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Fragments

There are two sides to every problem. When Italy took over Albania last month the sympathy of most Americans was with the fleeing king and queen and their two-day old prince. After reading of the magnificent palace which they were building in Albania, a little doubt of their fitness for the throne enters the mind.

Albania is a poor country but King Zog and Queen Geraldine were apparently blind to the needs of their people when they began spending \$1,500,000 on a palace for themselves. The marble corridors, swimming pool, cocktail bar and lavish furnishings were financed by money backed by Italian loans.

The ruler of a rich country might be excused for such selfish extravagance but not the king of Albania, for that country is cursed by poverty, ignorance and near-famine conditions. It has been stated by good authority that 45 per cent of the babies born in Albania died last year! The need of medical advice and treatment for the mothers and cow's milk for the babies should have been of paramount importance to a sovereign. The king, however, was formerly a tribal chief and the queen a vendor of postcards in a museum and were like all newly rich in desiring to make a display of their wealth.

There may be an improvement in that country now Mussolini has taken complete charge but the possibility that the babies will be saved only to become cannon fodder later is a de-

pressing thought.

In his column last Sunday David Lawrence boosted a new candidate for the republicans to pick for the presidential nominee in 1940. Wendell L. Wilkie is the man and much can be said in his favor; he is self-made, has economic experience, is a lawyer and a good debater. Mr. Lawrence goes so far as to say that he is the kind of a business man who could make many of the new deal objectives workable. That would be what many of us desire. For instance, we all want to see the hungry fed but do not want the incentive to work taken from anyone.

Several months ago the Saturday Evening Post carried an article about Wilkie and told of one occasion where he held his own in a two-hour argument with Felix Frankfurter. If we remember rightly, Wilkie was the one responsible for the collapse of the Jackson boom more than a year ago. Many other new dealers have lost when crossing swords with Wilkie.

Dewey and Wilkie would make a strong team and the administration is already trying to back fire against the sweep of Dewey's popularity. President Roosevelt is reported in Alsop and Kintner column in the Oregonian as saying that before Frank Murphy got through Tom Dewey's achievements would begin to look like pretty small potatoes. That sounds like admitting the need for a wholesale housecleaning of the entire country by the justice department head. If political corruption and rackets are to be destroyed it took Dewey to show the way—and the popularity of such a move.

A trip to the ocean is always inspiring and, shall we say, soul-satisfying. No matter where born and reared practically everyone feels a responsive thrill when seeing the ocean and, indeed, it is more than seeing, it is hearing, smelling and feeling it, too. Is it because all life originally came from the waters that covered the earth? Or, if you object to the idea of a tadpole era in the evolution of man, is it because our forefathers have lived close to the sea at various stages of ancient civilization?

Or is it because man always thrills in the presence of an elemental force?

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from the files of The Sentinel of June 6, 1939)

The recall action of the voters against County Judge James Watson and Commissioner Archie Philip carried and the two officers were replaced by H. D. Kern and C. R. Wade. The recall was the result of a long and bitter battle of the Evening Record and the Coos Bay Times of Marshfield against these officials who had allegedly refused to co-operate with the owners of these papers in "grafting on the county," so stated the Sentinel.

A big battle has been waged over the selection of a new school building site for Coquille. Now the owners of the land in question, Z. C. Strong and C. R. Barrows, are ready to mediate the differences and settle the matter.

Will G. Barrow has been released from service in France. He has been in General Pershing's headquarters there and is about the last Coquille boy to leave the European continent.

Flames shooting high in the air in the neighborhood of the river crossing early last Sunday evening caused concern for fear the Oerding & Sons myrtlewood factory was on fire. When the fire department reached the scene, it was found that the shanty

The vastness of the sea, the power of its waves and breakers, so impersonal in might, bring to mind the words of the psalmist: "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

Or is it our finite mind endeavors to grasp infinity when watching the endless succession of billows? The restless sea gives the impression of always having been and that it always will be. Never the same, always in fluid motion; despite that, the ocean represents eternity for us.

The seacoast at Coos Head with the stretches of virgin timber nearby recalls the opening lines of Evangeline: "This is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and hemlocks, Bearded with moss, and in garments green, indistinct in the twilight, Stand like Druids of old, with voices sad and prophetic,

Stand like harpers hoar, with beards that rest on their bosoms. Loud from their rocky caverns, the deep-voiced neighboring ocean Speaks, and in accents disconsolate answers the wail of the forest."



Washington, D. C., June 1.—An undisputed fact is that President Roosevelt has not opposed the suggestion that his name be placed on the presidential primary ballot in Oregon. Friends of the president are now working, without publicity, to deliver the ten delegates of that state to Mr. Roosevelt or anyone he may indicate. Back of this is a bit of psychology. Oregon is one of the early primary states and should he carry the democratic primaries it will have large advertising value.

Two other names will probably be filed to contest with Mr. Roosevelt; Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, a long-time progressive, and Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri. Buddies of Clark who served overseas with him are reportedly performing missionary work for him in both Oregon and Washington.

James A. Farley, immensely popular with organization democrats in the Northwest (as elsewhere), will not permit his name to be used if he is convinced in time that Mr. Roosevelt's hat is in the ring. To Farley the third-term idea is distasteful, but if Mr. Roosevelt wants a third term—a suspicion growing stronger with each day—Farley will give his chief the same support he did in 1932 and 1936, for above all else Farley is loyal to the core.

Among the reasons why Mr. Roosevelt is expected to seek a third term is the general assumption that much of the new deal policies will be discarded if anyone else is installed in the White House. There is no new dealer in sight sufficiently strong and blessed with Roosevelt's personality who could hold the gains made by the present chief executive. It is argued, therefore, that to prevent the new deal policies from being wrecked, Mr. Roosevelt will head the 1940 ticket by permitting himself to be conscripted.

Power end of Bonneville Dam is on

of the ferryman was afire and it was quickly extinguished.

Miss Mildred Neely was awarded the annual \$200.00 scholarship which Dr. James Richmond awards annually to a senior of the Coquille high school. She plans to attend Willamette university.

F. D. Fish, of Flahtrap, was a caller in Coquille Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hill, of Portland, are visiting here. Mrs. Hill used to keep the Travelers' Rest when her name was Crockett.

J. W. Noblet, who used to be principal of the Coquille high school, was down from Reedsport Decoration Day. He is now a banker in that community.

Mrs. Verna Mast has given up her position as secretary in the office of the Mountain States Power in Marshfield to assist in the Ladies Bazaar.

Stanley Bartlett is back to town, having come up on the Elizabeth from San Francisco. He was one local boy who was chafing at the bit for action in the great war but did not get into it. He was in England all of the time he was in the war zone and never crossed the channel.

the verge of a thorough shake-up for Secretary of the Interior Ickes is far from satisfied with the way that government-owned project is being operated. The pruning knife will be applied to the personnel. Ickes being satisfied that there are more people on the payroll than necessary. Too much overhead for the amount of business; too much out-go and not enough income because of the delay in selling power. The secretary is now instituting an inquiry as to why only 200 kw have been sold.

Although appointment of a permanent administrator is expected in two or three months at the latest, the ideal man for the position has not been found. He must be a man "power minded" and with a nationally known name.

Undercover agents are now working in certain naval yards and military reservations to locate the Communist missionaries who have created a disciplinary problem in these

places. In the yards they are also watching for evidences of sabotage, for the navy high command knows that several costly "accidents" to the machinery of vessels did not just happen. These are matters told in strict confidence to members of a congressional committee—but, like most confidential testimony, leaks out. If the suspicions of the officers are verified and the culprits found a sensational chapter will be written.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace says that sugar beet acreage in Oregon could be increased 14,000 acres and in Washington 10,000 acres. On the Owyhee project (there is a factory at Nyssa), the allotment for 1939 is 16,322 acres. The irrigable area of the project will be 100,000 acres and with the adjoining Vale project, brings the total to 130,000 acres, "which could well support two additional factories with an initial development of 7,000 acres each, or 14,000 acres." On Yakima project, there is a factory at Toppenish with an allotment of 14,310 acres for 1939. "Success of the Yakima project," says Wallace, "warrants further expansion of the area which could well support a second factory with an initial allotment of 10,000 acres."

Such a close guard will be placed around the White House when the King and Queen visit that even the secretaries of President Roosevelt must display cards of identification.

This goes for the cooks. Only ones exempt are members of the Roosevelt family. . . . Survey of 2416 families who received rehabilitation relief in Oregon increased their net worth by the end of the crop year, 1938, an average of \$508.88, compared with a national average of \$265 and average for all western states of \$187.07. Last year alone their average net worth increased \$334.19 per family. Statistics for Washington have not been released.

Vacation Bible School Opens Mon.

Daily Vacation Bible School opens Monday morning at nine o'clock. The school is divided into three departments this year. The Beginners and the Primary departments will meet in the Pioneer Methodist Church. The Junior department will meet in the Church of Christ and the Intermediate department will meet in the Assembly of God. Information concerning the school is available from any of the pastors and descriptive sheets will be available in each of the churches Sunday morning.

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