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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe" From First Statesman, March 28, 1851

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Flax at Program Meetings

Price Control on Housing

Farmers of Oregon are to hold meetings in coming weeks to consider their 1946 farm program. Federal and state authorities will meet with them to give them the latest and best information respecting probable market demands for crops and livestock. On the basis of this information broad policies of operations will be recommended. Final decision of what to grow rests, of course, with the farmer himself.

The Statesman would like to urge these farmer groups in the valley counties to give special attention to flax in their discussions. We have reached the point where in the central valley more acreage is needed to supply the existing plants with flax for processing. There is even demand in some quarters that the state plant close down or reduce its operations to give the private plants a better show.

We ought to make no retreat in flax-growing. Instead the acreage should be expanded to provide adequate supplies for the retting and scutching plants. We have here an expansion of the industry in the way of a plant which will use large quantities of tow for rope and for rugs. Other expansion may come if there is assurance of an abundant supply.

It is true that flax-growing has not been as profitable as some other crops the past two or three years. But those other crops may not always yield the profit they have. Farmers can well afford to devote enough of their acres to maintain the flax industry here. This pioneering is necessary to provide a firm base for the manufacture of flax fiber into articles of commerce.

We hope the county committees and the college experts will be sure to include flax on the agenda of their program conferences.

Losses of Military Planes

-What a tragic roll the record of losses of military planes and personnel in recent weeks makes. Some, like the five naval planes lost off Florida, apparently were caught in sudden storms. Most of the others were flying into storm conditions. The transport plane at Billings crashed when it tried to land in a snowstorm

While these losses have occurred with army ad navy planes there has been no serious loss on the great airlines. The contrast is so obvious as to make people rise up and ask why the army and navy planes take the risks which the veteran civilian pilots will not do. It is peacetime; there is no great urgency for military planes to take off into the storms. Since the pilots often are unfamiliar with the routes, there is added reason for caution. There is always the temptation for the pilot to overestimate his own skill, to figure he can get through. But when his plane is high in the air and ice commences to form and clouds tohem him in, then he may become helpless. Only Lady Luck will ride with him to a safe landing. The field commanders should have authority to ground planes and keep them there until weather conditions clear. Perhaps they have that authority now. Then they should exercise It more than they do. It is a bitter loss to have personnel who have survived the war die in airplane crashes that might have been avoided. The army and navy should be more vigilant to spare the country and the families of men these losses.

President Truman's endorsement of price control over real estate in the effort to head off inflation is of doubtful virtue. The "horse" has already been stolen from the unlocked stable. The proper antidote is construction, and now that the lumber strike has largely been ended this will accelerate very rapidly.

Normally the regulator of prices of old houses is the relative cost of new houses. Existing houses will bring a price comparable to the cost of a similar new house less depreciation, although the time element favors the sale of the house already built. As long as construction costs remain high, prices of old houses will appear inflated when compared with prices of former years. As soon as construction costs show a stabilization or decline the froth will quickly come off the top of the price level of old houses.

There is more basis for the president's proposal to restore a priorities system for building materials. That was taken off only a few weeks ago. There could be little criticism of preference to veterans for house construction in allocation of materials. This would be little enough to do to help the returning service man find a dwelling place for himself and his family.

The right slogan of the times might be taken from the "Seven Dwarfs" song: "Back to work we go." Prices, inflation, housing, appliances, automobiles all will get into fair balance if work is resumed. It must be resumed shortly. People still must eat!

Early Settlement?

We shall not be surprised if the UAW and GMC get together on a new contract before long. After all, 210,000 workers do not like to be walking the streets or doing picket duty or sitting at home with no weekly pay envelope. And the company doesn't relish having plants idle while overhead expense eats into reserves.

There is another reason-neither side likes the fact-finding committee proposal of President Truman's. The company has no stomach for opening its books and the union doesn't want any government body looking into its throat. Mutual fear of government may prompt better relations between management and labor leaders.

The sparring for position has gone on long enough. Time now to be biting into the barrier which separates the groups, so that an agreement can be reached. The public doesn't want to have to settle the row; but it wants it set-



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The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

BEDSIDE BOOK OF FAMOUS FRENCE STORIES, edited by Belle Becket and Robert N. Linscott, with introduction by Lewis Galan-tiere (Random House; \$3). Twenty-three stories, most of them by 19th century authors and the others by writers who lived through one or both World Wars, are collected here in a book selec-

ted by the Literary Guild for December. They're excellent stories; France has produced enough of this quality to fill many hundreds more pages. These have

little in common beyond mastery of form and they're varied enough in subject to suit everyone in the family.

Among old favorites are Balzac's "Grande Breteche," Daudet's "Last Lesson," Zola's "Attack on the Mill," Anatole France's masterpiece "Crainquebille" and three by de Maupassant. Recent writers include Kessel, Saint Exupery, Malraux, Sartre and



not know much of its vast unfathomable ramifications. What they knew, they did

like. And the deeper they went

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candidates not named, there was no indication of any serious dis-I believe that one factor which

ces were held in San Diego Norember 28. The LaDous, former residents of Salem have been residing in San may well have been decisive was the recent war record of Mr. Diego, where they were associa-Norblad. While there was only ted in restaurant business.

Former Salem

Resident Dies

Tragedy struck twice in the

when Mr. and Mrs. LaDou, San Diego, Cal., succumbed to heart attacks within 24 hours of each

other. Mr. LaDou, 84 years, died

years, followed him in death November 26. Double funeral servi-

me of former residents of Salem

They are survived by three one veteran of World war II on the committee others expressed daughters, Mrs. Esther Ivie, Sapreference for a veteran of the lem; Mrs. Grace Hendricksen, San Diego; and Mrs. Ida McManamy, late war and regarded that as a distinct asset in Norblad's favor, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Four although one other candidate sons, Edward, Walter, Harold, and Capt. Imrie Conn of Lake Grove Melvine LaDou all of San Diego. also is a veteran of the second

world war. If this is a real straw in the political wind, poli-FATHER DIES W. R. (Bill) Scott, who last

ticians will need to take notice. In selecting Walter Norblad week joined the news staff of The the committee named one with Statesman as a reporter and phomany good qualifications. He tographer, was notified Saturday comes from a good family, his afternoon that his father, William father, Al W. Norblad, having Ronald Scott, log scaler active in the lumber industry for 45 years, served as senator from Clatsop had died of a heart attack while county, and for a year as govworking on the river. The senior ernor. The family name carries weight over the district. Walter Scott was a native of Mill City, a resident of Portland since 1900, a had excellent preparation - undergraduate and law courses at member of Portland Masonic lodge and Al Kader Shrine temthe University of Oregon, a year ple. Survivors are the widow, in Harvard law school, foreign children, Scott of Salem and Jan travel. He served two terms in the state legislature, made one M. Scott of Mill Valley, Calif .: a sister, Mary Hollowell, Portland; unsuccessful race for republican nomination for congress. He left brothers, E. M. Scott and Walter his law practice to volunteer in Scott of Portland; Robert Scott, the army and rose to the rank Seattle, and David Scott. Vanof captain. He served in the in- couver, B. C. Funeral services are telligence division of the eighth to be held this afternoon. army air force and made flights

over Germany at the height of the air war on that country. He is at 36 matured, experienced, vigorous. His nomination merits the loy-

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Mrs. Godfrey The British permanent underchancellor of exchequer, Sir Ed-mond Bridges, succeeded in slip- Dies on Visit chancellor of exchequer, Sir Edping the extra year in at the last

Mrs. Frances Godfrey, Salem, Britain can use this money anydied at the home of her son, Chief way she chooses. The publicity Petty Officer Richard Campbell, put stress upon her likelihood of buying American products. her son who had just returned to PORTLAND COUPLE This is but one purpose among the United States after four years many specified. The others are of duty in the South Pacific. so broad as to permit her to Mrs. Godfrey was born in Saspend the sums through her treas- lem in 1879. She was the daughury anyway she wishes. ter of the pioneer residents, Mr.

Simultaneous announcement and Mrs. James Godfrey. In 1905, was made by Mr. Attlee to par- she married John Campbell of liament that, of course, he was Portland, where she had made her FALL CITY COUPLE

bonds. No one can give me off- bell, Hills Military Academy and

FARRELL SPEAKER Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., speaks today at the Salem Kiwanis club's noon luncheon meeting on "State Affairs."

DU RETTES PARENTS OF SON Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Du Rette, Aurora, are the parents of a son born at Deacontess hospital Sunday. The baby weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wilson, route 7, Salem, announce the birth of an 8 pound 7 ounce daughter Oakland, Calif. She was visiting at Deaconess hospital Sunday.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. George Loeffler are the parents of a son born at Deaconess hospital Sunday. The Loefflers reside at 6847 N. E. Wygant st., Portland.

The Heat's On

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

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Paus Mallon ment. They did

popularity about the whole the first puff of the news from

the state depart-

tected a high

For the British, interest will not start until five years, at least so the publicity said. Actually her interest payments will not start until five years after

Injury to Gen. George Patton

It was General Patton's misfortune to come through the war without a wound only to suffer critical injuries in an automobile accident. The accident was similar to thousands which occur in this country. An army truck entered the main highway from a side road, crashing into Patton's car which was traveling towards Mannheim. Patton himself was the only person injured, and now lies partially paralyzed in a hospital at Heidelberg. The country which owes much to his gallant leadership, regrets his injuries and hopes for his speedy and complete recovery.

The injury to Patton points up the fact that the automobile is a lethal weapon as truly as a machine gun or mortar. The casualty list ranks well up with those of military campaigns. Most deaths and injuries due to auto accidents are preventable; but the end of the war and resumption of motor traffic in volume is making casualty lists mount rapidly. People wear out the slogan "safety first" in reiterating it, but fail to apply mifety rules to their own travel.

Land Reforms in Japan

Reforms in land tenure such as General Mac-Arthur has ordered for Japan may prove the most enduring of all the revolutionary changes he is imposing on that country. The democracy ing set up may not last. The wiping out of family industrial and financial blocs may be superseded by some new aggregation of capital. But once put the peasant in ownership of the land he tills and he will rarely part with it. In all countries where vestiges of feudalism remain, land reforms are needed. That is true in Japan where the farmers have been virtual perfs tied to the land, deriving a scanty subtence as they share their produce with their landlord. If the Japanese peasants can become land-owners they can be put on the path to ation in government and to a higher tandard of living. They, at least, may be amently grateful to their country's con-

more General-MacArthur.



SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10,-(P)-An important * conference took place in Singapore the other day.

There Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten conferred with his field commanders, including French and Dutch commanders who are under him in his vast southeast Asia theater.

Two important decisions appear to have been made. The first is that the British job is done

in French Indo-China, where Brit ish troops are preparing to withdraw and leave the French to finish the business of suppressing local disturbances connected with a native independence movement. The second is the reported de-

cision to bring into the Dutch East Indies whatever additional forces may be necessary-both British and Dutch-to finish the large job that remains there. In both cases it looks as though

Japanese troops still are used and will continue to be used to help J. D. White maintain order for a while.

After a British statement that Japanese troops in Java would be used only for defensive purposes, it was reported that a Japanese artillery battery was ordered to fire on native independence headquarters in Bandoeng, the summer capital of Indonesia.

Japs to Protect French

In French Indo-China reports say that Japanese troops will be maintained under arms to protect French nationals stranded at isolated points until enough French troops arrive to handle the situation. Meanwhile other Japanese forces are being disarmed and concentrated at Cap St. Jacques near Saigon.

The Indonesian situation is much more up in the air. Native outbreaks continue in several places. People are getting killed on all sides-Indonesian revolutionaries, Eurasians, Dutch and British military personnel. The British recently bombed villages with RAF Thunderbolts to emphasize their intention to do whatever is necessary to restore order.

The Indonesian situation is complicated by the parent inability of the native leaders to control the extremists among their forces. The prime minister of the independence "government," Sutan Sjarir, is regarded as a moderate man who wants to stop the killing, but his guerilla bands go on fighting, and even shot down an RAF plane over the weekend. ekarno Still Leader

Reports say that the extremists still regard the

titular "president" of their government, Dr. Soe-karno as their real leader, which may explain partially why they seem to disregard Sjarir's pleas to avoid violence.

In both Indonesia and French Indo-China a certain amount of British blood has been spilled in this business of holding the fort against revolting natives until the Dutch and French respectively could get back themselves.

Britain's compensation for these losses, when and if the trouble is all disposed of, is likely to be

increased British influence over the entire colonial world of southeast Asia and the southwest Pacific.

Edith Thomas.

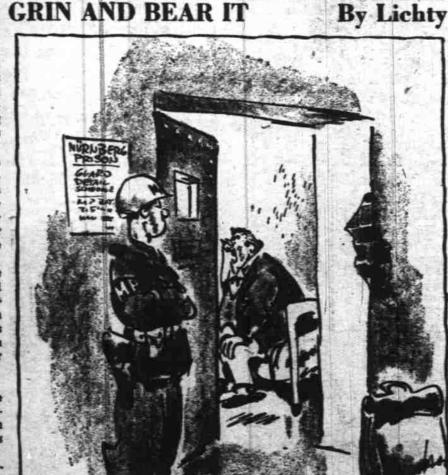
More idiomatic translations would improve some of the earlier stories.

MY YANKEE PARIS, by Robert E. French (Vanguard; \$2:50). This author was part of the forces to invade France but, as he points out ruefully, he did it so long after D-day that the danger has passed. If he didn't have to fight Germans, it was still a great adventure because he made the acquaintance of the French. His book is very slight, and

his experiences not so funny as they may have seemed at the time. But for some people, of whom I am one, any book with Paris in the title is worth reading and I was not utterly disappointed.

There are a good many meetings with women, and some develop according to established though politely deprecated tradition. French customs and manners have a mild sort of fun poked at them, but on the whole the author lives up to his name.

He exaggerates considerably when he says 4,000,000 Frenchmen were held in German camps. He gets no sympathy from me for a long wait in line just to hear Prokofieff's "Classical symphony. And if he was frequently lost in Paris, one reason was that he supposed a droite meant "straight ahead" . . . the idiom he has in mind is tout droit.



into it, the less they liked it. It was so bad few wanted to be connected with it one way or another. Indeed its sponsors, in the sacred halls of the department, were not eager to champion the suc-

cess of their negotiations in congress. They rather made plain they would welcome a delay at least until parliament has acted on the Bretton Woods agreement, and would not press for approval until after the Christmas holidays.

Revising Possible

If Britain turns down Bretton Woods, our sensationally modest official enthusiasm for this thing, will be revised downward. The first superficial examina-

tion of the proposition by the congressmen was enough for most. We are to lend Britain far

more than her whole cancelled first world war debt. The amount to be advanced is \$3,750,000,000 while the old war debt still owed is \$2,331,000,900, less than two thirds as much. The only way we can raise this money is by borrowing from our people. The interest charge to us is not less than 2% per

cent. The loan to the British carries only two per cent. But we must pay our people interest from the date of the loan.

hand the cost of British socializa- two sisters, Miss Emma Godfrey, tion but it will be certainly \$3,- Salem, and Mrs. Kate McClana-750,000,000 added to British ex- han, Oakland, Calif. chequer obligations. **U. S. Permits Experiment**

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tion of Britain. To buy coal

could not be carried, judging Public Records ments of-her financial plight. CIRCUIT COURT But on our loan, we get no-

Agatha Stewart vs Melvin L. Stewart: Motion for order restraining defendant thing for five years (what will happen in this atomic age by filed by plaintiff

\$64,063.74. This is, strangely enough, the Frank Smola vs Edna Smola: De-fendant files answer admitting and best feature of the deal. It gets fendant denying. worse from here on. The lend

denying. George Benson, Freda Benson, C. Sidney Howe and Mattie Howe: Com-plaint to quiet title asks \$500 damages. City of Salem vs Elizabeth Quincy and others: Title of plaintiff to 'real lease deal is almost unbelievable. Britain owes us about \$25,000,-000,000 under what Mr. Roose-

000,000 under what Mr. Roose-velt deceptively called "lend-lease." **Repayment Forgotten** Now it is officially said this money and goods were neither loaned nor leased. Mr. Roosevelt had a provision for repayment in kind, so we could at least get some of our equipment back for use or scrap. That is for-gotten in the current arrangegotten in the current arrange PROBATE COURT

ment. Britain gets the title to every-thing we have given her for what the agreement calls a pay-ment of \$50,000,000 to \$700,000. 000. This is not a "payment." We merely add it on to the loan which is to start becoming a loan six years after the money is paid. Actually Britain pays nothing unless or until she pays the new loan 56 years hence the new loan 56 years hence. JUSTICE COURT

In short we throw away \$25, 000,000,000 of debt for a new debt of \$50,000,000 to \$700,000, 000" to begin in six years. What do we get? We get prom-

ises. Nothing definite about any. MUNICIPAL COURT thing. No time limit or signed specific plan of immediate ac-tion. We get a hope of negotiat-ing the abandonment of the various gypping arrangements by MPT 13 which Britain has maintained MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS her trade-empire preférences,

And cartels. Negotiations Promised They do not promise to aban-don all these, immediately or at any time. They promise to nego-time trade-cimpire preferences, Maurice L. Benson, 27, farmer and Bdith B. Mann, 18, turkey plant work-er, both Silverton. Leo Paul Foiz, 18, U. S. army, 1255 Lee st. and Vera Jean Fry, 18, clerk. 160 Hines st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 27, farmer and Silverton. 160 Hines st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 27, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 27, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 27, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 27, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 28, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 20, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 20, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 20, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 20, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 20, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 20, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 20, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Neil L. McPherson, 20, farmer and Sales st. both Salem. Sales st. both Sales st. Sales st. both Sales st. Sa tiate about abandoning them,

which, of course, means nothing. CHILD AT HOME Whether they do abandon these Jack Fitzmaurice, 4, route 4, practices or not is left to future Salem, was dismissed from Deaegotiations-and a world trade coness hospital Monday. conference next year.

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anead with the socializa- home prior to her husband's death. ARE PARENTS Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mason, Fall She is survived by two children, mines, utilities and other busi- Mrs. Ray Lucas, Alturas, Calif.; City, announce the birth of a son, nesses, he will issue bonds to and Richard Campbell, Oakland: Sunday at Salem General hospital. his people, but not delayed action a grandson, Cadet Richard Camp-

MOTHER AND INFANT AT HOME

Mrs. F. E. Watts and infant son of 150 Williams st. were dismossed Monday from Salem General hosthe W. T. Rigdon chapel, Wednes- pital.

day, December 12, at 1:30 p. m. HASKILLS AT HOME

Mrs. James Haskill returned to her home at 66 Park st. with her infant son. They were dismissed from Salem General hospital on Monday afternoon.

DAUGHTER TO DALLAS COUPLE

happen in this atomic age by filed by plaintiff. Marguerite A. Will vs United States National Bank of Portland and others: Judgment to plaintiff in amount of Desconess hospital Monday afternoon. The Freemans reside at and Dallas.

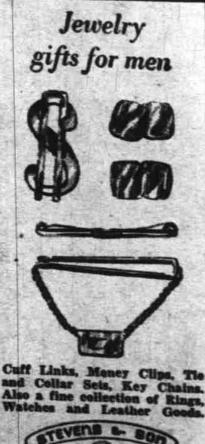
SALEM COUPLE PARENTS .

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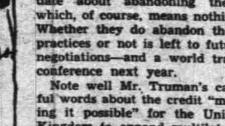
JOHNSONS ANNOUNCE BIRTH Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson announce the birth of a daughter Sunday at Deaconess hospital. The Johnsons reside at 1580 Center st.

WOODBURN COUPLE PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Erwert are the parents of a girl born Sunday. at the Deaconess hospital. The Erwerts reside at 315 Brown st., Woodburn.



We got "possibilities" and "lik-339 Court Street



is a tiny loophole, Herr Reichmarshall-we shall b We have for your defense on an overactive pituitary gland condition."

