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Cantonment

Hammers and saws and power equipment will set up a terrific din over a once-placid rural area between Corvallis and Monmouth...

This is a tremendous undertaking and for the Willamette valley it is tremendous news. It was big news when it was just a tentative possibility, and was so treated.

Just because you won't read much about this cantonment and may not be able to see it under construction, don't conclude that you'll be likely to forget it or able to ignore what is going on.

Next on the list of those most profoundly affected will be the small cities of Monmouth and Independence, followed closely by the larger cities of Corvallis, Albany and Salem.

It's a bit difficult to determine, now, whether the majority of people hereabouts wanted, or didn't want, this cantonment.

Certainly the coming of the cantonment will make this part of the valley livelier than it otherwise would be.

On the other hand there will be some headaches and some new responsibilities. Patriotic responsibilities, mostly.

To put it briefly, becoming a troop-training center is a job for any community.

Backs to the Sea

It's a dark day. Our allies the Aussies and the Indians have lost the battle of Malaya.

By a strange coincidence, that is exactly the position of our own troops, the Americans and the Filipinos, on Bataan peninsula.

How MacArthur and his men manage to hang on, we may well regard as a miracle.

They are saying that Singapore's situation is hopeless barring the arrival of adequate air reinforcements.

They are saying that Singapore, impregnable from the sea, is helpless against attack from the peninsula.

Recalling Britons' ability to withstand

siege, demonstrated often enough in the past, we don't look for Singapore to fall in a hurry.

Meanwhile have you noticed that, although the daily statistics of sinkings in Macassar strait have dwindled, there is no report of attack upon Java?

This is a poor time to be talking optimistically. It's a dark day. But the sun is still shining behind that cloud, and tomorrow—ground hog day, if you'd forgotten—it will be a good omen one way or the other.

Fred Erixon

Numerous monuments to the creative enterprise of Fred A. Erixon will long survive him in the Salem vicinity and elsewhere in Oregon.

For half a century Mr. Erixon had a part in building Salem—literally. But his constructive efforts were not limited to the raising of permanent edifices.

News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The White House is doing a little quiet footwork on some slow-witted generals around the war department.

Whether because of the Roberts reports or other developments, the president apparently has decided to use his influence for the further removal of war casualties.

This government, without announcement, has turned loose an army of economists to think about the second most important question before us—the post-war world.

Mr. Hull's respected economic adviser, Herbert Feis, tossed this one out for the January issue of "Foreign Affairs."

He would have each nation set up a similar fund. We would allocate a certain portion of our funds for their purchases here.

The idea cuts across so many complexities of commerce that even Feis is not sure how it would work out, but he remarks that it would cost less than trying to reconstruct the world with American dollars.

It seems to me this Feis plan is the first to deal with the problem on a realistic trade (as contrasted with a social) basis.

Either way, of course, it is going to cost us big money. When we win, we will have the manufacturing capacity and the food and the world will have little or nothing with which to pay for it.

We are the richest nation of the world. We must now spend for our preservation in this war vast sums to be expended in gunpowder and other things temporarily around to our way of life.

Now if we are required, after that, to dissipate our resources freely around the world at peace, we will not spread wealth, we will merely impoverish ourselves.

While giving all the credit in the world to General MacArthur, do not forget it is the Filipino fighting man who is contributing much of the heart and brawn for his brain.

Recalling Britons' ability to withstand



Along With National Man Power "Up For the Draft"

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Willamette University 2-1-42 is 100 years old this day, and oldest of kind west of the Rocky mountains:

(Continuing from yesterday:) The sale of the Oregon Institute property at its original location was made to John Lord Force, who came with the 1842 immigration—with the "Dr. White party."

The \$3000 purchase price from Force was used in part payment for the Indian manual labor school building of the Lee Mission.

The donation land claim right of the Lee Mission was supposed to go (did go) with the manual labor school building.

The original Oregon Institute building on Wallace Prairie stood for many years, first as the home of Force, then, after A. Bush came into the ownership of the property, by various renters.

The Indian manual labor school building that became the first occupied home of the Oregon Institute (occupied for school purposes) was located a little east of the present Waller Hall of Willamette University.

The original building of the old school served very well for a long time. But Waller Hall was being built to provide more room and better facilities for the institution when, on December 27, 1872, the original building that had been used by the mission Indian manual labor school and then as the home of the Oregon Institute and by change of name Willamette University, was burned to the ground.

One of the "gleaming white" buildings was the Oregon Institute. The other one was the Lee Mission headquarters house, at present 960 Broadway, the first residence of whites on the site of Salem.

As I looked at him there I felt very thankful that there had been efforts made to save my boy's and other parents' boys' and girls' lives.

We felt mighty thankful to the Shriners hospital and the Doernbecher hospital and all that have had a part in aiding those children stricken with this disease.

As you can see any part of this to aid in the present drive I'll be glad.

Army Haircut Tells Soldier Journey Near

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Jan. 31-(P)—When the army gave Keith L. Beibee, 21, a haircut, he knew something was up.

For some years, however, there had been planned what was to be known as Waller Hall, and still is so called. It had been long needed and finally definitely projected, and the corner stone was laid July 24, 1864, the brick going into the structure being burned on the ground, by a brick maker from the Aurora, Oregon, section.

Finally, October 21, 1867, Waller Hall was partially finished, so that on the day named some classes of students marched joyfully over to the new structure from the old Oregon Institute building.

The building that was burned on that December day of 1872, two days after Christmas, had served well in many ways, and it had been also a historic landmark.

Some preliminaries were necessary: among them the choice of a teacher; a principal teacher; a president.

The Safety Valve Letters from Statesman Readers

MARCH OF DIMES To the Editor: At this season of the year one hears so much about infantile paralysis and the fight against it.

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As she was Saturday she saw Keith in a newspaper picture showing soldiers responding to a mess call at a north Ireland camp.

'Hutch' of the R.A.F.

By PETER MUIR

Chapter 5 Continued.

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life had been in grave danger, but not always. As often as not he made his report, dismissed the whole matter from his mind, and quickly forgot the Germans, engaging himself wholeheartedly in a friendly card game or a heated conversation (in which "shop" talk was forbidden) with his fellow pilots.

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