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A CONGRESSMAN ASKS FOR IT
Our congressman from the new Fourth District of Oregon—Harris Ellsworth (better known to some of his intimates by the nickname "Matt")—is making an excellent record in Washington. In other words he is keeping close touch with his district, learning the intricate business of House procedure, and keeping his mouth shut. Do we hear somebody say:

"But we sent him down there to speak for us."
Correct! But in any great legislative body a "freshman" member is to be seen and not heard, at least in the legislative assembly.

In Portland the other day they were chuckling over the "slapping down" recently administered to no less personage than the beautiful and talented Clara Luce. She may be a famous author and wife of the publisher of Life, but in Washington she is just another member of the House somewhere up in Connecticut. So when Lady Luce sounded off the other day on some little measure not properly "processed," she encountered a volley of "nos" which is just the time honored method of putting a "freshman" in place.

Nor was this due to any prejudice against "the fair sex." The slapping down of Mrs. Luce was followed by even sterner discipline for young Will Rogers when he attempted a verbal broadside against the notorious Congressman Dies. Now many members do not love Mr. Dies any more than Mr. Rogers, but Dies has been there a long time. Rogers was denied even the privilege of printing his blast in the Congressional Record.

This may or may not be wise and right, but it's the way it is in Washington. Anyhow we may be glad that our Mr. Ellsworth is biding his time and holding his temper, and earning his future right to talk.

For instance, Ellsworth has been made secretary of the Republican minority's special committee of 40 to investigate the nation's food problems, and chairman of the special committee's sub-committee to gather and publish facts. So we have on the desk a letter saying:

"I would like to have as many letters as possible from my own district giving me first hand information on the food situation. I would like to hear from dairymen, meat packers, processors, farmers, wholesalers, retailers. I want also, very definitely, to hear from the people who go to the store to buy. What are your problems. Just address me, Room 1631, House Office Building, Washington, D.C."

Boy, is our congressman "asking for it!" And what a job it is going to be to sort out fact from fancy, and real grievances from little "bellyaches" and put together a report which may be critical but constructive. Nevertheless constructive criticism is the best service a congressman, especially a minority congressman, can render these days — far more important than sounding off.

Our congressman has drawn a very tough assignment. If he does a good job, maybe the elders who run the show will let him say a word on the floor now and then. If he does an unusually effective job he may be admitted into the sacred circle of leadership.

We relate all this in the hope of making folks understand what a congressman does back there. If he dawdles and fritters, he soon disappears. If he works long hard hours, and has what it takes to gain the confidence of his associates, he may become a leader after two or three terms. What an assignment!—editing the nation's food complaints! Nevertheless it proves that our man is earning his chance.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

MICHEL WOULD HAVE HAD A VERSE FOR IT
The Grants Pass Courier

If sage Nostradamus, in 1559 or thereabouts, had written this verse we'd stand up and claim he also-nuff had something:

The verse runs:
"Fish shall a compact seal between
"People of the Land and the Sea who hate,
"Until birds of the cold be ready, when
they shall ascend,
"And with iron carp rend the bridge of
the new worlds."

Now don't get us wrong; Nostradamus didn't write any such lines. We did, and only to illustrate that making a mystery of something is a mighty good way to invite folks to turn their minds to it for their own enlightenment and enlightenment.

The subject of the stanza is well worth a little enlightenment.
Our Nostradamus fans, hardened by beating their brains against some of the French monk's word puzzles, will find the above a pushover. It won't take them a minute to come up with something like this:

Line one—that could be the fisheries agreement just signed by Japan and the Soviet extending the Japs' rights to use of Soviet far northern waters.
Line two—makes line one a cinch.
Line three—"birds of the cold" could be anything except possibly penguins which don't fly, but since old Nostradamus was a pre-geopolitical scribe he would have meant airplanes in Alaska or somewhere in the far north.

Line four—that settles it! He's talking about Kiska's combined Jap airbase and submarine harbor struggling feverishly to get set for the day when Jap subs and bombers can combine to blast the lend-lease ship cargoes Russia is ferrying from here to there, and presumably just when the greatest number of those cargoes can be caught en route and the Jap assault upon the whole Vladivostok coast can be launched at the same time.

Sounds like the Japs, doesn't it, whether or not it sounds like Michel Nostradamus?
It takes something to explain why they are expending so much effort manning and supplying the end of the Aleutians at the cost of stringing out their forces where our bombers can keep gnawing at them, and their great need to sever the line along

which we can supply THIS side of Russia and later China the short way and encircle the Japanese homeland is explanation enough.
We hold a geopolitical view of the matter. The Oriental war has come down to this: A battle for buses to run the Pacific. Japan captured them, and we are busy retaking them. In miles the Japs got a two-thirds head start on us. In numbers they made it about ten-to-one.
Kiska is only one, but Kiska is important out of all proportion to most of the others as we have tried to show, with apologies to the shade of good old Nostradamus.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By JOHN W. KELLY

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 13—ADVERTISEMENTS boosting treasury bond sales were either contributed by business concerns or donation of free space by newspapers. A bill was written making an appropriation of some \$30,000,000 to be used by the treasury in advertising. Half of the appropriation was to be distributed among weekly newspapers. It was to pay for space and not be a subsidy. However, there are a few members of congress who professed to see in the proposal an attempt by the administration to stifle freedom of the press; these, by the way, being Republican lawmakers. These critics contended that the administration might withhold advertising from any daily or weekly that was not 100 per cent with the administration and that loss of this advertising might result in some of the smaller and hard pressed papers being forced to fold up. They say that the administration might use the money in the same way that funds were given to farmers for not growing crops and these treasury checks caused thousands of farmers to vote the new deal ticket.

There is a small group in congress who have been expressing fear that the new dealers are trying to suppress the press since the days of the Blue Eagle, when it was proposed that newspapers be licensed. Last winter newspaper was curtailed 10 percent and another reduction was planned for April but was held up. Civilian supply branch of WPB proposed chopping the amount of newspaper in half; a recommendation that was rejected.

Government, however, is moving in on vital matters. Office of censor and office of war information are restricting information. Government is accusing Associated Press of being a monopoly. It was planned to keep reporters from learning too much about the international food conference on the theory that reporters might get stories that would cause friction among the delegates who assembled to tell how much American food they want. OWI said it would dish out official releases. The conference on what to do with refugees was changed from Ottawa to Bermuda, which is under strict British censorship, and any reporter could be kept from attending by refusing a passport. And there is the proposal to increase rates on newspapers, which would hit the small dailies hard. The critics may be all wet in these suspicions, but such is their turn-out.

THEY are offering wagers in the national capital that within nine months Tokyo will be razed to the ground by American bombers. The prediction is made that Tokyo will be blasted off the island and thoroughly destroyed. The execution of the American fliers in the Doolittle raid one year ago is spurring the top men to demand revenge for this act of savagery, in which Japan violated the international code of warfare. It is predicted that the raid on Tokyo will be no token bombing, such as Doolittle performed with his 97 men, but the city will be covered with thousands of American planes in wave after wave until the destruction will be far greater than that caused by the earthquake of a number of years ago. At that time the Japanese government was very appreciative for money and materials given by the people of the United States. Japan has intimated that it will soon be ready to go into action on a big scale, but the Americans may strike first.

"SMALL business is building truck bodies by the thousand in Washington and Oregon, with three concerns in the same group on San Francisco bay. Another contract for 10,000 of these bodies has been awarded to the small business group. In the combination are a plant at Tacoma, another at Baker, one at Eugene and three in Portland. The bid by this group was the lowest of any offer in the United States. Of 10 prime contracts 80 per cent has been distributed among subsidiaries. The truck beds are of steel, hardwood, Douglas fir and pine. The hardwood and steel are procured in the mid-west. About 800 pounds of steel are required for each bed. The sides and flooring are of the soft woods of the northwest, and despite the fact that the area has immense quantities of fir and pine it is difficult to obtain all the wood as rapidly as is necessary and the organization has to go into the back country to the small sawmill operators to be supplied.

About 40,000 of these truck beds will have been delivered by next December, and the cost will run into many millions of dollars. Another similar war industries group has received contracts for furnishing other items which it is filling at small plants in the two states.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

THE MATTER OF DANCE HALLS

By occupation, he's a contractor. He runs a dance hall as a side line. As a young man, he paid his way through college by playing in an orchestra. Graduating, and going into business, he found he missed the relaxation the orchestra work had given him. So he opened a dance hall and organized an orchestra.
Now I'm offering no brief for dance halls. Long ago my dad told me to stay away from such. I have. But when this man asked me to visit his establishment, I thought why not. I'm inquisitive about all phases of life, and I knew I'd reached an age where the more robust temptations no longer affected me; maybe from necessity rather than choice, but results are the same.

I was astounded to find that this chap actually believes he's a good moral factor in the community. He reasons thus: since young people will dance, best give them a respectable place to do it in. He says he takes better care of some youngsters than their parents do. When he sees a man look at a very young girl with a predatory gleam in his eye, he savely manages an interference. Drinking is not allowed, and dancing must be kept within the bounds of decorum.

I found him to be quite a student of human behavior. He says men and women who prefer active work, also prefer active play. People who choose sedentary jobs choose sedentary pleasures.
Years of observation have made him conclude that a woman loses interest in dancing during the years she's rearing a family. This interest revives once the children are grown up and gone, which accounts for the many so-called "old time" dancing groups. And a post war period always sees an increased interest in dancing.

Well, I've told you much of the philosophy of the dance hall proprietor. According to him, I should want to go dancing tonight. My family is grown and gone, and I've spent the day planting potatoes, which is an active occupation in anybody's language. But if I do, I can't hear the voice which tells me so. My aching knees and crick in my back have louder tones. They tell me to play a game of checkers, and then go to bed. I can even omit the checkers.

Convention Opening On Friday

By MARIAN LOWRY
EUGENE Business and Professional Women's club members are all prepared to welcome visitors and delegates for the annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs opening here Friday. Friday evening brings the executive council session, the convention proper starting Saturday morning.

Highlighting Saturday evening's entertainment will be the party to follow the formal banquet, the party to be at the Osburn hotel.
A style show, featuring old-time and new wearing apparel, will be given at the party. Mrs. Max Burris and Mrs. Frank Connell in charge.

Serving as models for the old-time fashions, Mrs. Connell as commentator, will be Mrs. Karl Blechschmidt, Mrs. Harold Jensen, Miss Thelma Neaville, Miss Tillie Dorflier, Mrs. Greta Buckingham, Mrs. E. M. Porterfield, Mrs. Rachael Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Miss Martha Foster.
Models for the new styles section, Mrs. Lyman C. Palmer as commentator, are Miss Marilyn Burris, Mrs. Bruce Nidever, Miss Patricia Pirtle, Mrs. Dorothy Goodwin, Miss Phyllis Roach, Mrs. Glenn Pirtle, Dr. Victory H. Morris, Mrs. Harold Miller, Mrs. Georgina Lucas.

Concluding the style show will be a patriotic event, Mrs. Ella T. Edmunson acting as the goddess of liberty, Miss Arlene Soasey, Miss Marie Mitchell, Mrs. Clarence Crocker, and Miss Merle Nimmo to sing in quartet. Mrs. Merle Chase to serve as the Red Cross nurse.

Firms assisting with fashions for the style show are Gordon's store, Beard's store, Kaufman Brothers store, Miller's store, Broadway, Inc., Duree shop, Eddie's flower shop is arranging bouquets to be used in the show, and Hart Larsen is arranging the stage setting and lighting.

Reception Friday
Honoring national and state officers coming to the convention, the local club is giving a formal reception Friday evening, Osburn hotel, eight-thirty o'clock.
Several other civic and service groups for women in Eugene have been invited to attend. Mrs. J. F. White is chairman for the event.

RETURN FROM VISIT
Mrs. Ida M. Rudisill and daughter, Mrs. Arne Strommer, have returned from a trip to California, having visited relatives at Claremont and San Diego, and with Mrs. Strommer's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Woodie, Sacramento.

ENTERTAIN GROUP
Mrs. Robert Carper and Mrs. Ben Jones entertained at the home of the former for the younger railway clerks' wives, Wednesday thirteen attending. Mrs. Vern Allen, who is moving to Albany, was honored with a handkerchief shower. Games were played, and prizes given, and a lunch served. Mrs. Walter Herring and Mrs. Clarence Walker will entertain for the June meeting.

PARTY POSTPONED
The supper planned by Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae for Friday evening to honor seniors of the active chapter has been postponed and will be held next Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. William M. Tugman.

SEWING GROUP
Helmetta Sewing club will meet at the home of Mrs. Virgil Brooks, Friday evening, seven-thirty o'clock.

DINNER EVENT
A Mother's day picnic dinner was held at the River Road clubhouse Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lyons, Oakleigh Lane, as hosts to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Paul of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Alzina Paul and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Johnson, all of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. George McCracken and sons, Pat and Jack; Mrs. Ines Lyons; Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lyons and son, Leroy; Mr. and Mrs. Curt Sweet and son, Loren, all of Eugene.
Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Paul of Los Angeles, Cal., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lyons, 109 Oakleigh Lane, Mr. Paul

Elks Dance Set Saturday Evening

The Elks lodge announces another of its dances for the coming Saturday evening, the event having been postponed from last week.
The party will begin at nine-thirty o'clock, Elks ballroom, all members and their wives being invited. The dance will be either informal or semi-formal for those attending.

Parkers Feted At Class Dinner

Approximately one hundred persons were gathered at the dinner given by the Tenth-Century club at the Methodist church Wednesday evening, at six-thirty o'clock, which honored Dr. and Mrs. B. Earle Parker. Dr. Parker will leave his pastorate in June, and in token of farewell, the club presented him with a Governor Winthrop secretary-desk of mahogany. Presentation was made by L. C. DeLass.
Miss Ardeath Pecht played violin solos, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Phil Nordling, during the musical program of which Dan Young had charge.
Committee for the dinner consisted of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crandall, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Summers, and Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Johnson.

Initiation Held By Auxiliary

Mrs. James Yarnell was initiated as a new member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen at the regular business meeting of the organization Wednesday evening at the Knights of Pythias hall.
Plans were made for the next session, which will be a dessert bridge, May 26, and a committee was named, comprised of Mrs. Z. J. Lewman, Mrs. L. D. Bryan, Mrs. Dalton Ward, Mrs. Ray Muhr and Mrs. Charles Miller.

Auxiliary Takes Up War Service

Members of the Ladies auxiliary to the B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 1404 met in regular session at the Temple rooms on Tuesday evening with sixteen present. During the business meeting, several matters of importance were taken up.

A letter was read from the grand auxiliary president, Mrs. Blanche Cramer, stating there would be no convention this summer, but inviting the lodges to write in any suggestions or resolutions that they may feel needed. A contribution to the war service fund was made. Bond buying was stressed and members were reminded about stating to the banks that their purchases should be listed to the credit of the lodge so that a sizeable quota might be reached.

A group of ladies will take a day to sell stamps or bonds for the Re-Active club in the five booths over town.
Volunteers are signing to give blood plasma at some time in the near future.

is a brother of Mrs. Lyons. They visited Mr. Paul's mother and sister, Mrs. Alzina Paul and Mrs. F. B. Johnson of Springfield, also, called on friends, Mr. and Mrs. Paul formerly lived in Eugene. They went on to Portland Sunday afternoon.

CENTRAL DIVISION
Central division, Women's Christian Temperance union, will meet Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. E. Allumbaugh for monthly business. A program on "Peace" will include a discussion on the topic, "The World After the War."

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From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

Almost everybody's figuring what things'll be like after the war. I talked about that today with Jeb Crowell. Jeb—he's a veteran of the last War—says: "One thing's sure, Joe. The boys this time won't return and find what we came back to."
Then he went on to mention Prohibition... and I ought to say right here that Jeb's a man of moderation... a glass of beer or two is all he'll ever take. It was the principle of the thing that bothered him.
"Passing a law behind our backs," he says, "was violatin' just what we were fightin' for. The very principles we fought for in 1776. Law-makin' without representation is one of the most undemocratic things we can do."
I guess we're all agreed on that. Most folks admit we made a mistake once... but the boys who are fighting this war can be pretty sure we won't pull anything like that again!

Joe Marsh

Child Care Taken Up By Scouts

THE first meeting of the child care course for Girl Scouts was attended by an enthusiastic group.
The second meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, ten to eleven-thirty o'clock at the Girl Scout office.

Mrs. Robert Leeper, Miss Shirley Christiansen, and Mrs. June Blair are giving the training course.
Saturday's meeting will be a discussion of practical requirements every girl will need to know when going into homes to care for children, and also when caring for groups of children on a playground, etc.
Each girl is to prepare and bring a "kit bag" with suitable games, stories, and toys to interest children.
Every Girl Scout upon completion of this course will be eligible for a service corps pin, and her child care badge. Awards will be presented at a special meeting at the close of the course.
Any Girl Scout who has met her first class requirement or a senior service scout is eligible to join this course; however this is the last meeting that they can enter the group, and fulfill the requirements.

Circle Tea For Mothers, Tuesday

Members of the Imo Ruyle circle of the First Baptist church honored their mothers, or mothers adopted for the occasion, at a special mother's tea held Tuesday afternoon in the church parlors. Mrs. Charles Teague was general chairman for the affair. Corsages were presented to the mothers, Mrs. Clifford Travillion and Mrs. Walter Schmieding being in charge of this feature.
Mrs. Frank Rhodes and Mrs. Willis Finley, circle officers, poured, at a table spread with white organdy over satin, and centered by an arrangement of Calla lilies, pink carnations, snapdragons, and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Bernald Holtan was in charge of the tea table, with Mrs. Sam McMullen and Mrs. Stanley Jarvis assisting in serving. During the tea hour, Miss Shirley Dugan furnished incidental piano music.
A program included a vocal solo by Mrs. Glenn Thorne, with accompaniment by Mrs. Arthur Smith; reading by Mrs. L. C. Van Houten; selections on an electric guitar, Miss Vera Mitchell, and "whistling" solos by Mrs. Clifford Travillion.

Delegates Named For Auxiliary

Delegates were elected by Daughters of the Union Veterans, Wednesday evening, for the department convention to be held in Eugene May 23, 24 and 25. Delegates will be Mrs. Ada Healy, Mrs. Carl Pfeiffer, Mrs. Bertha Pearson, Mrs. Kathryn Richardson and Miss Cora Kremer.
Alternates for the above will be Mrs. Alberta Safford, Mrs. Charles Emery, Mrs. Sadie Heistand, Mrs. Andrew Hill, and Mrs. Robert L. Drury.
Memorial day plans were discussed.

Legion Auxiliary Meeting Friday

American Legion auxiliary members are meeting Friday evening, seven-thirty o'clock, Knights of Pythias hall.

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