farming purlike a sore thumb in that setting. So the state officials must poses. refuse every innocent-appearing request that involves any addition to the capitol's decoration.

It is a pity that Salem has no public museum where these northern Indiana. Crops are more tervention, the Czech plight, ing equal, this would be the matched it with a laugh to my porters dropped it when they reundoubtedly valuable articles may be placed and displayed. certain. Wheat and oat straw There has been a movement aimed at establishment of a look almost white here. Potatoes museum in Salem under state auspices. Some day there undoubtedly will be one, but by then some of the rarest relics try than that. This country is positions. may be beyond recovery. There should be a place for them evidently easier for a man to now-but that place decidedly is not the rotunda of the new make a living in than that, I

statehouse.

Hitler vs. German People

Father Alcuin, OSB, of Mt. Angel, recently returned from a trip to Europe, has been writing an exceedingly interesting series of articles which are appearing in the Mt. Angel News and apparently in other publications, describing conditions in Germany and the events that led up to them. His discussion of the nazi regime in relation to religious lib- Waters and Taylor McLaughlin erty is yet to appear, but it is obvious from his other remarks | left us on the head of Burnt river since his return that Father Alcuin deplores many phases of the nazi program, its bearing upon religion perhaps most

Yet in his latest article Father Alcuin, tracing carefully the events that led up to Adolf Hitler's acquisition of power in Germany, declares that out of the degradation and the hopelessness into which Germany was thrust by the harsh terms of the Versailles treaty and the reparations payments, a dictatorship was bound to emerge, and that the distraught German people chose Hitler's brand of dictatorship in preference to communism which seemed the only alternative. At the time there was no intimation of the harsh extremes to which nazi dictatorship would go, and there had been assurances that the various religious groups would not be molested.

There are 6,800,000 people in the United States who may be considered our "German minority." Either they came from Germany or one or both parents came from Germany. There are many more Americans who are principally of German descent, of whom the present writer happens to be one. The philosophy of Adolf Hitler is almost diametrically opposed to the American philosophy of government. Hitler's philosophy said to be the most dangerous, but and the Sudetenland with its has been forced upon the German people; the younger generation which has known no other, no doubt accepts it without ly.

question, willingly. Hitler and his ideas and methods are under a constant barrage of criticism in the United States and elsewhere. This criticism has risen to new heights during the crisis over Czechoslovakia. We are seriously concerned lest some Americans of German extraction fail to see clearly the distinction between this prevalent dislike of Hitler, and the entirely different regard that Americans have for the German people. It is this writer's firm belief that in nearly all of the criticism, this distinction is clearly implied though not often stated. Americans in general have no prejudice against Germans-even those who fought against them in 1918. Few Americans question the good faith of the German people in was drowning. Two Diggers saw I could name. Try to realize his their unwitting acceptance of dictatorship in 1933. Most Americans know that the German people want peace, not conquest in violation of other people's rights. It is important and saved him from instant death. a monstrosity but utterly amazthat the people of German extraction realize this distinction It is true they gave them each a ing in its orderly progress along and do not accept criticism of Hitler as a reflection upon suit of clothes and enough provi- every line, its beauty, its alive themselves.

The public's business is the newspapers' business, of course; but in digging into it, the newspapers and their personnel sometimes become engulfed. Thus Paul C. Smith, liminutive redhead business manager of the San Francisco ever coming to this country: I Chronicle, became involved in a series of sharply-worded pen letters with the president of the CIO longshore union in the Bay City; and the first thing Smith knew, he was called upon to act as mediator in the dispute that the argu- all here; but how to get here is ment was about. It is clearly a compliment, however, that the man with whom Smith argued in print wanted him to act as arbiter.

The distinctive feature in the service of J. M. Rickman a member of the Salem water commission has been his unswerving adherence to policies which he deemed wise, and his invulnerability to political pressure. In his resignation, made necessary by removal from the city, the city loses a devoted public servant.

Adolf Hitler, guarded against bombs, pistols and all his family to cross the plains, a good profit. Every man has more cars would be a horrible march of social progress, neither can Hugh. As for the \$300 to \$400 in his pocket who nuisance. Transportation is amher of lethal weapons by his efficient storm troopers, was other boys, they can do as well has been here a year or two. I am ple in the shape of many trains, left the monarchies of Europe, can story some 45 years ago. How Lord, and that He destroyed it in injured when struck in the face by a bouquet and has issued orders that flowers be taken away from all persons along his route. If bouquets are the only things that can hurt him, Hitter will be entirely safe if he ever travels in the United safe as they can do as well there as they can do as well there as they can do as well there as they can here. Money is under that there is no better country under the sun for making when struck in the east here as they can here a year or two. I am sure that there is no better country under the sun for making when are candidates in Oregon; but, God who are committed to this propose no of the sun for making when are committed to the publican candidates in Oregon; but, God who are committed to this propose no of the sun for making when are committed to the publican candidates in Oregon; but, God who are committed to this propose no of the sun for making when are committed to the publican candidates in Oregon; but, God knows, those who cross the plains of the there as ther

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Covered wagon journey 10-9-38 of 1852 told by a Salem doctor who made it in that year; would not do it again:

5 5 5 (Continuing from yesterday:) Nearing the end of the photostat letter: We remained three days, My wife was sick. The next morning after we came to this camp a mountaineer came to us, and as he had no name we called him John. He came with us the balance of the way. We have him yet. He and Dan are both fat, will hear, later on, more about the mountaineer they named John,

Next the Umatilla. It is about 45 miles across the Blue mounber. While I was at the Grande Ronde I lost my pony. He stray-

From the Umatilla we came to named from there being natural troughs or dalles in the Columbia. From here it is 45 miles to the Cascades in the Columbia by water. Between these places I saw the first seal I ever saw. They look like dogs swimming in the water. The Columbia is a very cades straight to Puget Sound.

It is now the rainy season and

I think the soil produces a little larger crops than the soil of being any more healthy than Indiana. I have had the very worst kind of a cold for four or five weeks. Both our children have had colds, but Jane (the mother) is in good health. Thomas. Margaret and their child are They live in Portland now, though they will not stay long, I expect, for I think they are not making much; but if we can all make a living this winter we will do well. Wm. Lackey, Edward and footed it through. I told them that it would be better for them to come on and that we could make out without them. I understood they had got through very well. I cannot leave this part of my story without saying that William Lackey has not his equal for perseverance and integrity. His conduct with me will ever be green in my memory, and to say the least of him we owe him for our success in getting through. kept us from quarreling and di- in every large industrial center viding; he has all the good qualities that can be embodied in one My other boys were very good, but they could not compare out of Hitler's victory for his with him. I had but one diffi- people? Why should the Czech culty with the boys, and that was a mere matter of moonshine.

with them. The Diggers were justice been ceded Germany, they proved to be the most friend- many Germans should become My cattle swam the Snake 35 miles above Fort Boise, I could not get them across, back. Offered \$50 to any one who would bring them to me. Mr. Singleton It realizes its own past came from Missouri found two Digger He brought them to me. I got them to swim across and bring my usurpation, this of course concattle for a gun. When the white trary to the history book propacaps were rolling three feet high the Indians swam the river, when stand now as does the thinking have done it. Another: a white itself a Christian land. Hitler's man was thrown overboard at the word may be relied upon as well upper crossing of the Snake and as any I think; more than many it from the other side. They and Germany's war, post-war pojumped 20 feet into the water and sition; try to remember that swam like fish to where he was nation of intense industry is not sions to last them two months, and handsome people, its cul-Next tribe, the Nez Perces, next ture. And this in spite of all Cayuses, next Umatillas, next Walla Walla Cayuses, next Deschutes, next Klickitats, next annexation of Austria was nat-Clackamas tribe.

Advice in reference to your will say that I would not bring a family across the plains again for Oregon and California both and all they contain. I wish you were the difficulty. But I would say that if you can't come by water you had better stay where you are. am here and I am well satisfied. but if I were in the Grove and fixed as well as I was six months before I started and knew what I know now, I would stay there.

I am located in Salem and there is a prospect of me doing well at my business here. I have a first rate supply of drugs and surgical

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The Safety

FIRST HAND To the Editor:

ier's aggression, Roosevelt's in- Curiously enough, all things be- a 10-centime bit in it and I democracy's proud position, etc., were interesting, and now I'd vegetables are larger in this coun- make clearer some European

England, Scotland and Wales, Belgium, Germany and from the Baltic sea to its southern bor- exceptions of course. both past and present, Sicily, Gibraltar, French Morocco in Africa, Portugal, the Azoresmy impressions are somewhat different from those of the usual correspondent to our dailies. Perhaps your many would like to get my slant . .

First of all I wish to make it plain that though an imperial policy seems best suited to nations such as Italy, Germany and others, nonetheless it is my private conviction that the democratic form of government continues to be the ideal form for the United States, notwithstanding the labor wars, strikes of all descriptions, radical elements controlling elections, labor gangsterism, etc., found yesterday, today and no doubt tomorrow north, south, east and west,

You say what do England and France and Czechoslovakia get creation founded on intolerance get anything? It has already Well, concerning the Indians on lasted too long. Either it or the route, we had no difficulty some other land must have in part and parcel of that land. England lately is trying to be just under its very great Chamberlain, trying to be democratic. about in much the same way as Germany's present - only with more aggression, less cause for ganda. I admire England's I suppose no white man could world at large. It is proving effort made to suppress it under the dirt of time. Germany's ural because it was wanted by Austrians as a whole: Sudetenland must follow to make for unity of this great people under one banner-it is their right. England is absolutely right

Columbia a spring branch. They assist the whites to work some, but they are rather slothful. Spec ulation runs very high here. Many old Oregonians say as soon as they can get means enough to do them they are going back to the states, but 19 out of 20 say they will make this their home. Well, when I get \$7000 I will go back, not before. But if I strike the right way it will not take me long to make that. As for the mines, I will not go there, for I do not see dustry is worked to capacity. instruments. I send you my card any chance for me to do anything

There is no business here when

OBSERVATION | NOT TO FIGHT except in the woman in the vestibule of a event of ONE NATION'S DOMI- 1200-year-old church in Rome. Your recent editorials on Hit- NATION OF ALL EUROPE. She held out a copper plate with quickest and surest way to last- companion, a tall, black-cassocking paace and progress for all ed and hatted Benedictine who.

which I studied conditions in racy. As a fact worth remem- the forum, Thermae of Dioclebering-both English and Germans from every walk of life ous cloisters and mosaics, some ders, Switzerland, Italy with its seen and heard in both Germany churches, each of which would hundreds of wonderful medieval and England, especially in Lon- attract thousands from all over towns and thousands of marvels don where are quite a number of if situated in some corner of Germans. The Fuehrer is above these states; the pre-Christian all for his people; for them he'd be scared, not for himself; and above all, too, is he sincere. Not- buildings of Rome - "Grazie. a man with such an appendage could certainly be nothing but simple. And I've seen him several times among his aidessimple man, austere but kindly though preoccupied with his many duties, his responsibility, and quiet.

Another thought: I do wish you stay-at-homes who've confined your travels to your own particular little corner or a most to several states (all of which are the same as to culture, lack of it, smoke, ugly ones, political corruption far more extensive than in Europe today: unemployment which puts the USA to shame contrasted with Italy, Germany and other nations) would voul proud boast of "I have never been out of Oregon (or Washington, Maine, Missouri or Rhode Island), therefore I shall undoubtedly make you the bestest undertaker, wish you'd break all and go to Europe. Don't swallow all the hooey you hear or read in the states about Germany, Italy, Spain, France, Engished at seeing progress and culture and peace and harmony where you least wanted to see

Roosevelt may or may not have felt himself a hero of the first water in his sending of messages to the four and a few extra powers. He may or may not have been the cause of NO WAR IN EUROPE. Both Chamberlain and Hitler as well as France and Mussolini absolute justice Fuehrer's claims—that was the deciding factor. But Roosevelt showed he and America wished to cooperate for world peace in a try at arbitration which, had Wilson used some of it, might have resulted in a different and more prosperous, more content Europe

Democracy! In every large city or district all over the nation there is at least one major strike going on with its accompanying unemployment, radicalism and labor terror. men are becoming more adverse to working, more inclined to riot. Italy and Germany, mention a few very good examples, have no such problems Strikes would cripple industry and ruled out they are. Considering the price of commodities, rates of exchange and other factors, workmen get a reason able wage which undoubtedly would be increased with expansion of territory. As it is, there is everywhere evidence that in-Certainly no idle are in evidence. these countries are very small protecting only a part of the peo- after the old, the relief and the it said by one person, and I could Boyd can never get here with well followed that will not yield in comparison to America and ple.

Hitler has never pressed upon City, was leaving for Pittsburgh, his people the conviction that Pa. to teach, but who now was tian, St. John Lateran's marvelfeel kindred to each other, with of the tiniest and most interest-This is ing of the city's glorious catacombs hundreds of feet beneath the present pavements and withstanding the fun which has signore," she muttered, "buona been made of his little mustache, salute." This was the only beggar I saw in all Germany and

> THE HOUSE AT TE END OF THE ROAD It spread out its arms, that stately old tree ts bow-laden leaves deep shade for me And water near by sang a song of delight. The sun tried to smile its warm,

JOSEPH M. PORTAL.

Italy and Switzerland.

cheery light But dreams were of you soul overflowedsaw you again on country road, Wild flowers you'd clutched as

you gleefully ran. From the spot where I'd kiss you and hold to your hand, I'd follow you on to the end of the lane. Saw you take refuge, out of that rain.

From the window, you dear little country-bred miss saw you throw me a sweet goodbye kiss, And dreaming today, as I've dreamed thru the years,

see you again thru fast falling

tears.

For just over there is a beautiful mound. Where fragrant wild flowers smile up from the ground. I'll go there again when I've dreamed here awhile, and kiss them, for they are reflecting your smile. Then I'll wander on back to my

lonely abode In the house at the end of the old country road. purchased that cottage when your folks went away. felt that no price was too heavy to pay. Now I'll place here some flowers; I'm sure you know why-They're a symbol of love—a love that won't die. And tho my heart's heavy carry the load Thru the years in the house at

> P. R. CAMPBELL, Jefferson, Ore. SKULASON ADDRESS

the end of the road

To the Editor: The address delivered over KOIN Friday night by that scholarly friend of humanity, Bardi G. Skulason of Portland, spread before us evidence of remarkable progress in social thinking in the front line of the republican ranks in Oregon.

The voters of Maine have al ready expressed approval of the proposal of republican candidates in that state to immediately expand and simplify our social security structure, particularly with reference to old age pensions so that it will apply immediately, on a pay-as-you-go basis, to all people, and with less administrative about whom the county's money villages of the land. I have heard Not so many motorcars but expense than the present cost of is spent for by those who look it said—at any rate, I have heard

Sage of Salem Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE



Understanding evermuch where we go,

When fate has given us its mystic And we have joined the constant outward flow.

It does not help our best welfare Far better way for effort to be

merit good, who'll see, And only understanding's un-

first of the season, I believe.

time. Everybody who yearns for something at which to laugh, and the effort. and can find nothing in the events of the day, should have a clock

lived in Iowa are in California, are more, possibly a considerable There are many of them here, and number. These, at least, will be it gives me joy whenever another interested in a poem by Joseph M. one turns up. I was introduced Portal of Kingwood. The poem is at one of the hotels Sunday to an printed here, with the following old gentleman, who many years note by Mr. Portal: ago had lived at Keokuk, where (In the manner of Sung Yu.

progress into the national arena again. The republican party will have to take up the torchlight for the march of social progress where the president and his supfused to give any consideration to the general welfare act embracing after six years of the Eternal the general philosophy of the socalled Townsend plan.

Rufus Holman, republican can-After 4 months abroad during England is a cowardly democ- kindly showing me the sights didate for United States senator, who has been a Townsend club member since the time that R. E. Clements was national secretary, (1934), is definitely committed to the philosophy of liberal universal retirement pensions broadly outlined by Mr. Skulason. Congressman Mott and Candidates Angell and Ballentyne have all been in the front trenches for old age pensions for some time. Mr. Charles A. Sprague, as candidate for governor of the state, will of course not be directly concerned with the national application of this philosophy, has, according to Mr. Skulason, declared himself in favor of working out immediately a fiscal program that will make it possible to provide the full \$30 for all of our oldsters above 65, which is anticipated by title I of the social security act. Since most of the work in behalf of better pensions is carried on by the old people this immediate increase in state old age assistance will give them more to live on, and more to work for better pensions with, while the national pension pro-

gram is being developed. Some of the democratic candidates for state and national office. are no doubt sincere in their advocacy of the so-called Townsend plan, but they are seriously handicapped by the opposition of the president. I, therefore, sincerely believe that more rapid progress can be made toward realization of the ideal pension program by voting for these republican candi-

In the matter of electing members for the state legislature, both house and senate, who will work for liberalization of state old age assistance, it will no doubt be necessary for the pension friendly voters to disregard party labels. There are many anti-pension candidates in both party camps. Democratic affiliation need not be a handicap in the legislature because that is outside of the president's sphere.

THEO. G. NELSON.

AMERICAN LIBERTIES

To the Editor: Some 45 years ago a flock of us Missourians listened to our teacher extol the wonders of our government. He explained that we could say what we liked: so long as we did not advocate its overthrow by force. He told us foreign nations had learned to have the utmost respect for our flag. One incident, I remember quite clearly, where somewhere at some time an we venture to say against a han-American had wrapped the Stars dicap due to the apparent blindand Stripes around himself and walked through an angry crowd, is now being given roles more in

wanted to represent us. For ever and however we choose. He said to me: "I am afraid if quently. Oregon does not go democratic this fall we will get very little help from our national govern-

ment. The next day a county official, who holds a very import- and Connecticut show a prostrated ant office, said to me: "County church steeple, a small white officials haven't a thing to say steeple such as one sees in many WPA. They are appointed by hardly believe my ears when I the national government heads." heard it, that the people of that

Sam Clark used to run the Dally Sometimes I think we ponder Gate City newspaper. The old gentleman is now living with a O'er whence we came and later daughter and her family at some point in Washington. They were out for a short motor trip, and had come to Salem primarily to see the new statehouse. We had a pleasant visit of a reminiscent sort. He had made up an excuse Time thus spent in fidgets of the to go to the hotel, he said, because he wanted to take a chew of to-Is somewhat more than vainly bacco and his daughter would not permit him to chew in the car. He was quite hard of hearing, and the years have done neither of us any good. We get things some-what mixed. "Remember that night in Keokuk when we pushed Something of good to do for good Tim Twitchell's buggy into the river?" he asked. I replied yes, ha, Good for each, as each may ha. "And how we skun out for home and found Twitchell settin' Nature's promise is clear for all on the front porch with father, waitin' for us?" Yes, said I, ha, ha. And, as I say, we had a pleasant visit. I wasn't the fellow he had somehow got a notion I was. A large chilblain was reported I was moved to tell him so, but to be in town Wednesday. The changed my mind. After all, why cast gloom upon an occasion of that sort? I had not been in Keo-There is nothing like discipline. kuk when this old gentleman and My office clock has been losing I were boys. I had never pushed time for quite a while. At last it anybody's buggy into any river stopped. Y' know, stopped tick- anywhere, and the only times I ing away the golden minutes. had "skun out for home" any-Went into a sort of coma. I gave where was when I was good and it a severe shaking, and now it scared. Naturally, I am a slow is gaining .10 minutes every three mover. The introduction is still a or four hours. Making up for lost mystery. I presume it may be accounted for if one cares to make

I do not know how many students of ancient Chinese literature there are in Salem, but I know of Not all the folks who formerly several and it is not unlikely there

poet to the King Hsiang Wang, three centuries B. C. Chinese poetry of this period has no certain metre, but relies on a peculiar intoning rather than speaking of it. A poem is a Fu, meaning to describe. Poems were usually intoned to the musical instrument.)

The Cascades To what shall I liken these high and lofty peaks? Nowhere else can their like be seen.

Know not such slopes, such terrible space. Climb the slick glaciers, gaze into depths unknown From which endless torrents of waters flow

Now rains have stopped and sky is blue again. hundred valleys thrive below! In magic glens Great orchards bloom, the petals

of blossoms Wing away or they fall to the brown ground.

Always the scent of the blooms wafted away In waves and fuses with the sun ny air. Peals and leaves 'neath the tre

run and weave And dance and reel and swirl-Like the tiny, happy people Playing ring-around-the-rosy.

It seems somewhat more than probable that the customers at the Grand theatre are in for several days of hilarity. "Hold That Coed," with Joan Davis, the knockabout clown lady of the films as the "Coed." The feature is announced as "the funniest football picture ever made, which I infer to be a dare to Joe Brown and perhaps one or two

others who have shown some as makers of funny football pictures in the past. The cast of this picture includes the two Jacks, Barrymore and Haley, and Marjorie Weaver. Looks like a safe bet for fun. Minor changes in the foyer at

the Grand theatre. Public com ment favorable.

The world baseball series is almost over. Football next. After that another "critical crisis" Europe probably.

The sturdy hunter now goes forth to shoot The timid deer across the landscape scoot, The Chinese pheasant bird is he-Flutters low in grasses on the lea The same as it has been since days

of old, Soon comes the winter, and the tales retold.

Gloria Stuart, seen here the past week in a picture called "The Lady Objects," has long struggled ness of Hollywood producers. She We could vote for those we keeping with her ability, and apparently is working hard for the those who believed in the things higher "spots." Her opposite in we believed and voted for who- "The Lady Objects' is Lanny, which, of course, makes of the Last week I listened to a film a semi-musical one. Lahny man in Portland who at one has a more pleasing voice than time held one of Multnomah certain other male singers of county's most important offices. whom one hears praises more fre-

Pictures shown in the news weeklies and the news reels of the damage done by the recent storm of wind and rain in Rhode Island And it made me remember the church had given offense to the