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A Great Photographer

Joe Rosenthal is that kind of a photographer who would break into a house to steal a picture off the piano, if he needed one that bad, or cry like a baby when shooting a particularly poignant tragedy. At all events, he'd get what he was told to, and Joe had been somewhat tough competition for the boys around San Francisco for several years.

Some time ago Joe was western representative of the New York Times' Wide World photo service, but The Associated Press absorbed Wide World shortly before the war. So Joe became an AP man. Joe wanted in the war but the army wasn't interested in persons who wore inch-thick glasses, more or less, even if said person could take a picture. For some months he did other things to help. Things like using his entire day off to drive a good many miles to the home of a war correspondent and take pictures of the correspondent's family, pets and familiar surroundings so that the wife could send the treasured memos out in the Pacific.

Finally Joe got the merchant marine to take him. He spent months at sea but saw little action and confessed, during a brief leave at home, to being "bored." So he doffed his warrant officer's uniform and donned civvies again as an AP photographer. But not for long. The AP at last gave him his chance as a war photographer, in uniform. There came landings at Hollandia, Guam, Pelleliu, Angaur, and finally — to quote Joe — the "toughest invasion in the Pacific," Iwo Jima. It was there Joe "finally took the kind of a picture I wanted to take. It meant something — the spirit behind the men on Iwo Jima that took them through that battle." Joe's Iwo Jima flag-raising picture probably is the best-known of the war. It won for him the Pulitzer Prize and a host of other honors. But it wasn't his only shot. The AP put out a special booklet of Joe's pictures. It constitutes one of the outstanding pictorial accounts of the war, which for Joe now is finished.

The San Francisco Chronicle has announced that hereafter Joe Rosenthal will be a member of its photo staff. We are sorry Joe left The Associated Press, of which The Oregon Statesman is a member, but the Chronicle, too, is an Associated Press newspaper and we may look forward to receiving more of those pictures which show "the spirit behind the men." Few photographers can show that in a lifetime.

He Keeps Mum or Talks Sense

General Eisenhower puts into plain English the crux of the army's trouble with GI demonstrators — it is the home front. "This clamor to bring the boys home," he says, makes it "extremely difficult — — to convince the men of the real importance of their assignment."

The general isn't in the habit of sounding off or of criticizing anyone. He must think the problem is of vital importance or he wouldn't be talking on it at all. Self-elected spokesmen and so-called radio commentators could perform a service by keeping his well-considered statements in mind, and so could the rest of us in our letters abroad.

No one blames GI Joe for wanting to come home, but it doesn't do him or anyone else any good to goad him into precipitate action. It also makes bad reading in the foreign press. And more than anything else — it still doesn't get him home until transportation or replacements are available.

Speed Up Action

President Truman is entitled to this consideration by congress — that it speed up attention to the measures he has recommended. If they do not appear to be sound legislation the congress should kill them. Then congress should give consideration to alternate measures which may give better promise of curing existing ills.

This is no plea for legislating just for action. Doing nothing is better than doing something wrong. But enough time has elapsed for the congress and the country to study such questions as full employment, fact-finding, and minimum wages. Let us get these matters disposed of, so congress can go on to wrestle with other questions.

The state highway department is making a study of a new bridge for the Willamette crossing at Salem. Wonder what a tunnel under the river would cost?

Editorial Comment

NOT TOO HASTY
News dispatches have it that the Veterans of Foreign Wars is about to make its pitch for a bonus bill which will involve from 40 to 50 billions of dollars in payments to veterans of the late war. Purely aside from the equity considerations involved in the issue, to add 40 or 50 billions of dollars to the current debt of 250 billions would be another heavy contribution toward the inflation that might prove disastrous to all citizens, veterans included.

The VFW seems to be eager to beat any other veterans' organization to the sponsorship of a bonus. Rivalry between veterans' organizations to see which can do the most for ex-service men should not enter into consideration of the merits of adjusted compensation and such organizations must remember that their first obligation is to the welfare of their country. Precipitate action in the critical days of reconversion may do more harm than good.

Maybe, however, the VFW has in mind that, with millions of people striking for increases in pay for those who remained in civilian life, the man who fought the war and many of whom are victims of the postwar turmoil should take advantage of the psychology of the times and get while the getting is good. — Astorian Budget.

Disgusted Motorists

State motor vehicle departments and automobile associations, as well as the traffic departments of all political subdivisions have gone their own merry way long enough. In fact, it appears they have taken just about enough of the proverbial rope with which to hang themselves.

For years, drivers of one state — or of one city — haven't been certain what to do in the face of unfamiliar signs and regulations outside their own bailiwick. Rules are conflicting, contradictory and accident-provoking. Drivers in strange climes are likely to get honked at, whistled at, cursed and ticketed in such rapid succession as to make them prefer jail to freedom.

But the shoe is getting on the other foot now. Officers, particularly state, are charged with administering to a certain degree the various license reciprocities. But how can an officer know what to do when, for instance, West Virginia's licenses expire June 30, Alabama's in October, others in March, September and December?

The situation is encouraging from one standpoint — "bringing of chaos out of confusion," to quote the American Automobile Association, may hasten the day when states and their officers will be as disgusted and confused as the nation's motorists, and thereby also hasten a consistent, nation-wide system of traffic regulation.

Titcomb house in Brunswick, Maine, where Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been sold and will be converted into an inn. "Southern fried chicken at Uncle Tom's Cabin" should make a good slogan in Brunswick.

With a cold wave rolling down on the mid-west and east from the polar regions, small wonder congress doesn't rush through legislation for a 30-day "cooling off" period.

Portland Mourns Death of Boom

By Ann Reed Burns
Associated Press Staff Writer

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—The man in the street—he used to be the man in the shipyards—is mourning the death of a boom here.

This region's fat shipyards, which employed 128,000 at the wartime peak, are shrinking to skeletons. It's a long way from depression. Business is brisk; housing jammed; office space so scarce returning doctors and lawyers can't set up practice. But the man in the street is in sackcloth and ashes: 36,000 of them.

That's the number of jobless the U. S. employment service estimates in the Portland-Vancouver, Wash. area. A lot more have lower-paying jobs they don't like.

Oregon's unemployment claims have doubled every month since July, and the state unemployment compensation commission is so swamped it had to hire 200 New Yorkers and open another office. The commission, figuring weekly benefits of \$320,000 to an average of 18,750 persons each week, estimated payments of \$1,280,000 in December—more than the all-time depression high.

A year ago unemployment here was virtually zero. Everything from styles to the patrolman on the beat has felt the impact of the change.

Robberies, thefts, drunk-rolling are on the up-beat. All those signs "be kind to our clerks; we can always get customers" are gone. Most of the tinhattars are bareheaded now; the beslacked gals are back in the kitchen, in skirts. "Help wanted" dropped from eight columns to three; "situation wanted" jumped from two to three and a half.

Even the vocabulary is changing. Job bumping is an obsolete term. Abandonism, that bane of wartime industries, has vanished so completely they're not even computing it any more.

A cooperage head with 450 employees used to have a hundred absences a month. Last month he had five. "What's more," he added, "we're getting as much work done on 40 hours a week as we got on 48, during the war. Two reasons: better workmen available, and the same workman doing a better job."

James H. Bagan, manager of the U. S. employment service, says that's typical. "A man who has a job is hanging on to it. There are too many others who want to take his place."

A year ago the employment service had 20,000 vacant jobs. Now it averages about 1200—two thirds of them for skilled persons still hard to find. Thousands of unskilled or slightly skilled workers, heavily in demand last year, are jamming into the employment service to compete for about 400 jobs ranging down to 55 cents an hour.

What do the men from the shipyards, whose average full-time wage was \$3004, do about peacetime pay?

"They cry their eyes out," reported a U. S. employment service official. "Sometimes they turn the job down at first. Then they find \$18 a week—top unemployment benefit—doesn't mean anything, so they start accepting lower paying jobs. If there are any left, by that time."

Veterans, although the employment service gives them heavy preference, are coming home to trouble, too. Eleven thousand of an estimated 75,000 of them have applied for jobless benefits in Oregon.

Employers who'd forgotten what a job hunter looked like actually are pestered again. Department stores which let wartime clerks wear purple sweaters and chartreuse bobby sox now insist on correct black. The AFL waitresses and cafeteria workers union had more girls than jobs one week recently for the first time in years.

Even the scarcity of domestics is easing. A year ago a woman advertised for a maid and got one applicant, who was interested "if there's no laundry, cooking, heavy cleaning or serving." This winter she published the same ad and got 25 calls, beginning "I used to work in the shipyard, but—" "There's one little-noticed factor which makes the situation harder," said Gordon Manser, county welfare commission administrator. "During the depression, food and housing was very cheap. This is the first time we've had unemployment on a large scale during a period of economic inflation."



The Literary Guidepost

By JOE WING

DOUBLING ON JOBS

To the editor:

With so many returned veterans of this last war who reside in this county anxiously seeking work, do you think it fair and just that the state liquor commission should countenance the employment of state employees getting in extra time on Saturdays and other days at the liquor store in Salem? Don't you think any number of these returned service men could fill any of the positions or extra work that is now being given to state employees who are already obtaining good salaries? Why this doubling up on jobs and especially since the governor and other state officers are claiming that the service men in quest of jobs must be taken care of? It is claimed that the liquor commission for a long time has been hiring this extra help from state house. Investigate and you will find this situation as I am telling it.

WILLIAM HENNINGSEN
Editor's note—Inquiry reveals that state employees have worked extra at the liquor store, a practice that has been going on for several years. Lack of other labor started the practice; presumably it will be dropped if extra labor becomes available.

JAPS IN HAWAII

To the editor:

There is much news now in relation to the admission of Hawaii to statehood. I understand a very large percentage of the population there are Japs. Will they be allowed to enter the northwest and the United States at will? From what I read I understand the Japs had a good spy system on the islands.

The question is: Do we want a lot of Jap spies on the loose in this country? There are a lot of people here who would like to know the score.

Some editorial comment on this phase would be appreciated by your readers.

H. G. DAMON

Editor's note—Hawaiian-born Americans of Japanese ancestry are eligible to enter the United States now. Statehood would not alter their rights in that respect. The majority of Japanese in Hawaii remained loyal; little or no more, Hammond will print the soldier's name on the cover.

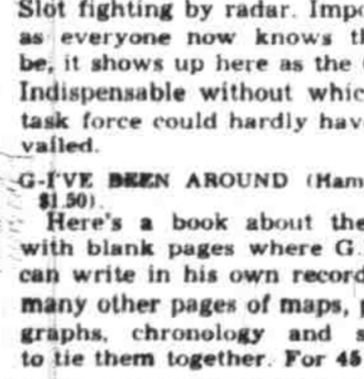
G-I'VE BEEN AROUND (Hammond, \$1.50)

Here's a book about the war with blank pages where G. I. Joe can write in his own record, and many other pages of maps, photographs, chronology and so on to tie them together. For 45 cents

more, Hammond will print the soldier's name on the cover.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Maybe you get a good tan, but it's a poor imitation of Nature—where the sun, the sky and men smile down at you!"

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

NO "MARCH ON GARRISON"

To the editor:

I have just received a clipping from the Statesman about the meeting of GI's at the 21st Replacement Depot in Manila.

I am sorry to hear that your source of information or your treatment of the subject was so far from the facts. Those who were present and those who followed the incident in this area know that there was no "March on Garrison." The assembly was orderly, not riotous. Elected representatives presented their case to the depot commander. There was a free exchange of opinion, questions being asked and answered in a gentlemanly manner and in best keeping with both civilian open forum manner and military courtesy. A solution was arrived at as best it could be done at that time. The men were given an assurance of shipping in keeping with the facts at that time. There was no disorder.

Proof of the results of the meeting is the fact that no arrests were necessary and the 21st Replacement Depot was cleared of men and abandoned within a very few days. The same thing has happened to most of the depots in the Manila area.

In this "March on Garrison," as you dubbed it, there was merely a request for a statement on the status of the men in the pool. The statement was made. The men were satisfied. Those who know prefer to label the meeting, "Democracy at Work."

Let's get the news straight at home and not create false impressions.

Very truly yours,
PPC J. PAUL BURCH
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San Francisco

Strikes Fail To Halt Stock Mart Upswing

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The stock market scored another 15-year average high today in fast dealings although profit cashing on the recent sharp upswing reduced early gains running to a point or more and jolted many leaders for slight losses.

Thin "blue chips" such as Eastman Kodak and Allied Chemical added 4 and 5 points although fractional advances ruled at the close. Transfers of 2,700,000 shares compared with 2,740,000 shares Monday.

Buying again was predicted on inflation ideas stemming from the apparent price-wage spiral and the belief that, when strikes and threatened strikes are adjusted, the country will undergo a period of boom-time prosperity. The walk-out of 200,000 electrical workers and the imminent packing strike failed to touch off any real liquidation.

The Associated Press 60-stock composite was up 4 of a point at 79.4, a top since March 28, 1931. It was another board market, 1,032 issues registering against 1,040 the day before. Of these, 463 advanced, 393 declined and 176 were unchanged.

Hawaii Statehood Hearings Ended

HONOLULU, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A congressional subcommittee concluded hearings today on statehood for Hawaii. One member, Rep. Homer Angell (R-Ore.) said he saw no "dangerous precedent" in admitting the territory to the union.

Robert L. Shivers, former special agent in charge of the FBI in Hawaii, told the committee there was no sabotage by Japanese in Hawaii before or after the Dec. 7, 1941 attack.

Grain Market Trading Ups Rye Price 1 1/2

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Rye bounced around in today's grain futures trading, opening about 1/2 cent above the previous close, then dipping almost a cent only to rally and close 1 1/2 cent over yesterday's finish.

Traders could find nothing in today's news that a direct bearing on grains, with the exception of a report that government export permits have been issued on recently purchased rye.

When pit traders heard that report they took to the selling side and the decline was not stopped until short covering lifted the market to yesterday's finish.

At the bell wheat was 1/4 higher to 1/4 lower than yesterday's close, May \$1.80 1/2. Corn was unchanged at ceiling, \$1.18 1/2. Oats were 1/4 higher to 1/4 lower, May 77 3/4. Rye was 3/4 lower to 1 1/2 higher, May \$1.87 1/2. Barley was unchanged to 1/4 higher, May \$1.22 1/2.

SIGMA DELTA CHI ELECTS

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Barry Faris, New York, editor-in-chief of International News Service, today was elected president of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity.

Over Oregon

By the Associated Press

COOS BAY, Ore., Jan. 15.—An advertising program with a \$11,800 budget will be launched to attract tourists to Oregon beaches, directors of the Oregon coast association stated here. Plans include a three-color coast travel guide; a magazine for association members; a sports fishing guide and a leaflet of coast legends and history.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—The farm machinery shortage will be worse in 1946 than during the war. County Agent S. B. Hall predicted today. Veterans will have first choice on the few tractors available, he said.

THE DALLIES, Jan. 15.—Mayor George Stadelman suggested today that a half-finished Lewis & Clark monument, hotly debated since it was started in WPA days, should be completed as part of the city planning program. The shaft, marking the spot where the explorers camped in 1805, would cost \$12,500 to complete. Total of \$60,000 already has been spent, Stadelman estimated.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—Better quality lumber comes from trees planted about four feet apart, a 20-year Douglas fir planting test has shown, Thornton T. Munger, chief of the forest management research office here, said today. Although trees spaced 12 feet apart grew faster, the lumber is coarser and has more knots, he added.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—Identification of a woman found drowned in the Columbia river as Mrs. Vera Ada Lenhart, 36, Portland, mother of three children, was reported today by the coroner's office. Authorities quoted Mrs. Paullette Clark, as sister, as saying the woman's husband was in California seeking her.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—Radio beams will replace thousands of miles of wire carrying telegrams between major cities in a few years, L. J. Miller, Western Union superintendent, said today.

MEDFORD, Jan. 15.—Veterans of world wars I and II here plan a new American Legion post headquarters, Alfred Hagerty said today. Instead of forming a second American Legion post, world war II ex-servicemen will combine with post No. 15, he reported.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—Ted R. Gamble, who has resigned as treasury war finance director to manage his theatres here, was named chairman of Portland's motion picture censoring board today, succeeding J. O. Freck.

GOLD HILL, Jan. 15.—Resignation of Noble B. Martin, athletic and manual training instructor in the high school here, to accept a position in Eugene with the veterans bureau was announced today.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—Death of John H. Bernau, 29, Sherwood, today marked Portland's first 1946 traffic fatality. He was injured when his car collided with a bus yesterday.

MEDFORD, Jan. 15.—E. T. Allen, Portland, announced today he had sold the downtown Allen building, one of southern Oregon's oldest hotels. Purchaser was not identified.

Forest Research Foundation Elects Cox as President

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The board of directors for the forest research foundation has reelected H. J. Cox, Eugene lumber association executive, president. Paul Dunn, Oregon State college forestry dean, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

The non-profit corporation was formed a year ago to promote forest research and utilization. It has cooperated with the Oregon forest products laboratory, Corvallis, in projects to develop more lumber products and utilize wood waste.



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the last over the preceding fiscal year being only \$3,876. This is because building has been virtually frozen, so few new accounts have been added.

Because of the slow growth in revenues and the heavy debt the commission has not been able to reduce the basic rates for water, although there has been one reduction for use during the irrigating season.

I have wondered sometimes if the commission might not be more aggressive in encouraging consumption of water, especially for irrigating lawn and water. This would bring added revenues to the commission and added dividends in beauty to Salem homes. This calls for intelligent promotion, such as electric and gas utilities use.

The audit report shows that the financial condition of the water system is excellent. The bonded debt has been reduced from a total of \$2,200,000 to \$1,923,000. In addition the system has built up investments of \$410,214, chiefly in government bonds. These reserve funds will be used in making improvements and extensions to the system. The added investment should increase earning power and provide better service to consumers.

Finances do not tell the whole story, however. During the ten year period the commission developed a new source of supply which gives the city an abundance of fine water, has installed a much larger reservoir and a standpipe which gives better pressure in the mains. The improvement in quality of the water is a definite gain which is greatly appreciated by those who remember the heavily chlorinated water served when the Willamette was the source of supply.

The report of state auditors offers not a single criticism of the accounting practice of the department. Rarely does a government office come through an audit with so clear a record.

To summarize: Salem's water system has proven a financial success, on modest terms, but the results should improve as time goes on. Consumers now enjoy an abundant supply of water of excellent quality. The city has had in the management of the water system a competent, non-salaried commission who have devoted much time to the solution of the city's water problems, and a conscientious staff who have managed the operations of the water system very capably.

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