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Short Sighted

We have had 3.2 percent beer on sale for a month—when it could be had. There has been no orry of drunkenness, no increase in crime, but an actual falling off in arrests.

Salem's city council, however, refused to legalize beer sales within the city, thus driving money out of town to the detriment of business generally.

Salem has nothing to gain but much to lose by refusing to sanction the sale of 3.2 percent beer—but it isn't the first time we have followed a short-sighted policy in city affairs.

Commenting on the situation in Salem, the Evening Herald, Klamath Falls, says:

Try and understand the city of Salem: it is impossible! There it is, the capital town of one of the finest hop growing regions of the world where prices riced with a decade of beer prohibition.

The protesting cries of Marion county hop producers, loud when the market was so high, turned to shouts of jubilation as prices moved forward to sixty-five cents with indications many growers would continue to ask for more.

Perhaps Salem itself can explain this contrary position of financial optimism on one side and silly conservatism on the other. It appears an occasion for amusement that Salem, profiting more than any other region in Oregon from the passage of the beer bill, should shut out the very beverage having such an important hand in its prosperity.

It is quite possible the hop growers themselves actually don't care whether Salem has or has not beer. The production, of course, is in Marion county but the market is elsewhere.

Salem enjoys high hop prices, but it is missing out on beer revenue. It is the hop center of the nation, but it can't have beer. Its citizens are a bit resentful and its hop pickers angry.

To Grab All China

Every time Japanese diplomats deny a new aggression in China, it is a signal for new seizure. This has been the case since the first attack on Mukden, followed by the seizure of Manchuria, the attack on Shanghai, the seizure of Jehol and now the invasion under way for the occupation of Peiping and Tientsin and the organization of another dummy state in north China.

There is no question of Japanese intentions. They comprise the domination of China and eventually of Asia and perhaps the world. Progressively the advance is from the north and the sea. As one province is seized and a Japanese controlled government set up, attacks upon it furnish the excuse for conquering adjacent territory, where the process is progressively repeated, until eventually all China will be ruled.

China, divided, disorganized and chaotic, is apparently unable to resist the well-equipped and disciplined Japanese military machine. And there are signs not wanting that the Chinese themselves are as indifferent as to who rules them, as they have been in the past, provided only tranquility is assured and commerce flourishes.

The rest of the world is too absorbed in its own troubles to worry much as to what happens to China, a land unable to establish or maintain a united and stabilized government, and contents itself by expressing moral condemnation of treaty scrapping by the Japanese. Meanwhile the Japanese continue their machiavellian diplomacy and their military occupation.

Our New Laws

The American Legislators' association asserts that in the open season now drawing to a close, 45 state legislatures, some of them still in session, have considered over 65,000 bills and passed some 7100 new laws to further clutter the statute books. In 1931, legislators introduced 59,500 bills and passed 8,031, the survey shows.

Few of these laws were needed, many of them superfluous, others will keep the courts busy for years, but every year sees the performance repeated. Our Oregon legislature was a fair example, with the members remaining in session at their own expense for weeks to enact unneeded laws.

Americans certainly have a mania for law making, which perhaps accounts for their law breaking habits. As no one person can know all the words in the dictionary, so no one law enforcer can know all the laws on even the community statute books—to say nothing of those of the state or nation. And almost every time the sun sets, the number of laws increases in geometric ratio.

Rebekah Officers Seeking Delegates

Solo—Candidates nominated for Solo Rebekah officers for the term beginning July 5, for which election is to take place Wednesday evening, are as follows: Noble grand, Leone Ray; vice grand, Nell Donahue; recording secretary, Eunice Barst; treasurer, Janie Ewing; and Bertha Lytle. Mrs. Lytle declined the nomination. Jennie Weddle and Jane Morrison, who had been elected delegates to the annual assembly at Pendleton next week, declined, stating they were not in position to make the trip. Mrs. Lytle was elected but announced that it was doubtful whether she could attend. Joe Lytle is the delegate named by the local subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows.

Club Entertained At Wells Residence

West Salem—Mrs. Frank P. Wells entertained a group of members of the Jolly Q club at her home on Patterson avenue Thursday afternoon. As a diversion from the regular work of sewing, cards were played. High score went to Mrs. J. A. Gosser and consolation to Mrs. Winchell. At the tea hour the hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. Harry Winchell.

Eldridge Closed

Wacoona—Graduation exercises were held Thursday evening at the Eldridge school for the graduating class which included Christina Haverkamp, Margaret Lelack, Bonnie Bell Miller, Robert Runcon and Robert Scharf. An all-day community picnic was held Friday with games and sports enjoyed.

GRAND OFFERS FILM SUCCESS; LOVE PAIR HERE

Combining the talents of a group of modernists responsible for some of the stage and screen's most brilliant comedy successes, "Pleasure Cruise," the new Fox comedy, comes to the Grand theater Sunday for an engagement of four days.

In the cast are Genevieve Tobin and Roland Young, Mianna Gombell, Herbert Muddin and Frank Atkinson. Two of the screen's most popular favorites, Ralph Forbes, U.S. O'Connell, Theodore Von Eltz, Robert Greig and Arthur Hoyt.

The play is based on the London stage hit of Austen Allen, who is being acclaimed by the English critics as one of the cleverest of the modern authors. The story concerns a spicy romance, complicated by matrimonial entanglements, on a "Pleasure Cruise" where practically everything is condoned, so long as it is in fun.

Joan Crawford and Gary Cooper are co-starred for the first time in "Today We Live," which opens Sunday at the Warner Bros. Esmonce as a filmation of a new story by the noted writer, William Faulkner. The picture is said to give Miss Crawford brilliant opportunities as the young English girl who struggles desperately to win a chance for love amid the turmoil of the World War.

The three men with whom her life is entangled are Cooper as the American aviator, Robert Young as the childhood sweetheart, who wins her for a few brief days during the hysteria of life in a billet town, and Franchot Tone, the New York stage star, who makes his first film appearance in "Today We Live," as Miss Crawford's brother. The cast also includes Roscoe Karns, Louise Closser Hale, Rollo Lloyd and Hilda Vaughn under the direction of Howard Hawks, who produced "Scarface." The picture will be seen for the first time at the Saturday midnight matinee.

The National Whirligig

By PAUL MALLON

Washington—You may have noticed the awful silence which greeted Mr. Roosevelt's railroad bill in congress. There was a reason.

The railroad experts in the senate are laboring under the category of Chairman Dill of the interstate commerce committee. Also the former republican chairman of that committee, Senator Couzens. These two will run the railroad show.

No one would raise an eyebrow if they got together on a series of labor amendments to the bill. They will provide probably that some portion of the economies be allocated for workers' pensions or discharge pay.

That is what labor wants. It is a two to one bet they will get it.

The sub-rosa indications are that Mr. Roosevelt will accept those amendments. He considered them at length privately, but did not include them in the draft of the bill sent to congress.

He probably left them out as a matter of strategy. It kept the roads from opposing the legislation. It congress writes the amendments it will be too late for the rail executives to do anything about it.

Without some such change it will be hard to get the legislation through. The railroad labor lobbies are among the strongest in Washington. They work quietly but well. They can stir up plenty of opposition to any proposal to discharge 100,000 (their figure) workers without remuneration for the sake of railroad bondholders.

The text of the bill offered by the White House was far weaker than Mr. Roosevelt's original idea. He wanted a coordinator who could coordinate the railroads with a big stick. What he finally got was about half what he wanted. It will not mean government operation but it will provide strong government supervision.

You may have noticed Mr. Roosevelt almost apologized for it in his message. He said he would offer some permanent proposals at the next January session of congress. What he secretly has in mind is his original idea.

Never has this country had such a one-man government as now. The public generally has no idea how completely Mr. Roosevelt dominates the Washington scene inside and out.

He is boss of his cabinet to a greater extent than any president since Wilson. Some of his biggest associates are only messenger boys for him. But the root of his mastery is in congress. Very few of his own party leaders there are in his confidence, and none completely so. The underlying feeling in both houses is one of confusion. They do not know what will be done about anything from one minute to another. The average democratic congressman knows no more or less about what is going on than you do.

That seems to be all part of the Roosevelt strategy. He rushed them off their feet at the start and has never let them get back. Legislation is passed so swiftly the general run of congressmen do not have time to digest it before they must vote. The whole government has been breathlessly reorganized in 60 days. The work has been done so fast no expert here can name off-hand all the bills that have been passed. The executive branch will require weeks more to put their new plans fully into effect. Nobody is complaining publicly.

VACATION DAYS FINALLY ARRIVE

Lalish Center—With a team comprised of boys of the grade school and single men, the school was successful in defeating the married men by a score of 11 to 2 as the first event in the school closing celebration Thursday evening.

The game was followed by a picnic supper in the schoolhouse basement at which about 150 persons were seated. The program was presented to an even larger group at 8 o'clock, it including three playlets, a butterfly drill and pirates sketch given by the girls and boys respectively, in which those taking part were ably costumed. Colored lights were used for the drill. Leslie Klampe and Clyde Boehm made a hit with their guitar duet. A fourth playlet, "How Bobby Put it Over," had to be cancelled when one of the students' voice failed.

At the conclusion of the pirate song the graduating class marched to the stage where their diplomas were presented by W. A. Starker, clerk. Proceeding the presentation, Bobby DeGross played a guitar solo. The graduation march was played by Charlotte Jones.

This class another successful term taught by Emma McLaughly and Charlotte Jones. Both will teach here again next year. Union Hills—The Oak Grove school closed Wednesday after a successful year with Miss Carola May of Mt. Angel as teacher. Miss May returned to her home Thursday morning.

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Speaker Rainey has approved his own obituary. He is not feeling sick or anything but he had a chance to read last week what one of the world's largest press associations will publish about him when he dies. A newspaperman was assigned to write the obit and in order to be assured it was correct he let Rainey look it over. Rainey did not change a word but hoped it would be suppressed for a long time. The new word for Mr. Roosevelt's gang of college professors is "The Professoriat." It was coined by the Washington correspondent of a Chicago newspaper.

The first draft of the railroad bill was prepared by a Mr. Fletcher, the railroad lobbyist. It will undergo more changes. Nothing was said in the bill about large salaries of railroad executives but congress will insert a line about that also. The temper of the senate was shown when they limited R. M. C. loans to corporations paying no salary of more than \$17,500 a year.

Relief Work

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Woods Wage Scale Topic For Debate

Silverton—The 4-Ls of which C. L. Bonney is chairman, held a meeting Friday night at their hall at which a number of important matters were discussed. J. H. McCullough served as secretary.

The group discussed the minimum wage scale, reduction of dues, height of work standards, reorganization of the 4-L constitution, re-alignment of districts and results of the 4-L survey.

Decisions of the organization at the Friday night session will be presented at a meeting of the directors of the parent order in Portland Monday, May 22.

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OFFICER DISCHARGED

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Strang was a night officer and has been with the department for several years. Notice of his discharge and a copy of the complaint have been filed by Chief Minto with the civil service commission. Under the civil service act Strang has the right of appeal to the commission. This privilege is given in the following words of the act:

"Any person so removed or discharged may, within 10 days from the time of his removal or discharge, file with the commission a written demand for an investigation, whereupon the commission shall conduct such investigation. The investigation shall be confined to the determination of the question of whether such removal or discharge was or was not made in good faith or cause."

Strang was a few weeks ago laid off for a short time without pay for allowing a citizen, not an officer, to ride in the city car with him while on patrol duty.

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PIPGRAS PURCHASED BY BOSTON RED SOX

Detroit, May 13 (AP)—Rehabilitation of the Boston Red Sox, occupants of the American league cellar, was a step further along today with the purchase of George Phipps, New York Yankee right-hander, to join the newly acquired battery of Lloyd Brown and Rick Ferrell, late of the St. Louis Browns.

The deal announced yesterday by President Thomas Yawkey and General Manager Eddie Collins of the Sox also brought them William Werber, a young short stop. The amount of cash involved was reported between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Pipgras, a veteran of the pennant winning years of the late Miller Huggins, has been one of the leading Yankee pitchers for six years.

SENATORS DEFEAT ELKS CLUB, 9 TO 2

The Salem Senators, who will open the State league season here a week from Sunday against the West Side club of Portland, defeated the Salem Elks team of the Mid-Willamette league Friday evening on Olinger field 9 to 2 in a seven inning game. Both clubs used patch.

Every man on the Senators team with the exception of Salstrom got at least one hit, while the latter worked the pitcher for two passes to first. Ramp, Nelson, Nicholson, Maerz and Miller each got two hits. Mason pitched for Salem, yielding 9 hits.

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Business Upturn

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indices such as electricity output, car loadings, automobile production and retail and wholesale trade have made wide gains. The dollar has declined sharply. On a percentage basis as compared with the French franc it is down to around 83 cents, the lowest level the dollar has touched since specie payments were resumed in 1929.

Opinion is growing in Wall Street that France will leave the gold standard before the world economic conference June 12. But the market men don't pretend to know just what will happen then.

Wall Street also thinks: That business will continue to improve as confidence spreads. That confidence is spreading throughout the nation, influenced by wage increases, advances in commodities, gains in major lines.

That there is little or no liquidation over-hanging the stock market. That stocks in many groups are still too cheap.

That this market is real—not a false start. Wall Street does not think the rise will be without technical corrections, but widespread belief is that it will carry on into the autumn, and some observers predict a still longer span for the bull movement.

The public is in the market as well as the big operators.

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CHEMAWA NOSED OUT BY SALEM

Salem High broke out with a "three star final" Friday afternoon when its baseball team beat the Chemawa Indians on their own diamond, 10 to 9. This win gave the local school a clean athletic sweep over their redskin competitors since Coach Huntington's men won in football last fall and in basketball during the winter. Chemawa will have an opportunity to even the count in baseball for the two clubs meet on Olinger field next Saturday.

Each team had a big inning during Friday's game, Salem scoring five runs in the seventh while Chemawa tied the score at 9-11 in the eighth through a four-run rally. Salem's spurge in the seventh completed the route of Seltice, who had been on the mound, and he gave way to Vivette. Salem scored the winning run in the ninth when Pickens tallied on an error, a stolen base and Pearson's high fly.

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BEARCATS TO PLAY OREGON AT EUGENE

Coach "Spec" Keene's Bearcat baseball club will have a busy time next week, according to the schedule of games arranged. Next Monday the squad will travel to Eugene for the first of a series of two games with the University of Oregon. Then on Tuesday Pacific university will come here for a doubleheader while the following Thursday Willamette will play Albany college on Olinger field.

Oregon has played few games this season, although they did divide a double header with Columbia university. Willamette and Columbia also halved their series Pacific and Oregon State Normal divided a double header at Forest Grove Friday, the Teachers winning the first game 7 to 3 while the Badgers won the second 15 to 2.

WOODBURN, SALEM JUNIORS TO MEET

The first American Legion junior ball game for the Salem contingent will be played at Woodburn Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Just what the starting lineup will be Coach Harold Hauk had not determined early Saturday since he had had little opportunity to see his candidates in action. Getchel, the Jefferson high school pitcher, may take the mound, although it is possible he may have worked for it in school Friday.

The local crew held a work out on Olinger field Saturday forenoon. Coach Hauk and 15 or more players will leave from Olinger field promptly at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Stayton—A large attendance was present at the "community sing" held at the Women's clubhouse on Thursday evening under the direction of Mrs. E. R. Olds and Mrs. G. F. Korinek. This program was in observance of music week. Some of the old favorite songs, war songs and southern melodies were on the program.

Neither the Milwaukee nor Chicago supply was seriously menaced by noon. Milwaukee dairymen declared the strikers were only a minority of producers and predicted the strike would fail. Some dairies delivered a three day supply of milk to consumers last night.

At Ashland, Wis., 10 distributors offered to pay a royalty of 2 cents a quart for milk and 5 cents for cream if allowed to continue delivery.

A delegation of farmers from four counties offered free milk for Milwaukee i the city would take over the dairies and prevent any milk being sold. "Our strike is not against the consumers," the farmers said.

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