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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

"It would be an unspeakable advantage, both to the public and private, if men would consider that great truth, that no man is wise or safe, but he that is honest."—Sir Walter Raleigh.

The smear campaign is on. It was predicted a week or two ago. Willkie is being smeared with both lies and tomatoes. The democratic leaders can repudiate until they are black in the face some of the vile falsehoods which have been printed and whispered but, nevertheless, the libel has been put over and bears fruit with the unthinking and credulous.

Of course, Candidate Roosevelt is counting on the scare of a foreign war to re-elect him and big announcements of foreign policies are predicted for the week before election. It is to be hoped that the American people will not be blinded by any spectacular act by the president. Willkie as well as the president favors more aid to both Britain and China but they differ on what is best here at home. Willkie believes in the people governing themselves while Roosevelt believes in unlimited executive power. Willkie would give aid to those needing it but would help them to stand on their own feet as soon as possible in a land of opportunity for all. Roosevelt would regulate and regiment our lives with ever increasing loss of personal freedom. The argument is as old as government itself. In Germany they made the state supreme, which seems to be Roosevelt's desire, also. In true democracies the rights of the individual are guaranteed by the state and personal independence is more precious than enforced collectivism.

John Stuart Mill wrote on this subject in the middle of last century. He said: "The struggle between Liberty and Authority is the most conspicuous feature in portions of history with which we are earliest familiar, particularly in that of Greece, Rome, and England."

Mill also reached the conclusion: "Mankind are greater gainers by suffering each other to live as seem good to themselves, than by compelling each to live as seems good to the rest."

When Germany marched to the east and south last week she apparently reversed the order which has been customary in Europe for thousands of years, we might say. Uncivilized hordes have come from the steppes of Asia and followed the Danube either to enter Europe as conquerors or be thrown back at the Iron Gates, at Budapest or at Vienna. The Huns of Attila overran most of Europe but in 451 A. D. were defeated by the Franks of Gaul on the banks of the Seine river. Finnish-Mongolian nomads had preceded the Huns by several hundred years and the Vandals were followed by the Magyars who raided Germany and France in the tenth century. Finally Ottoman Turks in the sixteenth century used the province of Walachia in Rumania as a transit route for their assaults against the more western countries of Europe, being stopped at Vienna.

There have been brief periods when conquerors turned toward the east and their armed forces have gained victories but these conquests were not followed by migrations of whole peoples with their flocks and possessions as has been the steady overflow of population from the east to the west in Europe.

In 1879 Edward Augustus Freeman in a series of historical essays spoke thus of Rumania (a country then without the provinces of Bessarabia, Transylvania and Bukowina, which were awarded to her after the first world war): "Modern Rumania was for ages the highway of every barbarian tribe on its way from the East to the West; the land has been conquered and settled and forsaken over and over again."

Willkie supporters should take heart for many are the omens which spell victory next month. First, the lifelong democrat, who danced a hornpipe on election night eight years ago upon receipt of news of Roosevelt's

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, October 19, 1920)

County Clerk Oddy informs us that the total registration at the primary last spring was 9389 votes and that 511 voters have registered since. This makes 9890 now. The republican registration in the spring was 5980, the democratic 2551.

Next year it will be Coquille's turn to entertain the annual Teachers' Institute of Coos County, in accordance with long established custom of rotating it among the five principal cities of the county, North Bend, Marshfield, Bandon, Myrtle Point and Coquille.

Referring to the statement published in a bay paper that nine-tenths of the teachers came from that end of the county, Mr. Mulkey says that 101 of them were from the Coos Bay watershed and 115 from the Coquille end of the county.

Rex R. Dallas returned yesterday from Bridge, where he made arrangements for a two weeks' series of meetings. He intends to hold one service a week there in the future.

Mrs. L. P. Maury has gone to Central Point, Oregon, to spend an indefinite time with her mother, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Neal have returned from Reedsport, where he was employed in the Ed Aasen camp, and

triumph, is now wearing a Willkie button. Second, friends in Ohio, whom we thought leaned toward the democratic view, write: "When a man feels he is indispensable it is time to kick him out." Third, the spiral descent of the betting odds favoring Roosevelt, a few weeks ago they stood three to one in his favor and have now dropped to seven to five. And finally, there is a groundswell rising in Willkie's favor which is reflected in the various polls which sample public opinion.

PRESIDENT MISTRUSTED BY HIS OWN PARTY IN CONGRESS

A Washington correspondent, George Bothwell Brown, whose articles appear under the heading, "Political Parade," presents as strong an indictment of Franklin D. Roosevelt as we have seen and his letter of October 18, telling of the distrust the democratic members of congress have, makes very fine reading for Willkie supporters and should give all democrats, except possibly the deluded New Dealers, something to think about:

It is a political phenomenon of major importance that in this tragic hour President Roosevelt is deeply mistrusted by his own party in Congress.

This is true, notwithstanding the fact—perhaps because of the fact—that the President is attempting by every means in his power to perpetuate himself indefinitely in office, and that his defeat would be a blow from which neither himself nor his party would easily recover.

Yet both the Senate and the House controlled as they are by huge Democratic majorities, have refused to carry out the President's wishes for the adjournment of Congress until the new session would begin in January, or falling in that, for a long recess, with all functions suspended until November 18.

When one contemplates the significance in the fact that the Democratic leadership in both branches has been unable to terminate the session it is readily seen that the reason is simply this, that the leadership lacks votes on its own side to accomplish the purpose.

The Republican minority alone could not have balked Roosevelt. He has been balked because he is not trusted by a sufficiently large num-

ber of Democrats to present the complete abdication of the Congress.

Why is Mr. Roosevelt, at the height of his third term grab, under such suspicion by his own party? Probably there are several reasons.

One of these is that members of his own party, whose political fate may be tied up with his own victory in November, nevertheless are so afraid that if Congress left Washington the President would commit some action that would plunge this Nation into war that they are determined to place patriotism ahead of politics although in doing so they must reveal their

Do you want to laugh? Then see "Fatty" Arbuckle in "Rough House" at the Liberty, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 1st and 2nd.

Monday Riley Clinton shot a black bear cub, weighing about 50 pounds and six months old, at Fairview. He is going to have the pelt made into a rug to ornament the floor of his den, having one of the same sort already in his reception hall.

About a dozen ladies were bidden to the home of Mrs. T. B. Currie last Wednesday evening to seven o'clock dinner, the occasion being a surprise towel shower for Mrs. Archie Walker. After the splendid dinner, to which the guests did full justice, "500" was the diversion of the evening, Mrs. H. C. Getz holding high score. Mrs. Currie was assisted in serving by Misses Jean Young and Alice Collier.

There hasn't been any one committed to jail in this county very recently but Deputy Sheriff R. A. Jeub went out this morning to bring in some new recruits. He will go to Bend to bring back Jack Ayrs and may also bring John W. Allen, who is now under arrest at Portland, charged with obtaining board at the Baxter Hotel here with intent to defraud.

Junior Hi Wins From North Bend

For the second time this year the Lincoln Junior high football team defeated its traditional rival the North Bend Junior high by a score of 21 to 0. The game which was played on the local field last Saturday morning was well attended by students and patrons. From the beginning the game was one of dogged fighting on the part of both contestants. From the standpoint of the spectators this game was not as interesting as the one played at North Bend about two weeks ago, but in view of the hot

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weather and the hard field, it was really one of the toughest contests engaged in by either team this season. On November 2, at 10:30 a. m. the junior high winds up its four game season by playing Marshfield junior high here. This should be a good game since the only game lost this season was to Marshfield and the local boys are out to stage a comeback.

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