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Departure
Once again the British imperial troops have
fought a delaying action with the rear guard as hey sought to escape to their ships．This time
he scene is Greece instead of Norway or France； and this time，too，the retreat is conducted under
auspices somewhat different from the other oc－ auspices somewhat different from the other oc－
casion which is most analogous，that of Norway． The British，for one thing，have given
ood account of themselves in the rocky gorges ood account of themselves in the rocky gorges
of Greece and in the Pindus mountain highlands． They have met the Germans as they came，and They he．They have given good support to the
Groeks，and the Greeks no less good support to Theen，in a campaign which has seemed inevit－
ably foredoomed to defeat ever since the union f the German and the Italian armies in south usual promenade，and its wounds will not heal
overnight．Still，there is no telling how many of the Australians，the New Zealanders and the
English Midlanders who came to Greece to meet again to Egypt． The whole question of whether or not the
British were justified in the firrst place in send－
ing an expeditionary force into the Hellenic ng insula will ultimately turn，no doubt，on
pexactly that point of whether or not the troops exactly that point of whether or not the troops
can be got out in time to avoid another British
debacle． As a moral question，of course，the whole
matter is easily solved．any decision except to
assist the Greeks and the Yugoslavs，once they have been unthinkabole．Both nations，in thould this
and other conflicts，have proved their ability as fighters and their sympathy with the ulti－
mate aims of the anti－German nations． As a military matter，the thing was less
wear．The Italians had been subdued as far
wosti when General Wavell sent part
of the Army of the Nile to Greece，and the Duke back in Ethiopia．But at the same time the Ger－ man air force had begun to assert temporary
mastery of the Sicilian straight，and it soon
became evident that the Germans would not
permit the British to drive on through Tripoli implement its strategy，in the absence of the
British fleet in Grecian waters，by ferrying two
armored divisions across to Tripoli，with results Britain has lost men 18 not prestige in Greece， and the Germans have lost men and material
there，too．The British，however，have lost a
hard－won advantage in Africa，which is hardly compensated for by the capture of Ethiopia．In
general，sound military judgment under the cir－ cumstances，particularly with full knowledge
of the German ability to get to Africa，would though with the reture cautious of the troops policy，fighting
in Ethiopia，Cyrenica may be reconquered．All that one can finally say is that the game is not
yet fully played，and the war neither lost nor
won，by either side． Per Capita Taxes
Stand up and shout，you Marion county
raxpayers！John Siegmund，recently retired taxpayers！office of county judge，has the de
from the
served honor of leading the cheering section． in Marion county are the lowest in Oregon．
This is a fact not discoverable from ordinary
tax tables based upon millages，for the taxes in tax tables based upon millages，for the taxes in
mills here are not the lowest．One important
reason is that we Marion county people own dents of some other counties．For instance in jefferson county，not regarded as especially
properous，there is more than three times as
much taxable property per capita as in Marion．
It isn＇t that Jefferson has so much property，but The fact of Marion county＇s pleasing posi－
tion on the bottom rung of the per capita tax
ladder is disclosed in a table Orego Business \＆Tax Research，Inc．；and how this table；we were．second from the bottom，
next to Benton county back in 1930. Benton
still enjoys a lower per capita general county Per capita property taxes in Marion county
amount to $\$ 23.79$ as compared to the top figure is next to Marion at $\$ 25.63$ ．Marion county＇s general county tax is $\$ 3.43$ ；Lane is at the bot－
tom with $\$ 3.04$ followed by Linn at $\$ 3.11$ and Benton at $\$ 3.15$ ．Marion county＇s local levies
for education divide out to $\$ 2.62$ per head as
compared to Morrow county＇s $\$ 33.17$ ．Marion＇s compared
$\$ 13.78$ competitor in this respect is Lane at
Per capita property taxes for all purposes in Oregon are substantially lower than they
were a decaade ago，lower in every county ex－ were a decade ago；ower in every county ex－
cept Curry．Substitution of the income tox
for the state property tax explains this in part．
Other factors are the increase in population and Other factors are the increase in population and
the completion of road systems to the point at
which expenditures for that purpose may be which expenditures for that purpose may be
reduced But the major factor is reduction in service．That is the point of attack for any fu－ ture reductions．Marion county has no debt
and no debt service，buit many of its municipali－
ties and school districts have．Paying off bonds， and voting new ones only when it is absolutely

question arises，would deserved．And yet the the forthoaning
If he had ateyed at home？
＂Buy at Home＂
All the evidence that the public is likely
get has been submitted in the case of the Oregon Grange Bulletin，official publication of
the state grange which is now being printed in Seattle．In response to the rather general critic－
ism of this patronage of out－of－state printers－ ism of this patronage of out－of－state printers－
sharp criticism in view of the grange＇s past ad－ vocacy of the＂unse Oregon products＂slogkan－
Master Ray Gill explained that the organization Master Ray Gill explained that the organization
had acquired membership th a cooperative print－
ing establishment and an editorial in the Bulle－ tin recently asserted that it expected to ruceeive
and Oregon printers have challenged this state－
ment，insisting that a $\$ 1000$ profit paratively small printing＂job＂was preoster－ ous．But is not likely that anyone outside
the grange will see the final figures and it now
develops the develops that even they will never know the
actual amount of the saving if any．For the
Roseburg printer who previously had the tract，and who had remained silent while the
controversy raged，has disclosed that he was not controversy raged，has disclosed that he was not
asked to bid on a renewal．He has indicated asked to bid on a renewal．He has indicated
however that toss of the contract saddened him，
not because of the small profit it had entailed not because of the small profit it had entailed
but because it became necessary to dismiss two It does not seem probable，in view of Seat－
tle＇s sigh wage scale for printers，that the grange
will realize eny saving pressed here when the issue first arose，that the change was made because of Master Gill＇s en－
thusiasm for cooperative endeavor as opposed to private enterprise for profit．Nothing has de－
veloped since to change that opinion． the Oregon Grange Bulletin solicits advertising
patronage from private enterprise in Oregon
which are operated with the hope of profit．
Thus there is a dual inconsistency here which Thus there is a a dual inconsistency here which
will be difficult to explain away．
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organizing a blitzkrieg against the Ickes ver－
sion of the Pacific nortwest power＂＂authority＂
PUD spokesmen in Washington state are
organizing a blitzkrieg against the Ickes ver－
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measure May their arms be victorious，If
we are to be forced into publicic ownership re－
gardless of our wishes，the least we can demand
is home rule．

News Behind The News

##  WASHINGTON，Apriil 22－A nazi sub sent to the bottom of the Altiantic a fee days back a Brit－ ish hhit poaded with $55,000,000$ worth of our needed <br>   convoying．That is the source of the greatest

 less enthusiasm there is for hasty action． Britithparently themselves shoure are tankent frastrastic steps the
there is to be American convoying． An outstanding British shipping source here is
flaty conceding the British have been＂fuddy－ flatly conceding the British have been＂fuddy－
duddy＂about protecting their shipments from us．
His goo people，he says，are sthil tryint trom this
the same way they did it in the tast war．They
still put slow ships in with the fast ones．held the same way they did it in the last war．This
still put slow ships in with the fast ones．holding
down the speed op the entire conve to the point
where it is vulnerable to the slow submarines．They
 worked out no adequate sea are closer to the ship－
land，althưgh their bases are
ping lanes than the German bases in France．Trust－
ing to ping lanes than the German bases in France．Thust－
ing to luck the h have refused to concontrate suf－
ficient forces of have freet to give their convoys
adequate protection adequate protection．
Several moves to correct and perhaps cure the
problem could be taken short of American convoy－ ing．By mistake，it has lieaked out our navy has seen out of fast merchant ships to patrol sea skies．The
SSS Mormacmail，a passenger－－⿰reieght ship．is being
fitted with an overan landing deck such ships
could accompany convoys and fight German bomp－ ers on the spot．could limit their convoys to ships
The the same slow speed，sending their faster ships
 capable of making 18 to 20 knots，whereas 15 is
topp for a sub．Steering a ziegzg course these trast
freighters would be relatively free of danger from
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And It＇s Still Thumbs up to Hitler＇s Horrors
Bits for Breakfast


| ＂And now what about me catch，lad？＂asked the captain， voice was friendly but a certain wariness had come into his eyes． Sondra settled herself to lis－ ten． her property．On her grandfa－ ther＇s retirement from his own business two years ago，he had business two years ago，he had invested the legacy left her by her parents in six herring sein－ ers，which would remain under 25．She felt it was time that she learned something of the busi－ Kemp was saying，＂Briefly， sir，I want all the herring you ＂Ye mean all me surplus， don＇t ye？＂ ＂No，I want to contract for your entire season＇s catch．The same sort of contract you had with John Bates last year．Bates is dead．Is there any reason why you can＇t let me－that is，my firm－have it？＂ ＂There＇s one reason，though there may be none by this time there may be none by this time tomorrow，Starbuck，A new out－ fit－the Baranov Packers－have taken over the Bates holdings． mornin＇to excercise an optional contract for the catch of me fleet．＂ Heet． <br> ＂The run is due to start any the Baranov outfit is on the ground．They haven＇t even laid ed a single machine on the dock． Even if they do arrive tomor－ row，they can＇t possibly get ready in time to use a fraction of your fleet＇s catch．To me it looks as if they＇d stood you up， sir．＂ <br> ＂Damn it！That＇s had me fray－ in＇me chafin＇gear these three weeks past！I know they＇ve op－ James Ford who signs himself vice president．But who＇s back of＇em or what their plans are， erty＇s pig．Still，an option＇s an ＂True，sir．But if it expires to－ buyer on the eve of the ferring in this district who can handle |  |
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