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## AWS Week

The Cottage Grove Sentinel remarks regardpersonat gain the average indicividual maer be
ible to make because of their war effort, there thle to make because of their warg effort, there
wont be beny air spotters emerge as milition-
firest aires.
And of course they do not expect to. But they
will come out of the war with the consciousness of haming ser ved their country en in anclosstim-
portant fiedd of wartime service. The only tanzibie sign many of them wiil reeeive is the
award tor many hours of volunter work at an
 The IV Fighter Command of the army, which has made the week of Ausust 1.7 "AWS Week,"
The purpose is to acquaint the public with the mportance of the work these volunleer obwho are willing to serve. The Statesman, which
previously has reviewed the work of the obpreviously has reviewed the work of the ob-
servers m and around Salee, is glad to partici-
and pate in this recognition
section of todisy's.s paper.
Owyhee Canyon
Few people know of the rugged wildness of
the owyhee river canyon, in the "no man"s
land" of extreme southeastern Oregon. It is not so deep as the Snake river canyon at the northeast sorner A few years ago Lewis Griffith narrow of the state land bears ago Lewis Gritfith, clerk
brought back pictures of this rarely visited canyon. This summer Prof-
Lyle well, and a student companion, Cloyd Krebs,
made a tri, down the canyon by boat, starting at Rome, a postoffice near the junction of Jor-
dan creck and Owyhee, about 50 miles above the great Owyhee reservoir. On their return Prof.
Stanford made a radio talk descriptive of his
fourney, which we deem of sufficient interest "Just as the first glow of day made boating possible, Mr. Krebs, my fellow boatman, pushed us
eway from shore and quietly our voyge began.
Rowing drifting, watching the shoreg the water ahead wa eshinged along shore line and
litte better
than walking speed. The river in the Rome valley is interrupted at intervals by huge water wheels.
and their accompanying rock dams. Had we known
it, these portages, the pushing, puling and carrying the durfeo over the the dams were but a mild beginning
tof the work ahead entere river leaves canyo valley rather abruptly and
bridge. Here the going is smotilest from the the rome
Brapids ittle more thar deep riffles but as the clifts heighten of the riffles became more insistent and then, the
first reat white water. AAtter takking this instial
plunge the river is a succession of cation pools. averaging nearly three to the mile for forty
miles. Beause of comparatively low water and
an exce.
 tain conceated reets and rocks to batter and capsize the boat. Water of this kind means soaking
wet hours ot toil , ining or convoying the boat. In
such circumstances a rapids that can be "shot" is a welcome relief. The temptation in always strong
to take chances and save time. This is deffitely poor policy in such an isolated, stretch of water
where s smashed boat can easili, mean a 1000 otot
climb aud a 60 mile walk to the nearest telephone "The first canyon of rhyolite lava gives why afcrater tyve on one side covering up the elder forma-
tions. Especially is this true on the east side of the
bank. On the west shore the crags of solid lava ere replaced for miles in a stretch of sedernentary
formations reminding the traveler of the Bryce
Canyon country in Utah. One 1000 foot mountain Canyon country in tah. One 1000 foot mountain
conststs of nine to ten flat layers of harder rock
held apart by red and yellow cones and columns of
 Slamese temiple.
of the the rounding of each bend the character
olifle canyon changes. The familiar black lava
cifts are repolaced by clifts are replaced by yellow sedementary spires.
Red rinclite cathedrals ean out over the river. In
one such place a great slab has broken trom ite one such place a great slab has broken from its
parent rock and nearly bridged the stream, making
a large tunnel where the green water rushes and A distinct surprise sunshine again such a desert area is the
100 foot falls where Bogus Creek drope from ita hanging valley into the Owyhee Canyon.
A. Alew Iniles down stream from Bogus creek the
river swings northeast and bores its way Into mour swings oo corthereast and boves and sede way into
Just at the begining of this canyon is antry rock. Just at the beginning of this canyon is a mountain-
side honeyeombed. with caves. Two cavers. are at
water level so that the river runs back into the adaows and the lilitt glancing trom the riples be-
low its reflected on the dark overhead wall in a
constantly changing pattern, Anotber cave of gi-
 at our backe, with the cool recesses of the river bevern
and thought how the Indion muent ate our linch
many times at the great canyon beotore hike out and experienced as we did the mystery and utter
oneliness and
 however, are a part of the jourral of the trip. The
 of the nare is little doubt that the canyon te one



 phd then roturned to the shore. Mtionkete were en
to a ledge above us and remained there watching
while we worked our way along Our sleep was dis-
wuibed one night by a visiting deer Cuybed one night by a visiting deer. veasel family, were numerous. Two bibities, or cu, as we were a in sitight. Theye tumbled and spiashed
each other entirely oblivious of our presence. "Solemn groups of turkey vultures dignifiedly gave up their place on a sandbar to soar across
river and perch like black rocks on a clift. It was not our coming that had forced them to move but
rather the approach of a coyote who wanted to in vestigate the food that the vultures ware eeating.
Scarcely tifty feet away we sat motionless in the
 denly the coyote got our scent. He jerked to ated at a trot to a near-by high point on which he
remained until a bend in the river cut oft remained until a bend in the river cut off our view.
copucks and their tamilies were common. An oc-
casional sleek black cormorant perched awkwardly assional sleek black cormorant perched awkwardly
on a mids-stream rock or flew overhead. The red head duck and the canvasback seemed to be very
numerous. Geese appeared in large numbers. The
golden eagle was frequently recorded in our jourgumerous. Geese appeared in large numbers. The
golden eagle was frequently recorded in our jour-
nal.
"Vegetation near the river is quite luxuriant, es-
pecially in the deeper gorgea The trees were mostly
willow and tuniper mit heck willow and juniper and hackebery. Somete mest the
plants picked out odd places to grow. In one place plants picked out odd places to grow. In one place
the river tas cut int a water-bearing layer of
rock. Here the wet cilift is covered with a blanket rock. Here the wet clift is waverebearing layer of
of moss, flerns, saters and a great bed of that in-
teresting orctid, the lady slipper. "A welcofte break in the hard work and tension
of the trip was found about two-ttirds of the way
to the reservoir where the Davis ranch wast countered. Here, wh at the other places just above
the Owyhee take is a loosely knit community of isorated ranches where most of the subsistence
has to do with raising hay and cattle, In this lone ly region the western hospitality with hits sourdough
bread, stacks of wheat cates and other satistying
courtesies, are as real a part of the trip as the racourtesies, are as real a part of the
pids and the moonilt camps on the
Tax Reduction
The reduction in the state income tax for next
year under the Walker plan adopted by the last
legislature will amount to 75 per fegislature will amount to 75 per cent. This runs
far in excess of any estimates made during the recent legislature, and comeses after making a dis-
tributien of $\$ 5,000,000$ to public school districts tributicn of $\$ 5,000,000$ to public school districts
and retaing $\$ 5,000,000$ in a reserve. The
unique virtue of the Waiker proposal is that it unique virtue of the Waiker proposal is that it
Is geared to actual receipts during the preced-
ing fiscal period The Oregonian, which was a consistent cham-
pion of income tax reduction finds its nose still pion of income tax reduction finds its nose still
out of joint, and uses the current iteme as an ex-
cuse to chastise the state tax commission assertcuse that the commission sstubbornly resisted and effectively blocked successive legislative proposals for a flat 50 per eent reduction, a 20
per cent reduetion and similar measures,",
The Oregonian is with Chairman Giles French of the house committee on assessment and taxation, who opposed several of the bills submitted. The com-
mission did not oppose tax reduction. It point-
ed out the mechanical difficulties of a rebate on the 1943 tax; and the legislators who investigated the matter decided it would be so ex-
pensive and complicated as to be unjustified. pensive and complicated as to be unjustified
On estimates, the commission frankly said it was
very difficult very difficult, to make estimates in view of war
conditions and changes in federal tax rates conditions and changes in federal tax rates.
Now that taxpayers are going to get the duction, which is is most substantial, it would seem that the feuding over the tax commission
should wind up. should wind up.
A Salem "war baby", a tobacco packaging
plant. which employed several hundred work-
ers and bought many boxes of local manufacers and bought many boxes of local manufac-
ture during the months of it "foeded.". Eastern offices ordered it to cease
operations. This is a sample of the operations. This is a sample of the we to waase
dustry may shrivel when production needs in wastry may shrivel when production needs in
of work are availablet. Right now there is plenty of work available for those thrown out of jobs;
but before we know it a surplus of employable
labor may show The country boasts of its universal free edu-
ation, yet a million men were rejected by the
army for lack of education. They were illiterate or too lacking in knowledge to be educated
into the service. This is a most serious reflection on our system of education; or on the lack of enforcement of laws for compulsory attendance that must not te ignored while we become mis-
sinnaries for enlightenment sinnaries for enlightenment abroad.
You have to pay tribute to the British system
of law enforcement when Lady Astor, a mem-
ber of
 Justice in English courts is prompt and impar-
tial.- We cant remember of a congressman? tial.- We cant remember of a con
wife getting fined for bootlegging.
The president says that Mussoint win not And Jh, we heard that one on the kaiser, too.


Dr. Harry Olinger will make a valuable member of the state parole board. He is understand-
fig and praetica in his udgments. We are glad Men in hioh public office seem to be suisMen in hich public office peem to be sus-
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