

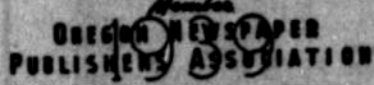
# The Sentinel

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Down through the ages music has been acclaimed as the greatest and noblest inspiration to the human race. It is a stimulant that has no unpleasant reaction; it is enjoyed by the savage as well as by the most cultured, and was called by Martin Luther "one of the fairest and most glorious gifts of God, for it removes from the heart the weight of sorrow and the fascination of evil thoughts."

True, in this day and age everyone can hear music simply by turning on the radio, but there is an appeal, an expression of love of home and country, and patriotism, in hearing the music direct from singer or musician with which the reproduction over the ether cannot compare. The creation of music is also something the mere listener cannot experience.

It is therefore eminently fitting that one week of the year—52 of them would be better—should be dedicated to music.

Beginning Sunday, May 7, and continuing through next Saturday evening, May 13, music will be supreme in these United States with special programs presented in nearly every city, town and hamlet in the nation.

In Coquille, however, the special program for the week of music can not be presented until Monday, the 15th, due to the need of a pipe organ for the occasion, and the fact that the Pioneer Church's organ will not be available until that date.

Coquille's observance of Music Week last year, with Mrs. Maud Woodyard's activities as Coos county chairman, is reported in a brochure published by the National Music committee in New York.

Governor Sprague has issued a Music Week proclamation for Oregon and below is presented the proclamation of Mayor R. F. Milne for the city of Coquille:

## Fragments

"Give to the world the best that you have and the best will come back to you."

All of Oregon is proud that the Oregonian has received a Pulitzer prize. We have long felt that the daily reading of its editorial page was an education in itself.

A couple of doctors of Philadelphia demonstrated to scientists at Toronto last week that minute injections of oxalic acid tended to aid blood-clotting and so prevented hemorrhages. In one case the bleeding ceased in 45 seconds where the normal time would have been as many minutes. Of course, oxalic acid is a poison and in large doses proves fatal. Nevertheless many lives have been saved recently in a number of large eastern hospitals by this new treatment.

The press accounts stress the fact that it will cure hemophilia, "the curse of the Hapsburgs, because it is common in the Hapsburg royal family and to some extent in the Spanish and Russian royal lines."

Our understanding of the origin of this dread disease among the royal dynasties of Europe was different from the above statement. To be sure hemophilia is an inherited defect in the present Spanish house of Bourbon. Ex-King Alfonso has lost two of his three sons from this disease but the princes' inheritance of it came through their mother, Victoria, the grand daughter of Queen Victoria of England.

Hemophilia is a strange disease for it can only be transmitted through the female line, although the women themselves are immune to it. It was through another of Victoria's grand-

daughters, Alix of Hesse, the unfortunate czarina of Russia, that the taint entered the Romanoff family. In fact, her worry over her only son, who was afflicted with hemophilia in a severe form, had its effect on the history of Russia during the last few years of the monarchy. It enabled the corrupt monk, Rasputin, working upon her fears and superstitions, to gain a powerful position at the imperial court and this led to intrigue and division and finally to the monk's assassination by other members of the royal family. Had the czarvitch been a normal, robust boy the revolution might have taken a different turn and a limited monarchy established instead of the rise of the red terror and the extinction of all those close to the throne.

Possibly a study of Queen Victoria's maternal ancestors would trace her lineage back to the Hapsburg line and the origin of the royal disease.

John L. Lewis is charging Wm. Green with receiving aid from manufacturers in drafting proposed amendments to the Wagner act. Mr. Green denies this and we do not doubt his word. However, we would like to ask Mr. Lewis where the harm would have been if employers had been consulted in the effort to attain a workable, fair piece of legislation on the union question.

Unless labor and capital can harmonize their differences there is danger of one or the other of two evils. The first is communism where the workers take over all control of industry but which will result in the rise of a few powerful leaders responsible to no one and interested only in their own aggrandizement. The other peril is as great; it is that all control of business will pass into the hands of the government as in the totalitarian states. In either case the worker is enslaved and his lot little above the starvation level.

Always the knight-errant! It is reported that Roosevelt privately has spoken of the "duty" of a president to break the third term tradition. This tradition is more likely to break any president who goes against it.

The articles in the Saturday Evening Post by the lone survivor of the great purge of the Soviet army by Stalin shed some light on the confusing reports coming from Europe. Stalin is reported to have made a deal with Hitler which freed him from the threat of war with Germany and emboldened him to crush all actual and imaginary opposition at home. That Stalin had all the evidence of treason against his generals manufactured out of whole cloth is part of the disclosure. These revelations of what is going on in Russia explain why England is having difficulty in securing Stalin as an ally and they also expose a fatal weakness in his military organization of which both Hitler and Japan are taking advantage.

Though we had previously read of Stalin's brutal treatment of the Russian people in allowing enormous numbers of them to starve while he exported wheat to secure in exchange the manufactured products of other countries which he desired, we did not know that the number ran into millions. Collectivization of the property of the peasants has been enforced and they have suffered deportation and other abuses which has meant the extermination of millions of them.

Unless these articles are written by a Nazi spy posing as a Russian exile, Stalin is a greater monster than Hitler.

## John Kelley's Letter From Washington

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of a flax industry will be thoroughly tested. It enables the farmers to know what to expect and therefore whether to plant. On the other hand, he is proposing a marketing quota on sugar, which is a handicap to the new sugar beet industry at Nyssa, Oregon. Under the proposed regulations, the Amalgamated Sugar Company would be compelled to carry 10.1 per cent of the 1938 produced sugar on hand January 1, 1939, past January, 1940, before it can be mar-

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Sentinel files of May 9, 1919):

County Supt. C. E. Mulkey is urging school children to be thrifty and keep the baby bonds and purchase thrift stamps in the future just as they have during the war.

The state highway commission has loaned Coos county \$20,000 for the purpose of defraying costs on the Coquille-Marshfield highway.

John Lewtas spoke on the local lyceum program at the Liberty theatre, telling many events and stories about the great war. He said in the first attack on Paris by the Huns, there were German soldiers' bodies piled seven feet high for three-quarters of a mile after the offense had been repelled and the French had regained this ground.

The Sentinel was late this week as the low tide at the Bay cut off the juice supply and the old gas engine that gave power to the press broke down when substituted. The electric power from the bay was generated by electric turbines which drew water from a pond which dropped to such a low level when the tide went out that they could not be operated.

A new innovation for butcher shops was made in Coquille with the introduction by O. T. Nelson of meat kept on ice. Mr. Nelson said that this plan had worked other places and he thought it would be appreciated here.

keted, although competitive processors under the program can market all of the 1938 sugar and 38.5 per cent of their 1939 sugar during 1939. This means that the processors in Oregon may find it necessary or convenient to purchase a smaller tonnage of beets, and in turn it would affect the income of the farmers and reduce the employment in the fields. A protest has been filed with the Secretary by Representative Walter M. Pierce at an apparent discrimination against the new sugar industry. Again, it is not generally known that the 'cost of production' measures in congress was chloroformed by the Secretary of Agriculture. "Cost of production" is a live issue in many farming areas and a number of representatives were elected to congress on promises to support such legislation. Secretary Wallace engineered the destruction of the measure because he feared it would upset the farm program which is now being undertaken. Members pledged to support a 'cost of production' plan are now preparing explanations to make to their constituents.

### National Defense Ailbi

With the administration sponsoring a gigantic defense program, members of congress are attempting (with more or less success), to have their pet measures enacted, on the theory that said measures are vital to the defense of the United States against aggressor nations. Bunk Instancies: Proposal to build a tunnel under Chesapeake Bay (it would cost millions) would aid national defense; a canal across Florida, leaving the lower end of that state an island; a few million for grasshopper control—to save the forage which is necessary in war; an interlocking network of power lines from one end of the country to the other; wider and heavier roads which can stand up under the pounding of mobile anti-aircraft equipment and mobile big guns; bonus for airplane manufacturers; more and better landing fields maintained by the federal government, and so forth. There is supposed to be magic in the appeal "for national defense."

Approximately 92,000 government workers have the jitters. This is the estimated number of men and women on the federal payroll, who are affected by President Roosevelt's "re-organization plan, No. 1." About 85,000 of these employees are in the field, which means that they are not employed in Washington, D. C. Thousands have civil service status,

Ida K. Owen was a Portland visitor the first of last week.

Miss Ines Bunch was a business visitor in Salem the fore part of last week.

Jack Magill, who was in service in France, has just returned to his home at Bridge.

W. G. Brandon was a business caller in Marshfield Tuesday.

Mrs. Jennie Williams and her son left Monday for Medford, where they plan to make their home.

George Goodman has been suffering greatly from rheumatism and it was deemed best to place his leg in a cast.

F. E. Arneson, Arthur Arneson and Mrs. Dorothy Whittington were down from Myrtle Point last week to visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brockman.

President Carl Greg Doney, of the Willamette university, will deliver the commencement address to the high school this week.

Dr. C. W. Endicott purchased the I. Hacker property a block east of the court house on Third street, formerly occupied by J. S. Barton.

Lars Gisholt and Herman Gardner, once reported as killed in the war, have both returned safe and sound to the joy of their friends and relatives.

but that does not prevent them from losing their jobs. It does, however, give them a priority if there is a chance to hook on to another government position. Government jobs sound imposing, but the average pay is around \$1200 a year and an em-

ployee may remain at that figure as long as he or she continues in the service. And, if you believe all you hear, promotion is a case of favoritism and not merit. A senatorial committee recently was told that a plain girl is generally passed over for one who knows more about cosmetics than dictation, typing or filing. Of course, there is a political pull within the civil service—always has been.

### White House

Lady Eleanor not infrequently holds three teas or receptions at the White House in an afternoon. One group of women scarcely leaves before the next batch arrives and the third crowd is moving toward 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., in taxicabs before the second company makes an exit. Mrs. Roosevelt, on these occa-

sions, merely appears for a few minutes, smiles, bows, says a few remarks and leaves.

A peculiar gift of the president is that he can discuss local affairs (particularly political), of any part of the country with all the authority of a native. In public the secret service men guarding the president never look at him—they watch the crowds, which is a different system from that in vogue in other countries. The one man who can boss the president is the head of the secret service detail attached to the president.

Housekeeper of the White House must keep track of every broken dish and all silverware, these articles being the property not of the presidential family, but of the United States. Favorite dishes of the Roosevelts: hot dogs and scrambled eggs.

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