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FAITH IN OURSELVES AND THE FUTURE

"I can see no reason why this Nation should not progress, and progress to great heights, provided we have wise leadership and regain our faith in ourselves—and that is most important. All our wealth, our natural resources are valueless unless we regain our moral and spiritual values, unless we abandon our fetish of security and regain the spirit to do and dare. We have seen in a military sense how utterly false was the conception of defensive warfare—the nation that trusts to a Chinese Wall or a Maginot Line is sure to be conquered."

"I hope and believe our people are on the eve of a moral and spiritual renaissance—that the cheap cynicism of our so-called intellectuals is passing out, that the great fundamentals of home, family, religion and patriotism are being reestablished. If they are, we have every reason to face the future with confidence."—Gen. Robert E. Wood, Chairman, Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Of the more than three and a half million aliens in this county, 500,000 have failed to register to date. The penalty is \$1,000 fine or six months in jail and the deadline is Dec. 26. For those residing here who are loyal to this country, the fingerprinting is only a minor nuisance. For the enemy alien, it is a two-edged sword. If he does register he can be checked and watched, while if he is caught refusing to comply with the law, he can be jailed without bothering to prove his guilt if suspicion rests on him.

Under the rule of thumb, Great Britain gets half of our warplanes, etc. Why wouldn't it be better to give a larger percentage? Every plane now sent across the sea postpones the time and the chances of our ever needing any for actual combat.

Franklin Roosevelt is not the first to use the office of president of United States to his own personal advantage. Nearly one hundred years ago President Tyler ordered the Marine Band from the Brooklyn Navy Yard to serenade Julia Gardiner in New York City while press of duties kept him in Washington. Needless to say this Julia later became Mrs. Tyler.

France, a country which most Americans would like to admire and honor, is not helping herself when she blames the United States for her downfall. She says she had been led to expect aid from this country, in armament, airplanes and men. What some ambassador of the president may have promised sub rosa there is no way of finding out but the Battle of France moved so swiftly to disaster, Americans could not have helped if they had wished. Britain did promise all aid and was prepared to give it but the French government crumbled at the top and the common soldier was betrayed by his leaders.

The Time magazine recently quoted a story published in a Swedish newspaper about Denmark's 70-year-old king, Christian X. One morning he was affronted by the sight of a Nazi flag over a public building in violation of the terms of occupation. The king ordered a German officer to take down the flag and, upon refusal, said: "The flag must be removed before 12 o'clock, otherwise I will send a soldier to do it." "The soldier will be shot," replied the officer. "I am the soldier," said the king. The flag came down.

This story brings to mind another epic as told by the poet Whittier: Up rose Barbara Fritchie then, Bowed with her fourscore years and bravest of all in Frederick town, She took up the flag the men hoisted down; In her attic window the staff she set, To show that one heart was loyal yet, Up the street came the rebel tread, Stonewall Jackson riding ahead, "Halt!"—the dust-brown ranks stood fast, "Fire!"—out blazed the rifle-blast.

It shivered the window, pane and sash; It rent the banner with seam and gash. Quick, as it fell, from the broken staff Dame Barbara snatched the silken scarf. She leaned far out the window-sill, And shook it forth with a royal will. "Shoot, if you must, this old gray head, But spare your country's flag," she said. Honor to her! and let a tear Fall, for her sake, on Stonewall's bier. Over Barbara's Fritchie's grave, Flag of Freedom and Union wave! And ever the stars above look down On thy stars below in Frederick town.



The resignation of Sam B. Laughlin this week as head of the State Training School for Boys at Woodburn has started a train of speculation as to just what prompted Governor Sprague to "suggest" the resignation and who is to succeed Laughlin when he steps down on April 1.

The resignation was all the more surprising inasmuch as there has been little or no public criticism of Laughlin's conduct of the institution in the nearly ten years he has held that post.

While the resignation came on the heels of the Osborne report which severely criticized the institution and Laughlin's administration, the governor insists that this report did not prompt his suggestion that Laughlin resign although admitting that the report "precipitated" the resignation.

As to the Osborne report: That document devotes fully as much space to criticism of the state and the board of control for its alleged "penury" in providing for the care of its youthful wards as it does to Laughlin's administration of the institution. The report declares the buildings at the school to be insubstantial and improperly arranged in spite of the fact that at the time it was completed in 1927 the institution was reputed to be a model of its kind, costing the state more than \$350,000.

Governor Sprague insists that he has no one in mind as successor to Laughlin and joins with Secretary of State and State Treasurer Pearson in declaring that the new superintendent must be a man of ability with experience in work with boys and as

an administrator.

Oregon industrial firms with good employment records will benefit through substantial reductions in their rate of contribution to the unemployed compensation fund after next July 1, if the national Social Security Board approves the experience rating program adopted by the Oregon Unemployment Compensation commission this week. This program adopted by the commission upon the recommendation of its experience rating council embodies what is known as the "inverse chronological" method of computing benefit payments and employer contributions. Under the experience-rating plan employers with good employment records will be rewarded with a reduction in their rate of contribution while employers with unfavorable records or large labor turn-overs will be penalized by an increase in their rate of contribution.

Oregon motorists may begin displaying their new green and white license plates next Sunday, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell. It is estimated that approximately one-third of the state's 325,000 passenger cars will have been supplied with the new plates by that time.

In a letter to the Northern Wasco Peoples Utility District this week, Governor Sprague offered the services of the State Bond Commission, without cost, to all Oregon PUD's in working out their financial problems. At the same time the governor warned the PUD's against entering into any financial arrangements with private promoters that might lead to serious embarrassment later. In a letter to Paul Raver, Bonneville administrator, the governor expressed the hope that peoples utility districts in this state would be able to avoid the "very heavy expense" involved in the financing of some of the Washington projects which the governor declared to be "not at all justifiable."

At long last, two years after its completion, Oregon's \$2,500,000 capitol now has a flag pole—two of them in fact, one at either end of the building. The two six poles, each more than 80 feet in length, 16 inches in diameter at the base and weighing nearly three tons, were set in place in their granite and concrete bases under the supervision of E. C. Settergren, Portland contractor, this week.

Rumor has it that Governor Sprague may replace T. Morris Dunne, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation

commission and member of the Industrial Accident commission, when his term expires the first of the year. Dunne is now completing his eighth year as a member of the Accident commission, to which he was first appointed by Governor Julius Meier and later reappointed by Governor Chas. H. Martin.

Patrons of Oregon's liquor stores spent a total of \$10,235,543.33 for liquor refreshments during the 12-month period ending June 30, last, according to the annual report of the Oregon Liquor Control commission. This figure represents an increase of nearly \$750,000 over liquor purchases during the previous 12-month period. Profits from the state's liquor monopoly available for public assistance needs during the fiscal year amounted to \$3,379,273, an increase of approximately \$500,000 over the previous fiscal year, the report shows.

Buildings owned by the state of Oregon have an aggregate value of \$24,830,218, it was revealed in a report compiled by Clifford Mudd, head of the state property control division. Other property owned by the state as listed in Mudd's report includes 61,000 chairs, 10,840 tables, 3900 desks, 2800 typewriters, 575 automobiles and 20 tractors.

A sharp legislative controversy is understood to be brewing over proposed changes in Oregon's speed laws. While it is pretty generally admitted that the present basic rule has failed to provide effective regulation of speeding motorists and that a new speed law with teeth in it is needed there are at least two well-defined views as to what any new speed law should contain. One group is known to support so-called prima facie limits, an offending motorist would have an opportunity to prove to the court that in spite of the fact that he was exceeding the indicated maximum speed his driving was not reckless or unreasonable under the existing circumstances. Another group favors the enactment of absolute maximum speeds with no "ifs," "ands" or "buts" attached. Secretary of State Snell sponsored a proposed "prima facie" speed law at the last legislative session but the measure died in a House committee after having passed the senate. Increasing traffic fatalities in most of which speed is reported as the principal factor now seems to have aroused public opinion to a pitch which the lawmakers will not dare ignore at the forthcoming

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, December 10, 1920)

The Logan Cafe and Front Street Meat Market run by Tom Larson and in the first of which his father-in-law, Walter Anderson, was also interested, were closed last Monday.

Mayor Johnson and Councilman Mansell were the only absentees at the regular meeting of the council Monday night. Councilman Hawkins was elected to preside over their deliberations.

An ordinance ordering the improvement of Beech street from First to the Knowlton Heights bridge, was unanimously passed, providing for concrete walks and a plank roadway.

The plans for a new brick hotel on the site of the Baxter, running through from Front to First streets, with two business houses on the first floor fronting on each of these streets, are being revived. With the river bridge, the Corn Show building and a new hotel all under way at the same time, Coquille will certainly take on new life.

The Woman's Federated Missionary Society will meet Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16, at 2:30 with Mrs. William Richardson, North Coquille. Those having places on the program will be Mrs. Jayes, Mrs. Ida Faustman, Mrs. H. W. Young, Mrs. Geo. W. Jessup and Miss June Willey.

Peru and Persia have joined the list of customers for Oregon grown flax seed, Dan J. Fry, clerk of the board of control, told the board this week. Four thousand bushel were shipped to Persia last week, the purchaser paying \$12,000 cash in advance for the seed. A similar shipment was made to Peru a few weeks ago, Fry said.

Congressman James W. Mott announced this week that he will close his Salem office on Saturday, December 14th, and that all mail after that date should be addressed to him at Washington, D. C.

Southport lump coal, \$6.50 per ton in two ton lots. Write Southport Coal Mine, Rt. 1, Marshfield. 241fs

A baby girl was born on Tuesday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dalen, who live at the barracks in the Coquille Lumber Mills.

Mrs. Earl Leslie delightfully entertained a large number of ladies last Friday evening. The occasion was in honor of Miss Edith Willey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Willey, and one of Coquille's most attractive and popular young ladies, whose marriage to Mr. John Miller will take place in the near future.

Arthur B. Covell, of upper Two Mile, was seriously injured Sunday. He had blocked up his truck loaded with logs to do some repair work and the blocks slipped, allowing the truck with its enormous weight to drop suddenly, striking Mr. Covell across the back. The lower portion of his body was completely paralyzed. His brother, Fred Covell, is attending him.

Wm. Norris, who has been in Mercy hospital at North Bend for some time, came home Sunday and will now make his home with his nephew, Jas. W. Laird.

R. B. Emerson passed to higher life December 3rd, 1920, at the home of his niece, Mrs. Frederick Belloni, of Coquille. For more than thirty years he had been a resident of Eureka but for the past eighteen months he has resided in Coquille.

J. A. Berg Receives Letter of Appreciation From Willkie

J. Arthur Berg last Thursday received a letter of appreciation from Wendell L. Willkie, in reply to one Mr. Berg had sent him after election. It was not a mere form letter for it referred to Mr. Berg's interest and best wishes and was signed by the former candidate.

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